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Welcome to all Greenville High School Graduates

The Fall 2021 newsletter is now available to view or print on our website, www.greenvillealumni.org. The Alumni Association encourages this notice to be forwarded to any GHS graduates or former students who might care about our school's history. (Class Reps please forward these to your classmates' email addresses.)

Our organization is not going away, and our newsletters will continue on the current four times a year basis. This will be the final printed newsletter. The Summer and Winter are only available on the website. Again, this is the final year of printed copies for those Alumni that have paid in the past, and who have not given us permission to accept emailed newsletters only. Time is running out so be sure to send your email address to us or subscribe on the website! We strongly encourage everyone to forward this notice to classmates, family, and friends so that we can grow our free online membership to our website!

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We will remain an active organization and want to continue connecting with all our alums around the country and doing all our information gathering and disseminating functions like we have been doing in the past. You may contact us at our email address:

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Homecoming is Friday, October 1, against Piqua.

Exciting news: We are in the process of adding GHS history sections, an alumni directory, and graduation program lists of graduates to the website. Stay tuned and keep checking the website !!!

Please visit our website and view the latest newsletter today. While you're there, be sure to view the photo gallery and other current news!

Thank you from the officers of the GHS Alumni Association,
Dick Brown, President
Duane Edwards, Vice President
Roxanne Willman, Treasurer



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Fort Jefferson model >>>>
and its connection to the
founding of our country
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What does GHS and Fort Jefferson have to do with the Founding of the United States?

By Joe Beatty, GHS '65

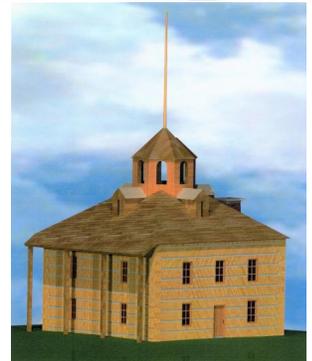
Greenville has a deep, rich history reaching back into 1791. Most do not appreciate how Darke County events helped save our infant Republic from failure. As alumni of Greenville High School we heard about **General Arthur St. Clair**, **General Anthony Wayne**, **Miami Chief Little Turtle**, **Treaty of Greene Ville** and most have a shadowy memory of the story in the 1790s that we learned in Ohio history. This group of GHS graduates, and many others, formed **Friends of Fort Jefferson (FOFJ)** to promote the 1790s history of **Fort Jefferson** and retell our teachers and students how Fort Jefferson helped save the early United States.

Friends of Fort Jefferson (F.O.F.J.) presentation of the “Past, Present, and Future of Fort Jefferson”, by Joe Beatty, Sept. 6, 2020, in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Discussions by **Bill Light** GHS '64, **Joe Beatty** GHS '65, **Dr. David Cox** GHS '59, **Don Delaplane** GHS '69, and F.O.F.J. President **Janet Beatty Rhoades** GHS '72, *pictured here >>>*



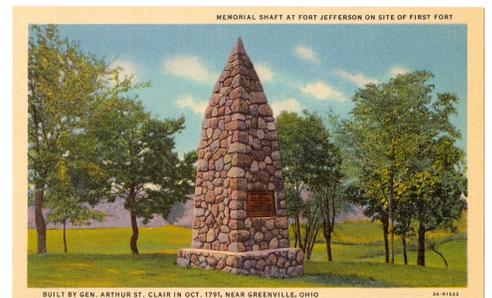
Currently, the FOFJ and **Darke County Parks (DCP)** are completing discussions and documentation to have the State of Ohio transfer Fort Jefferson to DCP. The plan is to make Fort Jefferson a community center with educational, social and historic facilities to host learning programs. Hopefully with a re-creation of part of the 1790s fort such as **Mrs. Ann Biddle Wilkinson's House**. **General James Wilkinson's** wife hosted Wayne and his officers from Greene Ville for a Christmas-New Year celebration in 1793. *Artist's rendering of Mrs. Wilkinson's house >>*



To refresh our studies at GHS, after the **Revolutionary War** and signing the 1783 Treaty of Paris, the USA was owner of **The Northwest Territory** (Ohio, Mich., Ind., Ill., and Wisc.). This was the most valuable property in the world, more than Colonial India in the British Empire. The problem was the British had not left, even kept forts and troops in the area. Even worse the British supplied and agitated the Indians to attacked settlers along the Ohio River and into Kentucky. 2,000 settlers were killed between 1780 and 1790, with many more being taken hostage. The British simply thought the USA would fail and **King George** would be back in control. Spain and France also were plotting to take over the Northwest Territory when the infant United States of America would surely fail. The United States needed to develop the Northwest Territory for many reasons: (1) generate cash from land sales to pay off Rev War debt, (2) pay soldiers with land promised for war service, and (3) provide opportunities for the growing population and freedom seeking immigrants. To achieve this, the government demonstrated great statesmanship in passing **1787**

Northwest Ordinance. The Ordinance with many human rights, such as no slavery and respect for the Tribes, was passed before the **Constitution**; maybe viewed as a dress rehearsal for the Constitution.

<<1907 postcard——Monument >



Historic Background:

Fort Jefferson was built October 1791 as part of **President George Washington's** strategy to develop the Northwest Territory awarded to the US in the 1783 Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War, and negotiate treaties with Native Tribes. The plan was to construct a fort with a strong garrison at **Kekionga (Ft Wayne, IN)** in northeast Indiana. Kekionga was a mixed Tribal village between the west flowing Wabash River and the east flowing Maumee River. This was the traditional Native American trade route between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic via the St. Lawrence.

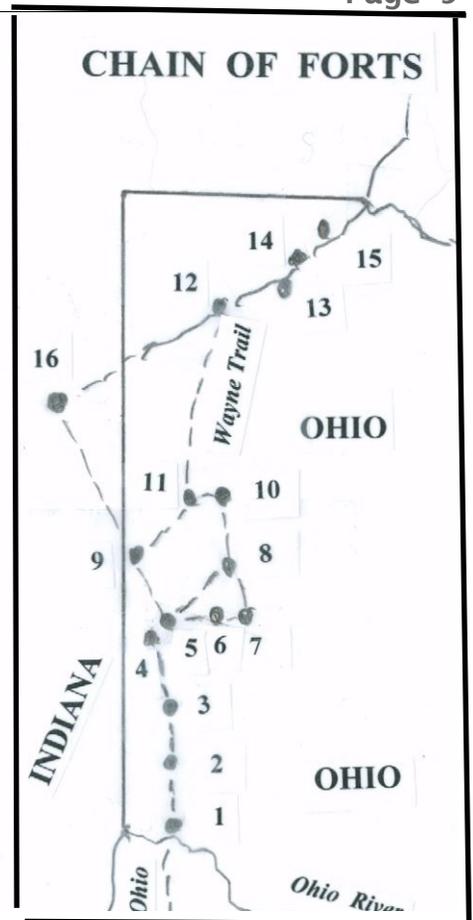
A wagon supply road was to be cut out of the wilderness forest and continuing 180 miles from **Fort Washington (Cincinnati)** to Kekionga (Ft. Wayne, IN). Support forts would be built every 20 miles along this 180 mile road; Fort Jefferson was the second constructed. There were no Tribal villages or even trading routes through the 180 miles, only a few Indian hunting trails.

St. Clair's Defeat at the Battle of Wabash in Fort Recovery, Ohio, was on the early morning of November 4, 1791, when 1,100 Indians (with British embedded advisors) attacked the U.S. Army, militia and support people of 1,200, killing 900. This little-known battle was the largest loss of American life until Shiloh in 1862 during the Civil War. The 300 survivors sought safety at Fort Jefferson that night. A small garrison of wounded and sick manned Jefferson to cover the survivors' retreat down the wagon road to Cincinnati. Fort Jefferson stood alone until November, 1793, to protect the Northwest Territory.

General Anthony Wayne's 1792 Army was being trained and equipped while three peace missions were attempting treaties with the Indians through the late summer of 1793. Fort Jefferson was expanded to store more supplies and accommodate General Wilkinson's headquarters, Mrs. Wilkinson's house was built within in the fort in 1793. Fort Greene Ville was not built until November, 1793.

Treaty of Greene Ville at Fort Greene Ville was the original objective of the Washington's first term to have lasting treaties with the Tribes and force the British from the Northwest Territory. After Wayne's victory at **Fallen Timbers**, along the Maumee River just south of Toledo, in August and construction of Fort Wayne in September 1794, the various Tribes began gathering at **Fort Greene Ville** for the final treaty in 1795. Although Greene Ville was a much larger 55-acre facility, Fort Jefferson continued to be used as a supply depot and meeting point to reunite hostages and families. Both Fort Jefferson and Greene Ville were abandoned in 1797 as more efficient water routes on the rivers supplied Fort Wayne.

