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## HOMECOMING GAME

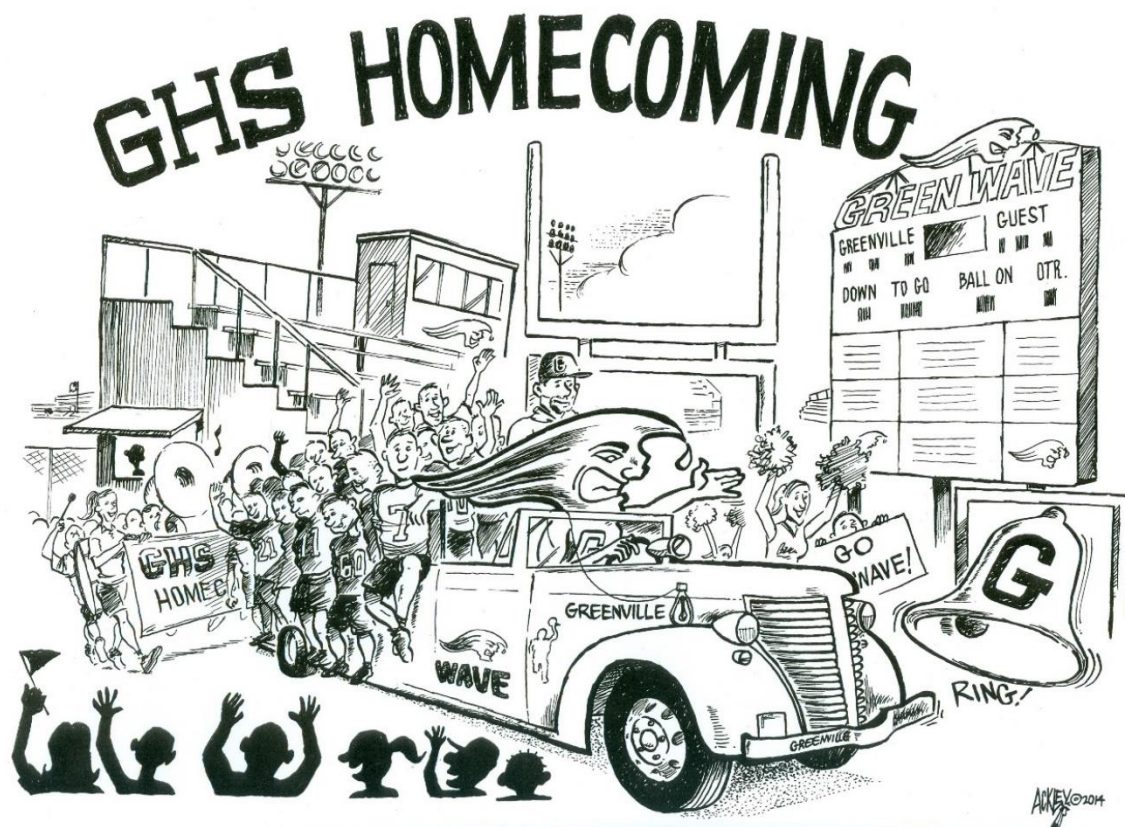
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

FOOTBALL GAME vs. FAIRBORN 7:00 PM

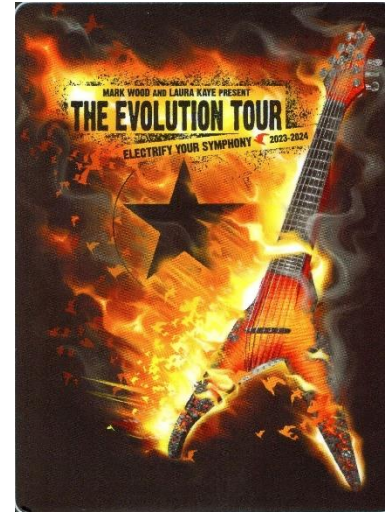
QUEEN CROWNING CEREMONY 6:30 PM

PARADE, THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 6:00 PM

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For the third time since 2020, professional musician **Mark Wood** has returned to Greenville High School for a concert on his **Evolution Tour** which included our Orchestras and Choirs. This year's event Saturday, March 9, 2024, was a sellout in the GHS gymnasium, having sold all 900 tickets that were available. GHS Instrumental music Director **JR Price**, GHS 1980, has been the driving force making this happen each time, and this year the GHS choirs were included in the production. The Vocal music Director is **Chelsea Martin Whirlledge**, GHS 2007, and this year's program was expanded by adding vocals to and alongside the orchestra performances. This packed the gym more than the previous performances did and gave a new dimension to this complete musical presentation.



Mark Wood was one of the founders of the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**, and was their original string master. Now he visits up to 75+ high schools across the country per year teaching their orchestras and blending his electric violin with the school musicians' experience. His programs bring together classical music with contemporary styles such as rock, jazz, and blues in order to provide a custom, hands-on learning experience for high school musicians. In 2010, NBC's *"The Today Show"* featured the Electrify Your Strings program filmed at Oak Hills High School in Cincinnati. In 2019 he had a three-day school teaching program at Wyoming High School in Cincinnati before ever appearing in Greenville, and he has been to many other schools across the country.



<<Chelsea Whirlledge is featured in the opening act, "Strings Will Rock You".  
Maggie Galloway sings "Till the Love Runs Out" (below, highlighted):



Mark's wife **Laura Kaye** was added to the performances on this trip and she has been a seasoned singer, songwriter, performer, and vocal coach for over two decades. Laura established **Electrify Your Choir** to empower young singers, and in the past, has provided background vocals for **James Brown**, **Aretha Franklin**, **Lenny Kravitz**, and **Sean Lennon**, along with countless television shows and advertisements. Utilizing techniques developed during her own



extensive career in the music industry, Laura coaches students on how to tap into their individual creative potential through self-expression and performance techniques. Laura is an Artist Mentor which involves working with choir students in their all-inclusive workshops that she and Mark teach, and informing so many high school students. Laura and Mark have been married since 1994 and have been professionally working together since 1988.



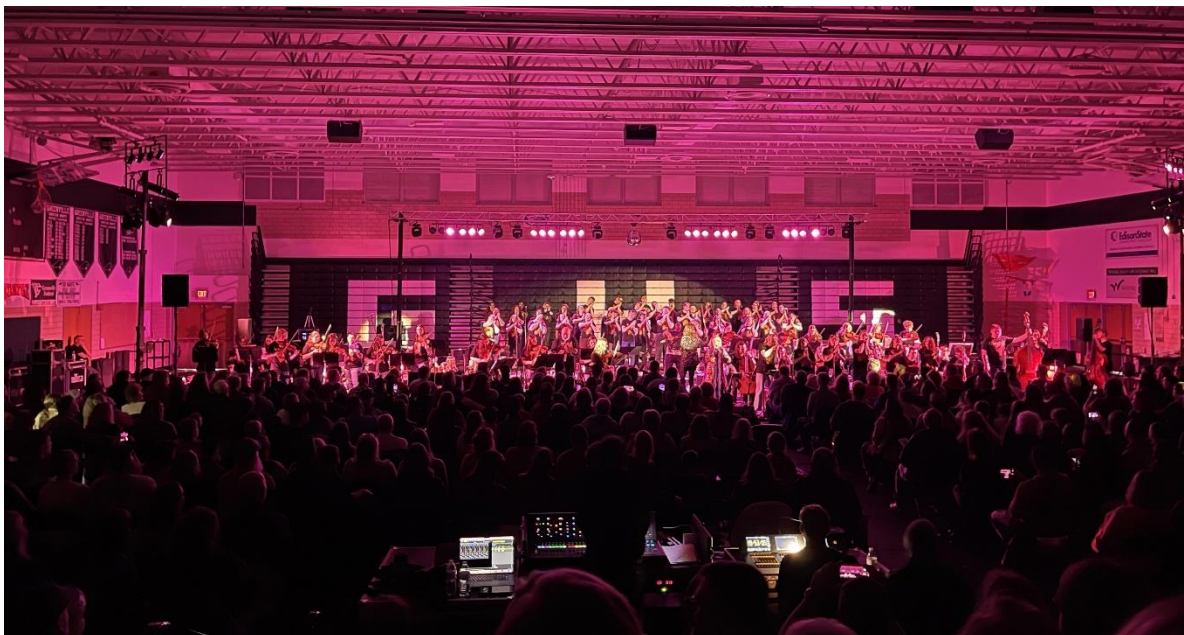
One time when Mark brought his music education program to GHS in the past was the last performance before the country shut down with COVID Pandemic in the spring of 2020. He was going to go from GHS to a school in Arizona but everything was cancelled due to the country's health crisis. When he returned to teaching about 18 months later, his first performance was back at GHS in November, 2021, resuming his touring with an excellent Christmas program. This was very reminiscent of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's holiday performances.



