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"UP IN WALTON HILLS"

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Nine Albums make up the "Up in Walton Hills" collection:

Album 1: 1936 - 1953

Album 2: 1953 - 1956

Album 3: 1956 - 1959

Album 4: 1960 - 1979

Album 5: 1980 - 1998

Album 6: 1998 - 2003

Album 7: 2004 - 2006

Album 8: 2006 - 2011

Album 9: 2011 - Present

"Up in Walton Hills" albums depict the lives of the people who lived in this community from 1936 until the present year.

How the "Up in Walton Hills" albums were saved and acquired by the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center:

Weekly columns titled "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" appeared in the *Bedford Times-Register* from 1949 until 1963. These articles were written by Bedford Township residents living in the 'Walton Hills' section of the township: **Florence Wagner, Ruth Marquardt, Helen Laing and Georgia Pace**, all of whom wrote under the byline 'Country Jane.'

Florence Wagner wrote the weekly columns from 1949 until 1955. Armin and Florence Wagner lived at 7450 McLellan Drive. From 1955 until 1958 Ruth Marquardt of Alexander Road wrote the columns. In 1959 Helen Laing wrote the articles. Jack and Helen Laing lived at 160 Walton Road. Lastly, Georgia Pace wrote the columns from 1960 to 1963. Georgia and Ben Pace's home is at 17836 South Meadowpark Drive.

Ludwig Shaner Conelly, owner of The Conelly Realty Co., collected the "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" articles, plus other articles, fliers and photos of this part of Bedford Township. General Conelly gave his collection to **Betty Walton** of Walton Road. Betty Walton continued to collect articles and then in 1980 turned everything over to **Joe Mazzone** of Carmany Drive. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone gave the scrapbook material to **Jean and Bob Kainsinger** of Orchard Hill Drive.

In 1999 the Kainsingers assembled the collection of data into albums labeled "Up in Walton Hills." The albums include additional newspaper articles and photos collected by many other local residents. The albums are chuck-full of an assortment of material of local interest.

The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER



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– Origins of Our Village Historical Center –

In the mid 1930s Brigadier General L. S. Conelly, a Realtor who had offices in Bedford, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights at that time, realized a business opportunity in our area of Bedford Township. Along Walton and Egbert Roads hundreds of acres of old farm fields sat idle. Conelly's idea was to subdivide the properties into large lots and help the land owners sell off their acreage not to farmers, but to city folks who wanted to build houses in a country atmosphere. Conelly started a file called "Walton Hills."

During the next 30 years Conelly amassed a comprehensive collection of reading material about the "Walton Hills" section of Bedford Township. He saved news articles and feature stories that appeared in *The Cleveland Press*, *The Cleveland News*, *The Plain Dealer* and *Bedford Times-Register*, his Conelly Realty fliers, letters and papers and Don Flora's 1956 aerial photos of sections of Walton Hills.

Conelly's file included the weekly "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" columns that appeared in the *Bedford Times-Register* from 1949-1963. These unique and lengthy articles documented the lives of villagers during those years. They were written by a succession of four local residents, all under the byline "Country Jane:" Florence Wagner from 1949-1955, Ruth Marquardt from 1955-1958, Helen Laing in 1959 and Georgia Pace from 1960-1963.

Shortly before he died in 1963, Conelly handed over his collection to his friend Betty Walton, the wife of our first Police Chief Sterling Walton. Betty not only put the papers in a scrapbook, she donated Jefferson Walton's Civil War Discharge Paper and other Walton family relics and continued to collect pertinent material. In 1980 she turned everything over to Joe Mazzone, and he too continued to add items of local interest. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe's widow, gave the scrapbooks to Jean and Bob Kainsinger for safe-keeping, and the collection kept growing. The few villagers who knew about this unique collection of historic local items felt the papers should be stored in a public place, readily accessible to everyone.

Our current Village Hall Community Room, completed in 1972, has narrow hand-crafted showcases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years the showcases were not used and the cabinets held an add assortment of trophies. In 1988 a Council committee asked Jean Kainsinger to decorate and fill-up the show cases and cabinets with items of local interest. Bob and Jean Kainsinger transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into 4 albums, and donated the collection to the Village. The historic items were finally on display in a public place.

With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality in 1999. Ever since, a small group of volunteers staff the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. Residents continue to donate photos, letters, articles, old maps and other relics to the Historical Center, and today the Community Room show cases and cabinets are packed.



Origins of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center

1. Beginning in the 1930s, L. S. Conelly, a local Realtor-Developer, started a collection of articles, fliers and photos that related to the "Walton Hills" part of Bedford Township.
2. Years later L. S. Conelly gave the materials to Betty Walton.
Betty Walton put the papers in a scrapbook, and continued collecting material.
3. In 1980 Betty Walton turned everything over to Joe Mazzone.
4. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe Mazzone's widow, gave the scrapbook to Jean and Bob Kainsinger.
5. The current Village Hall Community Room, which was completed in 1972, has narrow hand-crafted showcases and deep hand-crafted cabinets.
For the first 16 years, the show cases were empty and the cabinets held a few trophies.
6. When Bob Kainsinger was in Council, the 12 years from 1988 through 1999, he asked Jean to decorate and fill-up the Community Room show cases and cabinets with items of local interest.
7. In 1999 the Kainsingers transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into "Up in Walton Hills" albums, donated the albums to the Village, and put them in the Community Room cabinets.
8. With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality.
9. Volunteers Jean Kainsinger and Ruth Money volunteered to co-chair the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center and through their joint efforts during the past years, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center has grown from 4 albums to over-flow.

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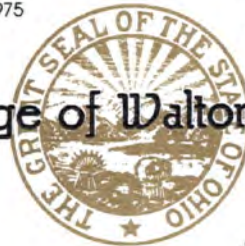
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1949 L. S. CONELLY MAP

The RAY and MARY BRENNER family donated a 1949 Map by General L. S. Conelly to the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. The map outlines Conelly's Walton Hills developments and individual lots up to that year. Our historical center already has several of Conelly's maps, but this one is very detailed and complete. Thank you, members of the Brenner family.

The map is in a very fragile condition. The historical center staff is open to guidance about the map's care and how it can be displayed. Call Jean 232-6142 or Ruth 232-1411

PIZZA MAKER in the NEWS

JAN HAYDON, manager of Villager's Pizza, was interviewed for a feature article about her business in a recent *Bedford Times-Register* article. Congratulations.

VILLAGE YOUTH in the NEWS

Congratulations to all of you!

St. Monica's 5th grade cadet football team had a great season, with only 1 loss. Congratulations to JOHN KOLAVECCHIO, KYLE SCHROEDER, JACOB SIDOTI and RYAN TAYLOR.

ALEX PTAK and HANNAH KRAINZ completed their first season with St. Michael's 7th and 8th grade bowling teams. ALEX was the best bowler, averaging 135 per game.

DANIEL SPITZNAGEL received his Cub Scout Parvuli Dei religious emblem at St. Michael's Church a few weeks ago.

HALY SCHROEDER, JENNIFER MAROTTA and VERONICA GEHRING played on St. Monica's championship 4th grade volleyball team.

Taking "active" roles in this, the 24th year of the Garfield Heights Youth Theatre, are: APRIL WALTER, AUTUMN WALTER and ZACH CUMMINS who is a volunteer student graduate assistant. CHARLES KESHOCK of South Meadowpark Drive is beginning his 13th year as Managing Director and Music Instructor for the group. They are currently working on Christmas performances and a musical with a March production date.



BEREAVEMENT

- Our condolences to JOSEPH JAJOLA, SR. of Alexander Road on the passing of his wife, ELEANOR. Also to JOSEPH, JR., his wife NANCY, and their three children JACKIE, JESSICA and JOEY. JOE, JR. and NANCY JAJOLA built their house on Alexander Road in 1989, and for the past seven years they share their residence with JOE'S parents. ELEANOR enjoyed working in the yard, putting her landscaping skills to task.

- Our sympathy to JOHN and SANDY BLAZEK of Orchard Hill Drive on the passing of JOHN's father, JOHN J. BLAZEK, of Maple Heights.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- AL and DORIS PANKRATZ, Orchard Hill Drive
- THE WALTON HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB
- COUNCIL MEMBERS:
KEVIN HURST, DON KOLOGRAF,
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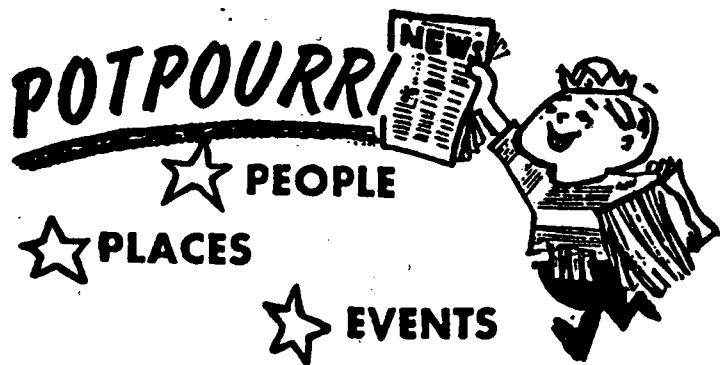
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By
Nancy
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AILING AND MENDING

It will be good to see GENE ORENSKI of Walton Road up and about again after his recent time with a broken pelvis. We all hope he will be great by Christmas.

BREAVEMENTS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the RISH family on the loss of their father HENRY. Mr. RISH'S favorite past times were walking with his wife through the village and smoking his pipe. HENRY RISH resided on McLelland Drive and had been a member of the Men's Club for many years.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of RUSSELL DRUMMOND of Orchid Hill Drive. RUSSELL DRUMMOND was the brother of ISABELLA DeMARCO who resided on Alexander Road before her move. RUSSELL DRUMMOND had been very active in the village. He was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Treasurer of the Boy Scouts, and long time member of the Walton Hills Men's Club to mention a few. His many friends in the village will miss him.

THANK YOU

LINDA ORESKO, of Laurel Drive, wants to thank all her Friends and Neighbors for expressions of get well wishes because of her recent surgery on her back. She's coming along very well and will be on the mend soon. Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, phone calls and all the get well wishes and prayers which helped a great deal. Sincerely, LINDA ORESKO, daughter, JAN and son-in-law, KEN KATO.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to our parents, JIM and DENISE BEGIN, of Egbert Road, who will be celebrating their 15th Wedding Anniversary on December 6th. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY and ALL OUR LOVE, MARY-KATE, JAMES and KEVIN.

SPECIAL VILLAGERS

Congratulations to SUSAN PRACEJUS-MORALES, daughter of ROSEMARY and WALTER PRACEJUS of Shaner Drive, for passing the Illinois State Bar Exam. SUSAN and her husband SAM have just purchased a house in Oak Park, Illinois.

On November 22, 2000, JESSICA J. STONE had been posthumously inducted into the North Carolina American Order of Excellence by the governing board of American Biographical Institute. This award recognizes her achievements both nationally and internationally. She was president of the Walton Hills Chamber of Commerce and prepared articles for the Owl until her demise in 1985. She is listed in Who's Who in American Women and Commerce and Industry.

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Village Halloween Party – Where were you?



FOLKS HAVIN' FUN IN THE HILLS!

Residents are pictured enjoying Village trips and special events. Have you joined us yet?



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1-4-2007

Thursday, January 4, 2007

More court dates set for bulging docket

By Robert Nozar

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — There will be more sessions of Mayor's Court in the village in 2007, but perhaps not enough to handle the work load brought on by more citations being handed out by the police department.

Village Council approved increasing the schedule from 17 times per year (every third week) to 20 times per year.

But Mayor Marlene Anielski had sought an increase to 24 sessions as a reaction to growing concern for the safety and security of court staff and defendants.

"We have had larger crowds in the seating area and spilling into the hallway and we have had to call police officers in off the road to deal with the crowds," Anielski said. "Sometimes these people are upset and have the potential to cause problems.

"That compromises the safety of everyone in the area."

At its Dec. 19 meeting, council agreed with the need to increase the salary of the court's magistrate (lawyer Greg Chizmar) from \$240 to \$290 per session. But they balked at holding 24 sessions.

Councilman Denny Linville said the number of defendants whose cases are being heard was a function of how many traffic citations were issued.

He wanted to table the discussion. But since there had already been a motion to pass the legislation, Linville chose instead to go the amendment route.

Anielski stood firm in her belief that 24 sessions would be needed.

"This is needed for the safety of the police officers and all who are here," she said. "We need to have these court sessions and I would hope the majority of council will vote for this legislation as it is."

But only Councilman Leslie Sheeler voted to not accept the 20-session amendment.

Brenda Lee hits a sour note

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Sometimes the most involved disputes can be over trivial topics. Such is the case with the Walton Hills controversy over the name of 12-year-old Brenda Lee Drive. About 20 residents have signed a petition seeking to rename that street Whitetail Run.

The people seeking the change say Whitetail is more in line with the names of other streets in the village and reflects the nature of the area's deer population.

Village Council is likely to act soon, and an informal poll indicates at least half of council favors the change. We wonder why. It's a bad idea.

First, the name change would erase a romantic little chip of village history. Kenneth Pund, a resident, developed the subdivision on Brenda Lee and named the street after his wife. He is fighting the change.

Then there are practical reasons. A new name will make obsolete thousands of maps currently in circulation with "Brenda Lee" as the name of the street. Also, there is a Whitetail Lane in Bentleyville and a Whitetail Run

in Oakwood, which could be problematic for law enforcement agencies, fire departments and rescue squads. In addition, it is not clear who will pay to change the signs and finance other costs associated with the change.

Finally, changing a street name without a compelling reason sets a disturbing precedent. How many more residents might petition for a change in their street names?

In November, village Solicitor Kevin Weiler told council that it could change the name of a road if there is a good reason, and if it will not be detrimental to the general interest of the village and its residents. The street's residents have just not been able to come up with a solid reason to make the change and the question of safety would seem to indicate a change could be detrimental. The desires, needs, safety and security of all the residents of Walton Hills should be considered in this matter, not just residents of Brenda Lee Drive. There is no compelling reason to get rid of the moniker "Brenda Lee Drive." It should remain.

PATS AND PANS

PATS to Kevin Hurst, president pro tem of Walton Hills Council. We disagree with his support of changing the name of Brenda Lee Drive, but Hurst did his homework on the issue and made an informed decision.

Brenda Lee Drive is no more

2-15-07
Bedford Sun
Banner

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — There is a new street in the village that's not really new at all.

It's called Whitetail Run and it's a cul-de-sac that runs north off Egbert Road and ends just south of Bedford Reservation.

For the past 12 years the street has been known as Brenda Lee Drive. It was named after the wife of Ken Pund, the man who developed the subdivision on Brenda Lee.

Pund opposes the name change and was in council chambers as the vote was taken Feb. 6 that would strike his wife's name from the village's maps.

Council members Kevin
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Hurst, Deany Linville, Don Kolograf and Madeline Timm voted for the change. Councilmen Brian Spitznagel and Leslie Sheeler voted against the change.

"We took all the facts into consideration and researched this issue thoroughly," Hurst said. "I am very satisfied we did a complete job."

Hurst criticized Mayor Marlene Anielski for not providing information quickly enough on the change and also for not telling council whether she

was for or against changing the street's name.

Anielski said that if the council vote would be a tie then she would vote, but that did not turn out to be the case.

Pund lives in Walton Hills on Wight Oak Drive, which is just west of Whitetail Run.

Taking the lead among residents who wanted the change was street resident Fred Tufts. He said "Whitetail Run" was the choice of the street's residents after they considered 42 names and had four votes on the question. Eleven of the street's 12 residents signed the petition requesting the change.

The letter requesting the change said it was because property owners "want to adopt a name for our street that is consistent with other street names in the area, compatible with the natural surroundings of our street and of Walton Hills generally and symbolic of our environmental concerns we have for our community."

Pund said his wife did not attend the council meeting because the whole argument for her is very upsetting. He did not say whether she is taking the name change personally, but residents of the street stress they mean no personal offense to either Pund.

Councilwoman Madeline Timm said as a compromise Pund could put up a sign calling the development "Brenda Lee Estates."

Pund was cool to that idea, saying that there might not even be land available for such a sign.

Hurst said the \$500 cost of the change will be borne by the street's residents.

Pund said the cost could be closer to \$5,000.

Is it over?

"I'm not sure yet," Pund said.

"I certainly hope so," Hurst said.

Contact Nozar at robertnozar@yahoo.com

Council votes to change Brenda Lee Drive to Whitetail Run

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS— Get the change of address forms ready.

Residents living on Brenda Lee Drive will soon have to change their mailing labels to Whitetail Run.

By a 4-2 vote Feb. 6, Council approved changing the name of the street running through a 10-home subdivision.

Last year a group of residents on the street brought a petition to Council asking that the name be changed.

Councilors Brian Spitznagel and Leslie Sheeler opposed changing the street that developer Ken Pund named for his wife.

Pund, who owns Bedford

Glens Garden Center and lives on Egbert Road, was the developer of the subdivision 12 years ago. He said he named the street after his wife, and he believed the name should have stayed.

The legislation calls for the name to be changed within 60 days and for the residents of the street to pay up to \$500 to change the name of the street sign and for all filing fees associated with the change.

Pund was upset that Council passed the legislation without doing more homework. He said he believes the \$500 cost for changing the name is off by about \$2,000.

"We know the cost well exceeds \$500," Pund said

Feb. 12.

Pund said he was basing his opinion on talks he has had with engineers.

He said Council should not have passed the legislation without better numbers in front of them.

"That does not sit well with me and I'm sure it's not going to sit well with other residents," Pund said.

Council President Kevin Hurst has said all along that Council had done its homework. He said last month that he could find no reason why the name should not be changed.

Spitznagel, who originally supported the name change, said he began opposing it after he found



RPC Photo / Mike Lesko

This street sign will soon be "Whitetail Run" after Council OK'd the name change.

out some of the residents on the street may not want to pay the \$500.

"The waters were being muddied for me," he said.

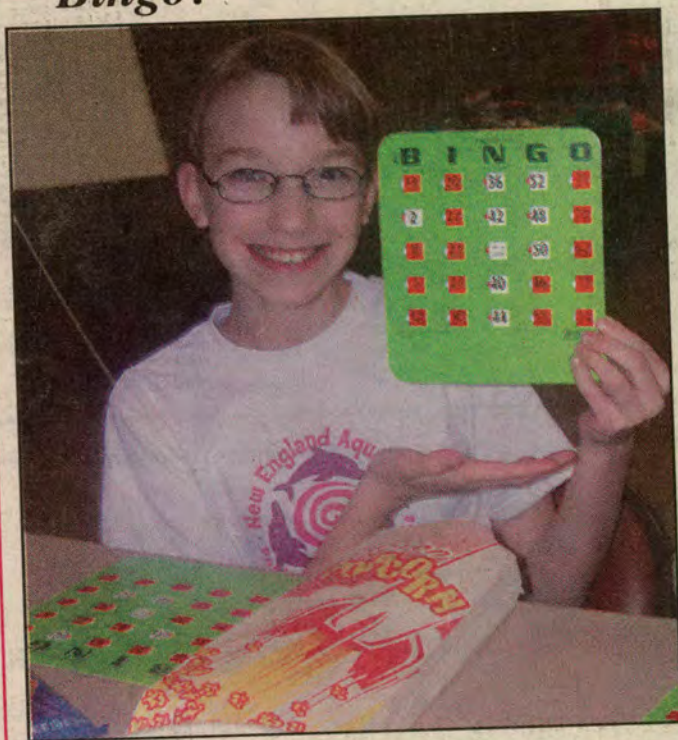
Spitznagel added that if all the Brenda Lee Drive residents had been 100 per-

cent for it, "it would have been a no-brainer for me."

While Pund said he is not sure his next course of action, he said "by no means are we done with this issue."

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Bingo!



RPC Photos / Mike Lesko

At left, Elizabeth Anielski, 11, shows off her winning bingo card Saturday during family bingo night at Walton Hills Village Hall. Above, Alex Tannert, 11, carefully keeps track of her bingo numbers. Both are from Walton Hills.

Village may honor vets with memorial

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — As a way of honoring all the men and women who have served their country, both in war and peace, some Councilors are looking for ways to raise money to erect a veterans memorial at Village Hall.

According to Councilor

Kevin Hurst, who first introduced the idea of a memorial to Council in 2004, designs for the memorial have not been drawn up because the idea is still in its preliminary stages.

Hurst said Council has estimated the memorial may cost up to \$75,000.

Hurst said he soon hopes to introduce legislation to Council, which would start a memorial fund where donations could be placed.

The Council President said Council has looked into getting grants to pay for a memorial, but none are available.

He said one possible solution would be to sell decorative bricks to raise donations.

Hurst said one possible design may be a gazebo surrounded by flower beds. A plaque with a beveled edge containing veterans' names could be placed on the struc-

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ture, out of the way so weather wear would be minimized.

He said lights and a water fountain could be added for aesthetics.

"I just want to find something to give respect to the people who have served our country," Hurst said. "Walton Hills is founded on hard-working, blue-collar workers and that is what our nation was built on."

He said while it would serve as a symbol honoring past generations and a reminder for future generations to come.

"Our children need something to remind them of the sacrifices that were made,"

he said.

Hurst lamented that if the children were not given something to hold onto, they could forget a part of history.

"Our veterans are the common thread of the fabric of our life," Hurst said. "And the children need to know they are also a part of that fabric and a common thread as well."

Hurst also has the support of fellow Councilors.

Councilor Denny Linville said he is in support of a memorial.

"I think it's a great idea," Linville said. "We have a lot of veterans in our village. I call them genuine American heroes."

Linville added that he supported the idea of selling commemorative bricks to raise money for the project.

"My wife's father was in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II," Linville said. "We could buy a brick to memorialize him forever."

Linville said there are several village residents he knows who have served during war time.

"We have some real heroes in our village," he said.

Councilor Madeline Timm is also in support of the memorial.

"I think it would be something nice that we could use to honor people. That's why I'm for it," Timm said.

never been erected because "we have never had anyone killed in action."

"To me that's rather amazing. [Walton Hills] has been a village for over 50 years," Timm said.

She agreed with Hurst and Linville that selling commemorative bricks would be a good idea for the memorial.

"I think it would be something the village could have forever to memorialize people who have contributed to our society," Timm said. "That's being a hero, too."

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Spitznagel proposes military monument

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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broaching the subject.

WALTON HILLS — Councilman Brian Spitznagel said he has a special fondness for this country's military veterans and he wants a monument erected in their honor on the grounds at Village Hall.

Spitznagel said the idea is not a new one. He credits Mayor Marlene Anielski and Council President Pro Tem Kevin Hurst with previously

Now, he said, is a good time for community action.

With the United States military involved in a war in Iraq, more people are becoming interested in seeing to it that the nation does right by all of its veterans.

"It seems that a monument is the least we can do for men and women who have given so
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much for their country," Spitznagel said. "Perhaps a gazebo with paving stones that people can pay to have an inscription put on.

"Perhaps there are other ideas people can offer. I want to take a serious look at this and make it happen.

Spitznagel is on the Building and Grounds Committee with Hurst and Councilwoman Madeline Timm.

There have been plans presented for an upgrading of the facilities at Village Hall and if that takes place, Spitznagel said it would be the perfect time to include construction of some sort of tribute.

"I really have no idea how much money we can spend or

even what something like this could cost, but I am open to suggestions," he said.

Spitznagel said he has contacted the Department of Veterans Affairs to see if it could help with a federal grant. However, he was told the VA's spending is limited to services for veterans.

Council is considering legislation that would free up some of the money the village realizes from its recycling efforts to put toward a monument.

"The committee is considering sending a letter to various civic organizations to see if any would like to become a part of this project," Spitznagel said. "I want this to be a special place that people can come to and pay tribute to all veterans from Walton Hills."

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Businessman gets prison term

The owner of a large trucking company was sentenced to two years in federal prison Thursday after admitting that he bribed a Cleveland Water Department official with cash and three used cars. Sebastian Morabito, 61, pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy to bribe a public official. Morabito paid bribes to Norman Gore, who was a supervisor at the Water Department's Harvard Yard. In exchange, Gore approved payments to Morabito Trucking and Cleveland Central Enterprise — both owned by Morabito — for loads of slag and limestone that were never delivered. Between 1998 and 2003, Morabito's companies made an extra \$75,000, prosecutors said. Seven people, including Gore, have been convicted of paying or accepting bribes tied to Water Department business at Harvard Yard on the city's southeast side. Gore ran Harvard Yard's warehouse and handled purchasing. He is serving a five-year prison sentence for accepting bribes.

Book by Walton Hills historians reveals interesting tales

by Mike Lesko

Editor

WALTON HILLS — In the early 1820s, the future king of France and his wife — disguised as a man — likely stayed overnight in Walton Hills.

It is one of the historical gems found in the book "Historic Sites in Our Parks" by Walton Hills historians Jean and Bob Kainsinger.

Distribution began in February for the 68-page book, which pinpoints significant locations within the boundaries of Walton Hills, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Bedford Reservation of the Cleveland

Metroparks. Information also was obtained from the U.S. National Park Service.

The couple spent four years researching and writing the book, said Jean, who heads the Walton Hills Historical Center at Village Hall.

"The hardest part was putting everything together in an orderly manner," she said. "But we didn't consider it a chore. This is our baby."

"This was a chore of love for Jean," said Bob, a former village Councilor.

They said the book was endorsed by Mayor Marlene Anielski and members of Council — particularly Council President Kevin

Hurst, who they said was instrumental in getting Council to accept the cost of printing and publishing the book. Hurst said the cost to the village was about \$3,000.

The book unearths fascinating nuggets of local history. For an excerpt, see sidebar below.

Jean said her favorite part of the book is about a settlement called Little Egypt, which was in existence from

established in 1951.

In Little Egypt, there was a cluster of houses, a school, mills, an inn and two taverns. It got its name from a mound that early settlers probably thought resembled an Egyptian pyramid. The town's demise began in the early 1900s because the mills were no longer needed to cut lumber and grind up wheat.

There were 1,500 copies of the book printed. They can

This is the Kainsingers' second book. In 1986, they wrote a history of the village entitled, "Tracing Our Heritage: The Village of Walton Hills."

Since 1991, they have contributed historical articles to the village's monthly publication, *The Walton Hills Owl*, and have been co-editors of it since 2004.

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HISTORIC SITES IN OUR PARKS

SITES in CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
and
BEDFORD RESERVATION
within the Boundaries
of the VILLAGE of WALTON HILLS



by JEAN and BOB KAINSINGER

RPC Photo / Mike Lesko

"Historic Sites in Our Parks" by Walton Hills historians Jean and Bob Kainsinger reveals interesting historical tidbits about places in the Bedford Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park that are within the boundaries of Walton Hills.

Future king of France likely stayed overnight at Walton Hills inn

Walton Hills historians Jean and Bob Kainsinger recently had published "Historic Sites in Our Parks," which looks back at the history of the village and surrounding park areas.

One excerpt from the book reveals how the oldest son of the king of France — who later became king — probably stayed overnight in what now is Walton Hills in the early 1820s. He was at Mother Parker's Tavern, which was on the north side of Tinker's Creek, just east of the Independence Township line, near what today is Dunham Road.

It was operated by Cardeo and Mary Ann Parker, who was called "Ma." The episode is referred to as the "Legend of the Lost Dauphin."

They wrote:

"Two young men entered the tavern, and Ma Parker served them dinner and found a room in her inn. They left the next morning without paying the bill.

"However, several months later, Mary Ann Parker received a letter postmarked from a country in Europe. In the envelope was a sum of money that far exceeded the unpaid bill and a letter identifying the two visitors. The writer requested Ma Parker keep the contents of the letter a secret.

"In time, the story became public. The Lost Dauphin was Louis Philippe, the oldest son of the king of France, and his companion was his wife disguised as a young man.

In 1981, the tavern property became part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, they wrote.

Walton Hills gives green light to Code Red

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — It will not be here quite in time for tornado season, but it looks like an emergency alert call-back system that Police Chief Gary Rhines has been lobbying for since 2005 will finally be installed.

The Code Red Outbound 911 Emergency Messaging System, which is designed to call residents'

home phones, cell phones and pagers for emergencies such as a tornado, an industrial chemical spill or a missing child, was given a unanimous thumbs up by Council March 6.

However, according to Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo, the \$10,000 system cannot be purchased until Council approves the 2007 budget. The village must turn the budget in

to Cuyahoga County officials by April 1.

Rhines said it will be two to three months after the system is purchased before it is up and running.

"It has been a long time in coming," Rhines said before the meeting. "It should have been in place in March 2006."

Rhines and Police Communications Officer Bill Klingenberg

researched the system and made presentation to Council last year.

Rhines said the system will cost the village \$10,000 for the first year and \$5,000 each year after that.

Residents would have to sign up, at no charge, to have their numbers called.

Klingenberg said the system

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could make up to 60,000 calls per hour during an emergency. He said each of the 950 households in the village could be contacted within three to five minutes.

The warning system could be coupled with a siren system which was installed in 2004 in Walton Hills, Bedford, Bedford Heights, Maple Heights, Warrensville Heights, Garfield Heights and Glenwillow.

Rhines said the Code Red warning system is used in several parts of the country.

"We've done research and their outstanding service during the Aug. 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina is what really worked well with me," Rhines said.

He said the system helped notify residents in the path of the storm to evacuate.

"Their history has been

excellent," he said.

Rhines said another selling point of the system is that if something happened to its main communication station in Florida, there are several other stations throughout the country.

He also said if something were to happen to the Walton Hills police station, "I can still send out what I need through one of my police car computers."

"It's going to be good for the village," said Councilor Denny Linville, who added that several villagers have requested another form of warning in addition to the siren system — he said the sirens can be difficult to hear when people are inside their houses or buildings.

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Final note not sung yet on Brenda Lee

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The final chapter in the saga of Brenda Lee Drive has yet to be written.

And when it is written, there may be an opportunity for every registered voter in the village to play a part.

Many people had assumed that when Village Council, at its Feb. 6 meeting, approved changing the name of the street to Whitetail Run, that the change would be taking place soon.

But that no longer may be the case. Resident Ken Pund developed the 10-home subdivision in 1994 and named the street after his wife.

Now, he said, he will go to the voters of the entire village to keep that name.

Pund has started a petition drive to get on the November ballot the question of whether the street's name should be

changed.

The rules state that 10 percent of the voters in the most recent gubernatorial election must sign the petitions in order to get an issue placed on the ballot.

About 1,200 Walton Hills residents cast ballots in the 2006 governor's race, which means he'll need about 120 valid signatures.

Thomas Greve, the lawyer representing Pund, said his client has felt all along that the entire village should decide the matter, not just those who own homes on Brenda Lee Drive. Pund was on vacation this week and unavailable for comment.

All along though, Pund has insisted that changing the name of a street in Walton Hills is an issue that involves all residents. He has also said in the past that the majority of residents believe there is no
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SUN PHOTO BY ROBERT NOZAR

The "Brenda Lee Drive" sign will remain for a while longer in Walton Hills. The question of whether the street's name should change may go to the voters.

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good reason for the change in name.

However, most of the residents of the street say the decision should be their decision alone.

They have said that the name Whitetail Run is more consistent with the rural character of the area and is in line with other street names in Walton Hills.

Some have offered to pay the costs associated with the name change, but their have been different amounts mentioned as the cost. Some say it will cost no more than \$500, while Pund said the actual bill could be several times that amount.

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Perhaps most residents actually like Brenda Lee

The name Brenda Lee Drive had only two supporters on the current Walton Hills Village Council — Leslie Sheeler and Brian Spitznagel — but at least two former members of council might also be Brenda Lee backers.

Jackie Vlk-Maire said developer Ken Pund's effort to get a referendum on the ballot about whether the street's name should be changed is steeped in the democratic process.

Bill Allen came right out and said the name should remain. "The developer invested his money in the village by putting in that subdivision," he said. "Why not keep that part of history? This seems like a vendetta among a few people who don't like Ken Pund."

FROM ONE MAYOR TO ANOTHER

When Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski finished her "State of the Village" address last week she was ready to take questions from the audience.

A hand was raised by past mayor Edward Thellmann. The former Hizzoner told the current Her Honor that village efforts to build a veterans' memorial will never reach fruition unless fundraising efforts shift into higher gear. Thellmann said relying on money from recycling would never be enough.

He suggested some funds received from Walton Hills Mayor's Court could be earmarked for the memorial. Anielski said she would take Thellmann's comments under consideration.

Voters could have say on name

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By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — It looks like all the voters of Walton Hills will have the final say on whether the name of Brenda Lee Drive should be changed to Whitetail Run.

Last week the village notified the Cuyahoga County recorder, the U.S. Post Office, the United States Geographical Service and area police and fire departments that the name change has been put on hold.

Village solicitor Kevin Weiler confirmed Tuesday that the name change will not yet take place.

Village Council, at its Feb. 6 meeting, voted 4-2 to approve changing the name of the street. They were reacting to an initiative that had the support of the majority of homeowners on Brenda Lee Drive.

However, a petition drive apparently has succeeded in putting a referendum before voters. The name change was to have become official last Friday.

Walton Hills resident Ken Pund developed the 10-home subdivision in 1994 and named the street after his wife. He opposes the change.

When the decision was made to change the name, Pund decided to initiate a petition effort to put the issue on the November ballot. He needed 117 signatures, and he collected 152.

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The rules state that 10 percent of the voters in the most recent gubernatorial election must sign the petitions in order to get an issue placed on the ballot.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections will have to certify that at least 117 of the signatures are valid registered voters, but, according to Pund, that is not a problem.

"We asked for signatures only from residents who we

knew to be qualified registered voters," he said.

All along Pund has insisted that changing the name of a street in Walton Hills is an issue that involves all residents. He said the majority of residents believe there is no good reason for the change in name.

However, most of the residents of the street say the decision should be their decision alone.

They have said that the name Whitetail Run is more consistent with the rural character of the area and is in line with other street names in Walton Hills.

Weiler said Walton Hills is required to hold the petitions for 10 days after their receipt and then must turn them in to the board of elections no later than 75 days before Election Day.

Above-ground fuel tank placement amended in village industrial zones

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Legislation easing the restraints on above-ground fuel tanks was passed unanimously by Council March 8.

Previously, no permanent above-ground fuel tanks were allowed outside of an industrial area.

That meant if a business wanted its own fuel tank, and the property was not zoned industrial, it would be shot down.

According to Maple

Heights Fire Chief James Castelucci, the new legislation "allows someone to apply for a variance if they meet all of the safety concerns."

Maple Heights, along with Oakwood, answers fire calls for Walton Hills, which does not have its own fire department.

According to the legislation, some of the safety stipulations are that tanks above 2,000 gallons require a minimum buffer area of 200 feet from the boundary of any

residential area.

Mike Skvasik, Walton Hills building inspector, said in order to receive a variance, an applicant would need to get approval from the village's board of zoning appeals, the building department and either the Maple Heights or Oakwood fire department.

"We worked in conjunction with the fire departments to provide a means to clarify the ordinance," Skvasik said.

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Business expo set March 30

WALTON HILLS — A business expo will be held from 8-11 a.m. March 30 in Birchwood Party Center, 7540 Northfield Road.

"The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for guests to meet with the local, county and state officials, representatives from civic and business agencies, small business groups and business professionals," said Mayor Marlene Anielski.

More than 45 agencies and community representatives will be on hand to provide information on benefits and services available to all businesses.

The event is sponsored by Walton Hills, the Birchwood Party Center, Transtar Industries and Walton Manor Healthcare Center. A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided at the free event.

Village hires first economic manager

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The village hired its first-ever economic development manager.

Sue Aveni, whose first day was March 6, will be part-time, working 24 hours a week and earning \$40,000 a year.

Council President Kevin Hurst said after village officials talked about hiring an economic development manager for three years, the time was right.

"For three years we have had it in the budget," he said about the salary for the position.

Hurst said he believes the area is due for an "economic boon" and with the location of the village and some empty buildings, Walton Hills may be primed to take advantage of

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any upswing.

"But we had no one to develop relationships with businesses," Hurst said.

Aveni, 40, said her main goals include "retaining businesses in the community, possibly bring new businesses in and creating new jobs in the community."

"I'm going to be doing a little bit of everything in terms of improving the village," she said.

Before coming to the village, Aveni was an economic development consultant with

The Incentis Group, located in Mentor. The business was a private economic development group.

Aveni was also an economic development manager with Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, in Cleveland for more than three years but left the company to spend some time with her family.

"I had three kids and I was traveling so much," Aveni said. "It was a good job, but it was just not a good fit at the time."

Aveni, 40, lives in Con-

cord Township with her husband, Jim, and three children, Jillian, 10, Joseph, 12, and Michael, 8.

She also worked with the city of Willowick and was the enterprise zone director for the Lake County Economic Development Center.

Hurst said Aveni was hired by the economic development committee consisting of Hurst, and Councilors Don Kolograf and Denny Linville.

Hurst said former village mayor Edward Thellmann

acted as advisor to the committee.

And while the committee did the final hiring, Mayor Marlene Anielski said she interviewed the final three candidates.

"I liked her past experience and knowledge of economic development and her dealings with the state," Anielski said of Aveni.

Hurst said the committee reviewed 33 resumes.

"They were all very qualified," Hurst said. "We spent over 22 hours going through

this process."

He said the committee was impressed with Aveni's "strong personality and her ability to look you in the eye."

Hurst also said Aveni has the right attitude for the job and toughness to deal with economic development.

"If you are going into a prize fight, you want to bring a champion," Hurst said. "So we got a good prize fighter."

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Theater director takes final bow

By John Kametz
Staff Writer

As students rehearsed for the Garfield Heights Youth Theatre's production of "Jack and the Giant" recently, managing director Charles R. Keshock couldn't help but reflect on how far the nonprofit performing arts school for children in grades 2-8 has come since he first came on board two decades ago, fresh out of college.

"This is my 20th year of being a part of it, and my 13th year as director," said Keshock, a 1987 graduate of Garfield Heights High School.

Keshock, of Walton Hills, will step down from leadership of the young thespian troupe at the end of the school year, but said the financial

struggles, Saturday classes in music, dance and drama, and countless after-school play rehearsals have all been worth it — with memories to cherish.

While completing a double major in music/education from Heidelberg College, Keshock did his student teaching at Garfield, then was hired by the district as an elementary music teacher in 1988.

By that time, he already had started getting involved with the Youth Theatre.

"In the beginning, there were four years when I just did summer theater," Keshock said.

His involvement increased exponentially, however, when founding director Nita Zmarzly, announced she was retiring.

"The board of directors of

the parent Garfield Heights Little Theater came to me and asked if I would consider taking it over, and starting it up again. They thought that with my music training and teaching training, I could turn it into the school of performing arts that it eventually became," Keshock said.

That's not to say success came easy for the resurrected school.

"I started out with no money, and had to take out a \$500 loan to get the theater back up and running. It was all new to me. I can't believe I got through that first year, but by the end of the year I paid back that \$500 and had money on top of that to pay the bills," he said.

Any financial rewards from performances were plowed

back into paying for equipment and costumes, but Keshock said the real rewards for him were in watching the students mature and grow in their skills.

"When I was a kid growing up in Garfield Heights, there wasn't any youth theater. Like many kids, I wasn't very athletically inclined and would have loved to have had something like this.

"This is an important part of their life, and I wait for the kids to shine at something they're good at," Keshock said.

"I've watched so many kids grow up — it's just been great satisfaction to see them go from second grade to eighth grade, and see how confident and talented they've gotten over the years," he said.

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Veterans' monument edges closer to reality

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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WALTON HILLS — A monument honoring village residents moved closer to reality last weekend.

Village Council President Pro Tem Kevin Hurst hosted a planning session Saturday in Village Hall that brought together members of several civic organizations.

"We want to honor all who have served the United States in the military," Hurst said. "This will be an important addition to the village landscape that will be an important gathering spot for current residents and future generations."

Hurst said the lawn area west of Village Hall is the best possible spot for what he envisions as a monument that has individual markers honoring each branch of the armed forces.

"This is something we would like to have completely in place by Memorial Day 2008," Hurst said. "We're dedicated to getting this done."

Hurst stressed the importance of using American granite in construction of the monument and said it should not have a
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SUN PHOTO BY ROBERT NOZAR

Kevin Hurst, president pro tem of Village Council, spoke Saturday with representatives of village organizations about the need for a monument to honor veterans. Hurst said the idea has been in the talking stages long enough and now is the time for action.

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"cemetery appearance," but rather be dignified celebration for those who have served.

Hurst said final details about the monument will be made in the near future. He stressed the importance of placing it far enough from village hall so that if building expansion is ever needed it can

be done without having to move the monument.

Projected costs for the first of three phases of construction would be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Hurst said he expects village council would

agree to provide some initial funding.

The first phase would include construction of the veterans' memorial and some brick walkways. The second phase would be installation of the individual service-branch monuments. The third phase would include a new walkway that leads to a gazebo in the area northwest of the central monument.

Hurst presented drawings that he prepared that called for brick walkways. The bricks could be purchased by people who want to put in individual dedications.

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WELCOME to the VILLAGE:

NEW RESIDENTS

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7780 Nodding Hill
- MATTHEW and JILL VALES
7725 Nodding Hill
- JOSEPH CANZONI and
DIANE SAUNDERS
18817 Alexander Road
- JAMES EXTON
7780 Summerset Drive
- JOANNE MINITE and
JOSEPHINE MINITE (mother)
16800 Alexander Road

STORK NEWS

Congratulations to JUDY PRUCHA of Alexander Road on the birth of her second granddaughter. ALYSSA JO, daughter of JOE and CATHY PRUCHA of Sharon Township, was born on December 3rd. Big sister MARISSA JO proudly welcomes her new baby sister to her family. We thank JUDY'S friend, DIANNE HUET, for sharing this happy news with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

Governor-Elect Strickland appointed DAVE KNAPP to the "Governor's Transition Team for Economical Development in the State of Ohio." Having attended the first two meetings in Columbus, KNAPP stated he feels honored to work with the group's hard-working, dedicated and concerned individuals.

SANTA MUST BE VERY TIRED...

Although Santa had a lot to do at the North Pole last month he found time to visit his fellow villagers in Walton Hills. He greeted everyone at the Village Tree Lighting and then met with each child at the Christmas Party.

Another day he spoke with each of the ladies at their Women's Club Christmas party, and on the afternoon of the Village Senior Luncheon attended by 94 people, he had his picture taken with all the women and most of the men, too. On still another day Santa went to the homes of more than 20 shut-ins in the village, to visit with them. RAY TINTER said he had a sore knee, but it was obvious to the observer that he enjoyed his yuletide duties.

Another very busy day for Santa was Sunday, December 17th. Riding around the village in a fire truck driven by the Maple Heights Fire Chief, Santa jumped out of the truck at 51 houses to deliver presents to good little girls and boys. A crew of elves helped Santa manage this massive delivery, insuring the right gift went to the proper child at the correct address. Thanks also goes to the parents who participated in this village offering. Santa's last stop was at Walton Manor, much to the delight of the nursing home residents. LARRY LINVILLE performed his duties so well, he might get asked to do the job again next year!

Santa also made sure he had time to visit the Nursery School children during their Christmas party. He helped make the event very special for them. Thank you, KEVIN WESTBROOKS.

SOMETHING SPECIAL in BEDFORD RESERVATION

Saturday, January 20th 10 am

Polar Bear Brunch in the Park

This 1 - 2 mile winter woodlands hike in the hilly terrain of Bedford Reservation is led by Naturalist Carl Casavecchia. After the hike, participants will satisfy their appetites with a delicious brunch prepared for them by volunteers of Garfield Park Nature Center. Dress for the weather. Meet at Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

Register for this event. Call 216. 341. 3152

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BEREAVEMENT

- Our sincere sympathy to long time resident HELEN TESAR of Hicks Road on the passing of her husband JOHN who died at age 91. Our condolences also to HELEN'S sister, STELLA PALGUT of Egbert Road and niece and her husband, JOYCE (PALGUT) and JIM BAGAY of Egbert Road.

JOHN TESAR served in the U.S. Army and retired as an electrician for Vacheck Tool.

"The TESAR and PALGUT families extend their thanks to the village police for the funeral escort the day of JOHN'S funeral. Sincerely, HELEN and STELLA"

- Our deepest condolences to MARY ANN COOK, 42-year resident on Woodlake Drive, on the passing of her husband RICHARD, at age 75. Our sympathy also to grandson JASON of Woodlake Drive. We extend our sympathy to their children, RICHARD COOK of Maple Heights, DANIEL and BRENDA COOK of Maple Heights and DENISE COOK, and to all five grandchildren.

RICHARD COOK served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. In the 1960s he owned DIVCO, a company that sold parts for milk trucks. Until they retired, both MARY ANN and RICHARD COOK owned and worked their meat stand called Shorty's Meats, starting out at the old Central Market and then moving to the East Side Market at East 105th and St. Clair.

- Our sincere condolences to the CANZONI family on the passing of ANGELA CANZONI at age 91. To her children JOHN and MARIE CANZONI of Summerset Drive, JOE CANZONI of Alexander Road, RAY and DOREEN CANZONI of Alexander Road and GENEVIEVE of Sagamore Hills. To her grandchildren, including LISA and BOB (CANZONI) LANE of Dellwood Drive, ANTHONY and DANELLE CANZONI of Hicks Road and GREGORY of Dunham Lane. Also to ANGELA'S sister-in-law MARGARET CHIELLA of Chestnut Drive.

- Our sympathy to JIM and MARY SALAMON of Dunham Road. Their 21-year old granddaughter, CHRISTINE TWARDZIK, a senior at Ohio University, died in a car accident en route home for the Christmas break. CHRISTINE'S mother, SANDY, grew up in the village. We extend our condolences to the parents, SANDRA and JEFFREY TWARDZIK of North Royalton.

- Our deep condolences to ROSEMARY and WALTER PRACEJUS of Shaner Drive on the passing of ROSEMARY'S mother, EDNA SHARP of Fairlawn. Sympathy also to the grandchildren, JOHN and SHAWNNA PRACEJUS of Edmonton, Alberta, JOAN and CHUCK HABERKORN of Medina, ANNE and ANTHONY ADOMAITES of Garfield Heights and SUE and SAM MORALES of Chicago.

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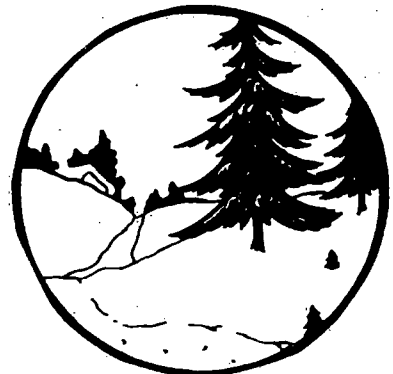
To My Walton Hills Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you so much for the many expressions of sympathy to my family and me in my husband's memory. The prayers, cards and visits have been very comforting and meant a lot to us. We thank the Village Hall for the Police escort to the cemetery and RICHARD'S last ride past his house. Women's Club members, I can't thank you enough for the repast luncheon and your support these past two months of my husband's hospitalization. So many caring people in the village, I feel honored to be a resident of Walton Hills. MARY ANN COOK

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH

We sincerely thank you for your generous donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*. Your monetary support helps us pay our bills. It's encouraging for us to know the efforts of the *Owl* staff are appreciated by our residents.



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WELCOME to the VILLAGE

NEW RESIDENTS

- JOHN and ELAINE BRAND
7555 Woodlake Drive



THANK YOU

PAT and I send a big THANK YOU to the residents of Walton Hills who supported our Kingdom Assignment from St. Barnabas. To date we have collected \$850.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of all our neighbors during the holidays. We really felt the true meaning of Christmas in our home as the donations started to arrive. We are continuing our project through February 5th for anyone who still wishes to send a donation. To answer a frequently asked question, "Yes, there are children in our area who would like a wish granted."

PAT and MARY ANN KURILKO 17985 Rauland Drive
440.439.8787

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

The young girls in Walton Hills Girl Scout Troop #1922 and Studio B want to sell you a box of their famous cookies. If a local Girl Scout has not yet knocked on your door, please call either the LEW family of Rashell Drive at 440.786.7354 or the PTAK family of Alexander Road at 440.232.3624.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

- On February 22nd and 23rd the St. Michael's Drama Club will present the musical "High School Musical" at their school. The cast includes local students NICOLE BOGDANOVIC, HANNAH KRAINZ, ALEX PTAK and ERIC, EMMA and LIVIA RAULINAITIS.

- All students at St. Monica's School performed in the production of "Splash Kingdom Show" on January 28th during their school's open house.

- Boy Scout Troop #575 presented the play "Grumpy Old Boy Scouts" written and performed by its troop members, at a dinner/show they organized for family and friends on January 20th. ZACH CUMMINS was Associate Director, JEREMY CUMMINS was Technical Director, and TYLER WARYK was Lighting Director. The cast included JAMES and KEVIN BEGIN, CHARLES SRAMEK, and ZACH and JEREMY CUMMINS.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- ELSIE ISSEL, Dunham Road
- RAY and JUSTINE CIFANI, Jefferson Drive

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

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CONGRATULATIONS

GEORGIA PACE of South Meadowpark Drive proudly announces the birth of her 8th grandchild. DAVE and KIM BRICHACEK and big brother BRIAN BRICHACEK of Shaker Heights welcomed the birth of baby boy MATTHEW DAVID on December 18th. He weighed 6 lb. 9oz. and was 19" long.



Look for the
ECO VOICE column
in the next issue of the *Owl*.
Sorry, no room this month.

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We extend to you our gratitude. Thank you.
Joan Wills, Walton Hills Blood Bank Coordinator

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WELCOME to the VILLAGE – NEW RESIDENTS –

- JEFFREY GURITZA and ELISA SCARLETTA
14129 Ryan Drive
- BRENDA WALKER
18850 Carmany Drive

LYNN YURKO – HALL of FAME INDUCTEE

LYNN YURKO, daughter of ED and PAULINE YURKO of Tulip Lane, will be inducted into the Bedford Schools Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 29th at a dinner at Catered Elegance Party Center. LYNN is the Nurse Manager of the MetroHealth Medical Center Burn Center. A highly-skilled nurse, YURKO has devoted most of her adult years to caring for burn victims. We congratulate you, LYNN, on your most-deserved honor. If you are interested in attending the event, the contact number is 440-439-4588.

CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS

We learned about your outstanding academic achievements this school year.

On the Dean's List at Ohio State University with at least a 3.5 GPA: NICOLE ACHKAR, MEGAN MILLER, DAN TOAZ, ERIN TOAZ

On the Dean's List at The University of Akron with at least a 3.25 GPA: ELIZABETH VISOCKY

On the Dean's List at Ashland University with at least a 3.5 GPA: MICHAEL SABO

Bedford High School and Heskett Middle School students with a 4.0 GPA: KRISTEN BELL, ETHAN CLEMENTS, VASILIOS GIATIS

Bedford High School and Heskett Middle School students with at least a 3.5 GPA:

DANIELLE DANKO, JEFF DEWITT, JEREMY PRENDERGAST

and with at least a 3.3 GPA: CORY BENDLAK, JEREMY DEWITT, JACKIE HURST

Do we have additional Walton Hills students with outstanding grades?

All-You-Can-Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1st 8 am – 3 pm

Oakwood Village Fire Department

\$5.00 adults \$3.00 children

STUDENTS in the NEWS

- JACKLYN HURST, of Alexander Road and a Junior at Bedford High School, won the Lake Erie League Diving Championship. JACKIE says her best dive is the Forward 1 ½ Somersault. Congratulations.

- Poems written by 7th and 8th graders SARA PEKAR, NICK MELLON, ALEX PTAK, LIVIA RAULINAITIS and TYLER WARYK were chosen by the editors of *Creative Communications* for inclusion in the 2007 edition of their book. Here is one of the poems.

DREAMS of HALLOWEEN

by LIVIA RAULINAITIS, Walton Road

I'm walking through the forest
as I hear an eerie sound.
I get kind of nervous
so I decide to turn around.

A bear, a ghoul, a monster
is chasing after me;
its fangs gleaming in the darkness
white as ivory.

I run, I jump, I sprint
in hopes to get away,
but I can only hope for me
that night will turn to day.

I try to find some way
to get out of this mess,
but then I hear from above me
"Annie, get up, get dressed!"

It was then that I realized
that it was just a thought, a dream.
I glanced up at the calendar.
Tonight was Halloween.

The BOYFRIEND PLAYS at BHS

The musical comedy *The Boyfriend* plays at Bedford High School on Fridays and Saturdays, March 16 and 17 and 23 and 24 at 7:30 pm.

Seniors are invited to a free performance on Thursday, March 22 at 9:30 am. For more information call LISA Gagliano or BHS at 440-439-4588.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH, Walton Road

We sincerely thank you for your continuing support to the *Walton Hills Owl*.

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FUTURE THESPIANS

AUTUMN and APRIL WALTER, Ceile Circle with ZACH CUMMINS, Rauland Drive, prepare for the Garfield Heights Youth Theatre musical production of *Jack and the Giant*, which will be presented Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 11th at 3:00 pm at Elmwood Elementary School in Garfield Heights. CHARLES KESHOCK, South Meadowpark Drive, directs the Garfield Heights Youth Theatre, a school of performing arts for all children in grades 2-8. ZACH CUMMINS is the volunteer graduate assistant.



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THANK YOU

"I wish to acknowledge thanks to my unknown Good Samaritan. I appreciate your plowing my driveway sometime during the evening of February 21st. Your kind deed enabled me to walk out of my house and drive my car down the driveway the next day." Sincerely, BIRDIE SMITH, Jefferson Drive

BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to the family of ALICE TOTH of Alexander Road who died in late January; to her son and daughter-in-law, BILL and VALERIE TOTH of Burton, Ohio and three grandchildren. ALICE served as president of the Walton Hills Women's Club in 1962-1963, and had continued to be an active member of the club. She especially enjoyed playing cards with her Women's Club friends. For many years ALICE was on the *Walton Hills Owl* staff. Even though she was in ill health, she helped us put together pages of the December issue.

- Our condolences to LUCY LAVRENCIK of Shaner Drive, on the passing of her husband, JOSEPH, and to the children; JOSEPH and JOY LAVRENCIK who live in the greater Chicago area, RONALD and CHRISTINE LAVRENCIK of North East, Pennsylvania, NORINE and HEINZ SCHROEDER of Kalamazoo Michigan and LAURA LAVRENCIK of San Diego California. A Lieutenant in the Cleveland Fire Department, JOSEPH LAVRENCIK retired in 1983. He was an active volunteer in the Anchor Club, a Catholic organization that hosts money-raising events to provide financial aid for local nuns who have cancer. The LAVRENCIKS moved into the village in 1969.

"I want to thank everyone who helped me and my family in our time of need; to LISA and CAROL and the drivers who provided me transportation so I could visit my ailing husband when he was in the rehab center, to the Walton Hills Police Department for their police escort service on the day of the funeral, to the Women's Club for the delicious luncheon they provided after the funeral, and to everyone who sent cards and expressed their sympathy." LUCY LAVRENCIK

- Condolences to GALE BARR of Shaner Drive, on the passing of his friend and ex-wife, BONNIE BARR, who died at age 55 from cancer. The BARRS moved into the village in the late 1960s.

- Long-time residents may know the SERRIN family who lived on Orchard Hill Drive. Now living in Carlsbad, California, ART and LOIS SERRIN'S youngest daughter, JODIE SERRIN, recently passed away. Condolences to JODIE'S parents, and sisters and brothers; MIKE and LYNDA SERRIN, NANCY and THOMAS CHRISOPULOS, BARBARA and JEFF PETSCHKE, CAROLE and TOM CERCEK and CHUCK SERRIN.

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WELCOME to the VILLAGE - NEW RESIDENTS -

- MIKE WOJCIECHOWSKI and
JOAN SHINKARUK
16342 Egbert Road
- DAN and DEE SAWYER
7127 Chestnut Drive
- CHRISSY MANEAGE
16152 Egbert Road

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVE PHILLIPS

Congratulations to DAVE PHILLIPS, his family, and his mother CAROL KITKO of Shaner Drive. On March 2nd at a ceremony held in the Officers Club at Fort Belvoir, Virginia DAVE PHILLIPS was officially promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the U. S. Army and was pinned with his star. In attendance, besides family members and a couple hundred military personnel, was his best boyhood friend and Boy Scout comrade, KEVIN COTTRILL who now lives in Garfield Heights.

We can claim this 49-year old Brigadier General as one of our own. PHILLIPS grew up in Walton Hills. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 417 of Walton Hills, earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 1972. He graduated from Bedford High School in 1976.

Just days after the celebration, PHILLIPS is back in Iraq. He was selected by General Patraeus to take charge of the program to improve the effectiveness of the Iraqi Military Police and their Rule of Law in Iraq, as Army Deputy Provost General. PHILLIPS will also demonstrate workable procedures to motivate and shape up the Iraqi Military Police.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and all our troops.

CONGRATULATIONS

RON and JACKIE GULAJSKI of Hickory Drive announce the birth of their second granddaughter, GENEVIEVE ANNE SCHMENK, on March 13th in Sandusky, Ohio. She was welcomed home by big sister SOPHIA. GENEVIEVE and SOPHIA are the daughters of MICHAEL and RONDA SCHMENK. Paternal grandparents are MYRON and PAT SCHMENK of Lambertville, Michigan.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT

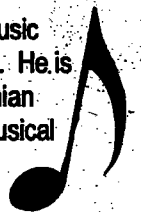
ELIZABETH ANIELSKI, 5th grader at St. Michael's School, was accepted to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program which will be held in Australia this summer. The goal of this 50-year old program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. Her 19-day experience in Australia will include meetings with government officials, interaction with other young students and native Australians, and home stays with host families. ELIZABETH will then share her experiences with schoolmates, civic clubs and businesses in the community.

To assist with the cost of the program's tuition, ELIZABETH will have bake sales and car washes at St. Michael's. If anyone wants a postcard from Australia, please contact her at 440. 786. 8008.

IN THE NEWS

- CHARLES KESHOCK of South Meadowpark Drive, who has spent the past 13 years as director of the nonprofit Garfield Heights Youth Theatre, and has been on the staff for 20 years, will retire at the end of the school year in June. KESHOCK'S accomplishments with the theater group were the subject of a feature article in a recent issue of the *Bedford Sun Banner*. KESHOCK is quoted, "I started out with no money, and had to take out a \$500 loan to get the theater running. I can't believe I got through that first year, but by the end of the year I paid back the loan and had money on top of that to pay the bills." Through the years the profits made from the group's musical productions paid for supplies, equipment and costumes. He says his real reward has been watching the students mature and grow in their acting skills and confidence.

Since 1988 KESHOCK has been a music teacher for the Garfield Heights School District. He is also Choir Director at Saints Cosmos and Damian Church in Twinsburg, and is taking on more musical responsibilities at the church.



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IN THE NEWS

- **JEFF DAY**, son of **PAT** and **PATTY DAY** of South Meadowpark Drive was featured in a recent column by Sarah Crump in the *Plain Dealer*. **JEFF** and his fiancée **AUDREY WESTON** plan to do things differently at their upcoming wedding ceremony in May. **JEFF** will have a best woman and **AUDREY** will have a man of honor. **JEFF'S** older sister, **LYNNE DAY**, will be his attendant and **AUDREY'S** brother **ADAM WESTON** will stand up for her. Keeping with tradition, **TERRY DAY**, **JEFF'S** brother and grooms-man, will handle the bachelor party.

SPECIAL EVENT in BEDFORD RESERVATION

Saturday, April 28th 10 am – Noon

Join Naturalist Pamela Taylor and discover which wildflowers are popping up. You will determine if there were any devastating effects from the summer floods of 2006 in our lower floodplain. Upon your return a hot breakfast will be prepared for you by volunteers of the Garfield Park Nature Center. Dress for the weather. Meet at Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

You need to register beforehand for this event. Call 216.341.3152.

