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## President's Message

By Dick Brown, [dickbrown64@gmail.com](mailto:dickbrown64@gmail.com)



Pictured in Photo Above: For the first time in over 50 years there is a new Greenville Schools building for all Kindergarten classes through the Eighth Grade classes.

Our Ninth Annual **Alumni Open House** will be coming the first Monday in May, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. This will be once again located in the expanded High School Cafeteria, the same as last year. We had approximately 250 boards encompassing the history of GHS over the past 100 years. This is always a free event with light refreshments and is a great place to see old schoolmates. There is no program and you can walk through and stay as long as you wish.

Plans for this year's Class Reunions have not all been finalized, but we will give you information that we have to date. This year's 50<sup>th</sup>-Year Class is 1967 and their reunion will be Saturday, July 29 at the Elks Lodge on West Third Street. A Friday evening get together at the Montage will begin their weekend festivities. For further information, please contact **Alex Warner**, (937) 548-4613, or [warnerakm@hotmail.com](mailto:warnerakm@hotmail.com)

### Preliminary Class Reunion Schedule:

**1952 Sun. May 28 at Romer's on the Circle 3:00-6:00 pm**

**1954 Sat. Aug. 19, at Larry Jones' house, 100 Westbury Dr., Nancy Warner, 548-7159, [bilnanwarner@gmail.com](mailto:bilnanwarner@gmail.com)**

**1956 Sat. Aug. 26, location will be decided later, please contact Duane Shields, [deshields858@embarqmail.com](mailto:deshields858@embarqmail.com)**

**1957 Sat. Aug. 19, at The Bistro Off Broadway, E. Third St., Ted Nealeigh, 547-0679, [nealeigh@woh.rr.com](mailto:nealeigh@woh.rr.com)**

**1962 Sat. Aug. 19, at the VFW on Ohio St., Alice Ann Morrison Brown, 548-1083, [aliceab@embarqmail.com](mailto:aliceab@embarqmail.com)**

**1963 Sat. Aug. 26, at The Bistro Off Broadway, E. Third St., Richard Martin, [remartin@att.net](mailto:remartin@att.net)**

**1965 Sat. July 22 at Treaty Lanes, 3:30, pizza-5:30. Gloria Brubaker [gbrubaker3839@gmail.com](mailto:gbrubaker3839@gmail.com)**

**1967 Sat. July 29, at the Elks on W. Third St., Alex Warner, 548-4613, [warnerakm@hotmail.com](mailto:warnerakm@hotmail.com)**

**1982 Sat. Aug. 19, at the Elks on W. Third St., Matt Arnold, 417-1179, [mattyd338@gmail.com](mailto:mattyd338@gmail.com)**

**1992 Sat. Aug. 19, at the St. Clair Manor on E. Third St, Matt Birt, 423-4828, [mattbirt@gmail.com](mailto:mattbirt@gmail.com)**

**1997 Sat. Aug. 19, at the Montage on Broadway, Scott Fitzgerald, 478-8849, [sfitzgerald@dafitzgerald.com](mailto:sfitzgerald@dafitzgerald.com)**

Important upcoming dates to remember: Saturday June 3, **Commencement** at Harmon Field at 7:00 pm.

Thursday September 14, **Homecoming Parade** down Broadway at 6:30 pm.

Friday September 15, **Homecoming Football Game** vs. Stebbins at Harmon Field at 7:00 pm.

See you at the **May 1 Open House!!**



L to R: grandson, Charlie Bankson, Dean Bankson, Arlene Spahr Bankson

## Greenville's 2016 Holiday Horse Parade

For the fifth consecutive year, the Grand Marshal(s) of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Holiday Horse Parade has been a GHS graduate. This year **Arlene Spahr Bankson**, GHS 1959, and husband **Dean Bankson**, Ansonia HS 1956, served as co-Grand Marshals at this "Best of Ohio" parade that was held November 19, 2016. This event had 90+ equine entries and entertained over 8,000 spectators. The Main Street Greenville Board of Directors, its Executive Director **Amber Clark Garrett**, GHS 2000, and the Horse Parade Committee chose the Banksons because of their longtime ownership and operation of one of Greenville's longest continuously running retail businesses, **Wieland Jewelers**.

They have been involved since the beginning of revitalization efforts downtown, including the streetscape renovation of 1980, the retail committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Architectural Review Committee.

Wieland Jewelers was established by **Roy Wieland** in 1907 and operated his business on Broadway at the corner of W. Fifth across from the Wayne Theater. After Roy's death, his daughter, **Mary Wieland**, GHS 1939, (1921-2015) operated the business until **Ivan Spahr** purchased the going concern in 1951 and moved the location to the 400 block at the alley next to JC Penney's. Ivan had run several businesses before becoming involved with this retail store. Dean and Arlene were married in 1960, worked in the business, and purchased it in 1968. The store was moved to the east side of Broadway to the Ohio Block building in 1967, and in 2009 moved across the street on the west side of Broadway to its current location.

The Bankson family continues to operate the store. Son **Mark Bankson**, GHS 1980, his wife, **Gail Keller Bankson**, GHS 1980, son **Mike Bankson**, GHS 1985, and his wife, **Corrin Fitzwater Bankson**, GHS 1985, are all employed in the business. A third son, **Matt Bankson**, GHS 1991, works for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and his wife, **Heather Vore Bankson**, GHS 1994, are not involved with operations of the Jewelry store. A third generation of six Bankson grandchildren are all GHS grads or are in school now: *Mark and Gail's* **Danielle Bankson**, GHS 2010, Valedictorian and Homecoming Queen at GHS, is now a nurse in Indianapolis, **Eric Bankson**, GHS 2013, works as a welder; *Mike and Corrin's* **Rachel Bankson**, GHS 2009, who was Valedictorian at Urbana University and now is an accountant at Greenville National Bank; *Matt and Heather's* **Maggie Bankson**, GHS 2020, **Sam Bankson**, GHS 2022, and **Charlie Bankson**, GHS 2027, are all in the Greenville schools at present.

"We appreciate the Banksons contribution to downtown Greenville as business owners and as citizens who have volunteered their time to keep it a great place to be," said **Joel Allread**, GHS 1998, and the President of the Main Street Greenville Board of Directors.



Photo at right, shows Dean and Arlene Bankson with their grandson Charlie.



### 2016 Reunion – 1948 Class – 68<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*20 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1948 attended their 68<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion, held May 7, 2016, at the Brick Room of the BRC (Brethren Retirement Community).*

*Front Row seated:* Mary Tester, JoAnn Sharp Thompson, Richard Robbins, Doris Rhoades Mikesell, Phyllis Shook Townsend, Phyllis Bowman Null, and Betty Oberer Best.

