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Open Houses at Elementary Schools Bring Back Former Students, Happy Memories

The front doors of three North Canton elementary schools flung open on Monday, April 3 for the public and former students to tour the facilities one last time.

Portage Elementary, Greentown Elementary, and Clearmount Elementary Schools all welcomed throngs of visitors who had the opportunity to chat with the current teachers, possibly bump into a former classmate they hadn't seen for awhile, view newer additions that weren't there when they last attended, locate their old classrooms, and reminisce about simpler days gone by.

All three schools will be vacated at the end of the school year. Additional photos of all three open houses are located on pages 2-4 of this issue.



Top: Portage School completed in 1924.



Below: Greentown School built in 1928.



Bottom: Clearmount School built in 1959.

2023 Hall of Distinction Inductees

The North Canton Alumni Association announces its inductees into the Hall of Distinction for 2023. This year's inductees include:

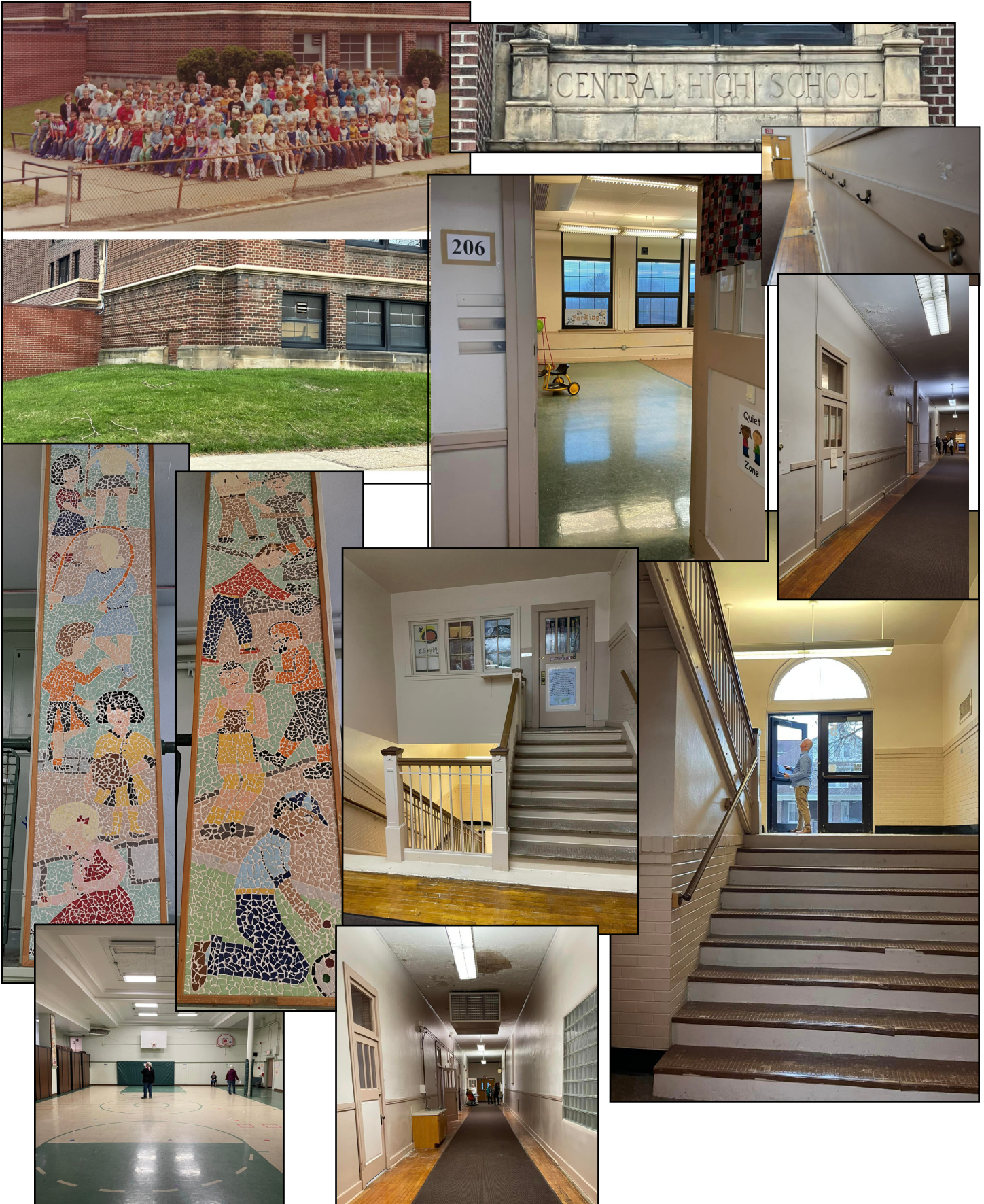
- **Jay Bishop** (Class of 1950) – community leader and football team trainer and equipment manager.
- **Ann Bradway** – North Canton school teacher and community volunteer.
- **Richard E. Davis** – North Canton community leader.
- **Dottie McGrew** – reporter, journalist, and community leader.