Mark's professional music training began with a full scholarship to the Juilliard School of Music, a private performing arts conservatory in New York City. His music education program, **Electrify Your Strings**, has been featured on news programs nationwide and he is an Emmy Award winning composer. He has played with **Celine Dion**, **Billy Joel**, **Steve Vai**, **Westworld**, and **Lenny Kravitz**. His **Mark Wood Music Productions** creates music for use in film and television.

He grew up working in his father's woodworking shop in Port Washington, NY, and built his first violin at age ten. In the 1970s, he built his first solid-body electric Violin and this has evolved into the seven-string, aesthetically appealing model called the **Viper**, which has a tone





*Performing a rendition of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" (above)*

quality between acoustic and electric. His company, **Wood Violins**, makes custom-made electric four-, five-, six- and seven-string violins and cellos. He has been referred to as the Stradivarius of electric violins. For the past 15 years, he has held a **Mark Wood Rock Orchestra Camp** in Kansas for one week in July, where students can advance their skills to the next level and beyond. *Promotional poster:*

MARK WOOD AND LAURA KAYE PRESENT  
**THE EVOLUTION TOUR**  
 ELECTRIFY YOUR SYMPHONY 2023-2024

featuring  
**Trans-Siberian Orchestra's**  
 Original String Master!

**Mark Wood**  
 James Brown,  
 Aretha Franklin

**Laura Kaye**  
 James Brown,  
 Aretha Franklin

**Nathan Blake**  
 MTV, Beto Perez,  
 Alvin Ailey

**IN CONCERT WITH THE ROCK STARS OF  
 THE GREENVILLE ORCHESTRAS AND GHS CHOIRS!**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH**  
**7:00PM**  
 Greenville High School Gymnasium  
 100 Greenwave Way, Greenville, OH  
 TICKETS: \$10 at [bit.ly/eyes-greenville24](https://bit.ly/eyes-greenville24)  
 Note: Night of door tickets will only be available if not sold out online.

SCAN  
 TO PURCHASE  
 ADVANCE  
 TICKETS!



*Laura Kaye, "I Lose Control"  
 Laura and dancer/singer,  
 Nathan Blake, below:*





This year's event started with the arrival of his equipment on Thursday, March 7, with Mark and Laura coming to the School on Friday morning. The equipment included an elaborate sound system with 4 crew members, lights, and staging frames. They conducted practices with the orchestra and choirs from 9:00 to 3:00 during the school day and again from 2:00 to 5:30 PM on Saturday. The program was from 7:00 to 8:30 that night. The first song was "Strings Will Rock You", a variation from Queen's "We Will Rock You" and featured GHS Choir Director, Chelsea Whirlledge's rousing and forceful vocals. Other music included "Love Runs Out" (One Republic), "Believer" (Imagine Dragons), "The Champion" (Carrie Underwood and Ludacris), "Paint it, Black" (Rolling Stones), "Crazy Train" (Ozzy Osborne), "Wood's Bolero" variation of the classic "Bolero", "Beat It" (Michael Jackson), "Carry on My Wayward Son" variation of the Kansas hit, and Mark Wood's violin solo show-stopping version of Charlie Daniels' "The Devil Went Down to Georgia".

*The finale,  
"Livin' on a Prayer"  
is met with great  
approval by all  
and a standing  
ovation. >>>>*



Laura along with dancer **Nathan Blake** performed an entertaining and pleasing version of "I Lose Control" before the finale of the entire cast doing Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer".

Greenville's "**Mister Music Man**", **JR Price** has developed a good professional relationship with Mark Wood and has brought great performances to GHS and the Greenville community. With the addition of the choirs, it makes for a perfect music experience. Many citizens have contributed to help make this event a success, and JR's driving force has put GHS in the stratosphere of quality music programs.

The audience showed their appreciation for these performances and Greenville could not have been prouder. Mark and his troop continue to encourage interest in the music programs of schools around the country where they perform and teach. Hopefully, they will be back for more shows in the future at our school and plans for this happening again are being discussed.

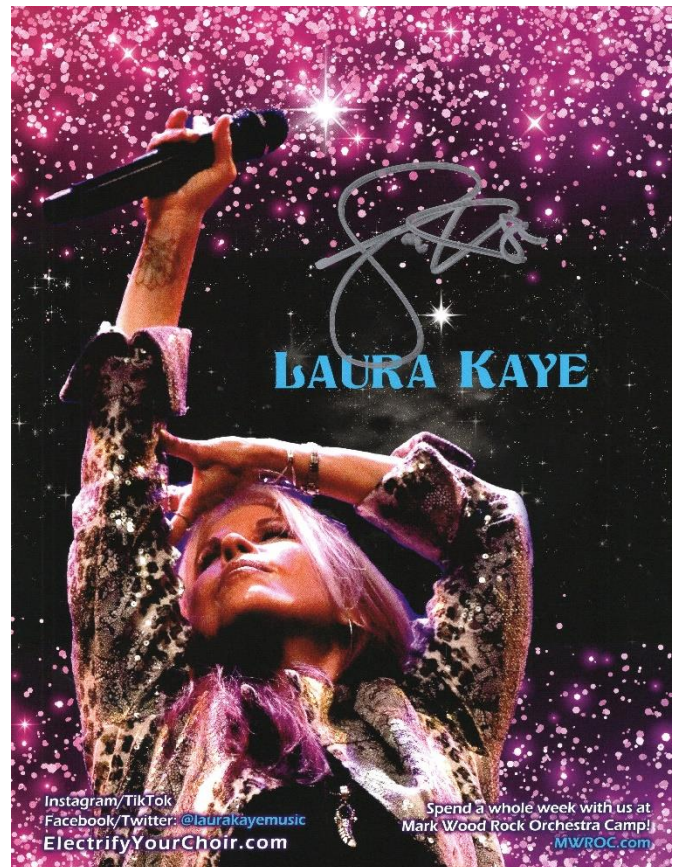
**WE WILL  
Rock  
YOU**

Sat, Mar. 9th, 2024  
7:00pm  
GHS Gymnasium



Featuring  
GMS Strings  
GHS Strings  
GHS Choirs





The stars of the show were the Greenville High School Strings, Greenville Middle School Strings, and the Greenville High School Choirs.

The leaders who made this happen are pictured below and were:

*From left to Right, Chelsea Whirlledge, Nathan Blake, JR Price, Laura Kaye, and Mark Wood.*





The Greenville High School Prom for this year took place Saturday night, May 4, at Romer's Catering and banquet hall, just off the traffic circle on East Main Street. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> year having it at this location which combines the dinner with the dancing and Prom events of the evening for the attendees and administration. This year 305 tickets were sold. All Juniors and Seniors were offered the chance to buy tickets and attend. Sophomores or others a year out of school could come with a current Junior or Senior. This year's lasted from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm with an After Prom event held at the High School from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am. The theme this year was "New York".

Proms have been mentioned in the Chief yearbooks periodically since 1927. The first known (named) theme of a Prom was "Greenville H S Line", referring to a ship-theme in 1931. Before 1939 it was known as the Junior-Senior Reception. Most were held in the old High School gymnasium from 1932 to 1962. After moving to the new High School building in 1962, Proms continued at the High School from 1963 to 2006. Proms since 2007 have been held at Romer's Catering facility in downtown Greenville. Prom Courts were not recognized until 2003, and have continued to present. These were students not previously on the Homecoming Court last October.

