

# News



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## We Lose a Friend

Daily Local News sports editor Greg Greenday, considered a consummate professional by his peers and a loving individual by his family, died April 17 after a two-month battle with cancer. He was 61.

"Greg was an outstanding newspaperman," said Frank Gothie, publisher for the Daily Local News and the Delaware County Daily Times. "Whether he was covering the Eagles beat, editing news stories as a deskman or serving as the Daily Local News sports editor, he loved what he did and was always the professional. We will miss his sharp wit and friendship."

Prior to serving as sports editor, a post he held for more than two years, Greenday spent many years on staff at the Delaware County Daily Times. He began as a correspondent before becoming a full-time sports writer and later became the paper's Philadelphia Eagles beat writer for many years before switching to news as an assistant city editor.

Upon arriving at the Daily Local News, Greenday made few shifts in the daily operations of the sports department. And his respect for the professionalism of his co-workers was appreciated.

"Greg was a great boss to have," said Daily Local News assistant sports editor Bryan Davis. "He came in and didn't make a lot of changes. He just let us do our job. But he was the stabilizing force for the department."

From the beginning of his tenure at the Daily Local News, Greenday was determined to establish the Chester County Hall of Fame, which he said a county with as rich a sporting history as Chester County should have. The Hall of Fame has inducted two classes.

"The Chester County Hall of Fame will be his legacy," Davis said. "And he will be missed."

Beyond his professional life, Greenday had a rich family life. He leaves behind a son, a daughter, a sister and three grandchildren

*Adapted from an article appearing in the Daily Local News.*

## President's Message:

As we move forward with the selection of our third class of Chester County Sports Hall of Fame inductees, I want to thank all of you for your enthusiastic support.

This has been a rewarding and exciting endeavor and has involved many dedicated committee members.

Our loss of Greg Greenday has been a heavy blow. Greg was one of the guys who started this adventure and we will miss him greatly.

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You can also contact President Jerry Schneider at:

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— Jerry

## **News bites**

### **2010 Dues — Renew Now!**

Membership is \$30.00. Please renew now and make checks payable to C.C.S.H.O.F. Please fill out the form on page 3 and mail it with your check, or you can pay online at our Web site at [www.chestercountysportshalloffame.com](http://www.chestercountysportshalloffame.com)

### **Banquet Reminder**

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Save this date for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Banquet. This year's festivities will be held in the heart of Chester County at the Inn at Chester Springs, located on Rt. 100 south of Rt. 113 in Lionville. Pam McCardell will again coordinate this event

### **Rip Hamilton**

Please stay tuned for the details on the Rip Hamilton get-together at the Winner's Circle. Shawn Carter and president Jerry Schneider will keep us posted.

### **New Secretary for the Sports Hall of Fame**

Pam McCardell was selected at the June meeting to be our secretary. Congratulations Pam!

### **2010 Official Ballot**

Paid-up members should have received their ballots for the selection of the CCSHOF Class of 2010 by now. Ballots must be mailed by June 30, 2010. If you have any questions call president Jerry Schneider at 610-869-0887. Please mail ballots to: CCSHOF

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## **Valor Bowl**

The 12 Annual Valor Bowl was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at Teamer Field located at Conestoga High School. This game is an all-star game showcasing the best senior football players from Chester County high schools. Over the last few years the Valor Bowl has raised more than \$250,000.00 for Special Olympics and the goal this year was to raise an additional \$40,000.00. This year, the West team defeated the East by a score of 39-13.

The Chester County Sports Hall of Fame had a table set up at the game to hand out information about our organization. Helping out at the table were "Chic" Chiccino, Charlie DiMarco, Alvy Kelly, Pam McCardell, Jerry Schneider, Tom Walsh, Ralph Watson, and Dick Yoder.

This year's Valor Bowl was dedicated to the memory of Greg Greenday.



*Photo by Tom Kelly IV*

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## A Letter . . .

Dear Jerry,

As I mentioned to you previously, I want to donate a baseball I have that was signed by Stan Musial on the night that Pete Rose broke Stan's National League Hit Record on August 10, 1981. The hit by Rose that broke Musial's record was hit number 3,631 and occurred in the seventh inning of a game between the Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals at Veterans Stadium (the Cards beat the Phillies 7-3).

The background behind this is that it just coincidentally happened to be "West Chester Night at the Phillies," an outing at a Phillies game that took place annually back in the 1970's and early 1980's. It also happened to be the first game following the end of the baseball strike on August 10, 1981. I was the Mayor of West Chester at that time and it was the tradition back then for the Mayor to throw out the first ball at West Chester Night, which I did and which was caught by Lonnie Smith, a Phillies player who returned the ball to me for a keepsake.



While waiting for the game to start sitting in the box next to the Phillies dugout with members of my family, a security person came to the box and asked me if we could find room for one more person to sit with us. When I asked who it was, he said, "Stan Musial." Of course, you can imagine my quick response! The reason that Stan Musial was at the game was because he had been following Pete Rose at games before the strike, waiting to see when Pete Rose would break his NL hit record. That's why he was sitting with us during the game.

While chatting with Stan, I asked him if he would mind signing the baseball that I was given to throw out as the "first ball," which he graciously did sign. It was a thrill for all of us to share our seating with Stan Musial and he was quite nice with a great sense of humor.

Well, I believe it was in the 7th inning, Pete Rose did in fact make hit number 3,631, breaking Stan Musial's National League record for number of career hits. At this point, the game was stopped and Stan exited the box seat to go out on to the field and congratulate Pete for his significant accomplishment. He didn't return to the box, leaving the game at that point. What a great night for all of us - meeting and enjoying the company of Stan Musial, a baseball great, and being in attendance to witness the feat of Pete Rose breaking Musial's hit record, all on the same night.

I'm pleased to pass along this baseball autographed by Stan Musial to the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Tom Chambers

*This replica of the original letter was provided by Pam McCardell.*

## Donation of Sports Items

Why did we publish the above letter? One of the long-range goals for the CCSHOF is to establish a museum. In addition to our Hall of Fame selections, it is our hope to have a display of sports memorabilia in a permanent location. Do you have something of historical sports significance that you might want to contribute. . .do you have a West Chester Walloper?

## Silent Auction

We are considering the possibility of having a silent auction at our annual banquet. A silent auction will require a special committee to work in harmony with the Banquet Committee. Are you interested? More details should be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

***For donations of museum or silent auction items please contact president Jerry Schneider at [jerry@jerryschneider.com](mailto:jerry@jerryschneider.com) or at 610-869-0887.***

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