



VOLUME 29, ISSUE 3

www.greenvillealumni.org

FALL, 2026

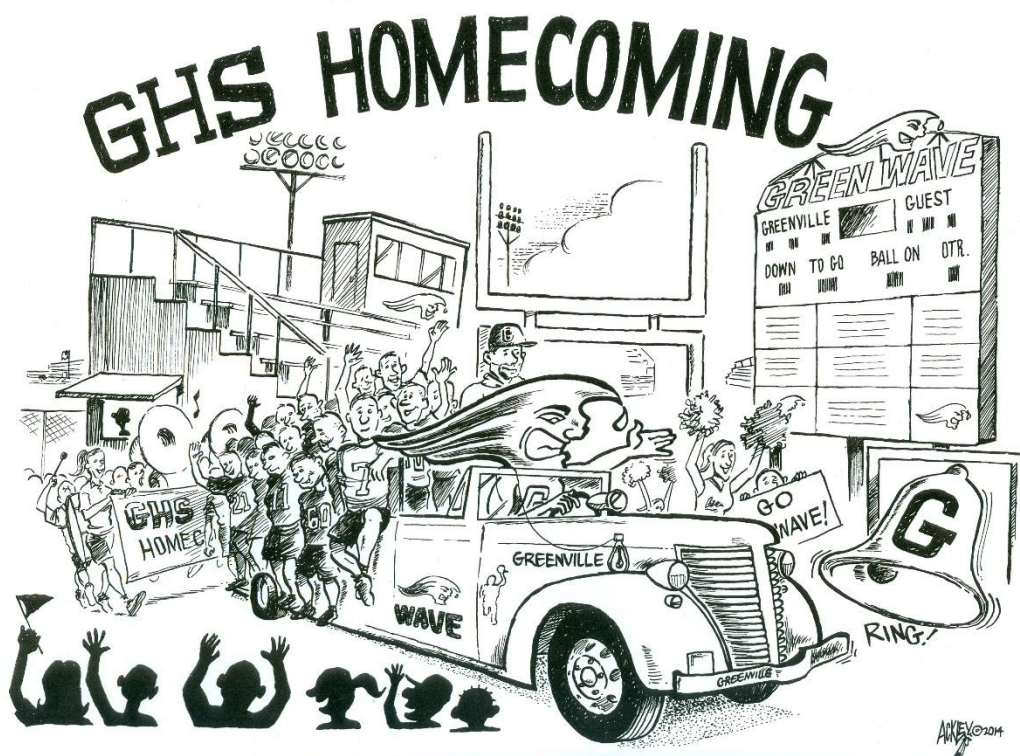
HOMECOMING GAME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

FOOTBALL GAME vs. SIDNEY 7:00 PM

QUEEN CROWNING CEREMONY 6:30 PM

PARADE, THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 6:00 PM



Page 2

Our Alumni Open House this year was the largest and best ever. We started this in 2009 and have continued it each May except for the COVID years. Make sure you come next year to see the History that the Alumni Association has accumulated through the years. Here are some pictures of activity during this three-hour event May 3, 2026, that was a walk-through for anyone who attended. It is always open to the public and is all free, and is held in the High School Cafeteria. Other photos of the Open House are on the back pages of this edition.



The Class of 1974 representatives who attended the Open House celebrating their 70th birthday.

Editor's Note: This letter was sent from the Class of 1974 and was very much appreciated.

"Dear Alumni Association, Dick Brown, Roxanne Willman and Tim Gilbert,

On behalf of the Class of 1974, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your warm hospitality during our 70th birthday party weekend. From the pictures both days and the guided tours of the high school and the new stadium along with the Open House, we were offered a wonderful opportunity to reminisce and experience the incredible changes in our alma mater and to see many old friends.

Your efforts made our birthday reunion truly special. We greatly appreciated your time, enthusiasm, and the thoughtful way you shared the school's history (the vision/story boards are remarkable) with us. The special cookies were a treat. Seeing the new stadium and the improvements throughout the school filled us with pride and excitement for the next generation of students.

Thank you again for making our milestone event memorable. We are grateful for your leadership and your commitment to keeping the spirit of our school alive. Once a Green Wave...always a Green Wave!

With sincere appreciation,

Debra Stull-Kohn and The Class of 1974"

Greenville Orchestras and GHS Choirs Presented “The Rhythm Rising Tour”

The GHS Vocal Music Department and the Greenville Orchestra Department hosted **Mark Wood’s** “Electrify Your Symphony 2026” national tour, Saturday evening, March 14, 2026, in the GHS Gymnasium. Special guests were **Mark Wood**, an original string master of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and his wife **Laura Kaye**, a vocalist who has worked with **Aretha Franklin** and **James Brown**. The world-renown International Zumba Instructor and MTV contributor, **Nathan Blake**, staged and choreographed the event.



The orchestras and vocal music groups before the concert (above)

The show was the “Rock Show of the Ages”, and the gymnasium was transformed into a rock concert venue with spectacular lighting and sound effects. The show opened with the combined orchestras under the direction of **JR Price**, GHS 1980, and choirs featuring GHS Vocal Music Director **Chelsea Martin Whirledge**, GHS 2007, with “We Will Rock You”. The orchestras performed selections with Mark Wood: “Back in Black”, “Here Comes the Sun”, “Kashmir”, and “Sweet Child of Mine”. The choirs then performed the following selections with Laura Kaye and Nathan Blake: “Counting Stars”, “Flowers”, “There’s Only One Way to Rock”, and “Renegade”. The combined orchestras and choirs closed the evening with “Anyway You Want It”, and “Don’t Stop Believin’”. The three guest performers signed pictures and autographs for an extended time in the cafeteria for audience members.