THE WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER is open

MONDAY APRIL 30, 2007 1-3 pm / 7-8:30 pm
Village Hall Community Room

Special: A Roundtable Discussion about Where to See the Historic Sites in our Local Parks: Bedford Reservation and Cuyahoga Valley National Park

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- **MARIE CAROL KITKO**, Shaner Drive
- **JACK and MARGARET WISE**, Aurora
- **BUZZ and JEAN ANN MURPHY**, Jefferson Drive, in memory of **ALICE TOTH**.

We sincerely thank you for your continuing support to the *Walton Hills Owl*.



BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sincere condolences to the **IOPPOLO** family on the passing of **MYRA IOPPOLO** who died after a long bout with cancer. To her son **TONY JR.** of Rauland Drive, daughter **ANN MARIE** and son **LARRY** of Northfield, husband **TONY SR.** of Sagamore Road, and to her four grandchildren.

The **IOPPOLOS** have lived in the village since 1966. Longtime residents may recall the family living in their first Walton Hills home on Fern Lane. **MYRA** kept busy. Besides raising three children she worked at the Northfield Plaza McDonald's and then in the bakery department in the Finast store in Solon. She was also Den Mother to a St. Mary's Cub Scout Troop.

TONY IOPPOLO, JR. expresses his thanks to the villagers who helped the family in this difficult time and the Walton Hills Police Department for their funeral escort service. "Your being with us helped us during those sad days."

- Our sympathy to **DOROTHY SANTOLI** of Alexander Road on the passing of her husband of 62 years, **RAYMOND SANTOLI**. To sons and daughters-in-law **DENNIS** and **CYNTHIA** of Virginia, **MICHAEL** and **JANET** of Sagamore Hills, **DONALD** and **CARYN** of Hudson, **MARK** and **MARIELENA** of Macedonia and **DAVID** of Cleveland, their 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. During World War II **RAY** was in the Army Air Force, and later was an insurance agent. He was Director of the Campania Group, an insurance company founded by his family. He was named 1969 Man of the Year by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Garfield Heights Rotary International, the Cleveland Italian-American Organization and the Selective Service Board.

In 1957 the **SANTOLIS** moved into the village where they raised 5 boys, all of whom graduated from Bedford High School. "Our family wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of you for your kind deeds, thoughts and prayers. Our gratitude is extended to Mayor **ANIELSKI**, Chief **RHINES** and the Walton Hills Police Department." Signed, **DAVID SANTOLI**

- Our sympathy to the **GEIS** family of Alexander Road on the passing of **SUE GEIS**. **SUE** was the daughter-in-law of **ROSEMARY GEIS** and wife of **LOU GEIS**. **LOU** grew up in the village and now resides in Chardon.

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CONGRATULATIONS - a BABY BOY

• MIKE and KELLY PINCHOT of Alexander Road announce the birth of their son, MICHAEL JOSEPH III. He was born on October 26th, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and 19 ¼" long. He shares the same birth date with his older sister, MIKAYLA, who is two. Life is much busier in the PINCHOT household, but "We are all doing great," states KELLY.



WILLS EARNS 20 - YEAR PIN

• Congratulations to JOAN WILLS of Dunham Road. As the Walton Hills Blood Bank Volunteer for 20 years, on April 17th the American Red Cross awarded JOAN WILLS her 20-Year Pin at the Greater Cleveland Chapter Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at the Bruening Red Cross Center in downtown Cleveland.

PEKAR - OUTSTANDING STUDENT

• SARA PEKAR'S project won 2nd place in the Biology Division at the Annual Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at Cleveland State University. SARA is an 8th grade student at St. Monica's School and the daughter of JACK and DEBBIE PEKAR of Egbert Road.

YURKO - HALL of FAME HONOREE

• LYNN YURKO, daughter of ED and PAULINE YURKO of Tulip Lane, was inducted into the Bedford Schools Hall of Fame the evening of March 29th. At the ceremony Walton Hills Councilors MADELINE TIMM, KEVIN HURST and DENNY LINVILLE presented LYNN a Resolution of Appreciation from our Mayor and Council. During the school day, LYNN gave a series of talks to groups of students at the high school. A highly-skilled nurse who has devoted many years to caring for burn victims, LYNN is the Nurse Manager of the Burn Center at the MetroHealth Medical Center. LYNN grew up in the village, and we are proud to claim her as one of our own.

DO YOU KNOW?

The village earns \$20 per ton for all recycled paper deposited in the NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINE RECYCLING bins located at TGY Park and the Village Hall Upper Parking Lot. All money goes to help pay for the Veterans Memorial which will grace the area by the flag pole at the Village Hall. Each trip you take to deposit your paper in the bins is a contribution to the Veterans Memorial project.

Basically, all paper except phone books and cardboard can be put in the bins. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office / school paper, envelopes, shredded paper, paper-back books, poster board and folders are accepted.

If these same items are left by the street on trash pick-up day, they will be recycled, but the village gets no cash reward. Also, if the papers get wet they end up in a landfill.

Top Row: ED YURKO, MADELINE TIMM,
KEVIN HURST, DENNY LINVILLE
Bottom Row: PAULINE YURKO and LYNN YURKO



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BEREAVEMENTS

• Our sincere sympathy to MARY JANE GREENWELL of Morningside Drive on the passing of her daughter-in-law, SUSAN GREENWELL, of Boston Heights. Condolences to SUSAN'S husband GARY GREENWELL and their 6 children. It wasn't that long ago that MARY JANE also lost her daughter, BARB TRAXLER.

• Our sincere condolences to TOM and JANE NOWICKI of Egbert Road on the passing of their sister-in-law, REBECCA NOWICKI. REBECCA lived in Canton with her husband TIM and their two young children.

• Our sympathy to CHUCK and LEE SLABY of Jefferson Drive on the passing of their son-in-law, FRANK RIGEL, their daughter SHARON'S (Sharee) husband. Condolences also to SHARON'S sister, brothers and their spouses: CHARLES and ANNE MARIE SLABY of Hicks Road, DAVID and ENID SLABY of University Heights and CATHY and BEN DASTOLI of Twinsburg.

BEREAVEMENTS

• Our prayers for healing and our sympathy to the SCHROEDER family. JANET and JERRY KROLIK of Twinsburg were in a tragic car accident in Tucson Arizona. They are the sister and brother-in-law of JUDI and BRUCE SCHROEDER of Egbert Road and JOANN and JON SHIESL of Anchorage Alaska and Tucson. JERRY KROLIK died in the accident and JANET is hospitalized with serious injuries. JANET grew up in the village, and both she and JERRY are Bedford High School graduates. Our thoughts are also with the SCHROEDER nephews and their wives: SCOTT, BRUCE and LISA, BRIAN and MARY, STEVEN and TAMMY, all of Walton Hills.

• Long-time residents may recall the SALZANOS who lived on Alexander Road. THERESA SALZANO recently passed away in Clermont, Florida. Her husband, VICTOR, died some years ago.



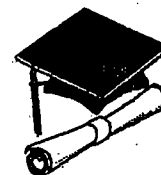
Walton Hills GRADUATING COLLEGE and HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Submit to the Owl – class photo w/ information listing your school, future school or line of work, major, honors, accomplishments, etc.

Deadlines: 8 AM May 25 for the June issue

June 22 for the July issue

July 24 for the August issue



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Joan Wills, Walton Hills Blood Bank Volunteer

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We'll Help, Will You?

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WEITZMAN SERVES in IRAQ

Since November 2006, U.S. Army Spec 4 DONNY WEITZMAN, of Conelly Blvd., has been serving in Iraq in the Personal Security Detail. WEITZMAN recently received an Army Commendation Medal. A vehicle in his convoy crashed. DONNY was in the group of first-responders and he provided battlefield first aid, including starting IVs.

WEITZMAN enlisted in May of 2005. He attended basic and advanced training at Fort Benning Georgia. He was stationed at Fort Hood Texas when he received his orders for Iraq.

DONNY is the son of JERRY and CAROL WEITZMAN and brother of KIM and NATHAN. WEITZMAN is able to phone home once every week or two. His mother relates, "The cell phone service is not the greatest, but considering he is on the other side of the world, it's not bad." CAROL also wants us to know DONNY describes his service in Iraq this way: "I want folks at home to know we are not just shooting at people. We are building schools and hospitals. We do our best to protect the Iraqi citizens from attacks by the insurgents." CAROL goes on to say, "DONNY and his unit give out lots of soccer balls to the children. He talks about kids wanting candy, soccer balls and stuffed animals. They love chocolate but in Iraq chocolate melts immediately. DONNY buys chocolate for himself in the air conditioned PX, but regrets he cannot distribute it."



U.S. ARMY SPEC 4
DONALD WEITZMAN

His parents, sister and brother are very proud of him, and so are all of us in the village. Our thoughts and prayers are with WEITZMAN and all our troops. Mail will reach him using the following address:

SPC WEITZMAN, DONALD
HHT 1-7 CAV 1BCT UNIT 5908
APO AE09378

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

RAY TINTER, Jefferson Drive, sends us this unusual request. RAY hopes to collect 10,000 cancelled postage stamps by September 1st. He asks villagers to help him collect stamps. Call him for pick up, or drop them off at his home. Cancelled stamps can either be torn off or left on envelope pieces. Questions? Call RAY 440.232.2595

DOES YOUR MAIL BOX NEED REPAIR?

This request comes from our Owl delivery staff members. Several mail boxes / mail box poles in the village have begun to tilt downward. As they deliver the Owls to each of us, the Owls they insert into tilting Owl tubes and mail box slots have a tendency to fall out. ...One more task to help fill that job jar.

Plans for Walton Hills veterans memorial building steam

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Dedication to those who have served.

Council President Kevin Hurst said that is the driving force behind Council's effort to get a Veterans memorial erected on the grounds of the current Village Hall.

The effort gained steam

March 24 at a special organizational meeting where Hurst revealed final plans for the proposed memorial.

Hurst said Council wants to erect the \$20,000 memorial just west of Village Hall "in-direct line with the flag pole" in a memorial plaza.

When completed, there will be a brick walkway purchased with donations by

residents and inscribed with names of donors or loved ones and a gazebo that will be decorated with flowers and perhaps the names of those who served in the military.

Hurst said the monument

will be just over 4 feet tall. He said it will be five-sided and carved out of polished Vermont berry granite.

Each of the five sides will have a brass plaque inscribed with the insignias of one of the five branches of the U.S.

military — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The granite will also have the words "Dedicated to those who have served"

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carved into it, Hurst said.

One of the original plans called for a solid brass American eagle to be placed on top of the granite, but Hurst said the cost would be more than \$28,000 just for the eagle.

The almost 4-ton memorial will be partially paid for with up to \$24,000 in village funds and donations.

Hurst said Council was scheduled to vote on the appropriation for the monument at an April 3 Council meeting.

The memorial would be completed in three phases, Hurst said, with the first phase being at least partially completed by Memorial Day, which is May 28 this year.

Hurst said all civic groups in the village will be involved with the project.

"The community is starting to step up," Hurst said.

One resident offered to supply all the concrete needed for the job while another has offered to do the electrical wiring for the lighting, Hurst said.

Hurst said his brother-in-law offered to volunteer the services of his company's crane to help erect the 4-ton monument.

One company has verbally committed to donating three granite benches worth \$2,000 each.

Councilor Leslie Sheeler, a Viet-

nam era U.S. Army veteran, is also throwing his support behind the project.

Sheeler said there has been talk in the village for several years about a memorial, but because no resident has been killed in combat, the project has not taken off.

"It seems like a good idea and I think everybody is on board," Sheeler said.

However, Sheeler said he is cautious about moving too fast on the project.

He said while Council is attempting to get the project started by Memorial Day, "it is not mandatory."

"The important thing is to really do it right and make sure it looks good," Sheeler said.

Sheeler agreed that the initial plans are "very attractive."

He added the memorial will also be lit at night and be a "very nice place to see."

Topping off the memorial will be an inscription of the Pledge of Allegiance, Hurst said.

"We felt the flag is the symbol of our nation," Hurst said. "And the people who served in the military fought for that flag and our rights as a nation."

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Phone: 440-232-4055 ext. 4109

Police get donated ATV as gesture

4-17-2007 Bedford Times Register

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Crime doesn't pay. But it sure makes nice contributions.

An example of that is the shiny, black all-terrain vehicle with the flashing blue emergency lights and police logo parked in the Walton

Hills police garage.

Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski, Police Chief Gary Rhines and Detective David Kwiatkowski unveiled the four-wheeler April 9. It was originally one of the items stolen in a five-county theft ring busted in 2005.

According to Rhines, the ATV

was donated by an insurance company, whose officials want it to remain anonymous, to the Walton Hills Police Department as a gesture of gratitude for taking the lead in breaking up the theft ring.

Rhines said the four-wheeler will

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be lent out to any of members of the seven-community Southeast Area Law Enforcement agencies who request it for official use. That includes Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood, Solon and Walton Hills.

A July 27, 2005 press release from Walton Hills police stated that the theft ring was broken up after a task force was formed to investigate a rash of thefts in surrounding cities. The task force was made up of officers from Walton Hills, Independence, Valley View, Oakwood, North Royalton and Parma along with SEALE.

The theft ring was broken up when officers spotted members of the ring driving stolen vehicles in Medina. After an attempted traffic stop by officers, a police chase followed.

According to police reports, a stolen van carrying members of the ring and a stolen Harley Davidson motorcycle crashed in North Royalton about 20 minutes later.

The new ATV was painted by Liberty Ford in Solon, letters and decals were provided by Classic Design in Oakwood, emergency lights and wiring were handled by the Walton Hills Service Department, and a new battery was supplied by Western Reserve Battery of Walton Hills, Rhines said.

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Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines takes a spin on the newest piece of the village's crime fighting fleet.

Will deal be an Axiom for success?

Transmission parts firm hopes purchase throws business into higher gear

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Sometimes the best economic development comes suddenly and without a community having to go past its borders to pursue.

Such was the case last week when one of the country's largest suppliers of aftermarket auto-transmission repair kits purchased its largest competitor.

Transtar Industries, which is based in Walton Hills, spent an undisclosed sum to buy Axiom Automotive Technologies of Pittsburgh.

"We're a privately held company and the purchase price is something that we will not disclose," said Monte Ahuja, chairman and founder of Transtar.

Bringing the two companies together will create a company that is expected to have annual revenue of about \$500 million. It has 1,700 employees at nearly 100 locations across the country.

Ahuja said there are about 200 of those employees who work in Walton Hills and that the Walton work force can be expected to grow by 25 to 35 people in the next few

months. He said that he anticipates no closings or job losses as the result of the transaction.

Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski praised Ahuja's commitment to his location in Walton Hills and his entrepreneurship, which the mayor said has been an important part of the village's economic landscape.

Ahuja called the transaction a major industry event and said his company is now the largest in its industry. He would not say what percentage of the aftermarket transmission business will now be controlled by Trans-

tar. Transtar's longtime competitor, Steve Parrish, who is the president of Axiom's U.S. distribution group, said that Axiom and Transtar have long shared a commitment to quality in product and service.

"Our people are motivated to take the best of Axiom and blend it with the best of Transtar," Parrish said.

Transtar is owned by Linsalata Capital Partners, which is based in Cleveland. The company has owned Transtar since purchasing it from Ahuja in 2005.

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Teens seek skateboard park in village

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — They are not old enough to drive, enlist in the military or vote.

But the four boys — brothers and friends — are old enough to know that sometimes in order to get things done, a little shoe leather, a few hundred knocks on doors and a petition full of signatures are needed.

The boys — James and Kevin Begin and Luke and Ryan Marotta, all of Walton Hills — have been canvassing the village since May 17 with a handful of petitions and the hope of a safe area to skateboard.

Ryan, 11, said the boys set up ramps on a village dead end street and were riding there until a car drove over the ramp, smashing it into kindling.

Denise Begin, the mother of James

and Kevin, said the boys told her that they were going to Village Hall a few weeks ago to ask for a safe place to ride.

She said the quartet of skaters talked to Councilor Kevin Hurst at Village Hall.

“They were looking for someone to talk to about a skating park,” Hurst said May 19. “We went over it with them and typed up a petition.”

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Skateboard

He said the boys are going to present the petition to the recreation committee at a May 29 meeting.

According to Hurst, he told the boys to get as many signatures as possible, to show a need for the skate area.

He said the recreation committee will get input from the recreation director and decide if the matter will be sent to a Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

The committee could recommend it be placed on a future Council agenda.

“It’s a good way to show kids the political process and how to get involved,” Hurst said. “Maybe one day they will want to get into politics.”

While Hurst said he does not know if the village has enough money to help the boys in their plight, maybe volunteers could be rounded up to help design and built some type of a skateboard area in the village.

The boys estimate there are about 300 skateboard aged kids in the village, ages 9 to 17 years old.

“People yell at us for skateboarding in the parking lot of T.G. Young Park,” said Kevin, 11.

Kevin said the group is asking for just a basic place to ride that is “safe and does not cost too much.”

He said the reception the boys are receiving has been pretty positive.

“Actually, the older people are thinking it’s a good idea, too,” he said.

James, 13, said it feels good to be walking the village and talking to the residents.

RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Walton Hills skateboarders turned activists, from left, Luke and Ryan Marotta stand with friends Kevin and James Begin.

Skateboarding teens present 94 signatures to vil

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — A quartet of skateboarders hoping to get some sort of skating facility built in the village presented the recreation committee with 94 signatures.

According to Council President-Pro Tem Kevin Hurst, the boys — James and Kevin Begin and Luke and Ryan Marotta, all of Walton Hills — have been canvassing the village since May 17 with a handful of petitions and the hope of a safe area to

skateboard.

Hurst said the issue could be brought before a Council Committee of the Whole meeting by the end of the month.

Hurst said the boys will meet with Lisa Gagliano, the village recreation director, to

see what kind of facility the boys would want.

Ryan said the boys got the idea after a ramp that was set up on a dead end street was destroyed by a passing car.

The boys went to Village Hall and met with Hurst, who suggested they take

CodeRED emergency system gets the green light

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Another item will be added next month to the box of safety tools used to protect the more than 2,000 village residents.

That's how Mayor Marlene Anielski referred to the soon-to-be implemented CodeRED emergency telephone notification system May 30.

Anielski, Police Chief Gary Rhines and William Klingenburg, a police security officer, were on hand in the Village Hall Community Room to explain to the 50 or so residents the nuances of the new system.

Rhines said the new system will be implemented into the village emergency response plan by July 15.

Last week the village sent out letters and began collecting names and phone numbers to enter into the system which, in an emergency, can send a pre-recorded message to each village household in a matter of seconds.

"We have already had 200 responses and it has been less than a week," Anielski said.

However, residents cannot be notified unless they provide their phone numbers. This is because the system works on a telephone call-back notification.

Rhines said the system can make up to 60,000 calls per hour.

"We can actually isolate certain areas in town and just send phone calls to that area and not contact peo-

ple that are on the other side of town who don't need to be contacted," Rhines said.

He said the system can be activated in an emergency by police from any computer in the country.

According to the village Web site, each message will begin: "This is a message from the Walton Hills Police Department ..."

Klingenburg said some of the incidents the system can be used for are missing children alerts, fires, floods, hazardous chemical spills, water boil alerts and to alert residents to stay in their homes because of some sort of emergency incident.

Because the village will have "anytime anywhere access" to the system, the emergency calls can be activated from anywhere including a police car, in case Village Hall has been destroyed or incapacitated for any reason, Klingenburg said.

He said in case of an emergency, each number will be called three times.

After the third attempt, if there is no answer, a police car will be sent to the home.

Klingenburg also warned the residents that in case of a power failure, each home should have at least one



RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines explains the new emergency response telephone system to residents at a May 30 public meeting.

telephone that is attached to a phone line.

Residents are being asked to call or go online to the village Web site at <http://www.waltonhillsoh.org/index.asp> and submit a completed list of names and phone numbers where

they can be notified in case of an emergency.

Rhines said while at the online registration site, only two numbers per name can be submitted, so residents can call the police department and submit as many contact numbers as needed including home, work and cell numbers, if necessary.

One resident asked if the system does not get a response on the first call, if it automatically calls to the second number.

According to Rhines, each emergency number will be called at the same time.

"It's going to call every name in our data base in 60 seconds," Rhines said.

Another resident asked if the numbers and information will be sold to other sources.

"I guarantee the numbers will not be sold to anyone by anybody," Rhines said.

Rhines said the system, which has been talked about by village officials since 2005 and approved by Council last year, is costing the village a \$10,000 sign-up fee for the first year and \$5,000 each year thereafter.

There was no added equipment to buy, Rhines said.

For more information, contact the police department at 440-232-1313.

Full-time or part-time? Next time

Village council tables vote on mayor's job description

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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WALTON HILLS — Village Council tabled two ordinances Tuesday night that dealt with the position of mayor and whether the job should be full-time or part time.

The decision to table was made in light of the fact that Mayor Marlene Anielski was absent from the meeting be-

cause of a family obligation. Council members felt Anielski should have the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation prior to a vote.

The earliest Council could act on the matter is its next regular meeting on June 19.

Currently the job is full-time and the salary is \$42,500 annually.

Councilmen Brian Spitznagel and Les-

lie Sheeler had long stated their support for the job being kept full-time. Councilwoman Madeline Timm had also said the job should be full-time, but would not confirm that she would eventually vote that way. She cited concerns about communication problems between the current mayor and Village Council.

Council President Pro Tem Kevin Hurst had stated he was leaning toward See **MAYOR**, page A8

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supporting the part-time proposal. Councilmen Don Kolograf and Denny Linville held their cards close to the vest on the issue until Tuesday.

Anielski said even before Tuesday night's meeting that the real question was whether the job of mayor would be the office holder's primary or secondary job. She said it was her belief that it should be the primary occupation of the mayor. She was also mayor when the job was part-time.

"I have been devoted to the village for many years whether the position has been part-time or full-time and I will continue to work hard on behalf of the residents of Walton Hills in the capacity of mayor," Anielski said.

There had been some concern on the part of Sheeler and Spitznagel that the entire effort to consider changing the mayor's job to part-time was to make the job less attractive to Anielski. Hurst, who initiated the debate, has been a vocal opponent of Anielski on multiple issues throughout 2006 and the first five months of this year.

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Cancer Society

Mayor breaks 3-3 tie — position to stay at full-time

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by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — After more than a month of discussions over whether the mayor's position should be made part-time and the pay reduced — or duties added and the pay increased — Council settled it with a little help from the mayor.

Mayor Marlene Anielski broke a 3-3 tie June 19 when she voted against legislation that would have made the position of mayor part-time and dropped the pay from \$42,000 a year to \$31,000 a year.

The mayor does not have a vote on village issues except in the event of a tie Council vote.

Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst supported the legislation to make the mayor's job part-time along with Councilors Denny Linville and Don Kolograf.

Councilors Madeline Timm, Brian Spitznagel and Leslie Sheeler voted to keep it a full-time position.

Hurst, who introduced the legislation, said he based the proposed pay cut on numbers he gathered from surrounding communities.

The legislation was tabled at a June 5 Council meeting when Anielski could not be at the meeting because she attended her

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Mayor

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son's award ceremony.

Hurst said "it was only fair" that the mayor have a say on her position.

At the June 19 meeting, Anielski said she would not comment.

However, she did make a comment June 5, saying she will continue to "serve in the best interest of the residents of Walton Hills."

"I have devoted my time to the village of Walton Hills, whether part-time or full-time," Anielski said.

"And I will continue to serve in the best interest of the residents of Walton Hills," she said.

A companion piece of leg-

islation, which would have left the mayoral position at full-time and raised the salary to \$65,000 — but also eliminated the positions of economic director, magistrate and business manager — was voted down 4-2 by Hurst, Linville, Kolograf and Spitznagel.

Community Life Center planned for Young Park

Anielski again broke a 3-3 tie when she voted, along with Spitznagel, Sheeler and Kolograf, to pass legislation to build the future Community Life Center at T.G. Young Park.

Earlier in the June 19

meeting, Hurst, Timm and Linville voted to keep the legislation tabled until a building plan, staffing and maintenance costs could be decided on.

However, Spitznagel said, "Once we establish a site, then we can do the cost analysis."

He said if the cost to run the building at the park turns out to be too much, then another site can be picked.

After the issue was untabled, Council's vote was 3-3, bringing on another tie-breaking vote by the mayor.

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Walton Hills Village Council delays vote on ma

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council was set June 5 to vote on whether or not to change the mayor's position to part-time beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

However, because Mayor Marlene Anielski was attending an award ceremony for her son, the legislation was tabled.

"I don't think it's appropriate to discuss her position without her

being here," Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst said.

One piece of legislation would have changed the status of mayor from full-time to part-time and dropping the pay from \$42,000 a year to \$31,000 a year.

A companion piece of legislation, which would have left the position at full-time and raised the salary to \$65,000, but also eliminated the positions of economic director, magis-

trate and business manager, was also tabled until the June 19 meeting.

According to Hurst, the mayor "needs to be accountable."

"We do not need a business manager or economic development manager if the mayor is doing [his or her] job," Hurst said.

While Anielski was not at the meeting, she commented earlier in the day on the two pieces of legislation.

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'Step Up to Quality' award means funding

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Nancy Biedenbach believes being awarded the "One Star Step Up to Quality" rating from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has its benefits.

Biedenbach said Walton Hills Nursery School, where she teaches along with aid Carol Stanoszek, was awarded the rating. With that rating came a \$3,000 grant from the department

of job and family services.

"I was so excited," said Biedenbach. "I had been working toward getting this standard for two years."

According to the job and family services Web site, jfs.ohio.gov, the point of the ratings is to provide Ohio parents with the tools of picking out quality nursery schools and pre-schools for their children.

All of these schools must meet the state's early learning content standards, but

schools marked with stars, between one and three, have gone beyond that.

To reach the standard, Biedenbach said she and Stanoszek took several classes regarding early education content standards and how to effectively teach them.

Biedenbach said her goal is to reach the two-star standard next year, so she spent the \$3,000 grant on equipment to improve quality learning even more.

"One area we were evaluated weak on were physical activities, so I purchased things like balls, hula hoops and jump ropes to work on motor skills," she said.

"I also purchased a lot of books and books on tape for students," she said. "We try to introduce them to books and reading as early as possible. I already have everything in the classroom labeled, so every time students see a chair, they also read the word 'chair.'"

It's status quo on term for Walton Hills mayor

By **Robert Nozar**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — When it appeared that all had been said and done on the dueling mayor ordinances, a lot more was said Tuesday night and then in the end nothing was done.

The venue was the Walton Hills Village Council chambers and the debate was over whether the village should have a part-time mayor or a full-time mayor. That discussion has been going on for about two months and when it came to votes, both issues were defeated.

Thus everything stays as it has been: The mayor's job in Walton Hills is full-time with an annual salary of \$42,500.

Councilman Kevin Hurst had introduced two ordinances in April. One called for the mayor's job to be reduced to part-time with almost no

benefits and a salary of \$31,000. The other called for the job to stay full-time, but with an increase in salary to \$65,000 and full benefits.

The first vote was taken on the part-time ordinance and that had support from Hurst, and council members Denny Linville and Don Kolograf. It was opposed by council members Madeline Timm, Leslie Sheeler and Brian Spitznagel. The tie vote was broken by Mayor Marlene Anielski who joined the "no" side.

The vote on the full-time ordinance followed, with everyone's vote switching to the other side as expected, with the exception of Spitznagel who again voted "no."

He said he had trouble with the wording of the ordinances and would have difficulty supporting either.

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Grant to fund road repairs

WALTON HILLS — The village has received a \$241,041 grant from the Ohio Public Works Small Government Commission.

The grant was approved May 15 by the Small Governments Capital Improvements Commission.

Mayor Marlene Anielski said the grant was one of only three that the commission decided to fund in Cuyahoga County this year.

The money will be used for improvements to Walton Road.

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Census update

The latest population figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau show Cuyahoga County posted its sixth consecutive year of decreased population. From 2005 to 2006, Summit County decreased in population for the second straight year, and Portage County saw its first drop since 2000. Over five years, however, both saw a slight gain.

Community	Population		Change	
	July 2006 (most recent estimate)	July 2000 (last Census)	Amount	%
Cuyahoga County	1,314,241	1,392,172	-77,931	-5.6
Cleveland	444,313	476,594	-32,281	-6.8
Bedford	13,320	14,184	-864	-6.1
Bedford Heights	10,663	11,356	-693	-6.1
Maple Heights	24,293	26,105	-1,812	-6.9
Oakwood	3,630	3,663	-33	-0.9
Walton Hills	2,321	2,400	-79	-3.3

Academics awarded

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**Walton Hills Women's Club
President Jan Smith,
center, is surrounded,
from left, by Iris Kelly,
Christopher Harvan,
Christina Mlinaric and
Stacy Paliwoda.
Each student was awarded
a \$1,000 scholarship from
the women's club.**



'CANDID CAMERA' *Bedford Sun Banner 8-7-2007*

Several area mayors received surprise packages in the mail last week, courtesy of a fellow mayor.

Walton Hills Mayor **Marlene Anielski** was cleaning out old boxes and found pictures she snapped in the spring of 2001, while at the annual gathering for mayors in the 19th Congressional District, sponsored by U.S. Rep. **Steven LaTourette**.

Included among her photo subjects was Mayor **Tom Longo** of Garfield Heights, who said he appreciated receiving the picture, even six years later.

Anielski also sent photos to Pepper Pike Mayor **Bruce Akers** and a duo shot of Bentleyville Mayor **Michael Canty** and Orange Mayor **Kathy Mulcahy**. All were posing at the dome of the U.S. Capitol.

Memories are made of that, too: After the 2000 Census, all those cities save for Bentleyville were shifted away from LaTourette and his now 14th District. Walton Hills and most of Garfield Heights are with Rep. **Dennis J. Kucinich** in the 10th District; Pepper Pike, Orange and the balance of Garfield are with Rep. **Stephanie Tubbs Jones** in the 11th.

WHPD Rally aids Christmas For Kids

WALTON HILLS — The village's police department will be the staging site for the annual Christmas For Kids Charity Motorcycle Rally.

The 9th annual event sponsored by the Walton Hills Police Department will begin at 11 a.m. on Aug. 5. Registration will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There is a \$10 donations asked per person.

"Each year we are able to help scores of needy children by providing Christmas gifts, which they may never have received if it were not for the Christmas For Kids Program and caring individuals," said Sgt. Dave Chorba of the Walton police. "When the program began in 1988 we were able to assist 50 children.

"In past years we were able to fulfill the dreams of more than 100 children each year."

Chorba said the department tries to increase the number of children helped each year.

On Christmas Eve a local church will donate its facility and the Walton Hills police and its volunteers host a lunch for the chidden and their families.

The rally will be over a 40 mile course that will end at Thomas' G. Young Park. There will be live entertainment, door prizes, food and raffles.

Those wishing to make a donation should call the Walton Hills Police Department at (440) 232-1313.

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Status of community center still up in air

Some say Young Park is ideal for proposed Walton Hills facility; others say it may not be built

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Although village officials have decided for now that a proposed community center should be built at T.G. Young Park, many details are not yet final.

Councilor Brian Spitznagel, who is on the village's land and building

committee, said he hopes to have plans finalized next spring.

"We are just looking at a moderate facility," he said. "Maybe between 8,000 and 10,000 square feet. We think the cost would be around \$2 million."

Spitznagel said Council will work with the village's fiscal officer to

determine how much it wants to spend.

Spitznagel and Councilors Leslie Sheeler and Don Kolograf voted June 19 to build the community center at T.G. Young Park. Voting against the park site were Council President Kevin Hurst and Councilors Madeline Timm and Denny Linville.

Mayor Marlene Anielski broke the 3-3 deadlock, voting in favor of the park site.

Linville said he wasn't sure that the village should build a community center at all.

"I have read about how these community centers can be a drain on

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funds," Linville said. "I think it would be better to pay a neighboring community a blanket fund each year to allow our residents to have discounted memberships at their community center."

Linville said plans for the community center might never be final.

"There could be a change on Council in November (after the general election), and we don't know what will happen after that," he said.

Sheeler said he thinks a new community center will enhance village activities, providing more space than the current community room at Village Hall.

"Right now the nursery school meets in the community room and meetings with 100 people or less can be held there," he said. "Some of the women in the village do some exercise on mats in there, but there is no formal fitness equipment."

Sheeler said the village's goal is to have a formal fit-

ness area and walking track at the proposed community center with an area for basketball and several meeting rooms.

Spitznagel said he thinks the park would be a nice space for the community center because it would package the recreation center with the baseball diamonds and the venue for the summer recreation program.

Sheeler also said that, if the community room was expanded at Village Hall, it would limit parking spaces.

Sheeler said he thinks the park is the best place to build the center, but said it could always be reconsidered.

"If we find out that it would be too expensive to build it at the park, we could always have it at a less ideal spot," he said.

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'Christmas for Kids' gearing up

by **Tim Troglen**
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WALTON HILLS — This is a warning to all of Santa's helpers out there.

The Walton Hills Police Department is looking for you. However, do not go into hiding.

The officers do not want to slap the cuffs on you. They want you to slide on the gloves and goggles, gas up your steel reindeer and prepare for a summer Christmas ride.

The ninth annual Christmas for Kids charity motorcycle

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Kids

rally, which is sponsored by the Walton Hills Police Department, is scheduled for Aug. 5 at 11 a.m.

The rally will take place at the Walton Hills Police Department, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills. Registration is scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., with riders leaving at 11 a.m. Donations are \$10 per person.

The rally ends at Thomas G. Young Park after about a 40- to 50-mile trek around the area.

"Each year we are able to help scores of needy children by providing Christmas gifts, which they may never have received if not for the program," said Walton Hills Police Sgt. Dave Chorba. "We receive the names by referral and assist where-

er the need takes us."

Chorba, who is the organizer of the event, said Christmas for Kids, which started in 1988, helps children who "are not selected from any one community or geographical area."

In 1998, the motorcycle rally was added as a way to raise money.

"We had over 400 motorcycles for our first ride," he said. "We raised more than \$5,000 and we purchased presents for more than 65 children and provided Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, to the families."

On Christmas Eve, a local church opens its doors to the group, serving a meal to fuel the children's excitement before Santa appears to take each child on his lap and deliver their gifts.

There will be door prizes, vendors, food and raffles.

According to Chorba, the group receives a list of toys from a parent, and if the helpers can, they find and buy the toy for the child.

He said once a certain toy could not be found locally, so an officer's parents, who were vacationing in South Carolina, found the toy and brought it back.

"And the child had his wish come true on Christmas morning," Chorba said. "This is what Christmas is all about to small children — the magic of Santa Claus and receiving what they truly dreamed of getting."

Chorba said the Yuletide helpers are looking for volunteers to help out at the event and for donations of

cash, paper good and party supplies.

He stressed that all proceeds go to the children.

"All of the work, shopping, gas, postage and long distance calls are donated by the members of the police department and others who volunteer their time each year to make this a success," he said.

Those wishing to donate should make checks payable to: "Christmas for Kids," 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146.

For more information, contact Walton Hills police at 440-232-1313.

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Anielski only area candidate required to file semi-annual campaign report

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Mayor Marlene Anielski was the only one of three village mayoral candidates who was required to file a semi-annual finance report by a July 31 deadline, said the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Anielski also was the only mayoral or Council candidate in Bedford, Bedford Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood or Walton Hills who was required to file.

According to Kim Bartlett, a spokesperson for the Board

of Elections, only candidates who have raised \$10,000 or more for their campaigns since the last finance reports were filed six months ago were required to file the semi-annual report.

Anielski's campaign has raised more than \$16,000 since the end of January, according to her campaign finance report.

Last month Anielski announced she would seek a second four-year mayoral term. Walton Hills Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst and former Councilor

George Main are running against Anielski in the Nov. 6 election. There is no Walton Hills primary.

The report, filed by the political action committee Friends of Marlene Anielski, shows that \$896.89 was carried over from her last finance report, and added to the \$16,080 raised since January.

The report show \$3.12 was added from "other income." That raised Anielski's total to \$16,980.

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Legislative Lowdown



Walton Hills Village Council — July 3

ITEMS VOTED ON

ACTION TAKEN

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance to provide a mechanism by which permission may be obtained to sell alcoholic beverages on a case-by-case basis at T.G. Young Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed 4-3 with mayor casting tiebreaker vote.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance providing for modifications to the compensation for Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed 6-0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance establishes wage rates and an annual wage escalator for members of the police department from Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2009. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed 6-0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the city of Macedonia for the boarding of prisoners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed 6-0



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GREAT NEWS about our STUDENTS

KELLY PEKAR of Egbert Road made the Dean's List for her Winter Quarter grades. She is in the College of Liberal Arts at Wright State University. Congratulations.

JESSICA MLINARIC of Dunham Road made the Dean's List for the Fall and Spring Semester grades at Miami University. Last Fall MLINARIC studied abroad in Luxembourg. Congratulations.

The Ohio State University announces that the following students - NICOLE ACHKAR of Laurel Drive, LEONARD JATSEK of South Meadowpark Drive, JAMES LUCAS, Woodlake, MEGAN MILLER, and ERIN TOAZ of Rashell Drive all made the Honor Roll this past grade period. Congratulations.

At the Ohio Governor's Cup Championship for Crew, Freshman JOE ANIELSKI of Alexander Road earned gold in the Freshman 8-man boat and silver in the Novice 4-man boat. At the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championship in Cincinnati where 7 states were represented, JOE and his team won the overall men's championship. JOE earned gold in the N4 boat and silver in the F8 boat. Next they compete in the National Championship in New Jersey. Congratulations and good luck.

Fifth graders from St. Michael's School, including ELIZABETH ANIELSKI and THOMAS KRAINZ of Alexander Road and JASON COOK of Woodlake Drive, participated in the Fox 8 program, "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" on the May 3rd morning segment. JASON'S question was, "Who is the Greek God of War?"

THANK YOU

- ED and PAULINE YURKO, Tulip Lane.
- ALEX and WILMA TOTH, Walton Road

We sincerely thank you for your continuing support of the *Walton Hills Owl*.



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WALTON HILLS NURSERY SCHOOL EARNS STATE OF OHIO AWARD

The State of Ohio has a new rating program for nursery schools in Ohio. Our Walton Hills Co-Op Nursery School is one of the first winners in the state to earn its first star in the Star-Rated "Step-Up-to-Quality" school program. Along with the award came a \$3000.00 grant from the State of Ohio.

Congratulations to the 2006-2007 students, their teachers and their parents who assist at the co-op school!

To reach the high expectations for a star rating, Teacher/Director Nancy Biedenbach and Teacher Assistant Carol Stanoszek recently took several continuing education early education classes, supplied the school with additional materials recommended by the state and redefined their curriculum to meet the high expectations for a star rating. An experienced teacher before she joined the nursery school, Biedenbach begins her 16th year this fall at the Walton Hills Co-Op Nursery.

The Walton Hills Nursery School meets in the Walton Hills Community Room with morning and afternoon sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during their school year. The school can accommodate 16 children in each class. Walton Hills Nursery School students must be age 3 by September 1st. For more information call 440.735.5001, ext. 4561.

OUR GIRL SCOUTS in D.C.

ALEX PTAK of Alexander Road and NICOLE and SHANNON LEW of Rashell Drive went to Washington D.C. with their Girl Scout Troops in June, after their school years ended. They visited The White House, the Smithsonian, the World War II and Vietnam Memorials and the Washington Monument.

They were part of a group of over 150,000 Girl Scouts who met in Washington to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. On Saturday June 10th all the Girl Scouts met at the Washington Monument grounds where they had an all-day celebration. The girls sang songs, exchanged "swats" with one another and had the opportunity to meet young ladies from all over the United States.

Our local girls thank everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies to support a portion of their historic trip.

VILLAGE YOUTH WANT SKATEBOARD FACILITY

JAMES and KEVIN BEGIN of Egbert Road and LUKE and RYAN MAROTTA of Deeridge Drive are learning first-hand how a person can achieve his goals through positive assertiveness and a willingness to work to make those goals become a reality. The boys want a skateboard facility built within their village; a place designated just for this activity that provides a safe location for the skateboarders and nearby pedestrians and vehicles. At the present time skateboarders and bike riders are allowed to use a coned-off area in the T.G.Young Recreation Park parking lot. The boys feel this is not a safe environment. They want the area in the old tennis courts, on the other side of the batting cages, designated and designed with ramps to be used only for skateboarders.

The boys asked for guidance from their parents and Council members. They learned they needed to approach Council, how to express their thoughts to Council and the Recreation Director, how to write a petition, procedures for approaching people who will sign petitions, and the follow-up with petitions. The boys feel they have the support of Council and the Recreation Director and have more than 100 signatures on their petitions at the time of this writing. They are hopeful they will soon have a skateboard facility in Walton Hills.

WILLS HOSTS PEN-PAL

For two weeks in May, JOAN WILLS of Dunham Road hosted her pen-pal of 61 years who lives in Bangor County, North Ireland. They began writing to one another when JOAN was an 8th grader at St. Mary's School. They had a good time visiting with each other, with JOAN'S daughter LAURIE and her family who live in Michigan, and traveling to spots in Ohio, Michigan and Canada.

BEREAVEMENT

ALBERTA MESTNIK, whose residence was on Spanghurst Drive for many years, died at age 92. Our condolences to family members JEAN and BILL DEAK of Egbert Road, BILL and JOYCE DEAK of Walton Road and DEBI and TERRY KOZAK of Egbert Road. STEVE and ALBERTA MESTNIK owned and operated the "Walton Hills Delicatessen" from 1956 to 1967. Next they owned and operated a tavern, "The Villager," for 10 years, and then they purchased the commercial building, owning it from 1966 until 1981.

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WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS

JOHN and ELAINE BRAND
7555 Woodlake Drive

BRENDA WALKER
18850 Carmany Drive

DAN and DEE SAWYER
7127 Chestnut Drive

JEFFREY GURITZA and
ELISA SCARLETTA
14129 Ryan Drive

MIKE WOJCIECHOWSKI and
JOAN SHINKARUK
16342 Egbert Road

KEN and DOROTHY MANKOWSKI
7060 Hickory Drive

GHRISSEY MANEAGE
16152 Egbert Road

ROBERT and JAMIE MATTEO
18510 Orchard Hill Drive

CHRISTOPHER and CHERI SHUSKY
7471 Morningside Drive

PHILLIPPA STEFANO
7175 Walton Road

NICOLE HARRIS
14160 Ryan Drive

CHARLES and THERESA SZABO
18239 Jefferson Drive

ROGER RICKON
18307 Alexander Road

CHRISTMAS for KIDS CHARITY MOTORCYCLE RALLY

This coming Sunday, August 5th, T.G. Young Park is the start-and-end site of a 40-mile motorcycle course for our Police Department's Annual Fund-Raising Event for Charity. You are invited to attend the gala event at the park. There will be live entertainment, door prizes, food, raffles, and lots of motorcycles. Motorcyclists will arrive between 8:30 am - 10:30 am for sign-up, they take off at 11:00 am, and they return to the park to eat and socialize with fellow motorcyclists and everyone else who shows up.

Sergeant Dave Chorba of the Walton Hills Police Department chairs this annual event which he organized in 1988. Each year since then, usually on Christmas Eve, our Police Department hosts a lunch and party for needy children and their families. They fulfill the dreams of the youngsters by providing them with gifts they put on their lists to Santa. Through the combined efforts of a local church, volunteers and donors, the event will assist about 100 children this December.

STUDENT is in the NEWS

MARIA VISOCKY, daughter of PHIL and DIANE VISOCKY of Deeridge Drive, has her artistic creation on display from late June through October 15th in Chicago Illinois, on North Michigan Avenue's "Gardens of the Magnificent Mile." As a senior who will graduate in December from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Chicago, MARIA was invited to participate in an installation of fashion dress forms. Have you seen the large, decorated guitars that adorn spots in downtown Cleveland? This project is similar, but the artists used large, Plexiglas dress forms that were provided by sponsors of the gardens. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield Illinois is MARIA'S sponsor. Her sponsor paid for her dress form, and commissioned MARIA to create a dress which would be an inspiration for their upcoming exhibit titled *Mary Todd Lincoln - First Lady of Controversy*. VISOCKY stated, "I looked at the fashions of Mary Todd Lincoln's era as well as her individual style and personality, and worked to blend that into a modern garment."

Mary Todd Lincoln liked the color purple and the violet flower. MARIA'S floral print dress features shades of purple. It has a ruffled neckline and a paneled, tight bodice that laces up in the back. The skirt is tiered, full, and is made of quilted circular patches. For a more modern appearance, the skirt length is short. To make the dress suitable for outdoor weather, MARIA used wires, window screening, oil cloth and it was sprayed with water proofing material. MARIA'S dress impressed a Chicago newspaper columnist. One day her entire column was about how MARIA'S creation captured the spirit of the event on Chicago's waterfront.

In the fall, the dressed-up dress forms will be auctioned off to businesses and organizations; proceeds going to local charities. MARIA'S dress form will most likely become a permanent display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

MARIA says, "I like working with different mediums. After I graduate I'd like to work as a display artist."

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A NOTE to FRIENDS

"It has been a pleasure living in Walton Hills for 55 years. I'm sure I will miss all of you. I am now living with my daughter and son-in-law at their home in Streetsboro. All my love, ROSE SOCHACKI"

ROSE and her deceased husband PETE were very active civic leaders and volunteers in local organizations. During the 5+ decades they lived in Walton Hills, both she and her husband worked to support the Citizen's League, the Walton Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Walton Hills Lake, the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Fifty-Plus Club. Back in the 1950s ROSE was a learn-to-swim instructor at the lake, helped organize the Cuyahoga County Library Bookmobile visits to Walton Hills including the "story hour" and chaired Combined Charities Drives in the village. Her volunteer activities continued until a few months ago; she was a board member and hospitality chair for the Fifty-Plus Club.

Friends can write to ROSE at her new address: 9345 Root Street, Streetsboro, OH 44240

BEREAVEMENT

• Our sympathy to the family of BETTY BOSELL of Shaner Drive who died at age 81. BETTY and her late husband, JAMES BOSELL, chose this village as the place to raise their two daughters. Condolences to SUE and BORIS VLADIMIROFF and PAM and BILL GIGLIO. BETTY made quite a name for herself as an accomplished figure skating teacher. For many years she taught Figure Skating classes at Garfield Heights Recreation Center.

• MARGARET ROBINSON of Sonny Drive passed away in May at age 84. She was the widow of RICHARD, and mother of RICHARD (TATIANA) ROBINSON and DIANE ROBINSON. Our condolences to her family.

• Sincere sympathy to CARL and VIRGINIA BARBER of Rotary Drive, on the loss of VIRGINIA'S brother, CHARLES V. LEONARD. CHUCK was a mechanical engineer and space pioneer. While employed with General Electric, he was part of the Discoverer Program "Catch a Falling Star" team (the first space reconnaissance program), which is now on display in the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.

THANK YOU

- BRIAN and KATHY SPITZNAGEL, Spanghurst
- ART and LEANNE MEDA, Alexander Road
- WILMA and ALEX TOTH, Walton Road
and Mr. T Painting & Sandblasting Co.

Thank you for your generous donations.

We sincerely thank you for your continuing support of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

RAY TINTER, Jefferson Drive, sends us this unusual request. RAY hopes to collect 10,000 cancelled postage stamps by September 1st. He asks villagers to help him collect stamps for one of his charities. Call him for pick up, or drop them off at his home. Cancelled stamps can either be torn off or left on pieces of envelopes.

Questions? Call RAY 440.232.2595

DO YOU KNOW?

The village earns \$20 per ton for recycled paper deposited in the NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINE RECYCLING bins located at TGY Park and the Village Hall Upper Parking Lot. All money goes to help pay for the Veterans Memorial which will grace the area by the flag pole at the Village Hall. Each trip you take to deposit your paper in the bins is a contribution to the Veterans Memorial project.

Basically, all paper except phone books and cardboard can be put in the bins. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office / school paper, envelopes, shredded paper, paper-back books, poster board and folders are accepted.

If these same items are left by the street on trash pick-up day, they will be recycled, but the village gets no cash reward. Also, if the papers get wet they end up in a landfill.



Families and fun rule at Walton Hills Community Day



RPC Photos / Robert J. Lucas
Jerry Lew and his daughter, Michelle, 5, take aim with the water gun game in which Michelle walked away with several stuffed toys. The family water gun slingers were at Walton Hills Community Day Aug. 12 at T.G. Young Park in Walton Hills.



Trey Ward, 4, tries his hand at the cookie stacking game while his father, Art, looks on.



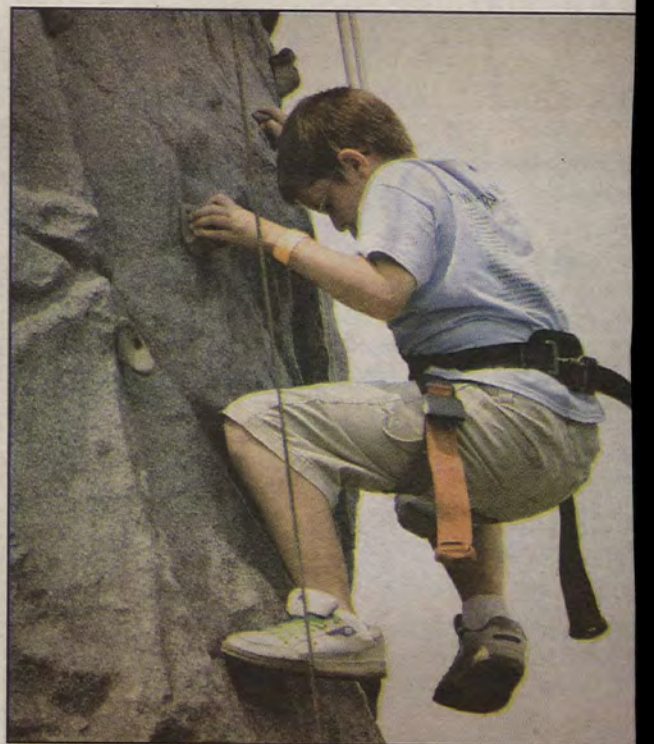
David Mlakar keeps an eye on his work as he juggles for the crowd.



Mike Weels takes a spin on the bucking mechanical bull.



Walton Hills Student Theater Group performs a number for the crowd.



Kevin Begin, 11, looks for footing on his way to the top of the rock wall.

Impersonator gives unforgettable stylings of artist



RPC Photos / Robert J. Lucas
Nat King Cole impersonator Kent LeMar gives his vocalistic renderings to a group of senior citizens at Bedford High School Oct. 24.



Betty Stasko, a Walton Hills resident, show her appreciation for the performance of LeMar.

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A NEIGHBORLY WELCOME

Three months ago CHARLES and THERESA SZABO, their children ZACHARY and CHAD and their dog PICKLES, moved from Bedford into their home on Jefferson Drive. ZACHARY and CHAD attend St. Monica's Grade School. Their neighbors welcome the SZABOS into the village.

IT'S WIN-WIN-WIN

for WALTON HILLS BALL TEAMS

This was a great year for our ball teams. Congratulations to the **Boys' Minors Team**. They won the championship in their division. Also, congratulations to the **Boys' Pony, Boys' Majors Green and Girls' Pigtail Teams** for placing second in each of their divisions.

Eleven teams, and a total of 133 youngsters who made up those teams, participated in the 2007 Walton Hills Baseball season. Baseball Commissioner DAVID NEILSEN wishes to relate his appreciation, saying "Thanks to all players, coaches and parents for a great summer!"

This year's Managers and Coaches:

Team Managers: DON CHAPMAN, STEVE CROOKS, JIM FOLIANO, DAN HOJDAR, PAUL JABLONSKI, MATT KONTUR, MIKE KRAINZ, KATHY MARTIN, KEVIN MATSAKO, FRED NEILSEN and WALT TAYLOR.

Team Coaches: SCOTT DAY, SCOTT DEAN, MICHAEL DRAKE, DON GROSSMYER, DELL JUDD, ROB KALMAN, CHERYL LEW, KEVIN MARTIN, JAMIE MATTEO, JACK PEKAR, TIM PRICE, BOB SABOL, LISA SABOL, LISA SCHROEDER, TAMMY SCHROEDER, JERRY TOWALSKI, JOE TRAVARCA and TERRY ZAK.

NEILSEN also gives a special thanks to the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Walton Hills Lake, the Walton Hills Service Department and Recreation Director LISA GAGLIANO for their support, assistance and generosity.

COMMUNITY DAY 2007: ONE FINE DAY

You were probably there, and hopefully you will agree that Community Day on Sunday August 12th was one great day for Walton Hills residents. From the bag piper at the Opening Service to the big-bang firework display that

closed the festivities, the day was jam-packed with activities, attractions and performers that kept the crowd entertained for hours. Plenty of food options were available and, for the first time, beer was sold to eligible adults in a controlled environment by the Walton Hills Men's Club.

Recreation Director LISA GAGLIANO, with a lot of help from village employees and club and organization volunteers, organized this special day for villagers. Thanks, LISA, for making your job an integral part of your life.

COMMUNITY DAY 2007: ONE FINE DAY for the WALTON HILLS OWL

Staff members of the *Walton Hills Owl* were honored to receive a Proclamation of Appreciation for 50 Years of Service to the Community on Community Day, Sunday August 12th, from Mayor Anielski and Walton Hills Council Members.

Many of the 102 past and present *Owl* staff members were in attendance to accept the Proclamation Plaque and share a decorated sheet cake which was provided by the village.

The *Owl* is a publication created by the residents and for the residents. It takes many Walton Hills volunteers, people who are willing to arrange their monthly calendars around their *Owl* duties, to keep the newsletter in production. It was a nice perk to have our village officials recognize the endeavors of the *Owl* staff.

BOWLERS WANTED

JEAN LORETA of Alexander Road is seeking new members for her bowling team. They play at Roseland Lanes on Thursdays at 12:30, and discounts are given to seniors. If interested phone JEAN at 232.1589.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

WILLIAM COLLINS of Alexander will celebrate his 80th Birthday on October 18th with his wife Nadine, 9 children and their spouses, 23 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

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WALTON HILLS SKATE PARK

A large sign by one of the former lower-area tennis courts says it all, "Walton Hills Skate Park." A series of skate boarding ramps in a fenced-in environment are a welcome site to our village skate board enthusiasts. Until October 1st, Walton Hills Skate Park opens at 3 pm and closes at dusk on weekdays and is open from noon 'til dusk on weekends. Keys to the park are available through the Recreation Department.

The Skate Park became a reality through the efforts of four local boys; JAMES and KEVIN BEGIN of Egbert Road and LUKE and RYAN MAROTTA of Deeridge Drive. To quote the boys, JAMES says, "I can't believe we have a skate park. But we do!" LUKE says, "Our hard work paid off!" RYAN offered this advice, "If you keep working for something you have a better chance of reaching your goal." KEVIN states, "Anything can happen if you put your mind to your ideas and follow through."

At a Recreation Department meeting this spring, the boys approached the Recreation Director and Council members in attendance with about 100 petitions they had gathered from residents who favored having a skate boarding site in a safe environment within the village. They gave suggestions for the kinds of ramps they wanted, and they even got a friend's older brother, EDDIE OLSCHANSKY of Sagamore Road, to assemble the ramp kits. A few months later, they have their skate park.



KEVIN BEGIN,
LUKE MAROTTA,
RYAN MAROTTA,
and JAMES BEGIN



BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to LEONARD IACCO of Deeridge Drive on the passing of his wife, ROSALINDE. The IACCOS have lived in the village since the early 1960s. Our condolences also to their four children and their spouses - DENNIS and MALINDA IACCO of Streetsboro, MICHAEL and ANNA IACCO of Middleburg Heights, NADINE IACCO of Florida and LEONARD IACCO of Aurora, their 11 grandchildren, ROZ'S mother VIOLA TUCCIARELLI, and her sisters.

ROZ volunteered a lot of her time for others in the village. She served as an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and was a long-time assembler for the *Walton Hills Owl*. For the past four years she served on

the *Owl* Board as Secretary of the association. LEN IACCO continues to be an active supporter of the Walton Hills Men's Club.

- Condolences to BRIAN and MARY SCHROEDER of Egbert Road on the passing of MARY'S grandmother, VELMA SMEE.

- Our sympathy to the family of HARRY RUBERTO of Summerset Drive; to his children and their spouses DAVID and DONNA RUBERTO, DEBBIE and BOB JELENIC and MARYANN and JACK FLYNN.

WILLIAM (BILL) DEAK
YEAR 2007 WALTON HILLS "CITIZEN of the YEAR"
 Presented by the Walton Hills Citizens' League



Bill Deak and his wife Jean

On Community Day, the Walton Hills Citizens' League named **WILLIAM (BILL) DEAK** the Year 2007 "Citizen of the Year." Over the years DEAK has shown his integrity, character and community spirit in his many actions and deeds.

DEAK served in the U. S. Navy for four years during the Korean War, on destroyers and a battleship. In 1989 he retired as stationary engineer at the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant.

Upon his retirement from Ford, **BILL DEAK** devoted the next 14 years of his life to the *Walton Hills Owl*. During those years he handled the advertising and circulation, coordinated the School Chatter articles, printed the *Owl* pages, the printing press mechanic and machinist repairman, Co-Editor for 5 years and Editor for 2 years. As Co-Editor, DEAK helped Editor Bill Cottrill deal with his severe physical problems during his final years.

Besides his service to the *Owl*, DEAK has been President of the Walton Hills Lake, member of the Men's Club, 50 Plus Club and the Citizens' League. He volunteers his time outside the village too, helping out at St. Mary's Church and Light of Hearts Villa. For 6 years DEAK was President of AARP Chapter #4931 in Macedonia, to which many of our senior residents belong. **BILL** organized and managed ways and means projects for AARP that supported yearly \$1000.00 scholarships to Nordonia High School seniors and several local charities.

BILL and his wife **JEAN** have lived on Egbert Road since 1961. They raised 3 children, **WILLIAM**, **BERNARD** and **DEBRA**. Not only did all 3 of their children grow up in Walton Hills, two of them have chosen to continue to live in the village. **DEBBIE** and **TERRY KOZAK** and their children live on Egbert Road. **BILL** and **JOYCE DEAK** and their family live on Walton Road. The **DEAKS** have 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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BEDFORD HIGH - CLASS OF 1952

JOAN WILLS, Dunham Road, and LOIS SERRIN, a former Orchard Hill Drive resident who now lives in California, celebrated their 55th reunion at the Holiday Inn, Hudson with fellow Bedford High School classmates. Congratulations! JOAN says they all had a lovely lunch and a fun time.

DOES YOUR MAIL BOX NEED REPAIR?

This request comes from our *Owl* delivery staff. Several mail boxes / mail box poles in the village have begun to tilt downward. As our volunteers deliver the *Owls* each month to us, the newsletters they insert into the tilting *Owl* tubes and mail box slots have a tendency to fall out. ...One more task to help fill that job jar of yours.

The WALTON HILLS OWL NEEDS YOU!

Do you have one evening a month to volunteer your services as an *Owl* assembler?

A group of about 20-25 *Owl* assemblers meet from 7 - 9 pm, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, to assemble the *Owl* pages, insert the newsletters into plastic bags then in boxes, and get them ready for pick-up for our *Owl* delivery people.

We need a few younger, abler-bodied residents who can help us assemble the pages. Except for Patty Birros, Lee Ann Meda, Mershona Parshall and Jeff and Jan Smith who are in the prime of their lives, we are a bunch of oldies with aches and pains. We can really use your help!

Please phone Bob or Jean Kainsinger if you are interested. 440.232.6142

THANK YOU

There was a fire at the home of ROBERT and JOAN FIRST, Rotary Drive, at the end of August. The fire started when FIRST'S van, which was parked in their garage, caught on fire. The FIRSTS are grateful that although their van and garage are a total loss, no one was injured or lost their life, and they can still live in their house.

ROBERT FIRST states, "We have lived here 46 years and never before did we need help, but when we needed help the day of the fire, we got it fast!"

FIRST expresses his thanks to the Oakwood and Maple Heights Fire Departments, Walton Hills Police, Mayor ANIELSKI and the Walton Hills Service Department for their excellent service and their quick response.