Current aerial view of Park >>>



Identification of western Ohio forts

- 1- Ft. Washington (Cincinnati)
- 2- Ft. Hamilton (Hamilton)
- 3- Ft. St. Clair (Eaton)
- 4- Ft. Jefferson (Ft. Jefferson)
- 5- Ft. Greene Ville (Greenville)
- 6- Ft. Rowdy (Covington)
- 7- Ft. Pickawillany (Piqua)
- 8- Ft. Loramie (Ft. LOramie)
- 9- Ft. Recovery (Ft. Recovery)
- 10- Ft. St. Marys (St. Marys)
- 11- Ft. Adams (Celina)
- 12- Ft. Defiance (Defiance)
- 13- Ft. Deposit (Waterville)
- 14- Fallen Timbers Battlefield
- 15- Ft. Industry/ Ft. Miamis
- 16- Ft. Wayne, Indiana

*Editor's Note: Seven years ago, **Joe Beatty** began researching his family's history. It was always known that his family had many roots in the Fort Jefferson area. He found that through seven generations of Beattys, there is a connection back to **General Arthur St. Clair's Army** and when the Fort was built in 1791. **Ensign Samuel Beatty** was one of five Beattys in St. Clair's Army and helped build the fort. The subsequent defeat of St. Clair's Army at Fort Recovery was one of the worst losses ever for the Army of the United States. "Beatty" is etched in the Fort Recovery monument to represent Ens. Beatty and two other Beattys, along with 900 others' remains buried in the crypt there. **Thomas Beatty** (1787-1855) was part of the next generation to live in this area. The only same-family Beattys living around Greenville now are **Janet Beatty Rhoades** GHS 1972, **Donna Kay Beatty McCool** GHS 1972, a longtime Greenville school teacher, **Ryan Beatty**, and **Brandy Beatty Yundt**. Fort Jefferson is within the Greenville City School District. The hope is that within a year, Fort Jefferson's ownership will transfer to the Darke County Parks District from the State of Ohio, and that an educational center can be developed to share the rich history of this area. A vision is that possibly a new 30-foot by 30-foot square structure like the pictured Mrs. Wilkinson's house could provide this service for visitors. Thanks so much to Joe for his research and, to the detailed compilation of materials from both **Dr. David Cox** and **Bill Light**, whose expertise in this history and archaeology are legendary and well respected.*

The Prom Returned in 2021 After a Year Hiatus

Greenville High School held its **Junior-Senior Prom** at Romer's Banquet Center at the Circle for the 14th time on Saturday evening, May 1. Last year's Prom, as well as most school year-ending traditions, was cancelled due to Covid. The event lasted from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm and the **After Prom** party at the High School building was eliminated this year. The Junior Class planned and decorated the venue, and they were led by Class President **Million Bryant** and Co-Advisors **Erin Eberwein** and **Mary Lee Moore**, both high school office secretaries.

The **Queen Candidates** were: **Grace Conway**, parents **Jim** and **Dawn Conway**, siblings **Elizabeth Conway** GHS '14, **James** GHS '15, **Katelyn** '23, will be attending Montreat College in North Carolina to major in Exercise Science and become a Physical Therapist; **Chloe Hall**, grandparents **Kelly Erbaugh Hall** and **Chris Hall**, sister **Destiny Hall** GHS '25, plans on becoming a Pre-school teacher; **Allison Powell**, parents **Willie** and **Tina Powell**, both Mississinawa Valley grads, sister **Ashley Powell** GHS '10, wants to study Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati; **Isabelle Rammel**, parents **Bill** and **Katie Rammel**, siblings **Luke Rammel** GHS '23, **Gabe Rammel** GHS '26, **Sophia Rammel** GHS '30, will be running track at Walsh University in North Canton, OH, and studying Pre-Law; **Brittni Walker**, parents **Shellie Snyder Walker** GHS '86, and **Chet Walker**, grandmother **Marcella Ross Murphy** GHS '67, brothers **Noah Walker** GHS '19, and **Chris Walker**, will attend Indiana University East in Richmond and wants to be a high school English teacher; **Nyesha Wright**, parents **Alicia Enis** and **Bobby Wright**, both Mississinawa Valley graduates, siblings **Jayda Wright** GHS '16 and **Patience Wright** GHS '24, **Olivia Wright** and **Jaceion Wright**, plans to attend Edison State to play softball and study Criminal Justice.

This year's Prom Queen **Emily Marchal**, is part of a three-generation GHS graduate family, father **John Marchal, Jr.**, GHS '89, mother **Jeanne Curtin Marchal** GHS '88, and the former 1987 Homecoming Queen, grandfather **John Marchal, Sr.**, GHS '51, and grandmother **Joy Marchal**, and brother **Jack Marchal** GHS '22. Emily has been the President of Student Council this past year and President of the National Honor Society, an outstanding tennis player at GHS (her high school coach was long-time teacher and coach **Jim Koontz** GHS '68 said that "Emily is the best tennis player I have ever coached"), winning more than 80 singles matches, most of them competing in first singles. Emily will attend Notre Dame University, following in the steps of her father and grandfather, and will major in Political Science and Economics.

King Coltin Addis and Queen Emily Marchal at dancing time >>>>



The **King Candidates** were: **Heath (Jonathan) Coomer**, parents **Jonathan Coomer**, Versailles HS, and **Ami Franz Coomer**, FM HS, grandfather basketball great and prominent businessman **Dan Franz**, FM HS '67, brother **Will Coomer**, GHS '18, was GHS Valedictorian, Heath will attend High Point University (North Carolina) like his brother, and major in business; **Ryan Dull**, parents **Greg Dull** GHS '86 and **Stacey Dull**, sister **Lauren Dull** GHS '19 Valedictorian, plans on attending the University of Cincinnati and majoring in Film Media with aspirations of entering the field of acting; **Reed Hanes**, parents **Nick** and **Sherry Hanes** and **Joel Allread** GHS '98 and **Kara Smith Allread**, siblings **Morgan Allread** GHS '23 and **Gavin Allread**, will attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Construction Engineering; **Jordan Warner**, parents **Cathi** and **Bill Warner**, siblings **Keisha Warner** GHS '15, **Caitlyn Warner** GHS '27, and **Colby Warner** GHS '30, will attend Edison State for one year, then transfer to the University of Toledo to major in Engineering; **Luke Perreira** is from a four-generation GHS family, parents **Nick Perreira** GHS '91 and **Shawna Weist Perreira** GHS '93, grandparents **Lou Perreira** GHS '67 and **Jeanne Hartle Perreira** GHS '63, great-grandfather **Ralph Hartle** GHS '42, siblings **Brooke Perreira** GHS '17, and **Nate Perreira**, GHS '21, plans on attending the Hobart School of Welding; **Aaron Suter** is also from four-generations of GHS grads, parents **Mark Suter** GHS '77 and **Linda Engle Suter**, grandparents **David Suter** GHS '55 and **Chloe Yoder Suter** GHS '56, great-grandparents **John R. Suter** GHS 1929 and **Mary Thompson Suter** GHS 1931, siblings **Joseph Suter** GHS '16 and former Prom Queen **Leah Suter** GHS '17, with Aaron attending Wright State University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

This year's Prom King is **Coltin Addis**, son of **Jessica Addis** from Arcanum and **Josh Addis** GHS '05, and has siblings **Caidyin Addis** GHS '25, and **Camdyn Addis** GHS '27. Coltin will be enlisting in the U.S. Army after graduation with future plans of attending the University of Cincinnati and majoring in Criminal Justice.

A strict protocol of wearing masks during the Prom was enforced, continuing the policy that was in place at the High School for the school year. Decorations were at a minimum to reduce touching and less possibility of covid spreading. The attendance was smaller than most years, with about 250 attendees, as compared to the average of 350 per Prom. There was no after-Prom dance and party for the first time in decades, but those who attended the Prom said they enjoyed having a Prom this year compared to no Prom at all allowed in 2020.



2021 G.H.S. Prom Court

From left: Jordan Warner, Grace Conway, Luke Perreira, Chloe Hall, Heath Coomer, Emily Marchal, Reed Hanes, Allison Powell, Ryan Dull, Isabelle Rammel, Aaron Suter, Brittini Walker, Coltin Addis, and Nyeshia Wright.



Chief Green Wave Jacob Maher
Homecoming Queen
Kendra Arnold
Prom Queen Emily Marchal
Prom King Coltin Addis

A Lifetime of Achievement, Adventure, and Passion

By Alex Warner, GHS 1967

From a dairy farm on Hogpath Road to the back alleys of Baghdad, from the halls of Greenville High School to some of the highest courts in the land, **Kirk G. Warner**, GHS Class of '76, has led a life of adventure and has distinguished himself both professionally and militarily.

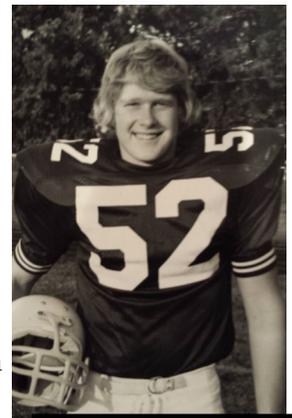
The youngest son of **Paul Warner, Jr.**, (GHS, '39) and grandson of **Paul C. Warner** (GHS, 1914), longtime Greenville High School principal, Kirk attended South School and the Junior High prior to his freshman year at GHS. Over the course of his high school years he served as a class officer, was a Buckeye Boys State participant, selected to membership in the National Honor Society, and led the student body as Student Council president his senior year. In addition, he lettered in football, wrestling, and tennis and was chosen as the Raudabaugh Award recipient. He also was involved in several other school organizations and somehow managed to stay out of trouble!

He enrolled at Ohio State University and immediately immersed himself in campus organizations, serving as President of the Freshman Senate and Vice-President of Ohio Staters Inc. Throughout the course of his undergraduate days he received numerous honors such as the outstanding Junior and Senior Scholarship Awards, the Presidency of the Bucket and Dipper Honorary, and four Buckeye Leadership Awards.

Following graduation in 1980, he was accepted into the University of Toledo School of Law. During his second year he met his future wife, **Diane Friend** (Twin Valley South HS, 1977) who was living and working in North Carolina at the time. After their wedding, Kirk finished his last year of legal training at the Duke University Law School, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1983.

Moving back to Ohio, his first position was with the national firm of Dinsmore and Shohl in Cincinnati as well as serving as an assistant prosecutor for the State of Ohio. He and Diane moved back to North Carolina in 1988, eventually becoming a partner in the Raleigh firm of Yates, McLamb, and Weyher. He is presently a partner and senior trial lawyer for Raleigh's oldest firm of Smith, Anderson, LLP.

