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Welcome to all Greenville High School Graduates

The Spring 2021 newsletter is now available to view or print on our website, [www.greenvillealumni.org](http://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. We are in the final year for printed newsletters, one this Spring and the final in the Fall. 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:

Email address: [greenvilleohioalumni@gmail.com](mailto:greenvilleohioalumni@gmail.com)

**Class reunions 2021:** At present, most class reunions are undecided. If we receive information, we will post on our website [www.greenvillealumni.org](http://www.greenvillealumni.org) and our Facebook Page, Greenville High School Alumni Association (OH).

**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!!

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

## GO WAVE!

Proposed new Fieldhouse  
See pages 22 and 23 >>>>>



## Marilyn Robbins was Committed to Local History

**Marilyn Earhart Robbins** (1933-2020), GHS 1951, volunteered in many community activities which connected the people to Darke County's past, especially that of **Annie Oakley**. Also known as "Garst's Annie Oakley", she played an instrumental role in the success **Garst Museum** has had over the years.

Marilyn was a member of a four-generation GHS graduate family. Her parents were **Fred Earhart**, GHS 1922, and **Gladys Earhart**. In High School, Marilyn was a four-year member of F.H.A., three-year cheer leader, G.A.A. member, Student Council Secretary her Senior year, and had a yearbook nickname of "Red". She married **Dale Robbins**, GHS 1951, and lived at Wayne Lakes in 1954. Her many jobs through the next decade included an usher at the Wayne Theater, bookkeeper for Fritz Martin jewelers/taxi, dietary aide at Wayne Hospital, and office secretary for Mutual of Omaha. In 1965, she began a 34-year successful and fulfilling career as a bookkeeper, teller, and manager at Greenville National Bank before her retirement in 2000. She attended the Greenville Missionary Church. Her daughter, **Tammy Sue Robbins Brandon**, GHS 1974, and granddaughter, **Erin Ashley Houpt**, GHS 2002, were her pride and joy, and complete the four generations of GHS graduates.

Marilyn organized the Class of 1951 reunions until they stopped having them, and she was a long-time Board member for our GHS Alumni Association and contributor to the newsletter team over the years. She volunteered for the Greenville Public Library, helped with book sales for the Humane Society, and helped with many activities for the Darke County Parks. These Parks' activities included cooking and welcoming at their Log House, Maple Syrup Festival, Prairie Days, Candlelight Dinner, and their school programs. She attended craft sales, collected baskets and small crafts, and created greetings cards.

Her biggest impact on local history came from her involvement in the Garst Museum bringing history to the people. After her retirement from the Bank, she compiled Annie Oakley's biography from a collection of newspaper articles that Annie wrote in 2006. This has become a definitive work because it is a primary source of "Annie's words". She subsequently wrote a compilation of selected stories from Annie or her husband **Frank Butler**, *One or Two Eyes Open*. Another writing was a compilation of notes and letters written to Frank by those who were touched by Annie's showmanship, personality, and generosity and was titled, *Sympathy Letters to Frank Butler After the Death of Annie Oakley Butler*. *Personal Pages from Annie Oakley and Frank Butler*, is a book from the museum's archives, and includes correspondences to and from Annie Oakley and Frank Butler. Her most recent book, *Frank Butler: The Man Behind The Woman*, is a biography of Annie's husband that includes 32 of his poems. These books cost from \$10 to \$25. and are available at the Garst Museum, 205 North Broadway, Greenville, OH, 45331, 937-548-5250, [www.GarstMuseum.org](http://www.GarstMuseum.org).

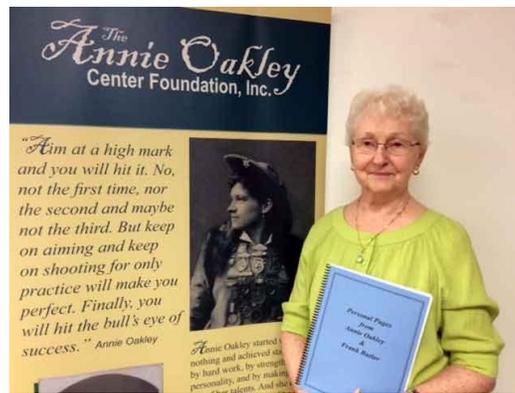
She researched and saved Annie Oakley stories and was very generous with her knowledge. She was a kind, knowledgeable, and dedicated volunteer at the museum who was a docent for the visitors, tracked memberships, and accessioned many of the 300,000 items in the museum. In 2014, she joined the **Annie Oakley Center Foundation** and was a great contributor to its success. She was able to answer the many questions posed to the A.O. Foundation from school children to published authors that were generated from their website or Facebook page.

"Marilyn's years of research into Annie Oakley helped the Annie Oakley Center Foundation receive worldwide acclaim and recognition," says **Clay Johnson, Ph.D.**, Garst Museum President and C.E.O. "She spent many years on the Darke County Historical Society's Board of Directors and her genuine caring for the museum was seen daily. She was an inspiration in her selfless dedication to, not only the Garst Museum, but all of her volunteer work throughout Darke County. Marilyn left a lasting legacy at the Garst Museum that we are grateful for."

Contact: [www.annieoakleycenterfoundation.org](http://www.annieoakleycenterfoundation.org), and Garst Museum website (listed above).

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Marilyn as high school senior (1951), and doing research at the museum:



### John Marchal's memories of Marilyn Robbins

Marilyn was a 1951 classmate of mine. After our graduation from High School, she became our class Secretary. With enthusiasm, she worked hard to organize our class reunions. Later she joined the Volunteer Staff for the Garst Museum and became a member of the Garst Board of Directors. When I joined the Board, she was already actively involved in the Museum's programs. After I became President, the Board established a membership committee and I asked Marilyn to Chair this committee. She agreed to do so and with her leadership and hard work, a plan was developed and implemented which gradually resulted in an increase in membership.

When Garst decided to develop a plan for programs to be presented to various organizations and groups, she jumped right in and helped develop a program in a suitcase, and then volunteered to make the presentations. When Garst began a program of cataloging more than 300,000 artifacts, she put together a team to help. For many years spent, her committee spent hours doing the tedious work of this cataloging.

She wrote books on **Annie Oakley** then had copies printed and gave them to the Museum Store to sell and gave the proceeds to the Store. Whatever was needed to be done, Marilyn would do it. Marilyn's size and physical attributes resembled Annie Oakley. She often played the part of Annie. Like Annie, Marilyn always aimed high and she hit the mark time after time with a life of great service to our class, to Garst Museum, and to all who knew her.

We shall greatly miss her.

John F. Marchal, '51

*Editor's note: John Marchal was President of the Garst Museum for 20 years, and was the first President of the G.H.S. Alumni Association.*



The only known class reunion in 2020 was a bonfire at the home of Jason and Nicole Lowder, August 21, 2020.

*Left to Right:* Tim Loudy '83, Lorrie Clifton Loudy '90, Nicole Rush Lowder '90, Jason Lowder '90, Heather Hunt Brown '90, Rex Weyrick '90, Chris Rhoades '90, Shane Stachler '90, Sasha Dicke 2000, Monty Sharp '90, and Christena Barton Sharp '93. "The Class of '90 Rules!"

Hopefully the Class Reunion schedule can get back to normal this year.

## How Greenville Is Becoming a Leader in Twenty-First Century Fashion Design

Some young G.H.S. graduates are making big impacts in the Fashion Design industry throughout the country. **Tessa Clark**, GHS 2009, competed on Bravo TV network's "**Project Runway**" in the 2019 fourteen-week season, along with 16 other talented and experienced fashion design contestants. Her Top Five finish at the conclusion of this year's competition which aired June 13, 2019, was truly remarkable for a first-time competitor on the national stage.

Tessa first remembers watching the TV show "Project Runway" with her mother as a junior high school student. In high school she thought she would study graphic design after graduation for a lifetime profession. She attended the University of Cincinnati and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Design from the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP). As an only child, Tessa grew up at **Bear's Mill** where she was influenced by her parent's creative abilities. Her father **Terry Clark** is the Bear's Mill miller and mother **Julie Clark** does ceramic work. The family bought the Mill in 1978 and owned it until the Friends of Bear's Mill non-profit group acquired the property in 2013.

Her experiences after her U.C. years included interning and working with designers in New York City (Marchesa and VPL) and Paris (Michelle Boor Paris-Vienna) before establishing herself as an integral part of the team at **Idlewild Womenswear Boutique** located in Cincinnati's Over the Rhine district. Her mother **Julie Clark** and cousin **Jessica Murray** started this upscale boutique in a part of the city that had earlier been transformed from a blighted area into a trendy, attractive part of Cincinnati just north of downtown at 1230 Vine Street. She is an active buyer for the store and is involved with its management. When interviewed, Tessa had just returned from a buying trip to New York City. Her first collection of fashion wear was presented at Idlewild and was called **Grind and Glaze**, which became her company's name. This name reflects her background of being raised at Bear's Mill where the grinding of grain and glazing of pottery became an important part of her upbringing. Many of her designs are inspired by different things and happenings experienced at the Mill.

Tessa found out about the calling for designers for the TV show through an email. The show's producers invited her to Chicago for a casting call and quickly she found out that she was invited to be a contestant in the competition. The host was supermodel **Karlie Kloss** and her mentor was **Christian Siriano**, who was the winner of the Project Runway's second year designers' competition. Christian is also the most famous and most successful fashion designer in the country. She commented about her overall performance, "It's daunting, but rewarding. I definitely grew as a designer."