The FIRSTS also thank their neighbor, JAY JUSKO, who is an electrician, for coming over and isolating the electric lines to the garage, so there was electrical service to the rest of their house. "We didn't even lose the food stored in our refrigerator."

POSTAGE STAMP UPDATE

RAY TINTER of 18409 Jefferson Drive is collecting **cancelled postage stamps**, a project that benefits Our Lady of the Wayside Home for Handicapped residents. To date he has collected about 5500 cancelled postage stamps. His goal is 10,000 cancelled stamps, and his new deadline is January 15, 2008.

RAY thanks the 25 families in the village who have already been handing him their cancelled stamps, and he would be grateful to anyone else who joins in the cause. Residents can drop off stamps at his home, or call him and he will pick them up. 440.232.2595 If stamps are left on envelopes, he shreds the envelope after removing the stamps. "I thank all of you in advance, for helping raise money for charity," states Ray.

THANK YOU

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH, Walton Road and Mr. T Painting and Sandblasting Co.

Thank you for your generous donations. We sincerely thank you for your financial support.

BEREAVEMENT

Our expression of sympathy to MARK and BETTY MURRAY of Ceile Circle on the passing of MARK'S mother, ANNE MURRAY, who died at age 88. ANNE had been an active member of St. Pius X Church and the Holy Name Alumni Association. She was inducted into the Holy Name Hall of Fame. She was grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 16.



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

VINCENT and MARINA STANFA
18810 Dellwood Drive

JAMES and DARCY BARKER
7543 McLellan Drive

VIOLA BERTEAU
17228 South Meadowpark Drive

JERRY BRUCE
7314 Walton Road

MARK SCHAUER
14343 Alexander Road

ANGELA PERRY
7855 Summerset Drive

LOUIS FERGUSON
7243 Walton Road



PROUD PARENTS ESCORT DAUGHTER

At this year's final home football game at Bedford stadium, parents of Bedford High senior band members and senior football players escorted their sons and daughters around the track. KEVIN and THERESA HURST of Alexander Road proudly walked with their daughter JACKLYN, a member of the Bedford High band.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Congratulations to NICK JEZERINAC. NICK earned the 8th Grade Student of the Month Award at Cuyahoga Heights Middle School for the month of September. Students are recommended for the award by the faculty and are selected by the Principal's Committee. Qualifications include high scholastic achievement and positive attitude. At Cuyahoga Heights Middle School NICK is a member of MODEL U.N. - a United Nations organization for teens, the school Chess club, wrestling team and Federation of Christian Athletics. He is also in the Cuyahoga Heights and Walton Hills youth theater groups. NICK is the son of RANDY and SHERRIE JEZERINAC of Conelly Blvd. and grandson of DAVE and GINNY PALIK of Hicks Road.

STUDENT in the NEWS

This fall the Trinity High School men's cross country team came in first - in both the North Coast League White Division and over-all meet that includes larger schools in northern Ohio. Placing in the top ranks is Walton Hills Senior COLTON FERRARI. COLTON is on his school's track and cross country teams.

He is the son of MICHELLE FERRARI of Alexander Road and LARRY FERRARI of Northfield Ohio.

ST. MARTIN of TOURS SCHOOL PTU

The new PTU at St. Martin of Tours School has an ambitious schedule. Their first big event is "Shop 'til You Drop," on Saturday, November 17th. Doors open at 9 am. There are over 40 vendors and no admission charge.

The BEDFORD SUN BANNER SAID IT FIRST

The October 18th issue of the *Bedford Sun Banner* included some very complementary paragraphs about the Walton Hills "Meet Your Candidates Night" event which was organized and sponsored by the Walton Hills Citizens' League one evening last month. MARK MORILAK, Editor of the *Sun Banner* said, "It was a pleasure to take part in such a courteous, orderly event." Our villagers were congratulated for packing the Community Building with a standing-room-only throng. League President BOB ROMANOWSKI was congratulated for "running a tight ship," and DON HAYDOO for keeping candidates to their allotted time limits. Moderators for the event were MARK MORILAK and ROBERT NOZAR of the *Bedford Sun Banner* and TIM TROGLEN of the *Bedford Times-Register*.

The article also stated, "Though the community as a whole is trying to leave the Bedford City School District, candidates for school board were received warmly, with close attention paid to their remarks."

SNOWBIRDS CAN GET the OWL

Do you know you can have the *Walton Hills Owl* mailed to you when you are away from home? We already have several subscribers - Walton Hills businesses, former residents who moved away but still want to keep in touch and villagers who want to get the *Owl* while they winter in the south.

Give us your out-of-town address and the months you want issues mailed to that address. The cost for postage and handling is \$3.00 per issue, or \$30.00 per year. Contact the Hansliks 232.5071 or the Kainsingers 232.6142.

THANK YOU

• WILMA and ALEX TOTH of Walton Road and Mr. T Painting and Sandblasting Co. Thank you for your generous donations. We sincerely thank you for your continuing financial support.



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

TERRENCE and ANDREA BREEDLOVE
6740 Dunham Road

ELIZABETH and BRIGITTE KANJUKA
7150 Brenda Lee Drive

FRANK RAMOS and RAE MARIE COMO
17893 Sagamore Road

ERIC MC LEOD and KRISTEN CIOLEK
18715 Dellwood Drive

GARY and JOANN RANALLO
7570 Walton Road

THOMAS POWIS
7775 Nodding Hill Drive

ANITA MORELLI (Florence Andreatta's sister)
7161 Deeridge Drive

DEAR MR. SALAMON, THANK YOU

2007 marks the 50th year JIM SALAMON, with a bit of help from his wife MARY, has taken the Walton Hills Nursery School children on a hayride around his property and has each youngster choose a pumpkin to take home. The SALAMONS reserve 1/4th of their garden for a pumpkin patch. They have always harvested ample pumpkins, except for one year when the deer managed to plow into their garden and the SALAMONS had to "import" additional pumpkins and place them in strategic spots so every child could have a pumpkin. None of the children caught on. Besides pumpkins, the couple grows enough tomatoes and garlic for family, friends and customers who buy their produce in the late summer, at the edge of their property at the southeast corner of Alexander and Dunham Roads.

JIM and MARY SALAMON were very gratified to receive a thank you from the Walton Hills Nursery School children and mothers which partly read, " Dear MR. and MRS. SALAMON, On behalf of all the students, parents and teachers, past and present, I would like to say a special thank you for providing our students with such a Fun Fall Kick-Off for the past 50 years! It is a wonderful tradition that has become for many of our students, one of their most memorable preschool experiences. Thanks so much for your dedication to our school. Best regards, CYNDI KACSANDI, Secretary "

It's not only Nursery School children who get hayrides in the large hay wagon pulled by MR.SALAMON and his tractor. In past years other groups included local Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Mary's School children and Glendale kindergarteners. For many years the extended SALAMON family took annual hayrides to a Bedford Reservation pavilion where they roasted hot dogs.

MARY SALAMON has made a name for herself as a talented quilter. To date she has given away about 80 hand-crafted quilts to family members and friends. She belongs to the American Sewing Guild-Cleveland Chapter and two local quilting groups that meet in the Maple Heights and Solon Libraries.

WALTON HILLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL

The Village of Walton Hills now proudly displays an impressive memorial to its men and women who served in the Armed Forces throughout the years. It is not yet complete... an eagle with outstretched wings will be mounted atop the 5-sided monument, more commemorative bricks purchased by local individuals will be added along the walkway, and there will be final touches of landscaping.

The driving force behind our Veterans' Memorial was Council President KEVIN HURST. HURST invited representatives of Village clubs and organizations to meet with him in Council Chambers on March 24th to receive their input and concerns about erecting a Veterans' Memorial in our village. Twelve residents attended the meeting. HURST handed out a packet of his drawings to the attendees. The packet included his proposed general layouts for the memorial, walkways and sites for the memorial. Following an open discussion period, the attendees at the meeting favored - a 5-sided monument made of granite and about 48" high, an eagle perched at the top of the monument, a bronze insignia seal of one of the branches of the Armed Forces on each side of the monument, an inscription "Dedicated to Those Who Served," and they wanted the monument to be placed by the flag pole on the Village Hall grounds. Their wishes came true.

With lots of cooperation and hard work, less than 8 months later we had a Walton Hills Veterans' Memorial. Our appreciation to KEVIN HURST, BRIAN SPITZNAGEL, MADELINE TIMM and their CO-WORKERS on COUNCIL, MAYOR ANIELSKI, DAN STUCKY, SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKERS, and the Village Hall OFFICE STAFF.

11-8-2007

Anielski captures mayoral victory

Wins over challengers Hurst, Main

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Incumbent Mayor Marlene Anielski has been mayor and safety director from 2000 to the present.

And according to the residents, she will continue for at least the next four years.

Anielski beat Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst and former Councilor George Main by taking 43.1 percent of the votes, according to final but unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Anielski did not return calls for comment after the results were in.

Hurst, who has served on Council from 2004 to the present and has been President Pro-Tem since 2006, had 34.4 percent of the vote. He will give up his Council seat at the end of the year because he ran for mayor.

Hurst said he was "glad I have had the opportunity to serve and I will finish out the remainder of my term in a positive way. And I'll find another way to serve the people."

Main served a four-year term on Council from 2002 to 2005. He finished third with 22.4 percent of the votes, according to final but unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

"I have enjoyed the campaign and my many conversations with the residents of Walton Hills," Main said. "And I say thank you to everyone who supported me."

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Walton Hills Council

Vote count
At-Large
(2 winners)

Donald Kolograf	428
William Allen	380
Gloria Terlosky	344
Jackie Vlk-Maire	298
Dave Knapp	208
Patrick Day	190

Data courtesy Cuyahoga County Board of Elections



DONALD KOLOGRAF



WILLIAM ALLEN

Kolograf and Allen elected to Council

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Two familiar faces were elected by the residents to serve two-year Council-at-large seats.

Incumbent Councilor Don Kolograf, who has been on Council from 2004 to the present, was at the top of the six vote-getters, taking 23.1 percent of the votes, according to final but unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Kolograf did not return calls for comment.

Allen, who served on Council from 2000 to 2005, finished second with 20.5 percent of the votes.

Allen will take over the spot vacated by Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor.

"I'm ready to go to work for the people of Walton Hills," Allen said of the win. "I want to thank all those who welcomed me so warmly as I went door-to-door throughout this village the past several weeks, and also for giving me their tremendous vote of confidence. I will not let them down."

Rounding out the rest of the field was Gloria Terlosky, getting 18.6 percent of the votes.

"It's been quite a ride," Terlosky said of her campaign. "And I would not change this experience, going door-to-door or meeting the wonderful residents."

Former Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire fin-

ished with 16.1 percent of the votes.

"I would like to thank my husband, Joe, and my family, and those who voted for me for their continued support," Vlk-Maire said.

"In any race there must be a winner and a loser," Vlk-Maire said. "Although I did not win the race, I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated and wish the newly elected Council and mayor much success."

Former Councilor Dave Knapp finished with 11.2 percent of the votes.

"Good luck and Godspeed to those that won," Knapp said. "Anything I can do, I live on Woodlake Drive, give me a call."

Former Councilor Patrick Day got 10.2 percent of the votes. "I just hope the candidates in office in January get to the tasks at hand," Day said.

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SUN PHOTO BY ROBERT NOZAR

VIP VOTER

Arriving to cast her ballot at the Walton Hills community building Tuesday morning was Elizabeth Gannon (far right), who is the aunt of U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich. Ready to help her were poll workers (from left) Robert Romanowski, Marge Tomondy, Rosemary Washtock and Rita Charsanko.

Road name switch will be on ballot

Council OK'd change, but voters in Walton Hills will have final say

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council decided in February that after 12 years, Brenda Lee Drive, which runs through a 12-home subdivision, should be renamed Whitetail Run.

But village residents will have the final say on the name change in the Nov. 6 general election.

Resident Ken Pund, who owns Bedford Glens Garden Center and is the original developer of the property, said he named Brenda Lee Drive after his wife.

After Council's vote, Pund decided to hit the streets, gathering close to 150 signatures, which were enough to send to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and get the issue put on the fall ballot as a referendum.

The debate over the name change began last year when a group of residents on the street brought a petition to Council asking that the street's name be changed to Whitetail Run.

Council voted 4-2 Feb. 6 to change the name and charge the residents of the street up to \$500 to change the street sign and to cover all filing fees associated with the switch.

Council President Pro-Tem Kevin Hurst and Councilors Denny Linville, Madeline Timm and Don Kolograf voted to change the name.

Councilors Brian Spitznagel and Leslie Sheeler voted to keep the name.

Hurst said he could find no reason why the name should not be changed.

Spitznagel, who originally supported the name change, said he began opposing it after he found out some of the residents on the street may not want to pay the \$500.

So Pund set to work gathering the signatures.

On the ballot, it is officially called Referendum 78.

Voters throughout Walton Hills can vote on the issue.

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Many voters stopped short

Under-marked ballots made a difference in two races

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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Votes that were not cast on Election Day have turned out to be perhaps as important as those that were cast in two races in the *Bedford Sun Banner* coverage area.

That's because thousands of ballots were turned in with fewer candidates chosen than allowed.

The two races in question were for Bedford City School District Board of Education and the Walton Hills Village Council. In each of those races

multiple candidates were vying for two seats and voters were allowed to select two names in each.

However, out of 1,069 ballots cast in Walton Hills, there were 204 turned in with only one candidate marked. In addition, there were 24 ballots turned in with no names chosen for council.

The final official vote totals in the Walton Hills Village Council race: Donald Kolograf, 433; William Allen, 386; Gloria Terlosky, 350; Jackie Vlk-Maire, 305; David Knapp, 218; and Patrick Day, 194.

Thus, voters who chose only one candidate could have altered the final results dramatically had they cast votes for a second name.

The undervote in the school board race was even more dramatic.

Walton Hills pull-out try continues; village, school district wait for ruling

12-21-2007
by Emily Canning-Dean BTR

Reporter

Leaders from Walton Hills and Bedford Schools are waiting for a decision from the 10th District of the Ohio Court of Appeals to determine if Walton Hills can leave the school district.

Walton Hills officials directed the law firm of Roetzel and Andress to file an appeal Sept. 17 after Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Frank T. Hogan handed down the decision that the village should remain part of the Bedford School District.

Walton Hills Councilor Brian Spitznagel said he believed the village "wants us to take this step."

"This is our last hurrah," Spitznagel said. "This thing will be put to bed."

The village decided early in 2007 to appeal the decision of the Ohio School Board. Last December the Board voted 13-3 to deny the village's request to pull out of the district.

Walton Hills' luck did not change at the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas when Hogan's ruling came down to uphold the state Board's decision Aug. 21.

"I am very happy about this decision," said Lewis Clark, attorney for the school district, when the ruling was handed down. "I think we presented our case well. And I think the judge considered all of the information thoroughly."

Walton Hills Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo said the village has paid \$396,796 in legal fees in its pull-out attempt since 2003.

Joe Mestnik, a member of the Bedford Board of Education, said the school district has paid more than \$250,000 in fees trying to keep Walton Hills as a member of the district.

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Mestnik said he hoped the battle with the village would soon end so the district could "get back to the business of educating our children."

"The only real winners in this are the attorneys," Mestnik said.

Village officials who have supported the pull-out have said they are concerned with low achievement test scores by the district as well as what they call a disproportionate amount of property taxes paid by the village for the number of its students attending Bedford Schools.

According to the Walton Hills 2006 annual report, the village paid \$8 million in property taxes last year to the Bedford City School District, with 40 students attending the schools.

Nogalo said that averages out to about \$178,000 per student. He said residents pay an average of \$3,195 in property taxes each year. Of that amount, \$2,000 goes to the schools.

Last year, the state Board of Education voted 13-3 to accept the recommendation of an independent hearing officer that Walton Hills should remain a part of Bedford Schools.

A fiscal study conducted by the Ohio Department of Education indicated that the district could lose \$5.8 million in annual property taxes if the village were to leave the district.



SUN PHOTO BY JIM OLEXA

The voice of Bearcat Stadium is Joe Allie and his season has been extended again this year because playoff football games have been scheduled at the site. He called the action for fans in the stands at last week's Normandy-Tallmadge game and will do the same Friday as Normandy plays Mayfield.

Home team on a winning streak

Bearcat Stadium, staff score as football playoff hosts

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

A high school team from Parma and its coaching staff were granted their fondest wish on Sunday afternoon — the opportunity to spend another Friday evening in Bedford.

The athletes in question are members of the football team from Normandy High School. They got their first taste of Bedford — specifically Bearcat Stadium — last Friday. They won a triple-overtime thriller over Tallmadge High School and thus advanced to the regional finals to be played Friday night against Mayfield High School.

And so the question was put to them after their big victory: “What would you think of having to return to Bedford next week?” (Other communities were in the running to host the big game.)

“This is a beautiful place, a beautiful facility,” said Rich Turner, the head coach of the Invaders. “We would love to come back next week.”

“I think it’s great,” said one of the players who was sitting with the coach.

That was the theme throughout the evening — before the game, while it was being played and in the aftermath: Bedford is a wonderful place to play football.

The lofty tributes from folks in Parma, Tallmadge and others from various locations throughout the Buckeye State can be attributed — certainly — to the facility itself. But a lot of credit must go to Bedford athletic director Paul Powers and the huge team of people who see to it that everything went smoothly at the play-off game.

For Powers, the huge task of making everything perfect began on the previous Sunday when calls began coming in from media who wanted places in the press box. That included former Ohio State

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She's the "Hot Dog Lady," a moniker that Janet Aguiar doesn't mind at all. Her hat is an imitation hot dog on a bun. Kyle Ward, a seventh-grader at Tallmadge Middle School, didn't realize buying refreshments at Bearcat Stadium would be an event.

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quarterback Greg Frey and his announcing partner Dave Bacon, the duo who would call the game for the Ohio News Network.

On Tuesday, Powers met with the athletic directors from the two schools and the intensity of his preparations increased until the big night.

Spending an hour with Powers immediately before the game showed the need for a person well-versed in detail.

First he stopped near the entrance gate of the stadium to meet with seven members of the Bedford police department who would handle security at the game.

"We're all set?" he asked. The officers said they were always ready.

Then it was over to where the Tallmadge marching band was getting off its buses. Powers asked John Lenzo, the

band's director, if the bands from both schools would combine for the National Anthem.

"No, we're doing it alone," Lenzo said.

Powers said that would be fine and he told Lenzo where the band should enter the field and where it should line up to play.

As Powers walked back to the stadium he caught a whiff of cigarette smoke. He used his two-way radio to call Joe Allie, the stadium announcer.

"Let's do an announcement reminding people we're smoke free," Powers said.

The cheerleader adviser for Normandy was seated on the cold running track while her girls warmed up.

"Would you like a chair?" Powers asked.

"That would be great," came the reply.

A quick call on the two-way was made to secure seats for each cheering squad.

Next was the need to coordinate a short meeting between the game officials and



SUN PHOTOS BY JIM OLEXA

Taking care of the needs of the media is an important part of the job for Bedford athletic director Paul Powers when it comes to hosting high school playoff football. Dan Coughlin of WJW-TV gets his questions answered during the second half of Friday night's game.

the chain gang. Then Powers watched the pre-game coin toss conducted by referee Jerry Teringo, a 15-year veteran of playoff activity.

Teringo had some advice for the team captains who were gathered at midfield.

"Please don't help the officials," Teringo said.

Three Tallmadge Blue Devils — with helmets on — and four Normandy Invaders — sans head gear — nodded

their understanding.

Powers checked with coaches from each team to see if they had everything they needed. Nothing was amiss, he was told.

Inside the stadium, building Powers set aside a room for the bus drivers to get together for a pizza party. They thanked him for paying attention to their needs.

"It's satisfying to know that Bedford is so highly thought

of around the state," Powers said. "We work very hard to make sure everything is perfect. There are a lot of people who deserve credit."

Indeed.

Listening to game announcers during the contest one could hear them constantly talk about what an excellent facility Bearcat Stadium is for high school football.

Powers kept on the move

throughout the evening. Reports from workers throughout the facility kept him apprised.

"How did we do?" Powers asked a postgame visitor. "Do you think we have a shot at a game next week?"

More than a shot; it's now a certainty. The spotlight returns Friday night to Bearcat Stadium.

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Bedford residents Jennifer Dickson and Karen Szarka take tickets from two young fans arriving Friday night at Bearcat Stadium. The duo are both alumni of Bedford High School.



School board president Deb Kozak has been working in the concession stand for Bedford football games for 20 years. She said playoff football games are an excellent way to raise funds in the district.

Resident Debbie (Deak) Kozak



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WE SAW YOUR PICTURE in the NEWS

DEBI KOZAK of Egbert Road was busy wrapping a hot dog when her photo was taken at a recent football game at Bedford High's Bearcat Stadium for a recent issue of the *Bedford Sun Banner*. For the past 20 years KOZAK, who is the current school board president, has worked in the concession stand during football games. The concession stand raises funds for the school district.

JOE ALLIE of Laurel Drive was calling a play in his role as game announcer at Bearcat Stadium when his photo was also taken for the paper.

Reporter ROBERT NOZAR of the *Bedford Sun Banner* photographed Council President KEVIN HURST of Alexander Road next to the Veterans' Memorial Monument, the morning of Saturday November 10th at the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial.

HANNAH KRAINZ PLAYS LEAD ROLE

HANNAH KRAINZ of Alexander Road had a leading role in Chanel High School's production of "Out of the Frying Pan."

Congratulations! JOSH and ALEX PTAK of Alexander Road worked on the lighting system and were stage hands.

DONATE CANCELLED STAMPS

RAY TINTER thanks the many villagers who help him pass on cancelled postage stamps for a charity's ways and mean project. "I am trying to collect 10,000 cancelled postage stamps by January 15th when I turn them over to Our Lady of the Wayside, a home for handicapped residents. I hope to get many stamps during the Christmas season. I will shred your envelopes for you if you don't want to cut a border around your stamps. Thanks in advance, RAY TINTER"

BEREAVEMENTS

• Our condolences to the family of ELSIE KORNER who died at age 90 at a senior facility. She was the grandmother of RAYMOND and TERRY BRENNER of Conelly Blvd. For 21 years ELSIE lived on Walton Road. A Registered Nurse, ELSIE worked at St. Luke's Hospital for over 40 years. She was a long-time member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Walton Hills Lake.

• STELLA VOLPE of Orchard Hill Drive passed away at age 89. STELLA was the widow of AL VOLPE, who was a long-time member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and the village golf team. Stella was an avid golfer and swimmer and advocate of physical fitness. She was the swimming instructor for the Walton Hills Lake Learn-to-Swim program for many years.

NEWS from our FIRST EDITORS

The *Walton Hills Owl* was the inspiration of DE WITT and MARGARETE NOETH, our editors from 1957-1965. MARGARETE NOETH sent us a note. They both still enjoy reading the monthly issues of the *Owl*, Margarete at her home in Richmond Heights, and DeWitt at his rehab center. Since March, DeWitt has been in 3 hospitals and 2 rehab centers. Last winter the Noeths visited us at the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. They enjoyed looking through the albums, seeing photos of old friends and scanning early issues of the *Owl*.

SNOWBIRDS CAN GET the OWL

You can have the *Walton Hills Owl* mailed to you when you are away from home. We already have several subscribers - Walton Hills businesses, former residents who moved away but still want to keep in touch and villagers who want to get the *Owl* while they winter in the south.

Give us your out-of-town address and the months you want issues mailed to that address. The cost for postage and handling is \$3.00 per issue or \$30.00 per year. Contact the Hansliks 232.5071 or the Kainsingers 232.6142.

THANK YOU

- JEANNETTE SCHAEFFER of Dunham Road
- WALTON HILLS MEN'S CLUB

Thank you for your generous donations. We sincerely thank you for your continuing financial support.

BEREAVEMENTS

• Our sympathy to KATHY and WALTER ZIELINSKI of Regency Drive, on the passing of KATHY'S mother, CARMELLA MOREY. CARMELLA lived with KATHY and WALTER during her final years.

• Our condolences to the family of PAUL MEUTI of Alexander Road. To Sister-in-Law JOAN WILLS and Brother-in-Law RAY and ESTHER KOLIS. MEUTI'S wife, PEARL KOLIS MEUTI, died in 2005.

• FRANCIS NORTON, MERRY ANN HILTY'S father, passed away unexpectedly. Our sympathy to PAUL and MERRY ANN HILTY of Sonny Drive, and to their son and daughter, TANYA and DAVID HILTY who now live on their own. FRANCIS and JAYNE NORTON lived in Findlay Ohio, where for the past few years, FRANCIS assumed the role of care-giver for his wife.

VETERANS' MONUMENT DEDICATION – NOVEMBER 10, 2007



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OUTSTANDING VILLAGE TEEN-AGER

VICTORIA ANIELSKI, daughter of JONATHON and MAYOR MARLENE ANIELSKI of Alexander Road, had twelve inches of her hair cut off that she donated to *Locks of Love*, a public non-profit organization. *Locks of Love* provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. The hairpieces provide help to restore the children's self-esteem and confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers. Good for you, VICTORIA!

SANTA and MRS. CLAUS WERE BUSY LAST MONTH

If you see Santa and Mrs. Claus taking a nap in January, we can tell you why.

Santa and Mrs. Claus charmed the Walton Hills Nursery School children at their Christmas Party. BILL ALLEN and MADDIE TIMM helped Santa and Mrs. Claus do the honors at that event.

At the Village Tree Lighting Party in early December, Santa and Mrs. Claus were warmly greeted and welcomed by a host of children and adults. Mrs. Claus delighted the children with a Christmas story, and then the eagerly awaited Santa appeared.

Santa and Mrs. Claus entertained the seniors at the December Senior Luncheon. Their photos can be seen in 93 houses throughout the village - Polaroid pictures were taken of them with each guest at the event.

Santa and Mrs. Claus provided a lot of laughs at the Women's Club Christmas Dinner.

Santa paid a special visit to the Walton Hills "Shut-Ins." Our appreciation to RAY TINTER and MADDIE TIMM who took blocks of their time during December to entertain their fellow villagers on these occasions.

SANTA DELIVERED, SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th

61 Walton Hills families participated in this year's Village Santa Delivery service. Do you recall the blustery Sunday in mid December? That was the day Santa and his helpers made this event a success, although they didn't plan to be out in treacherous

weather conditions, and for so many hours. The deliveries started before noon and ended at 8:30 pm.

Our Recreation Department employees volunteered their time along with all others. Our sincere thanks to LISA GAGLIANO and her assistant CAROL STANOSZEK. They, in turn, express their thanks to the OAKWOOD VILLAGE and MAPLE HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENTS for their cooperation, and to the following volunteers: JEREMY and ZACK CUMMINS, HANNAH, MEG and VERONICA KRAINZ, JUDI and LISA SCHROEDER, PAUL JABLONSKY, Councilman DON KOLOGRAF a.k.a. SANTA, Patrolman RUSS VODILA, VICTORIA and her mother, Mayor MARLENE ANIELSKI.

OUR VILLAGE SERVICEMEN and VETERANS

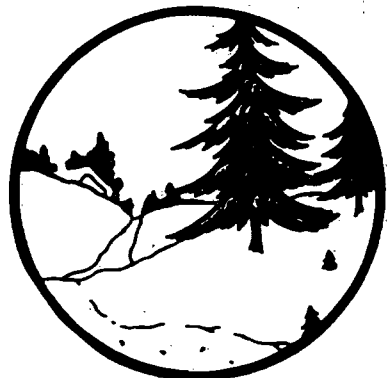
The list of our Village Servicemen and Veterans keeps growing. ...So many of our men, and some of our women, too, have spent years of their lives in military service for our country.

The Owl staff is trying to compile a complete and accurate list of present and past residents who serve or served in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. If you have information to give us about a person we may not have on our list, please contact the Kainsingers.

THANK YOU

- RAY and JUSTINE CIFANI of Jefferson Drive
- WILMA and ALEX TOTH of Walton Road and Mr. T Painting and Sandblasting, Inc.
- WALTON HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB

Thank you for your generous donations. We sincerely thank you for your continuing financial support.



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Deak picked for Walton Hills Citizen of the Year honors

by **Mike Lesko**

Editor

WALTON HILLS — Bill Deak was stunned. He had no idea that he would be named winner of the annual Walton Hills Citizen of the Year award, sponsored by the Walton Hills Citizens League. The announcement came Aug. 12 at Walton Hills Community Day at T.G. Young Park.

"It was a total surprise to me and my wife, Jean," he said. "I was thinking, 'I wonder who this is going to be.' Then I heard my name. I was in a daze. People were talking, but I could hardly hear them.

"Even my children knew about it. It's hard for them to keep a secret but they did," he said with a chuckle.

After Deak, 77, retired in 1989 as a stationary engineer at the Ford Motor Co. Stamping Plant in Walton Hills, he decided he wanted to give back to the community.

He began volunteering with the *Walton Hills Owl* monthly magazine, assisting former editors Tom Sabo and Bill Cottrill, both deceased.

"I learned a lot from them," he said.

Eventually Deak became editor, a position he held for two years before stepping down about 2 1/2 years ago.

"What I enjoyed the most was creating the front page in 2-3 different colors and printing it on the printing press," he said.

For part of the time, that printing press was

in his garage. After the *Owl* staff acquired a newer model, it was stationed at Village Hall.

"It was a big job," he said. "Sometimes we had as many as 70 pages. But I loved it."

Deak's resume also includes membership in the Walton Hills Men's Club and Citizens League, Walton Hills Lake Club trustee, president of the Nordonia Hills AARP and member of the St. Mary Church maintenance committee.

Deak served for four years in the U.S. Navy including one year in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He was on two destroyers and ended up on the battleship *New Jersey* in Korea.

He and the former Jean Martin have been married 55 years. They were school sweethearts growing up in Warrensville Heights.

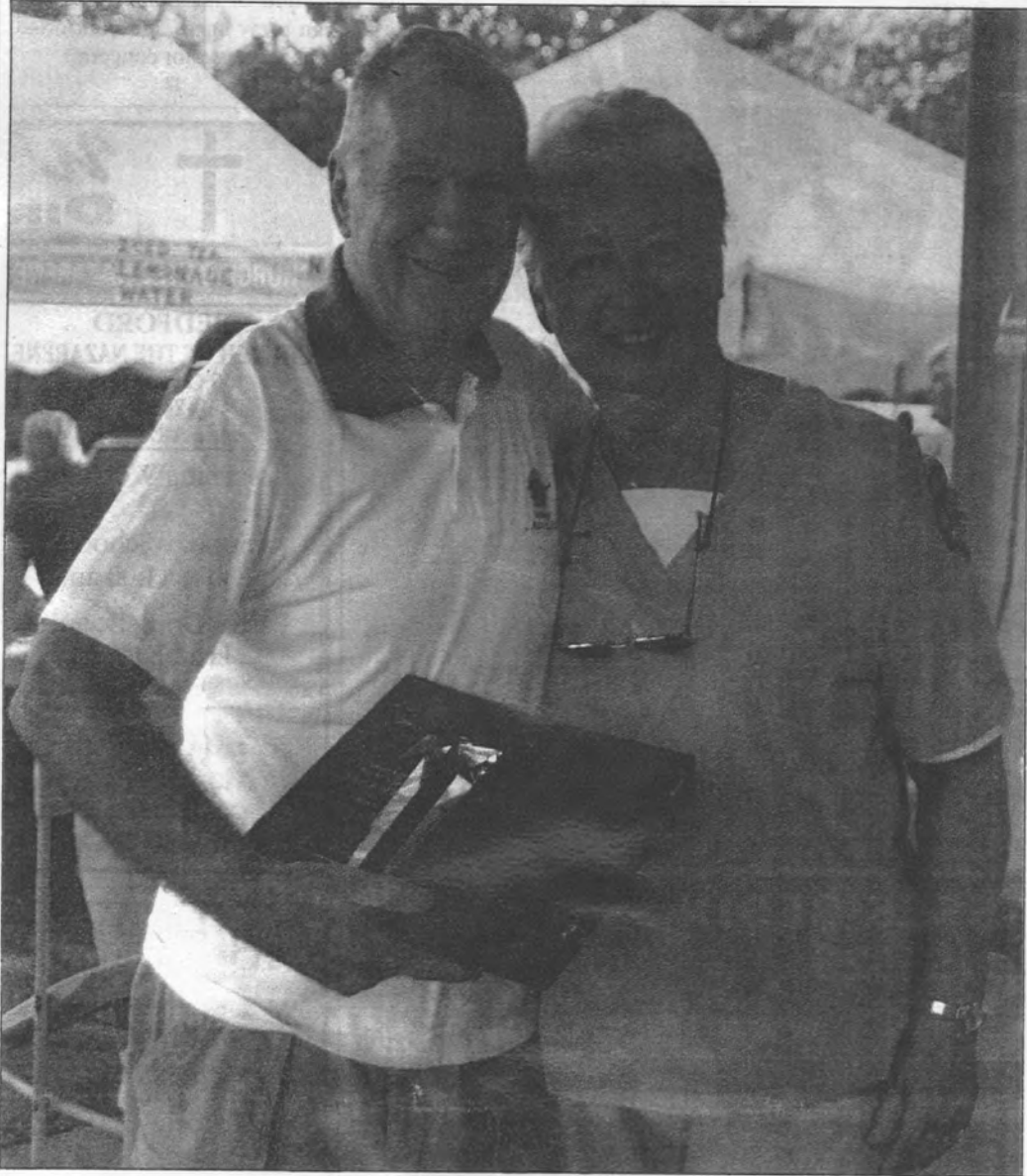
They have three children — William, Bernard and Debora Kozak, who is president of the Bedford Board of Education — along with 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Those family members and countless friends congratulated him on his big day, for which he received a plaque.

"It made me feel good," he said. "I was amazed and surprised that I won.

"I'm not that important," he added modestly. "I'm just a local guy."

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SUN PHOTO BY MELISSA SANTORELLI

TOPS IN WALTON

One of the highlights of the Walton Hills Community Days celebration is the naming of the Citizen of the Year. This year the honor went to William Deak, who shares his plaque with his wife, Jean. *Bedford Sun Banner 8-16-2007*



Fun at
TGY
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SUN PHOTOS BY KYLE LANZER

Nathan Lahrmer, 4, slept near his cousin Grace at the annual Walton Hills village campout Aug. 18.

Bedford Sun Banner 8-30-07

The village that camps together . . .

By Tara Quinn
Staff Writer

Walton Hills is a small town with residents who genuinely like spending time together. Some even gave up a recent Saturday night to play softball and have a campout at T.G. Young Park.

Dan Kolograf said, "I like the village involvement and the camaraderie. My son played in the game and my daughter played with her friends. The activities provide a unique way for the community to get to know each other and have fun."

The Aug. 18 event is an annual one and all residents are welcome to participate. Some kids play on the cute playground while others love to compete in the softball game. Hamburgers and cheeseburgers are served by the village



James Begi, 13, of Walton Hills came out to enjoy the village's Softball Game and Campout.

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as families set up tents, have dinner and have fun together.

Lisa D'Amico came out for the kids. "We do it every year. We do everything in the village. It's a great place to be. If people don't participate in the activities, they'll stop doing them."

Race track paces its way to golden anniversary

50 years ago today, Northfield made harness racing debut

By Tara Quinn
Staff Writer

Call it a milestone for a Milstein.

Northfield Park is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a harness race track this week. And while he hasn't been around for all 50 years of the track's existence, current owner Brock Milstein has a lifetime of memories growing up there.

"Early on, we used to come and do a lot of the things we have contractors come and do now. We used to plant flowers in the winner's circle," said Milstein, whose father, Carl, and a partner bought the track in 1972. When Carl Milstein's partner decided to go on to other sporting pursuits — namely the New York Yankees — the family ended up buying out George Steinbrenner's share.

"Horse racing was really hot in those days," said Brock Milstein, current chairman and CEO of the park. "Baseball, especially in New York, wasn't doing too well. George decided to he was going to buy the Yankees. He came back to my father shortly after he bought the track, and said he wanted to sell.

"My father ended up

buying him out and chose not to be involved in the Yankees. He and George bought the racetrack for \$8 million and George went and bought the Yankees for \$10 million."

Steinbrenner wasn't the only colorful character to have an interest in the park. According to publicity director and webmaster Keith Gisser, when the park opened as a greyhound track named Sportsman Park in 1934, one of its investors was infamous Chicago gangster Al Capone.

"One of the unusual things about the track is the north corner is in Cuyahoga County (Walton Hills) and rest is in Summit County (Northfield Village)," said Gisser, author of "Northfield Park, Images of a Sport." "So, when Capone would get the word the Cuyahoga County sheriff was going to bust them, he would close that entrance and open the rest so the Cuyahoga sheriff wouldn't have jurisdiction.

"Because of the politics, the sheriffs never coordinated those kind of things."

When greyhound racing waned, the park became the site of midget auto racing for several years.

Walter Michael eventually changed the park into a harness racing venue, which made its debut Aug. 23, 1957.



SUN PHOTO BY KYLE LANZER

Brock Milstein, Chairman and CEO of Northfield Park, said some of his happiest memories are spending time with his family at the track.

"He owned a few tracks in the area and was a breeder of harness horses. He wanted another track to complete the circuit."

As a kid, Brock Milstein remembers spending a lot of

time at the track. "We did improvement projects ourselves here at the track. My earliest memories were as a kid, spending great times with my family here." He also remembers fondly the days before simulcasting, when he and his siblings had the run of the park during the day before opening in the evening for racing.

"My sisters and I would come here during the day when my father was here working and put on our roller skates and use the grandstand as our own roller rink," he said.

A lot has changed since then, much of it because of Milstein, who has upgraded the track where it includes state-of-the-art electronics including a professional television studio and satellite dish, allowing it to send its own races to other parks and re-

ceive other parks' races for additional wagering opportunities. The park has also become popular because of its other amenities, including a full buffet and other dining opportunities, and the enclosed climate-controlled grandstand.

To celebrate its anniversary, Northfield Park held a customer appreciation night, a night with the Cleveland Cavaliers players Daniel Gibson and Donyell Marshall and the Cavs cheerleaders. On Saturday, it will give away the second of two cars, a Pontiac G6 hardtop convertible. It will also give away one of its 10 Cavs bench seats. Two others

will be donated to charities, probably Flashers of Hope and the American Heart Association. There will also be fireworks and great racing, according to Milstein.

Northfield is getting a bit of a facelift for its 50 birthday. The clubhouse is being renovated. Part of the year it will be used for a charity poker room in which Milstein hopes to raise "a couple hundred thousand dollars" a year for various charities. He expects to have the facility up and running in six to eight months. When not being used for cards, it will be a highend simulcasting room.

WILLIAM (BILL) DEAK
YEAR 2007 WALTON HILLS "CITIZEN of the YEAR"
Presented by the Walton Hills Citizens' League



Bill Deak and his wife Jean

On Community Day, the Walton Hills Citizens' League named **WILLIAM (BILL) DEAK** the Year 2007 "Citizen of the Year." Over the years DEAK has shown his integrity, character and community spirit in his many actions and deeds.

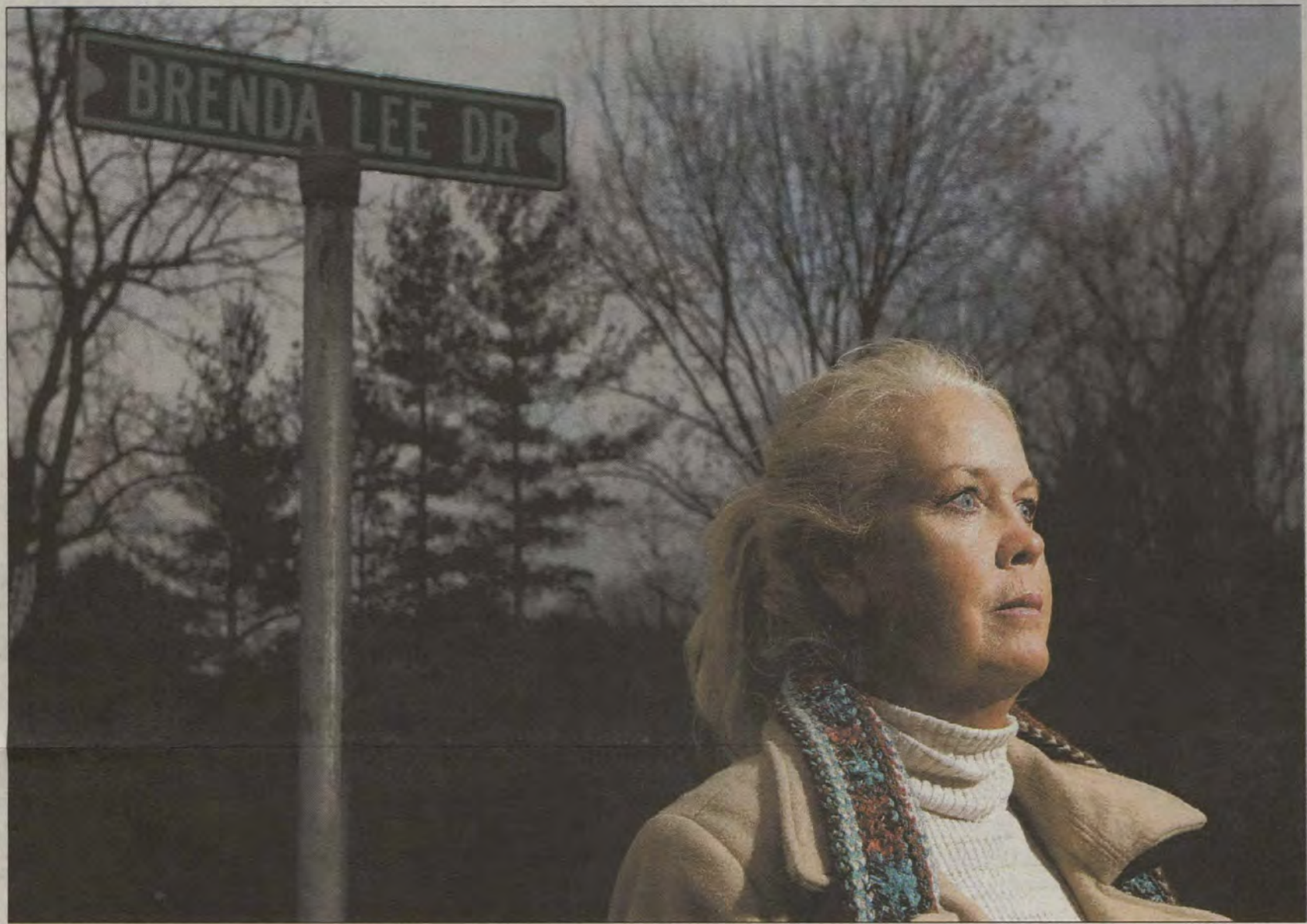
DEAK served in the U. S. Navy for four years during the Korean War, on destroyers and a battleship. In 1989 he retired as stationary engineer at the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant.

Upon his retirement from Ford, **BILL DEAK** devoted the next 14 years of his life to the *Walton Hills Owl*. During those years he handled the advertising and circulation, coordinated the School Chatter articles, printed the *Owl* pages, the printing press mechanic and machinist repairman, Co-Editor for 5 years and Editor for 2 years. As Co-Editor, DEAK helped Editor Bill Cottrill deal with his severe physical problems during his final years.

Besides his service to the *Owl*, DEAK has been President of the Walton Hills Lake, member of the Men's Club, 50 Plus Club and the Citizens' League. He volunteers his time outside the village too, helping out at St. Mary's Church and Light of Hearts Villa. For 6 years DEAK was President of AARP Chapter #4931 in Macedonia, to which many of our senior residents belong. **BILL** organized and managed ways and means projects for AARP that supported yearly \$1000.00 scholarships to Nordonia High School seniors and several local charities.

BILL and his wife **JEAN** have lived on Egbert Road since 1961. They raised 3 children, **WILLIAM**, **BERNARD** and **DEBRA**. Not only did all 3 of their children grow up in Walton Hills, two of them have chosen to continue to live in the village. **DEBBIE** and **TERRY KOZAK** and their children live on Egbert Road. **BILL** and **JOYCE DEAK** and their family live on Walton Road. The DEAKS have 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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TRACY BOULIAN | THE PLAIN DEALER

Brenda Lee Pund's husband, Ken, named this street after her when developing the Walton Hills property. On Tuesday, village voters decided to maintain the name instead of switching it to Whitetail Run, which residents along Brenda Lee Drive requested.

Brenda Lee Dr. stays, voters say

Despite trailer-park comments, street keeps wife's endearing name

JOHN HORTON | PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

The election results reflect what Ken Pund knows in his heart: Brenda Lee's a keeper.

The cul-de-sac that Pund developed and lovingly named after his wife will remain as-is on this town's map. Village voters on Tuesday said "no" to erasing Brenda Lee Drive from the local address book and replacing it with the more haughty Whitetail Run.

Eleven of 12 property owners on Brenda Lee requested the change, calling Whitetail Run more fitting for the pricey real estate in the suburb south of Cleveland. Home values on the street go upwards of \$300,000, according to Cuyahoga County tax records.

The name, however, conjures up images of a trailer park, said Brenda Lee dweller Pat Hrabak. People ask whether it's "next to Slim Whitman Hollow," she said. "We're tired of being laughed at," Hrabak said.

The residents petitioned Village Council to change the name and agreed to pay up to \$500 of the estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 cost, Mayor Marlene Anielski said. Council voted 4-2 to switch the street to Whitetail Run in recognition of the deer who wander the area.

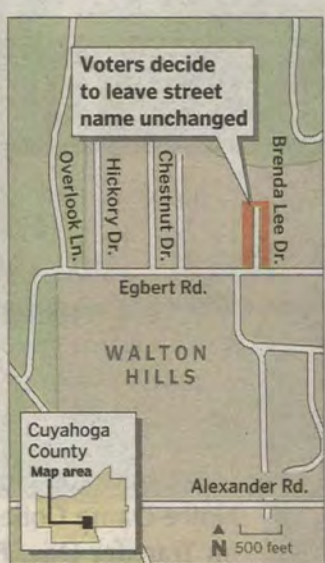
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This marks the second time that Pund has successfully battled to keep his "romantic gesture" attached to a sign fronting the decade-old subdivision off of Egbert Road. The same issue arose in 1998 but never gained traction.

Let the record reflect that Pund *really* likes seeing the name in use.

"It's a very nice name for a street," Pund said.

Others, however, don't share his enthusiasm.



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Brenda Lee Drive stays the same

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS
— Residents appeared Nov. 6 to agree with Ken Pund, who developed Brenda Lee Drive 12 years ago.

According to final but unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 62.2

percent of residents voting said "no" to the name change Council.

Pund, who was not happy with a February decision by Council to change the name of Brenda Lee Drive to Whitetail Run, gathered enough signatures to put the issue on the ballot.

"I moved into this vil-

Walton Hills Issue 78

Vote count

For.....	381
Against	628

lage and purchased property of 28 acres," Pund said. "I decided to develop 20 of the acres and name the street Brenda Lee, which was approved by the village. I named the street after my wife."

He said approving the change would have eliminated his wife's name "from the history of this commu-

nity" and "open the doors to changing many names in this community."

After Council approved keeping the name the same last February, a group of residents collected enough signatures to get the issue on the ballot, hoping to change the street name.

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BRENDA

FROM B1

Brenda Lee Drive stays, voters say

Pund gathered signatures on a referendum petition to challenge the move. He estimates he invested close to \$4,000 to push the issue, putting signs around town and mailing out fliers.

Anielski said she didn't foresee the Battle of Brenda Lee that

even raged at a pre-election candidates night.

"Nobody thought it would be a big deal," Anielski said.

Hrabak said she can't understand why voters wouldn't honor the request. (The issue failed 628-381.) "We thought this would be simple," Hrabak said. "We're the only ones affected. Why would anyone else care?"

Pund, who operates a local garden center, said it's because Walton Hills residents respect their history. The majority of streets in town carry names of the local developers

and families who paved the way. He said Brenda Lee Drive builds on that tradition.

As for the street's namesake, she couldn't be happier that it's staying. The Punds, married since 1991, live within eyesight of the development. Brenda Lee Pund makes a daily drive past the sign adorned with "the name my mother gave me."

Today, she said, she will appreciate it more than ever.

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CHERYL GUERRERO | THE PLAIN DEALER

Arhaus draws on suppliers from all over the world, everywhere from Amish country to the Far East. Most of these dining chairs, for sale in August at the Arhaus store at Legacy Village in Lyndhurst, came from Italy.

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Arhaus builds an empire

Walton Hills home furnisher opening stores across the U.S.

ZACHARY LEWIS
Plain Dealer Reporter

No doubt about it: Arhaus has its house in order.

Real estate is slumping and furniture companies everywhere are going bankrupt, but Arhaus has managed not only to keep well out of trouble but also to grow.

Sales at the Northeast Ohio-based home furnisher are up 4 percent this year — not a huge number, but greater than the 1.5 percent forecast for the industry as a whole, and a bold contrast to the many furniture retailers these days struggling to stay afloat.

What's more, the increase incorporates sales in Chicago and Baltimore, markets in which Arhaus recently set up shop without existing brand recognition.



LYNN ISCHAY | THE PLAIN DEALER

John Roddy, left, vice president of logistics, and John Reed, chief executive, at the Arhaus nerve center: the 210,000-square-foot home office and distribution center on Northfield Road in Walton Hills. The already busy facility is likely to see even more activity as the company expands into new cities and builds catalog sales.

"I think it's exceptional," said Jerry Epperson, a furniture industry analyst with the Richmond, Va.-based investment firm Mann, Armistead and Epperson. "This has been a tough year."

John Reed, Arhaus chief executive, attributes his success

to quality. As discretionary spending diminishes in a weakened economy, he explained, those who need to buy furniture may be willing to spend more at Arhaus on a product they believe will last.

He's not even worried by

About Arhaus

What's with the name? Here is the abbreviated story, from Chief Executive John Reed: "I was looking for a name with the word 'house' in it. When the company began, we were doing almost all of our buying in Scandinavia. After looking at a map of that region, [I] spotted a little Danish port city called Arhus (pronounced ohr-HOOSE). It sounded European, and with a little tweaking, it also sounded like 'house.' [I] played off that name — added an 'A' — and that is how the Arhaus name was formed."

the prospect of future downturns.

"Anytime there's been a recession, we've done OK," he explained at the company's home office in Walton Hills, where wood carvings, maps and mirrors line the walls.

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ARHAUS

FROM C1

Home furnisher builds an empire

"Customers hold out a little longer, but when they do commit, they want to invest in something they won't have to throw out. . . . That's what I always hang my hat on."

It had better be a firm peg, given his ambitious plans. Reed said he aims to expand the privately held company he co-founded with his father in 1986 some 200 percent in the next 10 years, from 31 stores concentrated in the Midwest to nearly 100 stores spread all over the country.

He's already well on his way. This year alone, Arhaus opened three stores in two new markets: two in Chicago plus one in Baltimore. Those entailed 50 new hires, Reed said. An additional 10 new hires in Northeast Ohio brought the company's total employment near 550.

What's more, three and possibly four more stores are in the works for next year, including second stores near Boston, Washington and Denver, and a third outside Chicago. Beyond that, Reed said he's looking to branch out even farther, to major West Coast cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

"We knew it wasn't going to be a piece of cake, but sales have been blowing away our plans . . . better than we'd expected. We figured these larger cities would accept us, and they certainly have. They've proven to be very good markets for us.

"We're pretty proud. Customers are responding to our products."

In Northeast Ohio, Arhaus has retail stores at Legacy Village in Lyndhurst, Crocker Park in Westlake, and in Akron and Canton. It also operates a clearance center in Brook Park, which replaced a store that closed recently in Fairview Park.

Six more stores dot the Ohio landscape around Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Cincinnati. Outside Ohio, Arhaus also has stores in West Palm Beach, Fla., Pittsburgh, Louisville, Ky., Lexington, Ky., Indianapolis, Ann Arbor, Mich., Rochester, N.Y., and St. Louis.

Epperson said locating in wealthier, high-traffic areas has helped insulate Arhaus from the troubles related to the housing market.

"They have a good demographic," he said. "They're not being hit by the credit end of the business."

If Reed reaches his target of 100 stores, Arhaus will be in a bigger league competing with nationally known peddlers of fine furniture such as Crate & Barrel, Ethan Allen and Thomasville Home Furnishings. Arhaus might even have an advantage in that battle, given the company's

niche for furniture that's hand-made or refurbished, and ecologically sustainable.

Arhaus has long had an environmental bent, having committed early to use recycled glass and avoid selling items made from trees in endangered rainforests. Lately, though, the company has been bolstering its "green" image by preparing to launch a line of bamboo furniture and make organic cotton fabric available as an upholstery option.

"They were one of the first," Epperson said. "Now the others are trying to get on that bandwagon."

That green mentality has turned into a corporate model. Instead of rapid expansion, Reed said he's trying to let Arhaus grow organically.

"We're not trying to double our volume every year. That could be very dangerous," he said.

"Our things do have to be hand-made . . . and we're very loyal to our suppliers, so as we grow, we have to give them plenty of notice so they can grow, too."

Things are only going to get more complicated. Not only are more stores in the works, but also, starting in January, Arhaus plans to launch its first major catalog campaign, focusing on areas without stores. Presumably, that will lead to more sales and place greater demands on those suppliers, and on delivery.

This is where John Roddy, vice president of logistics, comes in.

Reed hired Roddy, formerly a manager with UPS, to oversee the company's 210,000-square-foot nerve center in Walton Hills, through which 700,000 pieces move every year. Furniture there is stacked neatly to the ceiling, loading docks line every wall, and hundreds of new chairs get upholstered every day before being shipped.

Arhaus deals with suppliers all over the world, furniture-makers and antiques dealers based everywhere from nearby Amish country to Italy and the Far East. Vietnam, for instance, has become a new hot spot as customers express concern about products made in China, Reed said.

Everything from these places comes first to Walton Hills for inspection and possible modification before being loaded onto trucks and delivered to depots, individual stores and customers. Inventory at the warehouse is "constantly rotating, constantly changing," Roddy said.

For all its complexity, though, this distribution model may be the company's golden ticket. Where many furniture companies have stumbled in the attempt to adjust to the import economy, Arhaus is already there, ready to go.

"Many people don't get it," Roddy said. "But it's the only thing that's gotten us where we want to be."

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Arhaus Furniture founder John Reed's office is a timber-frame barn from the 1800s that was disassembled and then rebuilt inside the company's Walton Hills headquarters building.

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1800s-era barn/office is a hoot for Arhaus owner

DOUGLAS TRATTNER
Special to The Plain Dealer

Arhaus Furniture founder John Reed traverses the globe to track down eclectic pieces that transform interior spaces. To transform his own office, located within the company's corporate headquarters and distribution center in Walton Hills, he tracked down an entire barn.

To construct the framework of his 1,200-square-foot office, Reed purchased a small 1800s-era timber-frame barn, which was disassembled piece by piece and reassembled within the confines of a modern structure. The characteristic rough-hewn beams are fastened together with little more than wooden pegs, and the barn's original wide-plank flooring stretches from wall to wall.

The barn/office is a repository of Reed's souvenirs — amassed from decades of international travel — and brims with conversation pieces. Used as a conference table, a 10-foot slab of solid wood imported from the Philippines bears the brand of an antique pressing iron. A Himalayan river

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ADDRESS: 7700 Northfield Road,
Walton Hills
VITALS: Specialty retail company

rock, the size of a baby pig, has been eroded by rushing water to a perfectly symmetrical form. Distinctive hats from various countries adorn the walls while a multihued Indonesian armoire brightens up a dark corner.

"Arhaus furniture is intended to be warm, livable and useable," Reed said. "This office is an extension of that philosophy — a place where you can sit back and think. I enjoy coming back to my barn when I've been away."

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The barn/office is a repository of souvenirs from Reed's decades of international travel.

The rewards of a 'go-go-go' life

Monte Ahuja sees family, philanthropy as marks of success

BARB GALBINCEA
Plain Dealer Reporter

The paved drive to Monte Ahuja's 11-acre estate in Hunting Valley weaves up a wooded hillside, serene behind electronic gates and flanked companionably by black iron lights sheltering faux candles.

The tranquil setting belies the way Ahuja got to the top: By driving himself flat-out. Only recently, he says, has he taken time to really enjoy the journey.

That journey continues today when the founder of Transtar Industries Inc. will see ground broken for the Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood. And tonight, University Hospitals will present Ahuja and

"I like things in stages. The first goal was to survive. Then I looked at the next five years. At each step, I kept enlarging. And the steps were pretty aggressive."

Monte Ahuja

his family with its Samuel Mather Award, named for one of UH's earliest supporters and honoring outstanding philanthropy.

Both events are linked to the family's \$30 million gift to the hospital system in December, the largest donation in its 141-year history. The Ahuja gift also

ranked among the nation's 60 most generous donors last year, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, a national publication that covers the nonprofit world.

Pretty heady stuff for a guy who left his native India for graduate school at Ohio State University almost 40 years ago with less than 20 bucks in his pocket.

To the young man, who had just earned a degree in mechanical engineering, traveling abroad was a daunting prospect. He had never left India, had never been on a plane and wouldn't know a soul.

But "America was a land of opportunity," Ahuja says simply.

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Monte Ahuja, holding grandson Rohan, poses with his family in their Hunting Valley home. From left are daughter Ritu; Rohan's parents, son-in-law Neil Sethi and his wife, Manisha; and Ahuja's wife, Usha.

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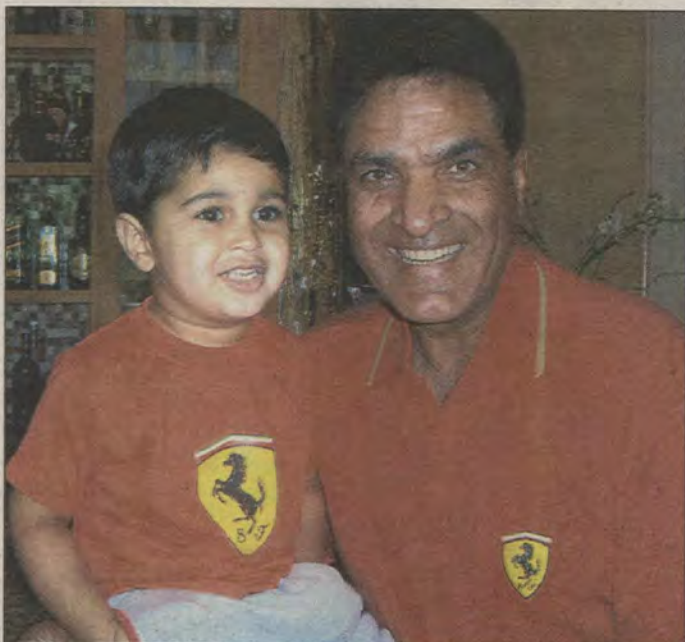
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The trip was a nightmare, with airline delays and snags that stretched what was supposed to be a two-day trip into five. By the time he got to Columbus, he had about \$4 left, \$2 less than what he needed for cab fare to campus.

A long-haired, "not your normal suit-and-tie kind of guy" — who turned out to be an OSU professor — offered Ahuja a ride.

He spent his first night in Ohio on a rooming house couch, wondering if he had made a mistake in leaving home.

"That's how I started my American dream," he says. "But no matter how much I missed home, no matter how much anxiety I had, I realized that I had to make it work. That was the only op-



COURTESY OF MONTE AHUJA

Monte Ahuja calls this snapshot of himself and grandson Rohan Sethi "Ferrari friends," a reference to the luxury carmaker's emblem on their shirts. A Ferrari is among the luxury cars that Ahuja has collected.

AHUJA MEDICAL CENTER

New hospital taking shape

The medical center is part of a \$244 million health care campus that University Hospitals is building in Beachwood to serve Cuyahoga, Geauga, Portage and northern Summit counties. It is named after Monte Ahuja, who, with his family, donated \$30 million to University Hospitals.



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Two Ahuja sisters give \$1 million to school

Hathaway Brown to redo auditorium

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Manisha Ahuja Sethi and her sister Ritu Ahuja believe that you are never too young to make a major donation to a cause or institution in which you believe.