Over the years he has earned a reputation as a seasoned trial lawyer, meriting membership in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, believed to be the only attorney from or practicing in Darke County to attain that fellowship, a fact of which he is quite proud. His major area of focus is on product liability and commercial litigation, having represented all major automotive manufacturers including many Fortune 500 companies in litigation in over 25 states and Guam. He also has been involved with U.S. government contractors during overseas war operations. Kirk has been admitted to practice in front of the U. S. Supreme Court and affiliated lower state and federal courts, and is a leader in many bar associations and



Kirk's Senior Photo and Senior Football



To Mess Dress with my wife Diane. Dinner at Darden



to Baghdad, Iraq, just after its fall, in April, 2003



Kirk's law firm biography photo

attorney groups.

While at Ohio State, he was a distinguished military graduate of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation, he embarked upon 33 years of service to our country in the Medical Service and Judge Advocate General Corps. Over the years he rose to the rank of Colonel, holding command positions at all levels through his career both stateside and in tours of Kuwait and Iraq. An Army War College graduate, he served as Deputy Legal Counsel to three Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon and commanded at every level of the Army. Colonel Warner was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, multiple Joint and Service Meritorious Service and Commendation Medals, and the Iraqi Freedom Medal, among others.

A true bon vivant, he has many outside interests and avocations. For over 30 years he officiated over 600 high school football games, including eight state semi-final and two state championship contests. An avid ornithologist as well as a connoisseur of fine wines, he admits to being a frustrated golfer. He serves on the boards of many military veteran commissions and groups in North Carolina, numerous charitable organizations and honorary societies and, having not forgotten his Alma Mater in Columbus, is a founder of the Buckeye Leadership Fellows program. He holds five graduate degrees and is a published author of military books and other publications concerning his time in war-torn Iraq (“Zone of Action”) and the WWII exploits of his uncle, a Navy Cross winner as a carrier pilot in the Pacific Theater.

Kirk and Diane currently reside in Raleigh and Wrightsville Beach, NC, with their Labrador retriever Wally. A large presence in life, he has never forgotten his hometown roots and days at GHS, citing the “long history of great teachers and administrators” who have instilled in him the virtues of enthusiasm for learning, leadership, and hard work. He recalls teachers such as **Duane Shields, Edie Wilson, Kay Wagner, and Gerald Detrick** in addition to Principal **J.R. Smith** (“a great leader” who passed away unexpectedly in 1976) as positive influences on his life.

Kirk remembers that the Class of ‘76 had 3 different varsity football head coaches; **Tom Holman, Bob Morgan, and Randy Reed**, each of whom taught Greenville squads how to win, how to be a team, and how to become great sportsmen and citizens. He continues to be interested in events around Greenville, and when back home always makes it a point to stop at the Maid-Rite and Jim’s Drive-In, the site of many Spanish (hot dog) field trips!

A man of many attributes, accomplishments, and passions, he lives and leads by this philosophy: “At the end of the day, the most important piece of furniture in your house is the mirror. You must look in it and ask yourself, ‘Have I done all I could do today?’”

CLASS OF 1969 70th Birthday Party, June 4, 2021



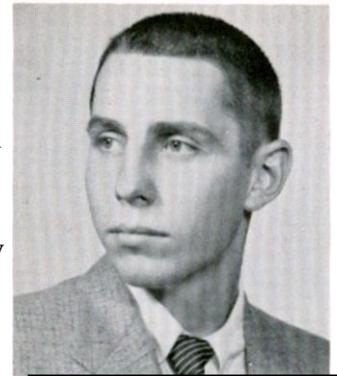
Front: Gary Garland.

Row 1: Rainee Reigle, Roscoe Hinkle, Tania Lindemuth Lam, Pam Wagner Sharp, Annie Eikenberry Myers, Krista Fisher Lawhorn, Suzie Barnhardt Carrington, Sam Edger.

Back Row: Kyle Kagey, Dee Lam, Mary Fitzwater Moenter, Debby Booker Soders, Judy Littman Whittaker, Claudette Baumgardner Flitman, and Terry Jasenski,

John Lantz Lays the Foundation For the Football Dynasty at Versailles

John Lantz GHS 1955 was a four-year football, basketball, and track athlete at GHS and won letters in all three sports. This 1954-55 class was the top class in GHS history in the combination of athletic and academic prowess. He attended and played four years of football at Taylor University (Upland, Indiana). After college he wanted to coach football. After being an assistant coach at Wapakoneta High School, he applied for the Versailles Head Football Coaching position in 1962 after **Bill Buck** resigned. He was confident in his abilities and he wanted to get back to Darke County and be near where his roots were. He was picked for the football coaching job although he was not the top choice, and became a VHS school counselor.



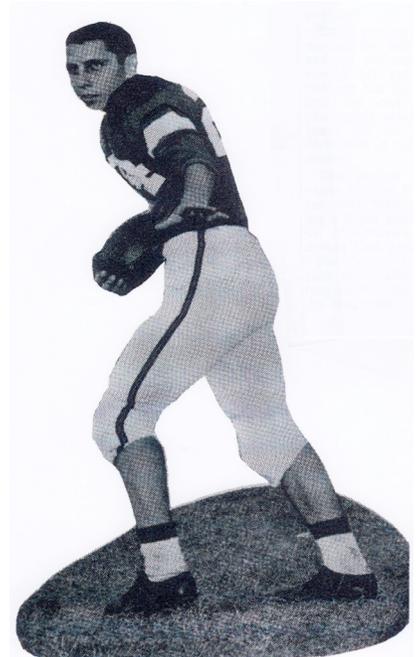
John's Senior Photo

The first year (Fall, 1962), John's record was 1-8-1, with the only victory being against Ansonia. Injuries to key players played a big part in the team's lack of success. Local fans were angry since this was the lowest win total for any Tiger team since 1935. The 1963 season began with a 38-0 loss at Greenville, where they were over matched. John's strong football mind quickly molded his players into being winners by being an excellent motivational leader. This team believed in itself and won nine straight games, finishing 9-1, averaging 29.4 points and yielding 8.6 per game during the win streak. The wins included victories over Union City, Graham Local, Miami East, Ansonia, Parkway, Bradford, Marion Local, Minster, and "The Game" Piqua Catholic. They were not only winning but also were stampeding over their competition. Versailles fans were happy with a Tri-County League championship and a team on the up-swing.

Before the 1964 season began, a new teacher who was a cousin of one of John's assistant coaches offered to help coach the team as a non-paid volunteer. John said he would have to show the same production as the paid coaches if he took the job. This volunteer eventually became the winningest coach in "**Tigerball**" history, **Al Hetrick**, who was from Ada, Ohio, and attended college at Colorado State University. Fortunately for the Tigers, Greenville was replaced on the schedule with Lima Perry. While stumbling in the sixth game at Parkway, 15-12, Versailles rebounded to finish with a 9-1 record again.

The 1965 season started with a disappointing loss to Miami East, 20-14, but the team rolled over the rest of their opponents and finished 9-1 again. They had gone 27-3 after Lantz's first year. John encouraged and taught his players and got the most out of their abilities. He understood that the strength of his team was in the running game and he developed players to do just that.

In the 1966 season, the offense was explosive but their defense became the name of the game. The defense was attacking and relentless and allowed just twenty points for the entire year. The potent offense gained 3,350 yards. The **Lantzmen** played their A games during the whole season, and ended the year with a 28-6 victory over Piqua Catholic. They finished 10-0 with a number 6 ranking in the state polls at a time when there were only two divisions in Ohio high schools. The playoff system started six years later and football was the last sport to have playoffs. High schools had to campaign for their teams to reach higher positions in the polls, pointing out this fatally flawed, and unfair, system. It was not possible for voters to see all the teams in action. The mythical named winner of the polls was exactly that – mythical. The highest poll position that the Tigers ever reached was #5. Hetrick was a paid assistant now and was charged with molding the offensive and defensive lines into working machines. He was also promoting the team through a public relations campaign and it began to pay off.



JOHN LANTZ—Right Halfback
All League Offensive Halfback
Honorable Mention

Coming off the 10-0 campaign in 1966, Lantz had to challenge his new team as he entered the 1967 fall season. He told the new team that they were

far superior players than those on the undefeated team which just left. The players believed this and kept the tradition alive. After a 5-0 start, the Tigers reached #1 on the state polls for the first time ever. Hetrick's persistent promotion of the Tigers was paying off and the poll voters were forced to take a closer look at the Versailles football team. Their competition did not match up to the Tigers and were only outplayed in one game that year, at home by Ansonia, but VHS won, 16-6. Lantz was a master motivator and would not permit the players to lose their focus on the ultimate prize. He would not let them look back but to always look forward and to strive for more. With the season ending defeat of Piqua Catholic, 36-14, Tigerball finished off another 10-0 undefeated season. The UPI final football poll had Versailles ranked #1 in the state for the first time ever. John was named the Ohio High School Football Coach of the Year. The football program in Versailles had gone full circle since its founding in 1921 and John Lantz played the major role. Their last home loss was to the Green Wave in 1964 and the team compiled a 48-11-1 record during the Lantz era. The record after his first year was an astounding 46-2-0.

John's reputation for success attracted much attention from neighboring schools hoping to improve their football programs. The Superintendent of Centerville High School put together a package to lure Lantz to the Elks. It was very attractive and John accepted it. John endorsed Al and, along with the School Board, were all convinced that **Al Hetrick** would be the successor to the Lantz legacy. Tigerball was about to enter a bright new future for the next 38 years, during which time Hetrick's program would compile 334 wins, eighteen conferences title, thirteen regional titles, six state titles and three state runners-up. This is one of the greatest accomplishments in OHSAA sports history.

Lantz coached at Centerville for four years but eventually left this profession to spend more time with his wife **Jean** and three sons, **Barry**, **Doug**, and **Dan**. All three became very accomplished in their lives. He stayed on as a guidance counselor. He developed a college survival lecture series for high school juniors and seniors. He traveled the area giving lectures and preparing high school students for college life. John and Al both used lessons from football to teach and change lives of their students and players for the better and these lessons can last a lifetime.