*Rows 2 and 3 from left:* Jack Brandt, Nancy Nealeigh Wenger, Joan Baker Lease, Don Lease, Vanis Lephart Brumbaugh, Harvey Pierce, Dick Faulkner, Phyllis Beisner Hathaway, Bob Hathaway, Aline Martin Harman, E.J. Byram, Shirley Stebbins DiRocco, and Arlene Fourman Hicks.

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**#21. & #22.** GHS Hall of Fame Inductees, Jack Baldschun, Bob Marshall, and Landon Reifsnider

**#23. & #24.** City Park Improvements -Marling Band Shell, The Treasured Island, Peacock Pen/Shelter



**2016 Reunion 1952 64th Year Reunion**

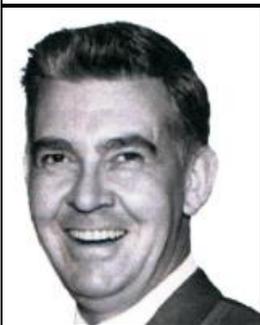
Front Row: Jervis Thomas, Chuck Waggoner, Dorothy Oberer Muhlhauser, Vivian Hardy Smith, and Kay Birt Seiler.

Row 2: Jim Weybright and Phyllis Jenkinson Arnett.

Back Rows: Jerry Snyder, Bud Caupp, Bill Shields, David Albrecht, Lloyd Edger, and Buzz Blanchard.

*Fairlawn Restaurant, August 22, 2016*

**Don't forget Class of 1952 will meet, Sun. May 28 2017 at Romer's on the Circle 3:00-6:00 pm  
Contact Kay Seiler 548-6537, and/or Buzz Blanchard 548-5136**



**Bob Roll: Artist and Golfer**

We received word of the passing of **Bob Roll**, GHS 1946, (1928-2016) a very well-respected artist and amateur golfer. Bob was the only child of **Jake** and **Pauline Roll**. Jake had been the credit manager of American Aggregates Corporation. After graduation, Bob studied several years at the Dayton Art Institute before beginning his career as a commercial artist and a photographer. For many years he operated his advertising business, Graphic Studios, which had been located on Martin Street and later at the stylish Willhoff house at 239 East Main Street (now Randall Insurance). He and his wife **Shirley Wood Roll**, GHS 1946, (1928-2000) moved their residence to Greensboro, N.C. in 1977.

While engaged in his business, Mr. Roll had a notably successful amateur golf career. His lifelong interest in golf was sparked when his father donated some of the farm land adjacent to his home on route 571 (Union City Road), joining others who were interested in developing what became White Springs Golf Course. Bob took advantage of the proximity of White Springs to hone his golf skills, and soon became a formidable contender in the local and regional golf contests. Bob won his first of 11 city golf tournaments when he was 17 years old. The next year he won his first of nearly 20 club championships at the Greenville Country Club, White Springs Golf Course, and Forest Oaks Country Club (in Greensboro, N.C.). Most notably, he was a finalist in 1954 of the Ohio Amateur Golf Tournament, losing the state title to Arnold Palmer.

He was further honored with invitations to play exhibition rounds with famous golf figures Lee Kirkwood, Dutch Harrison, Arnold Palmer and Joe Campbell. Bob's tournament wins over the next years were too numerous to list, but his final achievement before moving to North Carolina was to win the Ohio Pre-Seniors State Championship in 1974. His most recent golf feats were to "beat his age" over 150 times in the last few years and to be featured in the May, 2016, *GolfWeek* Magazine's annual "Local Legends" issue. Bob was placed on that issue's cover seated at his drafting table in front of many famous golfers' portraits that he had painted and combined into montages. Bob was given many talents and whatever task he put his capable hands to, he pursued with complete focus, intelligence, imagination, and perseverance. Perfection was his goal and standard, but it was leavened by modesty and a well-developed sense of humor.

Bob passed away in July and he was fortunate enough to see the cover of *GolfWeek* before he died. Bob and Shirley met in elementary school in Greenville and were married for 50 years. They are survived by their daughter **Rebecca Roll Phifer**, GHS 1969, son-in-law **Edward Phifer III**, and grandson **Justin McLearn**, all of North Carolina. *Thank you to Rebecca for this biographical information.*



### 2016 Reunion – 1954 Class 62<sup>nd</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row seated:* Ella Mae Seiber Worthington, Jo Ann Schumeth Altic, Bob Marchal, Jim Albright, Pat Meckes Faulkner, Shirley Feierstein Linn, Ann Hawley Patty, and Ted Mann.

*Row 2:* Mike Norris, Jeanette Funk Patton, Dave Culbertson, Jim Oliver, Gary Henderson, Judy Howard Jones, Barb Albrecht Landis, Martha Vanata Morrow, Leota Rohr North, and Nancy Brown Warner.

*Back Row 3:* Dennis Neff, Jim Troxell, Keith Barnhardt, Jim Diltz, Pete Hemer, Bill Falknor, and Larry Jones.

*26 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1954 attended their 62<sup>nd</sup> year get-together, held September 2, 2016, at the Brethren Retirement Community Brick Room (formerly the Brethren's Home).*



### 2016 Reunion – 1956 Class 60<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Ron Stephens, Judy Schaar Fitzgerald, Jerry Gordon, Ginny Alley Bertram, and Barb Stouffer Snider.

*Seated Row 2:* Ron Youst, Marilyn Kreider Bradley, Barbara Crawford Wilcox, Connie Hoover Weatherford, Nancy Wilt Lundgren, Patsy Whittaker Hunt, Lenore Edger Hittle, Irene Drake Hiestand, Kay Smith Shockney, Shirley Beasley Morrow, and Ron Richardson.

*Row 3:* Helen Riegler Dull, Dorothy Butts Beck, Austin Yingst, Lucy Young Murphy, Melvin Johnson, Jim Snyder, Rod Sowry, David Girbert, Richard Shockney, Eula Meyer Alford, Dixie Wentworth Jones, Nancy Redman Stump, and Brenda Reed Spurlock.

*Back Row 4:* Dave Gauvey, Marilyn Mowery Miller, Suzanne Vietor Shriber, John F. Stockslager, Martha Baker Albright, Bill Maxwell, Dick Oakley, Chloe Yoder Suter, Lois Dohme Schuh, Mary Lou Maxwell, Duane Shields, Judy Beam Kauffman, Karen Seibel Armstrong, and Phillip Holthouse.

*43 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1956 attended their 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 27, 2016, at Dull's woods/cabin, north of Greenville.*

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### 2016 Reunion – 1961 Class 55<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Tim Nealeigh and Dick Wright.

*Seated Row:* Nancy Hangen Rexrode, Irene Nill Coppock, Tish Brinley Manix, Kathy Schumaker, Kay McCarthy Reall, Pat Sharp Curtis, Shirley Rhoades Jay, Garry Weaver, Judy Schumeth Westfall, Carol Fairbanks Fourman, Jane Carr Williamson, Mary Kelly Hershey, and JoAnne Campbell Bowie.