The Ahuja sisters put that belief into practice by donating \$1 million to their alma mater, Hathaway Brown School. Manisha, 32, of Pepper Pike, graduated from the school in 1994 and Ritu, 29, of New York City, graduated in 1998.

The \$1 million gift comes largely from Manisha and Ritu's own personal funds, but a portion comes from a family foundation, Ritu said.

"This is our way of giving back," said Ritu, a member of the corporate marketing team at Macy's in New York City. "We are on the younger side. We want other alumni to know that you are not too young or too old to give



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The \$1 million donation Manisha Ahuja Sethi, 32, left, and her sister, Ritu Ahuja, 29, made to their alma mater, Hathaway Brown, follows in their family's legacy of philanthropy and support of education. The money will be used to renovate the school's auditorium and upgrade its theater arts facility.

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The gift will pay for renovations to the school's auditorium and theater art facilities in the Classic Building, which was built in 1927.

Manisha said one of the reasons she and Ritu chose the auditorium is because that part of the school is a central gathering place that all students can enjoy.

In their honor, Hathaway Brown renamed the structure the Ahuja Auditorium.

Bill Christ, head of the school,

said it is quite remarkable that women as young as the Ahuja sisters are making such a major donation. He added that the gift will help carry on the school's strong tradition of the performing arts.

The gift will pay for the installation of a system that raises and lowers scenery and lighting for theatrical performances, and the main front curtain will be replaced.

The auditorium seats will be refurbished. The lighting system will be replaced with a computerized system. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and will be completed during the summer of 2009.

If the Ahujas' name sounds familiar, it may be because they come from a strong legacy of phi-

lanthropy built by their parents, Monte and Usha of Hunting Valley.

In 2006, the family donated \$30 million to University Hospitals, the largest donation in its 141-year history. Monte Ahuja has also donated \$2 million to Cleveland State University, where the building that houses the business school is named for him.

Monte Ahuja is the founder, chairman and chief executive of Transtar Industries. The Walton Hills company distributes auto transmission repair parts worldwide.

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tion." He was the oldest son, with eight siblings, in a middle-class family. His father, says Ahuja, was "stubbornly ambitious for me," programming him to become an engineer from boyhood. The elder Ahuja even moved the whole family to be near a college he had picked out for his son — five years before the youngster could actually enroll.

Monte Ahuja met his wife, Usha, at OSU. Her brother was a resident of the same rooming house. An accomplished woman in her own right, she has a doctorate in mathematics, has taught on the college level and is a valued adviser to her husband. Ahuja likes to tell people that he had to get two master's degrees to keep pace with her.

After earning the graduate degree in mechanical engineering from OSU, he moved to Northeast Ohio, got a job with an automotive-parts company and took night classes at Cleveland State University to earn an MBA.

He and Usha lived in Hudson, a 90-minute commute in those days. There was no time for a social life. He worked and went to school.

A business plan that he developed for a CSU class — earning an A-plus — became the basis for the company that he still calls "my baby."

Now a worldwide distributor of auto transmission repair parts, the Walton Hills-based firm recently bought a Pittsburgh competitor, and the merged company expects to have annual revenue of about \$500 million and more than 1,800 employees.

Two years ago, Linsalata Capital Partners of Cleveland bought a majority stake in Transtar. But Ahuja continues as its chairman and chief executive.

He launched his company in 1975, when he was 28. It was just him, a partner and meager capital. They stocked the warehouse and packaged parts themselves, often working until 2 or 3 a.m., Ahuja said.

The first office was "a hole in the wall," 5,000 square feet of space that was in bad shape but — more important — cheap.

By 1985, the company had moved to an 80,000-square-foot building at the current site in an industrial park. With additions over the years, the square footage now tops 140,000.

"I like things in stages," he says. "The first goal was to survive. Then I looked at the next five years. At each step, I kept enlarging. And the steps were pretty aggressive."

That wouldn't surprise Shelly Adelman, Ahuja's best friend.

"He's incredibly competitive," said Adelman, who has known Ahuja for about 20 years and refers to him as his brother. "Don't think you're going to beat him in business or anything else."

Ahuja is an avid golfer, with a 9 handicap, though he didn't even take up the game until the mid-1980s. He says he never took a lesson, preferring to learn from friends or by watching pros on TV. He's now a member at seven country clubs.

The first time he was up for a country club membership, Ahuja said, he was denied "because my last name didn't sound acceptable." He vowed then that he would someday buy a course. He wound up buying an interest in two, although he has since sold his share in both.

Ahuja also started a company that made high-end golf clubs. They were a hit in Japan but couldn't crack the American market, so he got out at a loss.

Another of Ahuja's passions is fancy cars. One is a Bentley that he bought not long ago for \$1.3 million during a charity auction in Florida. He also has a Ferrari, a Mercedes-Benz McLaren, a Lexus and a few other vehicles.

But his biggest passion these

days is his almost 3-year-old grandson, Rohan, the son of his daughter Manisha and her husband, Neil Sethi, who is Transtar's vice president for corporate development. Ahuja's other daughter, Ritu, is single and splits her time between Hunting Valley and New York.

Adelman said one of the reasons that he and Ahuja bonded is that they share similar values.

"He's Hindu and I'm Jewish, but our value system, the moral fiber is the same," said Adelman. "Family's first, no matter what."

Rohan's engaging face is on the coffee cup Ahuja uses in his office, and pictures of the child are liberally displayed.

To those who know Ahuja as a driven and intensely serious businessman, the way he enthusiastically embraces his role as "Nana," or maternal grandfather, might seem out of character. He clearly dotes on the boy.

"I see great things for him," Ahuja says of Rohan. "He wants to do everything himself. It's al-

ways, 'I do it.'" Especially since Rohan's birth, he says, he has consciously taken more time to enjoy the life that he and Usha have built. Besides owning the Hunting Valley estate, they have homes in New York, Florida and Arizona, and they travel regularly.

But "nothing gives me more of a sense of belonging, a sense of happiness than when I'm in Cleveland," said Ahuja.

"This is home. My friends are here, my civic contacts and now, most importantly, my grandson."

Still, weaning himself from what he calls his "go-go-go" style may take some time. Almost 61, Ahuja said he can't imagine ever completely retiring.

Even after a few days on vacation, he says, "I'm climbing the walls. I feel like I'm wasting time."

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Who is Monte Ahuja?

Age: 60

Born: India

Residence: Hunting Valley

Family: He and his wife, Usha, have two daughters: Ritu, and Manisha, who is married to Neil Sethi, and a grandson, Rohan

Business: Founder, chairman and chief executive of Transtar

Industries Inc., worldwide distributor of auto transmission repair parts, based in Walton Hills



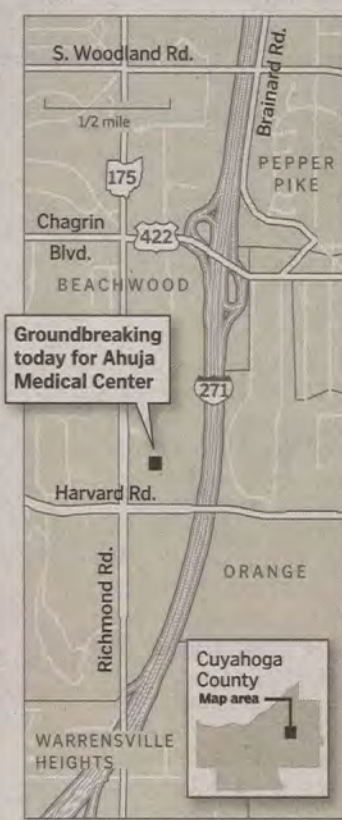
Ahuja

SOURCE: University Hospitals

Civic involvement: Chairman of the board at University Hospitals; chairs nominating committee of United Way of Greater Cleveland; and board member for the Cleveland Orchestra and the Greater Cleveland Partnership.

Philanthropy: He and his family donated \$30 million to University Hospitals in December. Ahuja previously had donated \$2 million to Cleveland State University, where he once was a trustee. The building housing CSU's business school is named for him.

Words to live by: "As an entrepreneur, you come across a lot of different hurdles. If you let them stop you, you don't succeed. The hurdle's only a challenge; it's up to you to figure out how to get around it."



THE PLAIN DEALER

POTPOURRI

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BEREAVEMENTS

• Our deepest sympathy to BERYL JOHNSON of Spanghurst Drive on the sudden passing of her husband, PETER JOHNSON. PETER and BERYL were both born in England. During World War II PETER was too young for service, but he was an RAF Observer. His duty was to observe, identify and report to authorities each incoming plane in his area of northeast England. PETER and BERYL got married in New Zealand in 1962 and came to the United States in 1964. They are both naturalized citizens of the USA. They lived in Garfield Heights several years and then bought their home on Spanghurst.

One of JOHNSON'S hobbies was building sailboats. PETER and BERYL raced the small sailboats hand-crafted by PETER on Lake Erie. The avid sailors then bought a couple large sailboats which they also raced on Lake Erie. Another of his hobbies was building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes. Both PETER and BERYL were members of the Fifty-Plus Club. BERYL is a long-time active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, having served on the board for many years.

• Our sympathy to JAMES and PATRICIA ZIAK of Woodlake Drive on the passing of their daughter BARBARA ZIAK. BARBARA died in mid November, at the young age of 40.

• Our condolences to the family of RUTH IARUSSI. RUTH and the late GUY IARUSSI lived on Summerset Drive from 1971 until 1984. While they lived in the village, they were both members of the Walton Hills clubs.

• Our sympathy to the family of THELMA BENNETT of Jefferson Drive. THELMA died at age 81, after a prolonged illness. Her husband, RICHARD GARMAN died quite a few years ago. THELMA was a member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and Fifty-Plus Club. In recent years she was the Fifty-Plus Club Vice-President.

• THERESA VINCENT, a long-time Carmany Drive resident, died at age 82. Our condolences to her daughter KAREN who lived on Walton Road until recently. THERESA was the sister of JACK WILLING and JANE SPIETH, also deceased. The WILLING family settled in this part of Bedford Township many years ago. They lived at the northeast corner of Alexander and Dunham Roads and then on Button Road, the site of today's Bedford Reservation maintenance facilities. (More information about the WILLINGS is in *The Village of Walton Hills: Tracing Our Heritage*, pages 46-48 and *Historic Sites in Our Parks*, page 6.)

DRAWINGS by GINA GRACE the OWL COVER PAGES

Starting with the September of 2005 issue, our readers see GINA LONARDO'S drawings featured on the cover page of the monthly *Walton Hills Owl*. That summer GINA drew a couple sketches for possible use as drawings for the cover page, handed them to Recreation Director LISA GAGLIANO, and asked LISA to show them to the OWL staff for consideration.

We were over-whelmed then, and to this day we are delighted by the quality of her art work. Each month one of her drawings appears in our Owl mailbox. GINA, we gratefully accept the sketches you submit to the Owl. We consider you a very talented young lady, and we wish you the best as you continue your studies in the field of art. GINA received scholarships from the Walton Hills Men's and Women's Clubs in 2005. She and her parents, PAUL and JUDY LONARDO of McLellan Drive, feel this is a way the family can give something back to the village.

SNOWBIRDS CAN GET the OWL

You can have the *Walton Hills Owl* mailed to you when you are away from home. We already have several subscribers - Walton Hills businesses, former residents who moved away but still want to keep in touch and villagers who want to get the Owl while they winter in the south.

Give us your out-of-town address and the months you want issues mailed to that address. The cost for postage and handling is \$3.00 per issue or \$30.00 per year. Contact the Hansliks 232.5071 or the Kainsingers 232.6142.



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OUR VILLAGE SERVICEMEN and VETERANS

The list of our Village Servicemen and Veterans keeps growing. ...So many of our men, and some of our women, too, spent years of their lives in military service for our country.

The Owl staff is trying to compile a complete and accurate list of present and past residents who serve or served in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. If you have information about a person not on our list, please contact the Kainsingers.

LIFE in LITTLE EGYPT

The Bedford Historical Society will feature a program on Walton Hills tonight, Thursday, February 7th, at 7:30 pm. The program is free and open to the public. The event will take place in The Old Church on The Square, in front of the Bedford Historical Society Building.

Jean and Bob Kainsinger will talk about "Life in Little Egypt, a Thriving Community from the early 1800s - 1940s."

Did you know? Little Egypt had two quarries, a gristmill, 2 saw mills, an inn and tavern called Ma Parker's Tavern, another inn and tavern called World's End (two large houses joined together, one side a residence and the other side an inn and tavern,) another tavern that changed names through the years (today's Tinkers Creek Tavern,) a distillery, a horse training facility, Astor Day Care Center, Astorhurst, general store with a gas pump out front, Black Beauty Riding Academy, houses and boarding houses for NYC railroad construction workers, and the list goes on.

If you can attend the program this evening, we'd be honored to have you with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

JULIANNE KRAKOWSKI made the Deans List last semester at Kent State University, where she is a Junior with a Pre-Law major. JULIANNE also works part time for a group of attorneys in Beachwood. She is the daughter of TOM and CYNTHIA KRAKOWSKI of Spanghurst Drive.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

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Contact your school counselor for applications and deadlines. Applications are available at local high schools. If your high school does not have forms, contact TOM REMING and JAN SMITH.

VALENTINES DANCE for SENIOR CITIZENS

On Saturday February 9th from Noon - 3pm Bedford High School Varsity B Club will host its 18th Annual Senior Citizens' Valentine's Day Dance in the high school cafeteria. There will be music, dancing, refreshments, door prizes and a cakewalk. Do you have your ticket yet? Each year several Walton Hills seniors relate the good time they have at this party. Admission is free. Tickets are available. Contact Madeline Timm 440. 232.8478.

THANK YOU

- GIZELLE Brown of Woodlands Texas
- JACK and MARGE WISE of Aurora

Thank you for your generous donations. We sincerely thank you for your continuing financial support.

THANK YOU

Just sending all my friends a BIG THANKS for all the cards, get well wishes and prayers I received during my hospital stay. I'm really feeling better now and hope to stay out of the hospital. Love and God Bless, HILDA HORWATH

THANK YOU

We, the family of DONALD MYERS, express our gratitude to the Walton Hills Police for the police escort for his funeral. We also want to thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for providing an exceptional luncheon following the service. A sincere thank you, SHIRLEY MYERS





POTPOURRI

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BEREAVEMENTS

Our sincere condolences to JAMES and PATRICIA ZIAK of Woodlake Drive and THERESA SZABO and her family, who live on Jefferson Drive, on the passing of their daughter and sister, BARBARA ZIAK who died at the young age of 40. BARBARA grew up in the Village. Readers may recall seeing BARBARA at the Walton Hills Deli and The Villager, where she worked for several years.

Our sympathy to the family of DONALD MYERS of North Meadowpark Drive. To his wife SHIRLEY, children and step-children, RICK and MARY MYERS, KIM and BOB GERBIC, MICHELLE and PAUL GANN, DONNA PATTERSON, RAYMOND WAWROWSKI, MICHAEL and CINDY WAWROWSKI, TIMOTHY and SHERRIE WAWROWSKI, JOHN and LORI WAWROWSKI, JAMES and PAM WAWROWSKI, PATRICIA and JOHN BOLANEY.



OUT in the WINTER WEATHER FUN TIMES in BEDFORD RESERVATION

Frozen Waterfalls

Saturday, February 9 1-3pm

Meet at Egbert Picnic Parking Lot 440. 526.1012
3-mile hike down into the Tinkers Creek Gorge in search of frozen waterfalls.

Walking After Work

Thursday, February 21 5:30-6:15 pm

Meet at Egbert Picnic Parking Lot 216. 341.3152
Join the walking buddies on a high-paced walk in the park.

Dinner with the Owls

Saturday, February 23 6:30 -7:30 pm

Meet at Hemlock Creek Picnic Area 216. 341.3152
Join naturalist Valerie Fetzer in search of screech, barred and great horned owls. She knows their habitat!
Hot soup and warm bread, too. Reservations a must.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our sympathy to RITA and CHARLES SARANITI of Alexander Road on the passing of RITA'S mother, ANTOINETTE KAINEC, who died at age 88. During the past four years when ANN lived with RITA and CHARLES she enjoyed participating in Walton Hills senior activities, and became friends with several seniors in the village.

Our condolences to MIKE and SUE HOPKINS of Walton Road on the passing of their sister-in-law, LORI HOPKINS, who died at age 52 in Neffsville Pennsylvania after a long bout with cancer. LORI was the wife of RICHARD O. "DICK" HOPKINS who grew up in the village. The couple had 6 children/ step-children, Chad Wissler, Chantel Wissler, Jennifer Hopkins, Kelly Golkin, Mark Hopkins and Katherine Claman. RICHARD O. HOPKINS is the son of DICK and JEAN HOPKINS, long-time Walton Hills residents who are now deceased.

Our sympathy to GARY WILNER, the Walton Hills Service Department Mechanic. GARY's father, WILLIAM WILNER, passed away last month at age 78.

Long-time residents may remember the YANES who lived on Egbert Road. JAMES YANE died recently, at age 103. His wife, ANNA died several years ago.



Judge Deborah J. Nicastro administers Oath of Office to Councilman Don Kolograf on January 6th.

This space is paid for by Don Kolograf



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HELP IS NEEDED

The WEIMER's granddaughter and her bowling league have 2008 Entertainment Books they need to sell. The proceeds will enable the bowling team to travel to out-of-state tournaments. A book costs \$20.00 and is good through December of this year. If interested call LARRY or JACKIE WEIMER of Morningside Drive. 440. 232.4235

GREAT NEWS about OUR STUDENTS

- ALINA RAULINATIS, a Junior at Trinity High School, won a blue ribbon for her artwork which was displayed at the 2008 Cleveland Clinic Expressions Art Show. She was also invited to a reception at the Cleveland Clinic Intercontinental Hotel. ALINA is the daughter of CLARISSA RAULINATIS of Walton Road. Congratulations!
- MATT STANOSZEK, a Senior at Trinity High School, is the recipient of a Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation scholarship. He is 1 of 8 winners in Northeast Ohio. MATT is the son of KEN and CAROL STANOSZEK of Regency Drive. Congratulations!

- MICHAEL KRAINZ, a Junior at John Carroll University, made the Dean's List last semester. MICHAEL'S major is Education, his specialty is English and Spanish. For the past 3 summers he has worked for the Walton Hills Service Department. He is the eldest son of MICHAEL and VERONICA KRAINZ of Alexander Road. Congratulations!

VILLAGE VETERANS and SERVICEMEN

At press time we have the names of over 200 Walton Hills veterans and 8 men in service. If you have additional names of veterans or information, please contact us.

A Memorial Day Service is a tradition in our village. Each Memorial Day, at 8:30 am, residents meet by the flag pole for a ceremony planned by village administrators. Within the next couple weeks we will give the Mayor and Council Members copies of our list to use as they plan this year's service.

EXTRA WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS?

A Walton Hills couple collects winter apparel and quilts, etc. to distribute to the homeless and people in shelters. Call MIKE or JOAN at 216. 346.5656

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VILLAGE MEN – DO YOU GOLF?

The Walton Hills Men's Golf League is looking for new members to join them every other Sunday, beginning May 4th. It's a fun league with skill levels ranging from the 80s to triple digits. They play at different courses throughout Greater Cleveland. Interested? Call Tom Mazzone 440. 232.0180 or Tom Sabo, Jr. 440.543.3954.

TINKERS CREEK WATERSHED SURVEY

Do you wish to participate in a survey of the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners to help assess the level of awareness residents have about the quality of our local water resources? If so, contact Harry Stark at 216. 201.2001, ext. 1205 or online, www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org

THANK YOU

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Walton Hills Police Department for their fast response, assistance and kindness to PETER and me. My thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for all their hard work. The ladies provided a beautiful luncheon for me and my guests, and I really appreciate their efforts. My gratitude extends to all the villagers who attended the memorial and sent me cards. Thank you, BERYL JOHNSON"

THANK YOU

"We and other family members of ANTIONETTE KAINEC express our gratitude to the Walton Hills Police for the police escort for her funeral. We also thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for providing such a delicious luncheon after the service. Sincerely, CHARLES and RITA SARANITI"

THANK YOU

- DON KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court
Thank you for your generous donation.



POTPOURRI

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BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to RITA SURACE of Rashell Drive, on the passing of her husband STEVE SURACE. Also to their children; DENISE and SAM VALORE, RENEE VARTORELLA, and STEVEN and MARY JEAN SURACE. Fresh out of high school in 1943, STEVE entered the Army and became a Staff Sergeant. He served until the end of World War II, in 1945. STEVE was a warehouse manager for Pick-'N-Pay grocery chain. The SURACES moved into the village in 1986. RITA SURACE is choir director of the Funeral Mass Choir at St. Pius X Church, in Bedford. She sings in the church choir and is a cantor during mass. RITA says, "STEVE was always supportive of my volunteer work. He wasn't in any of the vocal groups, but he did a lot of driving and was there when we needed help."

- JAMES (JIM) BAGAY of Egbert Road died suddenly at age 48. Our condolences to his wife JOYCE BAGAY, his mother-in law STELLA PALGUT of Egbert Road, and STELLA'S sister HELEN TESAR of Hicks Road. JIM BAGAY was an active member in Walton Hills organizations. He was currently a Trustee of both the Walton Hills Men's Club and the Walton Hills Lake. JIM worked at a village business, Home City Ice, on Hannon Parkway.

- Our sympathy to MARJORIE COLAGROSS of Orchard Hill Drive on the passing of her husband, WILLIAM "AL" COLAGROSS who died at age 93. Also to AL'S son and his wife, AL and CORYNN COLAGROSS. NELLIE COLAGROSS, a COLAGROSS daughter who died a few years ago, drew a large watercolor, pen and ink sketch of the Conelly Business Center in 1959, while she was a student at Bedford High School. Her sketch is framed and hangs in the Walton Hills Community Room.

- Our condolences to KATHY BANE of North Meadowpark Drive on the passing of her husband RICK BANE who died at age 60. BANE was a retired Cleveland Heights police investigator. Condolences also to their children; TRISHA and MARK MURPHY who live in Cleveland and STACY and SHAWN CLEVELAND who live in Parma.

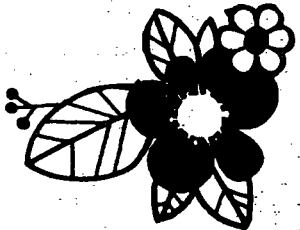
- Our sympathy to MARIAM MILLS of North Meadowpark Drive, on the passing of her son, MAC MILLS, who died at age 63 at his farm in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. MAC was an accomplished horseman. He was a member of the Walton Hills Rangers. As a teenager, he worked at the Acadia Farm stables owned by Cyrus Eaton. MAC was in charge of the Russian team of horses (troika) that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev gave Cyrus Eaton. At Eaton's command, MAC traveled around the country with the famed troika. MAC'S grandfather was WILLIAM "SCOTTY" MILLS, a mounted ranger who patrolled Bedford Reservation for 30 years, until 1956. One of MAC'S great-grandfathers, WILLIAM LESHER, founded Bedford Hospital, and another great-grandfather, WILLIAM GOLLING, was a well-known doctor in Bedford.

- Condolences to family members of FRANCIS WEILAND who died at age 73 in Lake Wales, Florida. FRANCIS is the brother of ROBERT and DIANE WEILAND who reside on McLellan Drive. FRANCIS and MARGARET WEILAND lived on South Meadowpark Drive for 30 years. Their three sons are JAMES, DAVID and BRIAN.

- JAMES (JIM) MARAS, a long-time resident who lived on Egbert Road, died suddenly at age 77. JIM served in the Army from 1952-1954, his tour of duty was in Germany. A graduate of John Carroll University, he worked as a chemist for Master Builders. JIM'S wife, LAVERNE MARAS, was the Walton Hills Nursery School Teacher, from 1965 until her untimely, sudden death in 1981. Our condolences to the MARAS children, ELIZABETH (BETH) and DONALD MERRITT of Akron, SUSAN and RICHARD SABO of West Chester, Pennsylvania and BARBARA and GARY WILSON of Olmsted Falls.

- PECOS "SLIM" DALHART of Sagamore Road died at age 82. Our sympathy to his wife, FRANCES DALHART, and their children, ZANE and DOREEN DICK also of Sagamore Road, DAVID and LINDA DALHART and DENISE and STEVE KESTNER.

- Sorry to read that MARGARET D'ANGELO of Chestnut Drive has passed on at the age of 81. She was the widow of ALBERT D'ANGELO.



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

TIM and DOROTHY EXTON
18000 Egbert Road

BENT BURB
7310 Walton Road

RYAN HRADEK
16755 Alexander Road

MICHAEL and JEAN SHOTT
18850 Orchard Hill Drive

SERETHA SHA'DAY WRIGHT
7580 North Meadowpark



HOLLY KOESTER: SEE HER on the CHEERIOS BOX

Walton Hills veteran HOLLY KOESTER, who lives on Dunham Road, is featured on a new Cheerios Cereal box cover with the slogan "SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES." Her picture appears in the lower right corner of the box cover along with 11 other veterans. Local stores promise to stock the special boxes as soon as possible.

Not only have the local papers written feature stories about HOLLY, the March 20th issue of *The Plain Dealer* included a 2-page article with 3 pictures of HOLLY, and she has been featured on local TV channels, too.

HOLLY may be wheelchair bound, but she never let her service-related injury keep her down. She had hoped to make the Army her career but in 1990, when she was a captain at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, her civilian vehicle tipped over on a temporary road as she was going to work. The accident resulted in permanent spinal damage. The active, athletic young lady who had been on volleyball, softball, basketball and soccer teams had to redirect her energies. Since 1995, Holly is very competitive in marathons that feature push-rim racing chairs. She has competed in marathons in 47 of the 50 states, with 3 to go. She is also a substitute teacher for the Berea and Parma schools.

Residents will recall seeing HOLLY each year on Community Day. HOLLY mans the Veterans Booth, selling ice cream floats. The booth's proceeds pay for phone cards which are distributed to our troops.

GREAT NEWS about OUR STUDENTS

- CHRISTOPHER HARVAN, a freshman at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, made the Dean's List last semester. He is planning to major in business. Last summer CHRISTOPHER worked at Shawnee Hills Golf

Course, and he plans to work there again during this year's summer break. CHRISTOPHER is the son of JOHN and KATHY HARVAN of Rauland Drive. Congratulations!

- 8th graders at St. Martin of Tours School will wash cars on Saturday, April 26th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Their Car Wash Marathon is free, but donations will gladly be accepted. All proceeds will be used to pay expenses for the 8th Grade Class graduation.

- St. Monica's 8th grade class will present the musical "GODSPELL" on April 16th at 7:00 pm. JAMES BEGIN of Egbert Road and DANNY BARRETT of North Meadowpark Drive are in the production.

- MARY KATE BEGIN, a Sophomore at Holy Name High School in Parma is in the school's spring musical "HONK." Dates of the production are May 2nd at 7:30 pm and May 4th at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$5-\$7.00.

SERVICE MEN, SERVICE WOMEN and their FAMILIES YOU ARE INVITED!

The Walton Hills Church of Christ, located at 7166 Dunham Road, will host a **Complimentary Appreciation Dinner** for Service Men, Service Women and their Families on **Saturday, May 17th at 4 pm.**

If you are currently in the military service or have a family member serving stateside or abroad, the members of the church invite you to be their honored guests. The dinner will include entertainment.

For reservations, please call JANE at 440.439.4339. Space is limited, so please phone as soon as possible. Members of the Walton Hills Church of Christ say, "Thank you for all you do!"

VILLAGE VETERANS and SERVICEMEN

The *Owl* staff compiled a list of names of more than 200 Walton Hills veterans and 8 men who currently serve our country. The list keeps growing. If you have additional names or information, please contact us.

Copies of the list are in the hands of Walton Hills administrators and elected officials. They may want to use the list of names as they plan this year's Walton Hills Memorial Day Service. Each Memorial Day, for the past 50+ years, residents meet by the village flag pole at 8:30 in the morning, for a short but touching ceremony that has become a tradition in our village. Afterwards the crowd meets for coffee, donuts and camaraderie in the Community Room.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

IOANNA GIATIS KESSLER, D.O. who grew up in Walton Hills and ROGER FUHRMEYER of Dunham Road will be inducted into the Bedford High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Thursday, April 10th. Members of this prestigious group are Bedford High School graduates who have made significant contributions in their fields of work.

Congratulations to you both!

ROGER FUHRMEYER, Class of 1951 and retired Bedford Schools art teacher, shares his artistic talents throughout Northeast Ohio. He created several art works for the Bedford Historical Society. He designed a 10-foot high guitar for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Guitar Mania campaign. He has created artwork for Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cleveland Metroparks, especially the Garfield Park and South Chagrin Nature Centers.

IOANNA GIATIS KESSLER is Chief of the Family Medicine Department at South Point Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic Hospital located in Warrensville Heights. After high school, IOANNA graduated from John Carroll University with a major in biology, and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine with a doctoral degree.

She is married to BRIAN KESSLER who is the Director of Medical Education at South Point Hospital. They have two children, KATIE who is 5 and Ethan who is 4.

Several village women will recall when IOANNA spoke to members of the Walton Hills Women's Club about women's health concerns at one of their meetings last year.

IOANNA is the daughter of ZISIMOS and KATY GIATIS of Walton Road. All six GIATIS children went to the Bedford Schools. The youngest, VASILIOS, is currently a senior at Bedford High.

Pictured: IOANNA GIATIS KESSLER with her husband BRIAN KESSLER and children KATIE and ETHAN.



LOST KITTEN

Found: A female declawed kitten with a collar in Bedford Reservation. She is white with black and taupe coloring and about 3-6 months old. Call KEN or DEE 440.735.1799

THANK YOU

"A Good Samaritan named JEFF helped me after I worked all day at the primary election at the Village Hall. He assisted me to my car and scraped off the mass of ice that covered my car. Thanks, JEFF." JOAN WILLS

BUY FORD!

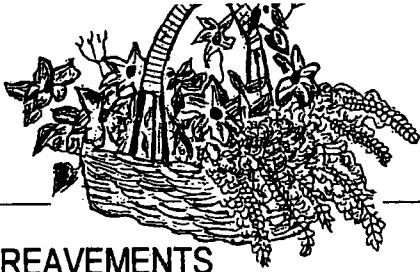
You can get a great discount on a new Ford product, with an X-Plan Pin Number. Call BILL DEAK for details. 440.232.8218

METROHEALTH BURN CENTER

The MetroHealth Burn Center is in constant need of donations to help supplement the costs attributed to treating burns that are not covered by insurance.

The Walton Hills Citizen's League collects aluminum cans, aluminum gutters and other pieces of aluminum and then sells them to the recycle center.

All money is then donated to the Burn Center. If you have any aluminum to donate, please call Bob at 440.786.1325. He will pick up.



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BEREAVEMENTS

• Our expressions of sympathy to the PEKAR and COWEN families on the passing of CATHERINE (PEKAR, COWEN) SURMAN of Woodlake Drive at age 64. Condolences to CATHY'S parents, JOSEPH and AGNES PEKAR of Woodlake Drive and her sons CHRIS COWEN of Lakewood, JIM COWEN of Chicago, and BOB and DENISE COWEN of Broadview Heights. CATHY lived her whole life in Walton Hills, and this is where she raised her three sons.

In a 1953 *Cleveland Press* feature article about Walton Hills, eight year old CATHY PEKAR was pictured on her pony, Brownie. At that time the JOSEPH and AGNES PEKAR family lived in the century house built by Jefferson Walton at 7228 Walton Road. PEKAR had bought the house and 3 acres of land shortly after World War II, a couple years after he was discharged from the service. Years later he bought wooded acreage off Woodlake Drive, where he and his wife live today.

• Our condolences to RICHARD and PATRICIA FEATHERSTUN of North Meadowpark Drive on the passing of RICH'S mother MAXINE FEATHERSTUN, who died at age 91 this past November. Long-time Orchard Hill Drive residents, WALTER and MAXINE FEATHERSTUN raised 3 children, WALTER, JR. (deceased), RICHARD and MERRILYN LEHOSIT who now lives in Boise Idaho. For 62 years MAXINE was a volunteer at Bedford Hospital. She had been an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and for a time chaired the yearly Walton Hills Combined Charities Drives. Her husband WALT FEATHERSTUN, also deceased, served as a Walton Hills Councilman for 16 years.

Both RICH and PAT FEATHERSTUN grew up in Walton Hills, PAT (HADDAD) on Dunham Road and RICH on Orchard Hill. When they married they chose Walton Hills as the place where they wanted to continue living and raise their two sons. LONNIE FEATHERSTUN, who is a police officer, and his wife KIM live in Perrysburg Ohio. MATT FEATHERSTUN lives in Silver Lake Ohio. He teaches chemistry and physics at the Streetsboro High School.

• Our sympathy to the *Owl* printer JOE MESTNIK, on the passing of his mother, EMILY MESTNIK of Oakwood Village. EMILY lived to 94 years of age.

• A Walton Hills resident during the 1950s and 1960s, GAREN KELLEY died at age 85 in North Palm Beach, Florida, two years after his wife NAOMI passed away. Condolences to his children, SUANNE and MICHAEL KOPALD of Lexington Virginia and MICHAEL KELLEY of Gates Mills. In 1958, while living on Linda Lane, KELLEY founded Kelley Steel Erectors, Inc. in Bedford. His company put up the steel for several Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company power plants as well as power plants in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Florida. His company also worked on the construction of several major buildings in downtown Cleveland. KELLEY served as Trustee on numerous company and charitable boards, and he and his wife were lifelong charitable fundraisers and philanthropists in Greater Cleveland and Florida. In 1992 he was inducted into the Cleveland Engineering Society's Hall of Fame. During their Walton Hills years GAREN and NAOMI were active members of the Men's Club, Women's Club, Walton Hills Lake and NAOMI was on the staff of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

• Another former resident, JEAN MACKRIS of Summerset Drive, died at age 82 in Naples Florida. CARL and JEAN MACRIS were village residents from 1965 until the early 1990s, and this is where they raised their five children. Our expression of sympathy to her husband, CARL, and their children, DENISE and GREG ZOLOTY who now own the family home on Summerset Drive, DALE and BARB MACKRIS of Cincinnati, LYDIA and MIKE SERRIN of San Diego, MARIE and HERB GIESELER of Aurora and JEANNIE and MIKE SHOTT who just moved into their home on Orchard Hill Drive.

JEAN had been an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. The family enjoyed participating in the activities and sports at TGY Park and swimming at Walton Hills Lake.

THANK YOU

"On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Walton Hills Police Department for their escort at JIM'S funeral. A hearty thank you to the Walton Hills Women's Club for their impressive luncheon in our Community Room after JIM'S funeral. I also thank the Walton Hills Lake Club and the Walton Hills Men's Club for their beautiful planter/floral arrangements. We remember 'BIG JIM' for all that he was and still is to his family and friends. Thank You. Sincerely, JOYCE PALGUT-BAGAY"

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BEREAVEMENT

Our condolences to the family of THOMAS FECKO who died at age 81 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. To his wife IRENE who lives at an assisted living center in Solon and his children, SUSAN and MIKE THOMPSON of Garfield Heights and KATHLEEN AND WALLY KRAWULSKI of Macedonia, and the grandchildren.

The FECKOS lived on Alexander Road from 1958 until 2002. Then their grandson JAMES HALICKI owned the family homestead until this year, when he moved to Florida.

TOM FECKO was in the Navy during World War II and then he worked at Cummins Diesel for 39 years. His hobby was working in his garden. Both he and his wife were active members of St. Mary's Church.



THANK YOU

"I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness after my recent surgery. The calls, prayers, cards and visits brightened my days and helped speed my recovery. They reminded me once again of the wonderful, caring community in which I am so fortunate to live. Sincerely, NANCY KRUL"

The *Walton Hills Owl* staff thanks NANCY KRUL of Deeridge Drive for her very generous donation to the village publication, and is pleased she can walk with confidence after her double knee surgery.

THANK YOU

"The family of CATHERINE SURMAN want to thank Mayor Anielski, the Village Police Department and our many friends and neighbors who sent their condolences and messages of sympathy for the loss our daughter and mother. Their kindnesses were greatly appreciated. Sincerely, AGNES and JOSEPH PEKAR, CHRIS, JIMMY and BOB COWEN."

POTPOURRI

Lori Waryk 330-467-8226 and Jean Kainsinger

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to RAY and BERNIE GRAMS of Dunham Road. BERNIE is the Village Building Department Manager and RAY is retired. The family sends this photo and note. "You are both to be commended for being such a wonderful example of true love. May you have many more happy, healthy years together. We love you MOM and DAD, BUSIA and DZIA DZIA !
 Love, RUSS, DAVE and ROSE, ANNE MARIE, JACKIE and STEVE, MATT and DANIELLE and grandchildren ANDRIANA, NICHOLAS, GABRIELLA, VICTORIA, MITCHEL and the rest of your Family and Friends"



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

MICHAEL CONROY 18200 Egbert Road
 Mr. CHRIS SOMERVILLE 17600 Egbert Rd.

CONGRATULATIONS, it's a GIRL

GINNY MONE of Carmany Drive announces the blessing of having a granddaughter. ANNA ELIZABETH RIBOVICH was born on January 29th, weighing in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long. Greeting her arrival were her proud dad and mom; MICHAEL and SUSAN RIBOVICH. Big brother MICHAEL ROBERT, was excited to see his little sister and eagerly helps his dad and mom. UNCLE RUSS RIBOVICH was also part of the welcoming committee.

HOLLY KOESTER CHEERIOS UPDATE

Last month we reported that HOLLY KOESTER of Dunham Road is featured on a special edition of the Cheerios box. She was also tentatively scheduled to appear and autograph Cheerios boxes at the Northfield Center Giant Eagle store. Those plans were cancelled by Giant Eagle corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. Upper management feared HOLLY's appearance might attract war protesters... Could we have a box-signing at TGY Park on Community Day?

WENDY GODBEY in the NEWS

WENDY GODBEY of Logan Drive was featured in a recent issue of the *Bedford Times-Register*. WENDY is an auditor for KPMG, a Cleveland auditing firm. She graduated from Trinity High School and John Carroll University in 2007, with a major in accounting. For one semester during her sophomore year at John Carroll she studied in London, England, and found time to travel in Great Britain and spots in Europe. WENDY'S family includes her parents, DALE and SANDY GODBEY, her grandmother, aunt and 3 brothers, DALE who attends Slippery Rock University, and DANIEL and ERIC who both attend Trinity High.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- VIRGINIA BARBER of Rotary Drive
- WILMA and ALEX TOTH of Walton Road and Mr. T. Painting and Sandblasting

Thank you for your generous donations. We appreciate your financial support.

Lawyers make their pitch in schools transfer appeal

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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School Board President Bar-

bara Patterson and Superintendent Marty Motsco led a 10-person delegation to Columbus on Feb. 7 for the

Court of Appeals hearing on the effort by Walton Hills to leave the Bedford City School District.

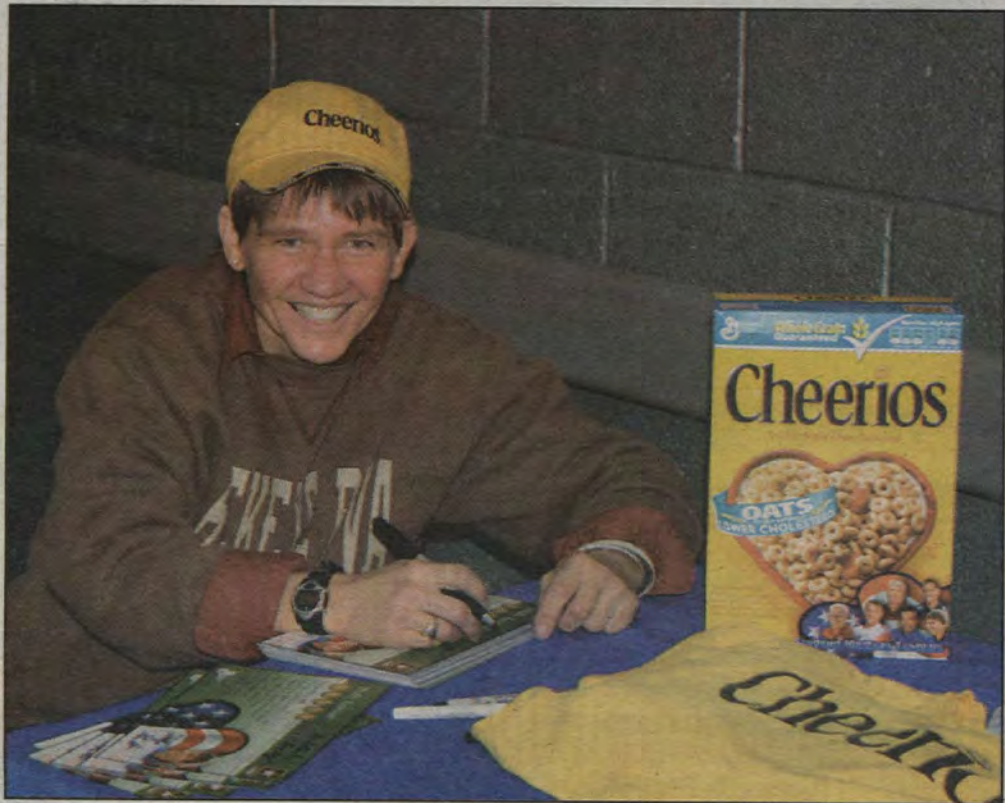
That group and a three-person contingent from Walton Hills heard arguments by lawyers from each side plus a lawyer from the Ohio Board of Education, which is siding with Bedford in the dispute.

"There have been four rulings on this issue and all four times the ruling has been in favor of the Bedford schools," Motsco said. "We are hopeful that the Court of Appeals will agree and that there will be a fifth ruling in our favor.

"As we have said many times before, we want Walton Hills to stay. We have consistently demonstrated throughout this legal process that the Bedford schools do, in fact, provide a quality education for all children and we would like to see Walton Hills take advantage of the educational opportunities offered in the Bedford schools.

Mayor Marlene Anielski attended along with Walton residents Bill St. John and Bob Orth.

She said she would reserve comment until after the court makes its ruling. Anielski said she expected the decision could come in 30 to 60 days.



Holly Koester of Walton Hills autographs a stack of sports cards with her motto, "No obstacle too big," March 21 at the Brecksville Veterans Administration Hospital.

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Local athlete appears on front of Cheerios box

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — It is not often a lucky charm is featured on a Cheerios box.

But according to Mayor Marlene Anielski, that is what happened recently for the village.

Holly Koester, a nine-year resident of Walton Hills and marathon wheelchair athlete, is one of 12 wheelchair athletes who are featured on special edition boxes of Cheerios which were distributed at veterans

Quote

I'll hit two milestones. I will have completed 100 marathons total and one in all 50 states and Washington D.C.

Holly Koester
Marathon wheelchair athlete

hospitals and military bases nationally.

"She is our lucky charm of Walton Hills," Anielski

said March 24. "And we are honored to have her living

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Cheerios

among us."

Each of the athletes featured on the boxes were winners of the 2007 National Veterans Wheelchair Games. And each competitor won at least one gold medal and represented different sports and branches of the military.

Next month, boxes of the General Mills cereal featuring Koester will hit at least one local grocery store, complete with an autograph signing, balloons and cake.

Koester, 48, was at a loss for words when she found out she was picked, she said. "Who would expect to be on a Cheerios box?" she asked.

Anielski said she found out about Koester's honor after she stood in line to get her autograph at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital.

"I asked Giant Eagle in Northfield Center if they could talk to General Mills and get some boxes sent to the store," Anielski said.

The manager complied and the boxes should arrive next month, the mayor said.

Koester, a retired U.S. Army captain, was injured in 1990 when her car flipped over at an Alabama Army base and severed her spinal cord. The injury left her unable to walk.

She said she moved to the Cleveland area because the Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital was one of just a few hospitals in the nation dealing with spinal



A close-up is shown of an autographed sports card that Holly Koester passed out to visitors and veterans at the Brecksville Veterans Administration Hospital March 21. She also visited veterans at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital.

cord injuries.

Koester said while at the hospital, she was encouraged to take part in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

She found out about being on the cereal box late last year.

"It is kind of cool," she said.

She called the experience "unbelievable."

"Of the millions of athletes out there, then they chose plain old me," she added.

But Koester is anything but plain.

She is anticipating reaching a personal milestone later this year.

She wants to join an elite club of athletes who have participated in marathons in each of the 50 states.

"I have three more states to go," Koester said.

Koester said she will finish up in Alaska this summer, after competing in Oklahoma and North Dakota.

"I'll hit two milestones," she said. "I will have completed 100 marathons total and one in all 50 states and

Washington D.C."

Koester is the sports director for the Buckeye Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

She is also a member of their National Veterans Wheelchair Team.

She also is a substitute teacher for Berea and Parma school districts.

And, according to Anielski, the cereal boxes may also make appearances at Berea and Parma Giant Eagle stores.

Anielski said Koester and her roommate, C.J. Barnes, are also in charge of the veterans booth at the Walton Hills Community Days festival.

"What she does is awesome," Barnes said.

Barnes said she has watched Koester grow over the years from an injured friend to an independent woman who can mow their lawn and tool around the country driving her own vehicle.

Koester said while some of the competitors she faces have fancy chairs equipped with gears and hand pedals, she competes in her "push-rim" chair, operated solely by arm power.

"My chair has two speeds," she laughed. "One going up a hill and one going down a hill."

According to Koester, she will be the "first wheelchair racer with a push-rim racing chair who has finished races in all 50 states."

But Koester, who also has a twin sister, Joy, who will soon be retiring from the Army as a colonel, said the main reason she competes is "that it is so much fun."

"I find the same people at different races over and over again," she said.

And, Koester said she is always making new friends at the races.

"It is like we've been friends for years," she said.

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THOMAS ONDREY | THE PLAIN DEALER

Holly Koester, an Army veteran in Walton Hills, practices on a trainer in her basement. She competes nationally in marathons, has been in a wheelchair since a 1990 auto accident, and is honored on a Cheerios box today along with 11 other veterans.

She's the local face on the Cheerios box

Walton Hills veteran, wheelchair athlete featured on special cereal package

JAMES EWINGER

Plain Dealer Reporter

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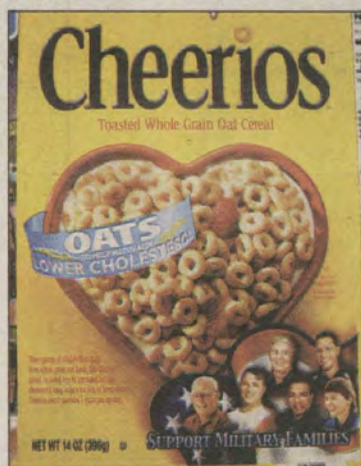
Holly Koester has competed in marathons in 47 states, soldiered with the storied 101st Airborne Division, and caught everything and anything in two local school districts.

That diverse résumé expands today when she appears on boxes of Cheerios honoring a dozen veterans who excel as wheelchair athletes.

But don't expect to see the package at store near you.

The cereal maker intends to sell them at PX stores, other military retail outlets and veterans hospitals with the message support military families."

The marketing decision baffles Koester a bit because people at those institutions, one way or another, are part of military families and already support



This is the cereal box that features Holly Koester of Walton Hills, along with 11 other veterans. Koester appears in the lower right corner of the box cover.

them.

Still, the 48-year-old Koester, of Walton Hills, remarks on her peculiar moment of fame with the same grace and cheer that characterize every aspect of her life.

This includes the story of the auto accident that placed her in a wheelchair in the first place, dashed her hopes of a lifetime in the Army and forced her to redirect considerable energies.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, she was a captain at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

All military personnel were called to the base, she said. Koester drove there at 5 a.m. in a type of civilian vehicle "with a history of tipping over." And it did just that as she drove on a temporary road.

"They don't make the vehicle anymore," she said, "and the temporary road is gone."

But the resulting spinal damage is permanent.

She left the Army a captain, with two winged badges indicating that she was trained to jump out of airplanes and helicopters with the best of them.

Her experience at veterans hospitals was a good one, because of the support of other patients, she said. "And I couldn't feel sorry for myself because there was always someone else you could see who was worse than you are."

She had been on the All-Army volleyball team, and played volleyball, softball, basketball and soccer through high school and college.

That helped a lot when she began to confront her future from a wheelchair, and so did the discipline and spirit of achievement that the Army instilled.

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CHEERIOS

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Walton Hills woman now cereal celebrity

Koester didn't get into wheelchair racing until 1995, with a 10-kilometer event her first, and a Columbus marathon next.

Her light never really dims, but it burns more intensely as she speaks of competition.

"My family knew I was going to be all right because I could still compete in athletics," she said.

Since 1995, she has competed in 80 marathons, including the Boston race. The future is displayed on her gray sweatshirt that says "goal: 26.2 in 50."

"I belong to the 50-state club," she said, a subset of marathoners who strive to compete in recognized events in every state.



Holly Koester's profile on the back of the Cheerios box.

Just now Koester is three states shy of the finish line, planning to dispatch the remaining three this year.

Getting onto a cereal box is an American honor, and Koester se-

cured her place there last year.

Jim Leahy, chief marketing officer for the Veterans Canteen Services, said General Mills sponsored the 2007 National Veterans Wheelchair Games,

where they met her.

He said limiting the military-family-themed Cheerios to military-affiliated stores was a marketing decision based on the sizable market they enjoy there.

But General Mills agreed to a Department of Veterans Affairs request to honor the heroes in a more publicly accessible way next year, Leahy said.

Meanwhile, two Giant Eagle stores will get a limited number of the boxes. The Brook Park store gets some next month because Koester substitute-teaches in Berea and Parma and school officials asked for them.

Northfield's store will have them sooner because Koester lives in nearby Walton Hills. Her mayor, Marlene Anielski, said she kept calling the store for four weeks.

It's about perseverance, after all.

Coil coating plant to close its doors

Bedford Times Register 3-27-2008

by **Emily Canning-Dean**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — An international aluminum production company announced March 20 that it will close its coil coating facility in Walton Hills.

Officials from Aleris International said they expect the facility will close sometime during the second quarter of this year, probably between April and June. The plant, located at 7130 Krick Road, has 40 employees.

"We are consolidating, and production at this plant will be transferred to other Aleris facilities in the United States," said Bill Sedlacek, spokesperson for Aleris.

Sedlacek said it is too early to determine if any of the 40 jobs would be saved.

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"It is possible that some of those employees might relocate to other facilities," Sedlacek said.

Other aluminum mills include one in Uhrichsville, about 100 miles south of Cleveland and one in Lewisport, Ky. The company headquarters are in Beachwood. Aleris operates 48 facilities in North America, Europe, South America and Asia.

Walton Hills Finance Director Vic Nogalo said the loss of the company is a disappointment.

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"But in the village's current financial situation, we can weather this," he said, adding that the village can afford to survive until they are able to find another business to fill the vacancy.

Nogalo said he could not

say how much revenue Aleris brings to the city.

But he said Aleris, which owns the building, is probably in the top 25 list of village employers.

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High School inducts eight into halls of fame

The Bedford City School District will induct eight individuals into its Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and Athletic Hall of Fame on April 10 at 6 p.m. at Catered Elegance Party Center, 1160 Broadway Ave., Bedford. Members of this prestigious group are graduates of Bedford High School who have made significant contributions in their fields, society and their country. This year's inductees include:

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

- Bryan L. Fredericks, Class of 1977. Chief executive officer of a major Northeast Ohio private-practice cardiology group.
- Ioanna Zisi Giatis Kessler, D.O., Class of 1991. Chief of the family medicine department at Southpointe Hospital.
- Roger Mason Fuhrmeyer, Class of 1951. Local artist and retired art teacher.
- Diamond Miller Lewis, Class of 1997. TV news

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director and anchor.

- Elizabeth McNellie, Class of 1982. Columbus attorney with Baker and Hostetler.

- Kevin Nietert, Class of 1982. Chief of police for the city of South Euclid.

Athletic Hall of Fame

- Anthony D. Byrd, Class of 1995. Bedford High School football standout and National Football League player with the Cincinnati Bengals and New York Jets.

- Nicole Renee Jackson, Class of 1982. Bedford High School volleyball, basketball and track star, and state high jump qualifier.

Tickets to the induction ceremony are \$28 each and include a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets, contact Paul Powers, director of athletics, student activities and special events, at 440-439-4588. Deadline for reservations is April 4.

Council *BTR-2-14-08* re-appoints two officials

WALTON HILLS — Council approved the appointment of Daniel W. Stucky as street commissioner by a 5-0 vote at a Feb. 5 meeting.

Stucky, who has been employed by the village for 30 years, has been street commissioner since 1998.

The appointment runs from Feb. 1, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009. He is scheduled to earn \$60,194 plus an additional \$1,000 for being the assistant building inspector.

Council also re-appointed Don Sheehy, of Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., as part-time village engineer by a 5-0 vote. Sheehy's contract runs from Jan. 1, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009.

Sheehy, who has been the engineer since 2004, is scheduled to earn an \$18,500 salary during the life of the contract.

Mayor says village close to filling director post

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

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WALTON HILLS — The impending departure of a 40-employee company from its location in the village is in a way indicative of the need for a full-time economic development director.

So says Mayor Marlene An-

ielski, who added the post will soon be filled.

"We value all businesses that are located in Walton Hills and any type of loss is a setback to some extent," Anielski said. "With the upcoming hiring of an economic development person, we hope it is less likely to happen in the future."

Not that an economic development director would have definitely deterred the departure of Aleris International from its facility on Krick Road, but an economic development director may have been in a position to work with the company as soon as the possibility of its departure became an issue.

In 2006, Village Council members Madeline Timm, Denny Linville, Don Kolograf and Kevin Hurst voted to make the economic development post a part-time position. Subsequently, the village has had difficulty in finding qualified candidates who are interested in only a part-time

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job. That led to less contact with current commercial residents of the village and less of an effort to attract new commercial residents.

Now the economic development position has been combined with that of a village business manager and will be a full-time job.

"That will mean a stronger future," Anielski said.

Officials from Aleris were not available for comment, but village finance director

Vic Nogalo said the plant will close within a few months. He added that company officials have said consolidation plans brought the decision to close in Walton Hills.

"We are disappointed by

the loss, but the village is in good shape and we can weather the departure," Nogalo said. "For the long-term, we have time to respond."

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Potential anti-war protest gives flight to Giant Eagle

Plans have come to an end for wheelchair marathoner **Holly Koester** appearing at the Giant Eagle store in Northfield Center to autograph a special edition Cheerios box.

Apparently, it's because leadership at Giant Eagle's corporate headquarters feared Koester's appearance could draw anti-war protesters to the event.

Walton Hills resident Koester lost use of her legs in an accident 18 years ago on a military base in Alabama, while a captain in the Army. Since that time, Koester has competed in marathons in more than 45 states and won a gold medal at the 2007 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

The series of commemorative box covers features Koester and 11 other military veteran wheelchair athletes.

Walton Hills Mayor **Marlene Anielski** said that she is disappointed Giant Eagle didn't want a local athlete in the store to sign the cereal boxes.

Dan Mayo, manager of the Northfield Giant Eagle, would not comment on the matter and referred calls to corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. **Dan Donovan**, a Giant Eagle corporate spokesman, said the chain rarely opts for in-store promotion, not wanting to disrupt the shopping experience of its customers.

Koester said she is ready to move on. "I was kind of upset when I heard, but I don't want to cause any problems. We're talking about sports, not the war."

Koester said general managers at Giant Eagle stores in Northfield, Berea and Parma were very nice to her. She is a substitute teacher in the latter two communities.

Though the grocery chain may not be loyal to her, Koester said, "I like Giant Eagle. I'll still spend my money there."

Name: Wendy Godbey

Age: 22

4-10-08

Family: I live with my mom, dad, three younger brothers, my grandmother and my aunt, so our house is always filled with family.

I live in: Walton Hills.

Originally from: Cleveland.

Occupation: I am an auditor for KPMG, an auditing firm located in Cleveland.

If you could be anything, what would it be? An elementary school teacher, because I love to interact with children and watch them grow.

How would you describe Walton Hills to someone who has never been there? Walton Hills is a pleasant, quiet place to live considering there seems to be more deer than people. However, if you are looking for more excitement, it is centrally located to many entertainment venues and shopping centers. All in all, it is a great place to live.



WENDY GODBEY

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? I enjoy catching up with family and friends. In the summers my spare time is spent at Cedar Point Amusement Park riding all the roller coasters.

What is your favorite hobby? I love to travel and see new places, but when that gets expensive I like to relax and scrapbook the places I have been.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Any place that is warm — especially the beach. If price was not an option, I would be in a villa in Calpe, Spain.

What is your favorite book? "Pride and Prejudice." I had to read it for class once and actually

could not put it down.

What is your favorite type of music and or group? Country, especially in the summers.

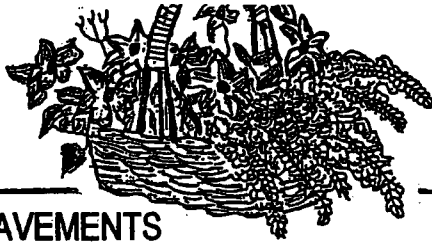
What is your favorite TV show? "Project Runway."

What is your biggest accomplishment? Studying abroad in London for a semester. I was never very far away from my family so it was hard to take such a trip and be completely on my own.

Whom do you most admire excluding family members? I most admire Kelly Ripa from the TV show "Regis and Kelly." Somehow she can always keep me laughing and I would love to have that kind of energy.

Something most people don't know about me is ... when I was in Wales, England, I went on an adventure weekend and jumped off a 30-foot cliff into the Atlantic Ocean. Many people would not think I am such a thrill seeker.

*Compiled by Reporter
Tim Troglen*



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BEREAVEMENTS

● Our expressions of sympathy to VIRGINIA BARBER of Rotary Drive on the passing of her husband CARL BARBER who died at age 81. Also to their children, CHRISTOPHER GRECKO of Fairview Park, MICHELLE and MARK CZERNEC OF Aurora and MATTHEW GRECKO of Reminderville and his fiancée JACQUELINE. CARL worked at the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant for 35 years. For several of those years he was Supervisor of Plant Security.

In early 1954, before the plant opened, Ford began hiring local salaried employees and hourly workers who primarily came from Pennsylvania and other nearby states at a temporary hiring office located at the SE corner of Northfield and Forbes Roads. BARBER was the first salary employee Ford hired who lived in Cleveland. He served in the Army during World War II, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, V.F.W. Post 1863 and the Ford Retiree Group.

VIRGINIA BARBER is an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. She has served as Secretary and is currently the Sunshine chair.

● Former resident DON PLISKE passed away recently at his home in Broadview Heights after a short illness. Our expressions of sympathy to his wife, DOROTHY and their children, TOM and KIM PLISKE of Brunswick, TODD PLISKE of Sagamore Hills and BOB and DANA PLISKE of Bedford, and to their 6 grandchildren.

The PLISKE family lived on Chestnut Drive from 1966 until 1998. DON was Walton Hills Lake president for 2 years, Walton Hills Men's Club trustee for several years, Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 417 and active with the Bedford YMCA Indian Guides. PLISKE was a Korean War veteran who served in the Army.

DOROTHY PLISKE was an elementary school teacher for the Bedford City Schools, and in her retirement she still tutors children at Glendale School a few days a week. She too, was active in village clubs, especially the Walton Hills Lake and Walton Hills Boy Scout Troop. Their boys were on the Walton Hills Swim Team and members of Walton Hills Boy Scout Troop 417. TOM PLISKE became an Eagle Scout in 1977 and BOB PLISKE earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1983. TODD PLISKE earned the Life Scout rank.

BEREAVEMENTS

● ANNA WADE of Spanghurst Drive died at age 79. She was the widow of JOHN WADE. Our sympathy to ANNA'S son and his wife, CHRIS and DEBBIE WADE.