One of Lantz's greatest players, **Tony Baltes** VHS 1967 and University of Toledo football star said, "John Lantz was the biggest influence in my life in high school and this opened the door for my career. John was my mentor." Later, John worked with Tony in the Tiger-Eye Design's political campaigns in the 1980s and 1990s.

John was inducted into the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame in its fifth class in 1992 along with his brother **David Lantz** GHS 1958. Brother **Steve Lantz** GHS 1968 is also in the H.O.F. The Lantz family was a pillar of the community and schools in both sports and academics for many years. **Jean Lantz Shepherd** GHS 1945 and **Mary Ann Lantz Caldwell** GHS 1966 were long-time elementary teachers in the Greenville City Schools. Seven members of the family graduated from GHS, and also include siblings **Lowell Lantz** GHS 1952 and **Paula Lantz Weitz** GHS 1971.



The 1967 Versailles Football Tigers won their first State Championship and the coaching staff was:

Front: John Lantz and Joseph Allen.

Back: Ralph Francis, Al Hetrick, and Mike Gant.

Boys' and Girls' Club of Greenville Celebrates 80 Years of Service

The **Boys' Club** of Greenville was formed in November, 1941, from the vision of 12 leading citizens of Greenville. The first year had an average of 67 boys present each day after school hours. Within the first two months, **Jim Lees**, GHS 1946, won the honor of being the first Mayor of Greenville's chapter of the Boys' Club and the first seven newly elected councilmen were **John Brumbaugh**, GHS 1948, **Jim Canan**, GHS 1948, **Bob Green**, GHS 1947, **Dick Faulkner**, GHS 1948, **Jack Corle**, GHS 1948, **Harvey Dunlap**, GHS 1948, and **Jack "Doc" Ridings**, GHS 1949. Activities included weekly ping pong tournaments, checkers tournaments, dart throwing championships, and a traveling basketball team that played junior high teams around the county. **Blaine Clark**, GHS 1946, and **Donald Turner**, GHS 1947, were high point scorers in a basketball game at Gettysburg in January, 1942. **Ora Jessup**, GHS 1945, **Bob "Apey" Wright**, GHS 1947, **Dick Harless**, GHS 1949, **Harold McConnell**, GHS 1948, and **Walter Swartz**, GHS 1949, were the first five elected policemen. Every week more boys passed their tests on various wood-working machines and became more skilled in their use. There were visitors' nights on Wednesdays when parents could come and see their sons' accomplishments.

Nationally, the **Dashaway Club**, was formed in 1860 by three women in Hartford, Connecticut, and was the beginnings of the future **Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America**. In 1876, New York City founded its first group to use the **Boys' Club** name. In 1906, a national organization was established as the **Federated Boys' Clubs**, and that organization was renamed the **Boys' Clubs of America** in 1931. The goal in 1931 was to get the right slant on boyhood's ideals, boyhood's games, and boyhood's habits. Boys around the country at that time were asked to give their opinions about their interest in sports, their reading habits, and their ambitions. Before 1931, many boys' ambitions were to wear the uniform of the policemen or firemen, but by 1931 the average youngster aspired to be an aviator. This was an impression made by the flight of Charles Lindbergh across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. The interests of the boys became the blueprint for the national clubs' activities. The national organization changed its name to the **Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America (BGCA)** in 1990, but girls had been admitted in earlier years, and our local club became the **Boys' and Girls' Club** starting in 1978.

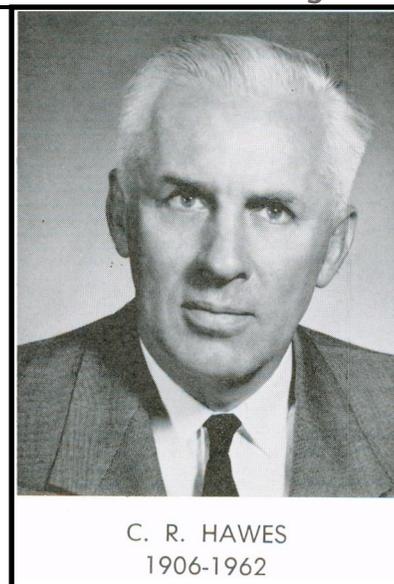
The Greenville Chapter was organized in 1941 by **Robert "Bob" White**, who was East School Principal at that time and was the first Director. The founding fathers were **Bob Coppess**, GHS 1922, **William Edward Hole, Sr.**, **L.A. Winchell**, **Scipio Lehman** GHS 1915, **Martha Rupp**, **Vernon Marchal**, **John Vance**, GHS 1926, **Rev. Frank Thomas**, **John Stubbs** GHS 1918, and **E.R."Red" Randall**. The early clubs in Greenville had a tool room, a recreation room, and a woodworking room. The staff in 1942 included two teachers, **Robert Taylor**, a fifth-grade teacher at East School, 1940-41, and **Robert Hawes**, GHS 1925, an industrial arts teacher at West Milton. Mr. Taylor arranged for the new Boys' Club to be held in the basement auditorium of East School and he was in charge of recreation. Mr. Hawes was an industrial arts teacher and was in charge of woodworking and manual crafts. By February, 1942, there were 164 members attending the club and the boys had to sign up the hours each wished to work on the woodworking equipment because there was so much demand to use them. There were eight basketball teams by this time. The model airplane club produced good work by many and **Harvey Pierce**, GHS 1948, became the first to have his airplane to really fly under its own power. Other activities available to the members other than those already mentioned, included carving, a harmonica band, photography, boxing, wrestling, numerous table games, and picture shows. The first school year season of the club ended in April, 1942, with memberships exceeding 200, and with uptown businesses showcasing handicrafts made by the boys, and concluding with a track meet in the City Park. No members were solicited and no one had to make anything, but the club was a place for each boy to call his own. The club closed before the school year was over due to lack of operating funds, and this was during World War II.

Bill Maxwell, was Principal at East School from 1942 to 1959, and was the club Director from 1942 to 1947. Mr. Maxwell had two helpers, **Bob Hawes** for woodworking and **Francis Lease** for play and recreational games. The equipment available included



Mr. Maxwell, 1943

jigsaws, ping pong tables, card games, and a reading and comic book corner. **The Articles of Incorporation** for the "Greenville Boys Club" to become a non-profit organization were signed Oct. 10, 1945, by **Vernon Marchal** and **E.R. "Red" Randall**. The Club was open five school nights a week (Mon-Fri), and appealed most to those 9 to 14 years old. Membership was 121 boys and 41 was the average daily attendance. In October, 1948, GHS industrial arts teacher, **C. Robert "Bob" Hawes** opened the doors as Director of the club and meetings were held in the basement of East School, then moving to the basement of St. Clair Memorial Hall in 1949, when the old East building was torn down. His assistant helpers were **Homer Huston, Bud Nealeigh, Marvin Oakley,** and **Bill Howell**, and leathercraft and radio building were added to the program, with many games played in the high school gym. During these years, gyms were used at the High School and at East School, the cafeteria was used for motion picture shows, and the music room was used for the newly developing television.



In 1950, the objectives of the club were: 1. To develop body, brain, and hands; 2. To provide a constructive interest; 3. Worthy use of leisure time; 4. Fair play. Be a good sport; 5. Respect property; 6. Cooperation, or the ability to get along with each other; 7. Develop personality; 8. Character building; 9. Courtesy; and 10. To know the value of a dollar. Any boy can go to the club anytime they want to find companionship and engage in activities of his choice. December, 1950, was the first appeal by the club for toys to give to needy youngsters. Their shop would repair toys that needed fixing. This became the main project of the Club each year.

By 1957, meetings were held in the basement of the Memorial Hall with registration at 7:00 and lasting until 9:00 pm weekdays from October 1 until the end of May. The basement of the Memorial Hall had street exposure on West Fifth Street and the building's rear. Assistant helpers were **Mike Willman**, South School teacher, **Stockton "Bud" Shafer, Harold Stockslager**, GHS 1955, **Neil O'Brien**, and **Pat Thomas**, GHS 1960. Willman became interested because of his wood work finishing for builder **Dale Rismiller**, and his



1957. Members of the Club work at a wood finishing machine under the supervision of Mr. Hawes. Left to right: Paul Whittington, GHS 1963, Tommy Wion, GHS 1961, and Joe Dispennette, GHS 1961.

interest and experience showed through the Club's wood shop. The Christmas toy collection included having citizens bring toys to the Fire Department as a collection point and then taken to the club for repair. The 150 boys then who attended the club kept themselves busy with hobbies, exercises, and entertainment instead of wandering the streets.



1959. Greenville boys crowd around the registration desk to get their names on the membership rolls. Signing up the boys are Stockton Shafer, *bottom right*, and Bob Hawes, *far right with glasses*.

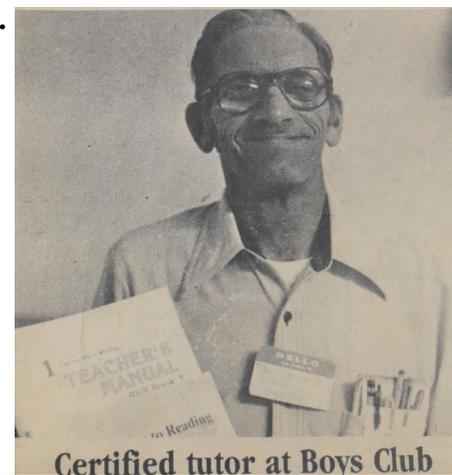
A full week's schedule would include one night in the shop, another gym night in the South School gym, another night for movie films, and another for ping pong, checkers, shuffleboard, and the other for shop, pool tables, and other games. Officers and Board Members at this time were **Herman Marchal** (President), **Jim Mann** (VP) GHS 1931, **Herman Karn** (Sec'y), **Wayne Hansbarger** (Treas.), and the Board **John Suter** GHS 1929, **Bob Kolp** GHS 1921, **Ralph Raach** GHS Teacher, **Jim Lehman** GHS 1939, **Dwight Salzman** Coach, **Dr. Forest Cox** GHS 1937, **R.W. Duncan** (Superintendent), and **Ed Buchy** GHS 1934. Attendance kept increasing in part because of the increasing amount of equipment which was available to use.

