

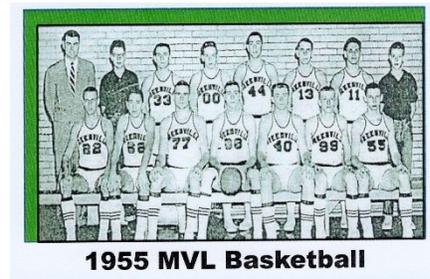
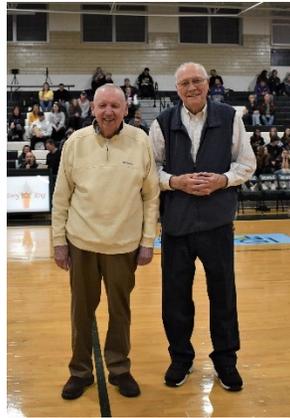
The Second Night of Champions 2022

The second **Night of Champions** was held Friday, January 21, 2022, after last year's event which was cancelled due to COVID. At five-year intervals, this recognition is for GHS sports teams which have won championships in the past. This is a tradition that was started by **Alex Warner**, GHS 1967. Since nothing was held last year, this year's honored teams won championships that were from school years that ended in "0", "1", "5", or "6".

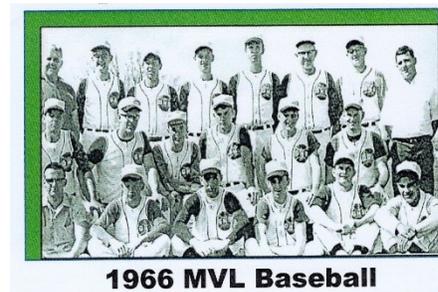
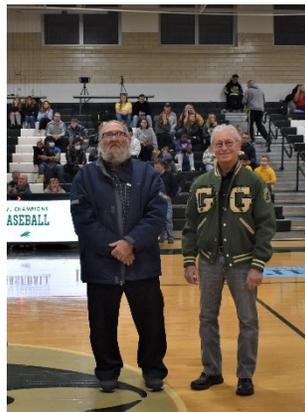
This is always well-received by the fans in attendance, and this year's boys' basketball game was nearly a full-house against familiar Green Wave MVL foe Vandalia Butler. This is now a regular part of athletic honors at GHS. For future dates, please contact Athletic Director **Aaron Shaffer**, GHS 1995, or **Alex Warner**, warnerakm@hotmail.com.

This year's honored teams and those members in attendance were:

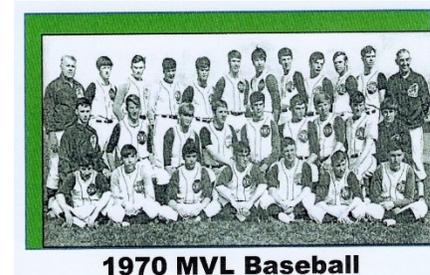
Representing the 1955 MVL
Boys Basketball Champions >>>>
Dick Hole GHS 1955
Ronald Hagaman GHS 1955



Representing the 1966 MVL
Baseball Champions >>>>>
Richard Harsh GHS 1966
Geoff Gordon GHS 1968

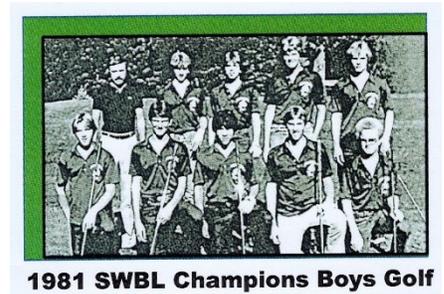


Representing the 1970 MVL
Baseball Champions >>>>>
Dennis Mong GHS 1970
Rick Claudy GHS 1970
Dan Judy GHS 1970