The **Queen Candidates:** **Myanna (Mya) Conway**, parents **Lori Brewer Conway**, GHS, and **Woody Conway**, siblings **Cylas Conway**, GHS 2014, **Seth Conway**, GHS 2018, and **Kale Conway**, GHS 2021, has been a Wavaire and plans on attending Cedarville University to study Psychology and Art. **Maggie Galloway**, parents **Amanda Galloway** and **Brian Galloway**, was a Wavaire and is attending Bowling Green State University to pursue a degree in Music Education. **Kaelyn Gump**, parent **Carrie Gump**, and is attending Sinclair Community College and studying Nursing. **Ava Loudy**, parents **Lorrie Clifton Loudy**, GHS 1990, and **Tim Loudy**, GHS 1983, sister **Sara Loudy**, GHS 2026, was the Student Body President (Student Council '24-'25), will go to Edison Community College and studying Nursing. **Ella McLear**, parents **Mary Lemon McLear**, GHS 1996, and **Jared McLear**, GHS 1998, grandparents **Jean Hoover McLear**, GHS 1970, and **Dr. Bob McLear**, GHS 1970, siblings are 2022 Prom Queen **Mollie McLear**, GHS 2022, and **Emily McLear**, GHS 2027, Ella was an outstanding contributor to the successful (27-5) softball regional-qualifying team, and will study Exercise Science at Bluffton University. **Jadyn Norris**, parents **Tara Norris** and **Jeremy Norris**, siblings **Jake Norris**, GHS 2026, and **Jarrett Norris**, GHS 2028, will attend the University of the Cumberlands and study Early Education (Williamsburg, KY).

This year's Court: *Front Row*  
***Queen Candidates:*** **Mya Conway**, **Maggie Galloway**, **Kaelyn Gump**, **Erin Leensvaart**, **Ava Loudy**, **Ella McLear**, and **Jaydn Norris**.  
*Back Row King Candidates:*  
**Will Gettinger**, **Aiden Honeyman**, **Jack Royer**, **Evan Beckley**, **Ethan Sundahl**, **Chace Drew**, and **Keaton Hill**.



The **King Candidates:** **Chace Drew**, parents **Rebecca Bromagem Drew**, GHS 1993, **Randall Drew**, GHS 1986, grandparents **Dick Drew**, GHS 1961 and **Sally Drew**, GHS, is going to work for the Drew Family farm business after graduation. **Will Gettinger**, parents **Susan Lavy Gettinger**, GHS 1995, and Board of Education member **Brad Gettinger**, GHS 1990, grandfather **Barry Gettinger**, GHS 1963, great grandfather **Jim Gettinger**, GHS 1940, is a four generation GHS family, siblings **Brennan Gettinger**, GHS 2015, **Sophie Gettinger**, GHS 2020, and **Lucy Gettinger**, GHS 2029. Will is studying Mechanical Engineering at Cedarville University. **Keaton Hill**, parents **Cindy** and **Ronnie Hill**, siblings **Tanner Hill**, GHS 2012, and **Alli Hill**, GHS 2017, wants to attend Real Estate school. **Aidan Honeyman**, parents **Alisha (Ali) Purnhagen**, GHS 1994, **Michael Honeyman**, GHS 1995, grandparents **Denise Graham Purnhagen**, GHS 1972, and **Jim Purnhagen**, GHS 1972, brother **Keegan Honeyman** GHS 2021, will attend a welding trade school. **Jack Royer**, parents **Sarah Wills Royer**, GHS 1996, and **Anthony (Tony) Royer**, GHS 1991, siblings **Cole Royer**, GHS 2023, and **Claire Royer**, GHS 2027, wants to attend a trade school to become a heavy machine operator.

This year's Prom Queen is **Erin Leensvaart**, parents **Rebecca** and **David Leensvaart**, siblings **Tessa Leensvaart**, GHS 2027, **Allie Leensvaart**, GHS 2028, and **Tanner Leensvaart**, GHS 2033, is this year's Class Valedictorian, is attending Washington University (St. Louis) and studying Architecture and Art. Here she is crowned by This year's Homecoming Queen **Josie Madden**. >>>>>>



The Prom King this year selected by his classmates is **Evan Beckley**. His Parents are **Christina Shepherd Beckley**, GHS 1992, and **Jacob Beckley**, GHS 1992, grandparents **Cheryl Paul Shepherd**, GHS 1969, and **Paul Shepherd**, GHS 1968, brother **Ethan Beckley**, GHS 2025. He works at the BRC (Brethren Home) and plans on attending Edison State College and continuing to work at the BRC. <<<<<< After the announcement of the Prom royalty.



Homecoming Chief Green wave **Jayden Hicks**, Homecoming Queen **Josie Madden**, Prom Queen **Erin Leensvaart**, and Prom King **Evan Beckley** at the City Fountain (below right)

Prom dancing (below)

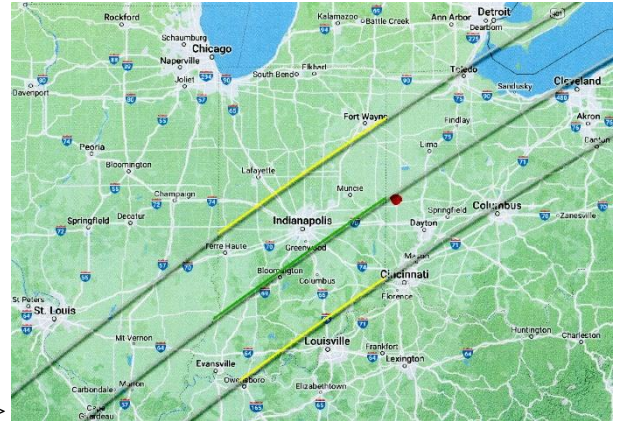




## Greenville Played a Significant Part in TWO Total Solar Eclipses

By Dick Brown, GHS 1964

It might sound far-fetched, but there is an interesting connection between the first **total solar eclipse** in the United States and the one we experienced this year. The first eclipse that passed over Ohio was June 16, 1806, and this year's was April 8, 2024. Hundreds of visitors descended on Greenville this past April, which included many out-of-towners who lived in parts of the country that were not going to see the total eclipse. Greenville was along the line of the longest duration for the total eclipse, which was about four minutes of darkness. The path across the U.S.A. shows the route of the eclipse and the parts which had a total eclipse being between the outside lines. Greenville's location is represented by the red dot on this 2024 path route map. >>>>

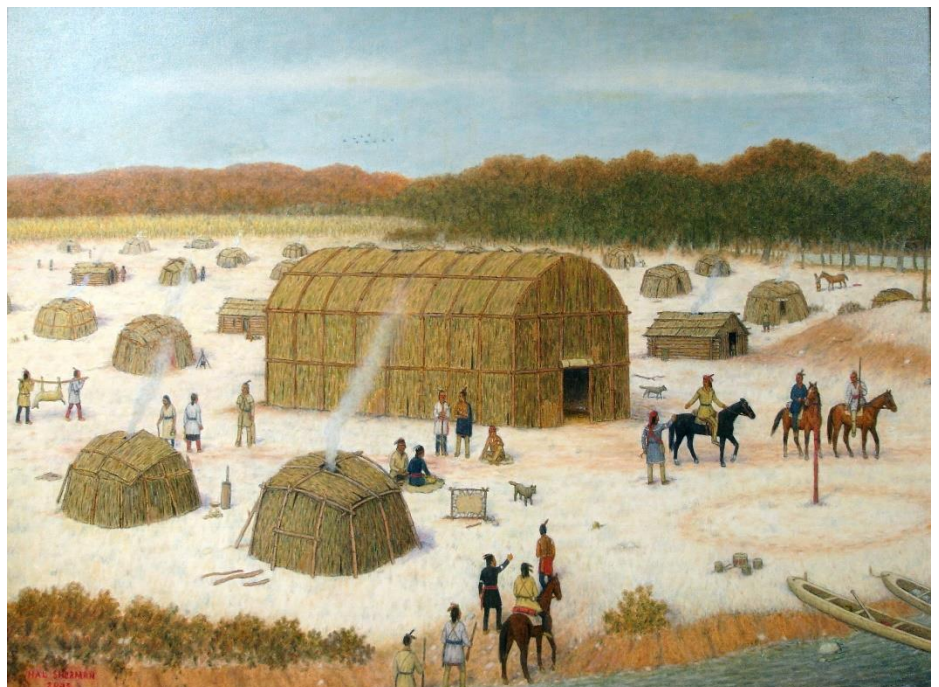


Many families had friends present to have “watch parties” at their homes, and others gathered at the Greenville Public Library, Garst Museum, Darke County Parks Shawnee Prairie, City Park, downtown Greenville, the Fairgrounds, and many other smaller groups and public areas. Families with the Airstream trailers club were meeting at the Fairgrounds with hundreds of campers enjoying the festivities.