*Standing Row 2:* Kay Fletcher Leis, Kay Worthen Tillman, Wanda Norris Billenstein, Hattie Vanata Hunt, Sharon Stevens Warren, Marilyn Newbauer Sedgwick, Carolyn Newbauer Davis, Judy Malinas McElwain, Joan Shultz Binstadt, Jean Shultz Hughes, Karen Aten King, Jack Warren, and Ronda Plessinger Warren.

*Back Row 3:* Tom Snider, Tom Wills, Larry Brinley, Bill Baird, George Frazier, Jim Shuttleworth, George Riegle, Joe Dispennette, Bill Wantz, Mihaly Polczer, Bill Hughes, Mick Maher, and Wayne Johnson.

*41 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1961 attended their 55<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 20, 2016, at the V.F.W. Hall in Greenville.*

The Lifetime membership cost is as indicated on the Blue insert.

To expedite and simplify the bulk mailing we will include a dues envelope along with each Newsletter sent out this fall.

If your dues are paid through December 2017 or you are a life Member, you should ignore the dues envelope as no payment is necessary.

If you have your mailing envelope handy, on the label check the date that appears before your name, you are paid through that year.

Example; 2018 John Doe, or if you are a Life Member; 3000 John Doe

If you need to know the current status of your Alumni Association membership, please call **Buzz Blanchard, GHS '52** at (937) 548-5136

Please inform us of any change in your address, as soon as possible.

Remember, to receive your newsletter, you must be a current GHS Alumni Association member.

Thank you!

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May, 2016, Gathering of the Class of 1962 at the Alumni Open House  
*If you have never been to our Open House, you don't know what you're missing.  
This many alums from one class came to this special event!!*

*Front Row:* Judy Labig Caupp, Georgia Swab Young, and Jacque Malinas Curran.

*Row 2:* Muriel Mulder Moore, Susan Stonerock Ream, Alice Ann Morrison Brown, Tonna Brown Gilbert, Jim Sommer, and Bob Sharp.

*Back Row 3:* Keith Caupp, Galen Dohme, Dennis Ream, and Charlie Crumrine.

*13 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1962 attended the Alumni Open House, held May 2, 2016, at the Greenville High School Cafeteria.*



### 2016 Reunion – 1963 Class 53<sup>rd</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row Seated:* Melody Brown Fox, Cindy Christian Chrisman, Linda Trostle Rehmert, Marsha Palser Duvall, and Mary Jane Campbell Dietrich.

*Row 2:* Kerry Ungericht, Jean Hufnagle Gobel, Dora Wright Mosier, Linda Thompson Ungericht, and Maureen Mote.

*Back Row 3:* Bill Harris, David Dean, Dan Coppess, Richard Martin, Tom Bish, Glenn Rehmert, Doug Scholl, Tim Scheiding, and Doug McGriff.

*19 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1963 attended their 53<sup>rd</sup> year reunion, held August 27, 2016, at the Bistro Off Broadway in Greenville.*

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

With more than half of our Class Reunions taking place on Saturday, August 19, the Alumni Association has set up a special, one-time, tour of the beautiful new school building. Greenville Schools Superintendent Doug Fries has graciously agreed to lead a one-hour walk through the new facility for our GHS Alumni. Dick Brown will accompany this tour which will begin at 2:00 PM. We will try to keep this to one hour if you are concerned about walking longer distances. This is not just limited to the classes having their reunions on that day. Please try to arrive a little before 2:00 at 1111 North Ohio Street across from the Rest Haven Nursing Home.

Rob credits **Tracy Tryon**, GHS 1977, with being his mentor at GHS. His first exposure to athletic training was as a student athletic trainer for the Green Wave football and basketball teams during his sophomore year, 1984-85. **Dr. David Cox**, GHS 1959, and **Dr. David Trimble**, GHS 1972, first supported Rob and encouraged him to attend an athletic training camp at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Dayton. Later he graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1991, and earned a Master's degree from Ohio University. He has been at UK for 20 years and serves as president of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society.



2016 Reunion – 1966 Class 50<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Doug Lowder, Steve Gibbons, Charlie James, Frank Tantum, Craig Redett, John Lam, Jim Holland, Steve Black, Don Miller, Linda Jeffries Morrow, and Helen Plessinger Miller.

*Seated Row 2:* Karla Keller Shoemaker, Cynda Crabill Turner, Susan Vance Whittington, Linda Kuhnle Waltke, Nancy Snery Rummel, Dianna Wolfe Brown, Teresa Howell Ward, Karen Ward DeLaet, Patty Tryon Cannon, Marsha Lyons Miller, Carol Heiser Haworth, Janice Shafer Gibbons, and Scheryl Helms Biegel.

*Standing Row 3:* Charlene Smith Applegate, Judy Vogt Sonner, Sharon Riffle Deeter, Cindy Betts Cordes, Kathy Manix Redett, Pam Buchy Long, Carol Hollenback Sanders, Scott Welbaum, Chuck Birt, Janeann Werts Pharris, Debbie Schinke Smith, Karen Lindamood Rife, Diana Hosbrook Sleppy, Mary Ann Lantz Caldwell, Susi Harless Halley, Cathy Buell Cornell, and Rhonda Pearson.

*Row 4:* Janet Fullerton Sargent, Larry Shoup, Jenny Jones Atkins, Melanie Myers, Cris Williams Everhart, Bethany Powell Carres, Kathy Campbell Burns, Bonnie Hunt Perry, Terry Gilpin, Carol Klosterman Tantum, Beverly Stauffer Presnall, Judy Gander Carlisle, Debbie Pyle Pittock, Tom McGriff, Ron Gilbert, Donna Brown Eyerman, Vicki Puterbaugh Clinton, Ron Ullery, and Rita Hupman McCans.

*Back Rows 5 and 6:* Rick Dill, Steve Birt, Bill Steck, Craig Stickel, Jack Hufnagle, Steve Stebbins, Bob McGreevey, Ione Rehmert Thompson, Kenny Willis, Allen Thwaites, Tom Klipstine, Wally Davis Bowen, Chris Rehmert, Evelyn Small, John Greendyke, Tom Turner, Jim Hofdahl, Rosie Kennedy Ullman, John Clark, Elizabeth Benanzer, Bev Caudell Preston, and Tim Dull.

*82 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1966 attended their 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 20, 2016, at the American Legion Hall in Greenville.*



### 2016 Reunion – 1969 Class 47<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row:* Deidre Eve Dohse, Kyle Kagey, Karla Katzenberger Brown, Ann Eikenberry Myers, Cindy Thompson Spahr, Kathy Sharp Wilkens, and Charles (Sam) Edger.

