

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



Northridge Hall of Fame Class of 2017

This month we continue our Hall of Fame articles by featuring **Tom Pfrogner**.

Mr. Tom Daugherty Pfrogner stands very tall as a “man of music”. His many experiences include band, strings, choral, music arranging, composing, music performance and conducting.

A 1975 graduate of Miamisburg High School, Tom continued his music studies at Wittenberg and earned a B.M.E. in music education in 1979; further studies included tenures at both Wright State and the University of Dayton.

As a teacher of music, Tom has served various school districts. However, in 1984, he chose to work for our Northridge Schools where he directed instrumental music for grades 5-12-concert band, marching band, jazz band, and pep band. His marching band shows were innovative with stage props and actors, and he arranged all of the music. Tom also arranged music for concert band; it

was one of the first groups to perform a film score with actual film during a concert. Currently, Tom continues educating and conducting with *The New Horizons Band Program* (Univ. of Dayton); he arranges and conducts for The Centerville Community Band, and is festival director of The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society Band (Clarinda, Iowa).

As a professional trombonist, Tom has performed and toured with many outstanding groups, including *The Orchestras of Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey* and jazz artists such as **Urbie Green**, **Maynard Ferguson** and **Dizzy Gillespie**. Tom has been a featured guest soloist with many university groups and *The Air Force Band of Flight*.

As a musical arranger, he has written over 900 musical arrangements and transcriptions. Tom specializes in “Big Band” transcriptions and has studied the **Glenn Miller** style with two former original Glenn Miller Orchestra members: **Paul Tanner** (featured in movies/recordings) and **Norman Leyden** (Glenn Miller's Army Air Force Band arranger). Tom arranges music for groups throughout the USA and Europe including, *The Air Force Band of Flight* (for all of its Glenn Miller Tribute Concerts), *The Gene Krupa Orchestra*, *The Glenn Miller Orchestra* (Special Events Unit), high school bands, university groups, and symphony orchestras.

Tom has also been the director of the *Tom*



Daugherty Orchestra producing several recordings, television shows, and live radio broadcasts. The group has become well known for their “big band” performances worldwide. Tom's group has performed five times at the *International Glenn Miller Festival* in Clarinda, Iowa and has been on several tours to Virginia Beach and the prestigious Greenbrier Resort. Recently, the group was featured in the independent film *The Rock of Gibraltar*, for which Tom composed the music. Tom has also been featured in the book *Big Bands & Great Ballrooms* by Jack Behrens.

This gentleman had some very positive thoughts about his Northridge background. “I am very thankful for my Northridge experience. The lessons I received and learned... shaped my professional career and future. Northridge provided me with computer skills... I still use today in arranging and performing. I am very grateful that many of my former Northridge students and staff members still keep in touch with me.”

Tom married his wife **Michele** in 1980, who is also a retired music/English teacher. They have a daughter, **Tracie**, who is currently a senior at Kent State University.



Northridge Board of Education Members from left to right: **Glenn Jones**, **Tina Fiore**, Vice President **Margie Lairson**, **Mark Brumley**, President **Margie Glock**

Northridge Community NEWS



Christmas Sharing Program: Each holiday season (since 1984) Northridge Optimist Club members have provided some local families with groceries for a good holiday meal. The Northridge School System provides the Optimist Club with a list of families who are particularly needy due to economic circumstances. Club members and other volunteers meet on a Saturday in December to buy groceries and deliver them to the families.

The Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Fund: Beginning with 2014, the program was named in honor of the late **Denny Mantel**, an Optimist member who had chaired the event for the previous 30 years. This fund was established in his memory to make sure that the club can continue the program, using direct donations as well as portions of club fundraising events.

2016 Event: The 2016 event was held on Saturday, December 10th. The school provided a list of 16 families for us to serve this year (57 children are in this group). The budget for the 2016 event was set at \$3000 with the help of a \$2000 contribution from Cargill and other donations throughout the year. Volunteers met at the Kroger store at 1934 Needmore Road at 10:30 a.m. on the 10th. Volunteers teamed up by two's or three's, and each team shopped for a given family, and then delivered the groceries to that family. It was a great turnout, with about 42 volunteers consisting of club members, family members, friends, and several Cargill volunteers. The club wishes to thank Cargill for the financial support of the program, and also to the Cargill employees and families who volunteered, plus all of the volunteers and supporters of the program.

More information on The Northridge Optimist Club and the Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Program is available on the club website at www.NorthridgeOptimist.org.

Board of Education News

Meeting on January 9th, the Northridge BoE:

- received information on the auditor's update, new state funding proposal, and five-year forecast.
- approved builder's risk for OSFC project to be co-funded by State OSFC and Local OSFC.
- received donation to NHS from PBIS/ROAR.
- reviewed the financial report and bill listing for December.
- accepted resignation of **Leyna Bogart**, teacher at JHM.
- employed substitute teachers: **Tiffany Dorsten**, **Cheikh Drame**, **Tyrone Fitzpatrick**, and **Contessa Yost**; long term substitute teacher, **Rebecca Hulett**; substitute bus driver, **Ronald Worsham**; and substitute food service, **Melinda Branscomb**.
- approved supplemental contracts to **Andrew Jackson**, **Stephen Anticoli**, **Tyler Long**, and **Adam Smith**, track; and **Tiffanie Edwards**, middle school cheer.
- approved supplemental contracts for SY 2017-18 to: **Bob Smith**, **Phil Kosier**, **Kaleb Lingg**, **Tyler Ekberg**, **Eric Brockert**, and **Zach Rutan**, football; **Ladawn Bryant** and **Kourtney Gipson**, cheerleading; **Steve Szekely**, cross country; **Emily Weisman**, volleyball; **Dave Belna**, golf; and **Jason Watercutter**, event worker.
- approved as volunteer football coach, **Bill Nelson**.
- approved Design Development (DD) for OSFC project.