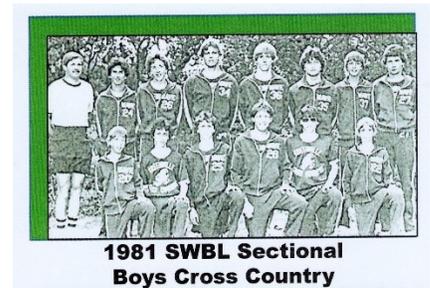


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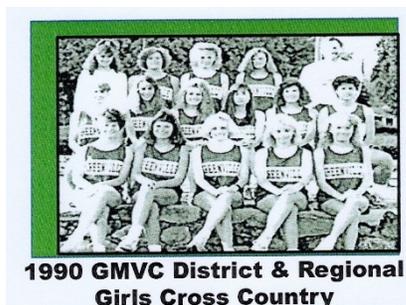
Representing the 1981 SWBL
Boys Golf Champions >>>>>
Dan Spidel GHS 1983
Mike Albright GHS 1982



Representing the 1981 SWBL
Boys Cross Country Champions >>
Joey Atkinson GHS 1982
Tim Atkinson GHS 1984



Representing the 1990 GMVC
Girls Cross Country Champions >>>>>
Scott Strain, Coach
Kara Moore Wenger GHS 1994
Jody Shumaker Henderson GHS 1992
Shannon Reigle Swank GHS 1994
Anne-Marie Bixler Tonsing GHS 1993



The Second Night of Champions 2022

Representing the 1995 GMVC
Boys Tennis Champions >>>>
Dennis Kiser, Coach
Phillip Pierri GHS 1998
Jason Willis GHS 1996



1995 GMVC Boys Tennis

Representing the 2001 GMVC
Girls Basketball Champions >>>>>>>
Amber Kruckeberg Short GHS 2001
Heather Bowman Riegle GHS 2001
Stacy Foster Thames GHS 2002
Brittany Runner GHS 2003
Dave Peltz GHS 1992, Coach



**2001 GMVC & Sectional
Girls Basketball**

There have been 105 GHS varsity athletic teams that have won league, district, regional, or state crowns.

This year's GHS athletes from championship teams who attended:



Dick and Jane versus Paul and Virginia

Daniel Henne, local grain elevator operator in Greenville, made a trip to France in 1890 and saw a pewter statue of a girl and boy holding an umbrella. He purchased this model and had it shipped home. After consulting with city officials, he donated the statue to our city and the statue was named “**Dick and Jane**”. The firefighters under the direction of Chief **James Boyer** were given the responsibility of their safe-keeping. The city hired **Fred Walters**, a local stone mason, to build a suitable pond outside the Fire Department in 1892. Circulating water pushes up to the top of the umbrella and runs down the umbrella into the pond and then recirculates. This location was on the Broadway side at the northeast corner of the public square alongside the old Fire Station. Each year the firefighters take the statue inside for the winter, clean and paint it and make repairs as needed.

Dick and Jane have watched Greenville’s history pass by. At the time they came, the Fire Department used an old Silsby fire engine pulled by two horses, Max and John. The trolley line passed right by the Fire Station then. All this history has changed along with the old City Hall on the Public Square being torn down in 1952-53. The old Fire Station was demolished as the Fire Department was moved to a location behind the new City Building. The statue was moved to its present location at the northwest corner of the Public Square in front of the City Building in 1966.

“The world around them changes, but Dick and Jane never change...and that’s the way it should be,” is written text on the Story of Dick and Jane in front of the City Building.

A similar statue has been located at a prominent site on the campus of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. It appears to be cast from a similar mold to the one Henne discovered, and it is called “**Paul and Virginia**”. It was a bronze and copper statue that was installed on campus in 1888 and bought by the SIU Class of 1887. It was the 100th anniversary of a French novel from 1788, “Paul et Virginia” by **Jacques Henri-Bernardin de Saint-Pierre**. The story is often associated with the themes on Enlightenment and is about two childhood friends who fall in love. After a fire in one of the buildings nearby the statue on the S.I.U. campus in 1969, an exact duplicate was cast in bronze and placed on campus in the 1970s. The original was retired until it can be restored. It is the same structure as the Dick and Jane in Greenville, but has a different umbrella and metal base. Both are positioned in the middle of a pond.

