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When Life Throws You Curveballs by Matt Smith

Former Standout Hoover Graduates Face Life Obstacles That Hopefully The Rest Of Us Will Never Know

I wish I could say it.

It would be wonderful beyond words to proclaim that I have known someone in this life who has never faced a problem. Could you even imagine?

The closest I've ever come was with a gentleman I volunteered with at a local institution. Floyd is now pushing 96 years old, and when I asked him about how one goes about making it to that ripe old age (in the vague hope that I'll be able to do it myself), I also asked him how many medications he must now be taking.

His answer? ***Not even one.***

And yet for most of us, not only are we taking pills for different ailments, our collective journeys in this world are oh so very different from one another, with each of us facing so many different challenges. While we all come under fire with a new life challenge from time to time, some of the problems others entail make ours pale by comparison; we have none.

Two recent stories from former grads that we have learned of prove this point: Susie Hertler VanVranken and Jud Logan.

For Susie Hertler Van Vranken it has been a different life journey. Susie (Hoover Class of 1974) has dedicated her life to other people's physical fitness. She's a former health and physical education teacher, (being the daughter of



Susie Hertler Van Vranken

former head football coach Don Hertler and the sister of former head football coach Don Hertler Jr., one can definitely say that athletics runs in the family) and she has also been a very active community volunteer having served on the North Canton Board of Education for the past four years.

Susie was unfortunately also surprised by a recent medical diagnosis: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

ALS can start with a weakness in the hands and/or legs, and also possibly twitching, and there are also many other symptoms which mark the disease. ALS causes the progressive degeneration of motor neurons, resulting in progressive muscle weakness and atrophy.

This past December marked the

last meeting that she attended as part of the Board of Education. She felt it was in the best interests of all concerned that she complete her 4-year term and not run for reelection due to her health concerns.

A member of the Aultman Hospital Women's Board, Susie also co-founded The North Canton Alumni Association and the North Canton Alumni Association Hall of Distinction Awards Banquet, where she was recognized in 2018 with their Distinguished Service Award. She has also served on the Board of the North Canton YMCA and also the city's Parks and Recreation Board, and served as the health & Physical Education Department Chairperson for the North Canton City School District

She was lauded for her actions by many of her co-workers, fellow board members and family during her final meeting, including

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Annual Dues!

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Superintendent Jeff Wendorf, fellow Board members Bob Roden and Jessica Stroia and brother Don Hertler, Jr..

Susie's brother probably put it best when he spoke of how proud he is of his sister, saying that she has always put family and community first. He feels that she sometimes cares too much.

And although as of this writing there is no known cure for ALS, Susie continues to hold out hope. There are new clinical studies that are taking place with experimental medication for patients who have the disease. Please join us in wishing her well.



Jud Logan

Jud Logan (Hoover Class of 1977) most people know not only as a former standout Hoover and college football player, but also from his days as an American athlete who competed in the hammer throw in four different Summer Olympics. Nowadays, Jud resides in Ashland, Ohio, where he has coached the Ashland University track team since 1994, becoming their head

coach in 2004.

All glory and a glorious life, right? Well, until like Jud, you are suddenly surprised with a diagnosis of B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Jud's problems began in February of 2019 when he noticed that he was bruising easily. Then came the cold he caught around Christmas which lingered into February. After a visit to his primary care doctor it was determined that his blood platelet count was abnormally low. A trip to University Hospital the next day revealed that it had dipped even further overnight. After one missed diagnosis the doctors ran more tests. That's when he found out about the rare childhood disease that only afflicts about 300 males in the United States over the age of 40.

Jud never gave a thought to playing the 'why me' card. Instead, he walked into the Cleveland Clinic's oncology department and met the doctor in charge of saving his life, and in true athletic form said, "I'm your patient, but you're my head coach. Tell me what I need to do and I will exceed everything you ask me to do at every turn."

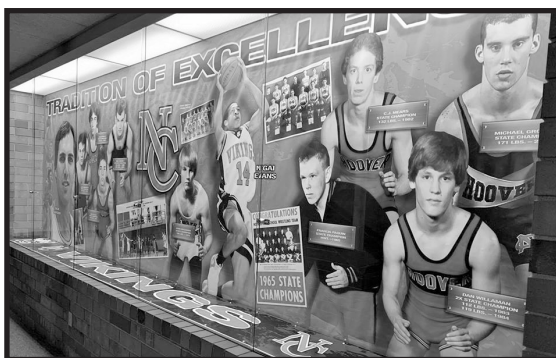
"You need to do three things," he says, in full coach mode. First, "Set short-term goals and beat them. You can't reach the top of the cathedral without laying the bricks on the base."

Secondly, he says to rely on your support system – your family and friends. "You don't have to go

on this journey alone," states Jud.

"And third, believe in your team. There's a reason I went to Cleveland Clinic. This is what they do. They're good at it. Let them do the job."

New Athletic Murals Added To Gymnasium Entrance



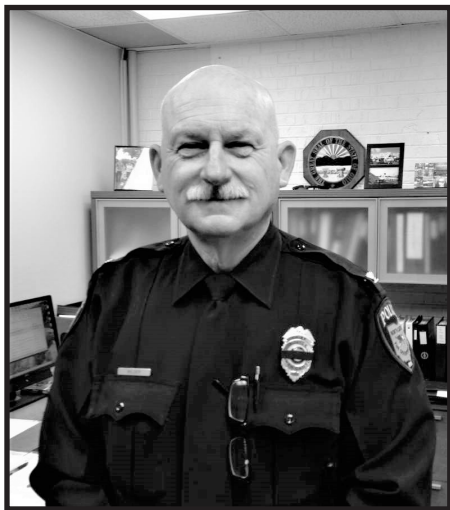
The trophy case on the lower level of Hoover High School that adjoins the gymnasium doors now has banners that recognize Hoover athletes who have attained outstanding achievements. The athletes include Dick Snyder, the 1939 No-Ca-Hi basketball team that won a state title, and nine State Champion wrestlers as well as the 1965 State Championship Team.

