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Our New Digital Newsletter Will Be Changing and Improving

If you have not signed up for our digital newsletters, so may have missed our first “off-season mini newsletter” sent out in July. These will be smaller and containing different information than the spring and fall editions. Eventually, we will not be mailing our newsletters, so please sign up now!

Our Alumni Association is very excited about offering a new product to our members! To keep you “in the know”, several smaller newsletters will be emailed with the latest stories and current news. These will contain higher resolution colored pictures that you can print compared to the black and white traditional version. We need to convert members to the new digital version of the newsletter due to the ever-increasing costs of printing and mailing. Please send your email address to greenvilleohioalumni@gmail.com along with your name and class graduation year to get started today!

**No email? A printed version of the newsletter will still be available at this time.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Homecoming Parade Thurs. Oct. 8 (6:30 pm), from W. 5th St., up Broadway to Harmon Dr., then to Park Band Shell.

Homecoming Football Game, Fri. Oct. 9 (7:00 pm), vs. Vandalia-Butler, at Harmon Field.

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This issue includes Greenville High School’s unusual **Graduation** during the Covid-19 pandemic and how it was presented. Also, a profile of **Mr. Tony DiRocco**, the beloved teacher, coach, principal, administrator, inventor, father, husband, and mentor whom all of us alumni that attended Greenville schools between the 1950s to 1980s will always remember.

The New Fieldhouse for 2021

The Friends of Harmon Field and the Greenville City Schools Board of Education are planning for this Fieldhouse addition to the football field if enough money is raised this year. It will contain a concession stand, public bathrooms, locker rooms, training rooms, coaches offices, and mechanical and janitorial spaces. It will be a 10,000 square foot structure. More details are on the back page 24.



Two of G.H.S. Best Students are Winners of the Raudabaugh Award

This year's recipients of the **Jack Raudabaugh Award** are two of the highest academic students in this year's Senior Class. These are very prestigious awards for G.H.S. athletes.

The 46th annual girls award went to **Morgan Gilbert**, who had a GPA of 3.92 (out of 4.0 max), and was member of Student Council, National Honor Society, SADD Club, Foreign Language Club, National Vocational Technical Society, Career Tech classes, Class Vice President, Homecoming Court, and Skills USA -VICA. She lettered two years in volleyball and was MVP in 2018, and lettered four years in basketball where she was a starting guard and basketball MVP three of the years.

Morgan's greatest success came on the softball diamond where she was a four-year starter as shortstop, Best Defensive player, Best Offensive player, highest batting average, most RBIs, and the 2019 GWOC Player of the Year--North Division. She also made 2019 First Team All-Southwest Ohio and 2019 Second Team All-State.

Morgan's parents are **Misty** and **Travis Gilbert**, and she is attending Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ.- Indianapolis (IUPUI) and will play softball. In high school she took two years of Engineering class and her favorite project there was making and riding hoverboards. In college, she will be studying Healthcare Engineering and hopes to eventually find a career in creating prosthetics.

"This is a big honor and it shows all the hard work and dedication I have put in", says Morgan. This year's softball season for Lady Wave Softball was not allowed this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but would have been a very successful year with nine returning Seniors. These Seniors had an overall record of 80-15 for their three-year career, and that was with no senior year.

Tyler Beyke is the 68th boy to win the Raudabaugh. He is the son of **Jim Beyke**, GHS 1989, and **Michelle Beyke**, and was a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Student Council, Homecoming Court, and Career Tech Engineering classes. He was a three-year letter winner in Basketball and Football, where he was the starting quarterback. For the Wave

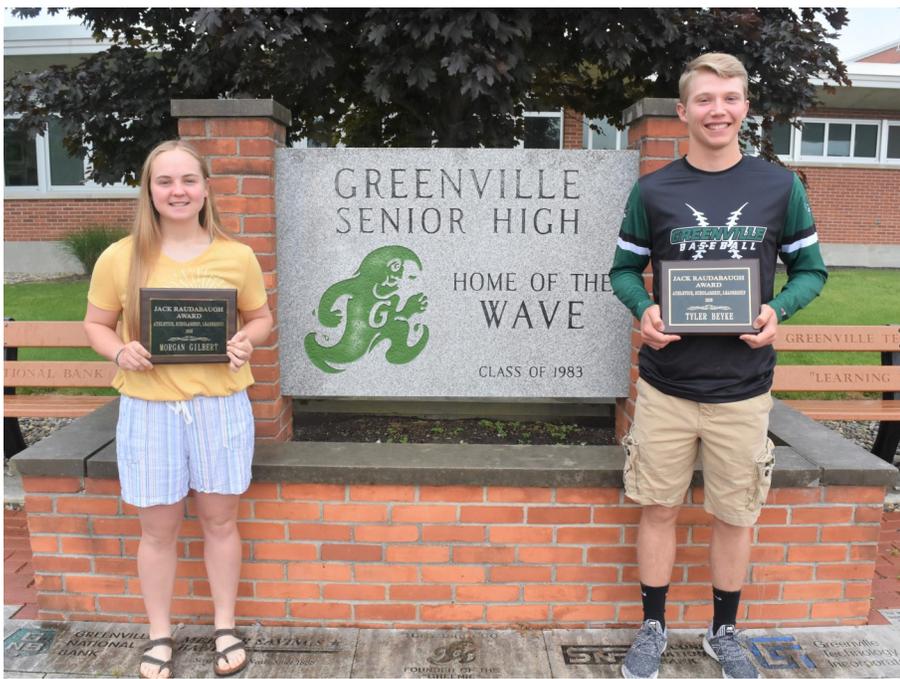


Jack Raudabaugh (1948 Chief)

Baseball team, Tyler was the Best Offensive player and a star pitcher. The team had ten Seniors and were looking forward to great 2020 season, which never happened this year.

"It definitely takes a lot of practice and hard work to make yourself the best you can be," he said. Tyler is attending Trine University (formerly Tri-State in Angola, Indiana) to major in Civil Engineering. Like Morgan, he also took the GHS Engineering classes with instructors **Chris Sykes** and **Adam Eberwein**, GHS 2003, and his favorite project was the water robotics.

These are two superior GHS student-athletes who live up to the high standards expected of all Raudabaugh Award winners.



Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive

At the end of August, 2016, four friends and I started on a mission that had been months in the planning. I am **Bradley Scott Malcolm, MD**, GHS 1968, and an avid cyclist. Over the past 35 years, I have accumulated over 150,000 miles on a bicycle but was now ready to take on a challenge both mentally and physically. The Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive have been called one of the 50 best cycling roads in the United States. It stretches from Cherokee, North Carolina, to Front Royal, Virginia. Our group had decided to cycle the entire route and we had one of the wives who would SAG us for food, drinks, and just general support as needed. I live in Lynchburg, Virginia, about 13 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, which served as a good training ground. We knew that we would need a lot of miles under our belts before starting such a venture. For training we were averaging 200 to 250 miles per week on the bike but also realized that we would encounter a lot of climbing, so we needed plenty of hill work. So, it happens that Thunder Ridge, which is a 13-mile climb with a steady 4 to 5 percent grade continuously, was just outside Lynchburg. This climb, I believe, is the longest continuous climb east of the Mississippi River and starts at 600 feet above sea level and goes up to 3,900 feet. For training we would ride up and down it twice and then tack on another 20 miles afterwards. We then set about planning our route and where overnight stays would be. We ended up staying in motels in small towns along the Parkway that would take you back to the 1970s with their décor. One night we stayed in Mt. Airy, N.C., which was the setting for the *Andy Griffith Show*. We also meticulously planned our meals along the ride as we figured that we would be burning somewhere around 5,000 calories per day.



The time came in late August to embark on our journey. We planned 9 total days which included driving time to get to our starting point. It was a good 6-hour drive to Cherokee where our starting point was. The first day was going to be the shortest day but still consisted of over 8,000 vertical feet of climbing and approximately 40 miles. The weather was overcast and, by the time we reached our destination, the temperatures were in the forties and a slight mist had developed. We had reached the highest point on the Blue Ridge Parkway at a little more than 6,000 feet elevation. Each day after that was entirely different with some of the most beautiful scenery you can ask for. We planned part of our trip over Labor Day weekend hoping that the



Our traveling group on the first day at the highest point



weather would be enjoyable. After that first day we had three days when the afternoon reached over 100 degrees even in the mountains and much of the day we were riding with temperatures in the 90s.

