



VOLUME 24, ISSUE 4

www.greenvillealumni.org

DECEMBER, 2021

Opening the Time Capsule from the Treaty of Greene Ville's 225th Anniversary

The Signing of the **Treaty of Greene Ville** on August 3, 1795, was honored on its 200th-year anniversary in 1995 with the establishment of a **Bicentennial Commission**. A copper box Time Capsule was created at that time in 1995 and was ceremonially opened on its 25th anniversary, August 3, 2020, at the City Municipal Building Fire Department. Greenville's Mayor, **Steve Willman**, GHS 1971, served as Master of Ceremonies, and a brief history of the Treaty and the Fort Greene Ville was presented by City Council President, **John Burkett**. Retired Arcanum school teacher **Brenda Arnett**, Regent of the Fort Greene Ville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), made a commemorative presentation to be added to the next Time Capsule.



Ryan Delk Opening Time Capsule and Mayor Steve Willman

With **Susan Gray** as president, the Bicentennial Commission formed in 1990 to plan for the Treaty celebration in 1995, and sold coin sets each year: 1791-1991-**Fort Jefferson** and **General Arthur St. Clair**; 1792-1992-**Little Turtle**; 1793-1993-**Fort Greene Ville** when it was built; 1794-1994-**General Nathanael Greene** and **Colonel William Darke**; and 1795-1995-**General Anthony Wayne**. These were included in the sealed time capsule, along with many photo albums, medallions, historical documents, pamphlets, a Bicentennial Coke bottle, commemorative plates, newspapers (*Advocate*, *Early Bird*, and *Dayton Daily News*), maps, encampments, Chamber of Commerce materials, former Garst Museum Director **Toni Seiler's**

Page 2

books, magazines, Annie Oakley festival and Garst Museum activities papers, post cards, calendars, and letters from U.S. **Senator John Glenn**, **President Bill Clinton**, and U.S. **Representative John Boehner** and State **Representative Jim Buchy**. In total, 106 items had been sealed into the Time Capsule.



Publications included in the Capsule.