Her designs are elevated casual wear and unrefined luxury womenswear, and are ready-to-wear. She has never been interested in creating evening gowns. During the Bravo TV show, each week presented new challenges of themes of designs to be made. The first necessity was to find a pattern for the weekly theme, find the fabrics to be used, and figure out the finishes to complete the product, while doing your own sewing. One competition was the "Rocket Man/ Elton John" show in which the designers had to create a man's suit with sparkles. This was particularly difficult for Tessa since she had never designed and made men's clothing and was not very familiar with the use of sparkle. Another "Dream Dress" challenge was to come up with a dress for a client who was an Emergency Medical Technician. Each contestant had to do her own sewing of the garments. These were troublesome projects for all the competing designers, but Tessa survived these battles and endured until the end of the competition. Since her TV exposure, other doors have



Tessa at Bear's Mill



Tessa as 2009 Prom Queen

opened in the Cincinnati area. One being that this exposure has brought interested new customers into the Idlewild store.

Her designs reimagine simple statements in an entirely new way, and her clothing line is created from the heart. She uses **Sew Valley** in Cincinnati to ethically craft her line of clothing. This is a Non-Profit corporation that provides sewing, a studio, and a production building for her goods as well as for other up-and-coming entrepreneurs. In addition to Sew Valley, she also uses sewing workers from Greenville, which she has been able to find on Facebook. She consciously uses sustainable fabrics with long-life and made with no wasted material. A “zero waste brand” of womenswear is the result.

Near the end of her senior year at GHS, she was chosen the 2009 Prom Queen by the GHS students. She has never forgotten her roots and being raised at Bear’s Mill, which is a National Historic Site. The historic structure, built in 1849, is undergoing structural improvements and needs a large-scale renovation effort. The current project is called “**Keep the Millstones Grinding**” and will cost approximately \$200,000, which will be needed to be raised from donations and grants. On August 3, 2019, Tessa held a fund raiser fashion show at Bear’s Mill, raising \$20,000 to go to this worthwhile millrace project.

Her clothing line is available at Idlewild and **Uniques Boutique** on Broadway in Greenville. During the Christmas, 2019, season she opened a temporary pop-up shop affiliated with Mr. Siriano in New York City. Tessa’s fashion design idols, or mentors, are Christian Siriano and her mother, Julie. The Grind and Glaze line is inspired by her upbringing at the Mill, and is a continuation of her life-long passion for fashion design.

*Editor’s Note:* We will hopefully bring more stories soon about other GHS girls who are making an impression on the fashion field. These are some we know about:

**Amber Arnett Marker**, GHS 2007 class Homecoming Queen and Student Council President, is also a fashion designer who owns a clothing manufacturing company named Declan and Crew in Columbus that specializes in modern “Mama apparel”, from where her inspiration comes. She is married to **Jordan Marker**, GHS 2007. You can visit her website at: [www.declanandcrew.com](http://www.declanandcrew.com) and Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/Declanandcrew](https://facebook.com/groups/Declanandcrew)



**Katie Strain Myers**, GHS 2008, is a designer for **American Eagle Outfitters** in New York City and designs accessories for its brand, and is married to **Trevor Myers**, GHS 2005.

**Tara Guillozet**, GHS 2013, is a designer for **Victoria’s Secret** and also lives in New York City. Her fashion degree is from the Univ. of Cincinnati in the apparel design field, and has studied in Paris, France, following in Tessa’s footsteps.

**Jennifer “Jen” Murray**, GHS 2014, just received a Bachelor’s degree in Fashion Design from the Univ. of Cincinnati and will enter the research field of fashion design tracking trends and doing forecasting, differing from Tara and Tessa’s Fashion degrees of fashion design business from UC.

**Jada Garland**, GHS 2019 Co-Valedictorian, is a sophomore at Miami Univ. pursuing a degree in either Fashion Entrepreneurship, Fashion Corporate Business, or Fashion Design. None of these majors was even offered when the Editor graduated from Miami 50+ years ago, but social trends now show movement in this direction for today’s world.

Katie Myers



Tara Guillozet



Jen Murray



Jada Garland



## Greenville's 2020 COVID Homecoming

The most unusual **Homecoming** in the history of Greenville High School took place Friday, October 30, at Harmon Field. The OHSAA allowed a six-game regular season for all Ohio high schools, followed by four weeks of a state tournament. As teams were eliminated from the playoffs, they could pick up games against other teams who were also ousted from the playoffs. The game against Fairborn was the final game of the season, with the Wave losing, 41-13.

Homecoming events were restricted to events held at the High School and for students only. A "Reverse" Homecoming Parade that was to be open to the public was scheduled for the Thursday evening before the game, but persistent rains that plagued the day caused its cancellation. This was planned to be in front of the school with Court members, the Grand Marshal, and school groups planning exhibits along the Green Wave Way Drive for citizens in cars to drive by and see the contestants and displays. The cancellation added to much disappointment for the overall Homecoming week.

G.H.S. was still operating under strict health guidelines due to the COVID pandemic, and these carried to the game. The only fans allowed to attend the game were those who had a ticket. These tickets were distributed with four only to each football player, band member, and cheerleader. If you were lucky enough to buy a \$5.00 ticket, then you could get into the game. There were no Jeepsters that traditionally carry the Court members around the football track. The masked couples were introduced and walked across midfield to the home side, with no Band formation, before the Chief and Queen were named.

The Homecoming Parade **Grand Marshal** named was **Shellie Snyder Walker**, GHS 1986, who has supported the High School in many ways. She and her Mother **Marcella Ross Murphy**, GHS 1967, started the **Double M Diner**, at the back on the first level of the Palace Store on Broadway at Fifth Street in 2007. Double M stands for Marcella and Michelle (Shellie). The restaurant features daily specials for breakfast and lunch, as well as cakes and pies. They have provided meals for the Wave basketball and football teams at their restaurant and at the school cafeteria throughout the years. They donate to the auctions for the Wave Athletic Boosters, girls' basketball and softball programs. Double M donates vinyl banners for the football stadium and basketball gym. Their community involvement has been providing an Easter meal for anyone in the community the last few years. This year's feast was not permitted due to the virus/health shutdown. Shellie has owned the business for the past nine years. She is married to **Chet Walker**, and has two children, **Noah Walker**, GHS 2019, an outstanding basketball player at GHS who holds the single season 3-point shooting record, single game 3-point scoring, and now plays basketball at Heidelberg College, and **Brittini Walker**, GHS 2021, a senior now and a Student Council organizer for this year's Homecoming. Shellie is a very deserving Grand Marshal due to her dedication and hard work for GHS and for the Greenville community.

Crowned by last year's Chief **Marcus Wood**, this year's **Chief Green Wave**, is a school leader **Jacob Maher**, who is the Vice President of the State of Ohio Business Professionals of America and member of Supply Chain Management. He is a four-year member of Science Club and four-year member and captain of the soccer team, and Honor student. He plans to study finance at either the University of Dayton or Wright State University and would like to become a financial planner/ investment representative. Jacob has a job senior year selling access to Metronet internet access. He is the son of **Amy Barga Maher**, GHS 1990, and **Gene Maher III**, GHS 1987, and grandson of **Gene Maher II**, GHS 1959, and **Pat and Debbie Cunningham Barga**, Ansonia HS, 1966 and 1969. Jacob's sister **Hayley Maher** was a 2018 GHS Valedictorian. Jacob Maher>>>



Grand Marshal Shellie Walker



**Carlos Badell**, son of **Joseph Badell**, GHS 1988, and **Ana Badell**, and grandson of **Sylvia Kelly Pressnall**, Wapak St. Jo HS 1963, and **Mike Pressnall**, GHS 1966, and plans on attending college or a trade school. **Jace Bunger**, son of **Tracy** and **Doug Bunger**, is a basketball player and track team member, Wavaire, and Band member, and would like to become a barber. **Isaac Elliott**, son of **Renee** and **Ed Elliott**, GHS 1995, is an engineering student and football player and plans to become an electrician. **Connor Mills**, plans on playing college football and majoring in computer science. He is the son of **Jamie Toman McGillivary**, GHS 1994, and **Steve Mills**, GHS 1991, and is grandson of the 1969 Homecoming Queen **Janice Klosterman Mills**, **Scott Mills**, GHS 1969, **Joann Shroyer Nelson**, GHS 1971, **Joe Toman**, GHS 1972, and **Bob Nelson**, GHS 1961. His brother **Kyle Mills**, GHS 2018, was also a football player and Homecoming Court member. **Landon Muhlenkamp**, plans to further his education in mechanical engineering, and is the son of **Tracy Rhoades Muhlenkamp**, GHS 1981, and **Ed Muhlenkamp**, and brother of 2016 GHS Salutatorian **Quintin Muhlenkamp**. **Hadyn Sharp**, son of **Denise Brandenburg** and **Ryan Brandenburg**, GHS 1990, and **Monty Sharp**, GHS 1990, and **Christina Sharp**. He would like to pursue a certificate in HVAC or study biology.

