

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:15 p.m.

ROC 2024 Solar Eclipse: Preparing for Totality with Dan Schneiderman
at GCSD Transportation & Support Service Facility, 1790 Latta Road

On Monday, April 8, 2024, the Rochester area will be in the direct path of a total solar eclipse for the first time in almost a century. A total solar eclipse occurs when a portion of Earth is engulfed in a shadow cast by the moon which fully blocks sunlight.



Join us as **Dan Schneiderman**, the Eclipse Partnership Coordinator at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, discusses the science and history of solar eclipses, the impact the eclipse will have on our region, and how to prepare for this extraordinary astronomical opportunity.

NOTE: This program will start at 7:15 p.m.



PLAY BALL! Opening Reception March 10, 2:00 p.m. at GHS

The Greece Historical Society & Museum celebrates the start of the 2024 baseball season with a new exhibit entitled **Play Ball!** It opens on March 10 with a reception starting at 2:00 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

On display are artifacts from the game's beginnings in the early 1800s to a jersey from the champion 2023 Greece Post American Legion team.



Town of Greece resident **Joe Territo**, a co-founder and past President of the Rochester Baseball Historical Society is curating the exhibit. He also serves as the official team photographer for the Rochester Red Wings.

Little is known about baseball playing during the very early days of the sport in the Town of Greece. Accounts of organized games are extremely rare. Most of the town was farmland during the 19th century. It is likely that the children of hard-working farmers played the game more often than their parents. The game, back then, would not have included gloves because baseball, during most of the 1800s, was played barehanded. It is also likely that these youngsters played an early form of the game called town ball. Bases could have consisted of various objects including stones or even tall stakes driven into the ground that players had to touch to be counted as safe. Farm tools, such as ax handles, were commonly converted into bats and balls were handmade from tightly wound twine or yarn wrapped in cloth or leather.

As Greece grew in population with farmlands becoming housing tracts and the town evolving into a vibrant suburb of Rochester, organized baseball became common place. Businesses such as the Hotel DeMay and the Dutch Mill sponsored youth teams as well as men's softball teams.

Visitors will also learn that a semi-pro team called the Town of Greece home and was very popular during the early part of the 20th century.

Baseball jerseys with significant
Town of Greece baseball history



"President's Message"



A busy month here at GHS. Our driveway has been greatly improved and our storage shed was moved by the Town in preparation for the new skateboard park. We made progress organizing our attic storage area and set up a new exhibit that will officially open March 10.

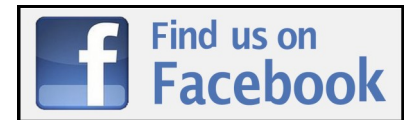
During a two-hour visit with a woman from New York City we were able to provide her with information about and photographs of her family ancestors, and I helped a local real estate investor find information on a unique house in Greece that is being rehabilitated. We were also able to connect a woman in Virginia with another Town historian.

Volunteers from the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet stopped by to learn about our system of mailing newsletters, and we worked with the *Greece News* magazine on a story. Our February 13 program about the history of WDKX was recorded and is now available on our website.

Unfortunately, we had an unplanned installation of a new furnace that we had not budgeted for, but fortunately, we recently received word from Supervisor Reilich that we will again be able to use the Town Pavilion at the Town Hall Campus for our annual Strawberry and Dessert Tasting Festival. It's scheduled for Monday, June 17. More details in future issues of the *Corinthian*.

We are open again for public tours on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. (Closed Easter and other major holiday weekends.) I would like to thank all our volunteers and our members for supporting the Greece Historical Society and helping to keep the past alive for the future.

Bill Sauers, President



Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet

This past month, volunteers from the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet visited us to review and learn about our postal mailing process.



History of WDKX

To celebrate Black History Month, on February 13, we had the pleasure of hearing **Andre Langston**, the owner of the WDKX, tell his family's 50-year story of creating and running New York's only black-owned station and learn about the impact it, and his family, have had on the Rochester community.



New Furnace

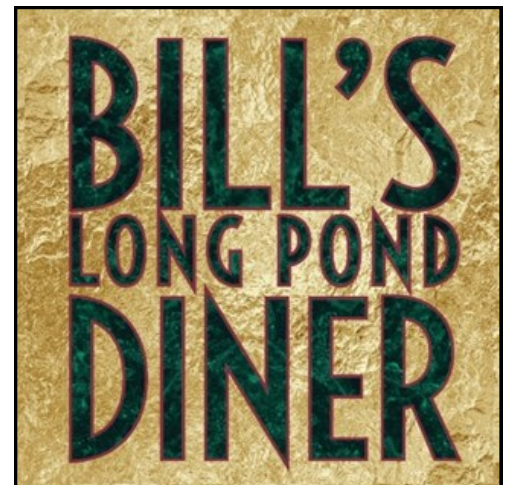
In early February, we realized that our building wasn't being heated properly. After an inspection we were notified that we had a cracked heat exchanger in our 20+-year-old furnace. On February 12 we had a new furnace installed by **Ed Tschetter's Heating & Cooling**.