Those who witnessed the event noticed that at totality, the four minutes of darkness was darker than expected, it got cooler more quickly than expected, and the sun's rays could be seen shining along the horizon on areas outside of the totality. It was a sunny, beautiful day, not what weather predictors said it would be. This was the only sunny day of that week.

Now, to explain the connection with Greenville's far past in 1806. That was two years before Greenville was established as a city in 1808. The fort had been dismantled after the **Treaty of Greene Ville** was signed in 1795, and smaller homes existed where the soldiers' cabins were located inside the original fort lines. There was an Indian encampment west of Mud Creek along the west border of Greenville, south of the Greenville Creek. This was called **Prophetstown** and was inhabited by 300 to 500 Shawnee Indians from 1805 to 1808. Indians would come and go and sometimes stay for weeks at a time. A central meeting house served the whole community for group meetings and ceremonies, and can be seen in this **Hal Sherman** painting of “**Prophetstown**”,

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*Situation of the City of Greenville is mostly where the 1793-96 fort was located with expansions to the east and south >>>*

*Prophetstown was across Mud Creek to the west of Greenville, only from 1805 to 1808 >>>>>*



which was commissioned for the Garst Museum by **Kay Brown** in 2005. Some of the Indian tribes represented at Prophetstown were the Potawatomi, Sauk, Fox, Delaware, Miami, Iroquois, Seneca, Wyandot and Ottawa at different times. This artist's depiction is dated 1807.

The highly revered Chief of the Shawnee Indians was **Tecumseh** (1768-1813), and he was attempting to create a federation of Native American tribes across the continent. He was a war chief and a political leader. He did not attend the Treaty of Greene Ville, where the Indian tribes ceded most of Ohio to the U.S. Government. Tecumseh hoped to resist continued losses of land to the ever-expanding settlers coming into "his" land.

Tecumseh's brother, **The Prophet** (1775-1837), was named **Lalawethika** ("The Rattle" or "Noisemaker") and lived at the village. He was abandoned by his mother when he was four years old, and was a homely child who was lacking many physical abilities. As an adult, he was an alcoholic and was dependent on fellow tribesmen to feed and care for him. In 1805 he fell into a deep trance and his body was prepared for a funeral. He regained consciousness and claimed that the primary Shawnee God, **The Master of Life**, told him that the Indians must give up all white customs and products, such as guns, alcohol, iron cookware, and glass beads. He said that they must revert to their traditional ways and stop fighting with each other. He changed his name to **Tenskwatawa** ("The Open Door"). Many Indians were first skeptical of The Prophet, remembering the drunken ways of Lalawethika. His following grew throughout 1805 and he, along with his brother, formed this village across the creek from Greenville for his followers and naming it for himself. He became a spiritual leader of the Indians and he met with various tribes who were living in Ohio and Indiana.

**General William Henry Harrison** (1773-1841), was the Governor of the Indiana territory then and would eventually become the ninth President of the U.S. He saw Tecumseh and his followers as being a threat to the white settlement expansion. Harrison was one of a few men who were at the first Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795 which opened up the Northwest Territories for white settlement, and the second Treaty of Greene Ville in 1814 which was a friendship accord with the Indians. Earlier he had been the General in charge of the Northwest Territories.

Harrison tried to discredit Tecumseh and The Prophet by sending a letter April 12, 1806 (two months before the eclipse), demanding that their followers ask The Prophet to "cause the sun



to stand still, the moon to alter its course, the rivers cease to flow, or the dead to rise from their graves. If he does these things, you may then believe he has been sent by God.”

The Prophet immediately replied that within 50 days that “the Great Spirit would take the sun in her hands and hide it from us, and day would turn into night.” At 11:00 AM on June 16, 1806, this part of his promise came true as the sun was eclipsed for those in Ohio.

The Prophet’s fame grew even more when he predicted this 1806 total eclipse of the sun. Many scholars believed his brother Tecumseh had learned about the eclipse from some American scientist(s). Tecumseh could have learned of the upcoming eclipse from settlers on one of his travels. There were many “eclipse chasers” crossed the country looking for this phenomenon to occur. Knowledge of an eclipse could have been known across the country, and astronomy had been studied for many years before 1806. This could have been predicted in an almanac or could have been a topic of conversation between customers at various trading posts. Tecumseh told his brother to predict the eclipse. All of a sudden, The Prophet had great credibility after his prediction came true, and the word spread. There was no widespread knowledge of this eclipse known to the public. Harrison probably wished that he had not made his earlier statement.

To put into perspective the time of this eclipse, in 1806, **Thomas Jefferson** was the third President of the United States. **Merriweather Lewis** and **William Clark**, who met each other at Fort Greene Ville in 1795, were returning from the west coast completing their **Lewis and Clark Expedition**. Ohio’s population was rapidly growing from 46,000 in 1800 to 230,000 in 1810.

Tecumseh and The Prophet moved their increasing number of followers to another **Prophetstown** in 1808, which was located near present day Lafayette, Indiana, along the Tippecanoe River. The Prophet had become a true spiritual leader of the Indians. This new settlement grew so large that the white settlers became fearful and demanded the U.S. Government do something to protect them. General William Henry Harrison led the U.S. troops against the Indians at the **Battle of Tippecanoe**, Nov. 7, 1811. The American army won the battle, drove the Indians off, and burned Prophetstown, Indiana, to the ground. Harrison’s popularity grew and he successfully ran for President of the United States in 1840, using the slogan, “Tippecanoe and Tyler, too!”. Harrison was “Tippecanoe” and “Tyler” was **John Tyler**, his V.P. who became President one month into Harrison’s presidency after his sickness and death.

**Ethan Tutwiler**, GHS 2021, won the contest sponsored by Main Street Greenville for the best submitted original drawing promoting the eclipse’s effect on Darke County this year.

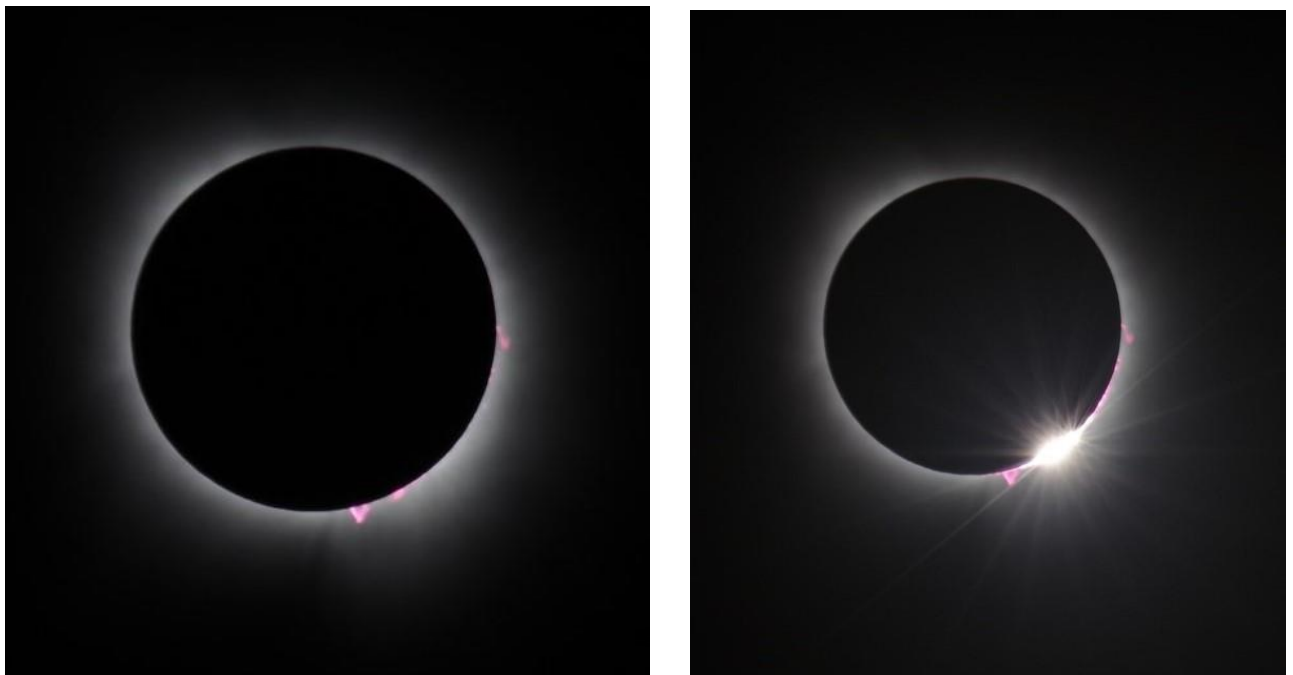




Some photographs taken on April 8 by master photographer **Kraig Reiber**, Cincinnati Turpin HS 2005, while in Greenville.