“It’s kind of an icon of survival,” said **Eric Jones**, a registrar at the SIU University Museum. “They just stand there quietly and mind their business and every year they’re there. I hope they’re there for a long, long time.”

“Any time students were heading to class for tests on campus, they would throw a penny in the fountain for luck,” said SIU alumnus **Michael Hanes**. “It’s a nostalgic memory to see the fountain. It has a great deal of whimsy, and it makes our hearts glad to know that generations will continue to see the bronze pair bestowing good luck upon us as they stand quietly in the center of the campus.”

We never knew that Dick and Jane along with Paul and Virginia all perform the same function for their followers. They are what makes Greenville and Southern Illinois University feel like “home” to so many.

View at corner of the current Greenville City building and on SIU campus:



Greenville City Building (2004)



Southern Illinois University campus

Close-up views of the two statues show that they appear to be from the same mold:

Greenville (1955 post card) closeup (below)

S.I.U. statue closeup (below)



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Old Greenville Fire Station postcard (about 1905-1909) before the horses were retired (about 1910-1914). The statue of Dick and Jane (after 1892) is to the left of the building facing Broadway at that time. It is hard to locate under the tree and against the building in this postcard, but would have remained in this location until the Fire Station was demolished.



Mark Wood Makes a Return Visit to GHS

Just 631 days after his last concert with the orchestras at GHS, world-famous violinist **Mark Wood** made a return to perform a “**Holiday Rock Show of the Ages**” for the citizens of Greenville. His first concert at GHS was Feb. 22, 2020, and was brought to Greenville by Music Director **JR Price**. Again Nov. 16, 2021, Mark brought his music program back to GHS. Both concerts were done in front of a near-full audience and were two of the best and most memorable events ever held in our school gym. The evening featured all the orchestras of the Greenville Schools: 6th Grade, 7th and 8th Grade Junior High, and the High School Orchestra.



Mark Wood and his friend JR Price (*left*)

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Mark Wood and Student Council President Jack Marchal (*right*)

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The 2020 concert was just before COVID shut down most activities in the United States and was the last school concert Mark performed until this second one at GHS. He usually has about 60 concerts at high schools across the country with a two-day set up and practice sessions with the orchestras of those schools. When he left Greenville in Feb, 2020, his traveling company went to Arizona to do a similar school project, but it never happened then and it took him about a month to get home due to COVID restrictions. His friendship with JR signified his return to performing with the high schools again.

Mark is a recording artist, performer, producer, inventor, Emmy-winning composer, visionary, and music education advocate. He was a founding and original member of the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** in the late 1990s and 2000s. He has spent four decades electrifying the orchestra industry and is the premier electric violinist of his generation. He invented the first solid body electric violin in the 1970s and his company **Wood Violins** is the premier manufacturer of electric violins, violas, and cellos worldwide.

Mark playing his violin while walking through the audience (*right*) >>>>



62 members
of the GHS
Orchestra with
Mark Wood
and JR Price
(right)