Next, the Homecoming Queen was crowned by 2018 Queen **Brooke Stachler** and this year's Queen is the very popular and active **Kendra Arnold**, daughter of **Tammy** and **Jason Arnold**. Kendra's school activities include soccer player, Student Council, Science, Environmental and The Club clubs, National Honor Society, class officer, Interactive Media Career Tech class, theatre, and wind symphony. She is planning on attending Sinclair College but has no major decided yet. Other Queen candidates are **Brooklynn Bush**, daughter of **Amy Clark Brenner**, GHS 2003, **Kevin Brenner**, and **Bill Bush**, GHS 2004. Brooklynn's activities included Student Council, Science Club, FCCLA, Careers With Children Career Tech class, and she plans on attending college to major in Early Childhood Education. **Carleigh Cox**, the daughter of **Michelle** and **Aaron Cox**, owners of the Montage, and sister of 2019 Court member **Chloe Cox**. Carleigh participated in four years of volleyball, FCCLA, Careers With Children, and was a Core I leader. She hopes to be a teacher someday. **Aubrey Evers**, daughter of **Sally Jones Evers** and **Steve Evers**, and is a four-year member of cheerleading, track and honors student, orchestra member, FCCLA, and Student Council. Aubrey plans to major in biology and become either a marine biologist or an orthodontist. **Felicity Lance**, daughter of **Elisabeth Hatfield Lance**, GHS 1995 and **Jason Lance**, and sister of two Prom Queens, **Chloe Lance** in 2015 and **Marabelle Lance** in 2019. Felicity's activities were Senior Class Secretary, tennis player, Student Council, Art, Science, Spanish, SADD Club, wind symphony, Career Art, and NHS. She will attend Indiana Univ. East (Richmond) to major in Special Education. **Grace Shaffer**, daughter of **Tiffany Pearce Shaffer**, GHS 1992, and **Shawn Shaffer**, GHS 1992, and sister of Raudabaugh winner **Karsyn Shaffer**, GHS 2017. Grace is an outstanding softball and basketball player, and member of the Med Tech Career Tech program and is Senior Class Reporter. Her plans are to become a labor and delivery nurse. The final Queen candidate is **Abbie Yoder**, daughter of **Tracie** and **Michael Yoder**, Mississinawa Valley grads, is a standout Lady Wave basketball and volleyball player, and member of Science and Key Clubs. She plans on attending college and working towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



This was not the Homecoming all had hoped for but at least the school was able to put together something that was memorable. The traditionally largest dance of the year, the Homecoming Dance was cancelled, too. Student Council advisor, **Mrs. Jessica Shaffer**, teacher and wife of Athletic Director, **Aaron Shaffer**, GHS 1995, worked very hard to make this a special time for the Senior Class under difficult circumstances, and everyone appreciated her effort.

<<<Queen Kendra, 2018 Queen Brooke Stachler, 2019 Chief Green Wave Marcus Wood, and Chief Jacob.

The 2020 Homecoming Court was not permitted to have a group picture taken at or before the event, so here are individual pictures of all the Court members:

Brooklyn Bush



Carleigh Cox



Aubrey Evers



Felicity Lance



Grace Shaffer



Abbie Yoder



Jace Bunger



Isaac Elliott



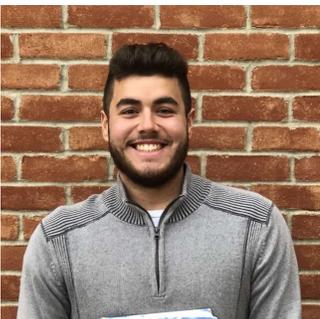
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Connor Mills



Carlos Badell



Landon Muhlenkamp



Kendra Arnold



Jacob Maher



## 2020-21 GHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class is Announced

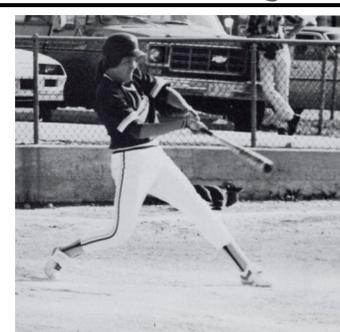
The 35<sup>th</sup> **Hall of Fame** Induction Class for the 2020-2021 school year has been announced but will not be formally introduced at a basketball game until this coming 2021-2022 season. This is due to the COVID virus concerns and to the limited admissions of the public to basketball games this past winter. Two outstanding former GHS scholar-athletes and a GHS present and legendary coach make up this year's honorees.

**Jordyn Fisherback**, GHS 2010, was an outstanding pitcher for the 2009 and 2010 Lady Wave Softball teams. She helped lead the Wave to a Regional championship and State semifinal game in 2010. She received multiple awards and set multiple state records during her career. Jordyn was named a two-time All American and was a two-time First Team All-State selection and received numerous local awards as well. She holds every Lady Wave Softball pitching record and received a full ride scholarship to NCAA Division I Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. She currently resides in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Jordyn pitching at Northmont >>>



**Brian Matix**, GHS 1984, was an all-around outstanding scholar athlete for the Wave. Brian was a 4-year letterman in football, receiving all-conference and all-county awards, a 3-year letterman in basketball, receiving all-conference and all-county awards, and a 3-year letterman in baseball, also being honored for all-conference and all-county teams. Brian was the deserving recipient of the distinguished Jack Raudabaugh 1984 Award. Brian joins his father, **Fred Matix**, in the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Brian and his wife, **Julie Matix**, presently live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and they are the proud parents of son **Christian** and daughter **Emma**. Brian >>>>



**Jerrod Newland**, Springfield Shawnee HS 1997, has led the Lady Wave Softball program since 2003 and has compiled an amazing OHSAA softball record of 449 wins to only 89 losses for a remarkable 83.6 winning percentage. The teams have won numerous league titles, and have won 16 Sectional Championships in the 17 seasons, 12 District Championships, eight Regional Finals, three Final Four appearances, two State Final games, and a State Championship team in 2007. In three different years, his teams have been ranked in the *USA Today* Top 25 National rankings. In another outstanding statistic, the LWSB teams have won 25 or more games in all of the past 16 years, and this is playing a 27-game regular season plus the state tournament each year. That streak was only broken in this year's 2020 season when all Ohio high school spring sports seasons were all cancelled. Jerrod was inducted into the OHSFSCA Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018, joining his father, **Greg Newland**, as the only father-son duo to be named to this State Hall of Fame. Greg had been an Athletic Director and softball coach at Springfield South HS and had also amassed 400+ victories in Ohio H.S. ladies fast pitch softball. Jerrod has sent many of his former players to college to play softball and further their education. Coach Newland teaches Science at the Greenville Middle School and lives in Greenville with his wife, **Erin Rosinski Newland**, GHS 2001, son **Andrew** and daughter **Avery**.



Coach Newland's varsity softball record at GHS: 2003: 20-10; 2004: 25-5; 2005: 27-1; 2006: 25-7; 2007: 31-4 State Champ; 2008: 25-6; 2009: 28-4; 2010: 30-4; 2011: 25-6; 2012: 29-5 State Runner-up; 2013: 25-7; 2014: 25-4; 2015: 28-4; 2016: 26-7; 2017: 28-4; 2018: 26-6; 2019: 26-5; 2020: COVID (no season).

The purpose of the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who, by their athletic endeavors, exploits and attainments, commanded respect and admiration for both themselves and GHS; and to express appreciation for the high degree of skills displayed by those individuals. This year's chosen athletes are excellent choices for the "Best of GHS".

This class will be recognized at the Hall of Fame Game this coming winter, along with a new class to be chosen at a later time.

## GHS Sophomore sets Wave Girls' Golf Records

Freshman **Kenna Jenkinson**, GHS 2023, broke two girls golf records for the Green Wave Golf Team before she ever set foot into the school as a student. In August, 2019's opening week for girls golf, Kenna broke the record for 9-hole play by shooting a 34, which was three strokes better than the 37 tallied in 2007 by **Ashlee Hetzler**, GHS 2009, and **Kalie Sanders**, GHS 2008. In the same week at a different golf course, Kenna shot a 76, which was three strokes better than the former Lady Wave record score of 79 set by **Justine Shilt**, GHS 2007.

In the 2020 Fall Sectionals at Cincinnati's Glenview Golf Course, Sophomore Kenna tied with Centerville's **Meha Pandya** for medalist with both shooting a 73 on the day. This 73 score is the new Greenville Lady Wave 18-hole record. On Oct. 23-24, 2020, Kenna competed in the Ohio State High School Tournament at the O.S.U. Gray Course in Columbus. She placed 36<sup>th</sup> out of 120 golfers from around the state in



this state tournament. She was the Miami Valley League Player of the Year with her stroke average of 38 per nine holes which was two strokes better than anyone else in the league.

“I think we will see her on the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) in the future...I really do,” said the veteran Lady Wave golf coach **Tracy Haines**, GHS 1979. “I think she is going to go D-1 and I think she is going to play professionally if that’s what she wants. She has the talent.”

She comes from a golfing family, which includes her dad, **Corey Jenkinson**, GHS 1995, grandfather **Jeff Jenkinson**, GHS 1974, and a pillar of the community, great-grandfather **Waldo Jenkinson**. Kenna is also an outstanding softball player, but this past year’s spring season was not played.