Athletic Director Tim Walker explained that a similar banner for the female athletes has also been posted. He says that the banners will serve as motivation for the young men and women who play indoor sports at Hoover High.



Welcome North Canton Mayor Stephan Wilder

*Former Auxillary Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, Lieutenant and Police Chief
Sworn In As Our Fair City's Mayor*



Stephan Wilder

On election day last November, North Canton residents decided that it was time for a change at the head of their city government and elected their former Police Chief and D.A.R.E. Officer (that some of you may remember from your time in elementary school) Stephan Wilder as their new mayor.

Former Police Chief Stephan Wilder ran on a platform of communication, collaboration and cooperation.

He beat 14-year incumbent Mayor David Held, 62% to 38%, according to unofficial results.

Wilder, 68, retired as North Canton Police Chief in 2017 after more than 36 years on the force.

"It's a very exciting moment for me," Wilder said. "In a way, it's kind of overwhelming. It's also very humbling. My heart has always been in the city. And I still have that desire to do the best we can and represent us well throughout whatever we do here."

Upcoming Class Reunions for 2020!!!

Class of 1960 - 60th Year Reunion

Friday Night Mixer

Date: Friday, August 14th, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Walther's Twin Tavern
440 Applegrove Road, N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, August 15th, 2020

Time: 5-6 p.m. Social Hour, 6 p.m. Dinner

Venue: Arrowhead Banquet Center
1500 Rogwin Circle, N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720

Contact: Paul Paparone
330-966-7820

Class of 1965 - 55th Year Reunion

Friday Night Meet and Greet

Date: Friday, September 18th, 2020

Venue: Mulligan's Pub
4118 Belden Village Street, N.W.
Canton, OH 44718

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, September 19th, 2020

Venue: Gervasi Vinyard
1700 - 55th Street N.E.
Canton, OH 44721

Contact: Carol Selinsky at
tcselinsky@sssnet.com or
330/837-6773

Class of 1970 - 50th Year Reunion

Friday Night Ice Breaker

Date: Friday, July 17th, 2020

Time: To Be Determined

Venue: Walther's Twin Tavern
440 Applegrove Road, N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 18th, 2020

Time: To Be Determined

Venue: North Canton Civic Center
845 West Maple Street,
North Canton, OH 44720

Contact: Jennifer Weil
jlweil12@gmail.com

Class of 1975 - 45th Year Reunion

Friday All Class Get-Together

Date: Friday, September 11th, 2020

Time: 7 p.m. - ?

Venue: Walther's Twin Tavern
440 Applegrove Road, N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, September 12th, 2020

Time: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Venue: North Canton Eagles
6979 Sunset Strip Ave N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720

Contact: Jim Strauch at jim.strauch75@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1980 - 40th Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 25th, 2020

Time: 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Venue: Skyland Pines
3550 Columbus Rd N.E.
Canton, OH 44705

Contact: Valeria O'Connor at
nccakes@sbcglobal.net or at
330/224-2232

Class of 2000 - 20th Year Reunion

Saturday Night Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 25th, 2020

Time: To Be Determined

Venue: Skyland Pines
3550 Columbus Rd NE,
Canton, OH 44705

Anyone wanting to be added to our list can email hooverclass-2000reunion@gmail.com or join our Facebook group "Hoover Class 2000 - 20 yr reunion"

Additional Details to Follow!

Does your North Canton High School Class have a Reunion coming soon? Send us your information and we will be more than happy to post it for you in our next edition for FREE!

Recent Deaths

Class of 1943(?) - Dorothy Frank (graduated from Greentown)

*Class of 1947 - Darlene Broeske Kamp
- Harold Keller*

Class of 1948 - Shirley Voll Hummel

Class of 1949 - Dwayne Delong

Class of 1951 - Harold Lawrence "Larry" Scharver, Jr.

Class of 1952(?) - Marlyn Lee Class

*Class of 1953 - Herbert Erskine
- Marlene Weinhardt Keller
- Walter David Wallick*

Class of 1955 - Rollin E. "Bud" Wise

Class of 1957 - Barry Betz

*Class of 1959 - Dale A. Dayton
- Eileen Palmer Shorthill*

Class of 1962 - Jerry Ashbaugh

*Class of 1963 - Dennis Morgan
Gary Grametbauer
Lee Snyder
Faith Sees Holt*

Class of 1964 - Nancy Kendig McKinney

*Class of 1965 - Carol Swineford Brentzel
Nancy Culler Nuske*

*Class of 1967 - David Cain
- Marjorie Schofield Vance*

Class of 1968 - Lynn Grant Everhart

*Class of 1969 - Mark Storch
- Linda Johanson Huddleston*

Class of 1976 - David Mullins

Class of 1997 - Aaron Stephanic

Class of 1999 - Nickolas Laverick

Class of 2014 - Kaitlyn Eckelberry

Respected former teacher and coach Richard McElroy

Do YOU have a newsworthy article or piece of interest that you would like to share with your fellow classmates in our newsletter? If so, please drop us a line at: North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720 **OR** contact us at www.northcantonalumni.org **OR** contact us by email: northcantonalumni@gmail.com.