



Sunday, April 9th, 2017 Greece Museum 2:00 pm
PLAY BALL!

Rochester Baseball Historical Society President, **Joe Territo**, will be here to share part of his personal collection of baseball artifacts. The one day exhibit includes unique uniforms, bats, gloves and other items from the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century. This period is commonly known as the dead ball era. Come out and celebrate the start of a new baseball season and see how the game evolved during one of its most interesting periods.



The membership year for the Greece Historical Society runs from May 1 through April 30. Beginning in 2016, the Greece Historical Society and Museum is entirely supported by members like you and (hopefully) from a few small grants.

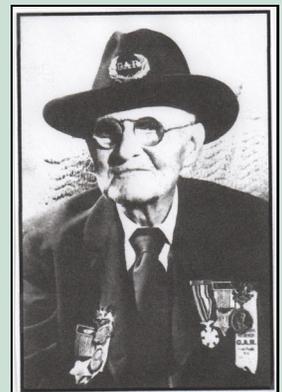
Please renew now and help us continue the great programs, special events and exhibits. Your dues enable the society to carry out its function to collect and preserve our history for our families and future. We are the only non-profit organization in town to do so. Your support is vital as membership dues and

donations are our main source of income.Continued on page 2

April 11, 2017 Greece Public Library* 7:00 PM

James Hard: The Last Surviving Combat Civil War Veteran
by **David Crumb**.

James Hard was the nation's last surviving Union Combat Veteran of the Civil War. Hard was a Rochester New York icon through the 1940s and early 50s. He rode in every Memorial Day parade, and many parades in small towns during these years. He was well over 100 years and his picture was in the *D and C* and *Times Union* just about every week. His great-great grandson lives in Parma. Dave has researched Hard's life, and has created a program that covers the history of his incredible life from 1841-1953. Back in the 1950s, everyone knew James Hard; now only a few people past age 70 can remember who he was. It's time to honor the old man once again.



Dave Crumb is a retired R.I.T. Professor from the School of Hotel and Tourism Management. Presently he is the Hilton-Parma Historian, and a Board Member of Parma Hilton Historical Society. Dave has always had an avid interest in history. He presently lives in Hilton with his wife Mari on the family farm.

*Reservations required by calling the library 585-225-8951 or register on-line at <http://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/>

"President's Message"



Time for membership renewal and another pasta dinner fundraiser. Unfortunately, it takes more than volunteers to run our organizations and bring you the programs and services that we offer.

Unlike most small museums in the area, which are owned by the local municipality, we own and operate our building on land leased from the Town of Greece. We are responsible for the care and upkeep of the building, both inside and outside including the grounds immediately surrounding the building. Besides utilities, security system, insurance and general inside and outside maintenance, something is always in need of repair or replacement.

Even with our dedicated volunteers, building maintenance and upkeep is not free. Thanks to your membership, business contributions, local garden clubs, and a few small grants, we are able maintain our museum. With your continued support and the support from the community we will remain a local asset for you and for the future generations of our community. *(More information about membership and the pasta dinner in this issue)*

We have been updating the exhibit hall with two new changes this past month. There is a new display of the World War I equipment and uniform of **Pvt. 1st Class Austin Smith**, whose lived on McGuire Road in Greece. PFC Smith served in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France in 1918. Also, volunteer **Joe Vitello**, with the help of **Arnie Amering**, has prepared a new display of our old maps. Now you can look for your home or business on a current Greece map, and by using the grid system, find what was there in 1902. More changes are coming to our exhibit hall later this summer. Meanwhile we are looking forward to **Joe Territo's** collection of vintage baseball on April 9th and hearing on April 11th about the last combat Civil War Soldier from Rochester.

Like many of you in Greece and the surrounding area our building lost power in early March. Therefore, we had no heat, phone service or internet access. Fortunately, we were back in business in a few days with only some minor inconvenience. Then a snow storm cancelled our Tuesday night program, which we rescheduled to March 25th.

Thank you to all of you who support the Greece Historical Society, members, volunteers, business sponsors and visitors. Everyone of you plays a part in our continued success.

Bill Sauers, President

We greatly value and appreciate your donations.