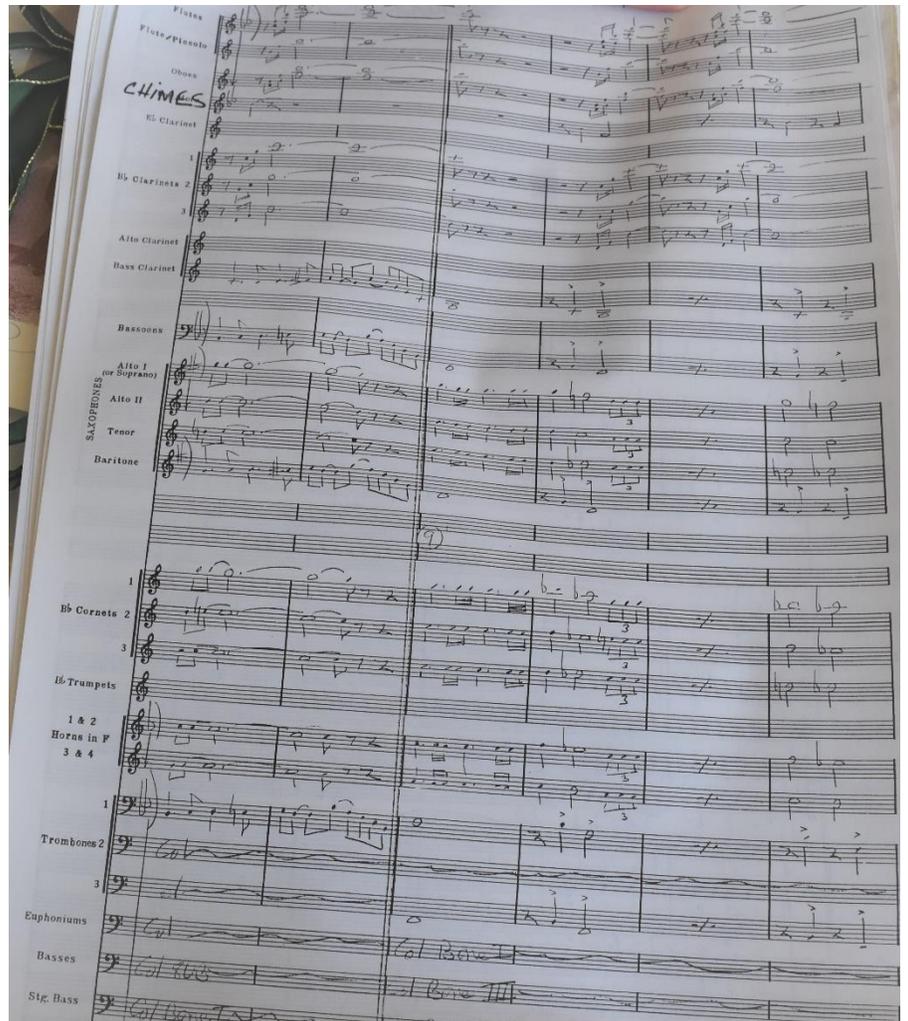
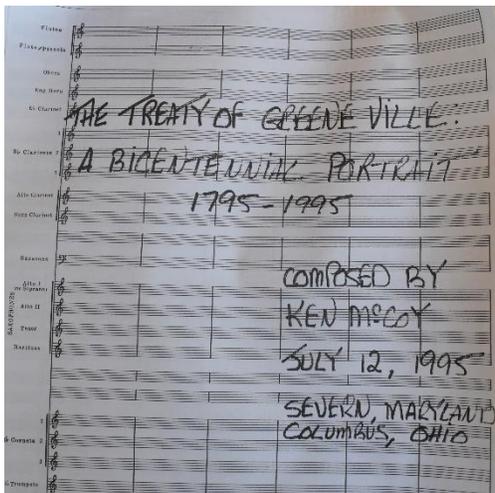
Special Anniversary Coins.



Capsule box.

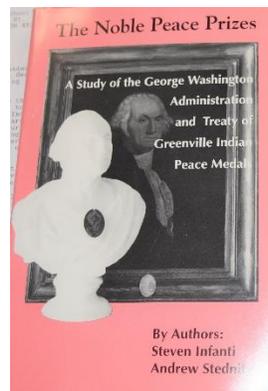
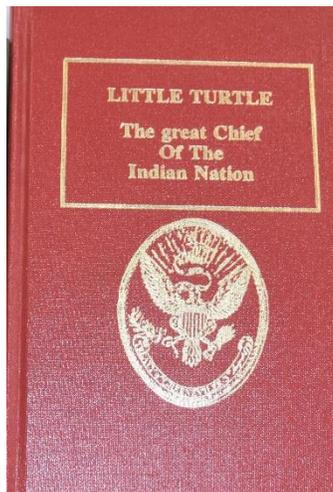
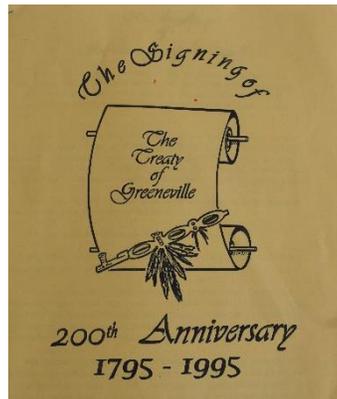
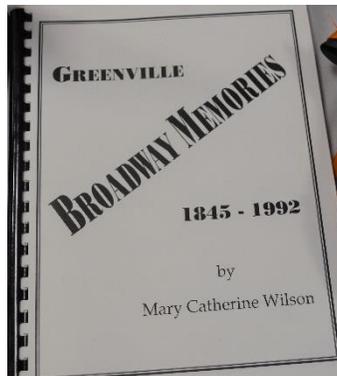
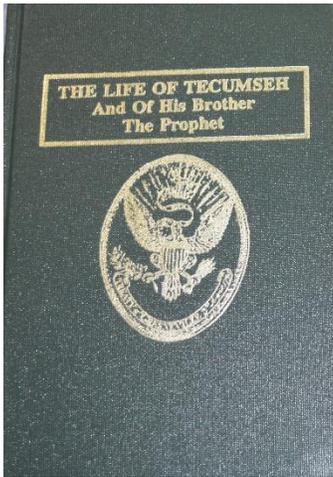
A special musical piece was included in the capsule that was prepared by **Ken McCoy**, GHS 1964. The legendary composer and arranger created "The Treaty of Greene Ville: A Bicentennial Portrait 1795-1995" to honor this event in his hand-written composition from July 12, 1995:

Ken's composition:

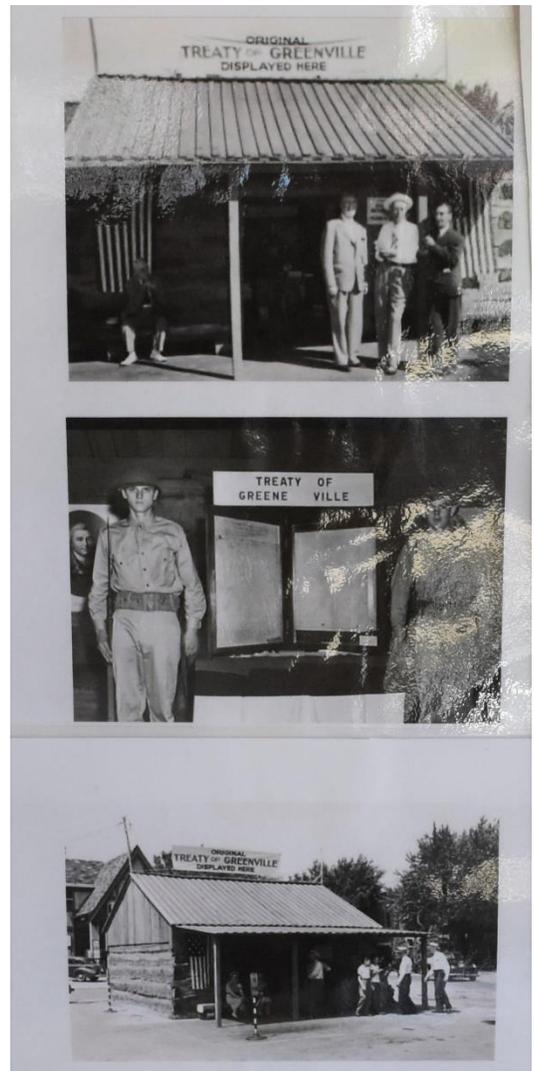


Page 3

Many books were included in the time capsule and some were reprinted for the libraries of all Darke County schools at that time in 1995. A partial listing of some books in the capsule are: **“Little Turtle”** by Calvin Young, **“Greenville Broadway Memories, 1845-1992”** by Mary Catherine Wilson, GHS 1945, **“Noble Peace Prizes”** by Steven Infanti and Andrew Stednitz, **“The Life of Tecumseh and his Brother The Prophet”**, **“The Treaty of Greene Ville”** by Frazer Wilson, GHS 1890, **“Greene Ville from Fort to City”**, **“Anthony Wayne and the Ohio Indian Wars”** by Tony DeRegnaucourt and Tom Parker, **“Darke County: the Early Years”** by Louise Oswalt, **“Journal of Capt. Daniel Bradley”**, **“James Elliott Explores Primitive Ohio”** by Frazer Wilson, **“Archaeology of Camp Stillwater...”** by Tony DeRegnaucourt. Some of these are reprinted and can be found at the Garst Museum or at www.Amazon.com or www.BarnesandNoble.com and many are out of print now. Some books included in the Time Capsule:



1945 photos of Treaty coming and displayed in Greenville:



These are some of the interesting facts about the Treaty of Greene Ville History that were presented. The whole United States Army was located at Fort Greene Ville in this 1794-1795 time period and the Commander was **General Anthony Wayne**. Much of the Army had disbanded after the Revolutionary War ended. The Fort here built was the largest one ever built in the United States. The fort was short-lived and much was burned down to get the nails and hardware used to build the cabins. This hardware was taken to Dayton to be used for construction of buildings there. The famous historical figures of **Meriwether Lewis** and **William Clark** met while serving as soldiers at the Fort here. Lewis had a temper and got into trouble with Wayne. Clark asked the General to let him have Lewis and train him to be one of Clark's sharpshooters. This is when their friendship developed. After the **Louisiana Purchase** from France in 1803, **President Thomas Jefferson** wanted to find the most direct and most practical path using water communication across the western half of the continent. This would establish a presence in this territory before Great Britain or other European powers tried to claim it. The **Lewis and Clark's Expedition** lasted from 1803 to 1806, traversing from Illinois to Oregon and back to St. Louis.

"It is an exciting time (opening the Time Capsule)," said Mayor Willman. "It's almost like Christmas, only the presents have been there for 25 years." The contents of the Time Capsule were displayed at the **Visitor's Bureau/Main Street Greenville** temporarily and then will be permanently moved to the **Garst Museum**.

Greenville's Badger Family

Mrs. **Geraldine "Gerry" Badger** celebrated her 90th birthday June 30, 2021. Although she was not a GHS graduate, she did have six children go through our school system. The family has lived in the Greenville area since 1957, and had previously lived in Orangeburg, South Carolina. The father **Athaniel, Sr.**, passed away in the 1960s. Only the oldest son, **Athaniel, Jr.** did not attend school here. The children who did are **Marchita Badger Phifer**, GHS 1970 Class, of Trotwood, **Michael Badger**, GHS 1970, of Dallas TX, **William Gregory "Greg" Badger**, GHS 1971, of Englewood, **Larry Badger**, GHS 1973, deceased, **Anthony "Tony" Badger**, GHS 1975, of Greenville, and **Candy Badger Chadwick**, GHS 1976 Class, of Greenville.

Congratulations to Mrs. Badger, who is well remembered as the personable and most friendly "greeter" at Walmart for many years. This family has touched this community in many positive ways and has created many long-lasting friendships.



Rapid Printing Company Serves Greenville for 87 Years

The Rapid Printing Company has done quality print work for almost a century in its familiar location in the first block of West Fourth Street in Greenville. In the earliest years of the 1930s, the business location was in the Anderson Building at the corner of Fourth and Broadway in a room on one of the upper levels. Since the 1940s, its location has been 142 W. Fourth St. **George Bowman** (1903-1977) GHS 1919 started Rapid Printing in 1934 with his wife **Merea Miley Bowman** (1903-1995), also GHS 1919. In 1971, George sold the business to **True Flommersfeld, Jr.** (1926-1982) GHS 1944, and his wife **Betty Hathaway Flommersfeld** GHS 1943. Later in 1971, True turned over the business operations to his son-in-law **Bob Claudy** GHS 1971 and his wife **Gaye Flommersfeld Claudy** GHS 1972. True also served many years as a member of the Greenville City Schools Board of Education. Bob had worked for McClurg's Office Supply in high school and then American Aggregates immediately after graduation from GHS. On the verge of one-half century of service, Bob sold the equipment at the Greenville location and help assist any clients seeking another printing service for any future print projects.

The business is most associated with Bob who retired from full time operations June 30, 2021. Betty has been owner for the last 50 years and worked at the shop until she turned 90 years old in 2015. The business practices have changed light years from early printing processes. They still do letterpress, offset (ink & paper) and digital printing. They used to hand set lead type, then technology changed to shooting film (negative) and transferring that to an aluminum plate for the offset presses. This was a more economical/quicker method for larger print projects. The biggest changes in printing have been the use of CD's, thumb & flash drives and the ability to send digital files via the internet (email) to be linked to digital color presses and copiers thru a desktop computer.