● Our condolences to BOB and ROBIN SCHADE of Rashell Drive on the passing of BOB'S father, NORMAN SCHADE, SR. BOB'S father owned Schades Garage, the family business in Maple Heights.

THANK YOU

"The family of CARL BARBER wishes to thank the Walton Hills First Response Unit and Maple Heights Rescue Squad for their prompt response attempts to revive CARL after his fatal heart attack on March 31st. A special thanks to DEBBIE GASPAR who was one of the first responders. She visited us the next day to ask if we needed anything and to extend her condolences. We thank the Walton Hills Policemen who escorted us from St. Mary's Church, around Rotary Drive, to All Saints Cemetery. Our heartfelt thanks to members of the Walton Hills Women's Club who provided an outstanding luncheon for our after-funeral guests. A special thank you to neighbor DIANE JUSKO who took the time to be with me that fateful afternoon, waited for me at the hospital, and consoled me afterwards. To Villagers who visited, sent cards, or in their own way extended their sympathy, we cannot thank you enough. In my family's words, 'Walton Hills is a closely-knit family of neighbors who look after each other.'
VIRGINIA BARBER and FAMILY"

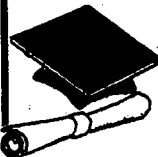
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Submit to the Owl – for the June, July or August issue: class photo w/information – list your school, major, honors, scholarships, accomplishments, future school or line of work, etc.

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for the July issue: **Friday June 20 8 am**
for the August issue: **Friday July 25 8 am**



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

DIANE HAAB 7077 Chestnut Drive

THOMAS WARREN 18816 Orchard Hill Drive

BEGG BROTHERS

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

The *Walton Hills Owl* learned about two additional men who are in service. That brings our total to ten (10) village men who currently serve in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces.

JONATHAN BEGG enrolled in the Army Active Ohio National Guard in 2001, a few months after entering Cedarville University in Dayton Ohio. He is now 26 years old, a college graduate, works for Stanley Hardware in Beaver Creek Ohio, and is on call to serve his country with the rank of Army Specialist. JONATHAN graduated from Orange Christian Academy in the year 2000.

JOSIAH BEGG joined the Air Force Active Ohio National Guard in 2007. He is now 19 years old and holds the rank of Airman 1st Class. He is also a freshman student at Cedarville University in Dayton Ohio, majoring in Criminal Justice. Like his older brother, JOSIAH is on call to serve. He was a 2007 high school graduate who was home-schooled.

JONATHAN and JOSIAH'S parents are RICHARD and JOYCE BEGG of Walton Road.

ROTHS - PROUD GRANDPARENTS!

ARTHUR and ELIZABETH ROTH of Colonial Drive announce that their grandson WILLIAM PASTER, who is a June graduate of Hudson High School, signed a letter of intent with the United States Naval Academy. He will major in Engineering, and fulfill what amounts to nearly a 10-year commitment to the United States Navy for schooling, LaCrosse and active duty as a Naval Officer.

BILL was a 4-year LaCrosse Letterman at Hudson High School. At 6'3" and 240 pounds, he played offense and was co-captain of his team, with 19 wins and 1 loss. BILL's parents are WILLIAM and SELINA ROTH PASTER of Hudson, Ohio.

DANIELLE DANKO - PROM QUEEN!

DANIELLE DANKO, daughter of TOM and CAROL DANKO of Alexander Road, was elected Queen of the 2008 Bedford High School Junior-Senior Prom. Although she is only a Junior at BHS, DANIELLE already has plans for her future. She hopes to attend The Ohio State University and major in Audiology. DANIELLE says she loves her science classes and feels she will be successful in a career having to do with speech and hearing. Congratulations!

YURICHAK - PAWNEE LANES

in the NEWS

JACK YURICHAK, owner-manager of Pawnee Bowling Lanes on Broadway Avenue in Bedford for the past 17 years, recently bowled his 2nd 300 game. JACK and Pawnee Lanes were featured in a recent issue of the *Bedford Sun*. Men's, Women's and Mixed Leagues play at Pawnee 7 nights a week from Labor Day to the beginning of May. During the 2007-2008 season, seventeen (17) 300 games were shot at Pawnee; "That was quite a record for us!" states JACK.

Bowling is in the family genes. JACK'S son ED has a 220 average and has 10 perfect games to date. JACK'S sister KATHY has a 200 average.

ED and CAROL YURICHAK, who are both deceased, bought three lots on Deeridge Drive and moved into their newly-built house in 1951. Their three children went to St. Mary's School through the 8th grade, and then to Bedford High School. All three YURICHAK children continue to live on Deeridge Drive. KATHY YURICHAK lives in the family homestead. JACK and his twin sister JANICE built houses on the other two family lots. JACK and KARLA YURICHAK have three children: ED, KRISTY and LEAH. JANICE and LENNY HLAVACH have three children: JACKIE, DAVE and LAUREN.

CONGRATULATIONS, KUCHTAS

MICHAEL KUCHTA, who was raised in Walton Hills, now holds the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force. Proud parents, RAY and MARGE KUCHTA of Chestnut Drive, attended MICKEY'S promotion Ceremony held in the Pentagon, Washington DC on May 2nd. Also in attendance were MICKEY'S wife KAREN and son JACOB and several members of the KUCHTA family. He is assigned to the Pentagon as Senior Executive Officer to Lieutenant General Peterson.

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Loving life on the lanes

Yurichak strives for perfection on job, at play

By Tara Quinn
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BEDFORD — Few things are sweeter for bowling center operators than having a perfect game bowled on their lanes.

One of them, however, might be to be that bowler.

Jack Yurichak, owner of Pawnee Lanes on Broadway in Downtown Bedford, has reached perfection twice. It's a feat which is rivaled by one other accomplishment in which the genial owner takes pride: Keeping the house alive and thriving for the past 17 years.

The trick to that, Yurichak said, is simple: "I'm always here. I personally think people like to see an owner. I don't think they like to see a big bowling center where the manager sits in the office and the owner's in Florida. My number one selling point is I'm here."

Not only is he at the Pawnee seven days a week during the eight months of the year Pawnee is open, he bowls in four of his leagues. Despite being one of the area's smaller houses — 10 lanes — there are several leagues which have called Pawnee home for many years and open bowling sessions are filled with casual and league bowlers alike, squeezing in a little more practice or just enjoying an afternoon or evening of fun.

This isn't Yurichak's first business in Bedford. He owned Jack's Tavern, on Northfield Road, in the 1980s. There's no question, however, which activity suits him better.

"You have a lot of depression in bar life. Here it's an activity. If someone is rowdy or unruly, I only have to put up with him for three hours instead of 12 hours. It's a way better lifestyle.

"I bought the bowling alley because I thought bar life was terrible. I also know summers are short in Cleveland. So, I decided I would work seven days a week, eight months out of the year, and the other four months, I don't work at all. I close around May 20 and open up Labor Day weekend. Over the summer, I garden, golf, do some maintenance, and take a vacation."

Bowling has been in the family forever. Yurichak's mother



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Jack Yurichak, owner of Pawnee Bowling Lanes just bowled his second 300 game. He still has to catch up to his son, who has 10 perfect games to his credit.

taught him and his sisters — who are also silent partners — how to bowl in the basement with pillows against the wall. He in turn, taught son, Ed, who has 10 perfect games to his credit.

Apparently the path to achieving such a high score consistently is to listen and watch.

Yurichak said, "Listen to one person. Most bowlers listen to 20 people. If they really want to get better, they should listen to one. If you see yourself improving, continue to listen to the one. Don't listen to more than one. That's the key."



TARA QUINN/SUN NEWS

The days of manual scorekeeping are long gone in bowling centers nationwide. Bedford's Pawnee Lanes are no different, offering patrons the latest in graphics and technology.

Walton Hills' Kocevar signs with Notre Dame College

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Walton Hills native and Trinity High School senior **Scott Kocevar** recently signed a letter of intent to continue his academic and wrestling careers at Notre Dame College in South Euclid.

Kocevar plans to major in accounting at Notre Dame.

"I am looking forward to being a part of the program at Notre Dame," Kocevar

said. "It will be great to meet new people and take the next step in my wrestling career."

Kocevar has served as Trinity's captain the last two seasons and was 29-8 during his senior season, leading the team with 13 pins and 52 takedowns. He was a three-time district qualifier at Trinity and finished with 72 wins in his career.

At Notre Dame, Kocevar will wrestle at 184 pounds.

"Scott has grown so much while at Trinity," said Trinity wrestling coach Tony SanFilippo. "He has the mentality to succeed. He is a phenomenal person and I'm proud to say he's a product of Trinity wrestling."

— From staff reports

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Walton Hills native and Trinity High School senior **Scott Kocevar** committed to continue his wrestling and academic careers at Notre Dame College April 29. Kocevar is seated above. Standing, from left, are Notre Dame wrestling coach Frank Romano, Trinity wrestling coach Tony SanFilippo and Trinity athletic director Jerry Schuplinski.

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Couple gets probation, fine for fraud

By Ken Baka

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WALTON HILLS— Two Walton Hills residents were sentenced Tuesday in a mortgage-fraud case.

A judge ordered Joan Shinkaruk, 44, and her long-time cohabitant, Michael Wojciechowski, 46, to four years of probationary community control, 14 days in jail and each to pay fines of \$15,000.

Each pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity.

Judge David Matia of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas also ordered each to serve 300 hours of community service, preferably cutting grass or other maintenance on vacant houses, and to share repayment of \$50,000 to Argent Mortgage Co., a house lender.

Each faced up to 15½ years in prison.

Matia also ordered Elite Investments and North Coast Windows / Construction and Management Corp., a Parma company Shinkaruk operated with Wojciechowski at 7514 Bertha Ave., to pay \$50,000 in restitution as part of convictions imposed on the companies.

Shinkaruk, Wojciechowski and Daryle Rutherford, 33, of Mayfield Heights, organized a scheme involving seven Cleveland houses, according to county Prosecutor Bill Mason.

"They deserve to go to jail," Mason said of the defendants.

In Garfield Heights, Wojciechowski had owned a house taken by the city for development of the proposed Bridgeview shopping center. He bought it from Shinkaruk months before eminent domain took place.

Rutherford, 33, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years of post-release parole. He pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity and seven counts of falsification. He faced up to 18½ years. He also must pay \$67,000 to Argent.

erties are either in foreclosure or have been sold through the foreclosure process.

"These thieves, lying and deceiving to make a quick buck, are leaving entire neighborhoods blighted and abandoned," Mason said. "Communities are being robbed of tax revenue used for schools, roads and police."

Charges against iNet, also

known as TNN Financial, were dismissed.

Cook, 31, of Tallmadge, was sentenced to two years of community control after pleading guilty to seven counts of falsification. He was fined \$7,000, must serve 200 hours of community service and pay Argent \$2,100.

He faced up to 10½ years in prison.

Crosby, 51, Cleveland,

was sentenced to two years of community control, serve 200 hours of community service and pay back taxes plus \$8,500 to Argent.

Hill, 51, Cleveland, was sentenced to three years of community control, 300 hours of community service and must pay \$2,500 to Argent.

Crosby and Hill each pleaded guilty to two counts of falsification.

According to prosecutors, a Cleveland woman trying to sell nearly 30 Cleveland residential and rental properties contacted Shinkaruk, who said she could find buyers for the properties while providing rehabilitation services through North Coast Windows.

Shinkaruk met with Rutherford to find "straw buyers" to buy the properties. Rutherford found three such people — David Crosby, Angela Juanita Brown and Marvin Hill — who bought seven houses.

According to prosecutors, Rutherford, the three buyers and mortgage loan officer Chad Michael Cook of iNET Mortgage Co., 66 S. Miller Road, Fairlawn, submitted fraudulent loan applications totaling \$560,000 to Argent.

The applications included false statements about the borrowers' savings, income and employment as well as down payments, prosecutors said. The buyers made no down payments. North Coast made disguised payments and were repaid the down payment money when the loans were funded, prosecutors said.

North Coast and Elite received \$126,042, but Shinkaruk did little renovation on the properties. Rutherford received \$66,929 at closing, with a small kickback paid to two buyers, according to prosecutors.

Five of the seven prop-

Pair convicted in home-buying case

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

CUYAHOGA COUNTY — A pair of Walton Hills residents are among 10 defendants who pleaded guilty in the first case brought to trial by the Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud-Predatory Lending Task Force.

Joan Shinkaruk, 44, and Michael Wojciechowski, 46, each pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a third-degree felony, and seven counts of falsification, a fourth-degree felony, May 5 at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

Their attorney, Harvey Bruner, did not return calls for com-

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ment.

"These thieves, lying and deceiving to make a quick buck, are leaving entire neighborhoods blighted and abandoned. Communities are being robbed of tax revenue used for schools, roads and police," said Prosecutor Bill Mason. "They deserve to go to jail."

On July 31, 2007, Shinkaruk and Wojciechowski, along with eight other defendants (five people, three corporations), were indicted on racketeering and theft-related charges in conjunction with fraudulently obtaining \$560,000 in financing to pur-

chase seven Cleveland properties.

The FBI and the task force began investigating when Cleveland Housing Division Judge Raymond Pianka suspected that some housing violations reported at the properties arose from mortgage fraud.

According to investigators, in 2004, a Cleveland woman put up numerous Cleveland homes for sale and came in contact with Shinkaruk, of Elite Investments, who said she could find buyers for the properties while offering to provide rehab services through her

husband, Wojciechowski, and their company, North Coast Windows/Construction and Management Corp., the FBI said.

Another man, Daryle Rutherford, 34, of Mayfield Heights, found three buyers for the houses, then he, the buyers and mortgage loan officer, Chad Michael Cook, 31, of Tallmadge, submitted fraudulent applications to gain approval for \$560,000 in loans from Argent Mortgage Co., according to the FBI.

On April 24, Rutherford pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in a pattern of

corrupt activity, a second-degree felony. Cook pleaded guilty to one count of falsification, a fourth degree felony.

The applications contained false statements regarding the borrowers' savings, income, employment and the source of downpayments, the FBI said.

In fact, no downpayments were tendered by these buyers, the FBI said.

Rather, disguised payments were made by Shinkaruk and Wojciechowski's company, North Coast.

However, North Coast was repaid the downpayment

money once the loans were funded, the FBI said.

At closing, the companies owned by Shinkaruk and Wojciechowski received \$126,042.

But Shinkaruk did very little rehab work on the properties, the FBI said, and Rutherford received \$66,930 at closing.

Shinkaruk and Wojciechowski are scheduled to be sentenced May 26.

Each was ordered to pay \$50,000 in restitution and face a maximum prison sentence of 15 years.

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Couple faces prison for role in mortgage fraud

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A husband and wife from Walton Hills face more than a decade in prison each for their roles in a mortgage

fraud case involving seven Cleveland houses.

Joan Shinkaruk, 44, and her husband, Michael Wojciechowski, 46, each pleaded guilty Monday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court to one count of attempted en-

gaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a third-degree felony, and seven counts of falsification. Both could be sentenced May 26 to as many as 15½ years behind bars. Both must pay \$50,000 in restitution.

They are among eight de-

fendants to plead guilty out of 10 in the first case brought to trial by the Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud-Predatory Lending Task Force.

Daryle Rutherford, 33, of

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Mayfield Heights, pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a second-degree felony, and seven counts of falsification, a fourth-degree felony, for knowingly making a false statement with the purpose to commit theft. Rutherford could be sentenced May 20 to as many as 18½ years in prison. He was also ordered to pay \$67,000 in restitution to Argent Mortgage Company.

According to Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason, Rutherford, Shinkaruk and Wojciechowski, organized the scheme.

In 2004, Mary Zanders put nearly 30 Cleveland residential and rental properties up for sale after her husband, William, died. Zanders contacted Shinkaruk, of Elite Investments, who said she could

find buyers for the properties while providing rehabilitation services through North Coast Windows/Construction and Management Corporation, a company she ran with Wojciechowski.

Shinkaruk then met up with Rutherford to find "straw buyers" to buy the properties. Rutherford found three such people — David Crosby, Angela Juanita Brown and Marvin Hill — who purchased seven houses total.

Rutherford, the three buyers and mortgage loan officer Chad Michael Cook of iNET Mortgage Company in Fairlawn then submitted fraudulent loan applications totaling \$560,000 to Argent, which approved the loans.

The applications included false statements about the borrowers' savings, income and employment as well as down payments. The buyers made no down payments — North Coast made disguised

payments and were repaid the down payment money when the loans were funded.

North Coast and Elite received \$126,042.35 total, but Shinkaruk did little rehab work on the properties. Rutherford received \$66,929.54 at closing, with a small kick-back paid to two of the buyers.

Five of the seven properties are now either in foreclosure or have been sold through the foreclosure process.

"These thieves, lying and deceiving to make a quick buck, are leaving entire neighborhoods blighted and abandoned," Mason said. "Communities are being robbed of tax revenue used for schools, roads and police."

Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka heard evidence concerning housing violations he suspected arose from mortgage fraud involving Rutherford and forwarded the case to the FBI, which in-

vestigated the case and submitted its findings to the prosecutor's office.

On July 31, 2007, seven individuals and three corporations were indicted on racketeering and theft-related charges.

Cook, 31, of Tallmadge pleaded guilty to seven counts of falsification and must pay \$2,100 in restitution to Argent. He could be sentenced to up to 10½ years in prison.

Crosby and Hill, both 51 of Cleveland, each pleaded guilty to two counts of falsification and could be sentenced May 20 to up to two years in prison. Crosby was ordered to pay \$8,500 in restitution to Argent while Hill must repay \$2,500 to the firm.

"They deserve to go to jail," Mason said of the defendants.

Common Pleas Judge David Matia will hear the cases against Brown, 33, of South Euclid, and iNET Mortgage on May 19.

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ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Highland Dance Medalist

ELIZABETH RUSSELL, a 7th grader at St. Monica's School, won top awards at this year's Kentucky Scottish Weekend – Scottish Highland Dance Competition – held in Carrollton Kentucky. She competed in four dances with young ladies from seven states and Canada. ELIZABETH won three 2nd place medals and one 3rd place medal. She wears classic highland attire or national outfits as she dances the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Sean Triubhas, or the Scottish Lilt and Flora McDonald's Fancy – historic Scottish dances dating back to the 11th century. The style and form of these extremely athletic dances require skill and stamina.

ELIZABETH has taken jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop and swing dance lessons for the past 10 years. This is her first year of highland dance classes at Jenny May School of Highland Dance in Mayfield Heights.

ELIZABETH is the daughter of ROB and BARB RUSSELL of Orchard Hill Drive. ELIZABETH'S Paternal Grandparents DRUMMOND and AGNES RUSSELL, and Great-Aunt ISABEL DEMARCO were born in Scotland. DRUMMOND and AGNES RUSSELL lived on Orchard Hill Drive until they passed away and ISABEL DEMARCO, a long-time Alexander Road resident, lives in Sagamore Hills. ELIZABETH RUSSELL



ARHAUS BARN in the NEWS

Did you see the recent feature story in *The Plain Dealer* about the barn/office in the Arhaus Furniture headquarters on Northfield Road? John Reed, the company's founder, purchased a timber-frame barn built in the 1800s, had it disassembled piece by piece and reassembled inside the company headquarters. His office is the 1200-square foot barn made of rough-hewn beams, wooden pegs and original wide-plank flooring.

TRANSTAR FAMILY DONATES

MILLIONS

Two years ago Monte Ahuja, founder, chairman and chief executive of the Walton Hills company Transtar Industries, donated \$30 million to University Hospitals and \$2 million to his alma mater, Cleveland State University. This past month the Ahuja two daughters, Manisha Ahuja Sethi and Ritu Ahuja, donated \$1 million to Hathaway Brown School. Surely, the Ahuja family is building a legacy of philanthropy to the Greater Cleveland community.



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BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to CHARLES and MARY PISKURA of Brenda Lee Drive on the untimely death of their son KEVIN PISKURA at age 24. Also, our sympathy to KEVIN'S sister, KATHLEEN.

For a number of years while he was in high school and college, KEVIN was a part-time employee for the Village of Walton Hills. He worked at T.G.Young Park during the summer of 2001 and for 3 summers he worked for the Service Department. "He was a good worker. He was well-liked by his fellow road crew members and he got along well with residents," states Street Commissioner DAN STUCKY.

The PISKURA family moved into the village in 1995. KEVIN attended St. Martin of Tours School, and was a 2002 graduate of Benedictine High School. He graduated from Miami University in Oxford Ohio in 2006. Recently, KEVIN was living and working in Chicago. KEVIN'S father retired from the Bedford Police Department in 2000, after 30 years of service. He was Executive Lieutenant under former Bedford Police Chief Robert Reid. KEVIN'S mother teaches kindergarteners at St. Barnabas Elementary School in Northfield Center.

Our sympathy to PETE SAKIAN of Rashell Drive on the passing of his wife ADELINE who died at age 75 after a long battle with cancer. Our sympathy also to their children; PAUL and CYNTHIA SAKIAN of Twinsburg and MARK and CHRISTINE SAKIAN also of Twinsburg, and their 6 grandchildren. PETE and ADELINE moved into the village almost 23 years ago. They were active members of the Walton Hills Citizens League; ADELINE was Treasurer for a number of years and both she and PETE were Trustees of the organization. They were also members of the Fifty-Plus Club for the past few years.

The SAKIANS were high school sweethearts who married more than 56 years ago, soon after they graduated from Garfield Heights High School. For most of her life ADELINE was a home-maker who cared for her husband, sons and doted on her grandchildren.

GIVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS to CHARITY

RAY TINTER of Jefferson Drive continues to collect cancelled postage stamps for Our Lady of the Wayside. The *Walton Hills Owl* received a thank you letter from the nuns. They sell the cancelled stamps to a dealer, and all money goes directly to their organization.

Our condolences to JEAN ANN MURPHY of Jefferson Drive on the passing of her husband CLEMENT "BUZZ" MURPHY. High school sweethearts, JEAN ANN and BUZZ were married right after graduation, 58 years ago. Our sympathy also to their children; MIKE and MARCIE MURPHY of Sagamore Hills, BOB and ROSEMARY MURPHY of Sagamore Hills, PAT and ETHEL MURPHY of Tampa Florida and TIM MURPHY of Atlanta Georgia, and their 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. MURPHY was a long-time member of Plumber's Union Local 55. For many years MURPHY was general foreman for MJ Kelly Plumbing Contractors, and handled many large projects in the Cleveland area. BUZZ lived his dream of having a commercial plumbing business of his own. He and his brother Elie founded Murphy Plumbing, of Bedford Ohio. After having his own business for 15 years, he retired at age 65.

The MURPHYS moved into the village in 1966, and this was where JEAN ANN and BUZZ raised their 4 sons. Their first house was on North Meadowpark Drive, and then in 1988 JEAN ANN and BUZZ moved to Jefferson Drive. Their youngest son TIM worked at T.G.Young Park for a few years, he was a park counselor and assistant park manager. BUZZ was a past president of the Walton Hills Men's Club. Throughout their years in the village, the MURPHYS were active supporters of the Men's Club, Walton Hills Lake, and the Walton Hills Women's Club. "Our parents have told us how they are proud to live in Walton Hills, a unique place where residents join village organizations, and willingly volunteer their time and money in support of their neighbors and the community," relates ROSIE MURPHY.

Our condolences to KAY and GLENN FLEISCHER of Walton Road on the death of KAY'S mother, MARY MAY, who lived in Fort Lauderdale Florida for the past few years.

METROHEALTH BURN CENTER

The MetroHealth Burn Center is in constant need of donations to help supplement the costs attributed to treating burns that are not covered by insurance.

The Walton Hills Citizen's League collects aluminum cans, aluminum gutters and other pieces of aluminum and then sells them to the recycle center.

All money is then donated to the Burn Center. If you have any aluminum to donate, please call Bob at 440.786.1325. He will pick up.

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Art teacher receives annual Shipley award

by Emily Canning-Dean
Reporter

BEDFORD — When choosing the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Woodrow W. Shipley Award, Carol Dean said the decision couldn't have been easier.

Dean, a Bedford High School guidance counselor and the 2007 recipient of the award, said Bedford High School art teacher Dagmar Clements is this year's recipient.

"Dagmar is the most wonderful choice for this award," Dean said. "She is at the school — day, night and on weekends — doing whatever she can to help whomever she can."

She was presented the award at the June 2 Bedford Board of Education meeting.

The award is named in honor of the late Shipley, a former Bedford Schools teacher, coach, principal and Board of Education member.

Clements said she learned about a week ago from Superintendent Martha Motsco that she was the recipient.

"I was so surprised," she said. "I was very honored, but really I am very fortunate to have good people who work with me. In order to be a good person, you have to have good people."

Clements said she has taught art for 26 years.

"I have always been in the Bedford School District," she said. "I did my student teaching at Heskett Middle School under Principal Claude Weagraff. Later I was hired as a teacher. The Bedford Schools are all I have ever known."



DAGMAR CLEMENTS

Clements said she always knew she wanted a career in art.

"My parents always had artists and writers as guests in our house," she said. "They were wonderful to be around. Always a little different. They seemed like they could get away with a bit more than everyone else."

According to a press release from the district, recipients must be a district teacher or administrator who "exhibit the qualities of compassion, generosity, tolerance, fair-mindedness, respect, leadership, intelligence, community service, love of children, and sense of humor exemplified by Mr. Shipley."

Interestingly, Clements actually knew Shipley, making the award even more special.

The recipient is picked by a committee made up of former recipients and other Bedford teachers and administrators.

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Scholarship recipients



Recipients of the \$1,000 annual scholarships presented by the Walton Hills Women's Club are, from left, Matthew Stanoszek, Kimberly Smolkowicz and Judi Scimone along with Jan Smith, club president. Not pictured is scholarship recipient Vasios Giatis.

Photo courtesy of Walton Hills Women's Club

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SIGNED AND DELIVERED



Scott Kocevar, of Trinity High School and Walton Hills, signs his letter of intent with Notre Dame College in South Euclid to continue his wrestling career there while pursuing a major in accounting. Kocevar will wrestle in the 184-pound weight class at NDC, which begins its fourth year of collegiate competition in 2008-09.

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Pinning success on love of bowling

DENNIS MANOLOFF
Plain Dealer Reporter

Bowling needs more leaders like Peter and Rosalie Scimone.

Dedicated barely begins to describe them.

The Scimones own Roseland Lanes in Oakwood Village, one of the finest centers in the Midwest, if not the nation. They are the only owners Roseland has known, having opened a 16-lane house on farmland in 1961. Roseland now features 50 lanes and all sorts of ancillary activity.

Visit Roseland and it does not seem as if bowling is a struggling industry. Peter, 84, and Rose, 87, would not have it any other way.

"We love bowling," Peter said. "Roseland has meant everything to us."

The Scimones recently received the prestigious Golden Pin Award for outstanding bowling center administration, as chosen by their peers and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. The annual award was presented June 23 at the International Bowl Expo 2008 in Orlando, Fla.

Peter and Rose turned over the managerial responsibilities to their daughter, Anna Marie Slaby, in 1990. But the parents remain very much an active

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force at the center, logging countless hours while in the area for six months each year. They spend the rest of their time in Florida.

"We enjoy puttering around, doing little odds and ends," Peter said. "And we like the customers. They make it all worthwhile."

Slaby felt her parents deserved more than just pats on the backs for jobs well done, so she nominated them for the Golden Pin with an essay.

"It's amazing my parents, at their age, are still into the sport of bowling," Slaby said.

"We were very surprised," Peter said. "We didn't even know she wrote it. We got home and got the letter saying we were awarded the Golden Pin. It was nice."

The Scimones, always wanting to stay at or ahead of the curve, have pumped plenty of money into what is known these days as a recreation center. From synthetic lanes to automatic scoring, Peter and Rose have made sure their customers get the best the sport has to offer as soon as possible.

And they have no intention of rolling into the sunset.

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ANNA MARIE SLABY | SPECIAL TO THE PLAIN DEALER

Peter and Rosalie Scimone — owners of Roseland Lanes in Oakwood Village — received the 2008 Golden Pin Award for outstanding bowling center administration from the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

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Business News

Oakwood bowling lanes receive industry award

Peter and Rosalie Scimone from Roseland Lanes of Oakwood were selected as the recipient of the 2008 Golden Pin Award for Outstanding Bowling Center Administration.

Their peers and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America bestowed this recognition upon them.

Their award was presented to them June 23 at the International Bowl Expo 2008 in Orlando, Fla.

Their daughter, Anna Marie Slaby, manages the center and nominated them with an essay on the 48 years of their family business.



PETER AND ROSALIE SCIMONE

Officers carry a torch for special group of kids

By Robert Nozar
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members of the Walton Hills Police Department turned out to help escort their colleagues or just offer their support.

Police Chief Gary Rhines said the torch relay is indicative of the type of commitment the village's officer have toward others, particularly those who have special needs.

"The torch relay illustrates the tremendous commitment that exists in our department to help those in need and those who always



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

Debbie Gasper and Joe Morgan, Walton Hills Police officers who took part in the torch relay for the Special Olympics, pause for a brief ceremony Monday afternoon at Walton Hills Village Hall. Sgt. Stan Jaworski (left) helped coordinate the event.

WALTON HILLS — Two members of the village's police department did their part for the U.S. Special Olympic Monday and raised more than \$1,100 in the process.

Officers Debbie Gasper and Joe Morgan took part in the Special Olympics Torch Relay as they ran the torch for nearly three miles along Alexander Road.

It was a good day for such a run with temperatures not too hot not nor was the humidity unbearable. Several

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strive to do their very best," Rhines said. "That is in the best tradition of the athletes who perform in the Special Olympics."

Gasper started the relay at the Gospel House and carried the torch to Village Hall where it was handed off to Morgan following a brief ceremony.

About 60 children took time out from summer fun sponsored by the recreation department at T.G. Young Park to stand along Alexander Road in front of Village Hall in order to cheer for the run-

ners.

"I'm a marathon runner and I try to do some running every day, so this was a great opportunity for me to do something special," Gasper said.

She said she has volunteered in the past as a worker at Special Olympics meets in the area.

Morgan said his wife has relatives who have taken part in Special Olympics.

"I run three to five miles three times per week, so I was ready for the challenge," Morgan said.

Gasper kidded Morgan that the distance she ran was longer than his run. Morgan kidded right back that he held the heavy torch for a longer period in his run. At the beginning of Gasper's leg the torch was in a van.

But through the kidding the camaraderie of the Walton Hills Police Department was clear.

"We're all honored to be a part of this," said Sgt. Stan Jaworski.

Marie Santoli, who is the clerk of the WH Mayor's Court, worked with the department in helping to raise money for the relay. Her husband's company Campania Management raised \$500 for a donation. Another \$500 was raised by the police and corporate sponsors. The kids from the Young Playground



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

The arrival of the Special Olympics torch was cause for loud cheers from the children who take part in the Walton Hills summer recreation program.

threw in lots of coins.

"It was a successful merger of the commitment between village employees, corporate

residents and residents, particularly the kids," Rhines said. "It all came together very well."

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LOCAL FAMILY DEDICATED to the FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The ZIELINSKI family of Regency Drive host foreign exchange students, and have been doing so for the past many years. WALTER and KATHRYN ZIELINSKI and their children, NATHAN, a sophomore at Trinity High School and ANGELA, a 7th grader at St. Michael's School, have hosted students from Belgium, Japan, Norway, the Philippines, Kenya and other far-away countries. Two high school students from the Madrid Spain area are their recent exchange visitors. JUDITH stayed with the ZIELINSKIS for a month in early spring, and MARCIAL is with the family at the present time.

When JUDITH TOME was living with the ZIELINSKIS, she spent a day with ANGELA at St. Michael's School, answering questions in both Spanish and English, and talking about her life as a girl living in Spain. The exchange students quickly become part of the ZIELINSKI family and each exchange experience becomes a positive, learning experience for everyone involved.

KATHRYN ZIELINSKI states how she and her family enjoy hosting teenagers from various parts of the world and how by having these unique personal relationships with people from other countries, her family members grow in their understanding of similarities and differences between peoples and their cultures.

ZIELINSKI feels that through an exchange program, host families and exchange students can change their thinking about the world. Countries, politics and borders are replaced with continuing friendships. Her own children, NATHAN and ANGELA both look forward to the time when they can be exchange students themselves.

KATHRYN ZIELINSKI is a speech pathologist for the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD and WALTER ZIELINSKI is a massage-therapist with Bedford Massage Therapy Health and Wellness Center located on Broadway Avenue in Bedford.

WALTER ZIELINSKI also works part time for the village. Several of our readers know WALTER. He picks them up to take them to the doctor and to village events. He is a driver for the Walton Hills Recreation / Community Life Department.



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

ERIK and EMMA RAULINAITIS, who completed their 7th grade at St. Michael's School, earned red and blue ribbons at this year's Cleveland Clinic's Health Expressions program. ERIK and EMMA's winning art entries are on display at the Great Lakes Science Center until August. Students in Northeast Ohio schools were invited to create artwork depicting good nutritional and exercise practices and enter them in the contest. Congratulations to the RAULINAITIS twins and their mother, CLARISSA RAULINAITIS of Walton Road.

DAGMAR CLEMENTS WINS AWARD

DAGMAR CLEMENTS, of Egbert Road, is the Year 2008 recipient of the prestigious Woodrow Shipley Award presented to an exceptional educator by the Bedford City Schools.

As a Bedford art teacher for the past 26 years, DAGMAR has worked with students of all ages, from the elementary grades through the high school grades. DAGMAR is respected for her ability to recognize and develop the creative art talents in her students, several of whom have won awards on their own.

She has volunteered numerous hours of her own time to create attractive displays of her students' work for the yearly Bedford Schools Art Shows. She continually helps students plan, build and paint scenery and backdrops for their school plays and other school projects and special events. Last weekend DAGMAR and a few of her junior and senior students assisted at the Grand Re-Opening of Phase I of the Cleveland Art Museum. For the past 3 Decembers she and her students have done face-paintings at "Christmas in Bedford Falls" and for Bedford Harvest Festivals she and her students provide murals and panels.

"The people making up the Bedford Schools are like family to me and my boys. The students, parents, teachers and support staff are good people to work with. They are hard-working, cooperative and caring people," states Dagmar.

DAGMAR and ALLEN CLEMENTS have lived in their house on Egbert Road since 1980. Their son JUSTIN graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in 2004 and is now branch manager at a National City Bank in Cincinnati. Their son ETHAN is a Sophomore at Bedford High School.

ALLEN CLEMENTS, son of ROBERT (deceased) and ELAINE CLEMENTS of McLellan Drive, grew up in the village.

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BEREAVEMENT

MITCHEL CINDRIC of Alexander Road died at age 89, seven years after his wife JULIE passed away. The CINDRICS moved into the village in 1956. MITCH retired from the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant. The last few years he was a member of the Fifty Plus Club. He enjoyed spending his days at the Northfield Track, tinkering with cars, gardening, dancing to polka music with JULIE, and assisting his wife in her many Women's Club Projects.

For a couple years JULIE CINDRIC helped her neighbor JEAN LORETA serve luncheons after villagers' funerals, and then for 10 years she and JEAN co-chaired the Service Committee for the Walton Hills Women's Club. The two women, with their husbands' assistance, hosted the Post-Funeral Lunches at the residents' homes. MITCH CINDRIC and JACK LORETA helped their wives transport chairs and card tables, serving supplies and food to their homes. The men helped with the clean-up and then toted everything back to the village hall.

MITCH also helped his wife prepare supplies for her yearly November Women's Club Craft Night projects. JULIE and MITCH gathered and prepared enough supplies for each woman to complete a craft project. MITCH also enjoyed carving and assembling wood Christmas ornaments that he and his wife passed out to friends at Christmastime.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- in ADELINE'S memory, PETER SAKIAN
- in BUZZ'S memory, JEAN ANN MURPHY
- WALTON HILLS CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Thank you for your generous donations. We appreciate your financial support.

THANK YOU

"My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Women's Club and its members for the phenomenal luncheon they prepared for my family and friends after the funeral of my dear ADELINE. Everyone commented on the plentiful variety of tasty foods and great pastries that were prepared by Women's Club members. Mere words truly cannot express our sincere thanks. Thank you all so very much.

We would also like to acknowledge a thank you to the Walton Hills Police Department for their thoughtfulness in supplying an escort vehicle for the funeral.

Sincerely, PETER SAKIAN and FAMILY"

THANK YOU

"We wish to express a most sincere 'Thank You' to our many friends and neighbors for all the love and support following BUZZ'S death.

A special thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for the unbelievable luncheon. Ladies, it was overwhelming. BUZZ would have loved it!! We are truly humbled.

Our thanks to the EMT and Walton Hills Police Department for their quick responses on April 30th, and for the escort service on the day of BUZZ'S funeral.

Sincerely, JEAN ANN MURPHY and FAMILY"



'Junk in the Trunk' highlights Walton Hills Party in the Park

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by **Mike Lesko**

Editor

WALTON HILLS — Need some used clothing or toys? Or perhaps some baseball cards or old sports equipment?

Then T.G. Young Park in Walton Hills is the place for you.

The village will conduct its first-ever "Junk in the Trunk" event July 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. a community softball game or two will be played. Food will be sold, and the band Jukebox Junction will perform.

They will be among the highlights of a Walton Hills Party in the Park conducted at T.G. Young Park, 18860 Dellwood Drive.

The Junk in the Trunk event was launched by Recreation Director Lisa Gagliano, who said a similar idea has been carried out for years in Orange Village.

"I thought it was something fun for us to do," she said. "We want people to say, 'Let's go to the park and enjoy the evening.'"

Gagliano said the plan is for sellers to use two parking spaces — one for their vehicle

and one to set up a table for their used goods.

"It will be like a garage sale," she said. "They're just selling items out of their trunk. They might bring old records, jewelry, stuffed animals or clothes — items that cost a buck and that they want to get rid of."

There is a \$3 fee for people selling items from their trunks, but otherwise the event is free. People are also asked to bring paper goods or toiletries for a collection for the needy.

"Maybe they want to buy something or just listen to some music or have some lemonade and popcorn," Gagliano said.

Gagliano said for the family softball game, anybody age 10 or older can play. She said if there are enough players, two games may take place.

People can purchase goodies like soft drinks, hot dogs and chips, which will be served at 6:15 p.m.

And if they wish, they can depart with gobs of used items.

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

CARL and ANDREA LANZALACA of Egbert Road
WAYNE and PAULA JOHANCEN of Kral Drive
PORTIA THOMPSON of Regency Drive

A PLAYWRIGHT at AGE 8!

ZACHARY HOLTZ was a winner in this year's Annual Marilyn Bianchi Kids' Playwriting Festival. ZACH'S play, "The Magic Magician and the Non-Magic Magician," was produced by the Dobama Theatre in the Idea Center Theatre at Playhouse Square in Cleveland, on June 12th through June 15th. Nine actors were in ZACH'S cast.

In addition to having his play produced, ZACH received a \$100 savings bond and his play will be published. Congratulations!

He wrote his play under the direction of his 2nd grade teacher at Glendale Elementary School, RACHEL ADELSTEIN. ZACH'S principal, NORA BEACH, states, "This is the fourth year in a row that one of Mrs. ADELSTEIN'S students has won the contest." Mrs. ADELSTEIN was a contest winner herself years ago.

ZACH is the Bedford School's accelerated program for gifted students. ZACH'S mother says her son loves to learn and loves new educational adventures. When asked how he came up with the idea for his play he said, "I don't know. It just popped into my head." When he was in 1st grade he was one of the finalists in the Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest. He presented his speech to an audience at Mt. Zion Church in Oakwood.

ZACH is the younger son of GARY and BARBARA HOLTZ of Andras Drive. His older brother NICHOLAS is also a Glendale student. The HOLTZ family has lived in the village for the past ten years.

ZACHARY HOLTZ



ABE LINCOLN ALIVE in WALTON HILLS

PHIL WILLIAMSON, aka ABE LINCOLN, has performed a number of ABE LINCOLN presentations during the past ten years. A tall, lean, willowy man himself, WILLIAMSON is the spitting image of LINCOLN when he dons his special attire. His speeches vary according to the interests of his audiences, and when he is in parades, he enacts the stance and gestures of his favorite character. A few years ago WILLIAMSON spoke to Walton Hills Women's Club members, and he has been in Walton Hills Parades.

At the recent Strawberry Festival in Bedford, folks were pleased to see the return of Abraham Lincoln, just as he appeared when he visited Bedford in 1861, waving from the caboose of a train, on his way to his inauguration.

Now that he is retired, PHIL is concentrating on promoting his ABE. His future includes ABE at the Abe Triathlon in Springfield, Illinois, a discussion of the President's self-education and his love for books when he speaks at a meeting of Catholic School Librarians and upcoming appearances and speaking engagements for the Bedford Historical Society.

PHIL and his wife JEANNE live on Orchard Hill Drive. PHIL is a member and past Trustee of the Walton Hills Men's Club and JEANNE is on the staff of the Walton Hills Owl.

PHIL
WILLIAMSON





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DANIELLE DANKO SELECTED for "CSI"

DANIELLE DANKO, who will be a senior at Bedford High School, was one of 30 high school students chosen to participate in "CSI," a 10-day forensics academy held in June at both Baldwin Wallace College and Cleveland State University. This residential program is funded by the Ohio Board of Regents and is designed to expose students to potential careers in science and teaching science. DANIELLE stayed at a Baldwin Wallace dorm for 7 nights and a Cleveland State dorm for 3 nights.

In the "College Science Investigation Program" she worked with law enforcement professionals, conducting investigations and collecting forensic evidence from simulated crime or accident scenes. She worked in labs to learn more about the role of chemistry, physics, biology and geology in solving crimes. DANIELLE worked with B-W and CSU faculty members, teachers and college students majoring in science.

DANKO will return to Baldwin Wallace College for four Saturday sessions during the month of September. After she successfully completes the program, she will receive high school and college science credit.

"I love my science classes. My teacher said 'CSI' would be a great opportunity for me and it has been. It's a lot of fun and the hands-on activities are a great learning experience," states DANIELLE, daughter of TOM and CAROL DANKO of Alexander Road. Congratulations!

30 - YEAR VOLUNTEER on SKI PATROL

DON KNOWLES of North Meadowpark Drive was honored recently at a banquet for his 30 years of volunteer service on the Ski Patrol at Boston Mills / Brandywine Ski Resort. Both the National Ski Patrol and Boston Mills / Brandywine Ski Resort awarded him the SAGE Award. In the group of 250 men and women who make up the local Ski Patrol, KNOWLES is the oldest, active Ski Patroller. DON admits to being over 70 and pushing 80 years of age. But age doesn't stop him; he will be on the Ski Patrol again next winter.

If a skier is afraid to go down an imposing hill, DON KNOWLES is there to give assurance and guidance. If someone gets hurt, he is there to administer medical assistance and get the person downhill. If skiers are jeopardizing the safety of themselves or other skiers on the slopes, KNOWLES is on patrol to prevent accidents.

KNOWLES is skilled at CPR, splinting broken bones, taking care of bleeding, transporting skiers off the hills on toboggans and handling neck injuries. He is

trained to use defibrillators and extracting skiers off chair lifts if there should ever be a mechanical failure.

DON KNOWLES and his wife CAROLYN have lived in the village since 1960. This is where they raised their four children- LYNN and RICK FORRESTER and daughter HANNAH live in Sagamore Hills, JAN and MIKE KOMOSKI live in Cleveland, GAIL and GREG GERYCZ and sons GREGORY and KYLE live in Twinsburg and RON KNOWLES is deceased.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY !

AL and MARY ANN FABIAN of Alexander Road were married 60 years ago, on July 3rd. AL and MARY ANN met at the Forum Restaurant in downtown Cleveland. Money was tight during their courtship days. AL borrowed his older brother's suit, so he would look presentable when he got married to MARY ANN.

The FABIANS have four children. PATTY and BILL ALLEN live on Walton Road, KAREN and CHUCK MEALY live in the Seattle Washington area, MARK FABIAN lives on Alexander Road and ALBERT FABIAN, JR. lives in Parma. Two of their grandchildren live in the village. JENNIFER and BOB McINTYRE and their son JOHNNY, live next door to the grandparents on Alexander Road and BILLY ALLEN lives on McLellan Drive.

FABIAN says, "Walton Hills has always been home to me." The FABIANS have lived in the village for a total of 21 years. AL bought his first lot on South Meadowpark Drive in Walton hills, so his family could have horses. He built his house and then a barn and horse corral with a split rail fence around it. The FABIANS had two horses and one foal while living on South Meadowpark. Years later FABIAN built his current house on Alexander Road. AL FABIAN was a brick mason and MARY ANN was and continues to be the home maker.

PROUD GRANDMOTHER

GEORGIA PACE of South Meadowpark Drive is pleased to announce that her grandson, TIMOTHY PACE, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Toledo University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He has been accepted at The Ohio State University where he will begin working towards his Doctoral Degree in Exercise Science. TIM is the son of KEVIN and TORINA PACE of Brunswick. GEORGIA and her late husband, BEN, moved into the village in 1951, and this is where they raised their three children, KEVIN, BRENT who now lives in Parma and KIM. KIM and DAVID BRICKACEK live in Shaker Heights. Congratulations!

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ROSELAND LANES WINS AWARD

Former Alexander Road residents, PETE and ROSALIE SCIMONE, won the 2008 Golden Pin Award for Outstanding Bowling Center Administration, presented by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. Congratulations!

SCIMONE'S daughter, ANNA MARIE SLABY of Hicks Road nominated her parents with an essay about the family business during the past 48 years. The SCIMONES opened Roseland Lanes in 1961 on a plot of abandoned farmland in Oakwood Village. They opened with a 16-lane bowling center and over the years expanded it to a 50-lane family recreation center with Papa Pete's Pizza, Pete's Café and Grille, Pete's Pub, a Game and Redemption Center and two party centers, La Casa Bella Party Center and the Rose Room.

Although they retain ownership, PETE and ROSE turned over the management of the bowling center to their daughter ANNA MARIE in 1990. ANNA MARIE says, "Our goal is to fulfill my parents' dream of keeping Roseland a family operated recreation center, where you are only a stranger but once. Whether this is your first or a repeat visit to Roseland Lanes, we sincerely hope you enjoy our hospitality as well as our service and good cheer."

Now PETE and ROSE SCIMONE are snow birds, they live in Macedonia and Florida. Walton Hills is still home to ANNA MARIE and CHARLES SLABY who live on Hicks Road, and their son and his wife, CHUCK and KRISTA SLABY who live on Walton Road. CHARLES' parents, CHARLES SR. and LEE SLABY, live on Jefferson Drive.

GLASSES FOUND

A pair of glasses were found on Dunham Road while bike riding. You can claim the glasses by phoning 440. 439.3848.

NIAGARA-on-the-LAKE and the WALTON HILLS CONNECTION

ED THELLMANN'S older son and his wife, MARK and CHARLENE THELLMANN, are proud owners of the Anne Street Cottage, a cottage rental in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Canada. You can see the ad they placed in this issue of the Owl for their 4-bedroom get-away cottage. MARK grew up in the village and graduated from Bedford High School. He worked on the Walton Hills road crew and was a playground director at Dellwood Park (T.G.Young Park) alongside KATHY YURICHAK of Deeridge Drive during his college summers off from Ohio University, where he earned his BFA degree in 1972. Now MARK has his MFA degree, and has been a college professor at the Art Institute of Philadelphia for the past 22 years teaching scriptwriting, lighting, digital filmmaking and still photography. He and his wife live in Merchantville, New Jersey.

ED and CATHY THELLMANN are long-time residents on Orchard Hill Drive, and this is where they raised ED'S four children; MARK, LEAH BLESSED of Colorado, KIM (RON) GRECO of Valley City and KEN and LISA THELLMANN of Walton Hills. ED served as the 7th Mayor of Walton Hills, from 1987 to the year 2000.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- FRANK and WILMA TOTH of Walton Road and Mr. T. Painting & Sandblasting, Inc.
- FRANK and ROSEMARIE FIALA of Spanghurst Drive
- PHIL and JUDY WARD of Laurel Drive

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BEREAVEMENT

Our sympathy to the family of BILL WAGNER of Egbert Road. To his wife MARCIA, their children THOMAS WAGNER of Mantua and TERRI and VINCENT WAGNER of Whitmore Lake Michigan, and grandchildren BRITTANY, BRADLEY, NICOLE, DANIELLE.

WAGNER served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1957. He worked for Ohio Bell and then for Nestle USA Inc. The WAGNERS have lived in the village for over 30 years. BILL was a *Walton Hills Owl* volunteer. He served as Assistant Editor for a couple years and was on the assembly team. He was also a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club. MARCIA WAGNER is active in the Walton Hills Women's Club. She is a Past President, long-time Board Member, and continues to be active in the club. MARCIA is also on the *Owl* staff. For a number of years she served as Assistant Treasurer, Board Member and each month she helps assemble the newsletter.

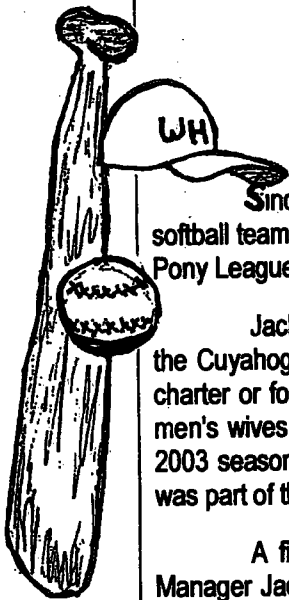
BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to the family of EDWARD DOONER of Carmany Drive. To his wife DOROTHY, their children EDWARD, JR. and ROSEMARIE DOONER and DAVID DOONER and grandson DAVID.

DOONER served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an avid big-game hunter. ED holds the Ohio Whitetail Deer Competition record for the buck he downed in Geauga County in 1956. He hunted in many spots in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Canada, but his favorite hunting spots were in the Salt Fork area of Ohio. ED's favorite hunting partner was his son ED, Junior.

ED and DOROTHY DOONER have lived in the village since 1981.

Former resident JERRY SUTTON passed away. JERRY and BARBARA SUTTON and their son AL lived on Egbert Road for a number of years until they moved to Aurora. Our condolences to the family and their Walton Hills friends.



The History of BASEBALL in the VILLAGE of WALTON HILLS

Since 1948 local men and women have sponsored, managed and coached several village baseball and softball teams. The Men's Club long-term involvement began in 1957. Their teams included Little League, Peanut and Pony Leagues and Farm Teams.

Jack Laing led the push to organize a Walton Hills Little League team in 1955. In order to gain membership in the Cuyahoga Valley League, it was mandatory for a team to have a civic sponsor. The Men's Club had no written charter or formal organization in 1955. The only village "chartered" group at that time was the Women's Club. The men's wives agreed to lend their club name to the boys' team. From 1955 to 1965, and now again starting with the 2003 season, Walton Hills teams belong to the Cuyahoga Valley League. During the in-between years Walton Hills was part of the Bedford Baseball Program.

A field on the Astorhurst grounds became the first home for the Walton Hills Little League team. Team Manager Jack Laing, Coaches Walter Ford, Chet Ramos, Joe Samson and Bob Washko and fathers such as Wally Fifer, Ken Kibler, Ed Kohn and Les Rondina furnished equipment and labor to construct the ball diamond. A little later in 1955, the same group of men built a ball diamond on Walton Hills Estates Club property (now Walton Hills Lake) which then became the team's new home field. In 1956 the Little League squad plus a Junior League team shared this playing area.

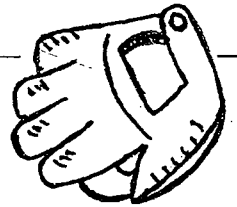
In 1959 Walton Hills Council organized a Summer Recreation Program. The Village continued to use the Walton Hills Estates Club ball field. By mid-summer of 1962 a ball field was set up at Dellwood Park (T. G. Young Recreation Center.) In 1963 the municipal facilities became the home field for our ball teams.

SUMMER TIME is "PLAY BALL TIME" in WALTON HILLS

Congratulations to the Walton Hills Boys Pony Team. With an 8-2 record, their team was first among their division and they easily took the championship. The Boys Minor Team had a great 7-4 winning season, but lost in the playoff games. The Boys Major Team had a losing season, but, as the underdogs, they won their division championship in the playoffs.

This was MATT STANOSZEK'S first season as Walton Hills Baseball Commissioner. "Starting with T-Ball, I played on Walton Hills ball teams every year, so I am familiar with the program. However, I found out there is more to the job of Baseball Commissioner than what I thought," says MATT. "My coaches were really understanding. They worked with me, and with a mutual process of learning and cooperation, we made changes and improvements during the season. I think we all had fun this season, the players, the coaches and me." MATT, the son of KEN and CAROL STANOSZEK of Regency Drive, is looking forward to a new phase in his life. He will be a freshman at Cleveland State, majoring in business management.

STANOSZEK wishes to acknowledge his coaches.



2008 Walton Hills Baseball Teams

T-Ball Head Coach: FRED DeBLASIS Asst. Coaches: JIM FOLIANO AND JULIANN VALE
The kids had a ton of fun while learning the fundamentals and basics of America's favorite pastime.

Boys Coach Pitch Head Coach: PAUL JABLONSKI Asst. Coaches: DAN HOJDAR, JERRY TOWALSKI, LISA SCHROEDER
Record: 4-6
The young coach pitch team was able to get a better grasp of the game in their first level of competition.

Boys Minor Head Coach: DAN BILEK Asst. Coach: SCOTT DEAN
Record: 7-4
The Boys Minor team had a very successful season and made it to the championship game, but fell short of their goal.

Boys Major Head Coach: GARY MAROTTA Asst. Coaches: SCOTT DAY, STEVE SCHROEDER
Record: 3-6
Despite their losing record, the Majors had a successful playoff run and won their division championship.

Boys Pony Head Coaches: MARK WENTZ, TERRY ZAK Asst. Coaches: WALT TAYLOR, GARY SURMAN
Record: 8-2
The Boys Pony team finished the season with the best record among their division and then won the championship.

Girls Coach Pitch Head Coach: KATHY MARTIN Asst. Coach: STEVE DAVIS
Record: 1-6
The girls had a blast while developing and improving their skills and love for the game.

Girls Mini-Tail Head Coach: MATT KONTUR Asst. Coaches: CHERYL LEW, TY PESTELLO
Record: 4-5
The Girls Mini-Tail team enjoyed their season and had a great time as a team.

Girls Pig-Tail Head Coach: STEVE CROOKS Asst. Coaches: BRANDON WILLIAMS, MIKE FOLIANO
Record: 0-12
Even through a tough season the girls made the best of it and gave 110% every time they stepped out on the field.

CVEL Girls Travel Head Coach: MATT KONTUR Asst. Coaches: JACK PEKAR, TIM PRICE, JANE PTAK
Record: 0-18
The Cuyahoga Valley Girls Travel team came together as a team and improved with each game while traveling around NE Ohio.

JAMES SALAMON

YEAR 2008 WALTON HILLS "CITIZEN of the YEAR"

JIM SALAMON, who lives at the southeast corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads, was named the Year 2008 "Citizen of the Year" on Community Day, Sunday August 10th, for his many civic and charitable deeds over the past 56 years. After so many years of his meritorious community service to the village and its youth, his fellow residents and the Walton Hills Citizens League honored him with a formal presentation and a crystal star-shaped trophy.

THE VOLUNTEER CARPENTER

Back in 1951, when the Village was incorporated and in need of an office, Village Officials rented the property at the northeast corner of the Walton/Alexander Road intersection. On the property sat a small brick building that had been a country store and a 14' x 20' wooden shed. The shed became our 1st Village Hall.

During the second half of 1952 a group of residents converted the partially-completed brick building into our 2nd Village Hall. JIM SALAMON, a skilled carpenter, volunteered more than 400 hundred hours of his time to work on the Town Hall Improvement Project. SALAMON along with the other volunteers completed the renovation by the end of the year. In January of 1953 village officials moved into their new quarters, and that building was our village headquarters until 1972.

When the Walton Hills Nursery School was organized in 1954, SALAMON once again donated his time, lumber and carpentry skills to build child-sized tables, wooden benches, hinged cabinets and indoor play equipment for the children. The Nursery School still uses the benches and cabinet to this day.

HAYRIDES and PUMPKINS

Each year JIM SALAMON, with help from his wife MARY, takes the Nursery School children on a hayride around their property and lets each youngster choose a pumpkin from their pumpkin patch to take home. The SALAMONS reserve 1/4th of their garden for pumpkins. Besides pumpkins, the couple grows enough tomatoes and garlic for family, friends and customers who buy their produce in the late summer.

HIS YEARS with the SCOUTS

JIM SALAMON was very active in forming the Walton Hills Boy Scout Troop 417 which was chartered in June of 1954. He also helped charter Walton Hills Cub

Pack 417. SALAMON devoted six years to the village Boy Scouts, serving as Assistant Scoutmaster from 1962-1966 and nine years as Cubmaster of the Cub Scouts. In 1966 he left Troop 417 to lead Troop 233 at St. Mary's Church. SALAMON was a Committee Member of the Greater Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts.

In 1978 SALAMON received the Silver Beaver Award. A *Cleveland Press* feature article stated, "SALAMON has hiked more than 1200 miles with his scouts and has led monthly campouts for 18 years, including driving the camp bus. His 'show and tell' of scouting skills is known far and wide. SALAMON'S scout units won 16 National Camping Awards and 8 Presidential Unit Citations." A 35-year registered scouter, SALAMON received many district awards including the Merit Award, Scouters Key and Scouters Training Award.

Thank you, JIM SALAMON, for all you have done for us villagers.

A RESIDENT SINCE the 1940'S

JIM SALAMON built 2 houses in Walton Hills. The first house at 16700 Alexander Road was for his in-laws, ANDREW and HELEN RICK and the next house was for his wife GERALDINE and himself at 7677 Dunham Road. JIM and GERALDINE SALAMON moved into their home in 1944. Their 5 children are: SHARON who is deceased, JAMES SALAMON, Jr., SANDRA (JEFF) TWARDZIK, SHIRLEY STALZER and RAY (JUDY) SALAMON who is also deceased.

After his first wife died, JIM married MARY RUMINSKI in 1977. In spite of a back injury 29 years ago that left JIM'S legs paralyzed, JIM, with MARY'S assistance, is able to continue a normal life. He and MARY enjoy life in their home, eating out, tending to their garden and 8 acres of land, and doing whatever they can for their children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors. An accomplished quilter, MARY has created about a hundred quilts, several of her own design. MARY has taught quilting classes, given quilting presentations, and more importantly, she states, "Each of my step-children and grandchildren has, and treasures, one of my quilts."

JAMES SALAMON is the 4th Walton Hills resident to receive the Citizen of the Year Award. Former winners are: JEAN KAINSINGER in 2005, PATRICIA DAY in 2006 and WILLIAM DEAK in 2007.

JAMES SALAMON YEAR 2008 WALTON HILLS "CITIZEN of the YEAR"



JIM and MARY SALAMON with JIM'S "Citizen of the Year" Trophy, at T.G.Y. Park on Community Day

BOB ROMANOWSKI and JENNIFER ALLEN McINTYRE, on behalf of the Walton Hills Citizens' League, present JIM SALAMON the "Citizen of the Year" Award.



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NEWS from the W. H. HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

JOE JESENSKY, the man who jump-started the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center by donating his treasure trove of writing and drawings, passed away in June, at age 102.

JESENSKY made generous contributions to our local resource center. He gave us a lot of his original work and copies of all his writings and sketches that pertain to Walton Hills, Bedford Reservation and this area of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. In July of 2002 JESENSKY paid a visit to the village Resource Center. He shared his stories with those in attendance.

He was an acclaimed Historian of the Cuyahoga Valley region, respected volunteer of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cleveland and Akron Metroparks, noted author and graphic artist. Although JESENSKY spent his last couple of weeks in a nursing home, he was still mentally alert and on a mission to inform his fellow researchers and National Park personnel about facts he might have forgotten to share with them at earlier times.

Beginning in 1923 when he was a scholarship student at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and continuing until 1933, JESENSKY spent weekends hiking and sketching in our section around Tinkers Creek. He took informative field notes and detailed interview notes from his talks with local residents and park patrolmen.