The long-lasting Director and a most dedicated leader, **Mr. Bob Hawes**, died an unexpected tragic death on April 9, 1962, leaving a void that was hard to fill. He was admirably called "The Boy's Friend" because of his dedication to Greenville's youth. Long-time assistant **Stockton "Bud" Shafer** became the Director. The club was moved to another location after the High School moved to the Park, at 703 Walnut in the upstairs of Rodefeld's Automotive Supply building in 1963 and included a study library for members in addition to the large recreation area. This building had been Timmons Bowling Alley in the 1940s until 1957, and it was long and had plenty of space to accommodate the Boys' Club. The Club met here for 27 years. The community helped shape up the new location with the Jaycees and a maintenance crew from Fram remodeling the interior of this old brick building very near East School. "Boys' Club Week" was held in April annually and was a celebration for the members. It was the most important week of the year when the parents and the community could see what the club members have been doing—in sports, hobbies, crafts, and citizenship training. By 1965, there were 145 members between 9 and 15 years of age and the club's stated purpose was to promote social, educational, vocational and character development.

A camping experience was added to the club offerings in 1966 allowing a summer recreational program. **Harold Stockslager**, GHS 1955, was the President of the Board and **Arthur Downey** GHS 1957, was the Director. **Bonnie Shiverdecker**, GHS 1966, was in charge of the arts and crafts department. The Club performed community services rendered by the members by participating in the Mayor's annual clean-up and fix-up week and the Christmas toy collection and repair and distribution. One year, 50 boys helped clear and cleanup a wooded area at the Fish and Game Club.

Fred Ruhie, a teacher at Mississinawa Valley High School, was named Director in October, 1970. Membership was 165 and ages served were boys from 8 to 14, with a membership fee of \$1.00. **Mrs. Lowell Dunn** was arts and crafts director and **Arthur Downey** led the physical education program. Board members were **Mike Willman**, **Dick Thomas**, **Don Kline**, **Jim Oliver** GHS 1954, **John Engelken** GHS 1931, **Art Downey**, and **Stockton Shafer**.

Cathy McKibben became the Director of the **Girls' Auxiliary of the Greenville Boys Club**, which was a new organization in the 1970s. They sponsored dances on selected Friday nights at the club's Walnut Street location and Boys' Club members and guests were all welcome to attend. **Paul Kirkpatrick** took over as Director in 1976 and the Girls' Auxiliary Director was **Mrs. Joyce Johnson**. Other supervisors were **Mrs. Steve Petty**, arts and crafts, **Jim Oliver**, model aircraft, **Leroy Spurlock**, **Steve Henninger** GHS 1972, and **Von Henninger**, shop, **Steve Petty** and **Ed Johnson**. A martial arts class was added to the program and the supervisors sponsored rummage sales to raise money for equipment for the club. Boys and girls 8 to 15 were permitted to be members of the club. The importance of **Paul Kirkpatrick** cannot be overstated. He was dedicated to having the kids read more books and improve their writing and he received a Literacy Award for his continuing efforts, in addition to being a 40-year volunteer and the Director from 1976 to 1999.



Paul Kirkpatrick was the longest serving Director, 1976-2000

Ron Harding, Sr., headed the workshop and taught woodcrafts in the early 80s. In 1983, the Club partnered with the **Salvation Army Kettle Drive**, and also distributed over 1,500 toys to children in Darke County at Christmastime. **Ted Finnarn**, GHS 1967, was Secretary-Treasurer from about 1980 and is to be commended for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Club. In 1984, the Board of Directors included **Bill Loudenslager, Don Kilgallon, John Engelken, Mike Willman, Robert Ridenour, Roger Brocius**, with President being **John Johnston** and Vice President **Jim Oliver**. Open houses were held on four Fridays in October-November in the late 1980s to collect toys for Christmas giveaway and

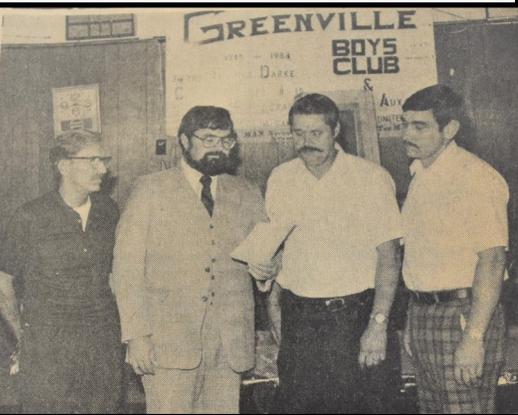


**Boys and Girls Club
of Greenville**
613 S. Broadway 547-1122 Greenville, Ohio
Director: Tom Jenkins Cell: 937-670-6823
Trial Membership Card

Name _____ Age _____
Member Since _____



1981 Ron Harding, wood working



1984 Officers: Paul K., Ted Finnarn, Robert Ridenour, and John Johnston



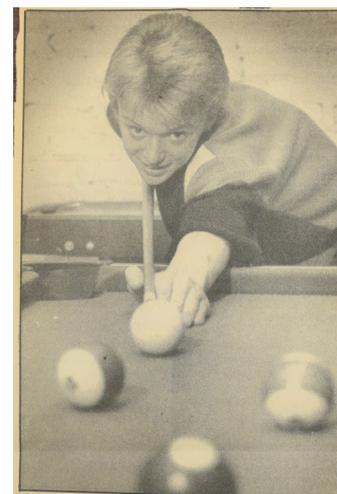
1991 Fred Fine fixes bike

to sell candles from the House of Lloyd with proceeds going to the Club.

In 1989, Paul was still Director and **Fred Fine, Sr.**, supervised the woodworking area. Some of their favorite woodworking projects included making pencil holders, birdhouses, and key holders. The Club relocated to 132 East Third Street next to C&F Shoes because the old Walnut Street building was getting too old and structurally unsafe. This location was too small and was only a temporary stop. The Lutheran Church gym was used for basketball games and even some crafts were done at volunteers' homes before the move to E. Fourth Street. The Board planned for the move establishing a building fund and the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Sertoma organizations contributed funds. The City granted the use of the Southside Recreational Center by the water tower for Club members to use. The **"Toys for the Needy"** program continued, much like done in the years before. The **Road Hogs Motorcycle Club** gathered toys at the traffic circle for many years, then took them to the Club for repair, if needed. After the Club was not involved any more, the toys project has been taken over by the **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** and the **Radiant/Lighthouse Church** at more recent times.

In 1993, Fred Fine was still the shop manager and Paul the Director. The relocation to the present building at 613 South Broadway occurred in 1995 after the Board purchased the building from **Darrell Biddlestone**, who had recently owned a furniture store at that location and had been a trustee for the organization. Paul continued on as Director until about 1999.

Jeff Miller worked with the Club from about 1995, and was Director from late 1999 to December 31, 2004. **Amy Hunt Schoen** GHS 1997, was a volunteer starting in 2000, Assistant Director from 2002-2004, and Director from Jan. 1, 2005 to Christmas, 2009. Amy is at present a teacher at GHS and says she absolutely loved her job as Club Director. In the 2003-2004 era, another longtime dedicated Greenville volunteer. **Eileen Litchfield**, who



Billiards, anyone?
Troy Fritz, 14, son of Marilyn and Gene Fritz of Greenville, prepares to sink one Friday at the Greenville Boys Club. (Advocate photo by John Weber)

1988 Troy Fritz playing pool

Boys and Girls Club photos:
2020 Halloween costume winners



2020 Christmas Party, Tom Jenkins at right end



Weight Room
<<<<left

Interior in 2021,
Pool tables,
Towards the front
Right>>>>



Newer kitchen
<<<<left
Former Directors
Jeff Miller,
Amy Hunt Schoen,
and Trustee Darrell
Biddlestone
Right >>>>



was working at **Kitchen Aid** at the time, invited the club members to come in, and she gave cooking classes to the youth, once a month for several years. The Club members did some community service by making visits to local nursing homes. “This is a place kids can come after school,” says Amy. “Some of these kids just need some adult intervention. They ask for help, confide in you, and you get to see them grow.” Amy still misses that job and the kids who attend but she knows that Tom is doing a wonderful job.

Tom Jenkins, Ansonia HS 1973, has volunteered at the club since 2000 and became the Director, December, 2009. He retired from Midmark in January, 2020, and now devotes all his efforts to the club’s success. Mayor **Steve Willman** GHS 1971, son of longtime Trustee and volunteer **Mike Willman**, is presently President of the Board and **JoEllen Crowell Melling** GHS 1984, has been the Assistant Director/ Secretary/ Treasurer since 2012. The membership fee now is \$2.00 per person and then they receive a \$7.00 t-shirt for joining. A majority of the Club’s \$60,000+ per year budget is funded through the **United Way**. At this time, club activities include cooking classes, arts and crafts, woodshop, exercise room, video games, ping pong, pool tables, basketball, Nintendo, X-Box, cable TV, air hockey, skee-ball, corn hole, computers, individual tutoring, board games, group games, and field trips such as fishing in the Park, Ohio Caverns, the Fort Wayne Zoo, Idle Hour ranch in Troy and former West Alexandria zoo, Dayton Dragons baseball games, skating party, holiday parties, Greenville City Park, and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. There is an annual Halloween

20 Under 20 Awards for Darke County

In May, 2021, the **Darke County Economic Development (DCED)** recognized twenty achieving youth from Darke, Mercer and Auglaize Counties who are under twenty years of age. This spotlights students, educators, and businesses collaborating to help prepare the next generation of workers in our area. These students must be enrolled in education related to their career and be engaged in work-based learning, such as an apprenticeship, internship, co-op program, or other business/education partnership. This is the sixth year for these awards. All three members of the partnership – student, educator and business are recognized because all roles are essential for success. All will be honored with boulevard banners in their hometowns.