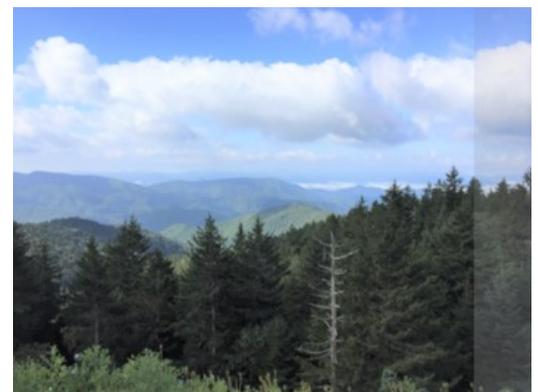
Our bodies were wearing down some with all the exertion and I specifically had trouble with “saddle sores”. I had a new saddle on my bike (big mistake) which made for some exacerbation of soreness but I was able to switch back to my old saddle about half way through.

We saw an abundance of wildlife from eagles, hawks, bobcats, foxes, a rattlesnake, and 14 bear sightings on the trip. Our spirits were good and we encouraged each other along the way.

When we finished on the ninth day we had done 591.9 miles and spent 52 hours 15 minutes in the saddle. We had climbed 63,151 vertical feet and had endured temperatures from 40 degrees to 100 degrees. One of us calculated that we used 31,502 calories just riding but it sure felt like more. I lost three pounds over the trip and we did manage to “get in some good calories”. I would encourage any of you who read this and haven’t been on either the Skyline Drive or the Blue Ridge Parkway in either Virginia or North Carolina to try to make a point to go sometime. It is beautiful either on a bike, hiking, or in a car.

Brad comments, “I am writing to congratulate on the newsletter and to also let you know how much I liked the article *Kilimanjaro to the Roof of Africa*. I thought that this might get a theme going in the newsletter to any graduates of GHS who have done something a little out of the ordinary. I am a 1968 graduate of GHS but unfortunately don’t get back to the area that often.”

Editor’s note: We very much appreciate Brad sharing this experience with us. He has always been a leader and many of us GHS alumni miss his presence back in his hometown.



Hope Schaaf, GHS 2020, is a most recent GHS graduate, and her mother **Teresa Dickerson Schaaf**, GHS 1994, is to the left of the graduate. Teresa’s mother **Anna Ganger Dickerson**, GHS 1964, is in the front row on the left end. Anna’s grandmother **Anna Clopp Young**, GHS 1920, is Hope’s great-great grandmother, and she graduated exactly 100 years earlier! In addition to this accomplishment, Hope graduated from Edison Community College with an Associates’ Degree like several other Greenville Seniors. Hope is attending Thomas More University (in Northern Kentucky just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati) and is pursuing a degree in Psychology.

A G.H.S. Class of 2020 Covid Virtual Graduation

The Seniors of Greenville High School's **Class of 2020** experienced the most unusual and disappointing ending to their final school year that anyone can remember. With the escalation of the Coronavirus during February and March, schools in Ohio were eventually suspended about the middle of March. Many people believed this would last only a couple weeks, with most activities expected to reopen in early April. The State of Ohio set the agenda for future actions.

Our school administration implemented a plan for online classes for all Greenville school students for the final two months of the school year. This plan worked to some degree but had to be brought into reality very quickly. As more time passed and May approached, there was no vision of school resuming for the rest of this school year.

By May 4, plans started being made for the ending of the school year. **Graduation** of the 219 GHS Seniors was held on five evenings from May 11 through 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm each day, with about 40+ Seniors wearing their caps and gowns and their immediate family gathering at the entrance to GHS at the cafeteria. They were then escorted on a slow walk through the building each night to see banners and pictures of encouragement from various clubs, activities, teachers, and sponsors who made these posters to be displayed on the hallway walls. The music "Pomp and Circumstance" played in the halls. The first path was going east towards the music wing and turning into the gymnasium. At the north end of the gym, there was a raised traditionally decorated platform that graduates would walk across to receive their diplomas from school administrators after their names were called. Along the west bleachers another setup of balloons became a picture spot for the graduates. Families continued along the hallway just west of the gym, then west on the main corridor past the Principal's Office to the main entrance, before exiting through the main entrance. The slower pace of walking through the halls allowed students to read the banners and posters, which were made to honor them. End-of-the-year senior awards from the administration and the educational departments were passed out to winners at this time, since no special award assemblies existed for this year. Senior scholarships were awarded at this time.

The five Valedictorians each gave speeches at the time they received their diplomas and it was incorporated into the final Graduation taping. *See separate story.*

Teachers were able to communicate with their students through their computers during this last two months of the school year. Mrs. **Chelsea Martin Whirlledge**, GHS 2007, Vocal Music instructor and assistant Mr. **Chris Andres** prepared their students for the Choir-o-Rama on computers and had each performer do their solo or

group routine in half hour segments on stage at the Memorial Hall. All were fully dressed for performances and the facilities were cleaned between each performance. This year's production was a



“Tribute to the Class of 2020”. These skits were patched together to become one show two hours in length. This final showing was aired on Facebook at the normal scheduled times when the events had been held in previous years (Sat. and Sun. May 16-17). A lot of work was needed to have the results to be as good as the original Choir-o-Ramas, but it worked out fine and was appreciated by many. This gave the feel of a live performance. Their facebook.com page is: GHSVocalMusicBoosters, where you can receive the latest news and updates on the choral music program. Instrumental Music with Orchestra Director **JR. Price**, GHS 1980, and Band Director **Sara Lewis** had their students practice by Zoom video on their computers/laptops. Their musical performances for Graduation were created and patched together similarly.



The Interactive media department under leadership of Mrs. **Lori Hoover** in the Career Technical Center patched together segments to yield a show which mirrored previous ceremonies. On the original date of Commencement, a taping of the was shown on the Greenville Public Access TV (PGAT) Spectrum Cable Channel 5, YouTube.com, and Facebook.com at the normally scheduled performance time for Graduation (Sat. May 30, 7:00 pm). A monumental amount of effort was needed to make things seem as normal as it could have been under existing conditions and it came together perfectly.

On that Saturday evening, some graduates “cruised down Broadway” in a typical Greenville tradition to show their celebration. One photo here shows three new graduates, **Brianna Wolf, Zoe Bethel, and Madie Hollopeter** celebrating their accomplishment cruising uptown. Main Street Greenville director, **Ryan Berry**, had the thought of making individual 2’x 3’ vinyl banners of graduating seniors to be placed on the light poles along Broadway for Graduation and the month of June. The City Safety/Service Director, **Ryan Delk**, GHS 1997, and the Street Department arranged for these to be displayed. Sponsors and some of the senior’s families paid for banners for any senior who wanted one. This was about half of the class and did include everyone who wanted one of these banners to keep after their use on Broadway.

This was very much a traditional graduation, done virtually. It included these mentioned details along with turning of the tassels and the alma mater, “The Green and White”. Reaction from those who watched was all positive and showed great effort accomplished. There will never be way to remember the live senior activities which were missed this year: like Prom, spring sports, award assemblies and banquets, art and music shows, community service projects previously planned by school groups, Career Tech projects, and the long-developing friendships which normally reach a climax in the happy moments of



Commencement. Hopefully, all future graduating classes at GHS will not have to have their ceremony done virtually.



Platform for presenting diplomas at the North end of the main gymnasium





Brianna Wolf, Zoe Bethel and Madie Hollopeter cruise down Broadway after Graduation. (to left)

Pictures from a GHS COVID Graduation



Valedictorian Natalie Milligan poses in front of the balloon wall in the High School Gymnasium after receiving her diploma (to left)



2020 Greenville High School Valedictorians (above)

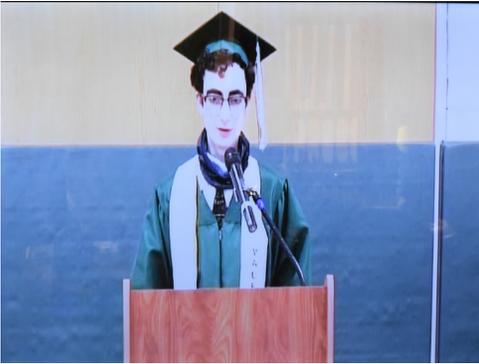
Left to Right: **Anthony Masso-Rivetti**, plans on attending Notre Dame Univ. and majoring in Mathematics to be a researcher or mathematician and whose Father, Sister and Uncle were all Valedictorians at GHS, **Andrew Bonfiglio**, plans on attending Ohio State Univ, and majoring in Mechanical Engineering, **Josh Galloway**, attending Ohio State Univ., and majoring in Bio-chemistry and Genetics, **Natalie Milligan**, is attending Ohio State Univ., majoring in Operations Management and wants to work for an large company with international relations, and **Amanda Chui**, planning on going to Ohio State Univ., and majoring in Actuarial Science.