*Tax deductible per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

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Your membership entitles you to a directly mailed newsletter, free public programs, discounts on selected tours or special events, use of our reference library. Those with benefactor or life memberships receive a discount on a selected item in our gift shop in addition to these benefits. We can do research for you at nominal rates or provide copies of photos or documents for a small fee. We can provide hard or digital copies. When you renew, please consider upgrading your membership. Your support is critical to maintain our archives and museum and to continue to offer quality programs throughout the year. A membership form is on the back page of this newsletter and on our web site. You can also pay your dues by Pay Pal at www.greecehistoricalsociety.net by filling in the membership form, and clicking on the Pay Pal button. A donation button is available for your donation, too. For those of you who have already renewed your membership, we truly thank you. If you are uncertain about your membership status, give us a call at 225-7221 and we will check our records. To those of you who will heed our call to renew, our heartiest appreciation.

This newsletter is published monthly by the editor for the Greece Historical Society and Museum.

Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

"Museum Shop"



After this last storm, I am ready for Spring. You can take the time to stop in our Museum and check out our new exhibits. While you are here stop into our Museum Shop and check out the new display about family genealogy. You can also purchase your tickets for our Pasta Dinner on April 30th at Barnard Exempts.

Wendy Peeck, Coordinator

Museum Shop hours: Sun 1:30-4:00, Mon-Tue 9:30-12



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"Upcoming Programs"

Sunday, April 9, Vintage Baseball exhibit, 2:00 pm Greece Museum

Tuesday, April 11 James Hard: The Last Surviving Combat Civil

War Veteran, Greece Library, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 30, Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm Barnard Exempts

Tuesday, May 9, Mom and Pop Farming by Holly Ricci-Canham,

Greece Library, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 13, Free Scanning Day at the Greece Museum,

10:00am -4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 13, Story of Fredrick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony

by William Pruitt, Greece Library 7:00 pm

Monday, June 19, Annual Strawberry Festival

You, too, can show your support for the Greece Museum.

Starting at \$ 100 annually, become a Corinthian advertiser or memorialize a beloved family member in the newsletter!

Show everyone you care about the GHSI

Call us at 225-7221 to inquire.

Town of Greece Historian —Keith Suhr

Privileged and honored to be appointed Greece Town Historian, Keith has lived in Greece since 2007 and is currently the Greece Public Library Assistant Director. He attended the SUNY Brockport, receiving a B.S. in American Studies and Political Science and SUNY Buffalo, receiving his MLIS degree in Library and Information Science. The Historian's Office is located in the Greece Public Library, 2 Vince Tofany Blvd. Office hours are Fridays, 11am-1pm or by appointment. Contact Keith at 585.723.2480 or keith.suhr@libraryweb.org Keith looks forward to serving the needs of the community as Town Historian for many years to come.

Our Volunteers



Thank you to our crew for their monthly job of folding, sticking, and labeling over 300 Newsletters. If you would like to help, give us a call at 225-7221.

Monthly Quote

"History ought to be a source of pleasure. It isn't just part of our civic responsibility. It's an enlargement of the experience of being alive, just the way literature or art or music is"

David McCullough

Join us for this Spring's Pasta Dinner

Last year's Pasta Dinners were a great success – not only good food but also a fun social event. The dinners were so well received that we are going to do it again on **Sunday, April 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** The dinner will be at the same great venue – **Barnard Exempts** and the same great price - \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. The dinner will include pasta and meatballs, salad, roll and coffee – dine in or take out. We will again have the popular silent auction and a 50-50 raffle. Please see the flyer and order form in this issue to order your tickets.

The dinner is a fund-raising event for the Greece Historical Society and will help the society to continue to provide a quality museum, engaging and well-attended programs, featured exhibits and the ongoing preservation of important Greece history archives, and artifacts.



Celebrate Mothers' Day by Preserving Family Memories

Free Photo Scanning at the
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595 Long Pond Rd., 14612

Saturday, May 13, 2017

10am - 4pm



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Hometown Sports Profile

MELINDA "MINDY" SAWNOR: RUNNING MY LIFE by Tom Sawnor (her Dad)

When Mindy was only 9 months old—she walked. And there wasn't much walking after that—it was Run, Run, Run! She was noticed by a track Coach, **Jim Shoemaker**, in the Greece Fun Run. But, Mindy's first love of a sport was soccer and she was a dynamite forward, playing Greece House, Select, and later with the Cobras and Eclipse. In between all that—she decided to give running a try and, WOW, what a try it was! As only an 8th Grader, she won the varsity Monroe County 400-meter title and was on the front of the sports page the next day.