*Row 2:* Glen Foutz, Hank Steinmetz, Tom Trittschuh, Jerry Gerace, Susie Heltzel George, Mary Fitzwater Hutcheson, Kathy Van Dine Daughtry, and Susan Haworth Beisner.

*15 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1969 attended their 47<sup>th</sup> year annual reunion, held August 20, 2016, at the Maid-Rite picnic area.*

## Greenville High School Alumni Association

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2016 Reunion – early 1970s Classes

*Open to anyone from the 1970s classes meeting impromptu at the Maid Rite*

*From left to right: Tony Badger (1975), Roger Beisner (1973), Patty Harter Bernhard (1973), Sam Spidel (1972), Jan Schwanitz Teaford (1972), Dave Trimble (1972), Mary Jane Koontz (1973), Cindy Burns Moore (1973), Eileen Buell Schulze (1973), Roxanne Grooms (1973), Dan Judy (1970), Diane Homan Judy (1970), and Steve Heinrichs (1970).*

*13 members of various G.H.S. Class from the early 1970s attended an impromptu gathering, August 20, 2016, at the Maid Rite picnic area. This was not a class reunion but a meeting of friends during the Fair. If any group wants to do this during this year's Fair, Dick will be there to take photos.*



Administrators, coordinators, and supervisors present for the ribbon cutting photo included:  
*From left to right: **Jennifer Statzer** (Assistant Principal-Elementary), **Jody Hole Harter** GHS 1995 (Principal-Elementary), **Stan Hughes** (Career Tech Center Director, Technology Coordinator), **Andrea Townsend** (Student Services and Pupil Personnel), **Brad Gettinger** GHS 1990 (Board of Education member), **Carla Surber** (School Treasurer), **Jim Sommer** GHS 1962 (Board of Education member), **Dave Ernst** (Board of Education member), **Doug***

***Fries** holding scissors (Superintendent), **Fred Matix** (Board of Education member), **Laura Bemus** (Assistant Superintendent), **Andrew Gratsy** (Transportation Supervisor), **Chris Mortensen** (Principal-Middle School), **Rhonda Schaar** (Principal-Middle School), **Kitty Davis** (Principal-Elementary), **Sean Shumaker** GHS 1992 (Maintenance Supervisor), **Bob Warner** (Computer Network Administrator), **Sandy Snyder** (Assistant Principal-Middle School), **Jim Hooper** (Curriculum Director), and **Shawna Newbauer Wise** GHS 1991 (Computer Network Technician).*

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### 2016 Reunion – 1971 Class 45<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Holly Tryon, Spencer Clum, Tim Stebbins, Bob Marshall, Greg Badger, Dan Hoening, Mauri Miles, Russ Potter, and Randy Miller.

*Row 2:* Terri Harrison, Karen Wilson Williams, Pam Robinson Mayor, Marian Seman Loy, Kathy McNutt Dapore, Paula Copeland, Sheryl Foutz West, Marsha Osborne Bowman, Deb Dority Reigle, and Jim Harry.

*Row 3:* Becky Shaw Steiner, Sandy Dickey Myers, Peggy Linder Rehmert, Evelyn West Sharp, Gail Grim Riegle, Dee Wampler Schmidt, Cathy Huber, Tammy Gibson Eichler, Judy Fellers, Jill McGriff Martin, Randy McClain, Christa Hittle Gruber, Kathy Birt Flatter, and Marcia Lanich Rhoades.

*Row 4:* Melody Puterbaugh, Rhonda Larsh Peeples, Sonnie Overholser Rhoades, Pam Howard, Charlene King Fisher, Bonnie King Besecker, Kitty Brandon Mogle, Connie Breymier Hoening, Roxanne Wampler Willman, and Steve Willman.

*Back Rows 5 and 6 combined:* Randy Rhoades, Nancy Lease Livingston, Ron Klosterman, Mike Henry, Karry Keller, Terri Hufnagle Stebbins, Fred Hoying, Pattie Ryan Bruner, Rick Schilling, Rick Godown, John Lindemuth, Patty Nisonger Padula, Bill Eliker, Tom Bowman, and Frank McKibben.

*58 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1971 attended their 45<sup>th</sup> year annual reunion, held July 23, 2016, at the Greenville V.F.W. Hall.*

### Greenville's New School is a Reality

The Elementary and Middle Schools building opened January 12, 2017, at its new location of 1111 North Ohio Street along State Route 121 in the north-east corner of Greenville. The building is situated across from Rest Haven Nursing Home and has great access to East Main Street, Russ Road and the Route 127 by-pass. The last completely new school buildings in the school district were the High School building in 1962 and the Vocational building behind the High School in 1980.



There are two schools in one building. It houses an Elementary or Primary school for grades 1 through 4 on the north half of the structure on two levels, with a separate area for Kindergarten. The Middle School occupies the south half of the building and has grades 5 through 8 on two levels. There are two courtyards, one for each half, which can be used for class instruction during suitable weather. The building is state of the art and will make learning more efficient for 1,700 to 1,800 students. The bond issue passed by local voters in 2013 had allowed this \$55 million dollar project to happen. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission pays \$20 million of the project.

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### 2016 Reunion – 1976 Class 40<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row 1:* Dave Westfall, Julie Quellhorst McMiller, Bev Hill Titus, Barb Lease Darkow, Julie Ann Di-Rocco Smith, Lita Spitler House, Debbie Royer Schmidlin, Sandy Vanatta Baker, Kathy Foley Custer, Carolyn Hathaway Lyons, Chris Anderson Detling, Lisa Arnold Headley, Laura Brooks Klosterman, and Debbie Niley Stutzman.

*Row 2:* Detleff Olson, Mike Straub, Ginger Howard Warner, Kevin MacKenzie, Marty Harrison, Dave Hawthorth, Jeff Williamson, Cheryl Williamson Ganger, Kim McIntyre Claudy, Susan Keaser Treadway, Mike Treadway, and Joel Lennen.

*Row 3:* Sarah Gray, Jennifer Paul Moore, Roger Shellabarger, Ruth Hupman Stoots, Richard Shafer, Kim Miller Grosch, Joe Van Vickle, Pam Shell, Cheryl Hittle Lanser.

*Row 4:* Bob Gueth, Tim Moore, Tim Miller, Dick Lavy, Mike Holzapfel, Dave Bowers, Paul Brown, Debra Vaughn Augustine, Dave Van Pelt, Jim Thomas, Julie Hole Kirk, Dan Amicarelli, Doug Coppess, Jim Fox, Ted Dull, and Geoff Elliott.