ELMER WIGHT, a wealthy summer resident who lived on Wight Oaks Lane, befriended JESENSKY and invited JOE to build himself a cabin on the property for his weekend stays in this area. JOE accepted WIGHT'S offer. In the mid 1920s, when Wight had aerial photos taken of the Tinkers Creek Valley, he persuaded the young man to draw a series of topographical maps from information on the photos. On his maps JESENSKY marked historic and scenic points of interest: the rivers, streams, Indian trails, camps and forts, oxen lanes, roads, mills, burial spots, houses, barns and fence lines. JOE'S passion for documenting local history and informing others about the rich local history was his life-long pursuit.

JESENSKY'S work on file in our historical center include: *Pages from a Tinkers Creek Valley Sketchbook*, *Misc. Archeological and Indian Notes*, *Ancient Earth Forts of the Cuyahoga Valley*, *Ohio Tract 5*, the Topographical Maps of the Tinkers Creek Valley Area including maps and legends of the Deerlick Creek and Great Gorge area, an album titled *Joe Jesensky: His Written Work, Sketches and Descriptive Letters of Our Area*, (personal letters with informative historic details about this area and more than 50 sketches,) the final draft of his book *Joe's Place: Conversations on the Cuyahoga Valley*, and the list continues.

MYRTLE (BIRDIE) SMITH of Jefferson Drive was a dear friend and fellow CVNP volunteer of JOE'S. Our condolences to BIRDIE, and other locals who knew him personally, JEAN and BOB KAINSINGER and RUTH MONEY.

The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

is open

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
1 - 3 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm

Village Hall Community Room



The Walton Hills Historical Resource Center is open to the public, usually the last Monday of each month, and other times too upon request.

– YOU ARE INVITED – Browse through the old maps, photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia.

The Resource Center staff collects written material about our local history for display in the Community Room showcases. We thank the villagers and former residents who continue to contribute old photos and written material of local interest for our albums. Contact us if YOU have items to donate.

Will you join our staff of volunteers? We can use your help!
 Coordinators: Jean Kainsinger 232-6142 and Ruth Money 232-1411



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BEREAVEMENTS

- Our condolences to the LONGWELL family of South Meadowpark Drive, on the unexpected passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, GAIL LONGWELL at age 68. To WILLIAM LONGWELL, their children MATTHEW LONGWELL who lives in South Carolina, SCOTT and KAREN LONGWELL of Tennessee and GRETTA and CARL ALBERT who live in Macedonia and the 4 grandchildren. BILL and GAIL LONGWELL moved into the village in 1968, and this is where they chose to raise their family. GAIL was a past member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and she had been a Walton Hills Nursery School co-op mother.

- Our sympathy to FRANK HORWATH of Kral Drive on the passing of his wife HILDA HORWATH. Our sympathy also to their children, JANET and GEORGE MALAFARINA of Garfield Heights, GERALD and YULIA VOGLER of Kent, CAROL COFFARO, DANIEL and ALICE HORWATH and CHRISSY and ALLEN THOMPSON.

HILDA and BOB VOGLER and their two young children, JANET and JERRY moved into the village in 1963. Through the years, HILDA survived the deaths of two husbands, BOB VOGLER and JIM MINICHBAUER, and then met and married her dear husband FRANK.

With FRANK'S assistance, HILDA was the Women's Club Service Chair for many years, organizing and serving luncheons to families after the funerals of a resident. Last month it was HILDA'S turn. Her fellow Women's Club members served lunch for her family. For many years HILDA was an active member of the Walton Hills Lake, the Fifty Plus Club, and a member of the *Walton Hills Owl* staff. In recent years HILDA and FRANK were both on the *Owl* staff - HILDA as Board Member and assembler and FRANK as chief mechanic and stapler on assembly night. HILDA and FRANK were long-time volunteers with the Meals on Wheels program, active members of the Maple Heights AARP Chapter, and HILDA enjoyed her days out with her Red Hat group. FRANK continues his volunteer efforts with Meals on Wheels, AARP and St. Peter and Paul's Church.



- Our sympathy to the family of HENRY "HANK" MAZUR of Walton Road who died at age 82. HANK and his late wife, JULIE moved into Walton Hills in 1956. Our condolences to their children, HENRY and SUZY MAZUR, JEAN and WALLACE DAVIS, JOAN and ROBERT MACK, JAMES MAZUR, JEFFREY and TINA MAZUR and JUNE and RONALD ZESZUT.

- Our condolences to the family of JOHANN LEONHARDT of Walton Road who died at age 74. To her husband DONALD and their children, DONALD and LAUREL LEONHARDT and RICKY and STACY LEONHARDT. The LEONHARDT family moved into the village in 1966.

- Our sympathy to the family of JEANNE VARGA of Walton Road who died at age 84. JEANNE and her late husband, STEPHEN, moved into the village in 1992.

- Our condolences to JIM and MARY SALAMON of Dunham Road, on the passing of their son-in-law, RICHARD STALZER at age 50. STALZER was their daughter Shirley's husband and their grandchildren ALISON, CORINNE, MONICA and MADELYN's father.

- Our sympathy to JACK and DEBBIE PEKAR of Egbert Road on the passing of JACK'S father, JOSEPH PEKAR.

THANK YOU NOTES

"The family of EDWARD T. DOONER wishes to thank everyone who sent cards and letters during our recent loss: our supportive neighbors, the Police and Rescue Squad who were so helpful and provided escort service to the cemetery and the Walton Hills Women's Club for their lovely luncheon.
Sincerely, DOROTHY DOONER and Family"

"The family of HENRY A. MAZUR would like to thank all the members of the Walton Hills Women's Club who helped by providing the lunch for family and friends after the funeral.
Sincerely, JUNE MAZUR ZESZUT and Family"

"The family of HILDA HORWATH thanks the Women's Club for the wonderful luncheon they prepared after the funeral of our wife and mother. We are sure HILDA was up there 'supervising' the luncheon. She truly loved her Walton Hills friends. Our appreciation to the Walton Hills Police Department for escorting us to the cemetery. FRANK HORWATH, JANET MALAFARINA and JERRY VOGLER"



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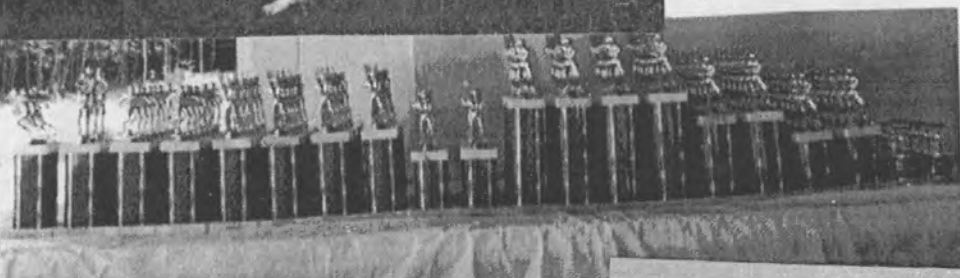


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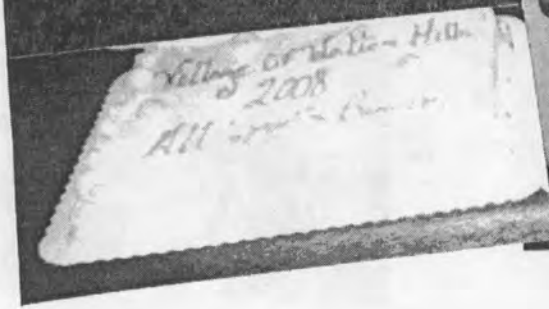




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OUT OF THIS WORLD FUN!



Auditor tells village: OK fire service funds

By Robert Nozar
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Bedford Sun

WALTON HILLS — Members of Village Council who attempt to block appropriations for fire protection and rescue-squad service could soon face the wrath of the Ohio State Auditor's office.

Since the beginning of the year three members of council — Denny Linville, Don Kolograf and Madeline Timm — have at one time or another missed meetings. The result has been that no single regular council meeting has had all six council members present.

Only Linville has owned up to purposefully missing the meetings in order to block Mayor Marlene Anielski from casting a tie-breaking vote that would allow Walton Hills to enter a 10-year contract with Maple Heights and Bedford for fire protection and rescue-squad service.

Timm and Kolograf have attributed their missed meetings to work schedules, family events and illnesses.

AUDITOR

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A group of residents led by former council member Jackie Vlk-Maire brought a petition to have Walton Hills go to the Ohio Court of Appeals to seek a court order requiring Linville, Timm and Kolograf to not miss meetings for the purpose of thwarting Anielski's right to break tie votes.

However, since April, Timm and Kolograf have attended all meetings, leaving Linville alone in his efforts. Each have asked in public why they are still part of the court action.

But when law solicitor Kevin Weiler offered to drop them from the suit in exchange for their written promise to attend all meetings, neither Timm nor Kolograf took him up on the offer.

But the newest issue does not deal with the specifics of the Maple-Bedford contract, but rather with the village paying those two communities for the protection it now receives.

The village has the money to keep paying the bills it receives every two weeks. Since Council has not passed the resolution dealing with the contract, Anielski has had to enter a series of two-week

contracts with Bedford and Maple.

That is part of the reason that the original appropriation will run out by the end of September. The other is the extra amount that had to be paid in January when the Bedford fire department had to enter training in Walton Hills to be aware of the vagaries and particulars of the community's homes and businesses.

The state auditor has apparently notified Walton Hills that it needs to appropriate the money to pay for the service for the rest of the year and that council members who attempt to block such an appropriation will be doing so at the risk of being sanctioned by the auditor.

Neither Anielski nor representatives from the auditor's office would comment on the possibility of sanctions, nor what those sanctions might be.

Meanwhile a ruling has yet to be made by the Court of Appeals on forcing the council members to attend meetings.

There will be an issue on the November ballot that will give residents the chance to decide whether they want Maple Heights and Bedford to provide joint protection or would prefer to have Oakwood protect Walton Hills on its own.

No one injured in chimney fire

WALTON HILLS — Traffic was delayed Monday morning on Dunham Road as firefighters dealt with a residential fire.

The fire at the house at 6700 Dunham, began in the chimney, and was quickly contained by the Oakwood Fire Department with mutual aid from the Maple Heights Fire Department.

Oakwood Fire Chief Jim

Schade was first on the scene after the resident called in the alarm. There were no injuries and the resident did not have to evacuate.

It was necessary to tear up some flooring and break down walls to get to the fire, which was extinguished with water carried into the home by firefighters.

Village gets \$100,000 for flood risk management study

By Mark Holan

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has committed \$100,000 to each of the four communities impacted by repeated flooding in the Cuyahoga River Valley. The funds will pay for federal flood risk management studies for Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Valley View and Walton Hills.

U.S. Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich, D-10, who presided over a series of meetings with local officials and county agencies, called the agreements "an important and timely collaboration between the federal and local governments."

In July 2006, Kucinich met with local, county, state and federal officials in response to

the June flood. With the help of FEMA and the Small Business Administration, residents and business owners were able to get relief. The long-term solution had yet to be discussed.

The Army Corps sent a representative to the meeting to help local officials minimize flooding problems.

As a result of these meetings, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Valley View and Walton Hills received full federal funding for the initiation phase of a Section 205 Flood Risk Management Study. The Independence and Valley View initiation phases have been completed.

"The Sept. 30 Feasibility Cost Share Agreements signings reflect hard work and

much collaboration among many agencies at many levels, including the Army Corps, the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, the Northeast Ohio

Regional Sewer District and, of course, Independence and Valley View," Kucinich said.

"Each of these governmental entities has made the

commitment to find appropriate measures for solutions to the flooding problems. I remain committed to seeing this study through to its conclu-

sion to ensure that long-term relief is provided for the people who have suffered so much from the Cuyahoga River flooding."

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS !

- EDWARD and LEAH YURICHAK
7077 Chestnut Drive
- ELIZABETH EVERISS
17760 Alexander Road
- MATHEW and RAYNE SOMMERS
7720 Nodding Hill Drive
- SHERRIE CUTHBERTSON
7270 Walton Road

BURN CENTER GETS PROCEEDS

The Walton Hills Citizens' League collects aluminum cans, gutters and other aluminum items for recycling. 100% of the proceeds is donated to the MetroHealth Burn Center. The League has added other metals to the list.

For further information, pick up or a drop off location, phone BOB ROMANOWSKI. 440.786.1325

THANK YOU NOTE

"I express my thanks and appreciation to the "Mystery Lady" who found my prescription glasses along Dunham Road while bike riding and then inserted a notice in last month's *Owl* about the glasses she found. Last but not least, the kind lady dropped my glasses off at our house. I was not home at the time and therefore missed the chance to thank her in person. Thank you, and may God bless you.
Sincerely, ELBERT SCOTT"

BOOK REQUEST

"We would like to have a copy of the book, *The Village of Walton Hills, Tracing Our Heritage*. If anyone has a copy of the book to sell us, we would be most appreciative. Our family's history is in that book. Please call ANN RADA 440.232.3817"



THANK YOU NOTE

"The KALMAN Family extends a heartfelt thank you to our Walton Hills friends. In early September when my husband ROB was in the hospital for a week, we received an unexpected, but truly appreciated, show of support from people in Walton Hills. Rob is healing well and back at work while we wait for the baby to arrive. We thank all our Walton Hills Lake friends who collected donations and have us well-stocked for when the baby comes and ROB goes back in for surgery. We also want to thank LISA GAGLIANO and CAROL STANOSZEK for their care package. It never ceases to amaze us how the people in this village step up to take care of their own. Thanks so much, APRIL KALMAN and the KALMAN Family"

NEWS from FORMER RESIDENTS

Former Deeridge Drive residents, JIM and CAROL JONES who live in Henderson Nevada, write to say they still miss Walton Hills and all its friendly people. They send special greetings to the Exercise Class ladies, and their Deeridge and Women's Club friends. JIM, who was with the Cuyahoga County Positive Education Program, is a school psychologist for their County School District, and CAROL, who taught courses at CCC, teaches part-time at the College of Southern Nevada. Their daughter JAMIE, a 1999 Bedford High School graduate who has a BA degree from Nevada State College, got married in June to a young man from Strongsville. Her husband, DAVID TRZEBUCKOWSKI, works for the Oracle Corporation and has just completed his assignment with a Nevada sewer district. JAMIE and DAVID will soon reside in Strongsville Ohio. The other JONES children, LESLEY JONES, JEFF TAIPS, DOUG TAIPS and MARK JONES all live in and around Ohio.

THANK YOU from the OWL Staff

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH of
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A sincere thank you for your generous donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*. We appreciate your supporting us.



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100 YEARS YOUNG!



ELSIE WINGENFELD of Orchard Hill Drive reached the century mark when she turned 100 on October 24th. ELSIE and her late husband WALTER moved into the village in 1972. Within a few months they were active members of the Walton Hills Lake Club, Walton Hills 50 Plus Club, WALTER in the Walton Hills Men's Club and ELSIE in the Walton Hills Women's Club.

In the 1970s when ELSIE'S granddaughter Kristen attended the Walton Hills Co-Op Nursery School, ELSIE worked as "co-op parent" for her daughter Carole. From 1977-1983, ELSIE and WALTER, as the village volunteer liaisons, planned the itineraries and led the village-sponsored day trips for its senior citizens. For about 10 years in the 1970s and early 1980s, ELSIE and WALTER worked together to write the monthly *Walton Hills Owl* articles for the 50 Plus Club and the Men's Club.

ELSIE continues to be an active member of the 50 Plus Club, the Oakwood Senior Center's Thursday Pinochle and Lunch Group, and is a contributing member of the Walton Hills Women's Club.

She takes pride in studying up on candidates running for local, state and national office, and voting at every election. Each day she thoroughly reads the pages of the *Plain Dealer* and watches the local and national news on TV.

h ELSIE painstakingly sews intricate counted cross stitch drawings. Each one takes several months to complete, and each is a work of art. She signs her drawings, has them professionally framed, and then gives them away as gifts, many to her grandchildren.

Village Officials designated Friday October 24th as "ELSIE WINGENFELD Day in Walton Hills." On the Village Announcement Sign Board at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads, the top line had a Happy Birthday message to ELSIE. At the Walton Hills October Senior Luncheon, MAYOR MARLENE ANIELSKI presented ELSIE with a Proclamation, recognizing her achieving the ripe old age of 100.

Our readers might have seen ELSIE'S photo on WILLARD SCOTT'S Happy Birthday Segment of the NBC "Today Show" a couple Thursdays ago or read the feature article about ELSIE in a recent issue of the *Bedford Sun*.

In 1997 ELSIE'S husband WALTER passed on, but she continues to live quite independently with her daughter and son-in-law, JEAN and BOB KAINSINGER. ELSIE'S younger daughter and son-in-law, CAROLE and JACK SINGER live in Parma. ELSIE has 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

THANK YOU

DON and BEVERLY HEIMAN of Orchard Hill Drive wish to thank the Walton Hills Police Department and the Bedford EMS workers for the excellent service they received when BEVERLY needed quick medical service. After calling 911, a police officer was at their house in minutes, and the Bedford EMS arrived soon after. They were courteous and efficient, and the HEIMANS want to pass the good word on to their fellow villagers.

GOT ALUMINUM?

The Walton Hills Citizens League collects and then sells **aluminum items** such as cans and gutters and items made with **other metals** such as appliances, tools, motors, VCRs, etc.

100% of the proceeds are sent to the MetroHealth Burn Center. For further info, pick up or drop-off location, call BOB. 440.786.1325



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BEREAVEMENTS

Our sympathy to MARGARET SURMAN and GREGORY SURMAN of Shaner Drive on the passing of their husband and father, EDWARD SURMAN at age 95. Our sympathy to the other children, GALE and JOE FOURAKER of Florida and PAMELA and DOUGLAS LIGHTNER of Copley.

Our condolences to ED SURMAN'S sister, MARY BELL, who lives on South Meadowpark Drive, and to MARGARET SURMAN'S sister, LUCY LAVRENCIK of Shaner Drive. LILLIAN FIFER, who is deceased, was also a sister of ED SURMAN. LILLIAN and her husband WALTER FIFER, deceased, were both on the *Owl* staff for almost 30 years. WALTER FIFER was the editor of the *Walton Hills Owl* for 23 years! From 1965 - 1988! LILLIAN wrote the Potpourri articles and typed the *Owl* pages. These families are, or were, long-time Walton Hills residents. MARY and JACK BELL moved into the village in 1951, the FIFERS in 1956, the LAVRENCIKS in 1967 and the SURMANS in 1971.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to the family of DONALD LEONHARDT of Walton Road, who died at age 79. Just two months ago, DONALD's wife, JOHANN LEONHARDT passed away. Our sympathy to their children, DONALD and LAUREL LEONHARDT and RICKY and STACY LEONHARDT.



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

There is little outward sign that this Walton Road home had a fire. But the Nov. 20 blaze took the life of its owner, Antonie Mueller.

Fire claims woman's life

Electrical malfunction suspected cause of Walton Road blaze

By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — A house fire resulted in tragedy Nov. 20.

Firefighters who gained entrance to the ranch home at 7698 Walton Road found its owner, Antonie Mueller, in an area between the house's kitchen and dining room. She was taken to UH Bedford Medical Center where she was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. Mueller was 86.

Powell Caesar of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department said smoke inhalation contributed to Mueller's death but the exact cause had yet to

be determined.

Officer Debbie Gaspar was on patrol on Walton Road shortly after 7 a.m. when she smelled smoke, according to Gary Rhines, the Walton Hills police chief.

"Officer Gaspar made several attempts to gain entry into the home that was filled with smoke, but to no avail," Rhines said.

A neighbor had given Gaspar a key.

Rhines said Gaspar called the fire department and alarms went to the Bedford and Maple Heights stations. Six firefighters, plus the Bedford Fire Chief Dave Nagy and his assistant chief Shawn

Solar, responded to the scene. There were also eight personnel from the Maple Heights department including Chief James Castelucci.

Nagy was first on the scene.

"There was a gray-brown smoke coming from a vent over the garage area," Nagy said. "We had credible info that someone was in the house.

"Officer Gaspar made an heroic attempt to get inside, but the smoke and heat were too much," Nagy said.

Maple firefighters went inside while Bedford firefighters began putting water on the house. Mueller was

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Thursday, November 27, 2008

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quickly found and brought outside.

"We began working on her right there," Nagy said.

Solar inserted an airway into Mueller's throat and the firefighters began ventilating her lungs. An intravenous tube was inserted as another firefighter monitored pulse activity.

"The Bedford and Maple departments train together and so everyone knew exactly what job they were to do as soon as they arrived at the scene," Nagy said.

A Valley View rescue squad was on its way to the fire as firefighters worked on Mueller, but the decision was made to use a Bedford rescue squad to make the transport to UH Bedford to expedite life-saving efforts.

There were apparently no

Nagy said it appeared that the fire started accidentally, and most likely was the result of an electrical malfunction.

He said there were 16 safety-forces personnel on the scene within five minutes and 19 within 10 minutes.

The extent of damage could not be determined as it relates to a dollar amount.

"There were no flames visible from the outside until we opened holes in order to ventilate the house," Nagy said.



Coyotes, which are growing in population in Northeast Ohio, are becoming easier to see in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Special to Record Publishing Co.

Guest Column

Chief of interpretation, education and visitor services, Cuyahoga Valley National Park

by Jennie Vasarhelyi,

Coyotes give valley a sense of 'wildness'

In many people's minds, national parks are synonymous with wildlife. Park rangers will attest that visitors frequently ask, "Where can we see ...?"

Depending on the park, the blank may be filled in with bison, bighorn sheep, bald eagles, or wolves.

The association between national parks and wildlife makes sense. The National Park Service works hard to

protect natural ecosystems with the goal of enabling wildlife large and small to thrive. National parks can successfully sustain wildlife due to their relative largely size and focus on allowing natural processes to unfold undisturbed. More acres of natural ecosystems translates into more opportunities for wildlife to find what they need to survive.

Even in its urbanized setting, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with its 33,000 acres, has relatively extensive open space that creates opportunities to view wildlife.

Many park visitors come to the valley hoping to view animals such as white-tailed deer, beavers, great blue herons, and

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Park

coyotes, to name a few.

Of these, perhaps the coyote gives the valley the most definite sense of wildness.

November is a good time of year to visit the park — as dusk turns to darkness — to listen for sounds of coyotes.

In some ways it is ironic that the coyote gives the park a feeling of wildness. This animal is versatile and has been moving into more developed areas.

Maybe it's the haunting nature of its call, with its high pitched yips and yelps, that provides the sense of wildness.

You may hear coyotes any time of the year, but the calling increases during fall. The reason should sound

familiar to parents who use cell phones to check in with their children. Coyotes call to each other as a way to touch base.

In the fall, coyotes born in the spring start to leave their parents to hunt on their own.

Calling lets the coyote parents keep track of their young as they take their first steps into the world on their own.

Although coyotes are now found throughout the United States, prior to 1900 their numbers were sparse in the eastern parts of the country.

Beginning with Ohio's first coyote sighting in 1919, these canines have gradually spread throughout the state and now inhabit all

88 counties.

In 1993, shortly after sightings began in the Cuyahoga Valley, the park began a survey to determine population levels and monitor changes. The study method uses recorded coyote calls to elicit responses from other coyotes. Over the course of the study, coyote numbers have fluctuated between a low of 40 animals to a high of just over 100.

You may see coyotes in the park, but you are much more likely to hear them. If you are lucky, you may see a coyote during its solitary hunt for small prey such as rodents. However, they are generally elusive, and many people who observe them get no more than a

glimpse in their headlights. Coyotes are also primarily nocturnal, with peak activity occurring at dusk and dawn, thereby avoiding interactions with people.

If you spot an animal that you think might be a coyote, take note of the identifiers which distinguish them from dogs.

Coyotes travel with their bushy, black-tipped tail pointed downward, while a dog will carry its tail behind it or curled up over its back. Coyotes have an elongated snout, dark fur on lower forelegs, and a perfect step pattern, dropping their hind paw into the track left by the front paw.

They also tend to travel a straight path while dogs meander.

The Towpath Trail is a good place to try to observe coyotes and certainly to listen for their calls. This path is open to visitors at dusk and dawn when coyotes are most active.

The trail passes through the woods and old fields preferred by coyotes. When you are out, listen for coyotes especially after you hear loud sounds like sirens and train whistles, which may trigger a response.

For more information about programs or the park in general, call 216-524-1497 or visit online at www.nps.gov/cuva.

Additional coyote information can be found online at www.nps.gov/cuva/naturescience/mammals.htm.



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HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to ROBERT and DIANE WEILAND of McLellan Drive. They celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month. The WEILANDS were married at St. Mary's Church in Bedford on December 27, 1958. Now they are both retired. BOB had been an operating engineer and DIANE was a teacher at Bedford High School.

This message is from their family - "ROBERT and DIANE WEILAND were blessed with two loving daughters, RENEE and RHONDA, who are now happily married and visit them often and love them very much. Also two adoring grandchildren, VICTOR ROBERT and SAMANTH, who love spending time with their grandparents. We love you and are so happy for you. We wish you both a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary. Love, RHONDA, JIM, RENEE, TOM, VICTOR ROBERT and SAMANTH"

A READER REMINISCES

"My daughter-in-law, who is a high school teacher, taught with a teacher/coach until he was physically unable to work because of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease.) The school supported and honored the teacher/coach by participating in the ALS Walk that takes place each year and naming their team *Team Mike*. As I gathered with my family at Tri-C this year, I noticed a family in front of me sporting signs that read 'In Memory of BILL COTTRILL.' I walked up to them and introduced myself to BILL'S son and his family. I told them I was from Walton Hills and BILL and BETTY COTTRILL had been my neighbors and friends.

The walk began and as we paraded around the campus there were many different memorial signs. Then I glanced at still another sign -

'The OWLS, in Memory of BILL COTTRILL' and it brought tears to my eyes.

As we see the demise of our beloved Owl, may we remember all the wonderful people who gave us this monthly gem. Since this is the last issue of the Owl, I want to express my thoughts. Thank you to everyone on the current and past staffs. You and the Owl will be missed. Very Sincerely, GINNY MONE and the MONE FAMILY."



ROBERT and DIANE WEILAND

COYOTE CALLS

Coyotes are roaming through Walton Hills. Those were coyotes you heard lately, at dusk and during the night.

According to JENNIE VASARHELYI, Chief of Interpretation and Education of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, "We may hear coyotes any time of the year, but the calling increases in the Autumn. Coyotes call to each other as a way to touch base. Coyotes born in the Spring start to hunt on their own this time of year. The loud siren-like screeches, howling train-whistle sounds we hear are the coyote parents and offspring keeping in touch with one another." For more information call 216. 524.1497

THANK YOU

- FRANK and WILMA TOTH of Mr. T Painting & Sandblasting, Inc. We appreciate your continual financial support these past years.

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THANK YOU to OUR LOCAL ARTISTS

Unique drawings by GINA LONARDO of McLellan Drive have graced the covers of the *Owl* these past 5 years. Thank you, GINA, for sharing your artistic talents with your fellow villagers.

This month's *Owl* includes a drawing by DAGMAR CLEMENTS. DAGMAR drew the picture for the cover of the December 1996 issue and allowed us to use it again in January 2005 and this issue. A gifted artist, CLEMENTS teaches art to Bedford City School children. She and her husband ALLEN live on Egbert Road, where they raised their sons JUSTIN and ETHAN.

A LETTER of THANKS

"This is the last issue of the *Walton Hills Owl*. Other publications will be circulated to residents of Walton Hills, but they will not be written, edited and assembled by an all-volunteer staff.

My sincere appreciation to our readers, advertisers and especially villagers who have been a part of the *Owl* team during its 52-year span.

Some of you may know, as do I, that for the last five years my wife and co-editor has been the heart and soul of the *Owl*. Thanks, Jean, for your deep interest in our community and keeping the voices of our villagers alive these past years.
Sincerely, Bob Kainsinger"

BEREAVEMENT

- Our sympathy to the family of BESS HORNIEWICZ of Alexander Road, who died at age 92. BESS and her late husband STANLEY moved into Walton Hills in 1950. Recently, BESS relocated to Illinois to be closer to her daughter DEBORAH. Our condolences to her daughters and their families, DEBORAH and ROBERT ORR of Naperville Illinois and CAROL and DR. ROBERT BALCHICK of New Albany, Ohio. For years BESS was a volunteer at Bedford Hospital where she was a member of the Hospital Guild.

BEREAVEMENTS

- Our condolences to the friends of ANTOINETTE MUELLER of Walton Road, who died unexpectedly at age 88. ANTOINETTE and her late husband WERNER moved into the village in 1965.

- Our sympathy to CHRISTINE KNAPP of Woodlake Drive on the passing of her husband, DAVID KNAPP. KNAPP succumbed to a long battle with breast cancer at age 68. Condolences also to their children, HEATHER FIFIK and MICHAEL KNAPP and grandchildren HANNAH, EVAN and JOSHUA.

After graduating from Bedford High School, DAVE served in the United States Coast Guard.

The KNAPP family moved into the village in 1976. KNAPP served a term on the Walton Hills Council from 2002 through 2005 and was President Pro Tem of Council in 2005. Before his Council years he served on a couple Village boards and committees. He was also an active member of the Walton Hills Men's Club, Citizen's League and Walton Hills Lake.

KNAPP had a long career with labor union agencies. He served as Executive Director of the United Labor Agency of Cleveland from 1994 to 1998. Then, as Apprenticeship Administrator for the International Painters and Allied Trades District Council Six, KNAPP organized and managed training programs. He conducted lectures and training sessions for students who wanted to enter that field of work. He was the Regional Chairman of Ohio's School-to-Work Campaign from 1994-2000 and served as Chairman of the Governor's State of Ohio Community Services Council for several years.

He was a 23-year member of the Playhouse Square Foundation and served on its Board. He was also on the Ohio State Film Commission for 6 years. KNAPP was a member of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Central Committee and a trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Bedford.



TINKER'S CREEK

There's no need to Tinker with creek's punctuation

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For nearly a year this column has been a part of the *Bedford Sun* and its name "Tinker's Creek" is reflective of the one geographic landmark that is common to all four communities that make up our coverage area.



Robert Nozar

Those who look closely at the nameplate may have been aware that the vast majority of the time we have used the title "Tinker's Creek" (singular possessive apostrophe included), but there have also been occasions where we have called it "Tinkers Creek," eschewing the apostrophe, and once it was even called "Tinker Creek") no apostrophe and no "s."

We'll call that an accident, but was it wrong? Most will say "yes," but I'm not so sure.

So exactly what style is correct?

Crossing over the bridge on Richmond Road in Oakwood that spans the creek, one sees the singular possessive apostrophe. There are examples of both styles along Dunham Road, and signs for the Tinkers Creek Road Tavern doesn't use the apostrophe, perhaps because the name was so long already.

Janet Caldwell, interim director of the Bedford Historical Society, said much of the society's work does not use the apostrophe in deference to what she called the local norm, but that her personal preference is for a singular possessive apostrophe.

One thing everyone agrees on is that it's not a plural possessive. There was only one Captain Joseph Tinker.

According to historical accounts written by Ned Hubbell and Bob and Jean Kainsinger, the creek (by the way, it's not really a creek) was named after Tinker. It seems Tinker was a member of the Moses Cleaveland surveying party and it was his job to travel back and forth from upstate New York, including

Erie and a settlement at Niagara Falls, to secure and deliver provisions to the surveyors.

Tragedy struck in November 1797 when Tinker's boat capsized and he drowned. Some say he drowned near the mouth of the Cuyahoga river.

But Jean Kainsinger said that is absolutely not the case.

"It happened at the southeast corner of Lake Erie, near Buffalo," she said.

When word about the accident reached Tinker's friends who were at the mouth of the creek in question, they decided to name it after their lost pal.

Jean said early maps and references to Tinker's Creek (and look at that, I keep using the singular possessive apostrophe) showed both styles, but no "Tinker Creek."

And, one might ask, why not?

After all it's Dunham Road, not Dunham's Road. And one can find Hudson Bay, but not Hudson's Bay. Dunham didn't own the road and Hudson didn't own the bay.

But numerous churches are named after saints who didn't own them, and the possessive apostrophe is on many.

Bedford schoolteacher Bret Johnson said he favors the "Tinker's."

"It looks better and the man's name certainly wasn't 'Tinkers,' Johnson said.

A call to the home of Jim and Kathie Rice, each of whom are retired Bedford teachers, was answered by Jim.

He knew how to handle the question: He gave the phone to his wife.

"There should be an apostrophe," Kathie said. "That is usually the way to show that something has been named after someone. And it has been used so long that way, it's just the usage to which people are accustomed."

The Kainsingers wrote a book called "Tracing Our Heritage" in which they describe how Tinker's Creek got its name, and she points out that there was good reason for the confusion as to how it is spelled and punctuated.

"Remember, they were bivouacking, so they were not necessarily taking the time to be particular, they were just interested in honoring Captain Tinker," Jean said.

But their big mistake was in not realizing that the waterway they were naming was not a creek at all, but a river that became more easily identified as such only during particular times of the year.

"In the fall and winter it certainly seems like a creek," Jean said. "But in the spring it become quite clearly a river. In fact, it's the main tributary of the Cuyahoga River."

Bedford Heights Councilman Alton Tinker is the only

"Tinker" in the local phone directory and he has some definite thought on the subject. He said it is for sure not a plural possessive, and he doesn't like the idea of calling it "Tinker" Creek.

"Yes it should be apostrophe 's,'" Tinker said. "The apostrophe singular, definitely because having it named after Joseph Tinker certainly indicates possession, not in the sense of ownership,

but that for more than two centuries Joseph Tinker has possessed the creek as a historical fact, as a gift from his friends."

All right, I'm sold. I guess a Tinker would know.

Was yankee Joseph Tinker an ancestor of Alton Tinker, who is of Jamaican descent?

"Not that I am aware," Tinker laughed.

Merry Christmas to all of my friends.

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Jeremy Cummins

When he's home from attending class at Youngstown State University, where he studies computer information systems, Jeremy Cummins is most likely to be found around Walton Hills Village Hall.

Cummins, 19, has become something of a renaissance man in that he at one time or another has lent a hand to just about every village department. In the summer he spends most of his work time with the recreation department, and he has also become invaluable in the finance department.

Cummins is an Eagle Scout and an assistant scoutmaster, who also enjoys golf and skiing. He plays piano for the Contemporary Choir at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Northfield Center.

"We really take advantage of his talents," said Vic Nogalo, finance director. "He has so many."



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Jean Kainsinger and her husband, Bob, have devoted considerable time and energy to forming the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. The couple was, until last month, also among the driving forces of the Walton Hills Owl, the monthly newsletter which published for the final time in December.

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A place to preserve the past

Resource center keeps history front and center

By Tara Quinn

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For more than ⁵⁰40 years, it was a labor of love. Villagers learned of their neighbors' new additions and tearful goodbyes, read messages from the mayor, got reports from leaders of the community's clubs and organizations.

But, the *Walton Hills Owl* is no more.

Jean Kainsinger, chairperson for the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center, and husband, Bob, a former councilman, wrote for and edited the publication for more than 40 years along with a number of other longtime villagers along the way.

Health reasons led to them stepping down and, when no others stepped forward, the *Owl* ceased publication with its December issue.

The village's foremost historians will continue to run the historical resource center.

They also have written two books about the village, "Tracing our Heritage" and "Historic Sites in Our Parks," both also available at the center.

The center has attracted railroad buffs, villagers and descendents of former residents. It made its debut in 1999 and is open to the public once monthly.

However, the staff usually comes in more often and frequently makes special arrangements for and anyone wishing to do some research.

"Both of us are very interested in what came before, the roots, in what makes the village what it is," Jean Kainsinger said. "If you don't know your history, you're bound to make the same mistakes over and over."



Sketches of Walton Hills from the past are included in the village's historical resource center.



Jean Kainsinger stands beside the display she created for the Walton Hills resource center, a historical repository located at the village community building.

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Club's warm hearts will make for kids' warm hands

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WALTON HILLS — For the second year in a row a group of older residents are showing how much they care for children, particularly those in need.

The Walton Hills 50-plus Club donated more than \$400 worth of outerwear to needy children at Glendale Primary School. The gift included 188 items such as gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, headbands and socks.

"Our members are always concerned about what is best for the children of this area and we decided that none of us needed Christmas gifts for ourselves," said Madeline Timm, president of the club. "It was much more important and satisfying for us to give because of the particular needs of these children, particularly as they deal with cold weather.

Timm is also a member of Walton Hills Village Council.

The Bedford school board voted Monday night to accept the gifts.

"It is particularly wonderful that the members of the Walton Hills 50-plus Club are doing what they can to help the children of our district," said Andrew Mizesak, a member of the school board.

"There is always plenty of news about how Walton Hills wants to leave the district. This news is much better, much less divisive. The generosity and kindness of the members of the Walton Hills 50-plus Club is greatly appreciated."

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WARM

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Timm said the club members chose Glendale because that was the school used by Village residents before the district realigned its elementary school makeup.

"Many of our members feel a real connection to Glendale, so we wanted to do what we could to help those children," Timm said. "Some of the items we donated were handmade by people who care very much about the well being of the poorer children of this public-school district."

Glendale principal Nora Beach said she feels much more comfortable knowing that she will be able to reach into a basket and give needed items to children who are facing winter's harsh weather without enough to keep them warm.

"There is so much that goes into the education process," Beach said. "Part of that involves the desire to go to school, and it can be difficult for a child to want to go to school if he or she lacks the basic outerwear needed fend off the elements.

"The members of the Walton Hills 50-Plus Club are not only helping our students stay warm, they are also helping them to be successful academically by eliminating a barrier they face. The generosity of those club members is inspiring."

Timm said the club members did not make the donations in order to receive recognition or to hear thanks.

"We did it because we want to help and because there are children in need," Timm said. "Our members received their reward in the knowledge that we have made children more comfortable, more warm, more dry in a difficult Cleveland winter."

Recovery road

There was one political leader who said she *would* have liked to have been at the meeting, and oddly enough it was a member of Walton Hills Village Council.

Councilwoman **Madeline Timm** is recovering from emergency surgery she underwent Jan. 4 at UH Bedford Medical Center. That keeps her at home regaining her strength.

Actually it's not really odd that Timm would have been there, since no elected official in the district (other than school board members) attend more Bearcat football games than does Timm. She always offers her support for the district's children, partly in her role as president of the Walton Hills 50-plus club. (See story on Page A1).

The "odd" comes in that Walton Hills continues to try to extricate itself from the Bedford school district. But Timm doesn't let that stop her from supporting the kids.

"We're still a part of the district," she said.

Walton Hills Men's Club Reverse Raffle

The trustees of the Walton Hills Men's Club are happy to report that their Annual Reverse Raffle was a success. The sold-out event took place on Saturday, March 14th at The Walsh Center, located at the Pipefitters Union in Valley View. Attendees came from Walton Hills, Oakwood Village, Bedford, Maple Heights, and other outlying communities. It was the first time in years that the event was completely sold-out.

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Those in attendance were treated to a generous and delicious Buffet Dinner, open bar, and entertainment. Prizes of cash and merchandise totaled in excess of \$6,000; much of it auctioned in a Chinese Auction.



The Main Board split four ways between winners Kathleen Knapik, Jennifer Yalanty, Ida Stanley, and Chris Gorta. **Our congratulations to all the winners!**

The Raffle is an important fundraiser for WHMC. It allows the Club to continue its support in the local baseball program, and in awarding college scholarships to qualifying high school seniors. This year, Walton Hills Men's Club celebrates its 52nd year of dedication to the Village's younger residents.

Upcoming events include an evening with an Akron Aeros guest speaker on Monday, May 4th, the Steak Roast on June 1st, and the ever-popular Clambake on September 14th. For reservations or tickets contact Steve @ 440-232-5554

Residents raise coyote concerns

As predators' population grows, villagers fear for safety of pets

By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — A growing coyote population in the village is causing concern for some of its residents.

Those who are particularly worried are people who want to leave pet dogs and cats outside, either loose or tethered, but are worried that doing so will make their pets prey to the wild carnivores.

Councilman Denny Linville broached the subject at the Feb. 17 Village Council meeting, saying he has received calls that people are alarmed to see coyotes boldly approaching areas that never before were approached.

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"Coyotes are getting out of control," Linville told his colleagues. "We need to do something about this."

He told Mayor Marlene Anielski that she should get the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to come to Walton Hills "to help solve this problem."

Jane Christyson, a spokesperson for the Cleveland Metroparks, said there is not a coyote culling program taking

place in the Metroparks.

She said that indeed small animals that venture too far from the safety of a home could become prey, but that a coyote is not likely to go after a dog being walked by a human unless they come too close to a coyote pack or coyote young.

Councilwoman Madeline Timm confirmed that the coyote issue has become a hot topic.

"I hear them howling and the wail sends a chill up my back," Timm said. "I have Metroparks on one side of (my property), so I hear them

a lot."

Timm said she worries every time her dog is outside.

"I have had calls about them and people are scared of them because they have dogs and cats too and those are being put in harm's way."

Timm said she saw two coyotes in a grassy meadow on Alexander Road last week.

"Numerous folks have seen, heard or even encountered them in our village," she said. "This item came up at various Village Council meetings last year and we were told the police had been advised."

Residents on Fern Lane and

Logan Drive are said to be the most anxious about coyotes. In addition, Timm said, she heard of a resident on Kydan Drive who was scared recently by a pair of coyotes.

"This is a problem that has to be dealt with in a coordinated effort that involves the Metroparks, the ODNR and the village," Timm said. "We cannot and should not leave our residents on their own or to their own devices in dealing with wild animals that can become a danger to humans and their pets."

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Jack
Ulman

Finding plenty to do in retirement is Jack Ulman, a former teacher at Bedford High School who has lived in Walton Hills for 30 years.

On Tuesday he was working the May primary as a presiding judge for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Ulman volunteers as a docent at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

"I really like being involved and working at the Rock Hall was a particularly interesting opportunity," he said. "It's a good opportunity to meet people and share my knowledge and point out items of interest."

Ulman taught for 32 years and supplied media with pictures of interest from the school district.

"I enjoy photography and that continues to be an interest," he said

Ulman and his fiancée find the arts to be an important part of their lives. They attend Cleveland Orchestra concerts performances at the Cleveland Play House and other theater.

Asking him about the planned move downtown by the Play House gets a definite response.

"I don't like it," he said. "The facilities it has where it's at are wonderful.

Ulman also enjoys sailing. He has a boat, but he frets about the expense given the current state of the economy.

"It's getting more and more costly," he said.

Know someone who qualifies as "Person of the Week?" We invite readers to submit nominations to mmori-lak@sunnews.com or by mail to the Bedford Sun, 5510 Cloverleaf Parkway, Cleveland 44125-4815.

Eagle adds finishing touch to monument

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WALTON HILLS — The eagle has landed.

And it's not just any eagle, but an eagle that is forever perched in honor of veterans who have lived in Walton Hills.

The monument honoring the village's veterans has been on the grounds of Village Hall for slightly more than a year. But since it was put in place, nearly everyone has wanted to see it adorned with an eagle to symbolize the country's strength.

It just so happened that an eagle that would be perfect for the monument already existed and was in the home

of Bill and Jean Deak. Furthermore, they were glad, with the consent of their children, to donate the eagle to Walton Hills.

"We've had it for so long, more than 40 years, and it's with great pleasure that we can donate it to the community we call home, where we raised our children," said Bill Deak, who is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. "It gives us great joy to make this donation."

Mayor Marlene Anielski said the symbolism of the eagle takes on added importance in a time when the country's armed forces are in two wars.

"The residents of Walton Hills are always concerned

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Bill Deak said neither he nor his wife can remember exactly where and when the eagle came into their possession. He said that in the past they often traveled to art and antique shows. He can't remember the cost.

"We are not certain where it came from, but we will always know where it is and where it will stay," he said.

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with those who are in the military and with Memorial Day approaching I am glad to see the eagle finally take its position of tribute," Anielski said. "I would like to thank the Deaks on behalf of the village and our veterans."



WALTON HILLS PHOTO

The eagle that nested for more than 40 years in the home of Jean and Bill Deak has found a new home on the Armed Forces monument on Walton Hills Village Hall property.

Anielski will seek House seat

By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — Marlene Anielski, who has been mayor of Walton Hills for nine years, is looking to extend her work and influence beyond the village's borders.

To that end, Anielski announced last week that she will be a candidate for the Ohio House District 17 seat. That position is being vacated by State Rep. Josh Mandel at the end of his current term, which expires at the end of 2010.

Mandel, who is running for the office of state treasurer, has announced his support of Anielski as she enters the state political arena.

In addition to Walton Hills, District 17 includes Pepper Pike, Hunting Valley, More-

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land Hills, Chagrin Falls, Chagrin Falls Township, Bentleyville, Solon, Glenwillow, Oakwood, Valley View, Independence, Seven Hills, Brecksville and Broadview Heights.

Anielski has been one of the area's leading Republican mayors in the effort to save the nation's auto industry.

"It is a very difficult time in

our state and national economies," Anielski said. "As mayor of a middle class municipality, it is apparent many people are out of work while citizens are struggling to make ends meet."

Anielski said that her campaign will include the theme that recognizes that a prosperous future depends on responsible planning that begins immediately.

"Our entire economy remains in crisis and Ohio has been hit especially hard," she said. "We need proven leader-

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bring jobs and opportunities back to Ohio," Anielski said. "I can make a positive difference in the lives of the fine residents of Ohio and I am eager to continue to serve."

Anielski said she is appreciative of Mandel's endorsement and is humbled by his confidence in her.

Mandel, who has shown himself to be a rising Republican star on Ohio's political landscape, bucked the wave of recent Democratic victories across the state. He used Anielski as a sounding board dur-

ing his time in Columbus and had her help in keeping him apprised of local economic issues, particularly those related to the auto industry.

The two have become close friends, and Mandel showed his appreciation for Anielski's support, and his broad base of voter support in Walton Hills, when he agreed to be the guest speaker for the village's 2008 Memorial Day ceremonies. Anielski was one of the area's first political leaders to back Mandel's first run for the state house.

Anielski pointed out that she has been a champion of smaller, more responsive government, lower taxes, and economic initiatives that create jobs and opportunities.

"Building on State Representative Mandel's principles of integrity and a dedicated work ethic is the legacy I plan to follow," Anielski said. "His dedication to the district's residents, and his response to their issues is commendable."

Anielski has already begun garnering support around the state for her run.

"Mayor Anielski brings with her the experience to lead and the common sense to make the right decisions for her constituents," said State Rep. William G. Batchelder, R-Medina, who is the house minority leader.

"As a terrific mayor and loving mother of four, Marlene has a unique perspective and I think she will make a great state representative," said Rob Frost, the chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican Party.

Anielski is active in numerous national, state and community organizations. She is a member of the steering committee of the Small Communities Council of the National League of Cities, a steering member of the Mayor's and Municipalities Automotive Coalition, a Junior Achievement volunteer, and is involved in Rotary International.

Anielski earned her MBA from Cleveland State University and her BA from the University of Akron.



ship in Columbus with a track record of cutting through partisan politics to address the many challenges we face."

Anielski is in the second year of her current four-year term as mayor, and will not have to give up the mayor's post in order to run for state representative. Prior to becoming mayor, Anielski was a member of Village Council for two years.

"We can restore Ohio's greatness only if we enact common sense policies and innovative solutions that will

Two arrested as police put an end to Dunham Road brothel

By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — A Dunham Road house being used for prostitution was raided Friday afternoon.

Officers from the Walton Hills Police Department, assisted by officers from Bedford, Maple Heights and the SEALE task force, arrested a

woman who was taking money for sexual intercourse and to perform other sex acts, her boyfriend, and another man who acted as the boyfriend's driver.

"We had been keeping an eye on this house and as we built up evidence we moved closer to the time when we could make an arrest," said Police Chief Gary Rhines. "It

was an excellent coordinated effort that has rid Walton Hills of a nuisance and constant crime scene."

Unusual activity had been noticed at the house at 6975 Dunham for several months. Officers had visited the house in the past for complaints and arrests.

Recently the police were tipped off as to prostitution

activity in which the male resident's girlfriend, who also was living at the house, was receiving calls from men who would then be invited over and offered sex if they were willing to "give a donation."

Once a time was established for a visit, the woman would tell her boyfriend who would leave the house and sit in a car, sometimes on Gorge

Parkway and sometimes in the parking lot at the golf course across the street from the house.

When the customer arrived at the house he would hand the money to the woman who would put the money in a plastic bag and hang it on a hook outside the side door. The boyfriend would then allegedly get the money and then take it elsewhere to purchase crack cocaine.

On Friday, a SEALE detective made a call to the woman's cell phone and asked if he could pay a visit. She said yes and inquired if he would be willing to "make a donation." The undercover cop agreed.

Police from Maple, Bedford and Walton Hills set up nearby and watched as the undercover detective arrived

wearing a concealed microphone. The detective first engaged in small talk and then gave the woman \$60 for oral sex. He paid with two \$20 bills and two \$10 bills.

After more small talk the detective said "it looks like it's going to be a beautiful day," which was the verbal signal for police to move in to make arrests. At that moment the boyfriend was at the side door picking up the money. A friend was waiting in a car.

All three were arrested.

The friend was eventually released, but the woman's boyfriend has been charged with procuring prostitution and promoting prostitution. The woman was charged with soliciting for prostitution.

Walton Hills Veterans Memorial Supports a New Eagle!

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Bill and Jean Deak by the Veterans Memorial

The new eagle on the Walton Hills Veterans Memorial was donated by Bill and Jean Deak and their family. The eagle was acquired years ago on one of Bill and Jean's many forays to antique shops. What a wonderful tribute to Veterans living in Walton Hills and those who served and passed away. The Deaks were very excited to have their eagle install for the Veteran's Day affair in Walton Hill scheduled at 8:30 AM on Monday, May 25th.

Mike Hopkins, Chuck Slaby and Carr Brothers directed, worked and pro-
(Veterans continued on page 8)

My next interview was with Master Sergeant Julius S. (Jay) Kerekes of Walton Hills. His duty was with G-2 in the Intelligence Corp, Third Army led by General George S. Patton. G-2 responsibility was to keep posted all troop movements of the Allied Forces. G-3 also assigned to Third Army posted the enemy on the same map. General Patton would survey the map and the positions of allied and enemy forces daily.

During his tour of duty, General Patton awarded Master Sergeant Kerekes a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. He also earned the EAME Theater Service Medal with 5 Battle Stars for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe.

He traveled with the Third Army from Normandy, France to Czechoslovakia. Twice he saw Gen. Patton break down and cry, because of decisions restricting him from advancing against the Nazis.

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Sergeant Kerekes received the following letter that was sent to all the soldiers of Patton's Third Army and describes in detail the march across Europe in the defeat of the Nazis.

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9 May 1945

SOLDIERS OF THE THIRD ARMY, PAST AND PRESENT

During the 281 days of incessant and victorious combat, your penetrations have fought and advanced farther in less time than any other Army in history. You have lost your way across 24 major rivers, and innumerable lesser streams. You have liberated or conquered more than 82,000 square miles of territory, including 1,500 cities and towns, and some 12,000 inhabited places. Prior to the termination of active hostilities, you had captured in battle 956,000 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded at least 500,000 others. France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia bear witness to your exploits.

All men and women of the six corps and 39 divisions that have at different times been members of this Army have done their duty. Each deserves credit. The enduring valor of the combat troops has been paralleled and made possible by the often unpublicized activities



**Julius S. (Jay)
Kerekes**

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of the supply, administrative, and medical services of this Army and of the Communications Zone troops supporting it. Nor should we forget our comrades of the other armies and of the Air Force, particularly of the XIX Tactical Air Command, by whose side or under whose wings we have had the honor to fight.

In probably contemplating our achievements, let us never forget our heroic dead, whose graves mark the courses of our victorious advances, nor our wounded, whose sacrifices aided so much to our success.

I should be both ungrateful and wanting in candor, if I failed to acknowledge the debt we owe to our chiefs of staff, Generals Gaffy and Gay, and to the officers and men of the General and Special Staff Sections of Army Headquarters. Without their loyalty, intelligence, and unremitting labors, success would have been impossible.

The termination of fighting in Europe does not remove the opportunities for other outstanding and equally difficult achievements in the days which are to come. In some ways the immediate future will demand a you more fortitude than has the past because, without the inspiration of combat, you must maintain— by your dress, deportment, and efficiency— not only the prestige of the Third Army, but also the honor of the United States. I have complete confidence that you will not fail.

During the course of this war, I have received promotions and decorations far above and beyond my individual merit. You won them; I as your representative wear them. The one honor, which is mine and mine alone is that of having commanded such an incomparable group of Americans, the record of whose fortitude, audacity, and valor will endure as long as history lasts.

G. S Patton, Jr.,
General

Rhines

resists

'H' word

Chief pulls driver
from burning car

By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — The instincts of a veteran policeman combined early Sunday morning with his courage, strength and determination, and the result was the saving of a man's life.

But don't call Police Chief Gary Rhines a hero. That's sure to get his ire up. All he'll allow to be said — in his presence, anyway — was that he was doing the job for which he was trained. And, don't forget to mention that any one of his officers would have done the same thing in the same situation.

It was just after 1 a.m. on July 5 and Rhines had completed his holiday shift a few minutes before. He had done his best to make sure holiday revelry did not turn into problems for Walton Hills residents, who also happen to be the chief's employers as well as his neighbors.

Something told Rhines that even though he was off duty he needed to follow a car just



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines saved the life of a man who was trapped early Sunday in a burning car after he crashed into a guardrail on McClellan Drive. The man was apparently driving under the influence of alcohol.

ahead of him that he said seemed suspicious.

That driver never did do anything that warranted a traffic stop, but it put the chief in a geographic area where he heard a loud boom.

The chief determined the sound came from McClellan Drive.

"It sounded like an M-80 inside a mailbox and, as I approached the area the sound came from, I saw a fire and

my first thought was, "it is, it's a burning mailbox," Rhines said.

But it wasn't a burning mailbox. As the chief's car got

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TORCH

From A1

ter, that is part of the fundraising effort for the Special Olympians. The event paused slightly more than halfway through the distance, at Village Hall, where Mayor Marlene Anielski presented proclamations honoring those who took part.

She also announced that fundraising connected to Walton Hills police raised more than \$1,500.

Marie Santoli, who is the clerk of the Walton Hills Mayor's Court, was the local coordinator. He husband Mark organized a golf outing to raise money and her son Marcus had the honor of presenting a check to the mayor.

"Everyone worked hard to make this a success," Santoli said. "There were so many generous, caring people."

Shannon Davis, an officer with the Barberton Police Department, is responsible for organizing the various legs of the torch relay this week in Northeast Ohio. She was there to offer encouragement and collect the donation checks.

The run got under way at Sacred Heart Church with Of-

ficer Russ Vodila leading the runners while riding the Walton Hills Police Department ATV.

Morgan said the weather, which checked in just below 80 degrees was perfect for the run. Paulin said the hard pavement was no problem for his knees over the relatively short distance.

As Vodila and the two runners made their way east on Alexander, Sgt. Stan Jaworki stopped traffic at the Dunham Road intersection. Lt. Kenn Thellmann and Sgt. Pete Kanjuka alternated in keeping eastbound traffic moving around the runners, while disrupting westbound traffic as little as possible.

In fact, it was those same motorists who Thellmann and crew were trying not to inconvenience who slowed things down the most as they stopped their cars completely, or moved at less than 5 mph in order to watch the goings-on.

Detective Dave Kwiatkowski kept ahead of the run while stopping occasionally to snap pictures.

Once Morgan handed off the torch to Paulin, he drove a police cruiser to block off Northfield Road. Inside was Aro, the Walton cop canine



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

Cooling off after completing the Walton Hills leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run, John Paulin was glad one of his colleagues handed him an icy bottle of water. The Special Olympics begin Friday in Columbus.

who would have loved to make the run, but was ineligible sans a hand to carry the torch.

"Everything went perfectly," Anielski said. "Our police department, everyone connected with this, cares so much about the entire community."



ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

Joe Morgan, an officer with the Walton Hills Police Department, takes the first leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics on Monday afternoon. Morgan said it was a perfect day for the run.

Torch run truly 'Special' for two police officers

By Robert Nozar

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That's because that was the pavement that was pounded by two Walton Hills police officers who took part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

Officers Joe Morgan and John Paulin carried the torch, first the former, then the lat-

See TORCH, A3

WALTON HILLS — For about 30 minutes Monday afternoon a 2.3-mile stretch of Alexander Road became the most important distance around for many area athletes.

Two Men And A Campfire hums along

Duo gets ready to show off debut CD 'I Hate Dead Rabbits' at release party today

Bedford Sun

By Brian Lisik
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By the time they formed their two-man acoustic duo two years ago, veteran musicians and brothers-in-law Dale Godbey and Ryan Zinn had learned plenty about the music business. For one, a name is absolutely more than just a name.

But like many of the series of events leading up to the formation of Two Men And A Campfire, naming the group was an "accident," in Godbey's words.

"At one of my earmark birthdays — I won't say which one — I got this tiki fireplace (ornament) and we started putting it on stage with us," said Godbey, a Walton Hills resident. "Ryan's wife, Shelly, thought of Two Men and a Campfire and it was a good thing."

As the old adage goes, Godbey went on, the first thing an audience does after hearing a band, if the name doesn't resonate, is completely forget them.

"I sometimes joke from stage that we thought about calling it 'Two Men And A Campfire Looking For Two Women with A Tent,'" Northfield Village resident Zinn said. "But we thought 'twomenandacampfirelookingfortwowomenwithatent.com' would be kind of difficult."

Albeit memorable. Which, in the end, the group's music takes care of quite admirably on its own.

The duo has dubbed its mix of Zinn's inadvertently dark, eerie folk and Godbey's more traditional and quirkily humorous "Americoustic" music — not quite rootsy enough to be Americana, but far from a full-on rock approach.

"I played in everything from heavy metal to country bands and I thought that if I got back into music, I was interested in doing something



BRIAN LISIK/SUN NEWS

Dale Godbey, left, and Ryan Zinn — collectively known as Two Men And A Campfire — will debut their new CD, "I Hate Dead Rabbits," tonight at the Agora Ballroom in Cleveland.

"The best of it" recently involved the recording of Two Men And A Campfire's debut CD, "I Hate Dead Rabbits" at the Lava Room in Cleveland.

The group will officially release the impressive 12-song collection at 7 tonight at the Agora Ballroom, 5000 Euclid Ave. in Cleveland. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 14, and are available at www.americoustic.com.

Keeping with the band theme, the event will feature campfire snacks, magician David Mlakar and the proceeds will benefit Art On Wheels (www.aowinc.com), a Cleveland-based group that provides arts training for the disabled.

In the broad sense, Zinn said it is hard to pinpoint the long-term goals of Two Men And A Campfire.

"Because, let's face it,

build a fan base as unique as the band itself.

In the meantime, Godbey works as a facilities manager at Gallo Displays in Cleveland — where he has been for the past 35 years — and Zinn works for a titanium coating facility.

"People ask me if I can do their golf clubs," Zinn deadpanned. "No I can't."

But it becomes obvious, after only a few minutes of conversation, that Godbey and Zinn take the craft of songwriting much more seriously than your average local coffee-house folk stars. And an intriguing dichotomy is brought into even sharper focus when the two talk about their families.

Both Zinn and Godbey's children, having literally grown up watching their dads from the stage, have assimilated

much of the same love for music.

"I think there is a friendly competition," Godbey chuckled. "My son, Daniel is 18 and I see him learning the same songs as I do."

Zinn's 9-year-old son Brad will be opening for his father and uncle at the CD release show.

"My dad played, and my grandma could play anything with strings on it," Zinn said. "One time with Brad, we got a call from his teacher telling us that he had been skipping lunch and recess to go into the music room and play guitar — she was so impressed with that."

With that, Zinn's face beamed with a grin that no amount of musical fame and notoriety could ever conjure.

"As a dad," he said. "I couldn't have been more proud."