George and Merea had two children, **George Bowman** GHS 1947, who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and became a First Lieutenant, retiring from the service in 1958. **Martha Bowman Ebeling** GHS 1950 was very active in the Dayton society and civic activities, along with her husband, noted attorney **Harry Ebeling**. Marty was one of our Alumni Association's best supporter and contributor through the years and before her passing. True and Betty had two children, **Gaye** GHS 1972 and **Jody Flommersfeld** GHS 1977, who was a Wright State University graduate and was teacher/guidance counselor at National Trail HS (1987-2000) and Greenville Junior HS (2000-2012). Bob and Gaye had three children, **Rob Claudy** GHS 1989, **Josh Claudy** GHS 1996, and **Elizabeth "Liz" Claudy Baumann** GHS 2000. Bob and Gaye's grandchildren and very active in the Greenville schools, and include **Layne Claudy** GHS 2020, **Avery Baumann** GHS 2025, **Sophia Claudy** GHS 2025, **Braylon Claudy** GHS 2027, **Brody Baumann** GHS 2028, and **Ian Baumann** GHS 2031. The Claudy family moved to Greenville in 1964 from Michigan after being relocated with the Montgomery Ward Company, with their parents **Virginia Claudy** (1931-Dec. 2020) and **Richard Claudy**, and siblings **Rick Claudy** GHS 1970, **Bob, Mark Claudy** GHS 1975, **Bruce Claudy** GHS 1978, and **Susan Claudy** GHS 1981.

"Thank you for supporting our family business for almost 50 years," says Bob. He will be missed and our community is fortunate to have benefitted from his services through the years. *Editor's Note: Bob has printed our final AlumNews newsletter earlier this year. Everything is still and will be always be available on our website.*

High School yearbook Senior pictures:

George Bowman, 1919, Merea Miley Bowman, 1919, True Flommersfeld, Betty Hathaway
 (below) (below) Junior, 1944 Flommersfeld, 1943
 (below) (below)



Bob Claudy, 1971
 (below)

Gaye Flommersfeld
 Claudy, 1972



Fort GreeneVille D.A.R. and Greenville City Parks Dedicate Stockades Restoration

A year after the scheduled restoration of the two stockades in the Greenville City Park, **Fort GreeneVille Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.)** and the **City of Greenville** dedicated this project completion on August 5, 2021. Originally planned to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Greene Ville signing last year, Covid shutdowns and lack of building materials available delayed this until this year. The stockades were in dire need of repair due to years of flooding at their original locations so near the lagoon near the middle of the City Park and the lack of proper foundations. New concrete foundations were placed along with new roofing and materials, with total cost of approximately \$13,000.

The stockades were built in the early 1940s about the same time as the lagoons, small arch foot bridge, the Swinging Bridge, and the Girls Scout Little House (which is believed to have built in 1942). These projects are believed to be from the generosity of **Fred Coppock**, who was the founder of American Aggregates Corp.

Years ago, this area of the stockades and the fort walls was used as the program area during the Greenville Treaty Boy Scout Camporee. Boy Scouts from Ohio and other parts of the Midwest met on a weekend in May during odd-numbered years at the Greenville City Park to commemorate the Treaty. The Miami Valley Council sponsored the weekend, which attracted more than 1,000 scouts, and peaked in the 1950s and 1960s.

The stockades are a reminder of the rich history of Greenville and are a well-known landmark in the Greenville City Park.

The restoration group and sponsors for the project were: The Coppock-Hole Foundation, the Harry D. Stephens Memorial Trust, the City of Greenville and Greenville Street Department, The Fort GreeneVille Daughters of the American Revolution, the Friends of the Greenville City Parks and Project Manager **Tom Lucas**, **Dan Myers** from Myers Excavating and Construction, and **Mike Wise** from Lasting Legacy Memorials.