<<< JR and Mark

Mark leading the
Orchestras and
playing his electric
violin >>>>



Page 4

This is the third time since 2020 that Mark Wood has brought his musical program to GHS. Major sponsorship for all three of these events was made by the **Coppock-Hole Trust** and the **Brown Family Foundation**, making these musical programs possible. The **Mark Wood Music Foundation** has recognized the Greenville Schools as a Grant Recipient. This has reached many GHS students over the past six years, and has always been nearly a sell-out. The entire floor had folding chairs and the opposite side bleachers were full. The orchestra students and vocal music students practiced with the guest performers for two days before the night-time event. Mark presented an electric violin once again to the GHS Orchestra to better their practices and performances. These shows are possibly the finest events ever performed at GHS over the past 60 years.

Ending a performance (below):



MARK WOOD & LAURA KAYE
PRESENT
ELECTRIFY YOUR SYMPHONY 2025-2026

RHYTHM RISING
Tour 2025-2026

Mark Wood
Trans-Siberian Orchestra's
Original String Master!

Laura Kaye
James Brown, Aretha Franklin

Nathan Blake
MCU, Beto Perez, Alvin Riley

IN CONCERT WITH THE ROCK STARS OF
GREENVILLE ORCHESTRAS & GHS CHOIRS!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 · 7:00PM

Greenville High School Gymnasium
100 Greenwave Way
Greenville, OH 45331

TICKETS: \$10 adults, \$5 child/student/GCS faculty, under 3 - free
tinyurl.com/eys-greenville26

SCAN
TO PURCHASE
ADVANCE
TICKETS!



GHS OBITUARIES -- 2025

Help keep us informed about recent events

Many of the obituaries published in the papers or by the funeral homes have biographies, relatives listed, and pictures of the decedent. We are listing the websites of the funeral homes which can provide this data to the public who asks. The sites listed have obituaries or archived obituaries on which you can click. Over 95% of the listed entries have website accessibility. Some of the older obits may be timed out or dropped, and may not still be there. If you cannot reach one of the ones by website, and would like a copy of a specific obituary we have listed, please let the Alumni Association know. We will send you a copy electronically or by mail of documentation that we have. Many newer obituaries are getting harder to find, because families are using different methods after death.

We have decided to go beyond the GHS graduates, and include those we can verify or remember attending GHS, even if that person did not graduate with his/her class. If he/she attended GHS in earlier years, then he/she is listed with the class with which that person would have graduated if he/she had stayed through commencement.

Our listings are arranged with oldest GHS alums listed first by class, his/her age at death, date of death, place of most recent residence, and the website where more information can be obtained. To find a deceased, you may use a search engine, like Google, and type in "person's name, the word > obituary, year, state, etc." This list is far from complete, using just the data we had access to, or could find. Many deaths are not listed here or anywhere.

Many funeral homes have websites with the written obituaries and some have pictures of the decedent. If you go to these websites, click on obituaries and find your person of interest by name or by date. The .com address next to each person's name will tell you which websites to go to, such as, for example, (*DignityMemorial*) after the name would mean to look at: www.dignitymemorial.com
TYPE IN THE WEB ADDRESS AND CLICK ON "OBITUARIES".

GHS OBITUARIES for 2025 (from oldest class):

<i>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</i>	<i>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</i>
Richard Y. Morton, 99 (<i>legacy.com</i>)	1943 d. Mar. 4, Kettering, OH
Norma Jean Pretzman Crawford, 100 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1943 d. Nov. 1, Arcanum, OH
Betty Louise Overholser Dickey, 98 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1944 d. Feb. 15, Greenville, OH
Dorothy Margaret Slick Fullerton, 99 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1944 d. Sept. 14, Greenville, OH
Betty Louise Swabb Batten, 99 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1944 d. Oct. 7, Plainfield, IN
William F. "Bill" Buchy, 97 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1945 d. Jan. 17, Greenville, OH
Rose Mary Snider Green, 86 (<i>RedmonFuneralHome.com</i>)	1945 d. Mar. 28, 2014, Stow, OH
Thelma Lucille Hollinger Baker, 97 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1945 d. Aug. 26, Greenville, OH
Donald Edward Lease, 95 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1948 d. Apr. 20, Dayton, OH
Nancy Jean Nealeigh Wenger, 95 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1948 d. Oct. 20, Greenville/Vanlue, OH
Miriam Coppess Bennett, 94 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1949 d. Nov. 21, Greenville, OH
Eleanor Louise Shahan Freese, 93 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1950 d. Nov. 10, Arcanum, OH
William C. "Bill" Shepard, 92* (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	--- d. July 16, Bradenton, FL/Grnvl,OH
*Mr. Shepard taught at the Junior High, 1960s-1982, history and map studies 7 th and 8 th grades, from Gordon, OH)	
Lester Edwin Thwaites, 92 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1950 d. Dec. 18, Greenville, OH
Vada U. Lennen, 92 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1951 d. Feb. 16, Greenville, OH
Robert Howard "Bob" Pequignot, 93 (<i>ConroyFH.com</i>)	1951 d. Jan. 6, Springfield, OH
Martha Elizabeth Snider Sagel, 91 (<i>RedmonFuneralHome.com</i>)	1951 d. Apr. 21, Silver Lake/Stow, OH
Barbara Ann Yoder Foreman, 90 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1952 d. Feb. 27, Greenville, OH
Lester Eugene Beisner, 91 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1953 d. Mar. 18, Greenville, OH
Shirley Lee Hipple, 88 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1954 d. Jan. 30, Normal/Peoria, IL
Larry Jay Keltner, Sr., 88 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1954 d. Feb. 4, Lexington, KY
Patricia Ann Enicks Landis, 88 (<i>Jackson-Sarver.com</i>)	1954 d. Mar. 8, Pleasant Hill, OH
James Wilbur "Jim" Albright, 88 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1954 d. June 2, Greenville, OH
Thomas Dale Fender, 87 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1955 d. July 9, Lake Providence, LA
Delores B. Fourman Stoner Woodward, 88 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1955 d. Dec. 26, Greenville, OH
Gary R. Gruber, 88 (<i>supplied obit</i>)	1955 d. July 10, Henderson, NV/Santa Fe, NM
Leah Jean Wion Wagner, 88 (<i>CookCaresGrandville.com</i>)	1955 d. Aug. 14, Grandville, MI
Billy Lee Miller, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1956 d. June 8, Greenville, OH