### A Quarter Century of Broadcasting Green Wave Games

Greenville High School has produced many graduates who have continued to support their school in various manners. **Alex Warner**, GHS 1967, and **Ty House**, GHS 1974, have telecasted GHS basketball games for 25 years and have added football games to their slate in the past 15 years. With the advent of the Greenville Public Access TV on our local cable in 1996, the School District searched for ways to fill the airtime. Alex was on the School Board at that time and had earlier done play-by-play announcing for the “Bright Spark in Darke”, WDRK, in the late ‘70s and early ‘80s, working with **Gary Bowman**, **Delbert Braund**, and **Ed Crawford** (GHS Social Studies teacher, 1959-61).



Alex contacted Ty to help with the broadcast- ing because Ty’s son **Nick House**, GHS 1997, was a star senior point guard on that Wave basketball team, and Ty was interested in the challenge. That first year they did three boys’ games and sat in the bleachers passing the hand microphone back and forth. The next year they started doing girls’ games with **Mark Bixler** as their producer, and added the use of headsets and mini-DVDs.

Over the years, **Mark Bixler**, **Rick Clear**, and **Tim Robertson**, who worked for GPAT, helped add to the equipment with a sound board, improved headsets, and cameras. GPAT associated with the Interactive Media Career Tech class (IMTV) under the advisors **Cliff Bowman** and now **Lori Hoover**. This allowed the duo to enter the digital age which has progressed to live streaming games this year on YouTube and Facebook.

Warner and House were multi-letter winners at GHS, Alex in basketball and baseball, and Ty in baseball, cross country and football. Both have served on our School Board, been chosen to be Grand Marshals of the GHS Homecoming Parade, and currently serve as co-chairs of the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee.

Each game begins with preparations for the game by talking with coaches, fans, and other knowledgeable people, and the information obtained from newspaper articles and league websites. The schedule has grown to 15 to 18 games annually. They have done games at Miami University’s Millett Hall, Xavier’s Cintas Center, and University of Cincinnati’s Fifth-Third Arena. Alex had previously worked contests at the University of Dayton Arena and St. John’s Arena at Ohio State.

When asked to name the highlights of their years behind the mic, they first thought of the girls’ basketball district finalists of 2001 and 2002. Some remembered girls include **Ashley Brown**, GHS 2001, **Brittany Runner**, GHS 2003, **Lindsay Bennett**, GHS 1994, **Nicole Harrison**, GHS 2003, **Carrie Jones**, GHS 2002,

**Rachel Fiely**, GHS 2005, **Macie Blinn**, GHS 2008, **Megan Galloway**, GHS 2013, **Haleigh Behnken**, GHS 2020, **Morgan Gilbert**, GHS 2020, and too many others to name.

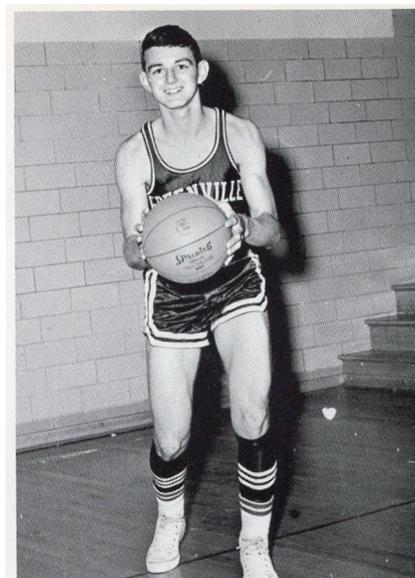
On the boys' side, the GWOC North championship team of 2014-15 under the guidance of Coach **Mike Bashore**, GHS 1992, is notable since this was the first boys league title in 60 years (since the MVL champs of '54-'55). This truly outstanding team set the record for the most wins in a season by a boys' basketball team in GHS history, with 18-5 record, and featured memorable players like **Clay Guillozet**, GHS 2016, **Aaron Balsbaugh**, GHS 2015, **Allen Tabler**, GHS 2015, **Cody Preston**, GHS 2015, **Isaiah Gable**, GHS 2017, and **Aaron Rich**, GHS 2017. Other great individual players include **Craig Wohlgamuth**, GHS 1998, **Matt Hamilton**, GHS 1998, and **Eric Blakeley**, GHS 1998, along with numerous others.

Some of the great opposing teams would include several from Trotwood-Madison with opposing players such as **Andre Gordon** of Sidney, **Jamar Butler** of Lima Shawnee (who had set the floor scoring record of 53 points at that time), and **Kyle Ahrens** and brother **Justin Ahrens** of Versailles. Great games that come to mind are the '14-'15 overtime win over Trotwood which paved the way to the league title, the buzzer beating three-point shot by **Nicole Harrison** to beat a strong Versailles girls team, and a boys win at Fort Recovery followed by the drive through a snowstorm coming home that included pulling three stranded motorists out of the ditch along Route 49.

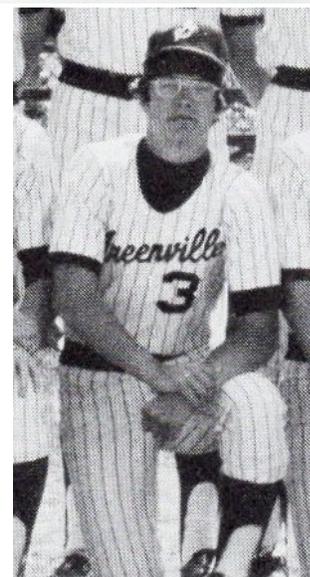
This would not have been possible without the help of many individuals, such as the student cameramen, **Lori Hoover** of IMTV, the coaches and administrators, the players who always gave a great effort even during the lean years, **Randall Bowman** (GHS Athletic Boosters President), teacher and coach **Brian Stickel**, GHS 1973, and **Jody Flommersfeld**, GHS 1977, who have helped with the color part of the telecasts when needed, their wives **Kathy Moore Warner**, Westmont HS 1968, and **Lita Spidler House**, GHS 1976, for putting up with their husbands' hobby, and most of all the fans who view the games.

"We do this because we can bring the games to life for those who can't attend in person and to make memories for the student athletes and their families," says Alex. "We're just two guys who bleed green and white and have the gift of gab. We'll keep trying until we get it right. We'll try to do better the next game."

Alex and Ty are two of many GHS graduates who contribute to the school's activities and promote the school and its students. Many of these unsung heroes help make Greenville a great place to live, and we all benefit from their love of our school and our community.



ALEX WARNER, Guard



Yearbook photos of Alex in 1967 (top) and Ty in 1974 (bottom)

Greenville City Schools Orchestras Join an Emmy Winner in “Strings Will Rock You” Concert

On Feb. 22, 2020, the orchestras of the Greenville City Schools combined with Emmy Award winning **Mark Wood** for a Rock Show for the Ages at the Greenville High School gym. Mark was a one-time electric violinist and one of the original members of the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**. GHS Orchestra Director **JR Price**, GHS 1980, brought this excitement to our school like we have never seen before. The 143 school orchestra members sold enough tickets to fill the floor of the gym and one side of the pullout seats with what turned out to be satisfied customers. Fortunately, this occurred before the Covid virus closedown of many school activities. They performed music from AC/DC, Queen, the Beatles, Ozzy Osbourne, Kansas, and Mark Wood original music, and end the concert with a mass orchestra “Hoedown” performance.

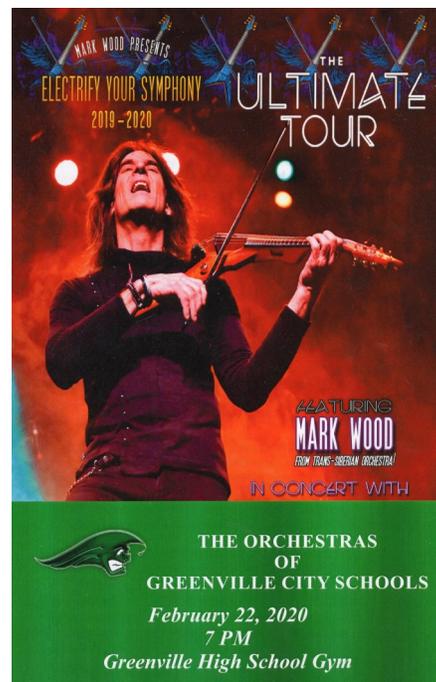
Wood is from New York and became a trained violinist at the Juilliard School of Music. He is a recording artist, performer, producer, inventor, Emmy-award winning composer and music education advocate who has spent four decades electrifying the orchestra industry. In the early 1970s he invented the first solid body electric violin. His company Wood Violins is the premier manufacturer of electric violins, violas and cellos, worldwide. His company claims to have made the most important change to the violin in 400 years and is often referred to as the “Stradivarius of electric violins”.

Mark has performed his solo work with and collaborated with some of the biggest names in the music industry, like Billy Joel, Paul McCartney, Lenny Kravitz, Celine Dion, Kanye West, Steve Tyler of Aerosmith and Roger Daltry of The Who. He has appeared on many venerable stages including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, and hundreds of high school performing halls from coast to coast. He writes original music for radio and television, has released seven albums, and tours with his band **The Mark Wood Experience (MWE)**, which features his wife, singer **Laura Kaye**.

