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North Canton School System Implements New School Plans For Students' Futures

Thanks to the support of the residents of North Canton City Schools, the district is constructing two new school buildings that will replace five buildings currently in use. A new Pre-K through grade 2 building will house students that presently attend the Early Childhood Center, Clearmount Elementary, and Northwood Elementary. The site of the new Primary School is located on Charlotte Street where the former Middle School building stood.

A new Intermediate School, housing grades three-five, will be located on the present Clearmount site and will face East Maple Street. This school replaces Greentown Intermediate and Orchard Hill Intermediate Schools.

Ground breaking for both sites commenced on Thursday, September



New Intermediate School for grades 3-5 currently being built on the Clearmount Elementary School site. The new school will be facing East Maple (Easton) Street.

16th. The \$58 million project consolidates five buildings into two schools.

Realization that the existing buildings are beginning to exhibit their age helped to drive the school levy and the project forward. The Portage and Early Childhood Center on Portage Road was first used almost 98 years ago. Greentown School came to fruition almost 94

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Susie Hertler VanVranken



With much sadness we must report that our classmate, friend, and close associate Susie Hertler Van Vranken, has passed away after

battling ALS. Susie was a vital part of the North Canton Alumni Association for many years, coordinating our annual Hall of Distinction dinner and ceremony. Her years of service to the North Canton community and school system culminated with her induction into the Hall of Distinction this past September. Her legacy lives on through the Susie V Foundation, created to support Academics, Arts, and Athletics, as well as to raise funds for ALS research. Susie will be deeply missed.



New Pre-K to Grade 2 School being built at the former Middle School site on Charlotte Street.



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years ago, Orchard Hill almost 66 years ago, just beating the current middle school on Fair Oaks by one year. Clearmount Elementary was initially completed in 1960 but has been added on to four different times since its initial construction, and the *newest* of the existing schools, Northwood Elementary, is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year. The two new schools are expected to be ready for students in the fall of 2023.

City Mayor Stephan Wilder called the new schools an opportunity for generations to come.

“One of the main reasons that people relocate here and come here is our schools,” Wilder said. “This is a big moment for us, it’s a massive improvement.”

North Canton voters approved a 36-year, \$58.5 million bond issue to pay for the two new schools, as well as improvements to the football stadium and a new bus garage.

It appears to be true that the growth of any community can be traced through its educational history.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY’S SCHOOL SYSTEM

In 1881 New Berlin boasted a population of 400 people. Two years later, the school district was enlarged and “graded” in 1883, meaning that there would be a separate room for each grade level. By 1888 New Berlin had grown enough that the foundation was

laid for a new brick school to the west of the infamous little red schoolhouse. (The same foundation can still be seen today as part of the Portage Street School.)

The new school was a two-story building had six large rooms and cost an astounding (at that time) \$8,500 to build. In 1890 four more rooms were added, and again ten years later an additional four more rooms were added. The first graduation of one student occurred in 1890.

In 1920 a very large addition was added to the school, multiplying the existing space four-fold. Then five years later the west wing was added, with all twelve grades being housed in one location.

1929 saw the opening of a new three-story school building on Charlotte Street behind the building on Portage to house the high school students.

In response to the tremendous growth of the town of North Canton after WWII, the decision was made to once again expand the school system in the 1950’s. 1956 saw the opening of Orchard Hill Elementary school on the south side of town, 1957 the completion of the new High School on Fair Oaks, and 1960 the opening of Clearmount Elementary.

Due to consolidation at this time, the former Greentown High School students were moved to the new location at the new school in North Canton. The junior high students from Greentown joined

the balance of the same age students at the Charlotte Street facility, now renamed the Junior High, and the Greentown High School was now renamed Greentown Elementary.

The school district’s next addition came about in 1971 with the addition of Northwood Elementary located off of Applegrove Street, N.W..

The district once again expanded in 1976/77 with the addition of the new high school on 7th Street N.W. The South Campus of Hoover High School on Fair Oaks later became the district’s new Middle School facility.

The two new facilities on East Maple and Charlotte Street are being built over 40 years after the last of the district’s expansion, marking the longest period of time in the history of the community of North Canton for new school buildings to be built.



2020 Hall of Distinction Inductees from left to right: Paul Beinlich, Rick Morrison, and Daryl Revoldt.



2021 Hall of Distinction Inductees from left to right: Don Hertler, Jr. (accepting on behalf of his sister Susie Hertler VanVranken), Zac Cochenour, President of the Susie V Foundation, Timothy Stanceu, and David Cochenour.

2021 Hall of Distinction Ceremony

The North Canton Alumni Association held its induction ceremony for the Hall of Distinction at the high school this past September 29th. Unable to celebrate in-person last year due to the Pandemic, we were able to make up for it by inducting both the 2020 and 2021 classes with an in-person ceremony this year.

Inducted as our Hall of Distinction Class of 2020 were: Retired North Canton YMCA Executive Director Paul Beinlich; Community Leaders Milo and Betty Bixler; Long-time Hoover Swim Team Coach Rick Morrison, and 1969 graduate and former North Canton Mayor Daryl Revoldt.

Our Class of 2021 inductees were: Businessman and 1980 graduate David Cochenour; European opera star and 1970 Alumna Nadine Secunde; 1969 Alumnus Chief Judge Timothy Stanceu of the U.S. Court of International Trade; and retired educator and 1974 graduate Susie Hertler VanVranken.

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your favorite Hoover Viking?

*A lifetime membership to the North Canton Alumni Association is the **perfect** way to show your support and makes for a heartfelt and unique Holiday Present!*

Email us at NorthCantonAlumni@gmail.com if you have questions about lifetime membership.

Upcoming Class Reunions!

Class of 1970 - We are postponing our reunion until 2022. "The Class of '70 Turns 70!" celebration will be held Saturday, July 16th, 2022 at the North Canton Civic Center. There will be a Friday Night Ice Breaker at Walther's Cafe on Applegrove Road in North Canton. If you haven't yet done so, please send your updated contact information to: nchooverreunion70@yahoo.com. We can then send you detailed information. Hope to see you there!

Class of 1975 - We have decided to **NOT** have a reunion this year. Instead, in 2022, we will have another Birthday Party celebrating our 65th Birthdays!!! Details are being worked out. See our Facebook page, North Canton Hoover Class of '75 for more information!

Class of 1977 - We're all set to celebrate **NEXT** summer on Saturday, July 16th, 2022!

Class of 2000 - The Hoover Class of 2000 is postponing our reunion until 2022. We will hold our next class reunion on July 23rd, 2022 with details to follow. Anyone wanting to be added to our list can email hooverclass2000@gmail.com or join our Facebook group "Hoover Class 2000".

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Recent Deaths

Class of 1948

***- Anna Jane Haun Fleischman
William Owens***

Class of 1962

- Martha "Marty" Stayer Baker

Class of 1970

- Linda Ritchie Broemsen

Class of 1973

- Larry Lee Rueschman

Class of 1976

- Dan Rodemeyer

Class of 1978

- Eric Hargraves

Class of 1949

- Willard Brown

Class of 1953 (Greentown)- Grant "Ed" Andrews

Class of 1965

- Richard E. Miller

Class of 1971

- John Dannemiller

Class of 1974

***- Kathy McManaway
Susie Hertler VanVranken***

Class of 1977

- Dan Altieri

Class of 1980

- Brian T. Prince

Nan DeMuesy, Hall of Distinction Inductee 1977

Do **YOU** have a news-worthy 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.northcantalumni.org **OR** contact us by email: northcantalumni@gmail.com.