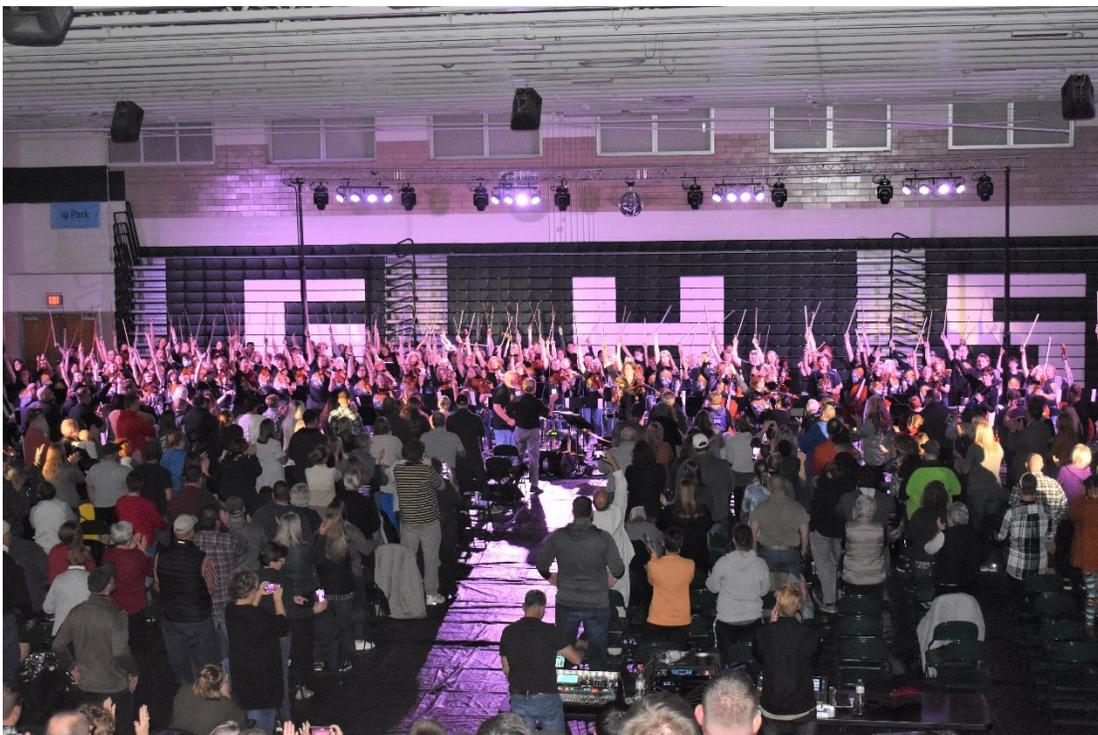
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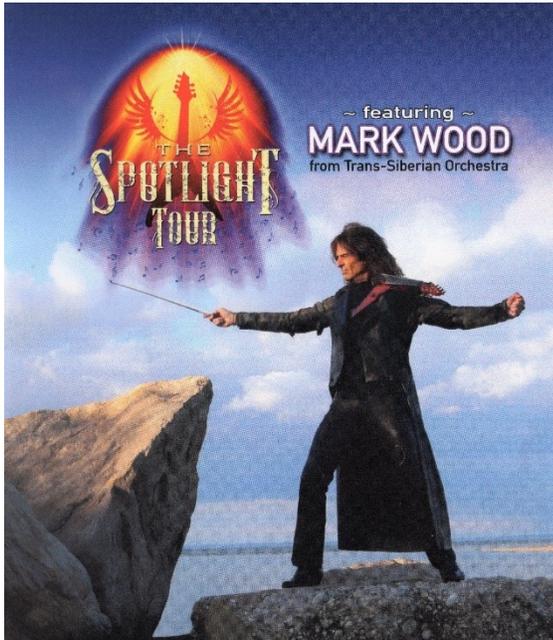


The 2020 show was a Rock show. This 2021 show was a program of Christmas music after his opening song, Queen’s “We Will Rock You”. Some of his seasonal selections included: “Pachelbel’s Canon in D”, “O Come All Ye Faithful”, “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”, “Mad Russian”, “O Holy Night”, “Silent Night”, “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies”, with the finale being the longtime Trans-Siberian Orchestra favorite, “Carol of the Bells”.

This was a show of great sounds, great lights, and great performances. Thank you, Mr. Price, for letting us see the “Greatest Show on Earth”!