Sun flares can be seen shooting off the sun and this would not be visible to the naked eye or even through a filter, but did show up in conditions like this when the sun's view was actually blocked. This is most obvious in the two photos below.







These three pictures were taken just east of Greenville during the totality of the eclipse. Stars were seen in the sky at 3:10 in the afternoon, and this never happens on a sunny day (one is visible below and to the right of the sun in the left photo when enlarged). The other two photos show the sun shining outside of the area of the total eclipse about 60 miles away from Greenville, and sunlit areas are visible outside the total eclipse path. These pictures are looking to the west and to the north of Greenville.

The Prophet's prediction happened in Greenville in 1806 announcing that first total solar eclipse, and Greenville was strategically located near the middle of the path of totality for the 2024 eclipse. Many visitors descended on the Treaty City to see this event. One difference is that The Prophet was not here to offer his prediction this year.

Not many of us will be around in 2099 when the next total solar eclipse occurs. Only time will tell if Greenville plays an important part in the next similar eclipse. This year, it did happen and it was a real "crowd pleaser".



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This year's major Senior Awards were presented May 23, 2024, at the Senior Send-Off Assembly and video slide show in the gym of the Seniors and their baby pictures. The entire school was present for this event.

The highest awards given at GHS include the Citizenship Award, which was started by teacher **Mr. Eugene Phelps** in 1967 for outstanding citizenship and high moral character. The winner was Senior Class and FFA President **Jayden Hicks**, who will be attending Ohio State University to study Agriscience Education. Mr. Phelps taught Social Studies, History and Spanish at GHS from 1924 to 1969. (see right >>>>)

The Citizenship Award was separated into a boy's award and a girl's award in 1970 and the girl's award became sponsored by **Miss Elizabeth Hill**, who taught music at GHS from 1930 to 1968. This year's winner was **Lily Mowery**. (see right >>>>)



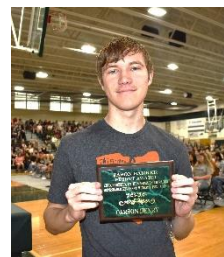
The **Paul Warner** Principal's Leadership Award was presented by Mr. Warner's grandson, **Dr. Alex Warner**, GHS 1967, to Jayden Hicks. This award also recognizes outstanding extra-curricular activities in the community, an outstanding role model for younger students and has earned the respect of the GHS staff. (<<<< see left)



The **Kathryn Griner** Academic Excellence Award was first given out in 1970 by the former teacher of English, French and was a Guidance Counselor and Dean of Girls, Kathryn Griner. This is given for outstanding test scores, scholastic achievement, is courteous, cooperative, and attentive. It usually goes to the Valedictorian or the number one grade point average in the Senior Class, and this year that is **Erin Leensvaart**. (see above right)

The **Jason Barker** Spirit Award went deservedly to **Carson Henry**, son of **Lauren Garrison Henry**, GHS 1998, and **Chad Henry**, GHS 1996. Carson is attending the University of Findlay and intends to study Animal Science, extending his genuine interest in animals. (See right >>>>)

The School **Courage** Award winner was **Ethan Sundahl**. (far right >>>>)



The **Jack Raudabaugh** Award is considered the pinnacle of awards at Greenville High School for athletic excellence. The winners were impactful, outstanding athletes in at least two sports, in the top one third of the class academically, are willing to make needed sacrifices in order to be a good athlete, are someone that other team members can “look up to”, and are a leader, not only in athletics, but other school activities as well. Mt. Raudabaugh was a teacher of math from 1937 to 1959, was a basketball coach, and became an Elementary Principal from 1959 to 1973. He established this award for athletic excellence in 1942 and the first winner was one of GHS’s all-time great athletes and former professional basketball player, **Bob Brown**, GHS 1942.

This year boy’s winner was **Jack Chick**, lettered two years in soccer, two years in basketball, one year in track, was a Captain, a scholar-athlete, an MVL scholar-athlete, Vocational Skills USA-VICA, and member of the National Technical Honor Society. He was MVP Offensive player in soccer, second team all-MVL in soccer, and was the Glass Cleaner (leading rebounder in basketball). He is the son of **Rick Curry** and **Stacy Chick**. He wants to become a lineman and work in Florida.

The Raudabaugh winner for girls went to **Josie Madden**, who lettered four years in soccer, one year swimming, played basketball two years, was a Captain, a scholar-athlete, an MVL scholar-athlete, and a member of Science Club, Student Council, Art Club, National Honor Society two years, National Technical Honor Society two years and President Senior year, member of the Careers With Children (CWC) program in Career Tech, was an FCCLA gold medalist, and the Business Professionals of America. She is the daughter of **David Madden** and **Kristina Hoyt Madden**, GHS 1995. She will attend Wright State University and study Nursing.

A special award was presented to the **David Ernst** family because of his contribution to the youth of our school, was a role model exhibiting outstanding ethics, soccer coach, and Board of Education member. Dave passed away this past year and his wife **Stacy Ernst** accepted the **OHSAA State Award** for contribution and service, along with their three sons, **Jordan**, **Addison** and **Avery**.

*Editor’s note:* The Ohio High School Athletic Association started this State Award in 2015 to honor someone outside the school who has contributed much service to the school and Athletic Department. The first two winners were **Dick Brown**, GHS 1964, in 2015, and **Kyle Kagey**, GHS 1969, in 2016.

*Below are the Raudabaugh winners, Jack Chick and Josie Madden (left), and the State Award winner, the Ernst Family (right)*





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The Send-Off Assembly ended with the passing of the School key from this past year's Senior Class of 2024 President, **Jayden Hicks**, to next year's Senior Class of 2025 President, **Gabriella (Ella) Stebbins**. They are pictured here with the GHS Principal, **Mr. Stan Hughes**, who has served this position since 2017.

(see right >>>>)

Ella is part of the large and significant Stebbins family which has contributed to the school over the past 80+ years. Her parents are **Jason Stebbins**, GHS 2000, and **Mindy Huffman Stebbins**, GHS 2000, and her grandparents are **Chuck Stebbins**, GHS 1971, and **Susan Schilling Riegle**, GHS 1973. Jayden was previously profiled.



*Left: Salutatorian Cali Harter (left), daughter of Jody Hole Harter, GHS 1995, and Todd Harter, GHS 1994, Granddaughter of J.L. Harter, GHS 1994, and Patty, and Granddaughter of Dick Hole, GHS 1955, and Barb Davenport Hole, GHS 1959. and will study Animal Science at Ohio State University. And Valedictorian Erin Leensvaart (right), Erin was previously profiled.*

Senior Class Officers, 2023-2024: (see below)  
*From left: Sadie Lance (Reporter), Evan Manix (VP), Jayden Hicks (President, Cali Harter (Secretary), And Josie Madden (Treasurer):*



Rain forced Graduation indoors:



## GHS OBITUARIES -- 2023

### 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 90% 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.

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 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](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)

TYPE IN THE WEB ADDRESS AND CLICK ON "OBITUARIES".