The three GHS students on this list are all seniors. **Logan Hittle** was nominated for his work at the Village Green Health Campus by **Amanda Koenig**, Med Tech program instructor at Greenville’s CTC. She describes Logan as a leader who takes opportunities to improve his skills and awareness of the health care field. He earned his STNA certification through Greenville’s Med Tech program. **Annie Carico**, Executive Director of the Village Green, praised Logan’s selection for the award. Logan plans to attend Edison College to pursue his associates degree, then attend Indiana University East (Richmond) to obtain a bachelor’s degree in Nursing. His career goal is to work in family medicine.

Riley Emerick is the second GHS graduate nominated for his work at Dickman Supply Company by **Brad Holzapfel** GHS 1998, Greenville Branch Manager. Brad says Riley has the “4 ingredients for a successful career: attendance, hard work, attitude and personality.” GHS Guidance Counselor, **Rebecca Curtis** introduced Riley to this opportunity. Riley enjoys the comradery within the company and looks forward to working full time with Dickman’s after graduation.

Austin Zechar was nominated for his work at the Family Health Service by **Nathan Sharp** GHS 1977, Computer Information Systems teacher in the Career Tech Center. Austin’s supervisor at Family Health was **Brian Subler** appreciated the computer skills Austin brought, and his customer service skills made significant improvement. Austin wants to enter the cybersecurity field and study Information Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

Austin has earned the level of Eagle Scout while at GHS and is part of a four generation GHS family. His parents are **Greg Zechar** GHS 1991, a principal at Zechar-Bailey Funeral Home, and mother **Heather Cook Zechar** GHS 1996. He has a younger brother **Tyler Zechar** GHS 2023 and an Aunt **Jill Zechar York** GHS 1987. Greg’s parents and Austin’s grandparents are **Gary Zechar** GHS 1960 and **Sally Tutwiler Zechar** GHS 1960, a Greenville schools’ elementary teacher from 1964 to 1999. The great-grandparents are **Jack Tutwiler** GHS 1928 and **Byron “Bud” Zechar** GHS 1934 and **Lois Deubner**. Byron and Lois’ other children were **Judy Zechar Snider** GHS 1964, her husband **Roger Snider** GHS 1964, and **Kent Zechar** GHS 1969 and wife **Nancy Pierri**. Byron and his twin brother **Myron Zechar** GHS 1934 entered embalming school after graduating from high school and open Zechar’s Funeral Home in 1941. Myron’s wife was **Jane Aufuldish**, and children were **Sharon Zechar** HS 1956 and **Bonnie Zechar** GHS 1960.

The Funeral Home moved from its original location of 324 East Third Street to its present home at the corner of North Broadway and Russ Road in 1986. The Zechar family has always been involved in this business and it was acquired by **Dignity Memorial** after the year 2000.

The Darke County Economic Development agency is headed by former Greenville Mayor **Mike Bowers** GHS 1979.

Logan Hittle, >>>
 Riley Emerick >>>
 Austin Zechar >>>

Myron and Byron
 Zechar after their
 Graduation in 1934.
Far right >>>



Year End Senior Awards are Highlighted by the Raudabaugh Award

This year's Senior Awards were presented May 26 at the Senior Send-Off assembly in the high school gym with only Seniors attending because of the Covid restrictions which were still in place.

Isabelle Rammel was named winner of the Jack Raudabaugh Award. She lettered in four years of cross country, two years of swimming, four years of track, and served as Captain and Scholar Athlete, Rookie of the Year, MVP, Most Valuable Runner, Sportsmanship, Excellence in Leadership, Coaches Awards, SADD Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Athlete of the Week, 1st team GWOC (CC), 1st team MVL (CC), three-time Regional qualifier in track and one-time State qualifier, 3.955 accumulative GPA. Remember, a year's worth of sports was eliminated due to Covid and this reduced all participants' number of awards. She was a Prom Court candidate and her personal information, family and future plans are included in that article.



Coltyn Addis
Phelps Citizenship

Heath (Jonathan) Coomer is this year's Raudabaugh winner for boys. He played tennis four years, lettering three, was Captain, Scholar Athlete, MVL Scholar Athlete, Student Council, National Honor Society, four years Orchestra, Sportsmanship Award, school record of 27 wins first doubles and district qualifier with partner, junior **Andrew Abell**. Heath played two years basketball, lettering once. Heath was also on the Prom Court and his personal information, family and future plans are included in that article.

Emily Marchal won two of the major school senior awards. The **Elizabeth Hill Citizenship** award was started in 1970 and Emily becomes the 52nd recipient of this prestigious honor. The boys equivalent of the **Eugene Phelps Citizenship** award was presented to **Coltyn Addis**. Emily and Coltyn were the Prom Queen and King and their personal information, family and future plans are listed in that article. Outstanding academic accomplishments are and have been rewarded with the **Kathryn Griner Academic** award and **Emily Marchal** was selected for this honor.

The **Paul Warner Principal's Leadership** award is given for high standards of honesty, integrity, as well as leadership to a Senior. Paul Warner's grandson, **Dr. Alex Warner** GHS 1967, presented this year's certificate to Senior Class President and Homecoming Queen **Kendra Arnold**.

The **Jason Barker Spirit** award was initiated to honor a GHS student with very fine personal qualities, who displays good sportsmanship, has good moral values, is fun-loving, has good sense of humor, is friendly to students and staff, and is very helpful to his/her peers. Coaches vote for this award and they selected **Felicity Lance** this year. Jason Barker was in the class of 1995.

The **Courage** award went to Senior **Levi Byers**. The **Advocate Pride** award was won by junior **Libby McKinney**. The **Archie Griffin Sportsmanship** awards went to underclassmen athletes **Kenna Jenkinson** and **Warren Hartzell**. The **OHSAA Sports and Academic** awards went to **Emily Marchal** and **Heath Coomer**. The **Excellence in Academics and Sports** awards were given to



Isabelle Rammel
Raudabaugh winner



Heath Coomer
Raudabaugh winner



Emily Marchal
Elizabeth Hill Citizenship
Kathryn Griner Academic

Carlos Badell and Emily Marchal. The Marines athletic awards went to **Reed Hanes** and **Grace Shaffer**. Grace gave the Class History as part of her job as Class Reporter.

The top instrumental music awards were presented at the Marling Band Shell on May 24. The **John Philip Sousa** award for the most honored Band member went to **Felicity Lance**. The **National School Orchestra** award for excellence in music selected **Emily Marchal** as best performer.

The three Valedictorians were introduced at this Senior Send-Off and consisted of three Seniors who maintained a 4.000 GPA through their high school years. Previously mentioned **Emily Marchal** and **Heath Coomer** were two choices, along with **Ashley Strosnider**. Ashley plans to study general business at Edison State this fall. Her mother is GHS alum **Rachel Bryant Strosnider** GHS 1994.

This year’s Senior Class is smaller than most but does show a trend that has been persistent. This class had 186 members and 174 graduated on June 5. Sixteen chose not to walk with the class so Commencement looked small. In comparison, the 2003 class had 271 graduates. The Class Key was passed down from this past year’s 2021 Class President **Kendra Arnold** to next year’s 2022 Class President-elect **Million Bryant**.

Two high-performing GHS athletes returned from the State Track Meet in time to graduate. **Grace Conway** placed second in the Division 1 girls Pole Vault with a personal best of 12 feet, 8 inches. This actually tied for first but she had one more miss and placed second. Another current top performer **Harley West** became the first female in GHS history to place in the State Meet in both shot put and discus. Harley finished in fourth place in Shot Put and 13th place in Discus. Last year there was no state meet and the year before that **Riley Hunt** GHS 2019 won the girls Pole Vault at State. Riley then went to the University of Arkansas to do pole vaulting but has now transferred to the University of South Florida (USF-Tampa).



Far left: Felicity Lance—Jason Barker Spirit Award

Left: Alex Warner presents Paul Warner Principal’s Leadership Award to Senior Class President Kendra Arnold

Right: Million Bryant, class of 2022, Receives School Key from 2021 Senior Class President Kendra Arnold



3 Valedictorians: Emily Marchal, Heath Coomer, and Ashley Strosnider

Commencement



174 Graduates



GHS OBITUARIES -- 2020

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

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

GHS OBITUARIES for 2020 (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>
Hazel. L. Carter DuBois, 101 (<i>legacy.com</i>)	1937	d. Dec. 13, Arcanum, OH
Eileen M. Oehrtman Shoemaker, 100 (<i>DignityMemorial.com</i>)	1938	d. July 30, Bradford, OH
Robert James "Jim" Eby, 99* (<i>NewcomerDayton.com</i>)	---	d. Sept. 27, Huber Heights, OH
*Jim was a phys. ed. teacher, 1952-56, Head Football Coach of the undefeated 1954 Wave team; born in Trotwood, later had another undefeated football team at Colonel White HS in Dayton (1960).		
Joan V. Jay Goeke, 97 (<i>NewcomerDayton</i>)	1940	d. Jan. 7, Venice FL
Arthur "Art" Anthony Stephan, 97 (<i>StockerFralely</i>)	1940	d. May 26, Troy, OH
June L. Coppock Meckes, 95 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1942	d. Jan. 26, Greenville, OH
Velma Alene Cox Lowder, 95 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1943	d. July 12, Greenville, OH
Anna Lee Armstrong Shuttleworth, 94 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1943	d. Mar. 23, Greenville, OH
Joanna Marker Schmermund, 95 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1943	d. July 27, El Campo, TX
Reba E. Warvel Hart, 93 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1944	d. Feb. 9, Greenville, OH
Joseph Bernard Barry, 91	1944,	d. Nov. 28, 2017, Denver, CO
Betty Lou Pence Jones, 94 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1944	d. Oct. 7, Greenville, OH
Barbara Wagner Glick, 94 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1944	d. Nov. 23, Duluth, MN
Alma Lea Rhodes Sharp Gilbert, 94 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1944	d. Oct. 19, Greenville, OH
Mary Alice Sharp Redman, 94 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1945	d. Nov. 5, Greenville, OH
Betty Jean Neitzelt Henderson, 93 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1945	d. Dec. 20, Greenville, OH
Charles J. "Chuck" Schmermund, 92 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1946	d. June 30, Greenville/Leetonia, OH
Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Brown Schmalenberger, 91 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1946	d. Oct. 31, Greenville, OH
Edgar Dale Gruber, 90** (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	---	d. Feb. 26, Greenville, OH
**Ed was a Principal, Teacher, Assistant Superintendent for the Greenville Schools, 1969 to 1980s, from Lima		
Richard Emerson "Whitey" Robbins, 89 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1948	d. Apr. 24, Greenville, OH
Norma Jean Warvel Leas, 89 (<i>GoodwinFamilyFH</i>)	1948	d. June 1, Vincennes, IN