2020 Senior Class Officers (below)

Left to Right: **Morgan Gilbert**, Vice Pres., attending Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis (IUPUI) and majoring in Healthcare Engineering, **Sophie Gettinger**, Secretary, Indiana Wesleyan Univ., majoring in Accountancy, **Ethan Flanery**, President, to attend Indiana Wesleyan Univ., and major in Biology and Pre-Med, **Jessica Mortensen**, Reporter, attending Miami Univ, and majoring in Forensic Science, and **Makenzi Glancy**, Treasurer, will attend Sinclair College.



Senior Officer Sophie Gettinger receives her diploma from her Dad, Brad Gettinger, GHS 1990, who is a current member of the Greenville School Board—as seen on TV broadcast.



Anthony “Tony” Masso-Rivetti, one of five Valedictorians this year, is the fourth family member to earn this honor at GHS. His sister, **Francesca “Cella” Masso-Rivetti**, GHS 2016, father **Louie Rivetti**, GHS 1979, and uncle **Andrew Rivetti**, GHS 1988, were also Valedictorians. This picture was taken from the TV broadcast of Graduation since the public was not present when recited.



Vocal Music selections played at Commencement were taped at the Memorial Hall stage, then spliced into the tape of the ceremony aired on the actual time of Graduation, May 30, 2020. The songs were “Granted” and “Seasons of Love” and were directed by Chelsea Whirlledge.

The Bankson family has owned Wieland’s Jewelers on Broadway for decades and this year Maggie Bankson graduated. Her banner was located in front of the family business. >> Four generations of Banksons have Graduated from GHS: Dad Matt Bankson ‘91, Mother Heather Vore Bankson ‘94, Grandma Arlene Spahr Bankson ‘59, Grandpa Dean Bankson, Ansonia ‘56, and Great-grandfather Roy Bankson, 1915..



Riley Hunt set the all-time record for a female high school pole vaulter for the State of Ohio last year when she was a Junior. Her Senior high school season did not happen but she has signed to continue her education while pole vaulting for one of the nation’s premier Division-I pole vaulting schools, the University of Arkansas Razorbacks. They have sent two pole vaulters to the Olympics in the past and Riley hopes to follow suit in 2024 in Paris. She plans on studying business and has always been interested in wind energy.



Tony DiRocco was a Great Positive Influence in our Schools and Community

Anthony A. “Tony” DiRocco (1925-1983) came to Greenville from his native Clairton, Pennsylvania, which is south of Pittsburgh, and was a positive force shaping the lives of the students in the Greenville Schools for thirty years. He was one of five children and expressed his first interest in athletics as a stellar defensive player for Clairton H.S. He graduated from high school in 1943 and joined the U.S. Navy, serving two years in World War II. With the passing of his father, he worked in the nearby steel mills to help feed the family. After the War, he was recruited to play football at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he played and lettered all four years. He played Right Guard on the line and was named Most Valuable Player his senior year. Tony was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. During their freshman year, he met his future life partner, **Shirley Stebbins DiRocco**, GHS 1948, who earned her teaching certificate and began her career in education, teaching at the Springfield schools and getting married in 1950.

After they returned to this area, Tony’s first job was teaching two years at the Butler Township School, south of Greenville, where he established the school’s physical education program. Here he coached basketball and track. Due to his love for football, he volunteered as an assistant football coach for **Jim Eby** (Wave Head Coach, 1952-1955) for two years in Greenville and was paid \$100 per year by the GHS Athletic Department for his service. He played a large part in the defensive coaching for Eby and the undefeated game results speak for themselves. Tony taught American History at GHS (1954-1955), and was an assistant football coach along with head basketball coach **Benny Cole**, who was also assistant football coach, under Jim Eby’s leadership. This was one of the best group of athletes ever assembled at GHS, and Jim, Benny and Tony were great coaches to bring out the best of players’ talents. Eby was known as one of the best high school football coaches in this area at the time, having an undefeated team at Greenville and another one later at Dayton Colonel White. Coach Eby knew Tony was a coaching asset and asked him to help the Wave. During the 1955 to 1962 years, Tony was a roving physical education teacher in the Greenville elementary schools.

Coach DiRocco was an assistant gridiron coach for eight years and was a very successful head golf coach for five years (1957-1961). The golf teams were MVL Champs in 1958 and 1959 and finished second in the State Golf tournament in 1959. His 1960 team had a 10-1 record and finished eighth in the State. In 1962, he was head tennis coach.

Greenville was historically one of the charter members of the Miami Valley League from 1928 to 1971. The league just disappeared in 1972 with the participating teams moving to either the Western Ohio League (WOL) or the Southwestern Buckeye League (SWBL). GHS went to the SWBL. Mr. DiRocco was instrumental in helping the Green Wave to join the newly forming Greater Miami Valley Conference (GMVC) in 1982, where the school remained until 2000.

Beginning in 1963 and continuing for the next eight years, Tony was the GHS Athletic Director and taught high school boys P.E. **Coney Cornett** was the High School Principal at this time, and he convinced Tony to return to college and to get a Master’s Degree in Administration. (*Coney Cornett was GHS biology teacher 1957-59, GHS Principal 1959-71, elementary principal 1971-75, and junior high principal 1975-80*). This effectively ended Tony’s formal sports mentoring career.



Coach DiRocco’s football playing photo at Wittenberg University

Mr. DiRocco was an inventor, too. In his assistant coaching jobs of the 1950s, he observed that the football players needed mouth protection. In the previously mentioned story, he teamed up with **Jim Enicks**, GHS 1943, to craft a workable design mouthpiece to benefit the players of that day. They received a patent in 1960 and manufactured the products in the 1960s. This was later bought and incorporated into Johnson and Johnson's athletic division and was distributed on a national network level.

After assuming the Athletic Director's position in the Fall of 1963, the Athletic Board asked him to create a new design emblem for the school. He took very seriously this idea of creating a Greenie symbol. He worked with some art students at the high school and mechanical drawing students **Charlie James**, GHS 1966, and **Dave Hawley**, GHS 1966, from Mr. **Brode Cornett's** mechanical drawing class. Local artist **Don Baker** of Neff Lettering perfected the drawing and smoothed out the wrinkles. They kept updating drawings to have a facial appearance that carried a message of determination and fair play. Tony's good friend, **Virgil "Jiggs" Judy**, GHS 1942, credited him, "The concept was all Tony's. He wrote to all the colleges he could that had any connection with the nickname 'Green Wave' or 'Wave' to see what kind of symbol they used." The final design first appeared in the 1965 Chief as a pencil drawing. **Clarence Gueth's** basketball team was the first GHS sports team to use this Greenie emblem in 1965. Clarence remembered cutting an electronic stencil at Judy Typewriters and put the GREENIE on the stat brochure that year. This first Greenie emblem is preferred by most alumni, although a newer "meaner" Green Wave symbol is also used for some Wave sports teams. Designing the Greenie was one of Tony's happiest accomplishments at GHS.

Mr. DiRocco received his Master's Degree in School Administration from Xavier University in 1970 and worked for the next four years (1972-1976) as an assistant principal at Northmont Schools in Englewood. Following the untimely death of Mr. John R. Smith in 1976, there was an opening at GHS for a new Principal. Then Superintendent **Everett Potts** came to Tony and asked him to come back to Greenville. Tony listened to Mr. Potts and served as school Principal from 1976 to 1979 before advancing to the Assistant Superintendent position in Greenville's school administration. In his fourth year at this position, he unexpectedly passed away and left a void very hard to fill. Everyone attending school in Greenville during the 1950s to the 1980s was touched by Tony's knowledge, passion, interest, presence, mentoring, and love of our school. He commanded respect and that was honored. Students learned that you didn't call him "Tony" to his face or there would be consequences.

Clarence Gueth, former head of the vocational program had worked with Mr. DiRocco many times over the years in coaching and academics. When Tony was the A.D., he appointed Clarence the head basketball coach. "He was well-respected among other school people: not only in ours, but with other schools we were associated with," Gueth said of DiRocco.

Shirley was part of a well-respected, large local family. Her parents were **Frank** and **Fay Stebbins**, and she had four siblings who were GHS graduates: **Norman Stebbins**, GHS 1942, **Lee Stebbins**, GHS 1943,



TONY DI ROCCO, B.S.
American History, Physical Education, Coach. 1955 Chief



1983 Chief

NAME: A. A. DiRocco
ALIAS: Assistant Superintendent, Tony
BACKGROUND: This man is often found in meetings and other important functions for the school. He has a very good reputation with fellow workers.