GHS OBITUARIES for 2025 (from oldest class):

<u>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</u>	<u>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</u>
Martha Lee McGlinch Dickey, 87 (<i>Routsong.com</i>)	1957 d. July 24, Englewood/Centerville, OH
George Irvin Pierron, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1957 d. Feb. 10, Greenville, OH
John Saxon O'Brien, Jr., 86 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1957 d. Sept. 3, Dayton, OH
Paul Leo Brunswick, 86 (<i>Daily Advocate/Legacy.com</i>)	1957 d. Nov. 4, Cary, NC
Judith "Elaine" Ethel Amspaugh, 84 (<i>ChurchFuneralsDirect.com</i>)	1958 d. Jan. 30, Greenville, OH
Rosalyn Ruth "Rosy" McGriff Brinley, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1959 d. Sept. 6, Hollansburg, OH
Gerald Winston "Jerry" Seiler, Sr., 78 (<i>Newspapers.com; Lake View FH</i>)	1960 d. Aug. 7, 2020, Smithton, IL
Penelope Jane "Penny" Perry, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1960 d. Dec. 23, Greenville, OH
Larry Gene "G" Harter, 82 (<i>GehretFuneralHome.com</i>)	1960 d. Jan. 27, Avon Park, FL/Versailles, OH
James Irvin "Jim" Martin, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1960 d. June 9, Myrtle Beach, SC
Pamela Lynne Sue Whittington Hensel, c.82 (<i>unknown</i>)	1960 d. 2024, Florida
Barry LeRoy Hensel (<i>unknown</i>)	1960 (<i>unknown</i>)
Sue Bright Coblenz, 83 (<i>NewcomerDayton.com</i>)	1960 d. Oct. 8, Dayton, OH
Kathy Ann Schumaker, 82 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1961 d. June 19, Greenville, OH
Thomas Isaac Newbauer, 81 (<i>aliceab2022@gmail.com</i>)	1962 d. Sept. 25, Greenville, OH
John Edward Cole, 81 (<i>MarkerHeller.com</i>)	1962 d. Oct. 16, Huber Heights, OH
Susan Ann Stonerock Ream, 81 (<i>Routsong.com</i>)	1962 d. Dec. 24, Kettering, OH
Roy Richard Harrison, Sr., 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1964 d. Feb. 10, Greenville, OH
Richard Kent "Dick" Halley, 79 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1964 d. Sept. 16, Greenville, OH
Julia Margaret "Julie" Hindsley, 79 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1964 d. Dec. 9, Union City, IN
Ginger Lafaye Patterson Sowry, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	--- d. Nov. 6, Greenville, OH
Thomas P. McGlinch, 72 (<i>Friedrich-Jones.com</i>)	1965 d. May 6, 2019, Naperville, IL
Norma Jean "Jeanne" Bowers, 77 (<i>from her brother</i>)	1965 d. Dec. 2024, Bronx, NYC, NY
Larry Linn Riffle, 77 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1965 d. May 31, Greenville, OH
Rebecca Ann Stanley Kesselring, 77 (<i>CantelMiFuneralHome.com</i>)	1965 d. Aug. 26, Bethlehem, PA
Karen Sue Campbell Plessinger, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1965 d. Feb. 12, Greenville, OH
Michael Thomas "Mike" Deeter, 77 (<i>from wife Ann Deeter</i>)	1965 d. Apr. 9, (<i>unknown</i>)
Derral Duane Ross, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1965 d. Dec. 16, Arcanum, OH
Donald Thomas "Big D" Wills, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1966 d. July 30, Greenville, OH
Richard E. "Rick" Dill, 77 (<i>KindredFuneralHome.com</i>)	1966 d. Aug. 13, Centerville, OH
James Kenneth "Jim" Holland, Jr., 78 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1966 d. Sept. 16, Greenville, OH
Robert Allen "Bob" Noggle, Sr., 77 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1966 d. May 8, Piqua, OH
Thomas William Maher, 77 (<i>Unknown</i>)	1966 d. Sept. 6, Port Clinton, OH/Naples, FL
Evelyn Jean "Ev" Small Goldman, 77 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1966 d. Oct. 26, Washington, DC
Dennis William "Denny" Houser, 77 (<i>KindredFuneralHome.com</i>)	1967 d. Nov. 16, Kettering, OH
Donna Jane McGlinch Foutz, 77 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1967 d. Nov. 26, Greenville, OH/Peoria, IL
Mary Nell Raines Worthen, 75 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1967 d. Feb. 13, Vandalia, OH
Patricia Mae Westfall Fultz, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1967 d. Jan. 12, Richmond, IN
Tommy Carl Maloy, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1968 d. May 31, Greenville, OH
Marjorie Irene Botkin Miller, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1968 d. June 30, Gettysburg, OH
Walter H. Bromagem, Jr., 75 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1968 d. June 8, Greenville, OH
Mary Kay Raffel Beisner, 74 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1968 d. July 20, Greenville, OH
Brenda Joyce Dill, 73 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1969 d. Feb. 3, Arcanum, OH
Kent Lee Rhoades, 74 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome.com</i>)	1969 d. Feb. 24, Greenville, OH
Shirlee Ann Cornell Robinson, 75 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1969 d. July 3, Greenville, OH
James Theodore "Ted" Dohse, 74 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1969 d. Dec. 1, Orlando, FL
Marchita J. Badger Phifer, 72 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1970 d. Feb. 24, Greenville, OH
Bonnie L. Musselman Reed, 73 (<i>SmithMcquistonWebster.com</i>)	1970 d. May 11, Greenville, OH
Michael Duane Bryant, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1971 d. May 20, Greenville, OH
Evelyn Rose Wert Sharp, 72 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1971 d. Dec. 20, Greenville, OH
Ricky Von "Rick" Schilling, 72 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1971 d. Feb. 5, Kansas City, MO