Mark’s true passion is music education and his music education program, *Electrify Your Strings!* (EYS) has toured the country for twenty years. He has reached hundreds of thousands of students and raised millions of dollars for high school music programs. This is an intense rock and roll workshop with the school strings students and concluding with a concert for the school music department. This gives the students new knowledge, boosts their self-esteem, and raises money for the local music department. His career has been dedicated to providing educators with the opportunity to ignite their students’ passions and to open their minds and unlock their potential.

Mark Wood’s website:  
[www.markwoodmusic.com](http://www.markwoodmusic.com)

<<< Mark Wood and JR Price





Mark and JR with the Greenville High School Orchestra before the concert



<<< “Carry On Wayward Son” performance

“Hoedown” finale (below)



5th and 6th grade orchestras  
(below left)

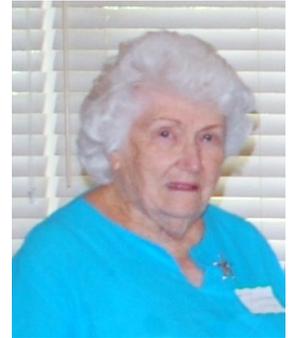
7th and 9th grade orchestras  
(below right)



## The Wayne Theater 1941: Starting a New Tradition By June (McGowan) Young, GHS Class of 1942

“Rosebud”. What actor spoke that? If you went to the movies in 1941 you would know the answer. I’m about to tell you how I know and why.

In June, 1941, my mother and I were returning from a quick visit to the **Lansdown Airport**, which was located along Jaysville-St. Johns Road south of the railroad crossing and Route 571, near where the Ethanol plant and CO2 plant are. My Christmas gift of a few dollars had been saved for a special occasion – flying lessons! My first experience of, not only being in a small red plane, had been to take a ride with my father as pilot, when I was two years old in 1926. I can still remember the experience of the airplane noise, my hair blowing in all directions, and looking down as we flew above the ground. My goal was to be a pilot and to be able to feel the air as you flew above the ground.



June at 2013 Reunion

I learned that I lacked a few dollars even with both Christmas and babysitting money that I’d saved. My mother said she’d help me. “No!” I said. “It is my desire, so I must pay and know that I did it. I won’t fail, I can’t fail.”

The instructor told us they were giving lessons and that I could be a student during the summer. “Just come back and sign up when you pay,” he said.

My hopes were high. “So near,” I thought as I walked past the **Wayne Theater** on Broadway looking at the billboard of coming attractions.

Standing at the entrance to the Wayne was the owner, Mr. **Sante Macci**, GHS 1927, taking tickets as people entered the lobby. I stopped to say hello as he was always ready to greet you and to talk. On that day, he was preoccupied trying to be ushering inside the theater and then taking tickets outside -- working with all his paying customers. He looked at me and said he had a problem – no boys to usher. The boys were going to Dayton for higher paying summer jobs and many had entered the service. The War in Europe kept our factories busy changing the manufacturing to items we could sell and send overseas. Plenty of jobs were out there but there was no one to work for Sante in Greenville!

I replied, “Hire girls!”

He had a startled look for a quiet minute and then asked, “Would you work here?”

“Sure,” was my answer, not stopping to think what I had just said.

“Can you get two more girls besides yourself?” asked Sante.

Quick questions and fast answers. So, a new adventure started for both of us. I then asked two friends, and with their excited “Yes” answer, I didn’t ask any further and gave him their names. He immediately sent the three of us a block up the street to get measured and fitted for uniforms by a tailor. It was maroon slacks and a teal short jacket with shiny buttons. The best fitting slacks I’ve ever put on. We received the outfits almost immediately. There were no dressing rooms, so where did we keep our outfits when we had to change? We used his office which was up the stairs and to the right. We hurried past the projectionist, saying a hurried, “Hi”. We went into the office for a quick change and then down the stairs to the ladies’ room to comb our hair and to put on lipstick. With a flashlight in hand, we were ready to light the customer’s passage to a chosen seat.

Our work was simple and our working hours were: 7:00-9:00 pm Monday through Friday, Saturday all day until midnight, and Sunday 1:00-9:00 pm. Hours could vary depending on the film being shown. It was a fun job and, with us girls, we kept the place alive. We decorated for every occasion. Yes, greenery and mistletoe were there during the Christmas season. The occasion gave us a reason and we took advantage of it. What one girl didn’t think of, another girl did. Mr. Macci didn’t know what he had asked for in hiring girls. It was mostly fun, but we worked hard, fast, and efficiently. We did open the side door when the basketball boys got out of their night practice and passed by the theater. They stepped into the theater to get warm, sneak a quick peek at the movie playing, and then went home. The vending machine dispensing candy and popcorn was always busy. When a popular film was held over for at least 35 times, we could easily help the actors say

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their lines. The back lobby became our stage.

The quotes, “What’s up, Doc?” and “Rosebud”, were lines that actor **Orson Welles** said in the popular 1941 movie *Citizen Kane*. The movie storyline was: after the death of publishing tycoon Charles Foster Kane, reporters scramble to uncover the meaning of his final utterance, “Rosebud”. At this time during World War II, our service men’s most popular pin-up girls were **Lena Horn** and **Betty Grable**. The theater was always filled when their films arrived for showing.

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, the downtown, as well as the whole town was quiet. It was warm enough to go outside without a coat, so outside we went. We stood in the middle of Broadway in the early afternoon, not believing the latest news. Most of the town was home listening to the news on the radio. All we heard was “EXTRA! EXTRA!”, with extra papers being sold. People were crying, it was quiet, there was an eerie feeling. Pearl Harbor had been attacked.

From that day on, we always opened the newsreel with the picture of the American flag, patriarchy music playing, and everyone in the theater standing. It was respect for our flag and for our country. No one refused to show respect. We knew what it stands for! You had pride and you showed it.

I could say more – especially when a good film was shown and the theater was overflowing, all that could happen, did happen. We worked, we laughed and it was fun. My theater adventure ended and my earnings for the whole year didn’t make it to \$100. But, I made it, and my mother and I went to the airport again to sign up for and pay for flying lessons.

Then came, “Sorry”, “There’s a War on! No Gas”. I graduated from GHS in June, 1942. Little did I know that my real adventures were ahead of me after I left Greenville. Yes, planes, trains, busses, travel, foreign living, etc. You name it and I can relate to it if I take time to open the correct memory time.

*Editor’s note: June is truly one of the gems of Greenville High School history. We always enjoy her frequent stories and her reminiscing of the past and will look forward to more.*

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## Wayne Theater History

The address of 540 South Broadway was a residence of **Robert Robison** starting in 1857. Successful businessman **Frank** and wife **Martha McWhinney** bought the property and used it as a residence from 1883 to 1920. The **Ohio Realty Company** bought the property in Feb., 1920, at auction for \$12,400. The house was demolished and a new brick building, especially designed for motion pictures, was erected on the corner lot. Plans for the building were drawn up by **John Q. Adams**, a well-known architect from Columbus. The **Wayne Theater** opened April 21, 1921, with **Kenneth** and **Donald Sink** being the proprietors. It was named for the **General Anthony Wayne**, the U.S. Army Commanding General at the Treaty of Greene Ville. There was also a **Wayne Smokery** located at the southwest corner at the building rear which opened that December. **Paul Curtis** took over the smokery in 1922. In 1930, the owner was **Chakeres Theatre Company** and the proprietor was **Jonas Thomas**. After some remodeling, the theater reopened Nov. 8, 1930. Some reports are that there were live shows on the stage in the earliest years and it was converted to all movie shows later.

**Attilio “Tony” Macci** was born in Monsompolo, Italy, in 1888, came to this country and settled in Union City in 1909, before moving to Greenville in 1913. After working at the Mozart Store and owning a shoe repair business from 1913 to 1931, and then operating the National and Ohio theaters from 1931 to 1933, Tony purchased the Wayne theater property on July 1, 1933. The 1933 newspaper ad mentions that nothing but first-run pictures would be shown. In 1935, Tony’s son **Sante Macci**, GHS 1927, was Manager. Another account says this change was made from live stage to film showing in 1941 but we think it was done much



Frank McWhinney's Residence.

# RETIRED GREENVILLE THEATRE MAN DIES

A. "Tony" Macchi, 62, retired Greenville theatre operator, died at 5:45 p. m. Monday at his residence, 314 West Main street. He suffered a heart attack in January, 1949 while vacationing in Florida and had been steadily declining since that time.

Mr. Macchi had resided in Greenville since 1913 and for a number of years operated a shoe repair shop on South Broadway. Earlier he was an employe of the old Mozart store.

He entered the theatre business in 1931, operating both the old Ohio and National theatres here. Two years later he acquired the Wayne theatre and was active in its management until 1940 when he sold it to his sons and retired.

Born in Monsompolo, Italy, Mr. Macchi came to this country in 1909. He resided in Union City for nearly four years prior to moving to Greenville.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, West Third Street, and due to the church's current Holy Week observance funeral services will be held there at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial will be in St. Marys cemetery. The body is at the Miller funeral home, where friends may call.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Giacomina; two sons, Sante, of Greenville, and Roland, of Los Angeles, Cal.; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Longfellow, Greenville; Mrs. James Arnett, of Westerville, O., and Mrs. Robert Soddors of Arcanum; nine grandchildren and a brother, Amelio Macchi, living in Italy.