Save the date! Girl Scout Cookie Sale Sunday, April 14

Girl Scout Troop #60425 will be on our front porch at 595 Long Pond Road, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. (or until gone) selling their yummy cookies.

Stop by and
pick up a box
or two and
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"Museum Shop"

We are ready to open our Museum and Gift Shop. We have many new books about local history: Lighthouses, hiking trips, and more Images of America local areas. Stop in and check them out!

The parking lot is in better shape, so we have lots of space to park now. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Wendy Peck, Shop Coordinator



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~ Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

Our Calendar

The Museum is open Sundays 1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Office hours: Mondays 10am –Noon

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 3, Museum opens for the season

Sunday, March 10, Grand Opening of Play Ball exhibit

Tuesday, March 12, ROC 2024 Solar Eclipse: Preparing for Totality

Tuesday, April 9, The Pioneering Kannevisher Family

Sunday, April 14, Girl Scout cookie sale

Tuesday, May 14, Once Upon a Time, There Were no Televisions

Please check our Facebook page prior to any event for changes.

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Greece History at GHS

Greece Little League – 70 Years Old!

by Krysten Kaanana- President of Greece Little League

It's a warm day in April 1954. You throw on your Keds, grab your glove and bat, then jump on your bike and listen to the ticking of baseball cards clipped to your spokes as you ride away. Fast forward 70 years to April 2024. You put on your Nike Trouts, grab your baseball bag and your cellphone, then jump in the family SUV and head out for the day. So much has changed in the world over 70 years, but one thing that is still the same, the love for baseball.



Greece Little League remains a constant in developing young and eager baseball and softball players. In 1954, it started as Barnard Little League and soon after changed the name to Greece Little League. For 30 years kids from Charlotte and Greece played on fields at Barnard Park, Carter Park, English Road Park, and the Dorsey field at The Legion Post. In the 1980s, the population of GLL players grew with the expansion of eligible Hilton players. The League started using the Greece schools' baseball fields as well.

Every Saturday those fields were full of cheers and homeruns. Moms and Dads volunteered their time to make sure the players had the best experience. They gave out uniforms, kept score, coached, and even drove from park to park with a grill to make hotdogs for the hungry crowd. As the 1990s approached the GLL families and Board knew they needed to find a place to call home for Little League. Through tireless fundraising and gracious community donors, Greece Little League broke ground on their permanent home at 3641 Latta Road.

The new home for GLL brought new, exciting changes. In 1992, two new divisions were added, Softball and the Challengers Baseball for Special Needs Players. Softball was a strong addition to the GLL program and has won several D4 championships. The Challengers program has grown into a Junior and Senior division that hosts over 75 players every season. You can also catch our Challengers playing every summer at Innovative Field, hosted by the Rochester Red Wings. In 2012 the Greece Tornadoes Travel teams were formed and are still going strong. And in 2012, GLL opened the concession stand in the center of the 42-acre complex. Long gone are the days of hot dogs on a grill out of the shed. Now you can enjoy an elaborate menu while watching a game from any of the 13 fields.

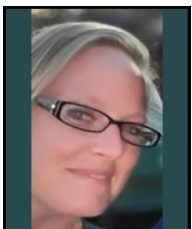


With all these changes, there are some things that are still the same.

As a not-for-profit league, GLL has always depended on volunteers and sponsors.

Gene and Diane Noga have dedicated over 44 years to GLL. You can still find them at the fields cooking great food and watching games. They have watched players become parents, coaching like their dads before them. They have seen thousands of players grow to play school ball for Greece and Hilton.

Do you want to be part of the GLL and baseball history?
Grab your glove and come play!



Krysten Kaanana a lifelong resident of Greece has been coaching Greece Little League for nine years and has been President of the League since 2023.

GHS Happenings

Behind the Scenes

Spending time in our attic, volunteers **Fred Stock**, **Joe Vitello**, **Lee Strauss**, and **Bobbie Roberts** have been continuing the time-consuming process of inventorying, reviewing the condition, and cataloging the location of our collection of artifacts.



Storage Shed Moved

On February 6, a Town crew moved our storage shed to make way for the new skateboard park that is being constructed directly behind our building. They did a great job building a foundation, moving the shed, and landscaping the area.



Greece News Magazine

The February-March issue of *Greece News Magazine*, published by Westside News, Inc., featured a story about architect Thomas W. Boyde, Jr. and the historic resources survey sponsored by the Greece Historical Society. As part of the story, *Westside News* photographer **Karen Fien** photographed members of the project team outside a Boyde-designed residence on Edgemere Drive.

If you do not receive *Greece News*, digital copies are available at <https://westsidenewsny.com/greece-news-digital-edition/>



Parking Improvements

Now that The Center construction is complete, and our driveway and parking lot are no longer a construction staging area, the Town has cleaned up the area, and installed a gravel base for a new pavement. Paving will begin as soon as the weather permits.





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