GHS OBITUARIES for 2025 (from oldest class):

<i>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</i>	<i>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</i>
Paula Jean Arnett Anthony, 73 (<i>NewcomerDayton.com</i>)	1971 d. May 20, Greenville, OH
Teresa A. Mark Fryman, 70** (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	--- d. Mar. 3, Greenville, OH
**Terry played piano with the Wavaires, Jazz Band and GHS theater productions, from Dayton, OH	
Nancy Eileen Meier Raffel, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1972 d. Nov. 12, Greenville, OH
Janet Elaine Westfall Wenning, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1972 d. Oct. 19, Greenville, OH
John Robert Edward, 72 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1972 d. Nov. 29, Greenville, OH
Roger Ray Billups, 70 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1973 d. Sept. 16, Versailles, OH
Stephen D. Varvel, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1973 d. Dec. 13, Greenville, OH
Deborah L. Blevins Hathaway, 68*** (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	--- d. Feb. 10, Greenville, OH
***Deborah taught English and social studies 43 years at GHS, Junior High, East, Gettysburg, Middle School	
John Lee Archey, 72 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1974 d. Dec. 7, Gettysburg, OH
Mark Everett Lewis, 69^ (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1974 d. June 13, Greenville, OH
^Mark was a GHS graduate, taught art and history 32 years at Greenville elementary and Junior high grades	
Rock Allen Kiser, 69 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1974 d. Aug. 2, New Madison, OH
Kimberly Jean "Kim" Hill Raper, 68 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1974 d. Feb. 12, Indianapolis, IN
Steven Clyde Roach, 69^^ (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	--- d. May 27, Greenville, OH
^^Steve was the GHS Band Director from 1978-2000, taught 30 years here, Director of the Park Band, From Springfield, OH. Was second longest Band Director at GHS behind Dwight Brown.	
Mary Kay Bowman Henninger, 69 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1974 d. Nov. 24, Arcanum, OH
Stephen Lee Mann, 69 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1974 d. Dec. 21, Greenville, OH
Ricky Alan Hoskins, 68 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1975 d. Sept. 29, Greenville, OH
Tim Duane Bracy, 67 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1976 d. Apr. 21, West Milton, OH
William A. "Bill" Browne, 66 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1976 d. July 4, (Cincinnati OH area)
Steven Lee McGlinch, 66 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1976 d. Jan. 19, Greenville, OH
Sandra Kay Ahrns Setser, 66 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1976 d. Feb. 2, Union City, OH
Robert Leroy "Bob" Leas, 68 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1976 d. Nov. 8, (Marines, IN,MD,VA)
Tony Scott Kreitzer, 67 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1977 d. July 14, Union City, OH
Katherine Annette Julian Jesse, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1978 d. May 25, Greenville, OH
Mark Lee Howdieshell, 64 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1978 d. Feb. 12, Greenville, OH
Tammy Jo Bunker Weisenbarger, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1978 d. July 9, Greenville, OH
Thomas Anthony DiRocco, 65 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1978 d. Nov. 3, Cincinnati, OH
Douglas Eugene Braun, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1979 d. Sept. 15, Greenville, OH
Deborah Ann Mansfield Fox, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1979 d. Oct. 16, Greenville, OH
Brenda Ann Pitman, 62 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1980 d. May 6, Ft. Worth, TX
Christina Morrow Mugridge, 63 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1980 d. Mar. 8, Knoxville, TN
Susan Enicks Robinson, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1980 d. July 8, Greenville, OH
Judith Ann Shurte Brown, 61 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1981 d. Mar. 8, Versailles, OH
Gregory L. Oda, 62 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1981 d. July 13, Sarasota, FL
Paul Daniel Brown, 61 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1982 d. Aug. 3, Trotwood, OH
Kye A. Fender, ? (<i>from father Thomas Fender obit</i>)	1982 d. (unknown)
Susan Lynn Myers Hartrum, 61 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1982 d. Sept. 8, Greenville, OH
Cindy S. Hildebrand Rapier, 60 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1983 d. Aug. 22, Greenville, OH
Amy Beth Huntington Hughes, 60 (<i>GlicklerFuneralHome.com</i>)	1983 d. Sept. 14, Greenville, OH
Douglas Dain Sharp, 60 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1983 d. Feb. 10, Greenville, OH
Brenda Lynn Harrison Pigg, 61 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1983 d. Oct. 26, Lewisburg, OH
Laurie Joanne Pfoutz Wroda, 59 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1984 d. Oct. 30, Chautauqua, NY
Robert Lee Franklin, Jr., 57 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1985 d. Mar. 11, Greenville, OH
Kenneth Allen Coates, Jr., 55 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1987 d. Jan. 21, Greenville, OH
Kelly Kay Plessinger Clark, 55 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i>)	1987 d. Mar. 22, Greenville, OH
Brian Paul Hoskins, 56 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1987 d. May 25, Union City, OH