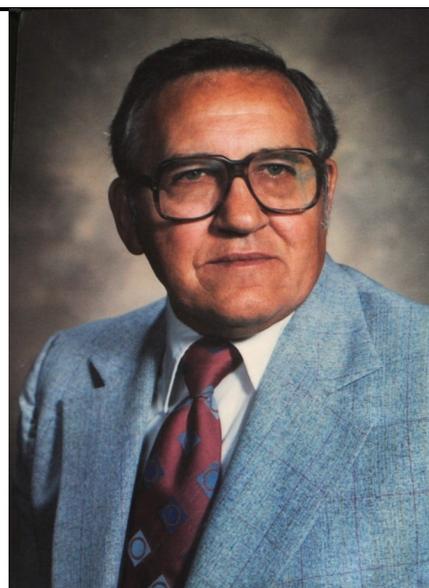
TONY DI ROCCO BLAIR IRVIN

Athletic Director DiRocco
Football Coach Irvin 1964

Lowell Stebbins, GHS 1945, and **Gary Stebbins**, GHS 1957. Shirley taught from 1950 to 1990, taking 12 years off to raise their children, and retired from Woodland Heights Elementary School. Tony and Shirley had three children who all graduated from GHS: The Reverend **Julianne DiRocco Smith**, GHS 1976, **Tom DiRocco**, GHS 1978, and **Loralee DiRocco Anderson**, GHS 1982. Mrs. DiRocco has always been a leader of the Greenville High School Alumni Association and continues to this day organizing class reunions for her Class of 1948. This is the oldest class to have continuing annual reunions.

After Tony's death, the late **Bob Light**, GHS 1958, wrote in the newspaper, "I had the world of respect for that man. He was a man that was honest and hard-working and the students were his concern. He was a man of character who helped many of us gain a little character."

The DiRocco family name has been positively associated with the Greenville Schools for decades. Tony has worn a lot of hats in his various jobs in the school system. He was friendly to the students and was respected through the years. One job he never had was Head Football Coach because the timing was never right. He probably would have been one of the school's all-time best if he had been given that chance.



Tony DiRocco Timeline:

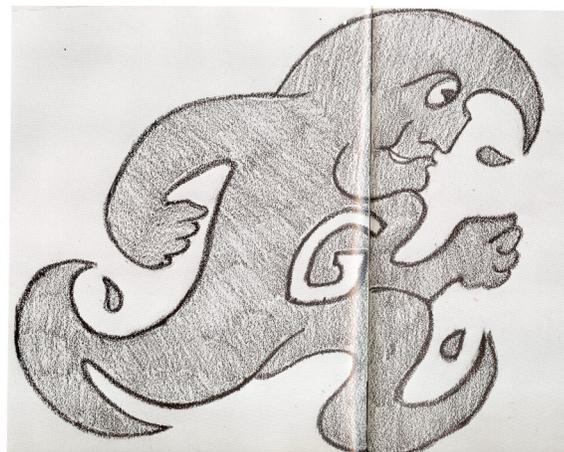
- 5-28-1925 Born
- 1943 Graduated from High School in Clairton, Pennsylvania
- 1943-1946 US Navy- 2 years, discharged in 1946
- 1946-1948 Worked in Clairton steel mills after his father died to support his family
- 1948-1952 Wittenberg University student and football player, graduated 1952
- 1950 Married to Shirley Stebbins from Greenville, also a Wittenberg student then
- 1952-1954 Teacher at Butler Township School, Arcanum
- 1952-1955 4 years assistant volunteer football coach at GHS under Jim Eby
- 1954-1955 American History teacher at GHS, physical education Coach
- 1955-1962 Elementary teacher, roving phys. ed. Teacher
- 1956-1957 2nd year teaching P.E., 5th year assistant football coach, golf coach.
- 1957-1958 3rd year teaching P.E., 6th year assistant football coach, golf MVL champs
- 1958-1959 4th year teaching P.E., 7th year assistant football coach, golf coach, MVL champs, and 2nd place in State Golf Tournament
- 1959-1960 8th year assistant football coach, golf coach (10-1 record), 8th in State
- 1958-1961 Developing and testing the Enroc football mouth protectors
- 1961-1970 Participated in the manufacturing of the Enroc mouthpieces with Jim Enicks
- 1960-1961 Head golf coach
- 1961-1962 Head tennis coach
- 1962-1963 Football line coach for Blair Irvin
- 1963-1964 1st year Athletic Director, football line coach
- 1964-1965 2nd year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher, football line coach, golf coach
- 1965 Greenie final design accepted and started to be used
- 1965-1966 3rd year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher
- 1966-1967 4th year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher, football assistant coach
- 1967-1968 5th year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher
- 1968-1969 6th year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher
- 1969-1970 7th year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher
- 1970-1971 8th year Athletic Director, boys P.E. teacher, bowling coach
- 1970 Enroc Laboratory Development Company was sold to Johnson & Johnson
- 1970 Master's Degree from Xavier University in School Administration

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| 1971-1972 | Boys P.E. teacher, GHS |
| 1972-1976 | Northmont High School, Assistant Principal, 4 years |
| 1976-1979 | GHS Principal, 3 years, Mr. Potts brought him back to Greenville |
| 1979-1983 | Assistant Superintendent, Greenville City Schools, 4 years |
| 1982 | Helping found the GMVC Conference for the Green Wave to become part of |
| 3-31-1983 | Passed away in Greenville |

Tony's Greenie >>>

And an original pencil
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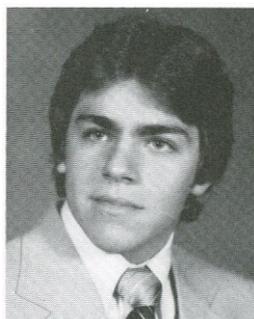
Chief Yearbook
Photos (below):



Shirley Stebbins



Julianne DiRocco '76



Tom DiRocco '78



Loralee DiRocco '82

Enroc Laboratories Launched a Mouth Protector Business in Greenville

Anthony "Tony" DiRocco (1925-1983) was a well-known and very accomplished teacher, coach, administrator, and inventor in the Greenville school system from the 1950s to 1983. As an assistant football coach with **Jim Eby's** highly successful teams in the mid-1950s, Tony saw a need for mouth protection for the high school students playing contact sports, such as football, hockey, soccer and wrestling. A study at that time showed that 55% of the sports injuries were in or around the mouth, creating a need for a protector. Football helmets from this era did not offer nearly as much protection in the mouth area compared to the safety afforded by the complex facemasks attached to helmets today.

Tony's inspiration led to a partnership with **Jim Enicks** (1925-1978), GHS 1943, who had owned the Enicks Dental Laboratory in Greenville since 1946. Jim was a dental technician while in the military. These two were World War II veterans (Tony in the Navy and Jim in the Army). Tony and Jim experimented for three years (1957-1960), equipping the GHS football team with mouth protectors made of a new formula reinforced latex and a specially constructed reinforcing pad, with 100% success. They tested over 200 boys in Fort Wayne, Greenville, and Dayton for this three-year period. In 1957, they completed only five mouthpieces while searching out methods of construction and materials for use. By 1958, the entire Green Wave football team was using the new protectors. They applied for and were awarded a patent on October 20, 1960, for this

new kind of mouthpiece which differentiated from its competitors by the reinforced latex used. Local attorney **John Engelken** (1913-1984), GHS 1931, helped with initial legal matters in the patent procurement. The custom-made protectors were intended to be sold on a nationwide basis as custom made mouthpieces at \$5.95 each, or as a “do it yourself” unit which was sold to teams who want to make their own (for \$3.00 each). The special liquid latex compound and a reinforcing fiber, an embedded knitted textile pad, were molded to help make a better, more efficient product (Patent, May 14, 1963). The plastisol was sprayed, heated, and cooled to form layers of “skin” in the mold and which eventually translated to the pad. These custom-made pieces stayed in place and would not drop down under the most severe contacts. The Greenville part of this Enroc business primarily dealt with packaging, but they would custom make mouthpieces if dentists in the local communities would make the molds.

Jim Enicks and his wife **Jeanette Keesecker Enicks**, GHS 1944, had the dental lab in various homes where they lived until they moved the business to a commercial location on Walnut Street next to Jiggs Judy’s Typewriters in the late 1950s. The Enroc products increased the business and prompted a move to a larger location, 108-112 Washington Avenue, just south of Broadway, with a 3,000 square foot facility, and this is where there is a parking lot today. This business existed at this location in 1961 as the **Enroc Laboratory Development Company** (from the names Enicks-DiRocco). The National Alliance football rules committee announced in early 1961 that dental guards for football would become mandatory for the 1962 high school football season.