Some of Mindy's accomplishments were:

5 Monroe County 400 meter titles!

10 SCHOOL RECORDS!

7 SECTIONAL CLASS TITLES!

2 outright SECTION 5 TITLES (Junior year 800 meters & Senior year indoor 1000-meter title;

11 STRAIGHT NEW YORK STATE MEETS MADE, medaling in many of them;

Greece Female Athlete of the Year 2009; etc. etc.

My wife, **Janie**, and I saw that Mindy was very busy with her school work, running, soccer playing, etc. The sport of running took up a lot of time and was a big part of her life, but the other running—running (managing) her life kept her busy, too. Somehow she had time to do everything., while none of it went to her head.



Mindy was very humble when interviewed and thanked everybody for helping her along the way. Off the track, she would cheer her teammates to do the best they could—Jim Shoemaker said that Mindy was “a quiet leader, doing it by example.” When she ran, her entire team would stop what they were doing and watch—referees and opposing coaches and athletes too. Some of the refs even encouraged her along the way. She is also very fond of her cross-country coach **Mike Van Auken**. Both still remain good friends. Mindy was very proud of getting the Sportsmanship Award her senior year at the outdoor State Meet. It was voted on by her fellow runners and coaches in Section 5. Making all those State meets was also not an easy task and her school records were especially important to her.

Mindy was courted by many colleges and universities including Harvard, the Naval Academy, Syracuse, Dartmouth, Ashland, etc. She, however, fell in love with Kent State University, the college, the coaches, and the kids. Her coach was 3 time US Olympian, **Mark Croghan**. During her freshman year, Mindy set a school record in the 4x800 METER RELAY and medaled in many MAC championship meets, winning an INDIVIDUAL MAC 800 METERS TITLE her junior year in indoor track! She also won 5 MAC CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS while at Kent State. Her teams were awesome-top to bottom. Mindy ran in the U.S. National indoor meet her senior year against Olympians and held her own, but she was ecstatic just to go. Her best event for years was the 800 meters, with her best time being 2:05, which is awesome! Mindy ran many of the top 800 meter times in school history at Kent.

After finishing her 5-year program at Kent State in Physical Education and Health, Mindy has been teaching and coaching at various schools in section 5 and is still seeking that full-time job. Mindy is hoping to get in the Greece Athena Hall of Fame and Section 5's Track and Field Hall of Fame in the future.

It was an honor and a pleasure raising Mindy and helping her along the way. It was really a treat just to watch her perform. She has always loved Greece and still lives here. Please come to the exhibit and read more about her and the other fine athletes and coaches the Town has nurtured.

Tom Sawnor

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Greece Historical Society - Dinner Tickets
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Greece, NY 14616

Tickets must be pre-paid by April 21st and will be held for you at the registration table unless picked up at the GHS office Sunday 1:30-4:00pm, Monday and Tuesday 10am-12pm. Limited number of walk-ins available and may pay at the door. Tickets are also available in the Museum gift shop.

Greece History

Remembrances of Long Pond and Latta Roads in the late 1940's to 1955 by Alan Mueller

The crossroads of Long Pond and Latta Roads are now a very bustling area. Back in the late 1940s and early 1950s it was very much a rural area with farms in all directions. The 19th century one room school, just northeast of Long Pond Rd., was then still educating students. Crowding the school to the immediate west was the "Windmill Grocery and Gas Station" (see photo). An enterprising **Henry Maurer** and his wife **Bessie** had been the early owners since the late 1920s, when automobile traffic began to increase. Improvement in main roads hastened the new car owners to venture out (on sunny days) into the near country side for a Sunday drive!