GHS OBITUARIES for 2025 (from oldest class):

<u>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</u>	<u>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</u>
Tammie Lynn Abernathy Coffey, 53 (DignityMemorial.com)	1991 d. Aug. 10, Englewood, OH
Norman Anthony Brunson, 51 (DignityMemorial.com)	1992 d. Nov. 13, Greenville, OH
Michael Lewis Logan, 49 (Legacy.com)	1993 d. Sept. 23, 2024, Thornton, CO
Matthew James Gantt, 50 (DignityMemorial.com)	1993 d. Mar. 27, Greenville, OH
David Dwight Ashley Griffin, 48 (TributeFuneralHomes.com)	1995 d. Sept. 8, Greenville, OH
Amanda Jo Sowers, 44 (DignityMemorial.com)	1999 d. May 10, Greenville, OH
Joel Michael Dillon, 43 (Legacy.com)	2000 d. July 21, Roseburg, OR
Amy Rae Stover Myers, c.38 (Greenville Union Cemetery files)	2001 d. Apr. 26, Galloway, OH
Kristin Marie Inman, 39 (BakerHazelSnider.com)	2005 d. Jan. 22, Dayton, OH
Jared Taylor Aukerman, 27 (TributeFuneralHomes.com)	2016 d. Mar. 22, Louisville, KY
Christian Lee Price, 24 (TributeFuneralHomes.com)	2019 d. May 29, Greenville, OH
Garrett Marshall Boatright, 21 (DignityMemorial.com)	2022 d. Sept. 18, Greenville, OH
Connor Brian-Garrett Frye, 18 (TributeFuneralHomes.com)	2024 d. Jan. 3, St. Petersburg, FL
Trevor Alan Mardin, 19 (DignityMemorial.com)	2024 d. Feb. 25, Greenville, OH
Jacob Alan "Jake" Noble, 14 (TributeFuneralHomes.com)	2030 d. Sept. 5, Greenville, OH

Funeral Homes most common in this listing:

Oliver Floyd Funeral Home was sold to **Braund Pope Funeral Home** of New Madison, Dec. 17, 2015, so both of the websites used now (www.oliverfloyd.com) and (www.braundpope.com) may change in the future, or may consolidate into one, or may both continue. Principal owners founder Gladden Oliver of Ansonia, to son Roger Oliver, GHS '62 after moving from Ansonia to Greenville in late 1960s. Then sold to Joe Floyd, GHS '84, in 2008, then to Eric Fee in 2017, who had earlier purchased Braund Pope from Delbert Braund of New Madison. Name changed to **Tribute Funeral Homes** in 2018. Current website is: www.tributefuneralhomes.com.

Obituaries of **Zechar Bailey Funeral Home** (Greenville) and **Bailey Zechar Funeral Home** (Versailles) can be found at the (www.zecharbailey.com) website. Zechar's sold to **Dignity** national funeral home chain in 2017 using www.dignitymemorial.com website. Moved from their East Third Street site in 1983 to the present North Broadway at Russ Road site. Principals Myron Zechar, GHS '34, Byron Zechar, GHS '34, Gary Zechar, GHS '60, Joe W. Bailey, Kent Zechar, GHS '69, and Greg Zechar, GHS '91, Phillip Pierri, GHS '98. Phillip Pierri left in 2018. The Zechar brothers had purchased McKnight and Baker Funeral Home in the 1960s (earlier Turpin and McKnight). On August 9, 2016, Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home of Brookville (since 1899) purchased Kreitzer Funeral Home of Arcanum, which was originally **Ward Stutz and Jesse Sando's Funeral Home** from 1917 and sold to Harold Kreitzer, **Kreitzer Funeral Home**, in 1950, then to son Michael Kreitzer. (www.kreitzerfuneralhome.com)

Tribute Funeral Homes: www.tributefuneralhomes.com.

Zechar-Bailey or Bailey-Zechar: www.dignitymemorial.com.

Kreitzer Funeral Home(Arcanum): www.kreitzerfuneralhome.com

Stocker Fraley Funeral Home(Covington): www.stockerfraley.com

Reichard Funeral Home(Union City): www.reichardfh.com

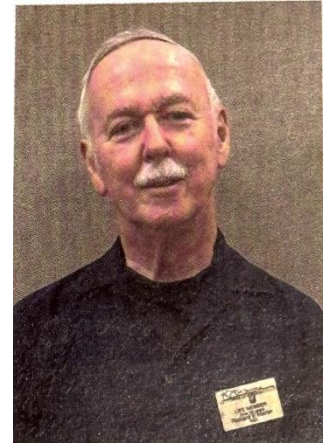
Early Bird/Advocate Newspaper (Greenville): www.dailyadvocate.com

My County Link (Greenville): www.mycountylink.com

Legacy, www.legacy.com is from a national compilation service. Many of the Daily Advocate's are included here.