In the 1961 to 1964 period, Jim submitted his design to coaches and trainers for testing and incorporated suggestions. “Our acceptance by athletic people has been fabulous,” according to Jim. Tony took time off from his teaching and coaching in 1962 and 1963 to travel around Ohio selling these mouth protectors to high school coaches. In 1964, the flexible athletic protective pads were made from a plastic foam material and molding process invented by Enicks. The flexible foam was fused to a smooth outer skin. Sales were in only four states until this time, but plans were to go nationwide in 1965. They completed the development of the material in May, 1964, and incorporated with the input from several Greenville businessmen. By 1965, the company had tripled its capacity and tripled the number of jobs from seven employees due to increasing sales (according to the *Dayton Journal Herald*, March 2, 1965), and they had new automated machines. Customers of these new contoured, flesh-colored pads included nearly every well-known college and professional team in the country. Arm and wrist pads were being made by the firm at this time. Jim said, “Notre Dame is one of our biggest customers.” The Dec. 31, 1964 patent showed that they also were including elbow, knee, shoulder, and waist pads for protection, and showed their molding techniques and materials.

Tony was only involved with the mouthpieces, although he probably advised Jim about the protective pads. The anticipation for 1966 was that this manufacturing would move to a new 10,000 square foot facility. The Enroc corporate vision in 1965 was to add a line of football helmets and shoulder pads which have cushion surfaces inside and out, but with rigid centers.

In 1970, Jim’s business was also listed as an athletic equipment manufacturer, but was still located at the same, smaller facility on Washington Avenue. Jim kept the patent and eventually sold the company to the Johnson and Johnson Company in New Jersey in July, 1970. Enroc’s product line became a part of the J and J athletic division. Jim became a senior engineer in the Johnson and Johnson research center in N.J. He must have retired from J & J in 1977 and moved from Princeton, N.J., to Leesville, Florida, where he was a self-



INSPECT MOUTH PROTECTOR — Jim Enicks (R), one of two Greenville businessmen launching a custom-made mouth protector business, shows the product to John Engelken, a Greenville attorney. Seated in the foreground is Tony DiRocco, Enicks’ partner.

employed vinyl consultant. Jim died there Oct. 9, 1978 from heart issues. Mrs. Jeanette Enicks later remarried in 1986 and passed away in 2012 while living in Las Vegas.

The local collaboration between these two entrepreneurs had a national impact on sports safety and met with success at the time. This part of sports equipment history has been continuously improved through the years. Tony had the vision to give players maximum protection and Jim had the lab capable of creating the products and it all happened in Greenville.

34th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame

This year's Hall of Fame Game was played Saturday January 11, 2020, against Tri-Village H.S. The H.O.F. banquet was held at the Elk's Lodge at noon and the plaques presented to this year's four highly decorated inductees between the J.V. and Varsity boys basketball games.

Mac Fiely, GHS 2009, was the number one golfer on Coach **Brian Stickel's** (GHS 1973) team for all four years. He set records with a low 9-hole score of 32 and a low 18-hole score of 70. Mac qualified for Districts twice and holds 3 of the top 5 all-time golf scoring annual averages in GHS history. He was a 3-year letterman for Coach **Duane Warvel's** basketball team and ranks 9th on the all-time scoring list with 818 varsity points. He was 3rd team Southwest Ohio as a Junior and 2nd team as a Senior. He was Player of the Year in District 9 and twice was Darke County Player of the Year. After graduation, he earned letters in both golf and basketball at Marian University in Indianapolis. He is currently employed as a Sales Development Representative for Genesys Communication Software concentrating on call center software. Mac lives in Whitestown, Indiana, with his wife Lauren and 2.5-year old daughter Lennon.

Kevin Leland, also GHS 2009, earned 3 letters in football and 4 letters in track. He excelled in track and field, and established a new GHS record in pole vault his senior year at Districts. A week later in the Regionals, he set a new D-1 State record height of 16' 1". He won the State D-1 pole vault championship the following week in Columbus. Following his GHS graduation, he committed to Grand Valley State in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He improved his personal best vault to 16' 8", winning the Great Lakes Athletic Conference Indoor Championship and finishing 6th in the National Indoor Championships, earning All-American Honors. Kevin currently is a Business Development Manager for Lack's Enterprises, Inc., which is an automotive supplier. He resides in Grand Rapids with his wife Kristen.

Zach A. Melling, and also GHS 2009, a 2-year letterman in track, he excelled in the sprints, running a 10.8 second 100-meter dash and was on various relay teams. This time is within a split-second and very close to the school record of **Mel Conner**, GHS 1946, and later tied by **Ron Eikenberry**, GHS 1953, which was set as a 100-yard dash at 9.9 seconds and later converted to meters. It was football where Zach left his mark in GHS sports history. A 3-year letterman for Coach **T.J. Powers**, GHS 1998, he led the Wave to a 7-3 record as a Senior, and in the process set a total of 9 records. From his first touchdown as a freshman, when he returned a punt 70 yards on his first ever touch of the football in a varsity game, to a 7 touchdown game on his "Senior Night", he established the following marks: most TDs in a game (7), and season (23); most rushing yards in a season (1,646) and career (2,630); and most points in a season (140) and career points (230). He was named Southwest Ohio D-II Offensive Player of the Year and First Team D-II All-Ohio. Following graduation, Zach played 2 years at Bowling Green State University, receiving a degree in Science. He currently lives in Greenville and is employed by Aramark Uniform Corporation as a Customer Service Representative. Zach has a girlfriend Aubrey and her daughter Bailey in his life.

Jodi Weiss Vlasak, GHS 1986, was a winner of 9 varsity letters and served as Captain for the Lady Wave volleyball, basketball, and softball squads, as well as being a Class Co-Valedictorian. A 2nd team GMVC selection in softball and a standout defensive player on the hardwood, Jodi excelled in volleyball. She led her team her Senior year in 9 of 13 statistical categories and continues to be ranked in the top 10 of many career stats. She was a first team GMVC choice, a first team District 9 pick, a member of the Ohio High School Coaches All-Star team, and Honorable Mention All-Ohio D-I. She earned a volleyball scholarship to Texas Lutheran College just outside of San Antonio, and played 4 years of varsity volleyball. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Social Work and spent her career as a child and adolescent

Psycho-Therapist. She currently is a YMCA manager and certified group fitness instructor, and resides in San Antonio with her husband James, son Joshua, and daughter Johanna.

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This year's chosen members are very deserving and bring the total number of G.H.S. Hall of Fame members to 115.

The first and Inaugural Hall of Fame induction was held in 1987 and included the enshrinement of six of the All-Time great sportsmen in GHS history: **Bob "Butch" Brown '42, Mel Conner '46, Herbert "Hip" King '36, Bob "Apey" Wright '47, Coach/ Teacher/ Principal Jack D. "Jumbo" Raudabaugh, and Coach/ Teacher Dwight "Salz" Salzman.**

2020 Hall of Fame inductees:

(from left to right) >>>>

Mac Fiely, GHS 2009

Kevin Leland, GHS 2009

Zach Melling, GHS 2009

Jodi Weiss Vlasak, GHS 1986



All G.H.S. student-Athletes who have won individual State Championships have been in Track and Field, except for one (Paige Keller):

Hip King, GHS 1935, 120-yard High Hurdles; **Mel Conner**, GHS 1946, 100-yard dash; **Brooks Stickel**, GHS 1952, High Jump; **Amy Petersime**, GHS 1990, 100-meter Hurdles, **Kevin Leland**, GHS 2009, Pole Vault; **Paige Keller**, GHS 2014, in Gymnastics; and **Riley Hunt**, GHS 2020, who won the State Pole Vaulting Championship as a Junior last year.

Views of Washington Township School's Reunion in November, 2019, in the gymnasium:



Washington Township School

One room schools in Washington Township were reportedly first used in the 1860s. A one-room brick school building was built in 1914 on the northeast corner of the intersection of Wagner Road and Palestine-Union City Road, about two miles west of Coletown and six miles northwest of Greenville. This was known as the #5 McClure School, which was named after the McClure family who owned property nearby which included a mill on the creek to the east. This original **McClure School** burned down in 1922 due to an overheated stove. The heating unit for the building was a pot-bellied stove that was cracked. A new school was promptly built on the same site and, as it neared completion, it had to be rebuilt due to faulty construction by the contractor. The inferior building construction did not have the right proportion of sand and cement used for the bricks and foundation. The resulting final product must have been adequate since the structure has survived for nearly 100 years.