**WAYNE!**  
TOMORROW AND SUNDAY  
**HOOT GIBSON**  
In His Latest Western Thriller  
**"Local Bad Man"**  
Also Comedy and Sound News

WHERE GREENVILLE ENTERTAINS.  
MACCI'S  
**WAYNE**  
THEATRE  
*The finest in first run motion picture features and short subjects, that will please the entire family, at all times*  
MATINEES DAILY AT 2:15 P. M.  
EVENINGS AT 7:00 AND 9:00  
Continuous Performances Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 P. M.

1932 Newspaper Ad

1950 ad (above)

1931 ad (below)

before that, if at all. Through the 1940s, Sante and his brother **Rolando "Mucko" Macchi**, GHS Class of 1935, operated the theater. They had inherited the business from their father on May 11, 1940, when Tony retired. It was billed as "The home of better pictures, Paramount Pictures." In April, 1949, they opened the **Waynette** confectionery and soft drink counter at the street corner. Through the 1950s, Sante owned the theater with his wife **Norma Swank Macchi**, GHS 1948, being the theater cashier. Sante was always one of the best-dressed businessmen in downtown Greenville and a highly respected, friendly, and influential business owner on Broadway. He died July 20, 1967.

**CHAKERE'S WAYNE!**  
NOW SHOWING!  
Betty Compson  
—in—  
**"A BOUDOIR DIPLOMAT"**  
FRIDAY!  
**"The Sea Wolf"**  
with Milton Sills



<<<Sante Victor Macchi, Senior picture from the 1927 Chief Yearbook.

A newspaper ad announcing the 1933 purchase and grand re-opening of the Wayne Theater by Tony Macchi after he purchased the business. The admission prices were \$0.17 to \$0.28 for adults and \$0.10 for children at all times (below)

**GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE WAYNE THEATRE**  
Thursday, Sept. 7th  
DOORS OPEN 6:45 P. M.  
**REMODELED REDECORATED and RENOVATED**  
Under New Management  
*Nothing But First-Run Pictures Will Be Shown*

**Notice to Public**  
It is with a great amount of pride that we announce the Grand Opening of the New Wayne Theatre, Thursday evening, under our management. The theatre has been remodeled, redecorated and re-equiped throughout. A brand new sound and projecting equipment has been installed and this theatre is now one of the most up-to-date in any part of the country. Nothing but first-run pictures will be shown and no service is given.  
We thank the patronizing public of South County for their past patronage and we guarantee the same courteous treatment to you here always had in the past.  
Respectfully,  
A. MACCI & SONS

**PRICES OF ADMISSION**

ADULTS—Matinee, except Sunday and Holidays, Established Price	15c
Ohio Tax	2c
Total	17c
EVENINGS—Established Price	25c
Ohio Tax	3c
Total	28c
CHILDREN—All Times	10c



## GRAND OPENING

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

# WAYNE

THEATER

Invites You To Attend The Opening  
Of The Theater's New Candy Corner

### "THE WAYNETTE"

Friday, April 22—6:30 P. M.

FEATURING COMPLETE REFRESHMENT SERVICE

- FRESH, DELICIOUS, HOT-BUTTERED POPCORN
- ICE CREAM CONES — BARS — SPECIALTIES
- ALL YOUR FAVORITE CANDY BARS
- COCA COLA — ROOT BEER — HOT DOGS

**On Our Stage at 9 P. M. Tomorrow!**

Due to the fact that we received so many entries of an identical name (THE WAYNETTE) which the judges chose as the name, we will conduct a drawing at 9 P. M. Friday, April 22, to determine all prize winners. The prizes are:

FIRST PRIZE — \$25 IN CASH!

SECOND THRU FIFTH PRIZES—SEASON PASSES!

The contestants who entered the name of "THE WAYNETTE" are cordially invited to be guests of the WAYNE THEATER for this drawing.

**FREE!** BIG BAG OF OUR HOT-BUTTERED POPCORN TO FIRST 100 PERSONS ATTENDING OPENING at 6:30 P. M.

**FREE!** OUR DELICIOUS, HOT-BUTTERED POPCORN TO ALL ATTENDING FRIDAY'S SHOW!

ON OUR SCREEN  Burt Lancaster—Dan Duryea—Yvonne De Carlo in "CRISS-CROSS"  
"When a double-crosser crosses another... that's criss-cross!"

TODAY  George O'Brien in "GUN LAW"

COMING SUNDAY "EL PASO" IN COLOR

1951 photo (above), Grand Opening of the Waynette, April 22, 1949 >>>

This is a 1951 photo of the Wayne Theater when it was in its "hey day". It shows the popular art-deco style architecture of the food, candy, and snack shop, known as the **Waynette**, at the street corner of Broadway and West Fifth Streets where nearly everyone patronized at one time or another. The glass blocks, neon lights, shiny silver aluminum canopy, and the friendly faces working within were ready to satisfy your sweet tooth cravings. These tasty treats were sold both inside to theater customers and outside to people on the street, at, of course, different times of the days. The name "Waynette" had been voted by the public and was an appropriate name for this addition.

The Maccis sold the theater to **Lester Shultz**, GHS 1939, about 1961 and the Waynette prospered. **John Tabor** bought the theater about 1977, and he remodeled it into two twin theaters about 1980. A bit of the advertising for this remodeled effort included this: "Cinema I and Cinema II are living proof that you don't have to drive out of the county to see current movies. With the two theaters, Darke Countians can have the choice of current popular movies and a wide variety of refreshments." **Alan Teicher** owned the theater for some time until 2014,

when it last closed.

The glory days of the theater business were over with the expansion of cable TV in the 1970s and 1980s, which offered increasing numbers of movies available to watch at home, the rise of movie rental businesses such as

**Sante V. Macci**  
Services for Mr. Sante V. Macci, 58, 300 Harmon Dr., who died at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Tuesday, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. William Welch officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the Oliver Funeral Home, here, after 2 p.m. Friday.  
The Greenville Elks Lodge will hold a Lodge of Sorrow at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Rosary will be recited by the Holy Name Altar Society of the church following at 8 p.m.

*d. 49 may* **Roland J. Macci** (198)  
EL CENTRO, Calif. — Roland J. Macci, 67, of 2250 Leney Ave., died Monday here.  
Mr. Macci, a son of the late Attilio and Giacomina Macci, was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Marine Corps. He was an owner of the Wayne Theater in Greenville, for several years. He retired this past year as an appliance dealer of Imperial Stores in Imperial County, where he had resided for the past 16 years.  
Surviving are his wife Barbara (Albright); two daughters, Stephanie, at home, and Angelia Fulp, Laramie, Wyo.; three sons, David, Dennis and Gary, all of Dayton, Ohio; three sisters, Nora Longfellow of Greenville, Mary Arnett of Westerville, Ohio, and Ann Soddors, Arcanum, Ohio. A brother Sante and a sister, Virginia preceded him in death.  
Memorial services were to be conducted today at the Church of Religious Science here. Burial will be in San Diego.  
Mass will be celebrated May 21 at St. Mary's Church in El Centro.

Blockbuster, and the sale of many movies available on video tapes and compact disks/DVDs (later) for personal purchase and use.

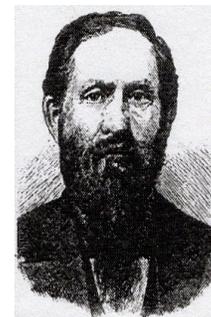
This 2004 photo shows when the Wayne Theater was still open and after it had been converted to twin theaters about 1980. The seating capacity in the 1930s-1950s was 460 customers, and was reduced to 120 on each side of the split configuration. The entrance had been changed and moved to the doors at the front right (north) and the original main doors in the center had been closed off and the area used as the ticket selling window. The business traffic/ customers continued to dwindle. It had changed hands a few times and eventually never reopened after 2014. The last owners to buy the property were **Luke Winterrowd**, GHS 2000, and spouse **Brandy Winterrowd**, in October, 2014, who were in the process of buying the theater from Teicher in late 2014, with intentions of having it



open again by December, 2014. They were in the final stages of the sale but it never happened. The necessary changes they had planned to do had high price tags to them: like new relocated concession stand, change the movie screens and sound system, install new carpet and new paint throughout, replacing the seats, adding a stage for talent performances and special events, and the upgrade to new digital projectors which alone would cost about \$100,000. They had planned on showing not only new release movies, but also classic films for special engagements and Saturday morning cartoons. It would have been a great addition to the community but would not likely have ever been a profitable business again. Their last name-change to “The Wayne” never happened.

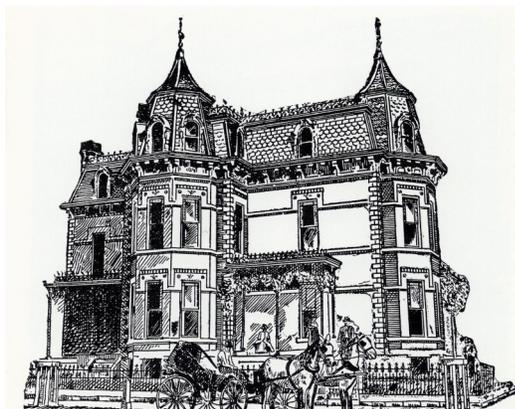
The Frank and Martha McWhinney House (1883-1920) was at the location where the Wayne Theater is now

**Frank McWhinney** (1827-1910) was born on a farm in Preble County and, when he grew up, left the farm to engage in buying and selling grain, land and mercantile businesses. He continued farming and became a well-known financier. He erected many buildings in town, a large warehouse and several homes, and the **Pan Handle Railway** depot and warehouse. He was also an agent for the Pan Handle Railroad (the station was on Front Street at Gray Avenue) for 35 years (1854-1889).