- **David Schumacher** – 30+ years sports team doctor.
- **Steve Warren** - (Class of 1975) – regional and national Emmy Award recipient (sports broadcasting).

The Alumni Association will have an induction ceremony on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00pm at Hoover High School. Following the ceremony, we will be serving light refreshments. There will be no charge for attending, although we will be accepting donations.



Portage Elementary Open House



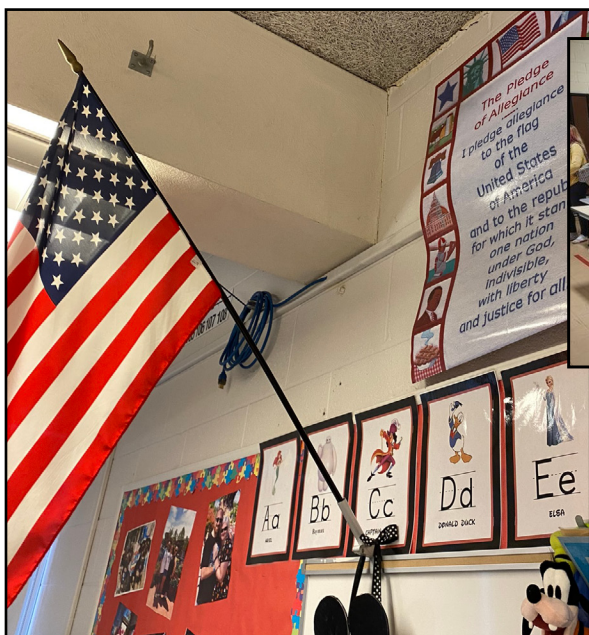


Greentown Elementary Open House





Clearmount Elementary Open House





G. Kenneth Oberlin **Eagle Scholarship**

This year's recipient is **Brandon Snyder**.

Brandon is planning on attending Trine University in Angola, Indiana, and majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Mathematics.

Brandon's career goals are to become a technical sales engineer. He will work directly with customers to promote new concepts that will help eliminate waste in their jobs and personal lives.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon renovated a 16' X 22' storage building at Greentown Community Park. These needed repairs will help preserve the building and prolong the use for storing maintenance equipment for the community park and youth baseball programs.

Brandon's other honors and activities include: National Honor Society, Honors Diploma, identified as gifted in science by the Ohio Department of Education, Superior and Excellent ratings from Ohio Music Education Association, Savor Summer College Scholarship, Honors Band, Symphonic Band (First Chair), Band Letter and pins, Academic Letter and pins, LINK Crew Leadership, and SPIRIT Team Leadership for marching band.

Frank Berrodin **Citizenship Award**

Our four Berrodin scholarship recipients are **Gabriela Kling**, **Gabrielle Michailides**, **Thomas Smart**, and **Chloe Spellman**.

Gabriela Kling will be attending Miami of Ohio in Oxford, Ohio, and majoring in Education. Her career goal is to become a teacher.

Gabriela's other honors and activities include: wrestling mat statistician, Educators Rising, LINK Crew, Varsity Track, Student Council, and working with Special Education students. She is also CPR/AED trained and ALICE (Active Shooter Preparedness) trained.

Gabrielle Michailides will be attending The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, and majoring in International Business.

Gabrielle's other honors and activities include: Girls Lacrosse, Office Aide, Speech and Debate, Agape Girls, LINK Crew, and National Honor Society. She is also active in her church as a mentor.

Thomas Smart will be attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and majoring in Business Management.

Tommy's other honors and activities are: Varsity Football, Varsity Track, YMCA Basketball, North Canton Little League Umpire. He enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Chloe Spellman will be attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and majoring in Speech Pathology.

Chloe's other honors and activities are: Varsity Swimming & Diving, LINK Crew, Agape Girls, Church volunteer, ASL (American Sign Language) Club. Selected 2nd Team and Honorable Mention Federal League.

Fred & Barbra Stevens **Memorial Scholarship**

This year's recipient, chosen by the Athletic Director, is **Julia McCartney**.

Julia will be attending Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, and majoring in Graphic Design.

Julia's other honors and activities include: Summa Scholar, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track & Field, Spanish Club, Agape Girls, Pep Club, President of the Teen Institute, President's Council, 4 year academic letter winner, and 4 year Varsity Gymnastics letter winner.



Work-Based Business Opportunities

Kevin Hart, 1980 Hoover grad, is the coordinator for Work-Based Learning with the Stark County Career Compact serving Hoover, GlenOak, Jackson and Lake high schools. His goal is to establish partnerships with local businesses to develop Work-Based Learning opportunities for students in the Career Tech pathway programs at Compact high schools.

Work-based learning is a coordinated sequence of employment experiences designed to provide students with real-world learning through partnerships with local business and industry. These learning activities help students explore careers and choose an appropriate career path.