Richard Martin Celebrates 50 years With Gun Association

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard E. “Dick” Martin, GHS 1963, was just honored for being a 50-year member of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association (OGCA). After serving with the U.S. Air Force, he continued his military career with the Ohio National Guard. He shot competitively for years at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio, in matches sponsored by the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association (ORPA). His accomplishments include defeating the Army Team in a national match out West and serving with the Ohio State Sniper Team, although he was never called to active duty in that role.



As a member of both the OGCA and being an ORPA Trustee, Richard conveys his belief to new shooters and collectors that guns, competitive shooting, and collecting are positive and worthwhile pursuits. His parents were both competitive shooters, and his mother **Mary Powell Martin**, GHS 1932, was a member of the Greenville High School Rifle Team in 1932. His father **Eugene F. Martin**, GHS 1924, and his uncle **Ralph Wiebusch** both competed on the Annie Oakley Rifle Team from the 1930s through the 1960s, with Ralph winning the first Ohio Governor’s Match. Shooting sports also shaped Richard’s own youth. He competed as a Boy Scout on a rifle team at the local Fish and Game Club and became a member of the national Rifle Association (NRA) at that time. He is now an NRA Patron Life Member. His family relationships do include **Annie Oakley** (1860-1926) as his great-great-great aunt. As a little girl, his mother Mary personally knew and visited with Annie.

He reminds fellow Americans of the importance of the Second Amendment, quoting **Thomas Jefferson** and the Founding Fathers: “The right of the American people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Today, Richard continues to advocate for the shooting sports, for responsible ownership, and for membership in associations like OGCA and ORPA. He is grateful for his 51 years with OGCA.

Outside of OGCA, Richard serves as the Historian for the American Legion Post 140 in Greenville. He has dedicated time to preserve veterans’ stories and even developed the Post’s website. This includes his own story as part of the Interactive Media Career Tech class film project, titled “Never Stop Serving #25: Richard Martin, USAF, Cold War Era.” It can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSHaw63aRLO>.

Richard credits his lifelong love of shooting to his family, his faith, and his service. He is, above all, thankful for the friendships, history, and opportunities found in the OGCA.

G.H.S. Chief Yearbook Senior pictures of Dick’s family:

Eugene F. Martin 1924



Mary Powell Martin 1932



Richard Martin 1963



2026 Prom: Masquerade

This year's Prom took place on the first Saturday in May, May 2, at the Romer's Catering and Banquet Center near the traffic circle. The 20th year in this location was once again a success and combined a sit-down dinner with dancing and Prom events. This year 300 students attended who were Juniors or Seniors and a few Sophomores were able to attend with an upperclassman.

Proms were first documented in the 1927 Chief and have been mentioned ever since. It was known as the Junior-Senior Reception before 1939. Most Proms were held in the High School gymnasium from 1932 to 1962. After the new school was built in 1962, Proms were held in the new gymnasium from 1963 to 2006. Starting in 2007, Proms were moved to Romer's. Prom Courts have been recognized since 2003 and have been made up of Seniors voted by the student body who were not on the Homecoming Court.

The **Queen Candidates:** **Lily Brubaker**, parents **Sarah Zwiesler Brubaker** GHS 1997 and **Ryan Brubaker** GHS 1999, and will attend Ball State University and study Early Childhood Education and Special Education. **Cheyenne Gear**, parents **Ashlynn Ferrand** and **Steven Spencer** GHS 1998, will be entering the Air Force after graduation. **Emma Jones**, parents **Chad Jones** GHS 1999 and **Christina Parker Jones** GHS 2005, is attending Ohio State University-Lima branch and studying Zoology to eventually work in a zoo. **Madeline Lance**, parents **Elizabeth Hatfield Lance** GHS 1994 and **Jason Lance**. Siblings **Chloe** GHS 2015, **Alex** GHS 2016, **Marabelle** GHS 2020, and **Sadie** GHS 2024. Chloe and Marabelle were also Prom Queens. **Sara Loudy**, parents **Tim Loudy** GHS 1983 and **Lorrie Clifton Loudy** GHS 1990, siblings **Ava Loudy** GHS 2024 and **Mackenzi Poynter**. Sara is this year's Valedictorian and is attending the University of Northwest Ohio studying Business Administration/Marketing and playing volleyball. **Lily Wisner**, parents **Gary Wisner** and **Penny Wisner** (from South Africa), siblings **Cody Preston** GHS 2015, **Jordan Preston** GHS 2018, and **Samantha Preston**. Lily attends Wright State University and studying to become a Pediatric ER Nurse. **Rachael Wright**, parents **Clint Wright** GHS 1992 and **Charlene Begoon Wright** GHS 1991, siblings **Lauren** GHS 2023 and **Aaron** GHS 2028. Rachael wants to pursue a career in Marketing.

This year's Prom Court:

Queen Candidates: **Lily Brubaker**, **Cheyenne Gear**, **Emma Jones**, **Madline Lance**, **Sara Loudy**, **Lily Wisner**, and **Rachael Wright**.

Back Row King Candidates:

Jack Suter, **David Conway**, **Tov Garber**, **Jaron Blumenstock**, **Avery Meade**, **Owen Tamplin**, And **Landen Kimmel**.