*Back Rows 5 and 6 in front entrance:* Deb Hemmelgarn Henderson, Rhonda Morris Minton, Deb James Reeser, Mark Spille, Tom Birt, Rita Hoblit Sharp, Roger Trump, Melvin Reeser, Mike Nisonger, Alan Abbott, Kirk Warner, and Mike Jones.

*63 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1976 attended their 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 20, 2016, at the St. Clair Manor on East Third Street in Greenville*

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### 2016 Reunion – 1981 Class 35<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Phillip Booker, Jeff Shilt, Dave Woodruff, Chris Fornshil, Cary Kessler, and Dean Foreman.

*Row 2 Seated:* Tammany Wilson, Michelle Richards, Joy Hart, Chris Baker Ackley, Jackie Gray Rhoades, Carol Snyder Kunkle, Susie Brewer Mills, Tina Hocker McClanahan, Lowell Elsass, Joyce Wellman Clark, Carol James Mann, and Tony Anderson.

*Row 3:* Bev Swartwout, Wenndi Miltenberger Bailey, Connie Yohey Shiverdecker, Jennifer Brooks Powell, Missy Howard Canan, Sherry Corder Runner, Deb Murphy Beyke, Tina Wysong-Eller, Rob Colliver, Cindy Elson, Alison Meister, Debbie O'Reilly West, Connie Bancroft Knowles, Krista Smith Martinez, Alys-sa Baltes Blinn, and Chris Homan Fornshil.

*Back Row 4:* Dr. Alex Warner (*teacher-coach*), Connie Foureman, Ed Floyd, Steve Ward, Rick Rehmert, Mark Lockhart, Kevin Brooks, Don Atkins, Mike Wise, Hamilton Martinez, and Dr. Randy Reed (*teacher-coach*).

*43 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1981 and two of their teachers attended their 35<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 20, 2016, at the Eagles Lodge on East Third Street in Greenville.*



*Editor's note:* This picture, at left, of **Angie Beisner**, '92, goes with the story from last Fall's edition, and shows her holding her Gold Medal from the U.S.A. Lacrosse team first place finish in the Federation of International Men's Lacrosse World Championships. This took place in Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada in July, 2016, when the U.S.A. team won the Gold Medal game, by the score of 13-12, over Canada, for their 8<sup>th</sup> straight world championship for the 19 and under men's lacrosse.

Angie Beisner marks her 18th year at The Ohio State University in 2016-17, and has recently been appointed head athletic trainer. She works primarily with men's lacrosse while overseeing the health care for 35 sports at Ohio State.



2016 Reunion – 1986 Class 30<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Front Row on floor:* Mike Curran, Dennis Sanders, Larissa Brewer Cunningham, Michael Barnes, Mark Nisonger, Tamara Rutherford Walker, Rhonda Dispennette Magoto, Diana Brock Nation, Dara Stepp Webb, and Steve Shepard.

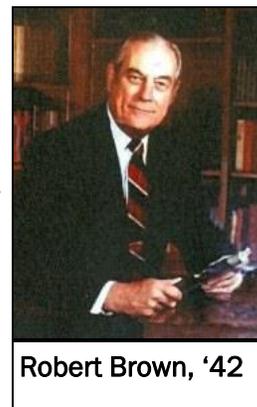
*Row 2 Seated:* Kristie Cox Hudelson, Kelly Howard Scudder, Barbara Anthony Fisher, Leah Alexander Hedleston, Mary Blanchard Neels, Sheri Marchal-Lindsey, Darrell Bingham, Kristin Thompson, Nikki Fasnacht Nealeigh, and Susan Rifenberg Knickerbocker.

*Standing, left to right:* Monica Mayo Hartle, Paula Witters, Brian Hartle, Tina Shell-Hauberg, Robert Taylor, Annmarie Fletcher Jenkins, Paul Hayes, Tammy Weimer, Dana North, Dustin Nealeigh, Christine Casey Campbell, Steve Averitt, Terry Foster, Thomas Nealeigh, David Collins, Ricky Gump, Chad Null, Shellie Snyder Walker, Chris Rutherford, Jodi Edger, and Deidra Weaver Hying.

*41 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1986 attended their 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held August 27, 2016, at the Elks Lodge on West Third Street in Greenville.*

GHS Hall of Fame Bob Brown Charter Member will be missed

The first professional basketball player from G.H.S., **Robert “Butch” Brown** ’42, passed away July 28, 2016, at home in the Houston, Texas, area at age 92. He led the Green Wave basketball team to a 14-1 record his senior year, losing only to eventual state champ Xenia. Bob attended Miami University before World War II, then served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945 at Camp Miramar, San Diego, California. After the War, he returned to Miami and played basketball again. Bob credited two other eventual Miami Hall of Famers, **Ara Parseghian** and **Paul Dietzel**, with convincing him that he should return to Oxford to play basketball and to graduate in 1949. Bob played professional basketball for two and a half years with the Providence (R.I.) Steamrollers and the Denver Nuggets. He credits his success to his early education at G.H.S. and his coaches **Jack Raudabaugh** and **Dwight Salzman**. He was inducted into the Miami University Athletic Hall of Fame in the 1972 class which included these inductees: **Marvin Pierce** (father of former first lady **Barbara Bush**), **Bo Schembechler** (former Univ. of Michigan football coach), and **Ernie Kellerman** (former Miami QB and Cleveland Browns defensive back). Bobby was one of the original six Charter Members of the G.H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.



Robert Brown, '42

About 1952, Bob turned down an offer from the Boston Celtics to continue playing and decided to go into the business world. He became a sales representative and sales manager for Kaiser Steel Corp., Oregon Steel Corp., LeBarge Pipe and Steel Corp, and S.A.G. in Houston. He was an avid golfer into his 90s. He always enjoyed his annual trips back to Greenville to visit his sister **Nancy Brown Warner**, GHS 1954, and brother-in-law **Bill Warner**, GHS 1953. His brother **Ron Brown**, Class of 1964, lives in Midland, Texas. Bob always had good words about Greenville, had many friends here, and will always be one of Greenville's shining stars.



### 2016 Reunion – 1996 Class 20<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion

*Row 1 seated:* Jeremy Moore, Mike Lindquist, Bradley Ullery, Christy Hollinger Baker, Brandi Hill Figel, Nancy Heggie Kramer, Nathan Ison, and Jessica Miller Gonzalez.

*Row 2:* Kresta Schenck Fansler, Tessa Kerg Brady, Katie Marriott Daily, Holly McCloud Kirkpatrick, Valarie Tuck Athon, Alicia Sullenbarger Olivera, Christy Wintrow Griffin, Michelle Hart, and Mandi Brown Dillow.

*Row 3:* Kassie Weist Puderbaugh, Shellie Vore Francis, Brianna Howard, Katy Fahrbach Malhame, Danielle Delaplane Patel, Aaron Long, Shanna Camacho, Mike Griffin, and Daren Yohey.