In an effort to collaborate with local businesses to provide not only employment, but a quality career guidance experience, Kevin is seeking business owners willing to employ our students in Work-Based Learning opportunities. If you are interested in partnering with the Compact, please contact Kevin at kevin.hart@apps.sparcc.org.

Work Continues On Memorial Stadium

Our mild winter and early spring weather helped work crews and their construction progress of our new West Grandstand. Everything is right on schedule for the new improved stands' premier event, our opening football game on August 18th against Akron Buchtel.



Top: The new pressbox being lifted into place on the new Grandstands.



Right: Ariel view of the stands.

Bottom: Trackside view of the new Grandstands still under construction.





Alumni Spotlight: Catching Up With Kathryn Romigh (Nutt)

Working with elementary-aged students is a humbling experience, says Kathryn Romigh (Nutt), a 2010 Hoover High School graduate. She loves creating a safe space for students to come and learn about music, but they definitely keep her on her toes!

During her time at NCCS, Kathryn was heavily involved in the arts. She loved performing on stage in musicals and playing the saxophone in jazz band.

Kathryn shares one of the biggest lessons she learned as a student. "I had to learn the balance between hard work paying off and reaching achievements AND what it looks like to work hard and still not get what you want. My time in sports, clubs, and band taught me how to cooperate with people and to seek a higher good for someone other than yourself. In many ways, I am the educator and the leader



that I am today because of those organizations, friendships, and mentors."

Kathryn says that she has a fondness and warmth for the community of North Canton. "I really learned to appreciate all that I had growing up in a place like this. I am proud to be a part of a community that my dad, aunts, uncles, and grandparents all knew and loved."

New Lifetime Members!

The North Canton Alumni Association would like to welcome our new Lifetime members:

***Gary Coen
Kim George***

We would also like to thank Bob Berrodin for his recent donation to our scholarship fund.

Upcoming Class Reunions!

Class of 1967 - The Hoover Class of 1967 is skipping a reunion this year, and will plan on a 75th birthday party in 2024.

Class of 1973 - The Hoover Class of 1973 will celebrate their 50th reunion at Arrowhead Banquet Center on August 26, 2023. Questions or updated contact info can be directed to: NCHOOVER1973@gmail.com or check our Facebook page.

Class of 1978 - The Hoover Class of 1978 is planning a reunion for June 9-10, 2023. The official invitation went out in the mail early 2023. If you or someone you know want to verify the correct street address, feel free to contact Kathy Myers Fielding at nchoover78@gmail.com.

Class of 1983 - The Hoover Class of 1983 is planning for a reunion on October 7, 2023. To help with contacting our classmates, please email your current street addresses and email addresses

to: hooverclassof83@gmail.com. Please share this information on your social media accounts.

Class of 1993 - The Hoover Class of 1993 will have a 30 year reunion on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 7pm at the Barrel Room (7901 Cleveland Avenue NW, North Canton). Special Note: The Pro Football HOF game is Thursday night, the reunion is Friday night, and the Zac Brown Band will be at the HOF stadium on Saturday night.

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Recent Deaths

Class of 1942	- Vivian Rohrer Davidson	Class of 1972	- David Lovett
Class of 1945	- Joan Broeske Wirstrom	Class of 1977	- Phil Sisler
Class of 1946	- Emogene Barth		- Matt Wagner
	- Katherine (Katie) Miller Maag	Class of 1980	- Jerry Morris
Class of 1948	- Carol Howe Spencer	Class of 1984	- David Baughman
Class of 1950	- Donald Eugene Halter	Class of 1987	- John Douce
	- Donald Wise	Class of 1989	- June Chula
Class of 1952	- Shirley Domer Daniluk		- Tim Litra
Class of 1953	- Ida Eileen Hall Mason	Class of 1992	- Doug Minton
Class of 1954	- Gerard (Jerry) Dick	Class of 1998	- Andrea Gaumer Shaull
	- Daniel Earl Paige	Class of 2005	- Katherine Moore Geigel
Class of 1955	- Joanne Marie Whitman	Class of 2008	- Greg Hoopingardner
Class of 1956	- Jerry B. Miller		
Class of 1961	- Linda Millard Cox	Betty Bradshaw	- Long-time teacher at Portage School
	- Betty Cornelius Heighton	Dr. James Brandau	- Past School Superintendent and Hall of Distinction Inductee
Class of 1964	- Sandra Jane Wearstler		
Class of 1965	- Thomas Emmons	Gary A. Wechter	- Long-time teacher at Hoover High School
	- David Fisher	Judith Chester	- Long-time teacher in the N.C. School System
Class of 1967	- Tim Torgler	Henry Leitner	- Former Band Director at N.C. Middle School
Class of 1970	- Karen Cornelius Baker		
	- James F. Kienzle	Jean M. Matako	- 30 year Study Hall Monitor
Class of 1971	- Kathy Scharver Carona		
	- Tom Wolf		

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.northcantonalumni.org **OR** contact us by email: northcantonalumni@gmail.com.