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Inez Irene Lindemuth Clevenger, 108 ( <i>ReichardFH.com</i> )	1935 d. Nov. 11, Union City, IN
Eileen A. Schiffer Tatum*, 102 ( <i>CapeNews.net/Falmouth/obit..</i> )	---- d. Dec. 31, '22, E. Falmouth, MA
*Eileen was a teacher at Woodland Heights, 1965-1967, mother of 3 GHS graduates, from Massachusetts	
Dolores Alfaretta Bankson Butts, 102 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1938 d. June 6, Greenville, OH
Jennie Joan Sellman Gebhart, 99 ( <i>MillerFuneralHomes.net</i> )	1941 d. Nov. 12, Kettering/Rockford, OH
Helen Eileen Barnhardt Kraus**, 98 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1942 d. Jan. 21, Greenville, OH
**Helen was a third grade teacher at South and East Schools, 1963-1988	
Betty L. Mergler Stein, 98 ( <i>WellmanFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1942 d. Mar. 18, Circleville, OH
John R. Studabaker, Jr., 93 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1948 d. Oct. 2, Greenville, OH
Robert J. Gunckle, 92 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1948 d. Feb. 1, Greenville, OH
Duane L. Sander, 91 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1948 d. July 26, Greenville, OH
Maureen Hemmerly McCabe, 91 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1950 d. Mar. 30, Greenville, OH
Jack Everett Runner, 92 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1950 d. Dec. 21, Weatherford, TX
Norma Jean Garbig Schilling, 89 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1951 d. May 14, Greenville, OH
Helen Marie Beisner Karn, 90 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1951 d. Nov. 8, Greenville, OH
George Laughman, 89 ( <i>CarlisleBranson.com</i> )	1952 d. Oct. 18, Plainfield, IN
Larry Gene Patton, 87	1953 d. Feb. 6, Waterloo, IN
Emily Patricia "Pat" Smith Roy, 86 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1953 d. Feb. 22, Grand Rapids, MI
Bessie "Joan" Meier Klein***, 88 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	---- d. Dec. 4, Greenville, OH
***Joan taught most elementary grades in Greenville for 30+ years, from Elida, OH	
Mary Jo Randall Smith, 85 ( <i>PlattsFuneralHome.com</i> )	1954 d. May 25, 2022, Evans, GA/Aiken, SC
Arthur Larry Grow, 85 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1954 d. Jan. 1, 2022, Versailles, OH
J.W. Beasecker, 87 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1954 d. Feb. 14, Bradford, OH
Jack Edward Baldshun^, 86 ( <i>MalcoreFuneralHome.com</i> )	1954 d. June 6, Green Bay, WI
^Jack was a Major League Baseball player for 10 years, 1961-70, for Reds, Phillies, and Padres	
Wayne E. James, 87 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1954 d. Aug. 18, Greenville, OH
Karen Sue McGuire Schweigert^^, 87 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1954 d. Sept. 6, Greenville, OH
^^Karen was teacher for 32 years in the Greenville schools, primarily at East School	
Daniel A. "Buzz" Nealeigh, 85 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1955 d. Mar. 7, Greenville, OH



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Barbara Rose Hunt Price, 85 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1955	d. Feb. 3, Greenville, OH
Titia Rose "Tish" Smith Holmes, 85 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1955	d. Mar. 9, Greenville, OH
Mary Ann Carnahan Brandt Owens, 85 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1955	d. May 24, Palm Coast FL
Ronald Lee Gribler, 84 ( <i>HoskinsFH.com</i> )	1956	d. Mar. 1, Lebanon, OH
Violet Gaye Fitzwater Bruner, 83 ( <i>StegallBerheideOrr.com</i> )	1957	d. Feb. 27, Richmond, IN
David Irvin Hughes <sup>^^</sup> , 83 ( <i>StockerFrale.com</i> )	---	d. July 24, St. Marys, OH
<sup>^^</sup> Dave was an English and other subjects teacher and coach of multiple sports, 1967+)		
Ilze Jakabsons Koch, 84 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1958	d. May 12, Portland, IN
Lavonne May Norris Sharp, 82 ( <i>WilsonShookFH.com</i> )	1958	d. Feb. 15, Modoc/Lynn, IN
Elizabeth Jane Frankman Beckley, 83 ( <i>BeaconJournal.com</i> )	1958	d. Apr. 2, Hudson, OH
Richard L. Krieder, 83 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1958	d. Sept. 9, Union City, OH
Patricia Ann McCarthy <sup>#</sup> , 82 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1958	d. May 15, Greenville, OH
<sup>#</sup> Pat taught 30 years, 1963-1993, Woodland Heights and other schools, later was a substitute teacher		
John Raymond Sonner, 82 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1958	d. Aug. 13, The Villages, FL
Joy Elaine DeWeese Semmens <sup>##</sup> , 82 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1958	d. Nov. 4, Cornwall, England
<sup>##</sup> Joy was a Home Economics teacher at GHS 1969+, also at Indian Lake HS, moved with husband to England		
Clarence "John" L. Carroll, 83 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1958	d. Oct. 30, Greenville/Ansonia, OH
Sara Gene Seman Bugher, 83 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1958	d. Dec. 1, Greenville, OH
Faleigh Edith Powell List, 81 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1959	d. Jan. 25, Greenville, OH
Barbara Jane Davenport Hole, 81 ( <i>ReichardFH.com</i> )	1959	d. Feb. 17, Greenville, OH
Kenneth Leroy Baker, 82 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1959	d. Oct. 1, Greenville, OH
Forest Lee Pitman, 82 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1959	d. Dec. 6, Arcanum, OH
Eric F. Ungericht, 82 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1959	d. Oct. 20, Lake Talquin, FL
Arthur J. "Jimmy Douds" McClure, Jr. 80 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1960	d. Mar. 4, Greenville, OH
Martha Ann Flory, 80 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1960	d. May 8, Greenville, OH
Annie Mae Jones Brunson, 81 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1960	d. Aug. 4, Greenville, OH
Richard Eugene Sommer, 81 ( <i>VernonFH.com</i> )	1960	d. Dec. 30, Urbana, OH
Billy Franklin McNutt, 81 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1960	d. Jan. 19, Hendersonville, TN
Bonnie S. Hufnagle, 81 ( <i>DudleyFH.com</i> )	1960	d. Feb. 15, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Douglas Dean Leis, 79 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1961	d. Mar. 8, Greenville, OH
Sharon L. Stevens Warren, 79 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1961	d. Nov. 30, Greenville, OH
Marilyn Sue Martin Warrick, 78 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1962	d. Jan. 11, Greenville, OH
James E., Bunch, Jr., 80 ( <i>ChurchFuneralsDirect.com</i> )	1962	d. Apr. 2, Arcanum, OH
Richard "Dick" Allen Foureman, 79 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1962	d. Aug. 17, Union City, OH
Charles Richard Crumrine, 80 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1962	d. Dec. 24, Greenville, OH
Gloria Lynne Snell, 78 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1963	d. Nov. 7, Greenville, OH
Mildred Elizabeth Cook Langston, 77 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1963	d. Jan. 2, Greenville, OH
Larry Lee Turner, 78 ( <i>LucasBatton.com</i> )	1963	d. Mar. 22, Upper Sandusky, OH
Marilyn Kay Birt Weider, 78 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1963	d. Aug. 21, Greenville, OH
Frances "Kaye" Halley Williams, 76	1964	d. Feb. 13, St. Paul, MN
John David Bingham, 74 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1964	d. May 8, 2020, Muncie, IN
Jerry Leon Doss, 77 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1964	d. Oct. 19, Greenville, OH
Roger Bruce Snider, 77 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com / ZecharBailey.com</i> )	1964	d. Oct. 18, Greenville, OH
Margaret L. Douds Ware, 71 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1964	d. Mar. 26, 2018, Dayton, OH
Christy L. Baker Quinn, 77 ( <i>BakerPostFH.com</i> )	1964	d. Dec. 16, Bristow, VA
Carol Jean Henderson Yount, 75 ( <i>Hale-Sarver.com</i> )	1965	d. June 16, Union, OH
Gary "Neil" Karn, 76 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1965	d. Oct. 3, ?
Cheryl Frances Slonaker Gilmore, 76 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1965	d. Aug. 28, Greenville, OH
Kathryn Ruth Blevins Bowers, 76 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1965	d. Oct. 22, Ansonia, OH
Duane O. Hobbs, 76 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1965	d. Dec. 1, Greenville, OH