*Back Rows 4 and 5:* John Kelly, Angie Deeter, Tiffany Seiler Potter, Christy Hahn Forthofer, Ben Forthofer, Amy Leugers Tyree, Melissa Pfeffer Murphy, Donna Argo, Stephanie Riffell Baumgardner, Ruthie Denlinger, Elizabeth Delaplane Klaus, Amy Jenkinson Addington, and Matt Shaltry.

*38 members of the G.H.S. Class of 1996 attended their 20<sup>th</sup> year reunion, held July 30, 2016, at the Montage on Broadway.*



***Above Left:***

**Queen Victoria “Tori” Landis**

***Left:* Chief Green Wave , Justin McMiller and 2016 Homecoming Queen, Victoria “Tori” Landis**

***Above picture***

***Queen Candidates: Tera Blumenstock, Rachel Hickerson, Victoria Landis, Madison Meade, Logan Tabler, Tiona Thompson, and Taylor Ward.***

***Chief Green Wave Candidates: Justin Brown, Kyle Phillips, Isaiah Gable, Trae Wood, Jack Garland, Devin Hendrix, and Justin McMiller.***

## Homecoming 2016

The G.H.S. Homecoming weekend was October 13 to 15, with the themes of various Walt Disney productions. The Student Council again organized the events and about all students participated. The Grand Marshals of the Thursday evening Parade were all the G.H.S. graduates who are currently serving with either the Greenville Police Department or the Darke County Sheriff’s Office (*there is a separate story in this newsletter*). The Parade route was as usual, beginning on Martin Street, north on Broadway, east on Harmon Drive, and ending at the Marling Band Shell. The ensuing Pep Rally featured the Band of Pride, Cheerleaders, the Grand Marshals, the football captains and head coach Aaron Shaffer. Each member of the Homecoming Court was introduced and the Chief Green Wave was crowned.

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Senior **Justin McMiller** was crowned the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Chief Green Wave. Justin's activities included Wavaires (4 years), Student Council (4 years), Spanish Club (3 years), S.A.D.D. Club (Students Against Dangerous Decisions, 2 years), Science Club (2 years), Key Club (Kiwanis service club, 2 years), National Honor Society (2 years). He is Vice President of the Senior Class and V.P. of N.H.S. Outside of school. Justin volunteered for Big Brothers, Big Sisters and We Are the Majority (drug and alcohol free group) organizations. After graduation, Justin will attend Ball State University to major in Accounting and minor in Criminal Justice. His long term goal is to become a forensic accountant (to find people committing fraud against the government). Other Chief candidates were **Justin Brown, Kyle Phillips, Isaiah Gable, Trae Wood, Jack Garland, and Devin Hendrix**. Powder Puff football games were played at Harmon Field featuring the four high school classes, each with a girls' football team. Another Pep Rally in the High School gym took place on Friday afternoon before the end of school. This featured the Band, cheerleaders, the football captains, and a contest between the Court candidates.

Friday's pregame ceremony included the Queen candidates' introductions, the Jeepsters rides around the track, Court couples walking across the field through the Band and NJROTC sword salute. Last year's **Queen Serena Stastny**, GHS 2016, crowned the very surprised new **Queen Victoria "Tori" Landis**. She is the 68<sup>th</sup> Queen since the first **Queen Marilyn "Cookie" Stocker**, GHS 1950, was crowned in the fall of 1949. The athletic Victoria participated in golf, cheerleading, basketball, and track at GHS and served as President of Varsity G Club. She also was a member of Student Council (4 years) and Science Club (4 years). She worked with Special Olympics and her favorite time in her school years was this year when the Student Council members got to ask the Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies to serve as Grand Marshals for the Homecoming Parade. This choice by the Student Council was an excellent one and was a deserved honor to all involved. Tori's favorite subject in school was science and she plans to put that to use in her future college studies at the University of Cincinnati. Her goal is to become an Anesthesiologist. The other Queen candidates were **Tera Blumenstock, Rachel Hickerson, Madison Meade, Logan Tabler, Tiona Thompson, and Taylor Ward**.

The Homecoming football game was against the new GWOC North opponent, Tipp City. After three scoreless quarters of action, each team scored a TD in the fourth quarter. The Green Wave missed their extra point and lost the game, 7-6. The Wave football team was led by all-GWOC running back **Logan Eldridge** (son of **Mark Eldridge**, GHS 1993, and **Julie Martin Eldridge**, GHS 1989, grandson of **Denny Martin**, GHS 1964, and **Gloria Arnold Martin**, GHS 1969) who rushed for 1,242 yards, and quarterbacks **Kyle Phillips** and **Owen Paulus** (both NHS members). On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Little Brown Jug appearance, The Wave broke their three-game winning streak and lost to Sidney, 42-27. With several years of non-play throughout this series which dates back to 1899, the Wave has won 20 "Jug" games and Sidney 22 since the 1956-inception of this trophy, that was started by Sidney's **Frank Schlagetter**.

The wrap-up of Homecoming was the Saturday night Dance in the High School gym. Of the 922 students currently enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at GHS, the dance had attendance of 622 students. The Student Council was led by President **Justin Brown**, senior, and advisor **Carol Paul**, and this rendition of Homecoming week was enjoyed by all.

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## Brad Jennings Makes \$800,000 Gift to benefit GHS Sports

In our last newsletter, we covered the story about **Brad Jennings**, GHS 1994, making a \$2,500,000 gift to Ohio State University for construction of a new Wrestling practice facility on their campus which will be completed during 2017. At the G.H.S. Homecoming game, October 14, 2016, **The Friends of Harmon Field** announced a very generous \$800,000 gift by **Brad Jennings** and his family, wife **Alex** and children **Madeline** and **Gavin**, to support “**The Jennings Center Track and Field Complex**”. As previously mentioned this complex will be located just north of the football stadium on Kelsey Field and south of Kelsey Drive. This Phase 1 of the entire Harmon Field upgrade was originally estimated to cost \$1,300,000 and should be completed in the fall of 2017. Brad’s support will serve as a catalyst for the entire project. This track phase will add an 8-lane track, multipurpose playing field, bleacher seating and lighting.

“It has a lot to do with my niece, **Emma (Jennings, GHS 2018)**,” Jennings said, “My brother **Steve (Jennings, GHS 1990)**, still lives in Greenville and his youngest of three children is in track right now.” Emma told Brad what a bad condition exists for the present track.

At one time the **(Dwight) Salzman Relays** was one of the premier track events in the Miami Valley and was known throughout the state. The track and field complex at Harmon Field is now not up to code or up to today’s track and field standards. The final Salzman Relays became relegated to Junior High meets because local schools would not send their varsity track teams to compete at the deficient Harmon Field track.