Vet brings home gold — and confidence boost

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500 compete in wheelchair games

BRIAN ALBRECHT
Plain Dealer Reporter

Holly Koester was still rolling on an emotional high this week after competing for the 19th time in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

The 29th annual event was held July 13-18 in Spokane, Wash., by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The games drew competitors from nearly every state, representing service dating back to World War II.

Koester, 49, of Cleveland, joined nine other Northeast Ohio veterans among more than 500 athletes competing in 17 events. She won four gold medals and one silver, while the overall 34-member Buckeye contingent took 40 gold, 21 silver and 17 bronze medals.

Competition included basketball, swimming, archery, bowling, softball, track, trap-shooting and weightlifting.

Koester said the event helped changed her life after she was injured in a car accident while serving in the Army, giving her the confidence to become a substitute teacher for the Parma and Berea school districts.

The games "show we can compete and still have an active lifestyle," she said. "We're all veterans, brothers and sisters in arms, and we encourage each other, show we can live a normal life and learn from each other."

Koester competed in swimming, nine-ball pool-shooting, a wheelchair (obstacle course) slalom, air-guns and handcycling — guiding a hand-powered bike in a six-mile race.

Other Northeast Ohioans who participated in multiple events and their branches of service: Amy Riter, 34, of Canton (Navy); Milton Young, 48, of Canton (Air Force); Shawn O'Neill, 27, of Chagrin Falls (Air Force); Dawoud Muhammad, 58, of Lakewood (Marines); Robert Thomas, 39, of Macedonia (Army); Cory Anderson, 39, of Parkman (Navy); John Carozzi, 74, of Richmond Heights (Navy); Carl

Harris, 62, of Wadsworth (Army); and Leonard Hallbank, 63, of Warrensville Heights (Army).

Change of command: Lt. Col. Patrick Powers assumed command of the Cleveland U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion during ceremonies July 10 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. He replaces Lt. Col. Bryan Blue, who has been commander of the battalion since 2007.

Powers is a graduate of Bowling Green High School and Ohio University with a degree in history. He later earned a master's degree from the Army Command and General Staff College. He most recently served as chief of the Future Concepts Division with the Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Golf outing: The fifth annual golf outing to support the Cpl. Brad Squires Memorial Fund is scheduled for today at the Dorion Golf Club, 18000 Station Road, in Columbia Station in Lorain County. The fund, named for Brad Squires of Middleburg Heights, a Marine killed in Iraq in 2005, helps support community activities. Cost is \$85 per person or \$25 for dinner only. For details call 216-856-4947 or visit bradsquires.net.

Military Appreciation Day: This event to benefit the USO of Northern Ohio and Honor Flight Cleveland, which flies local veterans to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be held Sunday, when the Lake Erie Crushers battle the Kalamazoo Kings at All Pro Stadium in Avon. For every \$9 ticket sold, \$3 will go to help support these groups. For tickets, call Honor Flight Cleveland at 216-403-7549, or the USO at 216-265-3680.

Marines land in Mentor: The Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment, with the Silent Drill Team and Drum & Bugle Corps, will perform at the Mentor High School stadium starting at 7



U.S. Army Lt. Col. Patrick Powers, left, accepts the battalion flag of the Cleveland Recruiting Command during ceremonies this month at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

p.m., Wednesday, for a free "Take Pride in America Day." At 1 p.m., Marine weapons, vehicles and a helicopter will be exhibited. The USO of Northern Ohio will collect items for the armed forces overseas.

Patriotic award: Fairview Hospital recently received a Patriotic Employer Award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The award honors employers with leadership and personnel policies encouraging employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

If you have information for Military Notes, write to Brian Albrecht, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114; e-mail him at balbrecht@plained.com; or call 216-999-4853.



Veteran Holly Koester, 49, of Cleveland, lines up a nine-ball shot at the 29th annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Spokane, Wash.



Dawoud Muhammad, 58, a Vietnam Marine veteran in Lakewood, takes careful aim during air gun competition at the Games.

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Chemical spill prompts officials to discuss access on Krick Road

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By Robert Nozar

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WALTON HILLS — A recent chemical spill near on the border that divides Walton Hills and Bedford could easily have been worse.

As it was, businesses along Krick Road could not be reached by their customers, and employees and others were unable to leave the area as it was necessary to close Krick, which is the only access to the area.

Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski, who was able to get to the site, while firefighters and a HAZMAT team dealt with the problem, said she is grateful that there were no serious injuries.

“But this could have been a far different situation and the fact that access is so limited is a concern for the future,” Anielski said.

She said she has pushed in the past for her community to work with Bedford to address the safety of employees of Krick Road businesses in each community.

Anielski was scheduled to meet Wednesday with Bedford Mayor Dan Pocek and others from each community to discuss what can be done to diminish the impact on businesses when emergency crews use Krick.

“We must consider the construction of a new roadway to allow for emergency egress for the quick evacuation of these businesses,” said Ani-

ski, who is also safety director in Walton Hills. “That chemical spill ended without incident, but it could have been a disastrous situation.”

Pocek said he agreed that having only one roadway, which has access at only one end, is a situation with a potential for real danger.

“I understand Mayor Anielski’s concern and am ready to discuss potential solutions, but as is the case these days, the question is about money,” Pocek said. “Coming up with the funds to build another road is not an easy task.”

Still, Pocek said, he is ready to explore the situation at length. “We are concerned about doing what is right for businesses affected when Krick Road must be closed.”

Enthusiasts cruise to Classic Car Show

7-16-2009

By Robert Nozar
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WALTON HILLS — Car enthusiasts found that the village was the place to be for the annual Classic Car Show put on by the Walton Hills Citizens League.

It was a perfect weather day as car owners from across Northeast Ohio showed off their babies at Thomas Young Park to an admiring throng that included visitors from across the Western Reserve.

Deb Kozak, who not only loves old cars, but is also a Walton Hills resident and the vice president of the Bedford school board, pointed out particulars of various autos to an eager listener.

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ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

Son-in-law Kevin Hurst (rear) is allowed to sit in John Liscoe's 1957 Buick Roadmaster, but his hands better be clean and no mud on his shoes. All kidding aside, father-in-law and son-in-law enjoyed working together to show off the former's pride and joy during the Classic Car Show on Sunday afternoon in Walton Hills.

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ROBERT NOZAR/SUN NEWS

As the proud owner of this 1960 Chevrolet Impala, Bedford Heights resident R.B. Thornton didn't mind a bit fulfilling a request to pose with the classic automobile Sunday afternoon. The car was originally owned by Thornton's uncle.

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CAR

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"Look at the space this engine sits in," she said while peering under a yawning hood. "With cars built today, everything is crammed in."

Kozak doesn't own any vintage autos of her own, but she understands their mystique.

"It's so easy to see why people love these things," Kozak said. "They're beautiful and they're lessons in history."

Entire families walked from car to car, spending time at each. Others made beelines

for particular models. Some came to see just one or two of the vehicles on display.

"We get people of all interest levels who spend a half hour or all day," said Bob Romanowski, who helped coordinate the show for the Citizens League. "It's a great event for a summer afternoon."

Romanowski said he and other league members were pleased with the response as nearly 100 cars were on display.

Car owners sat in shaded areas, but quickly would come to the fore in order to answer questions.

"I've been in the back seat

to clean it, but no one has ever sat back there," said one proud owner. "I love this car."

WALTON HILLS CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Informing you on issues in an intelligent, responsible, non-partisan, professional manner

Next meeting for the Citizens' League is Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at 7.00 P.M.

We attempted to get a member of congress to talk to us about the health care bill but Congress returns in session that day in Washington D.C. so we may get a representative from Congressman Kucinich's office to speak in his stead. We cordially invite all of our residents to attend, whether you are a member or not, all are welcome- Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

2009 Summer to Remember!

Home Days



Community Day

Again the Citizens' League hosted several booths at the **Community Day** festivities on Sunday August 9th, a food booth and two prize booths with over 160 prizes to be awarded. Thanks to the many generous donors of the prizes, we were successful even with the light turnout this year. The attendance this year was low probably because there were no fireworks scheduled and it was extremely hot and humid that day. Even with a light turnout, everyone that was there seemed to enjoy themselves. Good food, fabulous prizes, great music and entertainers made for very pleasant day.

There were two highlights that afternoon,

One was when the Mayor presented Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines with a Proclamation and letters of Commendation. Plus a Clock from the F.O.P. representative. For his Heroic Act of pulling a motorist from a burning vehicle.

And the Annual presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award, which was awarded to Robert Kainsinger by the Citizens' League President Bob Romanowski and Vice-president Jennifer Allen.

Mr. Kainsinger distinguished himself in various ways over the years. Since moving to the village

Fabulous Classic Car Show!

This year everything worked in our favor making for a truly successful event. A beautiful day, beautiful cars with beautiful people, great music and a event put on by our dedicated members of the Walton Hills Citizens' League and volunteers equaled one Fabulous Classic Car Show.

Having been to quite a number of different cars shows over the years, I was totally amazed at the quality of the vehicles that attended this years show. We could have awarded over one hundred trophies and awards because of the outstanding workmanship, gorgeous paint colors and finish, along with many amazing restorations. The variety of the vehicles present, created a view into our past and presented to all those in attendance a truly unique experience. One participant even remarked, if you win a Trophy or an Award that day it was an honor because of the quality of the competition present.

The vehicles were from 48 different communities, including Elyria, Chester, Canfield, and Alliance. Which included a 25 mile per hour all Electric Dark Blue 1927 Rauch Lang from Chagrin Falls, a Black 1924 Hupmobile from here in Walton Hills, a rumbling Multi-blue colored wild 1992 Pontiac Race Car from Medina, an amazing looking and sounding Orange 1970 Chevelle from Alliance and a 1947 Chevy with a very gorgeous Raspberry Red and Silver paint combination. It was extremely difficult choosing one gorgeous vehicle over another.

Dr. Charles Yowler Director, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burns from the MetroHealth System, was on hand to choose a car for the Directors Award. And after some deliberation he chose his favorite of the show, a Burgundy 1946 Cadillac Convertible, owner Tony Stokar from Independence, the recipient of the Directors Award, a Commemorative Plaque plus a Display art piece from Joe Sano's Cruisin Art Productions. We Thank Dr. Yowler for participating this year, Great Choice.

The Top Ten and the Peoples Choice award winner's were, Moe Hillen's Red 1941 Chevy Coupe, George & Donna Millsop's Pearl White 1939 Lincoln Zephyr, Dennis Bergansky's 2 tone Green 1954 Ford Crestline, Earle Radke's 1936 Ford Sedan, Jay Heestand's Orange 1970 Chevy Chevelle, Don Gates's Silver/Gray 1969 Pontiac Firebird, John Rada's Red 1968 Pontiac GTO, Jerry Walters's Black 1961 Ford Starliner, Gregory Evans's Burgundy 1978 Ford Ranchero, Tom Pelcarsky's Red 1969 Chevy Camero, and Jeff Murphy's 1941 Ford Pick-up.

Thanks to Caricature Artist Roland Napoli for his magical artistry and donation. And a Special Thank You to the League members and volunteers who gave up their Sunday to work for a great cause, The MetroHealth Burn Center. This was a great show. There were well over 120 plus cars displayed at T. G. Young park that day.

On behalf of the Walton Hills Citizens' League and it's members, thanks to all those who attended the show as spectators or participants especially those who remembered to bring aluminum cans for recycling for the Burn Center on Sunday July 12th.



Police Chief Gary Rhines

in the early 60's he has been active in several of the clubs and organizations as a member, trustee or officer. Writing articles for them to appear in the Walton Hills Owl for over a thirty year period. Eventually becoming co-editor of the Walton Hills Owl for around five years, ending this past December in 2008.

Mr. Kainsinger also co-authored with his wife Jean two books that they then donated to the village. One was about the Village of Walton Hills, Tracing our Heritage and the other dealt with Historic Sites in Our Parks, namely the Bedford Reservation and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park both are contiguous to the village. Over the years this dynamic duo also wrote many articles for publication in the Owl.

Over the years he has shown a true community spirit in all that he attempted.

Bob also served for twelve years as a Walton Hills Village Councilman.

If you wish to contact **Bob Kainsinger** for a comment his phone no is 232-6142



Fabulous Classic Car Show!



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Robert (Bob) Kainsinger WALTON HILLS 2009 "CITIZEN of the YEAR"

Presented by the Walton Hills Citizens' League



Bob Kainsinger, is presented the Award by Bob Romanowski League President, and Jennifer Allen, Vice-President

On Community Day, the Walton Hills Citizens' League named Robert (Bob) Kainsinger the 2009 "Citizen of the Year." Mr. Kainsinger has shown his character, integrity, and community spirit in many of the things he has done on behalf of the organizations he was associated with.

During his many years of active service in the Village groups he served as the Men's Club and the Lake Clubs President and as Trustee. Also through those years he wrote numerous articles for both of those organizations which appeared in the Walton Hills Owl. He was also a member of the Citizens League and the Fifty Plus Club.

It was only natural that he would eventually become involved with the Walton Hills Owl our Village publication. Writing countless feature articles about the history of the village with his wife Jean. So when former editor Bill Deak retired from the Owl, Bob and his wife Jean became it's editors. And for the next five years until their retirement from the Owl, continued the tradition of producing a great monthly publication for the residents of our community.

Bob and Jean also authored a couple of books about the Village, one in 1986 entitled The Village of Walton Hills, Tracing our Heritage and one in 2006, Historic Sites in Our Parks, with the boundaries of the Village, the Bedford Reservation and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Bob also served as a Village Councilman for twelve years.

Bob and his lovely wife Jean have lived in Walton Hills since 1961, first on Karl Drive and then on Orchard Hill Drive . They raised 2 children, Karen and Kathleen, both are married and Kathy has two sons, Rob and Peter.

10-2009

POTPOURRI

Welcome Back, Owl

Word around town is that villagers are really looking forward to having the Owl back. We received an outpouring of support at the Community Days on August 9th.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all those who stopped by the Owl booth at the Community Days to support us morally and financially. Thank you for your continued support of this fine publication. We look forward to serving you!

Thank You

Thank you Saturn Press Inc - Owned by Village residents and printer of the Walton Hills Owl!!! For your printing needs please call (440) 232-3344

Congratulations

The winners of the Owl raffle at the Community Days were Jack Ulman and Patty Allen. They are the proud new owners of the beautiful owl statues. Congratulations Jack & Patty

Have a great school year To all of the students of the village - we hope you have a wonderful year

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new residents to the Village:

- Alana Kaniewski of Alexander Road
- James Cain of Laurel Drive
- Hank & Lorraine Smitley of Walton Road
- Linda Harms of Spanghurst Drive
- Dave Fifik of Orchard Hill

Special Dates

- Article submissions for December/January Owl due November 1st
- Happy Anniversary-Tom & Kathy Grattino-11/3

Have your own Potpourri Story?

Any special news you'd like to be included in the Potpourri section of upcoming issues, please call Lori Pavlinsky at 440-409-8991, or you can email us at Wh_Owl@yahoo.com.

Bereavements



It is with heavy hearts that we offer our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the residents we have lost in the past year...

November 2008

Antoinette Mueller of Walton Road.

Albert Fabian of Alexander Road. Al and his family resided for more than 10 years on South Meadowpark Dr. in the home he built, where he raised horses and was a member of the Walton Hills Rangers. A lifetime member of Bricklayers Local 5, he excelled in and loved construction, and also built his daughter's home on Walton Rd. in 1973, and the Alexander Rd. home in 1997. Al is still deeply mourned by his wife of more than 60 years, MaryAnn, daughters Patty Allen (Bill), Karen Mealy (Chuck), sons Mark and Albert, Jr., five grandchildren, including Jennifer (Bob McIntyre) and Billy Allen of Walton Hills, and great grandson Johnny Allen-McIntyre.



December 2008

Norma Svoboda of Conelly Boulevard.

February 2009

Helen Tesar of Hicks Road.

Joseph Giordano of Walton Road. Joseph and his wife moved to Walton Hills when he was 37 years old, resided for over 38 years in Walton Hills. Joseph served as a Marine in Korea, he was honorably discharged after 4 years, as a sergeant. Upon his arrival home Joseph quickly discovered his calling of building construction until he retired in the 1970s. After his retirement, he learned that he wasn't finished building yet. He built two construction buildings (one each in Walton Hills and Bedford) working diligently, completing all the interior construction by himself. Joseph is deeply missed by his wife Louise, 4 children, and 11 grandchildren.



April 2009

Paul Hilty of Sonny Drive. Paul was a 9-yr resident of Walton Hills. He taught in the Bedford School System for 34 years at Heskette Middle School, Aurora and Carylwood elementary schools. He was a long-time member of the Bedford School Foundation and in 1999 received the Woodrow Shipley Award. As an active member of the United Methodist Church of Bedford, he was a member of the Pastors Parish Relations Committee, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, a Board of Trustees member and sang in the choir. Paul is dearly missed by his wife Merry Ann, daughter Tanya and son David (Kim).

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Bereavements continued...

May 2009

Alice Serrani of Sagamore Road.

July 2009

William Longwell of South Meadowpark Drive. Survived by his two sons.

Ann Lorens of Alexander Road. Ann spent the last several years of her life traveling to spend time with all of her family before settling down to live with her son Duane and daughter-in-law Lynn for her last two years. She was fortunate to be able to visit with her remaining children and grandchildren, in New Mexico to Florida to Georgia, while in her 80's. She loved going to casinos, and wished there were some in Ohio. Ann lost one child twelve years ago, and is survived by her loving family of 3 children, and 5 grandchildren.

Ray Canzoni of Alexander Road. Ray and his family lived in the village for 22 years. He was a very active member of his church St. Wenceslas until its closing, and then dedicated his extra time to St. Monica's. He spent his time cooking for all of the organizations in the church and the members of the Maple Hts. Knights of Columbus, where he was the Grand Knight. Ray is greatly missed by his wife Doreen, 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren (the youngest just born in September - unfortunately Ray never met).

September 2009

James Nose of East Lake Drive. James lived in the village for over 40 years. He was in the Army from 1955-1957. After his discharge he began work for Tremco and became a regional Distribution Manager. James would travel all around the country to take care of the warehouses for the company. James loved bowling and golf and was an active member of the Broadway Golf Club. James is deeply mourned by his wife Dolores.



*To submit Bereavements to the Owl, please leave a note in the white Village Hall mailbox,
or email us at
wh_owl@yahoo.com*

*Warm summer sun shine kindly here;
Warm southern wind blow softly here;
Green sod above lie light, lie light-
Good night, dear heart, good night, good night.*

- poem by Robert Richardson selected for Susy Clemens' head stone
www.twainquotes.com

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Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who volunteered their time and energy to help bag the Owls for the October issue. Your kindness is much appreciated! A Special THANK YOU to Mrs. Merry Ann Hilty -for being the Owl's Proofreader and for all of the red ink she has donated.

The positive feedback we received shortly after the October Owls were delivered was overwhelming. We would like to thank those who called, wrote, and emailed.

WELCOME new residents: Ms. Alana Kariewski - Alexander Road, Mr James Cain - Laurel Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wojnarowski - Nodding Hill, Mr. & Mrs. David Schuld - Ceife Circle, Mr. David Filik - Orchard Hill Drive



Congratulations to gymnast Michaela Romito, 13, who fulfilled her dream of competing internationally at the International Children's Games in Athens, Greece this past June. Michaela and four other Gymnastics World Gymnasts competed for Team Cleveland with the coordination of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. Last season, Michaela competed in many states in level 9. Her goal this year is to compete level 10. Team Cleveland took the silver medal against 10 other countries, only 0.05 points behind Team Greece. All of the girls have fond memories and made friends from

several other countries. Romito said it was "awesome to see different people with different skills, the best experience ever!" Michaela is the daughter of Mike & Lisa Romito, formerly of Walton Hills. She is the granddaughter of Chuck & Anna Marie Slaby and the great-granddaughter of Chuck & Lee Slaby and Pete & Rosalie Scimone.

50 wonderful years! Earl and Elaine Miller of Morningside Drive celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 26th. A grand weekend of family celebration was held at the elegant downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel, hosted by daughters Andrea and Michele.



Old news, but good news! Spending a hot August weekend with grandparents Joann and Paul Rich of Alexander Road in Walton Hills is 10 year-old Jacob Simons, of Wyoming, Ohio. Jacob is the son of former Walton Hills resident Dawn Simons (Toth), and Christopher Simons. Jacob attended his first Indians game (a win) and day one of Browns training camp followed by a cookout. Jacob, a 5th grade student, is the starting cornerback for the Wyoming Cowboys of the Greater Cincinnati Youth Football Association. His favorite Browns player is Josh Cribbs.



Ray Tinter would like to thank everyone that saved stamps for Our Lady of Lourdes. A 49 Lb and 1oz pile of stamps has already been collected! Mr. Tinter asks that we remember to please continue to save our postage stamps through the Holiday Season. Every stamp counts!!



The Southeast Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library (Bedford) - has a bunch of wonderful winter activities! Some special activities include: A Homework Center (Mon-Thurs 4:00PM-6:30PM), Reindeer Games Make It-Take It (Dec 9 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM), Kick up your heels..with Dancing Wheels!(Thur. Jan. 28, 2010- 7:00 PM), COMPUTER CLASS: Computer Essentials (Wed., Jan. 20, 2010 7:00 PM and repeated Thurs. Jan. 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m), and a Teen- Mother /daughter beginning crochet class (Jan. 21, 2010 at 7 PM). PLEASE Visit their website for the rest of their exciting, entertaining and educational activities!! Registration is available online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org or just call at 440-439-4997.



Please keep your noteworthy news coming! Stories for the Potpourri page may be dropped off in the Owl mailbox in the Village Hall, emailed to Wh_Owl@yahoo.com, or call Lori at 440-409-8991.

Blood Drives Dates for 2010

Please note that these dates and times are tentative and subject to change



Jan 4 th from 1 - 7	July 5 th from 2 - 6
March 1 st from 2 - 6	Sept 13 th from 2 - 6
May 3 rd from 2 - 6	Nov 8 th from 2 - 6



Bereavements

Elaine Plush

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Elaine Plush, who resided on Chestnut Drive for 44 years. Mrs. Plush had 3 children -- Carole (Rerko), Gayle (Reid), and Gary -- and 2 grandchildren -- Justin and Heather. We are told that Mrs. Plush was a homemaker who always looked forward to receiving The Owl publications, & also loved the Village of Walton Hills. The family would also like to express their gratitude to Sharon Silvaugh, a neighbor, who helped to take care of their mother.

Raymond T. Grams

Raymond of Dunham Road, was a 25-year resident of Walton Hills. He was married for 41 years to Bernie, who is the Walton Hills Building Department Manager. He served in the Army National Guard and worked for 37 years at General Electric's Tungsten Products Plant in Euclid. Ray was a member of St. Monica's Parish and was an active, caring, loving family man, extremely proud of his three police officer sons, Russ, Dave and Matt, his two beautiful, talented daughters, Anne Marie and Jackie, and five remarkable grandchildren. He is missed very, very much by all.



Fred Tribuzzo

We would like to extend condolences to the Tribuzzo family on the loss of Fred in September 2009. Fred & Rose and their family have resided for more than fifty years on Woodlake Drive. They would like to thank the Walton Hills Police and the Oakwood paramedics for their quick response. They would also like to thank the Walton Hills Men's and Women's Clubs. Rose and children would like to thank everyone for their kindness, thoughts and prayers.

Norman Hanslik

We would like to also extend our sincere condolences to the Hanslik family of Walton Road. Norman died at 80 years of age, on October 21st. 2009. A very active member of his community, he was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Fifty Plus Club and AARP. He played Pro-Ball for the Cleveland Indians farm team until he was drafted into the Army in 1951. He worked for Combustion Engineering for 42 years and retired in 1991. He leaves behind his wife Doris and their two sons - David and Doug.

Wise Owl of Walton Hills

**"A wise old owl sat on an oak; the more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard; why aren't we like that wise old bird?"**

Our Village has a wealth of history. Not only in the land and it's story but also in the people that occupy its homes. The different generations that share our Village have participated in the events that make up the threads weaving our Nation's history. We are looking for those stories. Please nominate someone you know as a **Wise Owl**. WH_Owl@yahoo.com or leave a note to the Owl, in the Walton Hills white mail box at the Village Hall.

Frank Horwath

Frank Horwath has been a resident of Walton Hills for 12 years. We would like to name Frank our first Wise Owl.

Frank was born in 1921 and grew up in Union Town, Pennsylvania. He was the 10th of 12 brothers and sisters. Growing up in Union Town, he attended school. But after his father's death- two weeks into his first year of high school- he headed off to work in the coal mines to help support his family.

In 1942 when World War II began, Frank was too young to enlist. But he persisted and was finally allowed to sign on with the Marines. Leaving his family and his fiancé Rita behind, Frank headed to Camp Pendleton, CA, for basic training. Rita gave Frank a Rosary when he shipped out, which he has prayed with every day since. After basic training, Frank was sent to the Fifth Marine Regiment as part of the Motor Transport. This is an honor that Frank still speaks about with great pride.



The Marine's Fifth Regiment was originally activated in 1917 and debuted in World War I. It is the oldest and most decorated infantry regiment in the Marine Corps. Often referred to as the "Fighting Fifth", this is the regiment that successfully invaded Iwo Jima. This was a long and deadly battle that they say was won, foot by foot and yard by yard. Frank was a member of the Fighting Fifth's Motor Transport division during the famous Iwo Jima invasion. Stationed in Hilo, HI for the invasion, Frank took many soldiers on their final journey into the battle. Many members of the Fifth Division did not return from Iwo Jima, some of Frank's fellow Motor Transport division members included.

World War II sent Frank to many different places including the Island of Peleliu, Sasebo, Japan and Hilo HI.

While in Peleliu, Frank found time to locate the cross of his cousin's friend lost in the infamous battle. He took a photograph of the cross and sent the picture home to the man's family. Always thinking of friends and family is just part of who Frank is. He even decorated his transport with his fiancé, Rita's name, pictured here.



After leaving the service, Frank headed back to Union Town, PA, where he married Rita. They later relocated to Cleveland, OH for work. Frank worked for Cleveland's water department for 24 years and finally retired. They raised three children – two daughters and one son. Frank enjoys visiting with his children and grandchildren – especially taking beautiful pictures which he proudly shows off. Rita passed away after 38 wonderful years with Frank.

Frank has always been active with his church. As an usher at Sts. Peter and Paul, he met his second wife Bernadine. They were married for 12 years.

Frank also enjoys bowling. He met his third wife Hilda while bowling. They were married in 1997 and they moved into Walton Hills. Although Hilda has passed away, Frank still enjoys bowling twice a week. He is also an extremely appreciated member of our Walton Hills community, helping with assembling the Owl and even part of the distribution.

Thank you Frank!

H. Knapp-Fifik & J. Allen

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...by Lori Pavlinsky

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Sure went by fast!

Thank you - We would like to thank **Raymond & Justine Cifani**, of Jefferson Dr., and **Glen & Ruth Money**, of Walton Rd., for their donations to the Owl. Your kindness and incredible generosity is greatly appreciated!

On the mend- Get well soon to **Elli Bogner** who, unfortunately, encountered a very serious fall requiring some well-deserved time sitting in a comfortable chair in front of a warm fire. We hope you have a speedy recovery. Soon you'll be back in the "spring" of things!

Anniversary - Happy belated Anniversary to **Bill & Marge Allen** who celebrated 63 years of marriage on January 25th

Who-Who Winners- Congratulations to the **Bachman** family and the **Fleischer** family - who won copies of **Fred Tribuzzo's** newly published book, **St. Nick**.

Around town -

Southeast Branch of the Library - Internet Essentials - February 17th 7:00PM & February 18th 10AM - how to use Internet Explorer, Google search and save your favorite web site! On February 13th 9:30 - 11:00AM Coffee & Beignets - Mardi Gras style. Also a Children's Mardi Gras will be held on February 8th at 7:00PM - PLEASE call 440-439-4997 to register for these and other fun programs at the Bedford location.

House for Sale: 3 bedroom brick/stone ranch, 2 fireplaces, over 1.5 acres on a quiet, safe cul-de-sac. Replacement windows, newer furnace/AC and roof. This home built and cared for by the original owner. Contact 216-642-0659.

The Owl would like to hear from you. Don't be shy! Call me at (440) 409-8991 or email us @ WH_Owl@yahoo.com with your Potpourri articles. We'd like to know of any upcoming anniversaries, special achievements, births, weddings, graduations, awards, etc.

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Bereavements

Eleanor Mann

Eleanor, age 83, passed away on December 12th. Long time residents of Walton Hills, Joseph and Eleanor built their home on Deeridge Dr., in 1953, and enjoyed raising their children Gayle (Rudary) and Jack, in this peaceful and safe Village. Also, grandmother to three dear grandchildren, Daniel, Robert, and Brian.

Aldino Orlando Marini

Aldino, age 76, a resident of Walton Hills and Dania Beach FL passed away on December 15th. His many accomplishments include being an Army Veteran and being owner of "A. Marini and Sons Cement Contractors". He was also a beloved husband of 52 years to Joanna, devoted father of Theresa, Marguerite and Aldo; proud grandfather of Stephen, Alex, and Joey.

George Rostankowski

George, age 86, a US Army Veteran of WWII, member of Lincoln Post 13 PLAV, was a devoted husband of 58 years to the late Ann, loving father of Linda, Joanne, Gregory, and David; cherished grandfather of Michael, Nicholas and Rick Rostankowski, David Caldwell, and Sheri; dear great-grandfather of Leah and Carli.

Cyril Tomondy

Cyril, age 77, beloved husband for 50 years of Margaret; loving father of Karen, Denise, and Paul; dearest grandfather of Mindy, Alyson, Matthew, Veronica, Rachel, Nicholas, and Alexander. Cyril was a US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a retiree of Ohio Bell Telephone Co. Cy enjoyed woodworking, while Marge was with the Women's Club or working on the Owl. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Bowler battles back with perfect game after losing most of hand in accident

'Why me?' gives way to determination

SARAH CRUMP
Plain Dealer Reporter

Mike Sirna could be a guy people feel sorry for. He lost much of his right hand in a work accident.

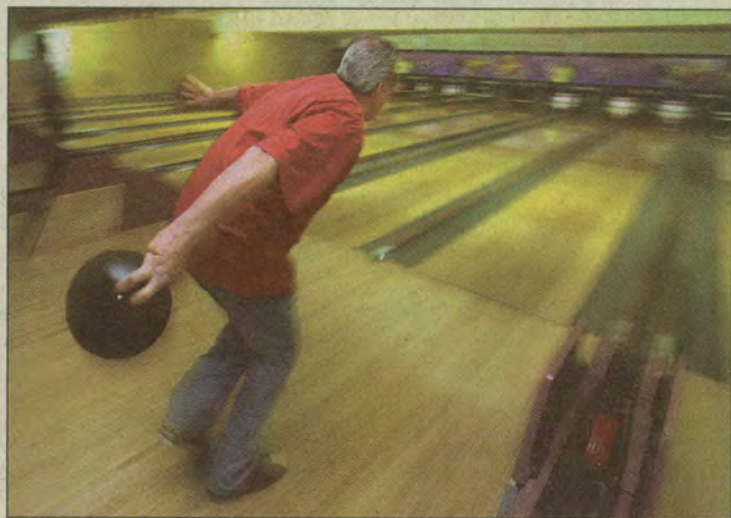
Bad news, particularly for someone who makes a living spreading asphalt and loves golf and coaching basketball.

But Sirna, 51, shoos away any pity. In fact, he says having his hand smashed by a 5-ton steel drum roller "turned out to be a good thing. It could have been my head."

He has more than made do since. Two days after Christmas last year, the occasional bowler, who had his pinky and ring fingers as well as much of his hand amputated, bowled a 300 — only the second perfect game since Labor Day at Pawnee Lanes in Bedford.

But that's only part of Sirna's encouraging story.

He had been sober for a year in



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Mike Sirna on another good night Sunday at Pawnee Lanes in Bedford. Losing much of his right hand in a work accident hasn't slowed his game.

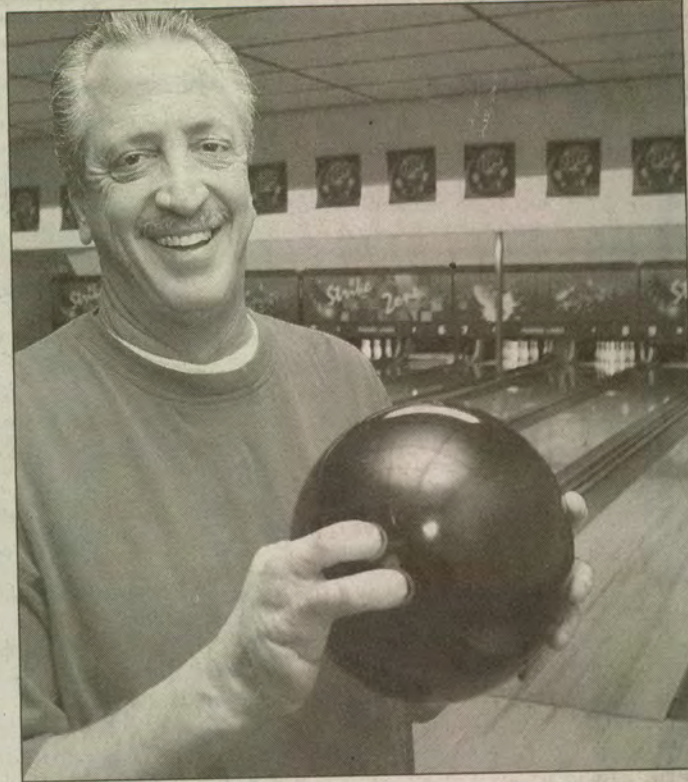
December 2003 when he began putting in a driveway in Bainbridge Township. Business was good. He'd restarted his asphalt company after some tough times with alcohol, times that cost the father of four his marriage and his business.

"I was a hard worker, but I kept destroying myself," said Sirna, of

Hudson, who remembers being shot at several times and diving through a picture window — heaven knows why.

Then Sirna found the Ed Keating Center, a nonprofit Cleveland rehab residence. He lived there for seven months.

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Mike Sirna had his bowling ball specially drilled to accommodate his remaining fingers.

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Losing most of hand doesn't slow his game

"That place saved my life," he said. Sober, he moved in with his parents and went back to work.

Putting in the driveway that December morning went as usual: Sirna sat behind the controls of the giant roller as he carefully maneuvered it off its trailer. He'd done it hundreds of times.

Then, on a hill, the roller's drive system failed. Sirna couldn't brake. He aimed it for a ditch, "so I wouldn't hurt anybody."

But as he leaped from the roller, he slipped and fell on the road. The massive machine rumbled on, unrelenting. It crushed his hand like so much hot black-top. Miraculously, two nurses drove by. Within minutes, Sirna was on a helicopter flight to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Soon after came the really hard news. He'd lose two fingers and part of his hand. A pin was inserted to hold his middle finger on the bone that remained. Sirna remembers his parents crying.

"That was a pretty low point," he said.

He asked, "Why me?" — until he saw other accident victims in his ward with no hands. He at least had part of one.

Thirteen days later, he left the hospital. Nurses came to his house twice a day to flush his wounds and change his bandages as Sirna pushed himself. If his physical therapist told him to do 10 repetitions of a painful exercise, he said, "I'd do 20."

He picked up a golf club every day just to try to grasp it. His dad, Leo, had planned a March golf trip to Naples, Fla. — a scant two months away. Sirna wasn't about to miss it.

"He was amazing," Leo Sirna said about the golf vacation. "He still could hit the ball 300 yards."

Shortly after his accident, Sirna went back to coaching his boys basketball team with a bandaged hand. Then, one day, he picked up a ball and shot a basket. "The kids were so excited," he said.

Four years later, still coaching, he entered a shooting contest during a Cavaliers game at The Q.

Sirna didn't bring a partner, so the Cavs' Daniel "Boobie" Gibson stepped in to toss him the balls.

After Sirna made 10 out of 10 layups, nine of 10 shots from the free-throw line and three of six from the 3-point line, Gibson gave Sirna a high-five. That's when he noticed Sirna's missing fingers.

"He said, 'You did *this* with *that*?' " said Sirna, laughing. "I was so happy, I floated out of there."

A big poster hangs on the wall at Pawnee Lanes congratulating Sirna for the 300 game he bowled Dec. 27. Jack Yurichak, who owns the Broadway Avenue bowling spot, found a nonalcoholic drink manufacturer — Arizona Tea — to sponsor the smart-looking sign.

In about the seventh frame, Yurichak knew that Sirna, his friend since their Bedford High School days, was on his way to a perfect game. "He's unbelievable under pressure," Yurichak said.

Sirna hadn't bowled regularly until he joined his every-other-Sunday mixed-couples league. Even then, it was strictly a casual get-together with friends. A fun time. Until that Sunday, that is, when Sirna threw a long string of strikes with the 16-pound ball drilled specially to fit his middle and index fingers.

"Then my knees started to shake," Sirna said.

On a recent Sunday, Sirna was presented with a framed scorecard of his big game — stowed as a joke in a pretty Victoria's Secret lingerie bag. ("I don't have to wear this here, do I?" Sirna asked before he opened the package.)

He makes friends easily and tries to be there for many who are fighting the same demons he has. He still coaches boys basketball and plays golf.

Sirna wishes business were better — yes, he was back driving that roller for his Sirna Construction Co. in May 2004, five months after the accident. The sluggish economy last year didn't do his summer work any favors. Meanwhile, he plows snow to make ends meet.

Still, he's happy with his life.

"It's all a gift from God," he said, pointing to the "Serenity Prayer" that rests on his fireplace mantel. "I have my children, and I have my friends — real friends."

But there is one last sports challenge he'd like to conquer. "I've come close," said Sirna. The ball has circled the cup and jumped out a few times.

The golfer with half a hand would love to get a hole-in-one.

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Northfield Village barber George Jana, who opened his barber shop in Summit Plaza in 1960, is marking 50 years in business this year.

Jana is pictured here with 4-year-old Max Bostelman.

This year also marks a milestone for barber Ignatius Lovano, who is retiring at age 80 after first learning the trade 73 years ago when he was a 7-year-old in Sicily.

See the videos with this story on www.the-news-leader.com



RPC Photo / Eric Marotta

Five decades and counting

Five generations pass through Northfield Village barber shop

by Eric Marotta
Editor

NORTHFIELD VILLAGE — Every now and then, one of the men grabs a push broom and sweeps up hair — some black, some grey — from under the shop's pedestal seats.

Electric razors buzz and there's a constant "DING!" from the cash register as another customer settles up.

It's been that way since 1960, when George Jana opened Northfield Plaza Barber Shop in Northfield Village. The business begins its 50th year of operation this year.

The second of three generations of barbers, Jana says his father, Joseph Jana, had urged him to remain in Cleveland, as the village back then was relatively undeveloped.

But with a new subdivision just behind the plaza, 4,000 workers at the Walton Hills Ford plant, and neighbors that included J.C. Penney, Krogers, Sparkle and Firestone, "I saw potential," Jana said.

Despite the vagaries of business, George has seen generations come and go. And even though the shopping center has been renamed "Summit Plaza," one local family has had five genera-

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At right, Ignatius Lovano gives Joe Humel a trim.

Above, a frame displays some photos from Lovano's time as a policeman in Italy.

At right, Northfield Plaza Barber Shop's vintage cash register has accounted for the shop's proceeds since 1960.



Barbers

tions sit in the shop's vintage chairs.

Now 86, Jana works with his son, Jim — who started barbering in 1986 — and three others: “Kid” Joey Bleiweiss, who is still in his 20s, and old-timers Ignacio Lovano and Joseph Gliozzo, two Sicilians who say they learned their trade in the “Old Country.”

Though he opened his Northfield business 50 years ago, George has been barbering since 1948, the last time the Indians won the World Series.

He said he's trying to hold on until the team wins again.

Lovano, on the other hand, says he is retiring after he turns 80 this year.

“I was 7 years old when my mother took me to the barber shop to learn this trade,” he said.

“That's the way you learn over there — any trade. You learned in the shop,” he said.

Lovano said he started with clippers on other children. His first shaves were done on “young boys with easy whiskers.”

Gliozzo, the “Sicilian wine maker,” is 69.

He said he cut his first hair as a shepherd shearing sheep.

Like Lovano, he eventually moved to the United States and took up barbering in the Cleveland area before going to work at George's shop.

Visitors to George's will notice a couple stuffed parrots — reminders of an incident that earned the business fame from coast-to-coast with an article in the *National Enquirer*.

For nearly 30 years, a parrot named “Chico” was a

regular fixture in George's shop. Then, in 1995, a state inspector came in and fined the business \$100. He ordered the parrot removed, as animals are not allowed in barber shops.

“He said the next time, the fine would be \$500 and I don't think we could have afforded that,” George said. Chico — or “Chica,” as she proved one day by laying an egg — spent the last of her 44 years at home with George's wife, Lu.

In another corner of the shop, a picture frame showcases several old photographs featuring young Lovano, who looks exactly like the actor Caesar Romero.

For a time, while working as a police officer in Italy, Lovano had the opportunity to guard Pope John XXIII, who headed the Roman Catholic Church from 1958 to 1963.

“He came to where I was stationed and I was chosen to be his guard all day long,” Lovano said. “Then, when he was elected the Pope I sent him this picture to sign, and he did ... I was very happy and very proud.”

From off in the corner, a voice comments, “Once upon a time ...”

Another old story, repeated often.

Northfield Plaza Barber Shop is at 10333 Northfield Road in Summit Plaza, next to the Sherwin Williams store. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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NOW WE KNOW - HERE'S the STORY!

Curious about the digging and leveling you saw along a pathway off Dunham Road, a path that starts between the private residences at 7111 and 7135 Dunham Road?

The roughly 20' wide path is actually where Dominion East Ohio has the right of way for one of its old gas lines. The gas line continues down the hill, under Tinkers Creek and beyond. Erosion caused parts of the gas line to become exposed, and exposed pipe can be a hazardous situation. Dominion East Ohio had crews work on the line in recent months. The pipe is now safely buried again, at approximate depths of 18 to 33 inches. Newly planted grass covers those areas. Abutting this pathway are private land and Cuyahoga Valley National Park land.

Besides the gas pipeline, Ohio Bell years ago buried cable in the same area. AT&T's fiber optic cable lines parallel and crisscross this section of gas line. We are told that there is a web of gas lines and cable lines buried on right-of-ways in the Bedford Reservation. They continue throughout our village and surrounding communities.

If you hike along the path to its end, you approach old New York Central abutments for the railroad trestle that spanned Tinkers Creek Valley from 1911-1973. The view from this hilltop is worth the walk.

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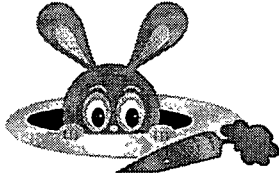
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...by Lori Pavlinsky



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Owl Donations

A heart-felt "Thank You" to the following residents for their generous donations: Peter J Kanjuka of Walton Road, Lynn Springborn of Walton Road, and Elly Bogner of Alexander Road.

Thanks to all the residents who have given us positive feedback. We certainly do appreciate your moral support!

Congratulations...

...to Jennifer Allen of Alexander Road for making the Dean's List! Jennifer has her hands full with work, studying, and family obligations, so this accomplishment is well-deserved. Great job, Jenn!

Historical Presentation

Walton Hills resident Ginny Mone had the pleasure of attending the Historical Presentation on February 3rd. Ginny was kind enough to submit the following article to share her experience:

For all that attended this wonderful event you were taken on a journey which started after World War II to the beginning of our precious village. My Sister, our Village friends (both old and new) were returned to the past when we became, "Villagers". Jean Kainsinger not only took us on a journey back, but also gave us some details that even an 'old timer' like myself did not know. Our parents bought our lot from General Connelly in 1951 during the 'big boom'. We were one of the families who built their home themselves (took a little over 2 years). This was a time of dirt roads and well water. When the water lines and sewers came in, our forefathers had the insight to set up a trust fund so we would never have to pay a sewer bill! Jean reminded us of a time when people moved into their homes without them being finished-plywood floors (a time of many slivers!) and unpainted walls.

Our forefathers did all they could to improve our Village and yet keep it a 'rural village'. Virgil Allen and Ted Graves gave their all to build a solid foundation for Walton Hills to grow on. We are grateful to them and all our Village forefathers (and Mothers!) for their dedication and struggles during this exciting and challenging time.

Thank you to Jean Kainsinger and the Historical Society & Staff for all they do in keeping our experienced memories alive and well preserved. We are eternally grateful ~Ginny Mone and Family



Bereavements

Marie R. Maggio

We wish to send our condolences to the Maggio family of Walton Road. Marie Maggio was the beloved wife of Ralph R. for 64 wonderful years, Mother of Frank (Meri) Sorgatz, Ralph (Lisa) Maggio, and Leon (Kim) Maggio. Missed by her grandchildren, Frank Jr., Gina (Josh) Gilbert, Cheryl (Chris) Bell, and Jil (Bob) Caravona. Dear great-grandmother of Samson and Gianna Caravona. She will be missed.

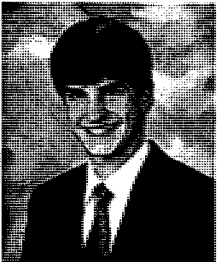
Carmella Occhipinti

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Rizzo family of Spanghurst Dr., for the loss of their dear mother and beloved Grandmother.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal.



~ from an Irish headstone



Joseph Anielski

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words, expressions of support, donations of food or just giving a hug in our most saddest of times. Our loving son, Joe, ended his own life due to his undetected and untreated depression.

This Anielski family prays for all of you to find more wisdom, understanding, spirituality and guidance. Don't hesitate to approach us to share your stories of our loving son and brother, Joe, even though we may shed a tear. He has now found a calmness and eternal peace. We will miss his passion, smile, infectious sense of humor, dimples and love.

Obviously, God needed him more and wanted him to come home. Even though we do not understand why so soon, we take comfort that he is at peace.

We all love you very much Joe. Until we see you again, row on, row on.

Jonathan, Mayor Marlene Anielski and family

Son of Walton Hills mayor found dead in park

by **Eric Marotta**

Editor

MACEDONIA — The body of the son of Marlene Anielski, the mayor of Walton Hills and a candidate for Ohio's 17th Senate District, was found dead at Sugarbush Park in Macedonia March 4, according to the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office.

Joseph Anielski, 18, was pronounced dead at 4:10 p.m. March 4, according to a Medical Examiner's Office spokesperson.

The cause and manner of death of Anielski, a senior at St. Ignatius High School, is under investigation, the spokesperson said. An autopsy was performed March 5.

The Macedonia Police Department is also still investigating, a police spokes-

person said March 8.

A call placed to the Anielski residence was not returned by press time.

Police said a hiker walking in a wooded area in the park came across Anielski's body around 3:40 p.m.

A statement from St. Ignatius March 5 said high school staff, faculty and students have been informed of the death, and that the school had spoken with the family to express support and condolences.

"We will join as a faith community to pray for him, for his family and friends, and for all who are suffering with this loss," the statement read. "We will do whatever we can to comfort them through this difficult time."

Services were March 8 at St. Michael Church in Independence. Interment was

at All Saints Cemetery.

Marlene Anielski is seeking the Republican nomination to fill Josh Mandel's 17th Ohio Senate District seat, as Mandel is vacating his seat to run for state treasurer.

She has served as mayor of Walton Hills for nine years.

The 17th district includes communities in eastern and southeastern Cuyahoga County, from Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Pepper Pike and Hunting Valley in the north, south to Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Solon, Glenwillow and Oakwood and west through Walton Hills to Valley View, Independence, Seven Hills, Brecksville and Broadview Heights.

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Chanel High School announces
Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Alexandra Kontur

St. Peter Chanel High School is proud to announce Alexandra Kontur of Walton Hills as the Valedictorian for the Class of 2010. Kontur earned Superior Honors all 7 semesters while earning a 4.31 grade point average. Kontur came to Chanel from St. Barnabas School in Northfield and participated in volleyball, softball, Students for Peace and Justice, National Honor Society (President), Yearbook, The Flame (Chanel newspaper), Aquinas Book Club, Peer Minister, Art Club, Drama Club, French Club and R.A.C.E. (Respect All Cultures Equally). Outside of school, Kontur works at Justice and attends youth group meetings. Kontur plans to major in pharmacy or advertising and is undecided on where she will attend college.

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...by Lori Pavlinsky

Owl Donations...A hearty "Thank You" to James Miller of Deeridge Rd. and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Orth of Spanghurst Drive for their generous donations. The Owl really appreciates your support!

Congratulations.....to Tyler Waryk, Walton Hills' newest Eagle Scout! The Eagle Scout award is the highest rank achieved by the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations, Tyler!

Get well soon...Get well soon to Bonnie Weseloh. Thinking of you – the owl staff.

Have a Great Summer...Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club....Our annual Spring Luncheon was held on Monday, May 17th, at La Casa Bella Party Center. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon which was followed by a year-end overview given by our **President, Madeline Timm**. Club officers for the 2010 - 2011 club year were installed by Doris Pankratz. We will recess for the summer and will commence at our annual picnic in September. Please watch the Owl for information prior to the picnic. **PLEASE ENJOY A HAPPY, SAFE, FUN-FILLED SUMMER ...** Nancy Krul Publicity

High School Graduates:Please send us your information along with high school photos for the next issue of the Owl. You may email us at WH_Owl@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed.....to help deliver the Owl each month. If you would like to be a volunteer, please email us at the address listed above this announcement, or you may call any of our staff members (phone numbers are listed in the front of the Owl).

Thank you...the family of Cy Tomondy, of Walton Rd would like to thank the Walton Hills Police and Oakwood Paramedics for the quick response to their emergency calls. They express their deepest gratitude to all the officers who came to help in their time of need. Also, a special thank you to the Walton Hills Police, for providing the lead car to the church and cemetery. Thank you to the Women's Club for the lunch they provided after the funeral and to all the Tomondy's friends and neighbors for their caring, kindness and support.

Bereavements

Ken Bender – has passed away at age 70. Ken was a retired Independence firefighter. He was a loving husband to Jane and father of Kim, Craig (Michelle) and Kenny (deceased) (Lisa) and Grandfather of Austin, Karin (Elvis) and Greg (Karen). Our condolences go out to his family.

Helen Engel – 86 years old and beloved wife to Clement has passed away on April 10th. Our condolences go out to her son Larry.

Clark Hoover – has passed away at age 86. Beloved husband of Marguerite (nee Jerdon) and dear father to Thomas (Sheila) Hoover, Theodore (Kelly) Hoover, Paul (Beverly) Hoover, Eve (Larry) Clovis, Lynn (James) Rhodes and the late Daniel Hoover. He was a grandfather of 14 and a Great Grandfather of 12. He will be missed.

Stella Palgut – of Egbert Rd., has passed away. Our condolences go out to her family. She was a beloved Mother of "Kenneth (Judy), Alan (Patricia) and Joyce Bagay (James- deceased). A loved grandmother of Kim, Kristen, and Karin.

Gordon Parnell- a former resident, passed away after long illness at age 79, on March 22nd at a Hospice Center in Arizona. Our condolences to his daughter Debie Campbell of CA., his first wife Shirley of FL., and his second wife of almost 30 years, Carol. His youngest daughter passed away more than 20 years ago.

From 1967 to 1976 Gordon dedicated his summers to the village children, aged Kindergarten through high school. With volunteers: Assistant Coach Jerry Chojnowski of Walton Road and Learn to swim Teacher Sally Law of Egbert Road, Parnell organized and managed the Walton Hills Swim Team.

Near the pavilion at Walton Hills Lake is a dedicated tree with the plaque that reads: "to Gordon Parnell. Let the leaves of this living tree represent the numerous children whom you taught water safety. Walton Hills Swim Team September 1976".

Willie Whitmer – Passed away at age 74. He leaves behind his wife Patricia (Orenski) (nee Harper). He was a loving father to Susan Jennings and his late son Scott and dear grandfather to Ashley Sobleski.

Elsie Wingenfeld – Passed away at home on March 10th. She was 101 years old. Our condolences to her daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Bob Kainsinger of Orchard Hill Dr., and Carol and Jack Singer of Parma, her 5 granddaughters and 9 great-grandchildren. Thirty-eight years ago she and her husband Walter (died in 1997) moved into a new addition Jean and Bob Kainsinger built onto their home.

Elsie was an active member of the Oakwood Senior Center and several Walton Hills organizations: the Women's Club, Citizen's League and the Fifty-Plus Club.

Elsie was also proud to cast her vote every election day. Wanting to be an informed voter she studied up on the candidates running for local, State and National offices. She had a front row seat at last October's "Meet Your Candidate Night" event held at the Walton Hills Church of Christ. Afterwards, she cast her absentee ballot for the November election.

George Zalom - Was a beloved Husband to Margaret (nee Watson) and loving father of Marcel Heid (Allen). He was loving grandfather to Samantha and Mitchel. He was a dear brother to Andrew (Stella) Barbara Novosel (Steve) and the John (deceased) (Lois). He will be missed.

**Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon;
and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.**

~Rossiter Worthington Raymond

~found at: The Quote Garden

Potpourri

...by Jean Kainsinger and Heather Knapp-Fifik

Thoughts and Prayers... go out to LeAnne Meda and her family. Her mother is very ill.

Update on a former resident... Jason SantaMaria grew up in Walton Hills and graduated from Bedford High School. He is a Gunnery Sergeant, working as an Avionic Technician, in the Marines and based at Camp Pendleton, CA. Right now he is in Afghanistan. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. His wife Holly and children: Mercedes, Angelina, Gabriella and Jason Jr., are waiting for his safe return to their home in, Ocean Side, California. We are all very proud of you Jason!

Master's Degree.... Linda Alexander of Middlefield and Jeff and Shari Alexander are proud to announce that their son, Joseph has received his Master's Degree in counseling from Kent State University. Joseph is planning on continuing his education and has been accepted into the PhD program at Kent State. Joseph is the grandson of Frances Alexander, also of the Village.

Ken and Cathy Jecman of Conelly Blvd. welcome their first grandchild, Kenneth Niles Jecman III, born March 23rd to their son Kenneth and Maya Moyano who live in Chagrin Falls. The proud grandparents get to enjoy the baby 3 weekdays each week and any other time when they are asked to babysit.

O-H-I-O-! Phil and Jeanne Williamson of Orchard Hill Drive are proud to announce their grandson, Ryan Wiens of Westerville Ohio, will dot the "I" of "Script Ohio" during the OSU marching band halftime performance when The Ohio State University plays Ohio University on September 18th, and again at the OSU - University of Michigan football game on Thanksgiving weekend.

There is a saying that a person may become famous 30 or so miles from his home. That may be true, but **Phil Williamson**, aka Abraham Lincoln, is becoming quite a celebrity in and around his hometown of Walton Hills. At the Bedford Strawberry Festival in mid June, Phil as Abe Lincoln, along with Paul Revere and Belle Schumacher (the woman who foiled the 1920 Bedford bank robbery) reenacted their characters on Saturday afternoon. As they strolled through Bedford Commons they were asked many questions, mingling with the guests. Abe Lincoln was a hit with the crowd. During the past few years Williamson, as Abe Lincoln, has given presentations to the Walton Hills Women's Club, Men's Club and Fifty-Plus Club, the Bedford Historical Society, and to groups in Ohio, neighboring states and in Washington, D.C.

The time to exercise is Now! The Walton Hills Women's Exercise Class started up again. Exercise classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Walton Hills Community Room. The cost is \$3.00 per class, and the classes are grouped into 8-week sessions. The first new session started June 17th, but newcomers are welcome to join anytime during a session, with the cost prorated for them.

Linda Toth is now teaching the Women's Exercise Class. Long-time residents may remember that Linda taught the Walton Hills class for a while some 25 years ago. Currently, Linda also teaches exercise classes in Beachwood, at St. Barnabas and The Light of Hearts Villa. Her classes are a combination of aerobics, cardio, strength of motion, Pilates and yoga.

Our best wishes to **Jean Price**, Walton Hills exercise teacher for the past 20+ years! Jean married Phil Troia on June 18th and has moved to Brunswick to begin her new life with Phil. We wish them happiness and many years together.

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Bereavements

...Jean Kainsinger and Heather Knapp-Fifik

God pours life into death and death into life without a drop being spilled.

-Author Unknown thequotegarden.com

William J. Allen (Bill) of McLellan Drive passed away at 83 years old, husband of Margaret (Lenkey) of 63 years, 3 sons William (Patricia) and Michael (Kathy Guiton) of Walton Hills, and Thomas (Tammy) of Sagamore Hills. Bill was a grandfather of 7 including Jennifer (Robert McIntyre) and William Allen of Walton Hills and great grandfather to 15 including Johnny Allen-McIntyre of Walton Hills. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Allen family.

JIM BLAIR - passed away at age 81 this past May. He was the father-in-law of Dan Stucky, our village Street Commissioner. Residents from 1963 - 1996, Jim and Lillian Blair raised their five daughters in their house on Walton Road. Our condolences to his widow Lillian, daughters Lauren (Wayne) Shantz, Belinda (Dan) Stucky, Denise (Ronald) Wehner, Lisa (Joseph) Cifani and Yvette Blair, ten grandchildren and other village family members.

ADOLPH LOWIEC - of North Meadowpark Drive died in May. Adolph and Ruth Lowiec (deceased) moved into the village in 1963. Adolph was a World War II Army Veteran and a retired Cleveland Firefighter. Our sympathy to his son Gerard and his wife Victoria and two grandsons.

EUGENE MATIA - of Dellwood Drive, died at age 82 this past March at Walton Manor. He suffered from acute leukemia. Gene and his family moved into the village in 1964. For many years Gene was an usher at St. Mary's Church in Bedford. He is dearly missed by his brother, Tim Matia, who also lives on Dellwood Drive. Our condolences to Gene's children and their families; Eugene Jr., Gregory, Cheri and Debbie.

MAE NEMETZ - who lived on Tulip Drive with her late husband Edward from 1972-1986, passed away in June. Our sympathy to her sons and their wives, Edward and Doris and Ted and Joy.

LILLIAN PROVANCE - of Egbert Road died last month at age 72. She and her late husband Kenneth moved here in 1977. Our condolences to her two daughters and sons-in-law, Kellie and Michael Fiorille and Paula and Jerry Chaya and four grandchildren.

POTPOURRI

ELIZABETH RUSSELL enjoys the precise execution of Highland Dancing steps of her Scottish heritage, and continues to win awards for her dancing skills.

In May at a competition in Alma Michigan, the 14-year old took 1st place in the Flora Dance and 3rd place in the Sword Dance. Elizabeth took 1st place in the Sword Dance in June at the Ohio Scottish Games at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Her next competition is August 7th at the St. Andrews Scottish Games in Detroit Michigan.

Elizabeth takes classes at the Jenny May School of Highland Dance in Mayfield Heights. This fall, Elizabeth will be a 10th grader at Trinity High School. She is the daughter of Rob and Barb Russell of Orchard Hill Drive.

MAH JONGG The ancient game of **MAH JONGG** that originated in China as a game exclusively played by men, is the latest fad in Walton Hills, thanks to **JAN SMITH** of Allen Drive. At the present time, 50 enrollees, mostly women, play Mah Jongg on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Walton Hills Church of Christ. The Mah Jongg group is sponsored by the Walton Hills Women's Club.

In 2004, **Jan Smith** started teaching Mah Jongg lessons for free to anyone who expressed an interest in the game. To date, Jan has taught the game to over 100 women and men at the Walton Hills Church of Christ.

"Mah Jongg is a game of strategy with a lot of luck thrown in. The game is fun and addictive once it is learned, but it is a difficult game that requires concentration and practice. The game is not for everybody. But for those who devote their time to learning the game, it is a fun way to socialize, meet new people and develop friendships," states Jan.

Jan adds, "I am pleased I can teach the game to seniors. It helps people keep their minds active. The game gets them out of the house. They have a reason for getting up in the morning and they always have another day to look forward to." Some of the women in the Walton Hills Mah Jongg group also play the game other places and times.