1980 aerial view of the school building
when it was still used as a school

The first addition was made to the school in 1939 and consisted of five classrooms. An additional two acres were purchased from the neighboring Halladay farm to make a 3.5 acre tract. This is when the name changed from #5 McClure School to **Washington Township School**. To cover the eight classes, some classes had to be combined. First grade had its own room, second and third grades were combined some years, fourth and fifth were combined some years, depending on the classroom sizes. There was not room for a Kindergarten class at the building, so for several years, students had to attend this grade at North School.

The citizens of Washington Township passed a levy to add three more classrooms and a gymnasium in 1953-54. This rural school became part of the Greenville City Schools about 1957.

With an ever-enlarging student population in Darke County and in all areas of the Greenville school district, each of the elementary schools had additions built during the 1950s. North, East, and South schools had new additional constructions to their older structures, along with the newly built Greenville Township school in 1956. This township school located on State Route 118 one mile north of Greenville city limits was a consolidation of the township schools in Greenville Township. When it merged with the Greenville City Schools in 1962, it became known as Woodland Heights Elementary School.

At the time the last addition was opened for school use, the Principal was **Robert Mergler**. In some earlier years, a Head Teacher was in charge of the school when there was no Principal designated. One later Principal was **Jim Luster**.



2016 views of the Washington Township School

His wife **Helen Neff Wilt Luster** was the School Secretary for many years. Former teachers **Carroll Munn** and **Patty Harter Bernhard**, GHS '73, remember that the school had a family atmosphere, with parents, students and teachers working well together, and the students were well behaved and respected the teachers and administration.

This school was loved by the parents, students and teachers, but had to be closed due to the economy in 1981. The final students to attend Washington Township Elementary School graduated from G.H.S. in 1988. Columbus real estate developer **Jerry Lease**, GHS '64, purchased the property at a public sale, October 19, 1982, for \$34,000. There is no knowledge of its use during his ownership. Lease sold the property, May 4, 2005, to **James David Leonard** and **Carol Boutier Leonard**, for a price of \$65,000. The Leonards have used the property as a private school and as a church, and this continues today.

Building size: original building and 1939 addition: 7,605 sq. ft.; 1953 addition: 3,262 sq. ft. plus gymnasium 2,730 sq. ft. Current church and school area: 8,867 sq. ft. plus gymnasium 2,730 sq. ft., and includes a private residence c.2,000 sq. ft. (from Darke County Auditor's records).

This past year's school reunion was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, 2019, and was organized by **Judy Miller Ehler** GHS '77, **Connie Foureman Stoller** GHS '81, and **Kathy Foureman Good** GHS '77. Approximately 60 attended, which was more than previous reunions were able to attract.

1911 Eighth Grade Graduation
with Graduation Certificates.
Washington Township School.
There were several 1-room schools in
the township and the 8th graders
all graduated together.

Front: ? __, ? __, ? __ Folkerth,
Charles Stocksdale, and Sam Cox
Standing: ? __, Dean Reck, and
Pearl Cox.

*Photo from Phil Crawford and
Steve Miller*



Washington Township School Reunion 2019

Front: Anna Lee Ganger Dickerson '64, Jett Haworth Bennett '73, Phyllis Denniston Hiestand '73, Jodi Edger '86, and Melissa Martin Brawley '83. Row 2: Pam Hartzell Clum '78, Vickie Sneary Martin '64 (bus driver), and Sondra Boone Miller '70.

Back Row: Allen Cox '70, Randy Miller '71, and Mark Hart '74. Group 2 photo.

Year is graduation year from GHS.

Building closed in 1981.

GHS OBITUARIES -- 2019

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. He/she attended GHS in earlier years and 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, his/her age at death, member of which class year, 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 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, www.dignitymemorial.com

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

GHS OBITUARIES for 2019 (from oldest class):

| <u>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Date of Death, Place of Residence</u> |
|--|--------------|---|
| Lona J. "Gram" Mergler Collins, 112^ (Legacy.com) | 1925 | d. June 22, Wickliffe, OH |
| ^Lona attended early school here, and was officially the oldest living person in Ohio at the time of her death | | |
| Evelyn Irene Wenger Loy, 101 (TributeFuneralHomes) | 1935 | d. Feb. 19, Greenville, OH |
| Robert Dale Lehman, 101 (DignityMemorial) | 1936 | d. Feb. 8, Bradenton, FL |
| Helen G. Sparklin Oda, 101 (TributeFuneralHomes) | 1936 | d. Oct. 14, Greenville, OH <i>Cont.>>>></i> |

Washington Township School Reunion 2019 Group 1 photo:

Front: Carol Shields Hall. Step 1: Leon Rogers '67, Jackie Lee Burch '54, Judy Miller Ehler '77, Lucinda Miller Conley '75, Lavona Overholser Riegle (cook), Barbara Cox Tester '55, Penny Binkley Wills '63,



Step 2: Marlene Rogers Troutwine '75, Phyllis Cox (staff-13 years), Steve Miller '65, Patty Gamger Foureman '67, Bruce Harp '72, Gloria Harp Ploch '67.

Step 3: Connie Benazer Ackley '77, Kathy Foureman Good '77, Amy Hoening Ritchie '81, Tonya Voke Westfall '81, Sharon Rogers Hummel '79, Dan Riegle '74, Phil Strait '67, and Steve Foreman '67.

Step 4: Linda Foureman Dickinson '77, Connie Foureman Stoller '81, Debbie Grimes '85, and Debbie Cox Bourne '78. Back Top Row: Jim McLear '71, Paul Brown '82, Melody Brown Fox '63, Harold Stockslager '55, Rufus King '68, Randal Drew '86, and Rod Drew '83. *Year graduated from GHS.*

GHS OBITUARIES for 2019 (from oldest class):

| <u>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</u> | <u>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</u> |
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| Nola Everance Boli Shields, 99 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1937 d. Sept. 21, Stanton, CA |
| Mildred Wanetta Wood Wissinger, 99 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1939 d. Aug. 30, West Milton, OH |
| Maxine Schultz Edwards, 98 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1939 d. July 13, Broken Arrow, OK |
| Mary I. Hollinger Dietrich, 96 (<i>Hale-Sarver</i>) | 1940 d. Apr. 1, West Milton, OH |
| Betty J. Grote Olwine, 96 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1940 d. Apr. 27, Greenville, OH |
| Clark Richard Lease, 95 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1941 d. Aug. 26, Greenville, OH |
| Edith M. Nies Kinser Laveris, 96 (<i>DaytonDailyNews</i>) | 1941 d. May 22, Englewood, OH |
| William F. "Bill" Skidmore, 94 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1942 d. Feb. 4, Nottingham, MD |
| Theora Mae Wagner Rismiller, 94 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1943 d. June 7, Rossburg, OH |
| Helen Halladay Farringer, 91 (<i>MckeeMortuary</i>) | 1944 d. Feb. 13, N. Manchester, IN |
| Wilma Pearson Heiby, 92* (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | — d. May 18, Versailles, OH |
| <i>*Wilma was a teacher at GHS/Junior High from 1960s to 1984, from Covington, OH</i> | |
| Ruth Rachel Longfellow Shuttleworth, 92 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1945 d. Sept. 24, Greenville, OH |
| Herbert Eugene Rudy, 92 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1945 d. Oct. 4, Greenville, OH |
| Stanley J. Linder, 89** (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | — d. Aug. 18, Sebastian, FL |
| <i>**Stan was a music teacher at GHS from 1964 to 1988, from Olney, ILL. HS class of 1946</i> | |
| Paul Gene Coning, 89 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1947 d. Mar. 24, Greenville, OH |
| Dolores "Dee" Davis Van Bebber, 89*** (<i>NWITimes</i>) | — d. Jan. 5, Valparaiso, IN |
| <i>***Dee was a math teacher at East and at GHS from 1956-1987, and golf coach, went to Hagerstown, IN. HS</i> | |
| Mary S. Powell Cassell, 89 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1947 d. Oct. 4, Gray, TN |
| Barbara Ann Albright Macci, 88 (<i>DailyAdvocate</i>) | 1948 d. June 1, El Centro, CA |
| Phyllis Louise Swank North, 89 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1948 d. Aug. 6, Greenville, OH |
| Mary Lou Rolfe Wheeler, 88 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1949 d. Aug. 28, Greenville, OH |
| Robert E. Dwyer, 85 | 1950 d. Feb. 7, Lucasville, OH |
| Orville Canan, 85 (<i>Doan-MillsFuneralHome</i>) | 1951 d. July 17, Richmond, IN |
| Raymond "Ray" Ira Thompson, Jr., 85 (<i>KindredFuneralHome</i>) | 1951 d. Apr. 30, Lakeland, FL |
| Bill L. Sackett, 86 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1951 d. Aug. 1, Greenville, OH |
| Robert Wayne "Bob" Farmer, 87 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1951 d. Apr. 20, Wayne Lakes, OH |
| Barbara Ann Owens Gray, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1951 d. May 20, Sarasota, FL |
| Gene Leomer Weimer, 86^^ (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | — d. May 26, Greenville, OH |
| <i>^^Gene taught at Junior High and High School, 1964-1995, grad from Union City Eastside HS</i> | |
| Nancy Carroll Garrett Shiverdecker, 86 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1951 d. May 13, Greenville, OH |
| Mona Mae Eikenberry Ludwick, 85 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1951 d. June 29, Juno Beach, FL |
| Betty Maxine Koons Ridenour, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1951 d. Aug. 25, Greenville, OH |
| Rowena Mae Burk, 89 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1951 d. Sept. 26, Greenville, OH |
| Doris Jean Hughes Sander, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1952 d. Mar. 14, Greenville, OH |
| Gale "Clarkie" Clark, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1952 d. July 5, Greenville, OH |
| William A. "Bill" Shields, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1952 d. June 12, Columbus, OH |