2017 Northridge Board of Education

The Board of Education is a five-member governing body elected by the voters of the Northridge Local School District. It represents the community and has the legal responsibility for educating the community's children.

The Board of Education office is now located at 2008 Timber Lane. Meetings are on Monday nights and begin at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2017: February 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24; May 8; June 26; July 10; August 14; September 11 and 25; October 9 and 23; November 20; and December 11. All meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages residents to attend.

This year's Board of Education members are President **Margie Glock**, Vice President **Margie Lairson**, **Mark Brumley**, **Tina Fiore**, and **Glenn Jones**.

Student Artwork Wins Competition



Northridge High School Senior, **Austin Ward**, won the Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz Safety Calendar Competition. A piece of artwork had to be designed that included a safety tip as well as the law firm tiger mascot. Austin's creation of a watercolor thunderstorm scene stating "Take Shelter" was one of 24 winners. On January 11th, representatives from the company came to honor Austin

and deliver the calendars to be passed out to the buildings. Pictures of Austin and Superintendent **Dave Jackson** were taken sporting the tiger hats. Austin received a \$250 scholarship, while the art department was awarded \$1000. Congratulations on this great accomplishment.

Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

A district wide sub sandwich sale will be held February 1st through February 28th. The sandwiches are on an 8 inch sub bun with salami, ham, pepperoni, cheese, sub sauce and optional banana peppers. They will be sold for \$5.00 each. Exact cash or checks made out to *Northridge Music Boosters* will be accepted.

Please send your order form to school with your student by February 28th. Payment may be made at time of ordering or when subs are picked up on Friday, March 10th.

All profits go toward the purchase of candy and gifts for the Community Egg Hunt (April 15) as well as food and gifts for After Prom (April 8).

For any questions or to place an order, please contact **Margie Lairson** by phone at 277-7488 or by text at 232-0471.

Thank you for your order and your continued support of this fundraiser.

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017

The *Northridge Athletic Hall of Fame Committee* will announce its Class of 2017 inductees at a reception on Friday, February 3rd, at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the NHS gymnasium prior to the boys' varsity basketball game against Preble Shawnee. The *Dividends* will highlight the new inductees in later issues.

Community members, staff, and friends of Northridge are invited to attend this fun-filled evening. It will begin with the boys' freshman basketball game beginning at 4:30 p.m., followed by the boys' JV basketball game. Then, at approximately 7:00 - 7:15 p.m., the *Athletic Hall of Fame* inductee reception will precede the boys' varsity basketball game!

Come on out and support the new inductees and boys' basketball teams. We hope to see you there!



EVENTS

- 2 Morrison PTO Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. in Library
- 3 Athletic Hall Of Fame Induction
- 7:00 p.m. NHS Gym
- 13 Timberlane PTO Meeting
- 3:40 p.m. in Room 12
- 13 Board of Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Staff Development
- **No School for Students**
- 20 Presidents' Day - **No School**
- 21 NHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in Library
- 27 Board of Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.



February Sports

Varsity Girls Basketball

- 4 Milton Union*
- 1:15 p.m.
- 9 Carlisle - 7:15 p.m.
- 11 Dayton Christian - 7:30 p.m.



Varsity Boys Basketball

(Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.)

- 3 Preble Shawnee*
- 4 Gahanna Lincoln - 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Madison
- 10 Milton-Union
- 11 Milton-Union*
- 17 Carlisle*

Varsity Wrestling

- 14 Lehman Catholic - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Madison - 4:00 p.m.
- 18 Madison - 10:00 a.m.

* Home



Building A Future



School Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.



The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

• **One-Hour Delay** - all schedules are adjusted one hour.

• **TWO-HOUR DELAY** - all schedules are adjusted two hours except: *A.M. preschool is closed. P.M. preschool reports at normal time.*

• **Closed** - all buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

Curriculum Corner



The halls of Northridge High School were all a buzz on Friday, January 13th, with teachers from across the district. January 13th was a Staff Professional Development Day jammed packed with learning opportunities led or provided by the Northridge Curriculum Department for teachers from grades Kindergarten to 12.

Teachers had opportunities to attend learning sessions about ST Math and Think CERCA, two new online, instructional programs. There, teachers learned ways to incorporate these programs using best teaching strategies to increase student mastery. Gifted sessions as well as special education professional development were also provided. Teachers implementing *The Grid Method* had opportunities to collaborate with fellow teachers and create learning experiences that are designed for all learners.

Martha Rutan and **Dianna Outten**, both Northridge High School science teachers, led various STEM Design Challenges and explained how they have implemented these hands-on opportunities with their students to spark engagement in science. A representative from the Proto Build Bar in Dayton came to talk about ways to implement 3-D printing in the classroom and to extend learning out into the community. Teachers also had valuable time to collaborate with teams and cross-curricular teachers, to look at student data, and to plan effective lessons for our Northridge students.



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