Representatives from all the groups attended and all heard historical comments from **Debbie Nisonger**, D.A.R. Historical Preservationist, **Brenda Arnett**, D.A.R. Regent, and Mayor **Steve Willman**. Our Park always looks great and this should help continue the tradition for many years to come.

Some in attendance for the ceremony:





Attending the ceremony:

Front row, from left: Nancy Lease Livingston GHS 1971, holding board of photos of project progression, Mayor Steve Willman GHS 1971, Ginny Dohse Kagey GHS 1971, Debbie Wright Nisonger GHS 1980, Betty Lease Brodrick GHS 1948 (seated), Brenda Arnett, D.A.R. Regent, Shirley Cohee Hughes GHS 1955, Sherri Miltenberger Jones GHS 1979, Mary Jane Campbell Dietrich GHS 1963, and Ryan Delk GHS 1997, City Service Director.

Back Row: Katie Clark Gabbard, Jenny Seiler Clark GHS 1973, Tom Lucas GHS 1970, Daniel Myers GHS 2005, Kyle Kagey GHS 1969, Mike Wise GHS 1981, Jess Shaffer Wittenberg 1999, City Park Board President, Joel Allread GHS 1998, Vicki Gebhart GHS 1968, and Matt Myers GHS 2002.

August 5, 2021

Thanks to all who attended.

2004 Photo (below) and todayand Donors that made this possible:



50th Anniversary of the Undefeated Fall 1971 GHS Green Wave Football Team

As mentioned in our Summer edition, the ceremony honoring the last undefeated Wave football team (10-0) and M.V.L. champions took place before this season's first football game versus Eaton, August 19, 2021. Two other GHS undefeated teams in 1944 and 1954 also won the league title but the seasons then were only nine games each. 1971 was the first year for Head Coach **Tom Hollman** who had come from Sidney HS as their Defensive Coordinator in 1970 and was the only Wave football team to win ten games. The Sidney team he came from had won 30 games in a row before the Coach came here. After the Wave defeated Sidney that fall of 1971, the Sidney coaches could not find the Little Brown Jug trophy which alternated between each game's victor and it should have gone to the Wave in 1971. Those Yellowjacket coaches were so mad about losing to Greenville that they hid the trophy away and it wasn't found for 30+ years. It was found and reinstated to the annual Greenville-Sidney game winner and is still exchanged today due to the persistence of **Dave Ross**, Sidney historian. Hollman coached three years at GHS and compiled a record of 26-2-2 (10-0, 8-0-2, 9-1 for the years 1971-73). He was replaced by Head Coach **Bob Morgan** in the fall of 1974, who compiled a record of 6-4 his first year.

"A reason that the team played together so well is that everyone got along good together, had fun together, and included the Band, Cheerleaders, and parents as one large family", said Mike Stegall. The team would go to **Wilbur Spidel's** house on Monday nights to watch game films.



Pictured left to right: Mark Warner, Cindy Burns-Moore (cheer), Tim Meador, Peggy Crawford Black (cheer), Neal Emrick, Terry Greer, David Holcombe, Tom Deeter, Jack Pequignot, John Hathaway, Dan Riegle, Mark Lewis, Terry Dull, Steve Beumer, Ty House, Jeff Pequignot, Mark Niswonger, Bruce Hunt, Dan Stegall, and Mike Stegall and Mike Shroyer.

Page 11

Gift Pin made up for the honorees by the Athletic Department >>>>



Others not able to attend:

Sam Spidel – GHS 1972, was the star quarterback for that undefeated season and later for Wittenberg University, lives in New Mexico, was planning on attending but a leg injury held him back. Many in the know say Sam was the best passer during his high school years but never got to show his talents until his senior year.

Joe Toman – GHS 1972, was a running back, now lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Dave Sackett – GHS 1972, was tight end, defensive end, and punter.

Mark Maitlen – GHS 1974, lives in Greenville, insurance sales, married to **Susie Brock Maitlen** GHS 1975.