After the Finale performance, “Carol of the Bells”:





Post Graduates attend G.H.S. after their Graduation

The years 1932 and 1933 were the years deepest in the Great Depression, and most high school graduates could not afford to attend college. Many of the graduating seniors who would normally be college-bound, stayed at Greenville High School, and took classes for one year only. There were no jobs available and the graduates were just looking for something to do to keep them off the streets. The timing of these classes is not remembered but they were probably held during the regular school day, and the teachers used were not identified. One class offered was typing, and this was one of the subjects which would always fit into the later careers of many of the participants. No one remembers if this lasted for the entire school year, or whether the students' attendance dropped off during the school year, since they were not working towards a degree. Some Ansonia graduates were shown in this photo from the 1933 Chief, which signifies this program was available for other county schools and was open to anyone. The year 1933 was the only year these "Post Graduate" classes were mentioned in the Chief concerning this unique but short-lived program. The photo here shows that class, with some of the identified members are **Marjorie Repp Bruner** (GHS 1931), **Glendora Harp Hussey** (GHS 1932), **Richard "Pete" Brown** (GHS 1932), **Dick Kurz** (GHS 1932), **Willard "Wade" Carr** (Ansonia 1932), **Donald Karn** (GHS 1932), **Maurice Mote** (GHS 1932), and **John Williams** (GHS 1932).

From 1933 Chief >>>>



GHS CLASS REUNIONS – 2022 – as of June 16, 2022

Turtle Creek Golf Course -was the Greenville Country Club, 3 miles east on U.S. Rt. 36

Montage is at 519 South Broadway nearly across from the Courthouse

American Legion is on North Ohio Street next to the VFW, north of Martin St.

Sure Shot Tap House -was Bistro Off Broadway, first block of East 5th St., across from Palace

V.F.W. Hall is on North Ohio Street, north of the Greenville Creek and Martin St.

J&J Party Facilities is on Route 502 one mile west of town, was Rehmert's Nursery

J.Ts. is the former C.J. Highmarks and Frisch's in front of Walmart

Jack's Cabin in the former Greenville Inn, 851 Martin St., next to former Corning plant

Elks – 2nd block of West Third Street, same location as always

Maid-Rite on North Broadway is known by everyone

Hills of Judea – South of Fort Jefferson and Wayne Lakes, just west and off of Route 121.

1952 May 12 Thurs., at JTs , at Noon, 11:30-3:00, [Photo at 1:00](#),

Buzz Blanchard, 548-5136

1954 June 1 Wed., at Turtle Creek Golf Course, 11:30-?, [Photo at 12:00](#)

Nancy Warner, bilnanwarner@gmail.com

1955 Aug. 20, Sat., at Hills of Judea, 3:00-8:00, [Photo at 5:00](#)

Allen Hauberg, allen.hauberg@outlook.com

Gary Lloyd, gal55@bh cres.org , Shirley Hughes, shughes@woh.rr.com

1956 Aug. 27, Sat., at Maid Rite, 3:00, [Photo at 3:30-4:00](#)

Jerry Gordon, jerry_gordon@baylor.edu

1957 Aug. 19 Fri. at Montage, 6:00-?

Ted Nealeigh, nealeigh@woh.rr.com , 937-548-0679, Marilyn Howell

1961 Aug. 19 Fri., at Jack's Cabin, 4:30-8:30, [Photo 6:30-7:00](#)

Dick Wright, rwright3@woh.rr.com , 937-423-2779

1962 Aug. 19, 20, 21: Aug. 19 Fri.: evening at Sure Shot Tap House, 6-11, pay as you go.

Aug. 20 Sat.: J&J Party Facilities starting at 10:30am, Pizza at 12:30, Business meeting at 5:00, [Photo 5:30](#) , \$12.00 photos if mailed, 6:00 buffet \$35/person, end 10:30pm

Aug. 21 Sun: breakfast at Jack's Cabin, \$13/person, 9:30am

Jim Sommer, sommerjim1@gmail.com , 937-423-9372

Alice Ann Morrison Brown, aliceab@embarqmail.com ,

1963 Aug. 27 Sat., at Sure Shot Tap House

Dick Martin, remartin@att.net ,

1965 Aug. 26 Fri., 75th Birthday Party, a VFW Hall, 3:00-11:00pm, pizza/salad at 5:30,

[Photo at 5:30](#)

Aug. 27 Sat., picnic at Wayne Lakes Clubhouse, Noon-?