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Benjamin H. Hanish, 75 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1965	d. Jan. 16, Lake Wales, FL
William Paul "Billy" Finton, 75 ( <i>from classmate Gloria Brubaker</i> )	1965	d. Jan. 23, Wheat Ridge, CO
Duane Raymond "Lum" Edwards, 75 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1965	d. Jan. 23, Greenville, OH
Richard Alan Bowers, 75 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1966	d. Sept. 14, Greenville, OH
Richard Alan Harsh%, 74 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1966	d. Jan. 2, Greenville, OH
% Richard was also an elementary Phys. ed. teacher from 1972-1997		
Ronnie Allen Winn, 75 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1966	d. Oct. 17, Greenville, OH
Joyce Ann Warvel Travis, 75 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1966	d. Sept. 2, Greenville, OH
Frank Tantum, Jr., 74 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1966	d. Apr. 5, Homer Glen, IL
Kathy Marie Jenkins Pevnick, 74 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1966	d. Aug. 10, St. Clairsville, OH
Nandor Istvan Varsanyi, 75 ( <i>DailyStandard.com</i> )	1966	d. Oct. 13, Cape Coral, FL/Celina, OH
Nandor taught Distributive Education in Career Tech at GHS, 1971-1974		
Steven L. Foutz, 73 ( <i>BeltonStroup.com</i> )	1967	d. Oct. 13, 2022, Fairborn, OH
Alfred A. Hayes, 75 ( <i>WestbrockFuneralHome.com</i> )	1967	d. Sept. 3, Greenville, OH
Gail Everett Horner, 74 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1967	d. Oct. 6, Greenville, OH
Doyle Rhynard, 65 ( <i>from Facebook and sister Beth Hoffman</i> )	1968	d. Nov. 30, 2015, (unknown)
Charles Ray Coulter, 74 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1968	d. July 16, Greenville, OH
Bryan L. Barnes, 72 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com / Legacy.com</i> )	1968	d. Feb. 7, Greenville, OH
Kenneth Alan Landis, 74 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1968	d. Aug. 5, Union City, OH
Leroy Lyle Knick, 73 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1968	d. Aug. 7, Avon Park, FL
Gloria Ann Hathaway, 74 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1968	d. Dec. 4, Greenville, OH
Stephen Paul Wilson, 72 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1969	d. Sept. 3, Greenville, OH
John Allen Maxwell, 71 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1969	d. Sept. 4, Greenville, OH
Pamela Kay Wagner Sharp, 73 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1969	d., Oct. 23, Greenville, OH
Celia Ann Harris Frazer, 71 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1971	d. Mar. 10, Greenville, OH
John Francis Smedinghoff, 69 ( <i>legacy.com</i> )	1972	d. Apr. 9, Greenville, OH
Donald Leroy Mansfield, Jr., 68 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1972	d. May 1, Greenville, OH
Jackie W. Sewell, Jr., 69 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1972	d. Jan. 6, Miamisburg, OH
Dennis Alan Baker, 69 ( <i>Jackson-Sarver.com</i> )	1972	d. Oct. 30, Covington, OH
Duane Mark Pearson, 71 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1972	d. Nov. 2, Greenville, OH
Patricia Louise Railey Roach, 67 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	---	d. Set. 22, Myrtle Beach, SC
Pat was a school nurse/elementary teacher, wife of former GHS Band Director, Steve Roach		
Judy Ellen Wallischeck Byrd, 67 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1973	d. Jan. 9, Tomball, TX
Roger Dale "Bern" Beisner, 67 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1973	d. Mar. 21, Greenville, OH
Sharon K. Harless, 68 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )-attended elem.school here	---	d. Apr. 22, Fort Collins, CO
Timothy Wayne Seiber, 67 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1973	d. July 14, Bradford, OH
Carl "Von" Gilpin, 69 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1973	d. Sept. 24, Greenville, OH
Jerry Lynn Honeycutt, 68 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1973	d. Dec. 1, Marion, IN
Robert Emil Goehrich, 69 ( <i>StockerFraley.com</i> )	1973	d. Dec. 24, Gettysburg, OH
Stacia Jean Myers McDonough, 67 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1974	d. Jan. 20, Seneca, SC
John Steven Powell, 67 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1974	d. June 12, Columbus, OH
Steven Larsh, 65 ( <i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i> )-attended GV, grad Arcanum	1975	d. July 2, Arcanum, OH
Teresa Ann Wombold Lyle, 65 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1975	d. July 10, Versailles, OH
Berendina Agnita Oostra Henderson, 65 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1976	d. Dec. 3, Greenville, OH
Melinda Jane Pitzer Stacy, 63 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1978	d. July 28, Greenville, OH
Amie Michel'e McClurkin, 61 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1979	d. Feb. 28, Greenville, OH
Scott Eugene Schlosser, 61 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	1979	d. Mar. 21, Westerville, OH
Melodie Rose Ashbridge Kolb, 63 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1979	d. Dec. 14, Greenville, OH
Alan Lee Gessler, 62 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1979	d. Dec. 22, Greenville, OH
William P. "Bill" Lucy, 60 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1981	d. Feb. 27, Greenville, OH
Crystal Sue Barga, 59 ( <i>TributeFuneralHome.com</i> )-bus driver	1982	d. Aug. 20, Greenville, OH



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Barbara Jean Beisner Rex, 58 ( <i>TributeFuneralHome.com</i> )	1983	d. July 13, Greenville, OH
Joanne Lynn Crick, 56 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1984	d. June 13, Greenville, OH
Todd Allen Huston, 57 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1984	d. Sept. 27, St. Henry, OH
David E. Ernst, 56 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	---	d. Sept. 15, Greenville, OH
<i>Dave was a Board of Education Member, and dedicated soccer coach at GHS, Greenville Schools Foundation President, born in Lincoln, Nebraska, graduated from Beavercreek HS</i>		
Jody Lee Pipenger, 55 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1986	d. Aug. 10, Greenville, OH
John Eric Cummings, 55 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1986	d. Oct. 4, Miamisburg, OH
Christopher "Leon" Shepherd, 55 ( <i>none-from fellow workers</i> )	1987	d. Feb. 16, Covington, OH
Scotty Dale McGuire, 54 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1987	d. Nov. 19, Troy, OH
Jacklyn Marlene Marshall Baker Beloch, 53 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1988	d. Apr. 11, Greenville, OH
Rusty Wesley Wehrley, 52 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1989	d. May 11, Greenville, OH
David Earl Plessinger, 51 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1990	d. Aug. 4, Greenville, OH
Andre Thomas Shaffer, 48 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1992	d. June 16, Greenville, OH
Shawna Dee Leigeber, 46 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1995	d. July 22, Greenville, OH
Eric Nathaniel Snyder, 45 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1996	d. Aug. 23, Troy, OH
Ryan Daniel Younce, 44 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1998	d. Mar. 8, Greenville, OH
Lindsay Ann Purnhagen, 42 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1998	d. Feb. 1, Greenville, OH
Ruth Annalee Smith Caudill, 44 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1998	d. June 5, Greenville, OH/Kentucky
Timothy Jay Sowers, 43 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	1999	d. Feb. 9, Greenville, OH
Adam Myron Feters, 42 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	1999	d. May 13, Dayton, OH
Nathaniel Albertus Sprowl, 33 ( <i>Legacy.com -Schoedinger cremation</i> )	2008	d. Aug. 6, Greenville, OH
Daniel Michael Cox, 30 ( <i>ChurchFuneralsDirect.com</i> )	2012	d. Dec. 30, Greenville, OH
Megan Leigh Galloway-Cole, 28 ( <i>Legacy.com</i> )	2013	d. Nov. 17, Astoria(Queens,NYC),NY
Jase Andrew Blocher, 23 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	2018	d. July 7, Greenville, OH
Braxton Scott Peters, 18 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	2022	d. May 28, Greenville, OH
Marissa Lynn Portemont, 17 ( <i>TributeFuneralHomes.com</i> )	2024	d. May 27, Greenville, OH
Alexa Hope Walker, 12 ( <i>DignityMemorial.com</i> )	2029	d. Apr. 22, Greenville, OH

### Open House photos from our Alumni Open House, May 5, 2024

The 1968 Class was represented by **Kathy Mote Laspada**, a former President of this GHS Alumni Association, and **Karen Bixler Taylor**, a class representative for our class reunions. (below left):



**Bradley Ullery**, GHS 1996, had a good time looking up school history (below bottom left)



Sign-in time (below right) with **Georgia Swab Young** and **Alice Ann Morrison Brown**, both class of 1962.