Dave Polei – GHS 1972, was not able to attend because he is still a high school football coach in Colorado.

P.J. Philip Brumbaugh – GHS 1972, was a safety, later Univ. of Michigan football team, was a lawyer.

Doug Combs – GHS 1973, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in 1977.

Bill Ison – GHS 1972, was an offensive tackle.

Steve Detrick – GHS 1973, was on the defensive line.

Charlie Goodpaster – GHS 1973, was an offensive guard.

Other team members invited but unavailable:

Mark Allen GHS 1973, **Gary Arnold** GHS 1973, **Stan Beeson** GHS 1974, **Roger Beisner** GHS 1973, **Scott Brown** GHS 1973, **Dave Denlinger** GHS 1972, **Mike Fansler** GHS 1974, **George Garcia** GHA 1972, **Vic Hennessy** GHS 1973, **Tim McKibben** GHS 1972, **John Pequignot** GHS 1973, **Doug Stull** GHS 1972, **Steve Turner** GHS 1974, **Mike Wenger** GHS 1973, **Bart Williams** GHS 1973, and **Steve Wion** GHS 1973.

Some deceased members that are known:

Steve “Red” Arnett GHS 1974, Greenville died 6-26-2020, **Larry Badger** GHS 1973, Greenville died 6-11-2019, and **Jack Brodrick** GHS 1973, Greenville died 12-26-2013.

Mike Fields GHS 1973, died in a construction accident, a fall from a silo in the mid-1970s. He was engaged to **Kelley Lehman** GHS 1975 and at the time of his accident, she was shopping for a wedding dress. He set the pole vault record for the Wave track team that stood for decades, eventually being eclipsed by State Champion **Kevin Leland** GHS 2009 in 2009. Kevin’s height was the state record at that time and was 37 years after Mike’s feat.

Mike Rhodes GHS 1973, was an outstanding wide receiver, died 4-27-2019, lived in Maryville, Missouri, was a wide receiver for four years at Miami University during some great years for the Redskins and graduated in 1977. He tried out for the Pittsburgh Steelers twice. He had offers from other NFL teams to tryout, including the Dallas Cowboys, but he always wanted to be a Steeler, a team that was at the top of the NFL power teams of that time. Mike had a smaller body frame, 5’ 9” height, and was pounded many times in tryouts by **Mean Joe Greene** and the other defensive stars on the Steelers at that time. His best shot might have been with the newly forming Seattle Seahawks, who had drafted Miami’s quarterback **Sherman Smith** to be a running back in 1976. Sherman was much bigger, 6’ 4”, 225 lbs. and played eight years in the NFL, seven with

the Seahawks. Mike was a favorite receiver of Sherman's at Miami and Sherman encouraged Mike to tryout for the Seahawks. Miami had a 33-1-1 record under Sherman Smith at QB. Mike was an integral part of these great Miami teams of the mid-1970s. Mike was not interested in returning to Greenville in later years.

Cheerleaders attending: **Cindy Burns-Moore** GHS 1973 and **Peggy Crawford Black** GHS 1972. Other cheerleaders from that season were **Roxanne Grooms** GHS 1973 (who planned on coming but could not attend due to an illness), **Kathy Powell** GHS 1972 and **Mary Ann Boli** GHS 1973.

Coaches: **Pete "Hoss" Moore** and **Rex Radeloff** are both deceased. **Mike Coberly** location and history is unknown.

Tom Hollman, Head Coach, last known coaching job was at Edinboro State (Pennsylvania) before retiring. He taught Health at GHS and presently lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Another reason for Coach Hollman's success for this season was that he made it all so simple. Everyone knew their responsibilities and were confident in what they were doing. The team had very few penalties and plays were set up with three voice calls: "Vier". "Jet" and "Zoom". The coaches worked on the players' techniques, such as, for example, aiming to strike a specific spot on the opponent's hip.