<i>GHS Alumnus or Student, Age at Death(www.website code)</i>	<i>Class Date of Death, Place of Residence</i>
JoAnn Sharp Thompson, 90 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1948 d. Aug. 1, Greenville, OH
Harvey James Pierce, 90 (<i>Routson</i>)	1948 d. Nov. 16, Oakwood, OH
Shirley A. Stebbins DiRocco, 90 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1948 d. Dec. 14, Greenville, OH
Marline Louise Spille Kelley, 90	1948 d. Jan. 29, Powell, OH
Lawrence John "Larry" Wheeler, Jr.,89 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1949 d. Mar. 9, Greenville, OH
James Andrew "Jim" Patton, 88 (<i>BakerHazelSnider</i>)	1950 d. Nov. 14, Clayton, OH
Ellen Jean "Sam" Boyer, 90 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1950 d. Aug. 13, Greenville, OH
Phyllis Ann Hufnagle Mong, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1950 d. Apr. 18, Greenville, OH
Eugene R. "Coach" Cullers, 88*** (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	--- d. Dec. 30, Greenville, OH
*** Gene was teacher, coach, and Principal in various schools for over 30 years, from Eaton	
Arelida Anna Edger Emrick, 86 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1951 d. Jan. 10, Greenville, OH
Robert Lawrence Ridenour, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1951 d. Apr. 3, Greenville, OH
David H. Burris, 82 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1951 d. Dec. 12, 2015, Concord, OH
Marilyn Jean Earhart Robbins, 86 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1951 d. Feb. 5, Greenville, OH
Betty Lou Enochs Burk, 87 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1951 d. Dec. 21, Greenville, OH
Richard James "Jim" Murphy, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1951 d. Dec. 29, Greenville, OH
Mary Ann Hoblit Prager, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1951 d. Jan. 2, Greenville, OH
Leroy Eugene Murphy, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1952 d. Apr. 3, Greenville, OH
Phyllis Kay Jenkinson Arnett, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1952 d. May 23, Greenville, OH
Robert Edward Smith, 85 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1952 d. Apr. 4, Troy, OH
Chester "Chet" Raymond Wirrig (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>)	1952 d. Mar. 20, Arcanum, OH
Ronald Glen Swartwout, 87 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1952 d. Nov. 19, Greenville, OH
Sally Lee Hole Zeiter, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1953 d. July 13, Greenville, OH
Sue Ann Garrett Clark, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1954 d. Aug. 14, Greenville, OH
Michael E. Brumbaugh, 83 (<i>OberlinTurnbull</i>)	1954 d. Mar. 9, Bryan, OH
Jean Louise Ray Holdeman, 84 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1954 d. July 7, Greenville, OH
Annis M. Cottongim Bowlin, 84^ (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>)	--- d. Aug. 14, Greenville, OH
^Annis taught 4 th grade at the Greenville City Schools for 30 years, from Arcanum	
Doris Calvert Starnes, 82 (<i>no report—info from Allen Hauberg</i>)	1955 d. Feb. 27, ??
Jack L. Schafer, Sr., 83 (<i>Hale-Sarver</i>)	1955 d. Dec. 27, Troy, OH
Patty Joan Knick Sells, 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1955 d. May 17, Greenville, OH
Joe Anne Kiser Radigan, 82 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1955 d. May 21, Richmond, IN
Linna Mae Prasuhn Peters, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1955 d. June 11, Greenville, SC
Nadine Bailey Drew, 83 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1955 d. June 26, Springboro, OH
Kenneth Dale Shoup, 83 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1955 d. June 29, Greenville, OH
Thomas Henry "Tom" Anderson, 83 (<i>Hale-Sarver</i>)	1955 d. July 30, Greenville, OH
Howard H. Holland, 81^^ (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	-- d. Apr. 28, Greenville, OH
^^Howard taught Art at the Junior High from 1970 into the 1980s, from Muncie, IN. and Union City, IN	
Connie S. Hoover Weratherford, 81 (<i>TrostelChapman</i>)	1956 d. Feb. 16, New Carlisle, OH
Patricia Jean "Pat" Frantz Bruggeman, 81 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1956 d. Feb. 18, Greenville, OH
Carol Jean Blumenstock Wehr, 81 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1956 d. Apr. 6, Greenville, OH

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George Sullivan Luce, 80 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1957 d. Mar. 7, Greenville, OH
Arthur Vaughn Downey, Sr., 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1957 d. May 12, Greenville, OH
Gary Duane Batten, 81 (<i>SnyderFuneralHomes</i>)	1957 d. June 18, Delaware, OH
Robert Condon "Bob" Heaton, Sr., 82 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1957 d. Oct. 11, Union City/Greenv..
Carolyn Ann Klackner Newbauer, 80 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1957 d. July 3, Ansonia, OH
Helen Joanne Gunkel Arnett, 81 (<i>BairdFuneralHome</i>)	1957 d. Oct. 14, Troy, OH
Corliss Gene "Corky" Keesy, 81 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1957 d. Oct. 23, Greenville, OH
Randall Lee Kemme, 81 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1958 d. Dec. 7, Greenville, OH
Marilyn Sue Hufford Leas, 80# (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1958 d. Dec. 25. Greenville, OH
#Marilyn taught at Woodland Heights Elementary from 1976 to 2013	
James F. Beasley, 79 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1959 d. Aug. 4, Greenville, OH
Benton Charles Oliver, 79 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1959 d. Mar. 4, Gallatin, TN
Mark Willard Wagner, 79 (<i>DignityMemorial, Legacy.com</i>)	1959 d. Nov. 29, Greenville, OH
Thomas Lee Harris, Sr., 78 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1960 d. June 7, Middletown, OH
Marilyn Eileen Walling Lutz, 77## (<i>Advocate....</i>)	--- d. Mar. 30, Greenville, OH
##Marilyn taught Junior High English, 1990s-2000s, and was an administrator in the Greenville School District	
David Lewis Collins, 78 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1960 d. Oct. 25, Greenville, OH
Carol Ann Wolford, 78 (<i>KreitzerFuneralHome</i>)	1960 d. Dec. 21, Arcanum, OH
Ruth Arlene Eve Bohler, 77 (<i>NewcomerDayton</i>)	1961 d. June 28, W. Carrollton, OH
Frank S. Knasinski, Jr., 77### (<i>WalkersWinchester</i>)	--- d. Nov. 17, Winchester, IN
###Frank taught HS and JR.HS science, 1972-1992, from Wisconsin and Winchester, IN	
Francis Ann Martin Sieg, 76 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1962 d. Aug. 6, Greenville, OH
Norbert Francis Frantz, Jr., 75 ^^^(<i>ReichardFH</i>)	1962 d. Apr. 27, Union City, IN
^^^Norbert taught Auto Mechanics at G.H.S. from 1977 to 1983	
Ronald Wayne Pipenger, 75 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1962 d. Sept. 4, Englewood, OH
James. D. Plessinger, 76 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1962 d. Sept. 21, Greenville, OH
Joy Louan Godown Ault, 76 (<i>NeideckerCrosserPriesman</i>)	1962 d. Oct. 29, Dublin OH
Mary Jane Bierly Glaze, 76 (<i>ReichardFH</i>)	1962 d. Nov. 17, Greenville, OH
Nancy Jo Seman Grimes, 76 (<i>from the internet....</i>)	1962 d. Oct. 10, Dayton, OH
Richard Ray "Dick" Skinner, 76 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1963 d. Sept. 1, Greenville, OH
Gary K. Bickel, 77 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1963 d. Jan. 3, Greenville, OH
Carol Sue Kuhnle Harrold, 75 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1963 d. July 24, Fort Wayne, IN
Raymond E. Lutz, 76 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1963 d. Mar. 25, Greenville, OH
Kerry Alan Ungericht, 75 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1963 d. Oct. 19, Greenville, OH
Mark Charles Vandivier, 73 (<i>cavin-cook</i>)	1964 d. Aug. 24, Mooresville, NC
Mary Catherine Pretzman Bullard, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1964 d. Apr. 4, Greenville, OH
John David Bingham, 74 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1964 d. May 8, Muncie, IN
Michael Lee Garbig, 74 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1964 d. Nov. 10, Greenville, OH
Paulette Magdalena Swab Shields, 73 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1964 d. July 9, Greenville, OH
Patricia "Pat" Hoellrich, 74 ****(<i>Legacy.com</i>)	--- d. Dec. 28, Sidney, OH
****Pat taught elementary school at Woodland Heights from 1979 to 2004, from Gibsonburg, OH	