More photos from the Open House. We have had these Open Houses in the GHS cafeteria each year since 2010 except for the COVID years, and they are free to everyone to attend. We will be back next year to share the history of our school. Classes were invited to gather at the Open House, and we would take a photo of each group and some are included here.



Ron Asman

### GHS CLASS OF 1980

### ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE (above)

**Front:** Gail Keller Bankson, Karrie Bohler Quigney, Cindy Sipple Scott, Debbie Wright Nisonger, and Sheila Pace Patton. **Standing:** Misty Holsapple Everman, Mark Bankson, Chris Deeter, Len Nealeigh, Sheryl Wion Hollopeter, Rod Paul, and Steve Treadway.

### GHS CLASS OF 1964

### ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE (below)

**Left to Right:** Mike Arnold, Sue Thomas Schlechty, Charlotte Snyder Wright, Jerry Ellis, Dick Brown, and Fred Foutz.







**GHS CLASS OF 1962      ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE (above)**

**Front:** Alice Ann Morrison Brown, Carolyn Boolman McGuire, Georgia Swab Young, Sharon Doss Wintrow, and Susan Westerman Smearsoll. **Standing:** Bob Sharp, Galen Dohme, Ted Hicks, and Jim Sommer.

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**GHS CLASS OF 1977      ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE (below)**

**Left to Right:** Steve Schmidt, Kellie Smith Lovejoy, Jody Flommersfeld, Julianna Reier Williams, Stephani Frye Wampler, and Rick Leohner.





Members of this year's GHS Student Council and the National Honor Society helped us bring the boards to the Cafeteria and back home after the event, and passing out the free cookies and water.



Sign-in time is a family affair  
for **Betsy Brown Reiber**, GHS 2005



**Brandy Brown Hill**, GHS 2003 and Student Council President, finds her Senior picture in her class yearbook photos, along with daughters, **Hazel Hill**, 7, and **Louisa Hill**, 4. (below)



**Betsy Brown Reiber**, GHS 2005 and Student Council President, checks out her Senior picture on her year's class board, with daughters, **Brynn Reiber**, 4, and **Kaiya Reiber**, 2. (below)





The city of Greenville suffered through two tornadoes early in 2024. The one the evening of March 14 traveled from Winchester, Indiana, through Union City and basically along Horatio-Harris Creek Road across Darke County and affecting areas within the Greenville City Schools district. The one at 8:15 pm May 7 devastated the Greenville Union Cemetery and the City Park went through the area at the High School from North Broadway through the Park to Wagner Avenue. It affected other areas at the edge of town and in the rural areas as it traveled towards Gettysburg. Many areas of the Park were closed to the public until the cleanup of broken trees was finished. Some City Park photos are here:



Garst Museum (above), Horatio-Harris Creek (below)

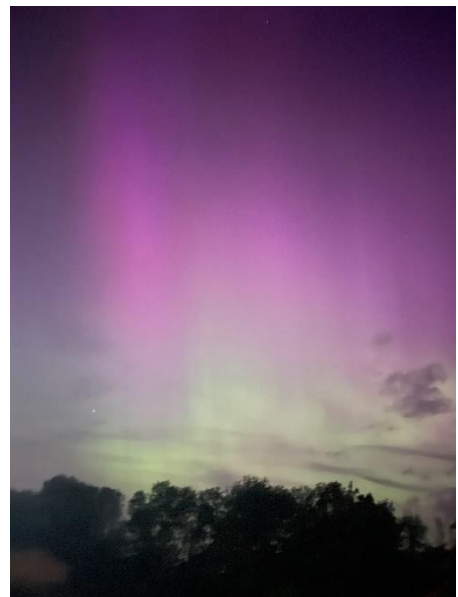




Harmon Field's Press Box and two light poles were destroyed:



Not all that happened this year was disastrous. The previously mentioned Total Solar Eclipse was a once-in-a-lifetime event that happened April 8. Also, on the evenings of May 9 and 10 the Northern Lights were on display in Greenville:



If you are interested in donating to the City of Greenville To help purchase trees, there is a form on the next page. You can use this information to make a tax-exempt donation so the City can buy new trees this fall to be placed in the City Park and the Greenville Union Cemetery. Over 135 trees need to be replaced in the City Park alone.

*Form you can print out or copy to make a donation:*



## "Adopt a Tree Program" Order Form

**All donations will be tax deductible and payable to  
Y.O.L.O. Inc. of Darke County A 501c3 recipient**

Donation Level.

Bronze Level \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Silver Level \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Gold Level \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Platinum Level \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tree's to be planted in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Park    \_\_\_\_\_ Grn Union Cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_ Park    \_\_\_\_\_ Grn Union Cemetery  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Park    \_\_\_\_\_ Grn Union Cemetery

Trees will be purchased in bulk by the City of Greenville and the types of trees will be determined by a professional arborist. There will be no plaques placed at the trees but there will be a permanent donor plaque placed in the park with all the donors listed. Tree planting will begin in early fall.

I would like to make a monetary donation to be used for trees in the city park or cemetery.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount

Tree Donated by (Name, address, phone number and email):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Monetary donation for monument repair at Greenville Union Cemetery \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: Y.O.L.O. of Darke County Inc.

Order Form and check can be mailed to: Zechar Bailey Funeral Home P.O. Box 337,  
1499 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331

If you have any questions, please Call Greg Zechar or Hallie Foureman at: 937-548-4141

Email. [gregory.zechar@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:gregory.zechar@dignitymemorial.com) or [Hallie.foureman@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:Hallie.foureman@dignitymemorial.com)



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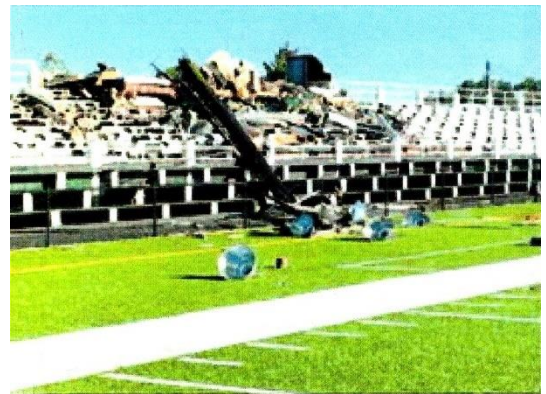
The Greenville City Schools had a lot of damage from the May tornadoes, and it was about all on the buildings' exteriors. Both school buildings, the High School and the K-8 Building, were both in the direct path of the tornado that came through town that evening. Some trees were knocked down at the schools and the Memorial Hall, and the tennis courts were hit hard. The buildings' interiors were not hit but school was closed for the remaining three days of that week. The biggest problems were restoring electricity at the schools and re-opening the roads in the Park area so cars and buses could come through. Much of the Park was closed for weeks later. The use of the football field still is uncertain and some alternate plans are considered. It was not sure that the light poles were safe to climb. Damage to the bleachers had to be evaluated. Liability insurance and property insurance were addressed before a master plan can be made in determining the future of the 87-year-old concrete Harmon Field stadium. The astroturf was gouged, ripped, and moved and insurance concerns will determine its future.

The School Board must determine if they are going to proceed with making repairs to the current stadium or begin Phase 3 of the stadium renovation project which includes new metal bleachers, press box and new lighting, or whether to do short-term temporary fixes.

Tennis courts damage >>>



And stadium damage >>>



## June McGowan Young turns 100 years Old

**June McGowan Young**, GHS 1942, is one of our oldest living alumni. She always attended her class reunions and now nobody else remains. She just celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Columbus, June 29, 2024. An outdoor celebration planned for Dublin Scioto Park had to be moved indoors to her church in Columbus due to unpredictable weather. The potluck celebration was punctuated with this comment, “Bring a fire extinguisher, too – The cake will have 100 candles.” Her daughter and grand daughter were responsible for organizing this special event.

Her biggest contributions to the GHS Alumni Association has been the stories she has written for our publications through the years and has been one of our premier assets. She can never be thanked enough for the history she has helped us preserve. Her story about the 1941 Wayne Theater was one of our top-rated stories ever published,

That was a lot of candles on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake >> >>



Earlier life photo (left)

At her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party (below)



Senior Photo (below)



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