This was a season that no one will forget. MVL Commissioner **Eric Spahr** addresses the players and others. GHS Principal **Stan Hughes** is just behind Spahr >>>>>



Athletic Director **Aaron Shaffer**, right side of photo, presents the MVL Championship pins to all players who attended, before the varsity game. >>>>>



Coach Hollman in 1972 Chief yearbook:



Don Mong's Love of His Hometown Is Shown Through His Paintings

Donald Mong GHS 1975 has found a way to express his interest in his hometown during his retirement by creating watercolor paintings. These artworks use soft strokes with pen and ink defining lines. Don was inspired to preserve his hometown memories through his art after the passing of his mother, **Phyllis Hufnagle Mong** GHS 1950, from COVID in April, 2020.

He found an old family photo album of pictures taken around Greenville. This inspired Don to preserve his hometown memories through his art. Some of the places and traditions are no longer here---Schumeth's for pizza, Gershuch's for cream pie, and Engelken Field for airplane rides with his Dad **Ted Mong** GHS 1950. Other traditions do continue for younger generations. To Don, sledding on Memorial Hill allowed him to escape to the Alps after a big snow, walking across the railroad trestle was scary, and playing Little League on **Dick Brown's** GHS 1964 "Bats" baseball team hit a homerun of summer fun at the Sater Street baseball diamonds. Then stop by the Palace to visit with his Mom before getting a burger at the Hamburger Shop. And, the Great Darke County Fair seemed like the World's Fair to a boy 8 or 9 years old.

Don is married to **Sherry Brickler Mong** GHS 1975, and lives in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where he was a traffic officer from 1987 to 2008. He taught for ten years at the police academy and crime lab. During his tenure on the police force, he investigated 3,000 car wrecks in Rhode Island, and reconstructed accidents in every town in the state. The state nickname is the "Ocean State" and Don also taught 1,100 divers while serving as a commercial master scuba diver.

While at GHS, Don enjoyed science classes, small engine classes, and mechanical drawing classes. He credits Mr. **John Bihl**, the GHS Industrial Arts teacher from 1970 to 1974, for inspiring him and teaching him many of the techniques he uses to this day in his artwork.

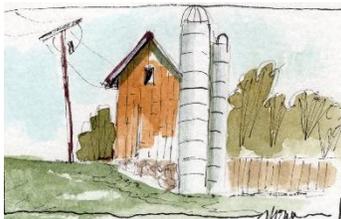
Don's generosity is most evident by his donation and exclusive rights to his "Greenville My Hometown" portfolio to the **Garst Museum** free of charge. Don will be publishing a book of his artwork within the next year which will become an instant "must-have" for anyone who has grown up in Greenville.

"This is an amazing and unique contribution that will provide a revenue stream for the Museum for years to come," stated **Steve Gruber** GHS 1970, President of the Museum Board of Directors.

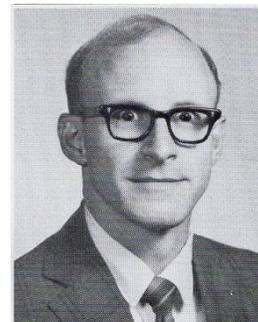
Don Mong, Jim Sander and Steve Good
in 1974 football season:



Don's business card
with watercolor painting



Teacher Mr. John Bihl
Mechanical Drawing/Ind. Arts





Don and Jim Sander today

Greenville Little League Baseball Beginners League Team “The Bats” Summer of 1966 (9 year-olds)—most of these players were in the GHS Class of 1975:

Front: Leroy Murphy, Ronnie Shane, Danny Fellers, Bob Hahn, Don Mong, John Forsythe, Brian Wilson, Mitch Kissinger *bat boy*.

Back: Mike Arnold *Coach*, Mike Kissinger, Jim Sander, Jerry Burke, Gary Bruns, Roger Bennett, Randy Liette, David Moorman, and Dick Brown *Manager*.

Drone view of **Dick Brown’s** Christmas lights taken by **Jayce Lovett** GHS 2019.

EVERYONE HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