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Jerry Alan Blakeley, 72 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1965 d. Jan. 16, Greenville, OH
David Earl Plessinger, 73 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1965 d. Dec, 9, Greenville, OH
Tamara Sue "Tammy" Haworth Neiswonger, 73 (<i>MchattonSadlerFuneralChapels</i>)	1965 d. June 21, Warsaw, IN
Douglas Ray Weider, 73 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1965 d. Dec. 31, Greenville, OH
Rev. Max Kent Hetzel, 73	1965 d. Dec. 14, Greencastle, IN
Donald G. Pritchard, 73	1965 d. June 21, ? California
Susan Kay Johnston, 72 (<i>none listed....from Cheryl Batten Smith</i>)	1966 d. Jan. 11, East Conway, SC
Thomas Eugene Varvel, 74 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1966 d. Sept. 3, Greenville, OH
Richard Willard "Dick" Byers, 72 (<i>ReichardFH</i>)	1966 d. Jan. 27, Union City, OH
Linda Jane Lewis Allread, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1966, d. May 4, Greenville, OH
Ruth "Ann" Henderson Bohler, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1966 d. May 27, Greenville, OH
Linda Kay Jeffries Morrow, 72 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1966, d. Sept. 19, Georgetown, TX
Neil Edwin Isch, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1967 d. Mar. 20, Greenville, OH
Gregory Alan Errgong Weider, 69 (<i>DignityMemorial, Divinity.Yale.edu/alumni</i>)	1968 d. May 6, North Port, FL
Faye Elizabeth Oliver Henninger, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1968 d. Aug. 11, Greenville, OH
Kathy Ann Klopfenstein Myers, 69 ~(<i>StockerFralely</i>)	--- d. July 8, Bradford. OH
~ Kathy was Librarian and 8 th grade teacher, 1972-1998, from Celina	
Robert Gerald "Jerry" Corn, 71 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1968 d. Dec. 25, Greenville, OH
Deborah Kay Brodrick Shuff, 69 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1969 d. Sept. 15, Greenville, OH
Glen L. Foutz, 69 (<i>Melcher-Sowers</i>)	1969 d. Oct. 7, Piqua, OH
Charles Robert "Coop" Cooper, 70 (<i>DignityMemorial, Legacy</i>)	1969 d. Nov. 20, Versailles, OH
Paul Richard Snyder, 70 (<i>TheAdamsFuneralHome, Legacy</i>)	1969 d. Dec. 29, Sidney, OH
Bruce Myron Boyer, 67 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1972 d. Jan. 6, Greenville, OH
David Lee Kuhnle, 66 (<i>Schoedinger</i>)	1972 d. Dec. 15, Grove City, OH
Kathy Sue O'Dell Girton, 65 (<i>ReichardFH</i>)	1973 d. Oct. 13, Union City, OH
Jennifer Keller Dean, 65 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1973 d. July 24, Pensacola, FL
Claudia Sue Eberwein Shepherd, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1973 d. July 15, Greenville, OH
Gail David Weaver, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1973 d. Apr. 5, Greenville, OH
Barton Joseph "Bart" Williams, 64 (<i>JohnsonWilliamsFuneralHome</i>)	1973 d. Aug. 13, Dyersburg, TN
James Kenneth "Jim" Pence, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1973 d. Nov. 5, Greenville, OH
Linnea Anne "Nea" Suba Via, 65 (<i>DignityMemorial, Legacy.com</i>)	1973 d. Dec. 2, Greenville, OH
Sandra K. Hoying McFarland, 63 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1974 d. Apr. 8, Greenville, OH
Steven Leon "Big Red" Arnett, 64 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1974 d. June 26, Greenville, OH
John Jay Price, 64 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1974 d. Jan. 25, Greenville, OH
Jerry Lee Westfall, 66 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1974 d. Oct. 23, Greenville, OH
Danny Eugene Bunger, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1975 d. Aug. 26, Greenville, OH
Thelma "Ruth" McKibben Bunger, 63 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1976 d. Mar. 4, Greenville, OH
James Kenneth "Jim" Thwaites, 63 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1976 d. Mar. 27, Englewood, FL
Cindy Lee Downey, 62 (<i>StockerFralely</i>)	1977 d. Oct. 5, Greenville, OH

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Christopher Gene Garrett, 61 (<i>WheelerFuneralHome</i>)	1977 d. Sept. 23, Conyers, GA
Carl Eugene Smith, 61 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1978 d. July 27, Greenville, OH
Dr. Don Wallace "Scoot" Schafer II, 59 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	1979 d. Feb. 29, Columbus, OH
Duane Brian Zerkle, 59 (<i>ShivelyFuneralHomes</i>)	1979 d. June 2, Greenville, OH
Dominic Donald Mader, 59 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1979 d. June 26, Greenville, OH
Douglas James Deardourff, 60 (<i>Advocate...Legacy.com</i>)	1979 d. Dec. 27, Las Vegas, NV
Lowell Evan Elsass, 57 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1981 d. Apr. 15, Greenville, OH
Steve Allen Darner, 54 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1984 d. Jan. 1, Bradford, OH
Lisa Ann Deeter Paul, 53 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1985 d. Apr. 13, Greenville, OH
Dawn Michelle "Shelly" Miller Shafer, 53 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1985 d. June 17, Greenville, OH
Tracy Lynn Hufnagle Flynn, 50 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1987, d. Mar. 22, Greenville, OH
David Woodrow McGowan, Jr., 49 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1989 d. Jan. 10, Greenville, OH
Rodney Lee Weaver, 50 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1990 d. July22, Union City, IN
Roman Gabriel Smith, 47 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1990 d. Apr. 2, Tipp City, OH
Thomas Edward Rapier, 49 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1991 d. Dec. 16, Greenville, OH
Shirley Veronica Hosbrook Cline, 45 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	1993 d. Apr. 9, Versailles, OH
Laura Ann Petho Klingsmith, 45 (<i>Legacy.com</i>)	1993 d. July 30, Louisville, KY
Joseph Paul Ungericht, 45 (<i>Advocate....</i>)	1994 d. July 10, Croton, OH
Michael B. Jones, 42 (<i>DignityMemorial...Legacy.com</i>)	1997 d. Feb. 26, Greenville, OH
Chasity Sue Varvel, 38 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	2000 d. Feb. 4, Greenville, OH
Jeffrey Michael McDowell, 31 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	2007 d. Aug. 24, Greenville, OH
Katlin Renee "Katie" Crawford, 29 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	2009 d. Jan. 31, Greenville, OH
Joshua Thomas Macias, 29 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	2009 d. Apr. 5, Versailles, OH
Hilary Ann Fitzgerald, 28 (<i>TributeFuneralHomes</i>)	2010 d. Oct. 19, Dayton, OH
Timothy James Burden, 28 (<i>DignityMemorial</i>)	2010 d. Apr. 25, Greenville, OH
Cole Michael Allen, 17 (<i>Gilbert-Fellers</i>)	2022 d. Dec. 26, Gettysburg, OH

Below Left: are pictures of some of the artifacts found during excavations at the Fort Jefferson site.

Below Right: is a picture of the overlay of the original fort site placed over current village of Fort Jefferson.



More June Young (GHS 1942) Memories

A young boy who was in my brother **Jim McGowan's** (GHS 1944) class at East School died in a fire back in the late 1930s. As I recall, he got out of the burning building which was near North School, but had left his coat inside so he went back into the burning building to get his coat. At this time, clothes were prize items to have. Naturally he had to get it. So sad.... Times were bad (in those depression years). Children were placed in the Children's home because parents could not feed or clothe their children.

When I was in the third or fourth grade (1932-34), a young girl who was younger than me, stood at the corner that I passed at noon going home for lunch. She would throw stones or rocks at me and I didn't know why. I didn't know her, but one time the rock hit my nose and it had to be attended to. My mother found out about the girl and where she lived, and went to talk to this girl's mother. I waited to see or hear about what the solution would be to stop her from doing this again. Mother came home with tears in her eyes, went straight to my closet, and started to pull out my dresses. "Oh no, not again!" I said. She was giving away my clothes again. I didn't have that many and saved the best for church or special occasions. She said the little girl didn't have food to eat at noon and she knew that I did. She was hungry in addition to needing clothes, so my mother solved the rock throwing problem. My closet was thinner, but I was thankful that I did have a lunch to come home to eat.

When I was a Junior in high school, I had been and was still taking courses for the year ahead. I had signed up for senior lab in my junior year. When I entered the lab, the teacher pointed out to me an empty seat next to a Senior girl that I had never seen before. I sat and introduced myself and she in turn gave me her name. We worked together as a team for days and weeks. We accomplished our assignments and always had good marks, or a "well-done" from the teacher. Those days as I remember them now were very different from ordinary school days. There seemed to be a strange magic between us. A smile, a laugh, a giggle, but nothing personal was exchanged. I knew she came to school by bus but I didn't know which bus. I didn't know the part of our county that she came from. Nothing was ever asked and nothing ever mentioned. I guess I never thought to ask. I never saw her walking in the halls to her classes or to the cafeteria. Her name doesn't ring a bell and I don't remember ever hearing it mentioned.

Brother Jim scored very high on tests and graduated ahead of his class. When he was 19, he had graduated from Ohio State and was teaching school in Alton, Illinois, Military School—teaching students older than he was. When I was taking chemistry lab at OSU and Jim came to help me, all those taking the lab saw him and wanted his help, too. He ended up teaching them, too. Jim's son Keven graduated from OSU and attained a Ph.D. teaching at Cornell Univ. My daughter **Caryl** graduated from school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and daughter **Randi** graduated school in Beirut, Lebanon. My uncle was **Dr. Harvey J. Pierce**, and children were **Peggy Pierce Prophater** GHS 1941, **Harvey Pierce** GHS 1948, and **Jane Pierce Skorpen** GHS 1965.

*Editor's notes: We so appreciate these glimpses of life in a different era. We don't know if the fire was the 1937 one at the Palais Garden on Wayne Street a block north of North School, or not. Life today is much different than it was "back then". June turned 97 years old on June 29. **June** graduated in 1942, brother **Jim** in 1944, and her older sister **Marianna** in 1936.*



June at her 2014 Class Reunion for the 1942 Class

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