From Left: Brad Jennings,  
Coach Kyle Kagy,  
and Emma Jennings

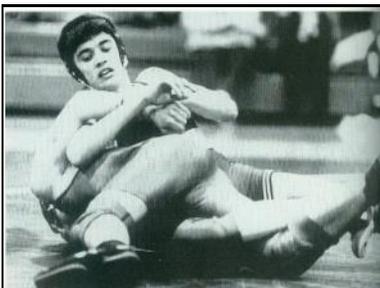


The Jennings family with The Friends of Harmon Field Committee: *From left: Doug Fries* Superintendent, **Brad Jennings**, **Dustin Leis**, GHS 1991, daughter **Madeline Jennings**, **Larry Ullery**, GHS 1964, son **Gavin Jennings**, **Dave Ernst**, Board of Education member, **Ron Holzapfel**, GHS 1985, wife **Alex Jennings**, **Mike Henderson**, **Mike Stegall**, GHS 1972, and **Jon McGreevey**, GHS 1996.

Brad played varsity soccer at GHS but made his name in wrestling under Coach **Kyle Kagey**, GHS 1969. His outstanding career record in wrestling was 85-20, was twice GMVC champion, twice a District qualifier, and a State qualifier as a Junior. He had the most Nearfalls in a season with 59, and 10 pins in under one minute.

“I am very blessed,” stated Jennings. “This has a lot to do with just seeing how Greenville is building themselves up with the new school and the new Harmon Field. I just wanted to help.”

Currently Brad is a Franchise Partner with Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance and the CEO of Financial Providence Group of Westerville, Ohio.



Putting a painful move on his opponent is Junior Brad Jennings.

From 1993 Chief

The Jennings family was honored at halftime of the Greenville versus Tipp City Homecoming game, and Brad's family will be forever memorialized and appreciated by the Greenville community. The Friends of Harmon Field renovation group for this project and the Greenville City Schools Board of Education are both honored to have the support of the Jennings family in this permanent improvement to Greenville which will benefit generations to come.

*Editor's note: **The Friends of Harmon Field** is an organization that seeks to modernize the outdoor athletic facilities for GHS. In addition to the track complex, other improvements include new turf for the football field, a new facility for restrooms, locker rooms and concessions, press box, renovate or replace seating. There is a projected total cost of near \$5,000,000, and approximately \$2,100,000, has been received in donations or grants. For more information on the Harmon Field project or how to donate, visit website:*

*[www.friendsofharmonfield.com](http://www.friendsofharmonfield.com) or email: [friendsofharmonfield@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofharmonfield@gmail.com) or twitter: @friendsofharmon or facebook reference page: Friends of Harmon Field or **Larry Ullery** phone 937-423-5744, or **Kyle Kagey**, 937-548-9413.*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual GHS Hall of Fame Inductees

*By Alex Warner, '67*

Membership in the **GHS Athletic Hall of Fame** increased to 103 with the addition of three new inductees on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The traditional banquet and induction ceremony was held at noon at the Elks Lodge with plaque presentations prior to the boys' varsity basketball game later that evening.

The newest members are:

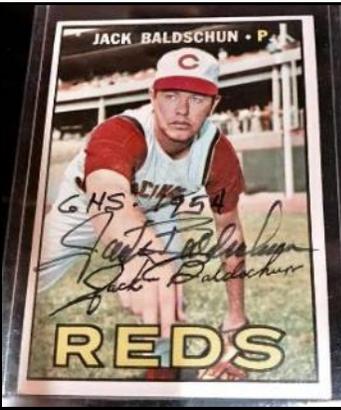
**Jack Baldschun**, Class of 1954. Following an abbreviated high school career, including a junior year in which there was no baseball team at GHS, Jack possessed enough talent that he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 1955 after his freshman year at Miami University and he joined the Nashville Volunteers. During a six-year journey through the minors, he then played in Wisconsin and turned professional in 1958 with Savannah to support his family after marriage. He played in Albuquerque and Topeka (1959) and developed a sore arm. One of the Reds all-time great pitchers, Johnny Vander Meer, was his manager and convinced Jack to stay in baseball. The next year in Nashville, Jack learned to throw a screwball, and this pitch made him successful in the major leagues. "I throw my screwball different from most pitchers," said Jack. "Most screwballs break on the same plane like a slider. Mine drops like a curveball thrown overhand by a lefthander."



From Left: GHS Athletic Director, Dusty Yingst, Inductees: Bob Marshall, 1971, Jack Baldschun, 1954 and Landon Reifsnider, 2003



Jack Baldshun with Cincinnati Reds



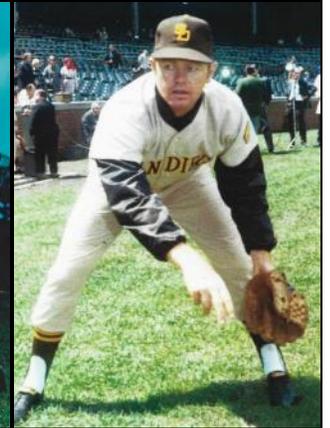
Jack Baldshun, signed baseball card

He was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the Rule 5 draft of 1960. Beginning with Opening Day of the 1961 season, he became one of the premier relief pitchers in the National League. In 1963, Phillies Manager Gene Mauch called Baldshun, “the best reliever in the business today.” Over a span of nine years with the Phillies, Reds and Padres, he appeared in 457 games, compiling a record of 48-41 with 60 saves and an ERA of 3.69 before retiring in 1970.

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Jack Baldshun with Philadelphia Phillies



Jack Baldshun with San Diego Padres

ing retirement, Jack was employed in the wholesale lumber business in Green Bay, Wisconsin, for 25 years. After his wife of 52 years, Charlotte, passed away in 2010, he remarried a few years later and he and Bonnie continue to reside in Green Bay. He has a daughter Kim and a son Brad along with two grandsons and winters in Bradenton, Florida.

**Bob Marshall**, Class of 1971. An all-around athlete participating in track and basketball, Bob was a true standout in football. A hard-nosed two-way football player for the Green Wave, he was first team All-MVL both his junior and senior years. On teams that won few games, he led Darke County in scoring his senior year with 13 touchdowns and was selected honorable mention All-Ohio on offense as a junior and first team All-Ohio as a linebacker on defense his senior year.



Bob Marshall, from 1971 Year book

Following graduation, he received a football scholarship to Murray State. He later was employed in the paving business and became actively involved in many community organizations. He has a son and a daughter as well as six grandchildren, and he and his wife Jeanette currently reside in Versailles, Ohio.

**Landon Reifsnider**, Class of 2003. Landon is the only Wave tennis player to play first singles all four of his varsity seasons. He also is the only Wave netter to advance to district play all four years. He was GMVC Player of the Year as a sophomore and GWOC West Player of the Year both his junior and senior years, as well as first team All-Dayton Area. He presently holds the GHS record with 93 wins against 20 losses.