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| Kay Birt Seiler, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1952 | d. July 29, Greenville, OH |
| Kay Cook Weiss, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1954 | d. Mar. 5, Union City, OH |
| David William Culbertson, 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1954 | d. Jan. 13, Greenville, OH |
| Larry Allen Jones, 82 (<i>ReichardFH</i>) | 1954 | d. June 9, Greenville, OH |
| Leota M. Rohr North, 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1954 | d. July 29, Greenville, OH |
| Mahlon Gordon Shellhaas, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1954 | d. Dec. 13, Greenville, OH |
| James Jerome "Jim" Goubeaux, 83 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1954 | d. Oct. 5, Chicago, IL |
| Ted Dean Mann, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1954 | d. Dec. 30, Greenville, OH |
| Ronald Gene Blumenstock, 81 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>) | 1955 | d. Feb. 11, Arcanum, OH |
| William Earl "Bill" Bohler, 81 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1955 | d. Mar. 14, Greenville, OH |
| Janet Lucille Morton Nealeigh, 81 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1955 | d. July 17, Greenville, OH |
| Carolyn "Lynn" Calderwood Goldenbogen, 82(<i>NewcomerDayton</i>) | 1955 | d. Aug. 26, Beavercreek, OH |
| Carolyn Lorine Bruner Brehm, 82 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>) | 1955 | d. Oct. 20, Arcanum, OH |
| James Gary Henby, 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1955 | d. Nov. 8, Greenville, OH |
| Patricia Louise Bidwell Dieringer, 80 (<i>ZecharBailey</i>) | 1956 | d. Apr. 11, Versailles, OH |
| Joyce Nadine Kunkle Replogle, 80 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1956 | d. July 29, Greenville, OH |
| Robert Dean "Bob" Swank, 79 (<i>Legacy.com;DailyAdvocate</i>) | 1957 | d. May 13, Franklin, IN |
| Sondra Jo Delk Ruhl, 80 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1957 | d. July 26, Greenville, OH |
| Donald Leroy Hittle, 80 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1958 | d. July 20, Greenville, OH |
| Janice A. Collins Oswalt, 79^^^ (<i>ReichardFH</i>) | — | d. Dec. 24, Greenville, OH |
| ^^^South School teacher 2 nd -3 rd grades 1973-2003, not GHS grad, graduate of Jackson OH HS | | |
| Susan Hamilton Goubeaux DiTroia, 77 (<i>CurrentObituary</i>) | 1959 | d. Mar. 22, Canton, MA |
| Margaret M. Maloy Hawes, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1959 | d. Sept. 3, Hollansburg, OH |
| Richard Alan Martin, 78 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1959 | d. Dec. 12, Greenville, OH |
| Kenneth Allen Clark, 77 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1960 | d. Nov. 7, Greenville, OH |
| Marjorie Elaine Flatter Melling, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1960 | d. June 16, Greenville, OH |
| Gayle Kent Grimes, 76 (<i>SpenceFuneralHome</i>) | 1960 | d. June 18, Canal Winchester, OH |
| Fred Edward Matix, 77# (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | — | d. Dec. 15, Greenville, OH |
| #Fred was a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, School Board member, and mentor at GHS, 1976-2019, born in Hamilton, OH | | |
| Jerlyn Kay "Jerri" Hart Monnin, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1961 | d. Mar. 5, Greenville, OH |
| Robert James "Jim" Allread, 76 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1961 | d. Apr. 30, Dallas TX |
| Letitia "Tish" Brinley Manix (Bashore), 76(<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1961 | d. Nov. 16, Greenville, OH |
| Diana Mae Dispennette Class, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1961 | d. Dec. 13, Greenville, OH |
| Shelia M. Whittaker McGuire, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1962 | d. Apr. 30, Greenville, OH |
| Frederick A. Smith, 76 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1962 | d. Apr. 16, Greenville, OH |
| Barbara Ann Campbell Hart, 75 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1962 | d. Oct. 30, Versailles, OH |
| Geraldine Esther "Gerri" Hammaker Crowell, 74 (<i>ZecharBailey</i>) | 1963 | d. Feb. 9, Greenville, OH |

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| Frankie Kay Boolman Sanderson, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1963 d. May 2, Greenville, OH |
| Forrest Lee Bingham, 75 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>) | 1963 d. Aug. 15, Arcanum, OH |
| Richard Earl Schultz, 74 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1963 d. Nov. 15, Greenville, |
| Ruth Elaine Apple Shurte, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1964 d. July 2, Fairborn, OH |
| Sue Ann Frye Drennan, 72 (<i>WoodridgeFuneralHome</i>) | 1964 d. Mar. 6, W. Columbia, SC |
| David Michael Dismore, 72 (<i>ForeverMissed</i>) | 1964 d. June 10, Los Angeles, CA |
| Jerry Ray Voiles, 73 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1964 d. Nov. 8, Arcanum, OH |
| Thomas P. McGlinch, 72 (<i>FriedrichJones</i>) | 1965 d. May 6, Naperville, IL |
| Georgeanna Rehmert Emrick, 71 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1965 d. July 8, Ansonia, OH |
| Cynthia Jean Shuttleworth Lines, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1965 d. July 17, Greenville, OH |
| Brian Wayne Moore, 71 (<i>The Missouian paper</i>) | 1965 d. Dec. 12, 2018, Missoula, MT |
| Kenneth Stephen Trissell, 72 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1965 d. July 8, Avon Park, FL |
| Richard Leon Weaver, 72 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1966 d. Feb. 23, Greenville, OH |
| Henry William "Bill" Steck, 71 (<i>Barnes-FuneralChapel</i>) | 1966 d. Apr. 15, Grand Rapids, OH |
| Ronald Lee Fansler, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1966 d. Sept. 8, Greenville, OH |
| Shirley Ann Ditty Price, 71 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1967 d. Oct. 22, Rockford, OH |
| Clarence Edward Norris, 70 (<i>ReichardFH</i>) | 1967 d. Mar. 10, Union City, OH |
| John Wayne Fletcher, 72 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1967 d. Dec. 31, Greenville, OH |
| Diane Louise Willman Foutch, 68 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1968 d. June 23, Denton, TX |
| Douglas Alan Wetzel, 69 (<i>GlennFuneral Home.Tribute</i>) | 1968 d. July 19, Owensboro, KY |
| Daryl Dennis Kollmeyer, 67 (<i>KreitzerFuneral Home</i>) | 1969 d. Feb. 3, Arcanum, OH |
| David William Jeffries, 68 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1969 d. Feb. 14, Greenville, OH |
| James Russell Petersime, 67 (<i>SmithMcQuiston</i>) | 1969 d. Aug. 12, Fountain City, IN |
| John Keifer Cecil, 67 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1970 d. Jan. 17, Greenville/Hamilton OH |
| Gary Lynn Thompson, 66 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1970 d. Mar. 4, Greenville, OH |
| Barry Lynn Enochs, 67 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1970 d. Sept. 20, Greenville, OH |
| Larry Douglas Badger, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1973 d. June 11, Greenville, OH |
| Robert John "Bob" Maher, 63 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1973 d. Feb. The Villages, FL |
| Michael Allan Rhodes, 64 (<i>MaryvilleForum</i>) | 1973 d. Apr. 27, Maryville, MO |
| David William Gibson, 64 (<i>StockerFralely</i>) | 1973 d. Aug. 22, Pleasant Hill, OH |
| Deborah Lee Thwaites Powell, 64 (<i>Legacy.com</i>) | 1973 d. Nov. 2, Rotanda West, FL |
| Rodney Lee Jay, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1973 d. May 20, Greenville, OH |
| Patricia Ann "Patty" Harter Bernhard, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1973 d. Oct. 21, Greenville, OH |
| Laura L. Clark Magoto Baird, 63 | 1974 d. Mar. 22, Tipton, IN |
| Rickey Alan Lipps, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1974 d. Feb. 11, Greenville, OH |
| Annette Marie Rhoades Holmes, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1974 d. Mar. 12, Arcanum, OH |
| Gregory Donald Leas, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1974 d. May 30, Greenville, OH |
| Michael Lee Simon, 64 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1974 d. Dec. 25, Troy, OH |