After World War II gasoline and rubber tires ceased to be rationed. Travel by car increased year by year. It was very grueling operating a grocery-gas station seven days a week. The Maurer's had sold the "Windmill" to **Ken Lindsay** just after the War. He and his wife made improvements as time went by. "Flying A" Gas (later Sunoco) was still dispensed by an attendant along with gratis wind shield washing. You paid the attendant, who might also mention, as he counted out your change, "your left rear tire could use some air". Free air was always available to all, bicycle, motorcycle or car! The bicycle crowd liked the grocery because there was always candy available or other snacks. Often several boys would pool their money and buy a quart bottle of Orange Pop to quench their thirst after a ride north on Long Pond or east on Latta. The grocery was popular since the larger groceries, such as Wegman's, Star and Loblaw's had yet to move into the still rural area....

The one room school house would not be operating too much longer, since consolidation and new K - 8 schools had already been anticipated or built, prior to the war. The explosion of school age children was just beginning. Most children ate lunch at their desk. To walk home and back took too much time away from the lunch break, especially during bad weather. It just so happened that young **Gretchen Howe's** family lived on the former **Frank Beattie Farm** at the south west corner of Latta and Long Pond Roads. **Gordon Howe**, was then town supervisor and her father. **Beverly Himes** and her family lived on the north-west corner. Note the article on their never absent, never late record. Both girls could be home in five minutes. **Ken Lindsay** would bring the bottles of milk over each day for the teacher to distribute to the children at lunch time.

Thanks to a lifelong resident of Latta Road, **Gary Clum**, we recently obtained a photo (see below) of the second-grade class at that school in June of 1954. The lone teacher for all grades was **Gleenice Heald**, standing behind the children on the school steps. Young Gary is first at the left in the top row!

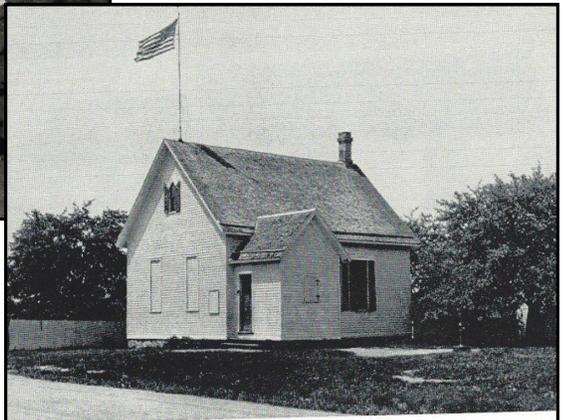
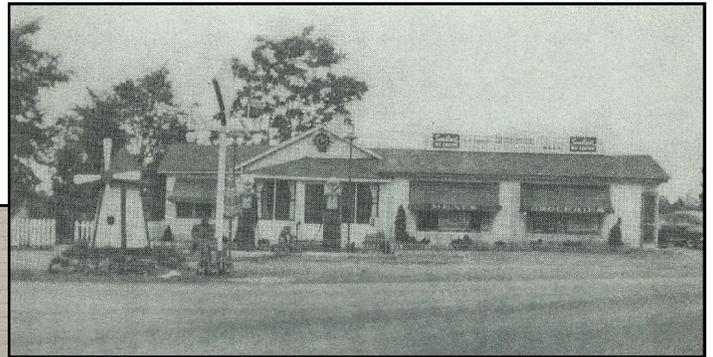
Mr. Lindsay sold the "Windmill Grocery" to **Mr. M. Vereecke** in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Progress soon engulfed the entire area and the Windmill, along with the store, came down, replaced by a modern self-serve gas station. The Windmill Grocery and Gas Station was one of the pioneer gas and convenience stores in the area, not unlike the Speedway and similar convenience-gasoline stores of modern times. Geisler Realtors now occupies the one room school, the last surviving building that remains from the Windmill Grocery-Gas Station era at Latta and Long Pond Roads.



Never Absent, Never Late
Gretchen Howe (left) and Beverly Himes leave No. 2 School, Latta Road, for summer vacation after compiling perfect and near-perfect attendance records. Gretchen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Howe, completed the first grade without being absent or tardy. Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Himes, compiled a near-perfect record. Their teacher, Miss Glencie Heald, says that it is quite unusual for youngsters in rural schools to attain such records as childhood diseases usually prevent it despite the efforts of most of them.



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