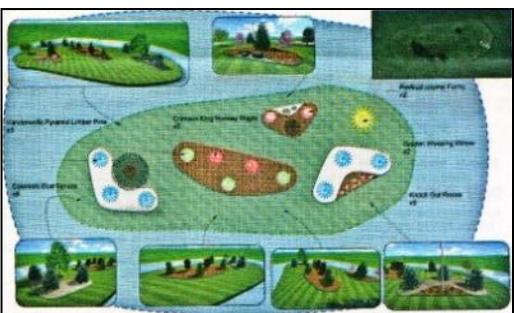
Continuing his tennis career at Grace College in Indiana, he was selected all-conference both his junior and senior years. Currently residing in Boulder, Colorado, he is employed in the upscale sports retail business.

Nominations for consideration in the H.O.F. may be obtained by contacting the Athletic Department at (937) 548-4416, or at 100 Green Wave Way, Greenville, OH, 45331.

## Greenville's City Park is undergoing many improvements

We all remember walking through the City Park. Going to and from the high school often meant walking through the park. Walking uptown after school meant walking through the park, crossing the swinging bridge, hiking up Memorial Hill heading up to Broadway to McGreevey's Drug Store, the fountain at the Central Drug Store, or the Greene Villa. We all spent long summer days in the park, enjoying the pool, playing tennis or softball, sometimes hand in hand with your summer love. Those memories will always be with us....the City Park and the beauty of it all. Even though we all remember the park in its glory days, things have changed. The maintenance and upkeep of the park is done by the city now. The city park department that we remember is gone. A shrinking economy, fewer tax dollars and other budget restraints have changed the park. The Greenville City Park budget has been reduced from approximately \$2,000,000 per year in 2001 to \$217,500 in 2016. The park staff has been reduced from ten employees to one now.

Many things need attention, prompting a citizens group to be organized in Sept., 2016. This new non-profit named **Friends of the Greenville City Parks** was formed with the goal of raising awareness and funds to benefit the city parks. Many Greenville alumni are part of this group including: **Jenny Seiler Clark GHS 1973, Kent Holmes GHS 2011, Tom Lucas GHS 1970, Patty Harter Bernhard GHS 1973, Jeff Hole GHS 1971, Rick Birt GHS 1964, Elaine Washler Bailey GHS 1973, Debbie Wright Nisonger GHS 1980, Linda Zerkle GHS 1970, Roger Snider GHS 1964, and Jana Deeter GHS 1975.** In a few months enough money was raised to begin the restoration of "The Treasured Island" in the large lagoon, and this project will start in the spring of 2017.



Shown is an artist rendering of how the island in the Greenville City Park will appear

Once this island was called Willow Island on the Willow Lake. A design by Hupman's Lawncare and Landscaping (owned by **Jason Hupman GHS 2002**) will be used. Cost estimates for this island upgrade are \$43,000, with most funds coming from the **Coppock-Hole Trust**, a foundation formed from the family of **Fred Coppock**, who was the original donor and creator of the City Park. The "Friends" group hopes to raise additional funds to address the restoration of the smaller island nearby at the same time.

A new peacock pen with chain link fencing and building was built in 2014 in the park by the City at a cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000, much of which was donated by individuals. New LED lights costing \$4,300 have been added in 2016 from two grants received by the City and these are located around the pool and Main Street bridge.

Originally built in 1947, the **Marling Band Shell** will be totally refurbished during the next couple years with much of the construction being done this year. A design by Mote and Associates Engineers will be implemented. Funding of \$183,000 has been donated by local individuals and groups, and has been matched by another \$150,000 by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Still more funds are needed to completely finish the project. The artist's rendering of the Band Shell pictured here will be adjusted to position the attached building with restrooms to the side or directly behind the band shell.



City Park Peacock Pen

Other park projects are scheduled to start and continue in 2017. The restoration of the **Altar of Peace** is being planned with some new areas, an interactive screen/ videos and a permanent flame. The Masonic Temple and Vectren gas delivery are contemplating support of this project but nothing is under construction yet. The streets in the park were recently paved and the dead ash trees are being removed and replaced with new trees. The lagoons are being drained and dredged at present and others have been cleaned up and restruc-



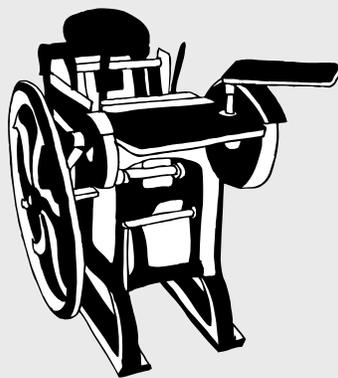
ured in recent years. Two possible water splash pads are being considered for Greenville. One pad would be at the South Park and would cost \$250,000 to \$300,000 and be funded through an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant and private corporate donations. This would be a larger water feature geared toward children and families with colorful above ground features that spray water and would replace the wading pool. A second splash pad is proposed by the YOLO (You Only Live Once) Foundation, headed by **Phillip Perri**, GHS 1998. This would be located where the Hamburger Shop building is located, at the corner of Martin Street and Broadway. This would be an urban park across the street from the Annie Oakley Park, and these two parks would provide a great entry into the downtown historic district. The YOLO park will cost approximately \$750,000, with \$400,000 already raised from a State of Ohio grant (\$250,000) and local corporate sponsors.

All of this work is funded by tax dollars, grant money and donations. If any Greenville Alumni would like to join the Friends of the Greenville City Parks group or make a donation, please contact Jenny Clark at 937-467-9953 or email [jennyclark1973@gmail.com](mailto:jennyclark1973@gmail.com). Tax-deductible donations can be made to: Friends of the Greenville City Parks and sent to P.O. Box 11, Greenville, OH 45331, or visit their website: [www.friendsofthegreenvillecityparks.org](http://www.friendsofthegreenvillecityparks.org). A second possibility is making direct donations to the Greenville City Park, c/o the City of Greenville, 100 Public Square, Greenville, OH, 45331 (**Roxanne Willman** GHS 1971, is the City Auditor).

The City, the City Park Board and Friends group are grateful for the support received for the park. Donations large and small have come in, and it is obvious the park is dear to many people. The GHS Class of 1971 has formed a group called "GHS '71 Gives" and are donating their time and money to do picnic table repairs and some maintenance in the City Park. Greenville Mayor **Steve Willman** GHS 1971, is amazed at the vast amount of donations sent in by the community. Many GHS alums are volunteering in various ways to help preserve, protect and maintain Greenville's City Park for generations to come.

*Photos are artists' rendering of Treasured Island project and Band Shell project, and the new Peafowl pen.*

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