He was a Lieutenant in the Civil War and a great supporter of the Union Soldiers. He built the Veterans Memorial Building on the Darke County Fairgrounds to honor these veterans. The plaque on the building from 1901 reads: “This hall erected in honor and memory of the Union Soldiers of Darke County, both living and dead in the War from 1861 to 1865 and of all soldiers who supported the government of the United States in any of its wars. Donated by Frank McWhinney and accepted by the Darke County Agricultural Society of 1901. Upon the condition that there shall never be sold or given away any intoxicating liquors of any kind upon the grounds of this Society.”

Then he organized the **Exchange Bank** on the Public Square and it later became the **Farmer’s National Bank** in the late 1860s. He bought real estate in several states and was the largest property owner in Greenville. He was an honest and noble businessman. In 1875 he purchased the Opera House (future to be the State Theater) and made over \$5,000 in improvements. This theater was used for traveling road shows to present dramas, musicals and comedies, and some high school graduations. **Robert Robison’s** house at the same location at the corner of Broadway and West Fifth Street was



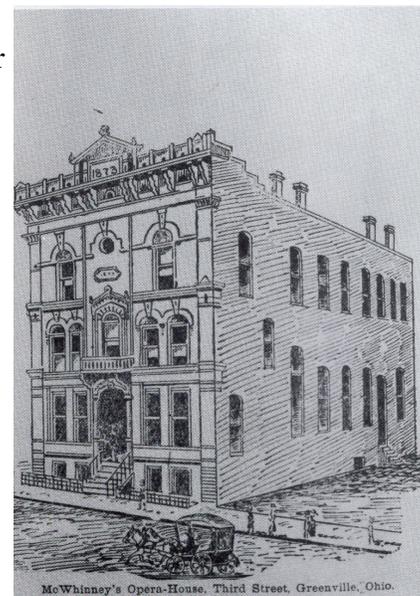
McWhinney home where Wayne was built

purchased by and replaced with McWhinney's Victorian mansion in 1883 where Frank and his wife, **Martha McWhinney** (1825-1918), lived with their daughter, **Laura McWhinney** (1851-1898). This home was known as one of the most elegant in this part of the state and, along with the improved Opera House, became very prominent buildings in the city. They were the pride of the city. Laura died in a fit of despondency and the Coroner's report said, "That the deceased came to her death by throwing herself into the rain-water tank for supply of bath tubs in the attic of her father's house, with suicidal intent." A second daughter, **Lorena McWhinney Frizell** (1862-1880) had left home before the mansion was built, got married, and died very young. The impressive house reportedly cost the large sum of \$20,000 to build in 1883. Frank was 83 years old at the time of his death and was one of Greenville's wealthiest pioneer citizens. The family tombstone erected in 1883 is probably the most elegant and classic granite monument in the Greenville Union Cemetery. He also imported stone to build the entrance arch to the cemetery in 1903, built the Soldiers' Monument in 1903, and provided the original cemetery perimeter iron fencing. Frank died in 1910 and Martha in 1918. The house was torn down in 1920 to make way for the Wayne Theater.

The McWhinney Opera House (pictured at the upper right) was bought in 1875 and remodeled to an impressive level, and was located on West Third Street. It later became the State Theater and was eventually torn down in 1981 to become a parking lot today. The picture to the right is from 1947. You can see the same architecture and windows in each building. The front entrance had changed through the years.

Ironically, the two movie houses that our generation remembers were the Wayne and State Theaters. McWhinney purchased the future State Theater in 1875 when it was the Opera House, and later his house was razed to build the Wayne Theater in 1920.

Below is the stone arch at the Greenville Union Cemetery that Frank had built and donated to the Cemetery (from a 1909 post card)



McWhinney's Opera-House, Third Street, Greenville, Ohio.

THE OPERA HOUSE



## Rick Macci is the Subject of a New Movie and Has a New Tennis Center

**Rick Macci**, GHS 1973, had an interesting year in 2020. One of his former students, **Sophia Kenin**, won the first Professional Tennis Major Tournament played during this year, the Australian Open in Melbourne in January. Sofia, originally from Moscow, Russia, and whose family moved to New York City when she was quite young, and then moved to Florida when she was five years old. Her parents recognized her potential in playing tennis and arranged for her to begin training with Rick Macci in Broward County, Florida. Macci coached her for seven years until she was 12 years old. Rick has been known for developing young tennis players in South Florida. She appeared with Rick in several U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) training videos designed to help tennis professionals teach younger players.



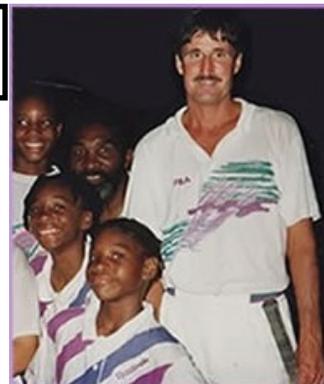
Sophia reached as high as #2 in the junior rankings. Now, at age 21, she is ranked in the Top 5 women, and has won her first Grand Slam title in her professional career, by defeating two of the top lady tennis players, top-ranked **Ash Barty** in the semifinals and **Garbine Muguruza** in the championship match in January, 2020. Kenin lost the French Open Tennis Championship match in October to **Iga Swiatek**.

Also developing this past year, Rick is the subject of a new movie project which features the highly talented professional tennis playing sisters, **Venus Williams** and **Serena Williams**. Rick has developed many junior tennis players in Florida. The movie, **King Richard**, will feature the Williams sisters and focus on their father and coach, **Richard Williams**.



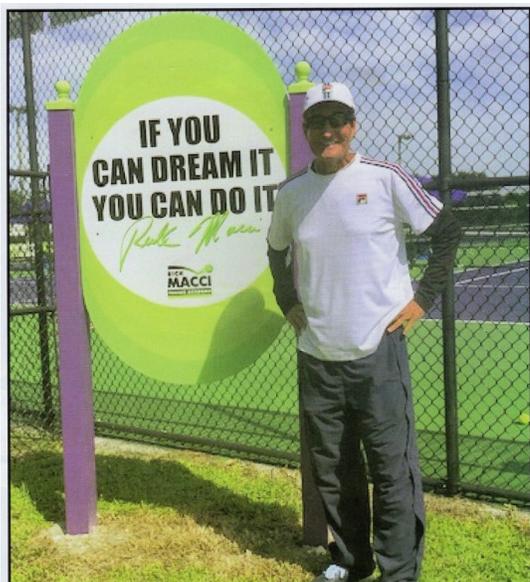
The Williams family moved from suburban Los Angeles to Boca Raton in 1991 for the purpose of working with Rick Macci. He coached the sisters from 1991 to 1994, until a time when Venus made her professional debut. Rick knew that the sisters had the ability, drive, and desire to transcend the game. They were not like any other athletes he had trained. Even at that young age, they were muscular, fast, possessed great foot speed, and a type of physique usually reserved for elite track and field athletes.

Rick with the Williams sisters in earlier years >>>>>



Warner Brothers Studios has picked veteran actor **Jon Bernthal** to play the part of Rick Macci. The movie is to be a positive telling of the Richard Williams' story of how he guided his prodigal tennis playing daughters, and the movie is expected to be released in late 2021 due to Covid delays and other circumstances. Macci has enjoyed 40 successful years teaching tennis in Florida and has coached many players who went on to a #1 tennis ranking, including **Jennifer Capriati**, **Maria Sharapova**, **Andy Roddick**, in addition to the Williams sisters. Kenin may be the next one to be #1.

Rick moved his tennis academy August 5, 2019, from the private Boca Lago Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida, where he had been since 1992, to the South Palm Beach County Regional Park, also in Boca Raton. He is creating the premier public park tennis center in the country. Palm Beach Parks and Rec were looking to form a public-private relationship. Rick was fortunate enough to



Rick Macci's dream is coming to reality at South County Regional Park. Photo by Ginger Macci.

win the bid to build his program in this public setting. They hope to invest \$3,000,000 into this park and will include at least three indoor courts that will be available to everyone since it is in a public park and will be open 365 days per year from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm daily. This park includes twelve refurbished racquetball courts and there will be a clubhouse, fitness center, and academic school onsite. The Park has 2,000 acres with 27 holes of golf and is very family-oriented. The courts are resurfaced purple and green with new canopies and windscreens and all 19 hard courts are lighted. This facility will offer the world's premier tennis methodology at affordable prices, and in a public park setting.

“This will be a unique game-changing journey to help all levels of tennis. This includes helping kids left behind, inner-city kids, and other kids that don't have a shot (to develop their tennis game). This will help the USTA (U.S. Tennis Association) grow the game big time at every level—juniors and adults,” says Rick. “My name will be on the door; it will be the Rick Macci Tennis Center. At this stage in my career, I'm going to do what I do to help

anyone, anytime, anywhere. I love to teach and I love to be on the court seven days a week. This is what life is really about! Helping others!”