The **King Candidates:** **Jaron Blumenstock**, parents **Sue Wills** GHS 2001 and **Jason Blumenstock** (Franklin-Monroe), plans on attending Sinclair College and eventually enrolling in a culinary school. **David Conway**, parents **Jim** and **Dawn Conway**, has 6 siblings (four have graduated from GHS and 2 are still in school), will attend Indiana University-East in Richmond to work towards a Business degree. **Tov Garber**, parents are **Sam** and **Robin Garber**, siblings **Kol** GHS 2021, **Asher** GHS 2023, and **Ahava** GHS 2029. Tov works at the family business “Current”, which makes solar/electric and solar panels for businesses, and plans on continuing this after graduation. **Landen Kimmel**, parents **Jessica Kimmel** GHS 1998 and **Ryan Class** GHS 2010, sibling twin **Logan Kimmel** GHS 2026. **Avery Meade**, parents **Amy Setser Meade** GHS 1998 and **Doug Meade**, and plans on attending Wright State University and study Mechanical Engineering. **Owen Tamplin**, parents **Beth Musser Tamplin** GHS 2002 and **Gabe Tamplin**, will study at Faith Bible International (in Maine) before entering the Religious Ministry. **Jack Suter**, parents **Sam Suter** GHS 1983 and **T.J. Richardson Suter** GHS 1990, and they are part of a four-generation family of GHS alums. Grandparents **John Suter** GHS 1953 and **Mary Rose Suter** GHS 1955, great grandparents **John R. Suter** GHS 1929 and **Mary Thompson Suter** GHS 1931. Jack plans to study Aerospace Engineering at Ohio State Univ.

This year’s Prom Queen is Madeline Lance who intends to become a Park Ranger.. This year’s Prom King is Landen Kimmel who wants to attend Edison State College Police Academy.

Crowning King Landen (below) and Queen Madeline (below):



Homecoming Chief Landon Noble and Queen Jada Moore, with Prom Queen Madeline and King Landen (below))



Dancing:





GHS Senior Class Officers at the Prom 2026 (above)
Aiden Manix (Vice President), Grace Sommer (Treasurer), Drew Beisner (President),
Annabelle Snyder (Secretary), and Reese Addington (Reporter)

GHS Junior Class Officers at the Prom 2026 (below)
Addison Fine (Treasurer), Megan Loudy (Secretary), Cloe Shuttleworth (President),
Nevan Miley (Vice President), and Lizzie Shaffer (Reporter)



2026 Year-End School Awards

The school ending awards took place at GHS during the Senior Send-Off assembly May 22, 2026. The assembly also included a slide show showing all senior pictures along with a baby or youth picture of each graduate.

The **Eugene Phelps Citizenship Award** went to the Senior Class President **Drew Beisner**, who is planning on attending the University of Dayton and study Business Administration. This award has been given every year since 1967 and as established to honor 46-year teacher **Eugene Phelps**. He taught History, Social Studies, and Spanish from 1924 to 1969. The ladies' version of this award was started in 1970 and honors longtime music teacher at GHS, **Miss Elizabeth Hill**, who taught from 1930 to 1968. The winner this year was **Madeline Lance**, who plans on becoming a Park Ranger.

The **Kathryn Griner Academic Excellence Award** is usually given to the number one academic student in the Senior Class. This year's choice was one of the three Salutatorians, **Landon Noble**, who is attending Wright State University and studying Mechanical Engineering.

The **Paul Warner Principal's Leadership Award** was once again presented by Paul Warner's grandson, **Dr. Alex Warner**, GHS 1967. Paul Warner was a 1914 Graduate of GHS, was a teacher for many years, then became Principal from 1928 to 1954. Drew Beisner also won this award in 2026.

The **Green Wave Pride Award** was given to **Malieki Rhoades**.

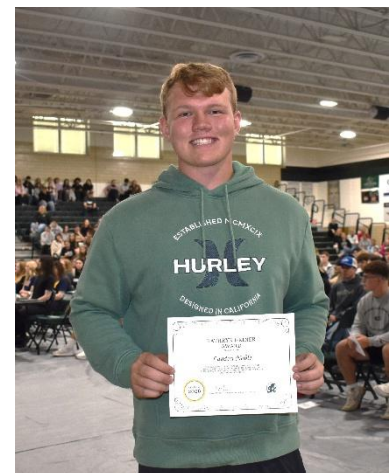
The **Lady Wave Softball Team** Wond the Southwest Ohio District and Regional championships on their way to the State Tournament. The two Wave seniors, **Kendall Cromwell** and **Lily Brubaker** show their plaque along with Athletic Director **Aaron Shaffer** GHS 1995 (below)



Drew Beisner - Citizenship and Principal Leadership



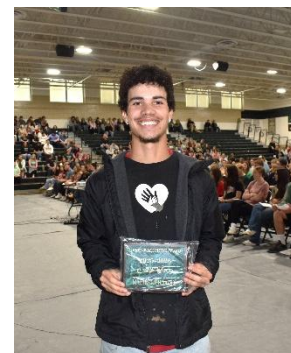
*Madelin Lance
Hill Citizenship*



*Landon Noble
Griner Academic*



Malieki Rhoades with Green Wave Pride Plaque (right):



The **Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards** went to **Jayda Lyons** and **Aiden Manix**. The **OHSAA Courageous Student Award** was given to **Landon Noble**. (below)

The **Jason Barker Spirit Award** was presented to **Drew Beisner**.

The OHSAA award for high academics and four letters won winners were **Sara Loudy** and **Landon Noble**. This was the Scholar-Athlete Award. (right).