Gloria Mong Brubaker, gbrubaker3839@gmail.com , 937-286-7137

1967 July 29 Fri., at Montage, 6:00-?

Alex Warner, warnerakm@hotmail.com ,

Kathy Rhoades O'Dell, godell2@woh.rr.com ,

1970 Aug. 20 Sat., 70th Birthday Party, 5:00-11:00pm, at Turtle Creek Golf Course,

Becky Pequignot Empie, robertempie@aol.com , 937-417-9222, [Photo at 7:00](#)

- Jan Klepinger Garner, jangarner@woh.rr.com
- 1972 **Aug. 13 Sat.**, at Turtle Creek Golf Course, 6:00-11:00pm, music, snacks
Aug. 12, Fri. at Sure Shot Tap House, 6:00-10:00
 Cindy Hess McCallister, ohiorazzie@yahoo.com , Peggy Crawford Black,
 137 Royal Oaks Drive, Mark Warner, warner.mark@mayo.edu with any questions.
 Jan Schwanitz Teaford, janteaford@gmail.com ,
- 1977 **Aug. 20 Sat.**, at American Legion, 6:30-11:00. **Photo at 8:00**
 Stephani Frye Wampler, swampler@woh.rr.com , 937-423-0488
- 1982 **Aug. 27 Sat.**, at Elks, time not set yet. Golf that morning at Turtle Creek
 Matt Arnold, mattvd338@gmail.com ,
- 1987 *unknown*. Mindy Rehmert has not heard of any yet, mindyrehmert@gmail.com
- 1992 Planning on having one this summer but no plans set yet.
 Matt Birt, mattbirt@gmail.com , Marti Brooks, brooksmarti16@yahoo.com
- 1997 **Aug. 20 Sat.**, at Elks Antler Room, solo music act, no times or food setup yet.
 Scott Fitzgerald, sfitzgerald@dafitzgerald.com ,
 Chad Curtis, chadwcurtis@yahoo.com , Matt Steyer, steyer24@gmail.com ,
 Matthew Steyer, msteyer@mjsplastics.com ,
 Matt Holzapfel, mawlkholzapfel@yahoo.com
- 2001 **Aug. 20 Fri.**, Romer's Party Room (side room), 6:00-?
 Lauren Warner, warnerle@hotmail.com
- 2002 **Aug. 20 Sat.**, at Sure Shot Tap House, 6:00-8:00
 Becca Litchfield Thomas, beccalthomas1@gmail.com , @BeccaLThomas
 Beth Poeppelman, bethgerlach@gmail.com
 Megan Hottle, megan.hottle39@gmail.com
- 2007 no set plans known.
 Meghan Amburgey Caldwell, meghan.caldwell12@gmail.com
 Katie Beanblossom Luce, ktluce07@gmail.com , Andrew MacKenzie (class Pres)
- 2012 no set plans known.
 Nicole Raffel, nicole.raffel@gmail.com ,
- 2017 no set plans known.
 Tiona Thompson, Class President

Times and Dates:

- Thurs. May 12, 1952** (JTs's, **1:00 photo**)
Wed. June 1, 1954 (Turtle Creek, **12:00 photo**)
Fri. July 29, 1967 (Montage, ?) ? = photo time not set
Sat. Aug. 13, 1972 (Turtle Creek, ?)
Fri. Aug. 19, 1957 (Montage, ?), **1961** (Jacks Cabin, **6:30-7 photo**)
Sat. Aug. 20, 1962 (J&J Party, **5:30 photo**), **1970** (Turtle Creek, **7:00 photo**),
1977 (American Legion, **8:00 photo**), **2002** (Sure Shot, ?),
1997 (Elks, ?), **2001** (Romers, ?), **1955** (Hills of Judea, **5:00 photo**)
Fri. Aug. 26, 1965 (VFW, **5:30 photo**)
Sat. Aug. 27, 1963 (Sure Shot, ?), **1982** (Elks, ?), **1956** (MaidRite, **3:30 photo**)
 Unknown at present: **1987, 1992, 2007, 2012, 2017**