| <u>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</u> | <u>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</u> |
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| Gary Allen Montgomery, 62 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1975 d. Apr. 14, Wirtz, VA |
| Brian Paul Black, 62 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper; Legacy.com</i>) | 1975 d. June 21, Phoenix, AZ |
| Colleen Marie Rines, 59## (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | — d. Aug. 12, Greenville, OH |
| <i>##Colleen was a substitute elementary teacher in Greenville in 1980s and 1990s, was from Ft. Wayne, IN</i> | |
| Brenda Kay Pretsman Best, 60 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1977 d. Mar. 8, Greenville, OH |
| Debra LuAnn Green Leichty, 59### (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | — d. Oct. 1, Greenville, OH |
| <i>###Debra taught 15 years at the Junior High School, 1990s-2000s, was from Toledo, OH</i> | |
| Mary LoveVetta Wroda Behler, (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1979 d. June 27, Gettysburg, OH |
| John Luther Bowen, 54 (<i>HamptonGentry</i>) | 1979 d. Feb. 17, 2016, Plainfield, IN |
| Jill Elaine Rhoades Witters, 58 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1979 d. Nov. 30, Greenville, OH |
| Venetia Renee Barnes Jay, 56 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1980 d. Jan. 7. Greenville, OH |
| Roger Harold Wolford, 58 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>) | 1980 d. Feb. 6, Arcanum, OH |
| Michelle Renee Gilbert Collins, 56 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1981 d. Sept. 12, London, OH |
| Dennis Keith Weaver, 55 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1982 d. July 31, Greenville, OH |
| Kathy Jean Detro Hensley, 56 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1982 d. July 25, Greenville, OH |
| Kye Andrew Fender, 56 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1982 d. Nov. 12, Greenville, OH |
| Gregory J. Paul, 54 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1983 d. Jan. 9, Greenville, OH |
| Kody Allen Ketring, 53 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1984 d. Nov. 5, Greenville, OH |
| Bruce Alan Hoskins, 53 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1985 d. Oct. 2, Greenville, OH |
| Michele Elaine Tonovitz, 51 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1986 d. Aug. 9, Greenville, OH |
| Michelle Lee Rhoades, 50 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1989 d. Nov. 6, Wayne Lakes, OH |
| Troy "Bud" York, Jr., 48 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1990 d. May 22, Clayton, OH |
| Amy Jo Myers Gannon, 47 (<i>EarlyBirdPaper</i>) | 1990 d. Dec. 26, Madison, WI |
| <i>Died in a helicopter accident in Hawaii with her daughter</i> | |
| April Annette Wilson Brocious, 45 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1991 d. Feb. 20, Arcanum, OH |
| Cassie Jo Evans Sleppy, 45 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 1992 d. Aug. 24, Ansonia, OH |
| Kimberly Milean Hoop Fugett, 42 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1995 d. Nov. 11, Greenville, OH |
| Nicholas Lee Dotson, 40 (<i>Wilson-ShookFH</i>) | 1998 d. Aug. 1, Union City, IN |
| Joshua David Badell, 39 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 1998 d. June 2, Greenville, OH |
| Amanda Marie Williams Sowers, 37 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 2000 d. Nov. 29, Greenville, OH |
| Glendon "Ray" Lutz, 35 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 2002 d. June 24, Union City, OH |
| John Anthony Floyd, 34 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 2004 d. Dec. 29, Greenville, OH |
| Kimberly Ann Durst, 30 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 2008 d. Mar. 11, Greenville, OH |
| Dustan Shane "Big Fresh" Hampton, 28 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 2009 d. Feb. 1, Greenville, OH |
| Tyler David Elliott, 30 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 2008 d. Dec. 28, Greenville, OH |
| Britney Nickole Foster, 29 (<i>EarlyBirdpaper</i>) | 2009 d. Dec. 28, Greenville, OH |
| Gary Eugene Bowers, 26 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>) | 2011 d. Mar. 6, Union City, OH |
| Nicholas Aaron "Nick" Woodruff, 24 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 2013 d. July 14, Greenville, OH |
| Christian Richard Weaver, 21 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>) | 2017 d. Apr. 16, Greenville, OH |

Harmon Field Fieldhouse Project

The new **Fieldhouse** will be built of durable brick and concrete block with a metal roof. This will serve the needs of Green Wave athletics for current use and future use well into the future. The \$2,800,000 cost will be \$800,000 paid by donors to the project and \$2,000,000 paid by the Greenville City Schools School Board. If the finances are in line by this fall, 2020, the construction will begin next Spring, 2021, and possibly be ready for use for the Fall, 2021, football and soccer seasons.

The concession stand will have multiple serving windows, food preparation area, and storage space. It will be set up so that it can serve either Harmon Field Stadium or The Jennings Track & Field. The large handicapped accessible men's and women's public restrooms will be constructed so they can be sectioned off for use from either Harmon Field or The Jennings Track & Field. There will be a separate family restroom.

The main home locker room will have coaches offices and the training room area. The training room will include a whirlpool tub area, space for a washer/dryer, taping stations, treatment table and a supply lock up area. There will be two larger locker-shower rooms which will be accessible from both the Harmon Field side

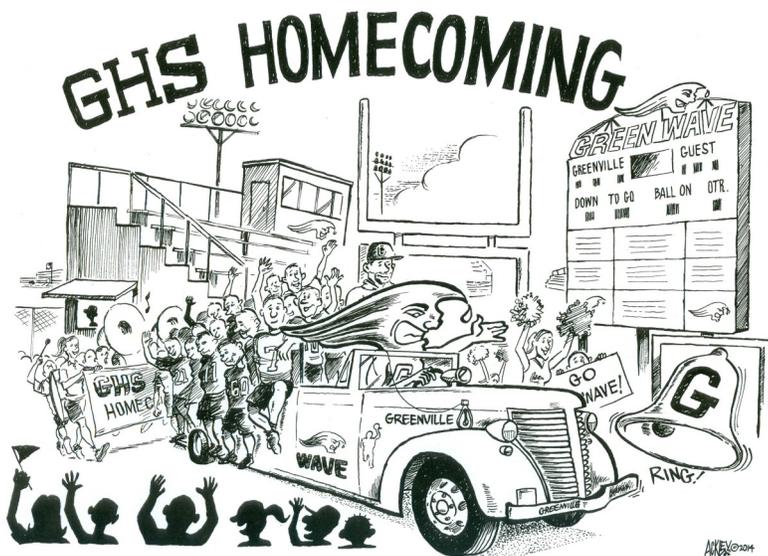
and The Jennings Track & Field. These will be designed for multi-sport use (approximately 65 lockers for each). Likewise, there will be two smaller locker rooms accessible from both the Harmon Field Stadium and The Jennings Track & Field (approximately 22 lockers for each).

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, The Greenville City Schools Board of Education and The Friends of Harmon Field need YOUR help to continue improvements at the Harmon Field and Jennings Center Track and Field Complex. We have an ambitious fundraising timeline, working to get the \$800,000 raised by the end of the 2020 fall sports season. Donations can be made to:



**The Friends of Harmon Field C/O: Aaron Shaffer, Athletic Director
100 Green Wave Way Greenville, OH 45331**

Questions can be forwarded to Aaron Shaffer, Greenville City Schools Athletic Director, by calling 937-548-3185 ext. 1078 or by email at ashaffer@gcswave.com.



HOMECOMING GAME
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
VS.
VANDALIA BUTLER
CEREMONY 6:15 PM
GAME 7:00 PM
PARADE THURSDAY
AT 6:30 PM