He would like to start a foundation and be able to sponsor kids and help others out, too. Rick moved from Ohio to central Florida in 1980 to work at the Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort. He has run over 2,000 tournaments and round robins during his 40 years in Florida. Florida is the most important tennis state in the USA because most tennis organizations have their national headquarters there and the weather there is such a plus. There is just more action in Florida and Rick Macci has been an important part of its tennis success.

*Pictures here are from the “Florida Tennis” magazine from October, 2019*



**A PUBLIC PARK  
LIKE NO OTHER**

**THE NEW RICK MACCI TENNIS CENTER**

*Greetings, Greenville Alumni Members:*

We thank all of those loyal Alumni who have contributed and supported the **Harmon Field Improvements Projects**, which include new turf for the football stadium, the **Jennings Track & Field**, including scoreboard, press box and adjacent parking facilities.

The next project phase is to construct a **new Field House** and the **Friends of Harmon Field (FOHF)** are involved in ongoing efforts to raise the \$800,000 community portion of the \$2.8 million dollar project. As you may recall, the Greenville City School Board has pledged \$2 million toward the project with a challenge to the community to raise the remaining 1/3 of the cost.

The past year has been difficult for sporting and social events and has definitely hindered the success and time line of our fundraising efforts.

However, our spirit to do so has not been diminished and although we have been on pause for most of the last year, approximately 10% of our \$800,000 goal was still accomplished. The Field House Project will provide a new state-of-the-art 10,000 square foot facility which will house much needed locker rooms, concession space, public restrooms, a training room, Athletic Department offices, and a booster/fundraising room. The new Field House is proposed to be a one-story masonry block and brick structure with standing seam metal roof and will be located between the High School football field and the Jennings Track & Field to serve both of these stadiums.



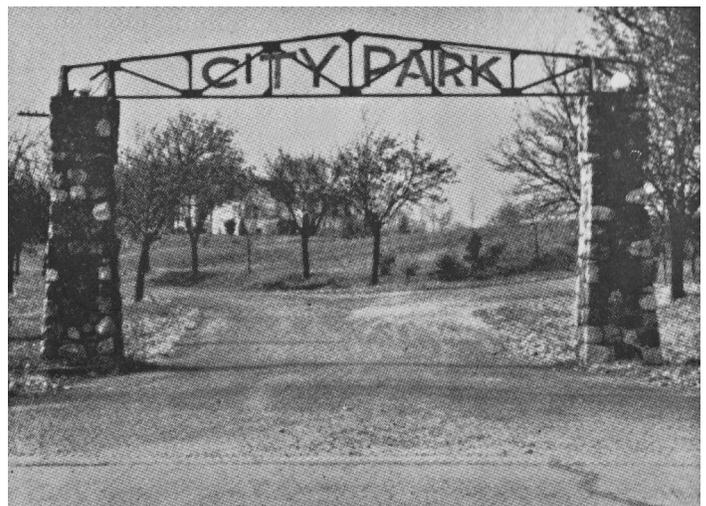
We know those utilizing the current Miami Valley North Stadium at Harmon Field and the Jennings Track & Field know how much these improvements are needed. The current restrooms, concession and locker rooms are under the stadium which were dedicated in 1937.

Whether you are a donor, FOHF fundraising volunteer or athletic booster, the Friends of Harmon Field has a role for you to play in helping achieve the goal of completing the new Field House. We strongly believe that having the community involved to raise a third of the funds is important so we all have “skin in the game”.

Please contact **Aaron Shaffer, Athletic Director**, at 937-548-4188, if you have a desire to fulfill any of these roles. The Friends of Harmon Field are still soliciting community donations which can be by check made out to “**Friends of Harmon Field (FOHF)**”, in care of Greenville Federal, mailing address 690 Wagner Avenue, 45331 or please visit our website at [www.friendsofharmonfield.com](http://www.friendsofharmonfield.com) to make an online donation via PayPal.

We appreciate everyone’s efforts in helping us achieve the goal of completing a new Field House.

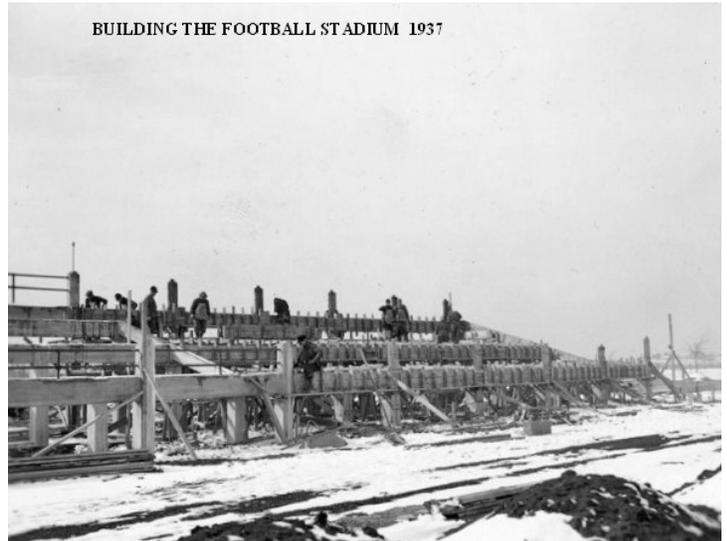
*Thank you, The Friends of Harmon Field*



These are pictures and postcards from 1937, when the Harmon Field Stadium and Swimming Pool were constructed as part of the W.P.A. Very little existed in the City Park at this time and the Stadium and Swimming Pool were the first significant new constructions visible amidst wide open spaces. 1937 was a long time ago.



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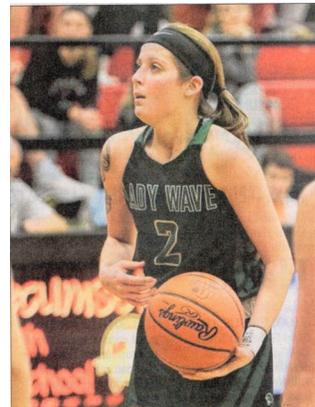
SWIMMING POOL AT CITY PARK. SHOWING HEALTH CAMP, GREENVILLE, OHIO

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## Modern Day GHS Athletes Achieve Great Honors

Several of today's GHS athletes have been making big names for themselves and for the school. **Haleigh Behnken**, GHS 2020, was named **First Team All-Ohio** in Division-II Girls Basketball, while leading the Miami Valley League in scoring her senior year. She averaged 19.5 points per game in leading the Lady Wave to a 14-11 winning season. The Lady Wave had records of 0-23, 1-22, and 2-21 in the three years before Haleigh reached high school. In her four years, the Wave record was 47-47. She credits her JV Coach **Laura Swigert Germann** as being the one who believed in Haleigh, and Varsity Coach **Rachel Fiely Kerns**, GHS 2005, who showed her a lot to improve her play. "I can't thank my teammates enough for all they have done for me," said Haleigh. "They have pushed me. I am very thankful for all of them." She is continuing her career playing for the Edison State Lady Chargers basketball team. The Edison 2020-2021 season has been deferred to next year.



Greenville's **Riley Hunt**, GHS 2020, was named a high school **2020 NSAF All-American**. As a junior, she earned the 2019 OHSAA Division-I Girls Pole Vault State Championship with an all-time best state record vault of 13 feet, 7 inches, and earned the gold medal. She did not get to defend her state championship in the Spring of 2020 because the OHSAA cancelled spring sports throughout the state. She has enrolled at the University of Arkansas where she is a student-athlete, hoping to continue her vaulting career. Her Coach **Micah Coblentz**, GHS 1998, said, "This is a testament of the hard work Riley has put in through the years to rise to be one of the best women pole vaulters in the nation."



**Tyler Beyke**, GHS 2020, was named to the NHSBCA (National High School Baseball Coaches Association) **Pre-Season All-American Team** for Spring, 2020, his Senior season. The list had 28 Ohio Pre-Season All-American baseball players. He was a four-year starting shortstop and pitcher for the Green Wave, and was an excellent hitter. He was also a starting basketball guard and a two-year starting quarterback on the football team. The Green Wave boys' baseball team was set for an excellent 2020 season with ten seniors on the squad, but the season was cancelled. "Tyler's skill and leadership shine on the baseball field and in the classroom," says Wave coach **Eric Blumenstock**, GHS 1997. "Being on this is a credit to the amount of hard work Tyler has put in." Tyler is attending Trine University, Angola, Indiana, to study engineering and to play baseball.



**Emily Marchal**, GHS 2021, completed four stellar years leading the Lady Wave Tennis team to much success. She made All-conference teams all four years, being first team her junior and senior years, the **Miami Valley League Player of the Year (2020)**, second team All-Dayton area, four-year Scholar Athlete, four-year District Qualifier, and team captain. Her singles records were: 9<sup>th</sup> grade: 22-2, 10<sup>th</sup>: 20-6, 11<sup>th</sup>: 24-8, and 12<sup>th</sup>: 22-3. That is a spectacular total record of 88-19. Long time Wave tennis coach **Jim Koontz**, GHS 1968, said "Emily has always been a very hard worker and it paid off not only for her, but the team's overall success. She will be missed....and is the best tennis player I have ever coached." Emily is also President of the 2021 GHS Student Council and the National Honor Society, Greenville Chapter.

There are several others worthy of mention, but these student-athletes show the determination that is needed to be a success in sports, in school, and in life.



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