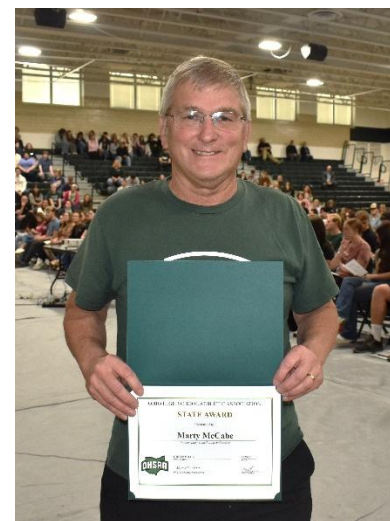
The OHSAA Award for Sportsmanship, Integrity, and Ethics, went to **Ella Oswalt**, Sophomore, and **Landon Noble**. (below)



The **Jack Raudabaugh Award** went to **John Barr** and **Jayda Lyons** (below)



The **State Award** is presented annually to a non-school employee who has contributed much service to the school and athletic Department. This year's honoree was **Marty McCabe**, GHS 1977. (below)



Lady Wave Softball Had a Successful Year

Coach **Jerrod Newland**, teacher at the Middle School, just completed his 24th year as Head Coach of the Lady Wave Softball. His outstanding record at Greenville is 619-112, a .847 winning percentage. This year's team had only two Seniors, **Kendall Cromwell** and **Lily Brubaker**, and they contributed much, as did the freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Greenville Softball Team Records in the Newland Era:

2003 20-10	2008 25-6	2013 25-7	2018 26-6	
2004 25-5	2009 28-4	2014 25-4	2019 26-5	2023**28-5
2005 27-1	2010** 30-4	2015 28-4	2020 COVID	2024 27-5
2006 25-7	2011 25-6	2016 26-7	2021 31-2	2025 27-3
2007**31-4	2012** 29-5	2017 28-4	2022 26-6	2026**31-2



Won State Title (**) in 2007; Final 4 at State (*) in 2010, 2012, 2023, and 2026.

After an opening day loss to Tri Village, 9-7, the Green Wave won 31 games in a row before losing to Bloom Carroll (from outside Columbus), 2-1, on June 5. Bloom Carroll won the State Championship the next day, 10-1, over Louisville (OH) HS. Tri Village had been on a long winning streak from 2025 when the Wave played them, having won all their games and the state title with a 30-0 record in 2025.

The Lady Wave are well coached and play the highest caliber softball in Ohio state high schools. The Regional Champions are pictured along with the coaches and school administrators. The game was held at Pleasant Hill Newton High School, and Greenville won, 4-0, over Western Brown (County) High School, just east of Cincinnati, and avenging a loss to that team in last year's Regional Finals in Oxford.



Team members from the Regional Champs photo (on previous page):

LWSB REGIONAL CHAMPIONS 2026

Front Row: *Coach Justine Shilt, Coach Morgan Gilbert, Lexi Yundt, Bri Klosterman, Cloe Shuttleworth, Kara Blumenstock, Senior Kendall Cromwell, Senior Lily Brubaker, Elle Kayler, Riley Thomas, Caleigh Stebbins, Haylee Fisher, and Superintendent Julie Jones.*

Second Row: *Coach Ally Russell Bowers with baby Baylor Bowers, Ayla Weyant, Payton Fourman, Hallee Fourman, Karstyn Davidson, Rylie Pfledderer, Rielynn Davidson, Jordyn McMullen, Ella Oswalt, Lizzie Shaffer, Leah Force, Carlee Yundt, Kai Swisshelm, and Callie Zwiesler. Back Row 3: Principal Stan Hughes, Program Assistant Steve Schmidt, Coach Ryan Brubaker, Head Coach Jerrod Newland, Coach Greg Newland, Athletic Director Aaron Shaffer, Coach Tom Cromwell, and Coach Denny Ruble. May 29, 2026, at Newton High School, Region 11 OHSAA Div-3, **LWSB 4, Western Brown 0.** (baby Baylor Bowers is the grand child of former Greenville Mayor Mike Bowers GHS 1979)*

The coaching staff has a strong GHS alumni presence: **Denny Ruble** GHS 1977, **Ryan Brubaker** GHS 1999, **Justine Shilt** GHS 2007, **Ally Russell Bowers** GHS 2016, **Tom Cromwell** GHS 1984, **Morgan Gilbert** GHS 2020. The only non-GHS grad coach is Head Coach Jerrod Newland's father, **Greg Newland**, who is a retired All-Star softball coach and former A.D. from Springfield South HS. Also, **Steve Schmidt** GHS 1977 is the most important program assistant. Jerrod graduated from Springfield Shawnee.

1932 Greenville Hi pennant
From **Margaret Pilliod Birt**,
GHS 1934, and **Tom Birt**
GHS 1976.



The City of Greenville Recognizes Tree Donors

The May 7, 2024, tornado which came through Greenville devastated the Greenville Union Cemetery on Union City Road, and the Greenville City Park. Also, it left a path of destruction through the city and outside of town. Zechar's was an initiator to raising funds to replace trees decimated during that tornado spree. Notable destruction happened to the Garst Museum and the Harmon Football Field, too.

The four-sided monument supplied by **Lasting Legacy, LLC**, adds a beautiful remembrance to our City Park, in front of the Marling Band Shell. There are over 600 entries of names, families, and groups tastefully engraved on the monument. These names can be read on the next page when enlarged, and include many GHS alums.