Jan would like to see more village men play the game. Although she has taught the game to 5 men during the years, Ray Tinter is the only man who continues to play with the women. Ray would reply, "that tells you how much fun the game is to play!"

Jeff Smith, Jan's husband, adds with a smile, "I'm happy to support my wife's efforts with Mah Jongg and the Walton Hills Women's Club."

For anyone interested in learning the game of Mah Jongg, Jan will start up a new session of free lessons in October, on Mondays from 9 - 11 AM. Contact Jan Smith to enroll - 440.786.0877

HELPING OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS Villagers are asked to help Fifty-Plus Club members collect small personal items that will be boxed and sent to our Troops the beginning of October. Suggested items are small-sized shampoos, soaps, combs, hair brushes, suntan lotion, Chapstick, manicure sets, sewing kits, writing pads w/pens, and deodorants. The goody boxes should arrive overseas before Christmas. If you have questions or need more information, contact **Fran Owens** at 440. 232.3884

KNIT-WIT-2-NEEDLES Do you knit or crochet, or do you want to learn how to work with needles? Have fun while you learn new skills with fellow villagers on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the Community Room. For more information about Knit-Wit-2 Needles, contact **Fran Owens** at 440. 232.3884

Note: Please be sure to include your name and a phone number with all Owl article submissions. Thank you!



Bereavements

... by Jean Kainsinger

Patricia Rostankowski of Summerset Drive passed away at age 79. Our condolences to her husband **Frank Rostankowski**, her daughter and son-in-law **Karen** and **Ed Smolkowicz** and their daughter **Kim** of Jefferson Drive, her son Tom Rostankowski and daughter-in-law Tracy and their children.

Frank and Patricia built their house, and with their family, moved into the village in 1961. Patricia loved to garden and liked living with the wild life that came in from the park. She enjoyed living close to other family members who soon after moved to Summerset Drive. Patricia's sister and her husband, and Frank's brother and his wife, all of whom are now deceased, built their houses on Summerset Drive.

Both Karen and her husband, Ed Smolkowicz, grew up on Summerset Drive. Ed's mother, Janina Smolkowicz, lives there today.

Albert Fabian, Jr. Al Fabian, Jr. passed away in July at age 47. The son of **Al** and **MaryAnn Fabian**, he was born in Walton Hills in the first Fabian home on South Meadowpark Drive, until his high school years when the family moved to Seven Hills. While his dad was bed-bound for a couple years before he died, he lived with his mom, dad and brother Mark in their second Walton Hills home on Alexander Road.

He was active in the Walton Hills Little League program and attended Glendale and Heskett Schools. He attended Bowling Green State University for 4 years, switched his major, and graduated from Akron University with a BS in Fine Arts. He was the lead singer of the rock band "The Mersey Beats." He also played the guitar, harmonica and tambourine with the band. He was cast in several plays produced by the Royalton Players.

Our condolences to his mother **MaryAnn Fabian**, sister and brother-in-law **Patty** and **Bill Allen** of Walton Road, brother **Mark Fabian** who lives with his mom on Alexander Road sister and brother-in-law Karen and Chuck Mealy who live near Seattle Washington. Our sympathy to his niece and her husband, **Jennifer Allen** and **Bob McIntyre**, nephew **Billy Allen** of McLellan Drive and great-nephew **Johnny Allen-McIntyre**.

Albin Chestnik Albin Chesnik of South Meadowpark Drive passed away at age 63 in July, after a long illness. During the past several years he lived with his mother, **Dorothy Chesnik**, who cared for him. Our sincere condolences to Dorothy Chesnik and his extended family.

Donald Newlan, who served as minister of the Walton Hills Church of Christ for 22 years until he retired in 1995, passed away in May. Our sympathy to his widow **Wanda Newlan**, members of the church, and their friends in the community.

In 1982, when their new church on Dunham Road in Walton Hills was completed, the Miles Avenue Church of Christ congregation relocated into the village. Soon afterwards, the members changed the name of their church to the Walton Hills Church of Christ. In 1992 they built a large addition to the church for a fellowship hall and classrooms. Since 1995, **John Schlueter** is the pastor of the church. Brother John and the parishioners have opened their facilities to the village, Walton Hills Co-Op Pre-School, for meetings, events and funeral lunches sponsored by Walton Hills clubs and organizations, and exercise activities.

POTPOURRI

By Jean Kainsinger and Lori Pavlinsky

Congratulations, JEAN TURNER - CITIZEN of the YEAR

On Community Day the Walton Hills Citizens' League named Jean Turner of South Meadowpark Drive the Year 2010 Citizen of the Year. League president, Bob Romanowski presented Jean with a crystal trophy at this year's award ceremony. Turner is very deserving of this award, as the many fellow villagers who nominated her for the award will testify. Congratulations, Jean.

Jean received the award for several reasons, but one of her volunteer services deserves special mention. Jean Turner chairs the Walton Hills Women's Club Service Committee. Before taking over as Chairperson, she worked on the Service Committee for many years.

That may not seem like a big volunteer undertaking to someone who is not in the know. But it is. When Jean Turner is notified that a Walton Hills resident has passed on, she contacts the family and offers the services of the Women's Club to provide a luncheon after the funeral. Then Jean starts a telephone chain to all Women's Club members asking them to provide food and take it on a given day to the site of the funeral repast, usually the Village Hall Community Room or the Walton Hills Church of Christ party room. Soon afterwards she starts buying the necessary supplies and food for party trays that the Women's Club provides in addition to donated homemade dishes. Early in the morning on the day of the funeral, she and her committee arrive at the location, unload supplies and food, set up tables and chairs, prepare food, arrange and serve the food to the family of the deceased, and then take care of all clean-up activities. Each funeral repast is at least a 2-day endeavor, and because she and her committee have no advance notice, they need to keep flexible and adaptable schedules.

Not many people have the temperament to cope with this demanding task, but Jean Turner and her committee make everything run smoothly. Every once in a while Jean is unable to reach a family member to ask them if they would like the Women's Club repast service. Even though the situations were out of her control, Jean still regrets those instances.

Brent Turner, Jean's husband, also deserves a heartfelt thank you. Jean heavily relies on his assistance. Frequently he is her driver and behind-the-scene worker. Thanks also to Jean's reliable, dependable committee of hard workers: **Mary Ann Cook, Jan Kato and Judy Ward**. Thank you to several other Women's Club women who help out whenever additional workers are needed, and those who make phone calls for Jean. A special thank you to the women who, after they get the phone call, cook and bake and then drive their delicious food to the location of the funeral repast.

Congratulations

The friends and family of **Lucie Petranek** of Regency Drive wish to send their congratulations on her recent induction into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nurses, and to her son, **Richard Firem**, for his induction into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. We are SO proud of you both!!!!

We would also like to extend our most heartfelt congratulations to her daughter, **Jennifer Firem**, who will be graduating from nursing school in August as the vice president of her class. We are so proud of your accomplishment and wish you the best of luck on your state boards!!!!!!!

POTPOURRI CONTINUED

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Grant Chapman** (12) and his dad, Coach Don, as their team won the Minor League Championship in the Twinsburg Baseball League with a record of 13-3-1! Grant's primary position was catcher, but he also played first base and pitched. The Tail-Gators Grille team also finished the regular season in First place.

Former Walton Hills championship team players Tanner Judd and Nick Marbley were also on the team, as well as coach Dell Judd.

Check Out the VILLAGE LIBRARY

Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY for all of us to use. The library is located in the Village Hall Community Room. **It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - and No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction, Famous Authors, Espionage, Bios, Mysteries, Adventure, Christian Books, Books for Teenagers, and more.

Thank You, Walton Hills Men's Club

Please allow us to clarify the following... It is true that the Walton Hills Men's Club no longer provides baseball managers, nor does it organize and manage the village ball program. **However**, each year the Men's Club continues to support the village ball teams and the program by giving the village a large financial contribution that is designated for uniforms, equipment, etc. The Men's Club fiscal support helps to keep the cost down for parents whose boys and girls play ball on village teams.

Anniversary Wishes

Happy Anniversary to **Tom & Celeste Podgurski**, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on September 14th.

Jim & Lori Pavlinsky will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on September 15th. Happy Anniversary!

BEREAVEMENTS

Anna Marie Stiles, 58, of Orchard Hill Drive, died suddenly at the end of July. Our condolences to her husband, John Stiles III, their children Jonathan and Laura Stiles, grandchildren, and Anna Marie's mother Annetta "Mickey" Fisher. Anna Marie was an active member of the Eastern Star organization and Maple Heights Presbyterian Church. Edward (deceased) and Mickey Fisher purchased their Orchard Hill Drive home in 1961. Anna Marie and her husband recently moved into the Walton Hills home where Anna Marie lived as a child, to be with her mother.

Julius Campetto of Rauland Drive died in early August. Our sympathy to his wife Cecella "Spitzie" Campetto and niece and nephews. The Campettos lived in the village for the past 23 years.

Emilie Sramek of Alexander Road died in August at age 92. She and her late husband, Henry, and their children moved into the village in 1963. Emilie was a homemaker who loved gardening, canning, sewing and being with her family. Our condolences to her son and daughter-in-law Dennis and Marie Sramek of Rauland Drive and their children, Denise, Diana, Charles and Emily, and daughters and son-in-law Eunice Bardoun and Phyllis and William Richter.

Our sympathy to Alexander Road residents Veronica "Ronnie" and Michael Krainz and their six children, Michael, Megan, Andrew, Hannah, Thomas and Katherine Krainz on the passing of Veronica's father, Donald Kontur of Northfield. Ronnie's parents, Donald and Jessie Kontur, had 14 children, 13 of whom are alive today, and 60 grandchildren. Kontur was a World War II veteran. He supported his family as a crane operator. Every other Saturday through the years, Kontur led a Bible Study class at his home for his children and then more recently his children and grandchildren who lived in the area.

Kevin Corrigan, 58, formerly of Spanghurst Drive, died in California of cancer in August, days before preparing to travel to Bedford to attend his 40th Bedford High School reunion. He is survived by his brother Brian who lives in Greater Cleveland.

Francis "Frank" and Clara Corrigan, Kevin and Brian's parents, moved into the village in 1959. After the parents died, the boys continued to own the house until the early 1990s.

John "Jack" Wise, a former resident and Walton Hills Councilman for 12 years, died in late July. Our condolences to his wife Margaret, their children Kenneth and Diana Wise of Brecksville, Sharon and Michael Good of Hudson and Scott and Elizabeth Wise of Columbus, and five grandchildren.

The Wise family lived on Woodlake Drive for 31 years, until 1987. When their children were grown, they moved to a condo in Aurora. Jack served on the Walton Hills Council from January 1966 through December 1977. He was an active member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and the Lake Club. He was a Walton Hills baseball team coach and assisted with the Walton Hills Boy Scout Troop for a series of years as he did with the Bedford YMCA's Indian Guides. Until 1986 he was the advertising manager for the *Walton Hills Owl*.

Wise, along with Janet Strong, Shirley Radu and former Police Chief Frank Simoni worked with the American Red Cross in 1964 to initiate Blood Drives in the village. Until recently, Wise was a faithful blood donor.

After graduating from Ohio University, during the Korean War years, he served as an Army corporal. For much of his working career he was a special services administrator for the Bedford Schools.

"There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love."

Author: Washington Irving, from scrapbook.com

Walton Hills parish school enrolling its first students

Sacred Heart of Jesus Middle and High School, 14660 Alexander Road in Walton Hills, is presently enrolling students in seventh through 10th grade in preparation for its first year of operation. The school plans to add 11th

and 12th grades over the next two years.

An open house is scheduled for Aug. 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. to give parents and prospective students the opportunity to tour classrooms, ask questions, meet teachers and

enjoy an outdoor barbecue. Transportation is available.

School officials say they plan to operate a college-preparatory institution that promotes classical Christian education with extensive language instruction.

The school will allow students to concentrate on the disciplines they choose, while encouraging them to thoroughly study every discipline, officials say.

School staff plan to promote Christian values and

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Worship **News**

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Middle and High School

by Evelyn Jablonski

9-2010

With area school closings, we feel a strong and challenging calling to open a new school this fall called Sacred Heart of Jesus Middle and High School (SHJ) in Walton Hills for grades 7,8,9 and 10, expending to grade 11 next year and grade 12 the year after that. We hope our school will become a life-saver that will help rescue the children that might get lost to education due to the reduction of teaching personnel in Cleveland.

SHJ is a college preparatory school that allows its students to concentrate on the disciplines they choose. At the same time, wholesome education is promoted and encouraged in order to prepare them for a rapidly changing world. This is why we attempt to equip our students with the latest innovations in every discipline, yet at the same time, to root them deeply in the values of Christian morality.

SHJ is open to everyone. SHJ does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or ethnic origin in the hiring of our personnel or in admission of our students. We promote Christian values and teach the Bible but students of all religions are welcome. Different denominations of Christian faith will find our approach to Christian education ecumenical, searching for what unites us rather than what separates us.

SHJ also feels responsible for giving our students the opportunity to physically develop properly, exercising their growing bodies. We share our passion of soccer with our students and their parents knowing that team sports builds an understanding for business and community needs that students can utilize in real life situations.

SHJ is conveniently located at 14660 Alexander Road in Walton Hills, transportation is available.

For more information or should you like to visit the school please call us at: 440-317-0548, or send e-mail to sacredheartofjesusschool@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY DAY in the VILLAGE

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

COMMUNITY DAY: an ANNUAL EVENT since 1963

On Sunday, June 23, 1963 villagers gathered for their first Community Day at Dellwood Park. Dellwood Park was dedicated that day, with a ceremony led by the Mayor and all Council members. Village organizations participating in the full day's events were: Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Teen Club, Women's Club, Men's Club and the Rangers.

"The Men's Club Orchestra," entertained the crowd in the evening hours by playing dance music. This band was organized and composed of village men who practiced and performed at local group social functions.

There has been a Community Day every year since 1963, although some years it was called All Sports Day. Except for 1963 and 1976, Community Day is held on a Sunday in August, near the conclusion of the park season.

FIREWORKS Once again in 2010, villagers and their guests will be treated to fireworks at dusk. Except for the year 2009 when budget restrictions eliminated fireworks, a fine Fireworks Display at dusk has culminated each Community Day since the early 1970s. For years before then, villagers enjoyed fireworks at Walton Hills Lake on the 4th of July.

DELLWOOD PARK becomes T.G.Y. Park

On Sunday July 5, 1976, Dellwood Park was renamed Thomas G. Young Park in honor of Mayor Tom Young, who served as Mayor of Walton Hills from January 1958 until December 1981. Also on July 5, 1976 our village celebrated our country's 200th Birthday and the 25th Birthday of the Village of Walton Hills.

ORGANIZING RECREATION PROGRAMS in the VILLAGE in the EARLY YEARS

Prior to 1959 any recreation activities in our village were managed and conducted by local organizations.

- The Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake) organized a Learn-to-Swim program and scheduled summer activities at their park for its members' preschoolers, preteens and teenagers.
- The Men's Club sponsored, managed and coached several ball teams. Any youngster living in the village was eligible to join a team. One baseball diamond they used was the W. H. Estates Club baseball diamond, on the east side of the creek. The Men's Club continued to sponsor the softball teams until the later 1990s.
- Meanwhile the Women's Club sponsored the Bookmobile. On Thursday mornings The County Library's Bookmobile arrived at the Village Hall parking lot, or later, at Dellwood Park during the summer. Women's Club members listened to youngsters report on books they completed, conducted reading contests, and hosted special reading events. The Women's Club continued to sponsor the weekly Bookmobile visits until the Bookmobile stopped coming here in the 1970s.

In 1959 the Walton Hills Council organized and began a Summer Recreation Program for all residents. Initially the Village continued to use the W. H. Estates Club ball diamond and park (not its lake) for the Summer Recreation Program. The Village paid for all the operating expenses at the Estates Club. The Village Summer Recreation Program was free to all children in the village.

In 1961 the Council Recreation Committee circulated a survey to all residents asking for their input on recreation matters.

Dellwood Park was established as the result of that survey. By mid-summer 1962, Village recreational activities took place at "the Municipal Park at the foot of Dellwood Drive." Late that summer, construction began on a shelter building at Dellwood Park. The Pavilion was ready for use by the Spring of 1963.

POTPOURRI

Welcome, New Residents!

David Yarano
7172 Walton Road

Marcus and Michelle Layton
18625 Shaner Drive

Robert and Rosemary Murphy
7185 Dunham Road

Randy and Sandra O'Bryan
19204 Alexander Road

Richard and Ronna Toombs
7050 Walton Road

Thomas and Susan Weglarz
7171 Deeridge Drive

Paul Unger and Elizabeth Tagliarina
7460 McLellan Drive

Karen Dudek
7417 Woodlake Drive

Patrick and Katherine Fogarty
18476 Alexander Road

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Phil and Judy Ward who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last month. The Wards were married September 3, 1960 at St. Catherine's Church in Cleveland. They recently marked their 50th Anniversary with a mass of celebration at St. Barnabas Church in Northfield and party with family and friends.

The Wards moved into their home on Laurel Drive in 1989. Phil is a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club. Judy is Treasurer and member of the Walton Hills Women's Club Service Committee. Congratulations also to their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren; living in Mundeline Illinois are Kenny and Laura Ward and children Carty and Chris, and living in Sagamore Hills are Greg and Sharon Ward and children Ashley, Ryan and Lindsey.

A White Elephant in the Village

Have you seen the elephant in Kim Bordonaro's Alexander Road front lawn? Here's the scoop.

Kim purchased the fiberglass elephant over the internet. It had been housed in a Bronx warehouse, but when the Cleveland truck drivers couldn't locate the address in the Bronx, workers set it on the nearby street corner. Not only did the truck drivers spot the elephant, but so too did a crowd of New Yorkers.

The elephant is constructed with a pump in its body and a pipe going through it, so the elephant can shoot water out of its trunk. The elephant stands by a pond 25 feet long, 30 feet wide and 3 feet deep, with a 4-foot high cascading waterfall. Kim plans to stock the pond with fish next spring.

At the back of the pond is Kim's serpent, "Loch Ness Monster," that she purchased years ago at a Greater Cleveland garden center. "When my dear friend Heather Knapp-Fifik and I were young, we read everything we could find about the Loch Ness Monster. Then for my high school graduation present, my family took me to Scotland to look for the real Loch Ness Monster. So my serpent has special memories for me."

Kim adds with a smile, "With my pond and elephant taking up so much room in my front yard, I am losing a lot of space for my Halloween, Christmas and Easter exhibits! I'll have to expand onto my grandmother's yard."

Kim's parents are Phil and Nancy Bordonaro of Linda Lane and her grandmother is Geraldine Bordonaro of Alexander Road. May we mention that Geraldine Bordonaro, at age 94, is on the mend from cataract surgery for both eyes. She is doing fine.

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Dance Steps Take Him to Europe

Johnny Allen-McIntyre, escorted by his mother and grandmother, **Patty Allen**, traveled to the Slovak Republic in July to dance with the Cleveland based Lucinka group (Children's Slovak Folklore Dance Ensemble) at the 14th annual International Children's and Youth Folk Festival held in Dulovce, Slovak Republic. The local Lucinkas were the only group from the United States who were invited to perform, and at 6 years old, Johnny was the youngest dancer in the group. The children and their escorts had the opportunity to meet many people who were friendly to the Americans, and who showed them the sights of their country. During the year, Johnny's dance group practice Friday evenings in the Walton Hills community room.

Johnny is the son of **Jennifer** and **Bob McIntyre** of Alexander Road.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Anthony Witt**, son of **Gary** and **Barb Witt** of Walton Rd. **Anthony** and his nephew, **Patrick Krcmar**, of Broadview Heights won gold medals in the Special Olympics Unified Golf Tournament held at Fowler Mill Golf Course in Chesterland. Also Congratulations to **Kyle Krcmar**, nephew of **Anthony** and his partner **Nathan Telling** in winning silver medals in their division.



Recently **Anthony** won a monetary prize for his Christmas card art design to be use for one of five cards that will be sold for the Maple Heights Adult Activity Center. This is a copy of his winning design. The back of the card includes a write up about it.



BEREAVEMENTS

Charles Pike, of Egbert Road, passed away in August at age 92, after a long decline in health that necessitated his staying at the Northfield Village Retirement Community for the past 16 months. Our condolences to his widow **Mary Jane Pike** and their daughter **Mary Lou Pike** who live in the family residence. Sympathy also to their sons and their spouses; **Charles** and **Jan Pike** of Trenton Michigan, **Phillip** and **Jamie Pike** of Sagamore Hills, **Thomas** of East Cleveland, and **Robert** and **Lorraine Pike** of Sagamore Hills, their four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Charles and Mary Jane Pike moved into the village in 1953. Charles was active with the Walton Hills Boy Scouts, assisting Scout Leaders DanTaussig and Myron Warnke with transportation details for their frequent campouts and special events. He was an elder and assistant minister at Bedford Christian Church.

Longtime residents will remember the Pikes' antique Dan Dee Potato Chip truck that the family drove in the annual Bedford-Bedford Heights 4th of July parades and other Greater Cleveland parades. The vintage truck, which was made by the White Motor Company, is now featured at the Crawford Auto Museum. Pike's father had it "painted like a circus vehicle," to make it distinctive and encourage people to think of fun times, like going to a circus.

In 1952, after his father and mother died in a car crash, Charles Pike led the Dan Dee Pretzel and Potato Chip Company along with his uncle, brother and other relatives. As President, Pike focused on sales, marketing and the Cleveland operations. The family sold the company in 1984, but the new company has kept the Dan Dee name.

Retired WH Mayor Edward L. Thellmann Speaks to Fellow Walton Hills Residents

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I strongly disagree for the need, at this present time, of any property tax hike, that if passed, would clearly have a deleterious effect on many of our homeowners. Back in the early 1980's, primary sanitary sewer lines were installed on the Village road right -of-way at no charge to the residents. The home owners had to only pay for the tie-ins from their homes to the main sewer line in the street. With a robust general economy and the Ford Motor plant operating at full capacity, the then Walton Hills Mayor and Village Council decided to pay for all Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) charges that would have been billed to each resident of the Village. This

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program was designed to be for a five year period.

This action by the Mayor and Village Council helped defray the costs for the homeowner tying into the sanitary system. If for some reason, tie-ins were not possible, Walton Hills would pay for the periodic septic tank pumping for these homeowners. Our Village has been paying residential sanitary sewer charges for over 25 years.

At the time of my administration along with Village Council, we were judicious stewards of public funds and when I retired in October of 2000, we left the Village with a sizeable "rainy day" fund in excess of \$10 million. Unfortunately, the effect of this unforgiving economic downturn now threatens even Walton Hills. Despite doubling the income tax rate in 2002 and because of severe reductions in tax revenues from local businesses compounded by a bloated administrative budget, the regime in control has tolerated deficits in 2008 and 2009 totaling \$3.6 million. Fiscal Officer Nogalo reports "reserves will decrease below \$5.0 million in 2010." The bottom line is now enviable surplus will be completely wiped out by 2014 without drastic initiatives. I would like to suggest that Walton Hills discontinue "Residential Sewer Payments" to NEORS, thus saving about \$325,000 annual. I know that this will be a "bitter pill" for some, but it would negate the need for a 9.0 mill property tax increase proposed by the current Mayor and Village Council that will appear on the November SUI general election ballot. The paying of the NEORS charges would be far less costly to the Walton Hills homeowners than a 9.0 mill property tax increase. Additionally, I support Council President Hurst's proposal to significantly pare administrative staffing by about \$400,000 annually. This action would NOT COMPROMISE the safety of our community nor diminish the level of services we are accustomed to receiving.

We would be left with a budget deficit of about \$400,000 versus the current anticipated \$1.3 million deficit. This loss is manageable and would enable us to reevaluate these initiatives within 12-18 months. We live in a wonderful community and we must do our part to keep it that way.

Please call your Council representative and tell him or her to discontinue paying the sanitary sewer charges and vote "No" on November 5th to increase our property taxes.

POTPOURRI

Happy Retirement, Lisa Gagliano

Our Recreation and Community Life Director, **Lisa Gagliano**, will retire on October 26, 2010. When Gagliano was hired in January of 2005, she said she would work to promote our town through its recreation programming. Under Lisa's leadership, residents of Walton Hills have enjoyed innovative, entertaining and active programs that are well-organized, efficiently planned and run smoothly in a safe environment for the attendees. Activities are offered for villagers of all ages; the youth, adults, families, and seniors. We will miss Lisa Gagliano.

The village hired Carol Stanoszek as Assistant Recreation Director, four months after hiring Lisa. Gagliano states, "I need to thank Carol, my very capable assistant. We clicked as a good working team, and she made my job very special for me. We became good friends."

Speaking about the Summer Parker Program, Lisa states, "We tried to provide creative activities that motivate the kids to think and act responsibly. While they were with us they played hard and had fun. The kids were tired when they headed for home. I enjoyed working with the village youth. Their laughter made me happy, and told me they were having a good time. During these years when money is tight for a lot of our young families, I tried to plan a quality program that the parents of young school-aged children could afford."

"I also enjoyed working with the village seniors. Through my years I got a lot of satisfaction from seeing the seniors attend our events. When they had a good time, I had a good time."

Lisa Gagliano, with Carol Stanoczek's help, can be proud of her accomplishments. She was able to make Community Day an organized and professional event. She helped make the village baseball program run more smoothly. She initiated several new programs: Family Bingo, Family Bowling, Family Fun Night, Senior Lunches, Summer on the Stage, Family Hayride and Bonfire Night, Trick-or-Treat Street, and a workable transportation system for Seniors and the Handicapped. She organized and managed the Mayor's Food Pantry. She provided help to families and seniors when they needed assistance, including health related issues and villagers who care for parents in their homes.

Lisa came to the village with good credentials. With college majors in education and recreation, she had previously been a physical education and health teacher at Heskett Middle and Bedford High School. During summers, Lisa managed the Bedford Heights Swimming Pool. In 1984 when Bedford Heights built its Community Center, she became the City Recreation Director. Then in 2005 she accepted the Walton Hills position.

Carol Stanoszek says, "I will miss Lisa as a boss and as a friend. I'm not looking forward to her leaving. I learned a lot from her; we worked well together and shared a lot of laughs." Carol will be working alone until new decisions are made by the Village.

WALTON HILLS

2 arrested in burglaries

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Plain Dealer

Police say a two-state burglary spree ended with the arrest of two Ohio men in Wickliffe on Tuesday. Kyle Perry, 26, of Mayfield, and Jimmie Ivery, 25, of Delaware, are accused of burglarizing homes in Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to Walton Hills police. On July 17, Perry and Ivery were seen pulling into the driveway of a home in Walton Hills. Police were called to the house when the homeowner returned around 7:30 p.m. and found jewelry and several guns had been stolen. Walton Hills police notified other area departments about the burglary. On Tuesday, Wickliffe police pulled over Ivery around 4:30 a.m. for a traffic violation and learned he was driving under suspension. The officers noticed two pieces of jewelry in the car. The jewelry was confiscated. Ivery was arrested, made bail and was later released. Walton Hills police were notified, and police identified the jewelry as being stolen. Walton Hills police arrested Perry and Ivery around 4 p.m. at the Mosley Select Suites Hotel on Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe. Both men are in custody at the Cuyahoga County Jail.

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Welcome New Residents!

Salvatore Sidoti and Richard Davis
6720 Dunham Road

Robert and Janet Wiece
7285 Stuble Drive

John and Sharon Orlando
7111 Hickory Drive

Resident Serving our Country

Private Tim Sargent graduated from Basic Training on September 8th in a ceremony held at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning Georgia. He had been appointed squad leader and distinguished himself in physical training and marksmanship. He moved on to Advanced Intermediate Training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, for a 12-week course to become a combat medic. After his training he will be assigned a tour of duty.

Sargent, at age 18, is a recent graduate of Cuyahoga Heights High School. "His lifelong dream has been to serve his country," states his father, **Andy Sargent** of Shaner Drive. "He is truly enjoying the challenges and personal rewards of military life and looks forward to the many opportunities to better himself and advance toward his goal of eventually serving in Special Forces duty."

For the past several years, **Tim** was the young man who played Taps on his trumpet during our Village Memorial Day Services. Residents may recall hearing this talented trumpet player perform on the village grounds.

Tim Sargent has two older brothers, both of whom are also in the U. S. Army:

Sergeant Bradley Hejl, whose title is 42R-Bandsman, enlisted in 2003. He is in Iraq on his second tour with the 1st Armored Division. **Combat Medic Andrew Hejl**, Specialist, Combat Medic, enlisted in 2005. He is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Proud Army Mom of three U. S. Soldiers is **Kathy Sargent**, formerly of Walton Hills and currently of Newburgh Heights.



Tim Sargent enjoys receiving emails messages from back home.

His Email addresses - timothy49@vzw.blackberry.net and timothy.b.sargent@us.army.mil

Abe Lincoln a.k.a. Phil Williamson

Phil Williamson, of Orchard Hill Drive, took second place in the Abe Look-Alike Contest at Lincoln Days, held in early October each year in Hodgenville Kentucky, the town where Abe Lincoln was born. The Look-Alike Contest was one of many contests that weekend. "Phil knew better than to compete in the rail-splitting competition," states his wife Jeanne.

Thank You

I want to thank the ladies of the Walton Hills Women's Club for the desserts they furnished for the funeral luncheon for my husband, **Ray Cifani**. I'd also like to thank the Walton Hills Police Department for the funeral escort they provided for our funeral procession. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. **Justine Cifani**

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Remo (Ray) Cifani, of Jefferson Drive, passed away in September after a long illness, at age 79. Our condolences to his wife **Justine Cifani**. Our sympathy to their children; Anthony Cifani of Aurora, Linda Cifani of Naples Florida and her fiancé Joseph Falasco, Joseph and Lisa Cifani of Richfield, and Diane Malarik of Independence and the Cifani's 12 grandchildren.

Cifani was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served during the Korean War. He fought in the last battles of the war. Shortly after the truce was signed, when word got to the troops, he and his fellow Marines and the Koreans they had just been fighting shared pictures with each other; photos of their wives, girlfriends and their families.

Cifani was a cement contractor. He founded Cifani-Cameratta, Inc., then Cifani and Sons. In 1963 the Cifanis moved into their first Walton Hills home on Summerset Drive, then in 1985 they moved into their second home on Jefferson Drive.

Arles Church, of Spanghurst Drive, passed away in September at the age of 82. His wife, **Josephine Church** died five years ago. Until he retired, Church was a welder repairman at the Ford Motor Walton Hills Stamping Plant. Arles and Josephine Church moved into the village in 1962.

Our condolences to their children, **David and Joyce Church** of Spanghurst Drive and Sharon and Mark Patterson of Kent Ohio. David, along with his wife Joyce, moved back into the family home to care for his dad. They enjoy living in the village, and have now made Walton Hills their home. Like his dad, David retired from the Walton Hills Ford Plant, and David's son, David, Jr. is currently a welder repairman at the Ford Plant. David and Joyce have two children, David, Jr. and Sheila Church of Magadore and Tammie and Mike Crissman of Aurora.

Our sympathy to **Dominic and Connie Flauto** of Shaner Drive on the passing of Connie's mother, **Frances Buemi**, who died at age 93. Also to the Flauto children; Angie and Steve Schwin of Bainbridge, Jim and Judy Flauto of Macedonia and Rick and Debbie Flauto of Northfield.

Since January 2009 when she needed extended care, **Frances Buemi** has lived with the Flauros. Previously she lived in Garfield Heights. For many years Mrs. Buemi worked in sales at Winkelman's at Southgate. Perhaps some of our older readers may remember seeing her at the store.

Julia Bowen-Edberg of Conelly Blvd. passed away at age 58. Our condolences to her husband **Daniel Edberg**. Julia and Daniel Edberg moved into the village 17 years ago. Our sympathy to their children; Christi and Gino Penko of Macedonia, Darlene and Mike Demagall of Aurora, David and June Bowen of Northfield and Rick Edberg, who now lives with his dad in their Walton Hills home.

Julia was the Director of Nursing at Bath Manor Special Care Center. Prior to that she was at Aurora Manor and Walton Manor, here in the village. "Julia truly had a profound impact on her family, friends and associates. She gave unconditional love and support to all. She opened her arms and accepted each and every new addition to her very large family," states her husband.

Our sympathy to **Santo and Gloria Paparone** of Walton Road on the sudden passing of their daughter, **Monica Paparone Neusatz**, at age 53. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Bob Neusatz, and her sons Mark and Kurt. The Neusatz family lives in the Rochester New York area.

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BEREAVEMENTS

Ron Klukan of Stuble Lane passed away October 30th at age 72. Our sympathy to his wife Dolly, their children Katherine and Brian Spitznagel, Sandra Tannert and Joseph F. Klukan II, and their grandchildren, Richard, David and Alex Tannert and Daniel and Alyssa Spitznagel.

Ron Klukan was President of Dunham Products, Inc., a manufacturing company of aerospace and nuclear fasteners. The Walton Hills company was founded by Ron's father, Joe Klukan, in 1946. Dunham Products was in operation at its plant on Dunham Road until 1983, when they built a new shop on Industry Drive. Then in 2007 the company moved into its present shop on Northfield Road.

Ron Klukan's family members have lived in this area since the early 1900s. His maternal grandparents, Joseph and Anna Kaderabek built a cottage on acreage they purchased along the west side of Egypt (Dunham) Road, just north of Alexander Road. They spent their weekends and summers here; an escape from the city. After their daughter Albe married Joseph Klukan in 1935, the Kaderabeks converted their cottage into a permanent home. Through the years Klukan family members have made Walton Hills their home, living on Dunham Road, Spanghurst Drive and Stuble Lane.

Joseph Wollet, former Kydan Lane resident who recently lived at the Kemper House in Strongsville, died in October at age 87. Our condolences to his son and his wife, Jeffrey and Robin Wollet of Kydan Lane, and to Joe's other children, Janet and Michael Markiewicz of South Euclid, Joseph Wollet and Kathie Wilkens of Strongsville and Thomas and Donna Wollet of Northfield. Joe, his late wife, Rita, and their family moved into the village in 1965.

Wollet was a distinguished combat veteran of WW II. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for his gallantry and combat wounds during the Battle of the Bulge. He also received the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. He was a life member of VFW Post #1863 in Solon and a retired member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local #21. Joe and Rita were members of the former St. Mary's Church in Bedford.

Ed Goga, a former Alexander Road resident died in November. Our condolences to his family members. Even though he moved from the village, in recent years Ed did handyman jobs to help out some of our older residents.

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Thank You

"The family of Ron Klukan expresses our sincere thank you to the members of the Walton Hills Women's Club for the kindness they bestowed upon our family. We appreciate the efforts of all the ladies who provided food for the luncheon after Ron's funeral. We would also like to thank the Walton Hills Police Department for their escort service on the day of the funeral. Sincerely, Dolly Klukan"

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Congratulations to Jennifer Allen of Alexander Rd. On October 13th, Jennifer was honored at a special award presentation at Tri-C West. She received her second certificate for being named to the Dean's List, this time for the Spring/Summer semester. Jennifer completed her Paramedic course of study and passed the National Registry Certification exam with flying colors. Since then, she has completed the Critical Care course at Tri-C Metro, and is now employed as a Paramedic. We're proud of you, Jenna!

POTPOURRI

Our Local Guitar Virtuoso, Frankie Starr

Frank Bobey, professionally known as Frankie Starr of the Frankie Starr Band, has made a place for himself in the music industry for his ability to make the guitar sing his renditions of blues and jazz music. He plays the acoustic, electric guitar and bass guitar, and also the piano, organ and drums, and he is the lead vocalist for his band. At age 20, he and his band played at the Opening Ceremonies of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in September of 1995. He plays at concert clubs and night spots in northeast Ohio.

For our local Jazz and Blues fans who may want to hear Frank play, some of Frankie Starr's December gigs, ones that are booked by our early November press time, are Fat Fish Blue in downtown Cleveland on December 1st and December 15th, Grillers on State Road December 4th, Smedley's on Lorain Avenue on December 11th, the Peppermill in Brecksville on December 18th and the Water Street Tavern in Kent on December 22nd.

Frank started playing the drums professionally when he was 8 years old. "My mom supported me in my desire to learn how to play blues music on my guitar. I had a hard time with traditional music lessons, but Mom helped me learn chords and she took me to see noted musicians when they came to Cleveland for a gig. Both she and I had a passion for the Blues. When I was 12 or 13 she started taking me to hear a lot of good bands. I'd take my guitar with me, and we would get to the place where they were going to perform in the afternoon, and we'd stay until the wee hours of the morning. Toward the end of the evening they'd invite me to join them, so I got to play in jam sessions with noted musicians like Robert Lockwood, Jr., B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Albert Collins and more. That excited me, being on the stage with these noted musicians. Robert Lockwood, Jr. is from the Cleveland area, and he was an inspiration to me. Watching him helped teach me how to play the Blues."

"Blues Music resonated with me, and caught my interest when I was at a young age. Blues is a more soulful, less embellished, raw, simpler form of music than Rock, although they have common elements. I love the Blues, but I have also studied jazz and I play Rock as well."

Frank and his wife **Doreen** live on Jefferson Drive. Frank grew up in Walton Hills. He, his parents **Frank, Sr.** and **Joanne Bobey**, and his sister **Rachelle**, moved into their Alexander Road home in 1969. Long-time residents may recall their weekly visits to the Bobey house when they or their children took piano or organ lessons from Frank's mom. **Joanne** now lives in Maple Heights and his dad is deceased. **Rachelle**, her husband **Dave Reusser** and their two children live in Independence.



Cancelled Postage Stamps Put to Good Use

Ray Tinter of Jefferson Drive collects cancelled postage stamps; many of them from Walton Hills residents. He gives the stamps to the monks at the Benedictine Abbey. The revenue the monks glean from selling cancelled postage stamps to a stamp dealer is used to benefit Benedictine monks who are currently working with the poor in missions around the world. To be marketable, the cancelled stamps need a bit of the envelope for margin space and cannot be torn.

Tinter wishes to thank everyone who gives him stamps. "The holiday season is coming and stamps on Christmas cards add up. If you wish, give me the envelope and it will be shredded after removing the postage stamp. Call me at 440.232.2595 for pick-up, or drop the cancelled stamps off at my home. Thank you. **Ray Tinter.**"

POTPOURRI

Happy Retirement, Bernie Grams

Our Village Building Department Manager, **Bernie Grams**, will retire on December 1st of this year. Residents who entered her office or spoke to her over the phone, may have felt a bit of anxiety for the first couple minutes, but soon began to respect her concern for them, her fairness and her willingness to help villagers with their building projects and any questions or problems they had with those projects. Residents stopped in to say "Hello" to Bernie, to see her friendly smile, positive attitude, and sometimes to just share a hug with her. They left her office with a smile on their faces and in better spirits.

"Bernie is a ray of sunshine, always greeting our residents with a friendly smile and a 'May I help you?' attitude. She is one of a kind and will be deeply missed in the village hall. I wish her good health and much happiness in her retirement," states Mayor **Marlene Anielski**.

Co-Worker and Service Director **Dan Stucky** adds, "Bernie's ability to foster positive P.R. has been a valuable asset for our village. Everything worked more smoothly between contractors and residents with Bernie acting as the middle-man. She is one of those employees who cannot be replaced."

Bernie Grams began working for the village 20 years ago, in 1990, as a part-time Police Dispatcher. In 1993 she became the full-time Building Dept. Manager, coordinating activities with the Village Hall staff. Grams states, "How rewarding it was for me to meet with contractors, local business people, our young families, our seniors and with potential new residents through my job. I especially enjoyed assisting villagers with their plans for a shed, a deck or new home and watching these projects materialize from a little sketch on a napkin to their dreams come true." Bernie adds, "Lately my life has taken a couple of unexpected turns and I feel that now it is time for me to follow some of my other dreams. It has been an honor and privilege to be part of the Walton Hills Village team."



It was Bernie's enthusiasm for her job as Police Dispatcher that inspired her three sons to pursue careers in law enforcement. They each graduated from Akron University's Police Academy. **Russ Grams**, a Police Sergeant for Hudson, lives in Macedonia. **Dave Grams** is a Walton Hills Police Officer. He and his wife **Rose** live in Brecksville. **Matt Grams** is a Police Officer for Northfield Village. Daughter **Ann Marie Grams** is a Dietary Aide. Daughter **Jackie** is an Animal Control and Rescue Officer. She and her husband **Steve Suder** live in Garrettsville. **Bernie and Ray Grams** and their family moved into the village in 1986. Bernie's husband **Ray** died last year. Today **Bernie** lives in their Dunham Road home with her son **Matt**, daughter **Ann Marie** and granddaughter **Gabriella**. Now that she is retired, she is planning fun times for when she will be with her five children and five grandchildren.

Walton Hills Election Results Certified

The card county board of elections on November 24 certified results of the November 3 election in Walton Hills. The official count includes the 27th provisional absentee ballots not reflected in the November 3 vote. The top four candidates were elected to the village council:

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YES 457 NO 758

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Gheorghe Prodan
16277 Tulp Lane

Timothy Posey
17950 Egbert Road

Willie and Atiline Bass
16815 Egbert Road

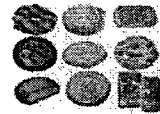
GREAT NEWS about our YOUNGER RESIDENTS

Emily Kolograf, a Sophomore at Beaumont High School, is a flag corps girl for the St. Ignatius marching band. Their long hours of practice paid off. This past Christmas vacation they were invited to perform in parades at Disney World. The flag corps ensemble and band members took charter buses to Disney World, stayed there a few days, and had the opportunity to enjoy a lot of time in the park. In all, they were gone six days. **Emily** is the daughter of **Don and Marion Kolograf** of Colonial Court. Congratulations!

Kelly Pekar was selected to tour with "Cirque Dream Holiday" that played in Cleveland from December 14th - 19th at the Palace Theatre. She was one of three vocalists for the show. **Kelly** is the daughter of **Jack and Debbie Pekar** of Egbert Road. Congratulations!



IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!



Do you know the #1 reason people don't order Girl Scout cookies? They don't have a girl scout to order from. Luckily you have 5 Brownies here in Walton Hills. We are from St. Michael Troops 77172 and 71234.

Whether it's thin mints, tagalongs or trefoils, we have your favorites. Please call April Kalman to place your order: 440-735-1476

Thank you in advance for supporting our girls!

BEST WISHES to the NEWLY-WEDS

Dave Hegedus and **Niki Bolling** were married October 30th at the Bedford Church of the Nazarine, with daughter **Ariana Bolling** serving as flower girl at the wedding. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the family now resides in Bedford. Dave and Niki are both Bedford High School graduates. Dave's parents are **Dave and Pat Hegedus** of Egbert Road. Niki's parents are **Brenda and Kenneth Pund** of Wight Oaks Drive. Niki's brother and sister-in-law, **Jacob and Jodie Bolling**, and their two children were able to attend the wedding. Jacob, who is a corporal in the U. S. Army and is stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri was able to get a leave. Congratulations and Best Wishes.

THANK YOU

"The family of **Carmen Bonfiglio** wishes to express our sincere thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for the care and work they provided for our family. We appreciate all the ladies who provided food and bakery for the luncheon after Carmen's funeral. Sincerely, **Carmen, Gary, Michael and Mark Bonfiglio** and their families"

BEREAVEMENTS

Dearl Woodard of Hicks Road passed away in mid November at age 73, after a long illness. Our condolences to his wife **Marilyn** and his children, **Gary Woodard** of Beachwood and **David and Amy Woodard** who live on Chestnut Drive in the Village. **Dearl and Marilyn** moved into the Village in 1990. The Woodards were a camping family who enjoyed camping on weekends and vacations. When the boys were grown, **Dearl and Marilyn** continued camping, not with their boys, but with other couples who live in this area. **Dearl** also enjoyed golfing with his Walton Hills buddies. **Dearl** was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Berlin Germany during the Cold War. He worked for the East Ohio Gas (Dominion) Company for 38 years.

Dianne Huet of Alexander Road died in early December at age 58, after a long bout with cancer. Our sympathy to her mother, **Anna Murtha**, and sister and brother-in-law, **Susan and Jim Coffman**, all of Alexander Road. Also to Dianne's brother **Tim Huet** of Ridgway Colorado. **Dianne** has lived in the Village for the past ten years. She attended the Bedford Schools, a graduate of the class of 1971. **Dianne** was retired, after working 29 years at Nestle/Stouffers. She was an American Red Cross 10-gallon+ blood donor, an avid softball player and sports enthusiast.

Carman Bonfiglio of Jefferson Drive passed away in late November at age 87. **Carman** and his late wife **Josephine Bonfiglio** moved into the village in 1959, choosing this location to raise four sons. Our sympathy to his children, **Carman Bonfiglio** of Macedonia, **Gary and Maripat Bonfiglio** of Bedford Heights, **Michael and Judy Bonfiglio** of Jupiter Florida and **Mark Bonfiglio** who lives on Egbert Road.

Carman served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for the Plasterers Union, Local #80. He enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and he loved doing handy work around the house and for others. He volunteered at St. Mary's Church for many years, doing maintenance and repair jobs for the parish.

Our condolences to **Corinne and Robert Silfka** of Walton Road on the passing of **Corinne's** 99 year-old mother, Justine Mueller. In recent years **Justine** lived at the Light of Hearts Villa in Bedford.

Thomas Flore of Sagamore Hills died in early December at age 85. The **Flore** family were long time residents on Spanghurst Drive. Our condolences to his wife, **Lucy**, and his children **Tom Jr. and Molly Flore** of Colorado, **Nancy and Mike Biedenbach** of Brecksville, **Jill and John Galloway** of Olmsted Falls, **Joe and Eille Flore** of Florida, **Dan and Dawn Flore** of Aurora and **Jerry and Terri Flore** of Colorado.

Tom was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and he assisted the Walton Hills Boy Scouts during the years his boys were active troop members. The **Flores** were also members of the Walton Hills Lake. As owner and president of Bedford Lithograph Corporation, **Tom** printed the Village book, *Tracing Our Heritage: The Village of Walton Hills* at cost or probably at below cost. **Tom** served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. His wife **Lucy Flore** is a retired Bedford School teacher, and since 1992, daughter **Nancy Biedenbach** has been the Walton Hills Co-op Preschool teacher.

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JOSEPH PEKAR - 100 Years Old and Counting

Joe Pekar of Woodlake Drive reached the age of 100 years on February 1, 2011. Congratulations, Joe.

For just under four years, Joe served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A couple years after he was discharged from the service, Pekar, his wife **Agnes** and daughter **Cathy** moved into the Jefferson Walton house at 7228 Walton Road. The house they purchased stood on three acres of land. Pekar had always wanted a pony when he was a child, but could not have one. Soon after moving into their Walton Hills home, Pekar built a horse stable roomy enough for two horses and a pony.

Pekar was a mechanical engineer who worked for the H. K. Ferguson Company for 35 years, a corporation that built huge plant facilities around the world. The Pekar family relocated to England for three years when Joe was assigned to build a Ford Motor Company plant in London, England.



Since the mid 1950s the Pekars once again live Walton Hills. They purchased acreage on Woodlake Drive on which they built a new house for themselves.

Joe was an active member of the Walton Hills Men's Club for many years. His primary hobby was golf, but he also enjoyed fishing and hunting. Today Joe, whose eyesight is diminished, enjoys listening to the Cleveland Indians baseball games.

Joe and Agnes, who goes by the nickname Marky, will be married 71 years in July of this year. For several years Agnes was the head Surgical Nurse at Brentwood Hospital. The Pekars miss their years at St. Mary's Church. They are now members of St. Cosmos and Damian Church in Twinsburg.

Their daughter Cathy is now deceased, but Joe and Agnes are close to Cathy's children. Granddaughter **Chris Cowen** lives in Lakewood, **Jim Cowen** lives in Chicago and **Bob Cowen**, his wife **Denise** and their daughter **Jamie** and son **Matthew** live in Broadview Heights.



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BEREAVEMENTS



John Ignaut of South Meadowpark Drive passed away at age 92 in December. Our condolences to his wife, **Marge Ignaut**, their children **John J. "J.J." Ignaut III** of Chagrin Falls, **Louraine** and **Dr. Henry Collins** of Willoughby Hills and **Dr. Steven** and **Susan Eckert** of Minnesota, and their four grandchildren.

During World War II Ignaut served in the U.S. Army. He was the owner-operator of a tire business at 55th and Broadway. John and his first wife **Blanche** moved into the village in 1949. The family lived at the corner of McLellan and Jefferson Drives.

A few years after Blanche died, John married Marge Eckert, a South Meadowpark Drive resident since 1959. John and Marge were married for 30 years. They enjoyed dancing and camping with groups of friends in their RV which has all the conveniences of living at home. With their RV friends John and Marge traveled to campgrounds in several states. John was an active member of the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club and the Walton Hills Men's Club. He served on the Walton Hills Zoning Board for a stretch of years. Recently John and Marge have been at the Grand Pavilion in Oakwood Village. Although Marge is still at the care facility at presstime, she will move back home as her strength improves.

Johanna Feitl of North Meadowpark Drive passed away January 2nd at age 74. She was the wife of the late **Julius Feitl** who died in 2001. Johanna was born in Munich, Germany. She was a former member of Saint Mary's Church in Bedford and current member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Macedonia. Johanna sang in a German choir called the Heimatchor.

The Feitl family moved into Walton Hills in 1960. Johanna loved the country atmosphere this village offered her. She liked to feed the birds and see the variety of wildlife that came into her yard. She took pride in growing beautiful flowers and bountiful crops. She also enjoyed attending the many sporting events in which her children and grandchildren played.

Our condolences to her children and their spouses: **Julius and Cheryl Feitl** of Aurora, **Lore and Mike Castrigano** of Lyndhurst, **Andrew and Mary Feitl** of Broadview Heights and **Mark and Reagan Feitl** of Alexandria Virginia and her eleven grandchildren.

Our sympathy to **Lena LaMarca** of Rashell Drive on the passing of her husband **Ray LaMarca**, who died in November at age 81. Our condolences also to their children, **Carson and Andrea LaMarca** of Parma and **Ron LaMarca** of Rashell Drive. LaMarca was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Japan during the Korean Conflict. He was the former owner of CarRon Paving. The LaMarca family resided on Shaner Drive for about 20 years, and have been living on Rashell Drive since 1985.

Our condolences to **Jeff and Jan Smith** of Allen Drive on the passing of Jeff's mother, **Marjorie Smith**, who died at age of 99 in late December. One and a half years ago, when Mrs. Smith could no longer live alone in her home on Long Island, New York, Jeff and Jan brought her to Walton Hills so they could care for her at their home. Marjorie Smith was a substitute school librarian for 23 years in the middle schools of Suffolk County NY. She retired when she was 78 years old.

Our sincere sympathy to **Chris and Patty Biros** of Jefferson Drive on the passing of Chris' father, **Joseph Biros**, who died at age 83 after a long series of illnesses. Our condolences also to grandchildren **Amy Biros** and **Christopher Biros** who also reside on Jefferson Drive. Mr. Biros was a U.S. Army veteran and a retiree of the LTV (Republic) Steel company.

Former resident **Louise Strachan** died in late December. The Strachans lived on Orchard Hill Drive from 1955 until 2005, when Bob and Louise moved to Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson. Our condolences to **Bob Strachan** who still resides at Laurel Lake, and their children **William and Margaret Strachan** of Rocky River, **Dr. Thomas and Holly Strachan** of Bath and **Bruce and Debbie Strachan** of Hudson.

Former resident **Santo "Sandy" Bennici** died in November at age 77. The Bennici family lived on Shaner Drive from 1969-1985. Our sympathy to the Bennici children; **Karen and Frank LaRosa**, **Lori and Paul DeZort** and **June and Mark Vitullo**.

BEREAVEMENT

FORMER WALTON HILLS MAYOR EDWARD THELLMANN DIES

Edward Thellmann, former Walton Hills Mayor from March 1987 to November 2000, passed away January 13, 2011, at age 83. He commenced his public service in the Village when he was appointed to the Walton Hills Planning Commission. He served on the Commission for 25 years and served as a Walton Hills Councilman from 1982 until he was appointed Mayor in March 1987 upon the death of then Mayor William Bosway. Thellmann was also active in Village organizations. He was past President of the Walton Hills Men's Club and the Walton Hills Lake Club.

While Mayor of Walton Hills, Thellmann assisted the Ford Plant in obtaining a 3.5 million dollar building addition. He negotiated the installation of Walton Hills "Trail Blazer" signs at 1-271 exits, obtained over 1.75 million dollars of Issue II funds and County assistance to resurface and repair Village roads and culverts and negotiated the purchase of the County Engineer's building on Dunham Road. He initiated an Employee Performance Review system for Village employees. Due to his efforts, traffic lights were installed at Dunham and Alexander Roads and Walton and Alexander Roads. While Mayor, the Village reserve fund doubled from five to ten million dollars.

Thellmann served as Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees, was President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association, served on the Governing Board of NOACA, and was on the boards of other Northeast Ohio Agencies.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1945-1946. He then earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemistry and mathematics from Cleveland State University and was awarded a Certificate in Metallurgy from Fenn Institute. Thellmann held ten patents and authored over 20 articles in the field of powder metallurgy. He retired as Senior Staff Engineer and Manager of Applied Materials at Clevite/Gould, Inc.

In 1988 he was inducted into the West Tech High School Alumni Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the Civic Leadership Award from the Cleveland State University Alumni Association in the year 2000.

Our condolences to Ed's wife Catherine "Cathy" Thellmann and also to their children, Kenn and Lisa Thellmann of Valley View, Kim and Ronnie Greco of Valley City Ohio, Mark and Charlene Thellmann of New Jersey, Leah Blessed of Colorado and Robert and Victoria Fee of New Mexico. Ed and his first wife Betty and their children Kenn and Kim, moved into their Orchard Hill Drive home in 1961. When Betty's sister died of cancer, they adopted her two children, Mark and Leah. Within a short time Betty also succumbed to cancer. Ed and Cathy were married in 1970; they were married for almost 41 years.



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THANK YOU

"I would like to thank the residents of Walton Hills for their thoughts, prayers, cards and calls during my convalescence from quadruple heart by-pass. They were certainly felt and provided a great deal of comfort. I am doing better each day and continue to improve on schedule. Thank you again. **Jeffrey Smith** of Allen Drive."

KNIT-Wit-2-Needles Ladies are Busy Helping Others

The Knit-Wit-2-Needles ladies proudly display the patchwork quilt they made for "Warm Up America," which has grown to become a national organization with many chapters who distribute afghans and quilts to people in need, such as persons in nursing homes, sick children, people in hospitals, veterans, etc. Each lady knitted or crocheted a square which was then assembled into a quilt by group member **Ellie Bogner**. The women then took the quilt to Pat Catan's in Bedford, which is a distribution stop for the local "Warm Up America" group.

Knit-Wit-2-Needles ladies have knitted hats and scarves for children at Bedford's Glendale Primary School. They also have donated hand-made lap robes and prayer shawls to residents at Walton Manor.

The group meets every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Dunham Road Walton Hills Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome to join in on the Tuesday afternoons of fun and companionship, even if you don't know how to knit or crochet.



Ladies available to have their picture taken with the patchwork quilt are:

Front Row: **Joyce Strock, Kay Fleischer, Joan Wills**

Back Row: **Fran Owens, Mary Vosgerichian, Ellie Bogner, Marge Tomondy, Madeline Timm**

Melting snow, heavy rains flood area and burst dam



LISA DEJONG | THE PLAIN DEALER

Tony Prater needed a boat to reach his home on Frances Drive in Valley View after flooding from the Ohio & Erie Canal and the Cuyahoga River Monday. He had moved his car and now faced a day of pumping water from his basement.

Hundreds of residents in region evacuated

MICHAEL SCOTT
Plain Dealer Reporter

Almost no part of Northeast Ohio was left untouched Monday by damaging flood waters — the slushy leftovers of Friday's foot-deep snowfall, boosted by two to three inches of rain overnight.

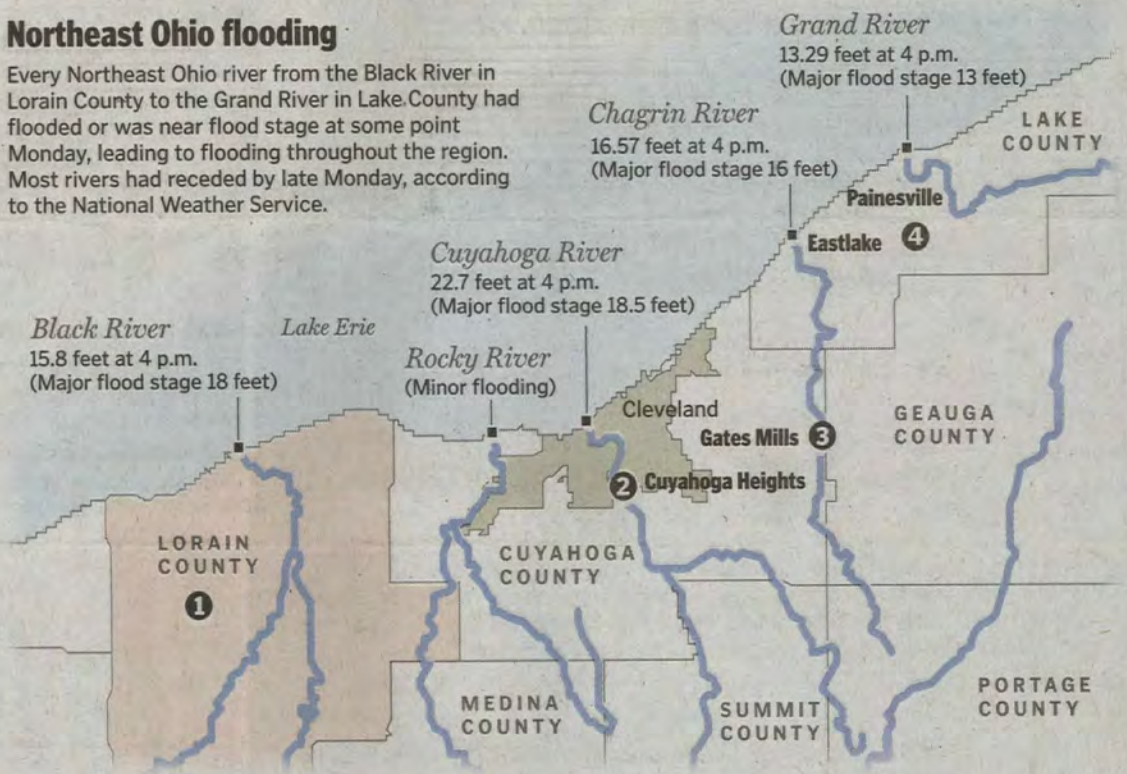
Massive snowdrifts, liquidated by 50-degree temperatures and then, accelerated by the rain, rushed into storm sewers, streams and rivers — and then basements, yards and streets — throughout Northeast Ohio, from Lake County west to Lorain County.

"This was a regionwide problem, really a statewide problem," said Hugh Shannon, assistant director of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency, referring to flooding in Mansfield and Findlay late Monday.

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Northeast Ohio flooding

Every Northeast Ohio river from the Black River in Lorain County to the Grand River in Lake County had flooded or was near flood stage at some point Monday, leading to flooding throughout the region. Most rivers had receded by late Monday, according to the National Weather Service.



1. Black River floods, Lorain County under state of emergency, flooded roads, homes.
2. Regional sewage plant flooded, millions of gallons of sewage flow into Cuyahoga River.
3. Century-old dam blown out on the Chagrin River; condition of downstream bridges questioned.
4. Hundreds evacuated in Painesville (Grand River) and Eastlake (Chagrin River).

SOURCES: National Weather Service; ESRI; TeleAtlas

GET MORE ONLINE:
See more photographs and watch video from Monday's flooding at cleveland.com/metro

Flooding pushes untreated wastewater into Cuyahoga River

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Regional sewer district officials asked area residents Monday to limit their water use after flooding forced the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant to release untreated or partially treated wastewater into the Cuyahoga River.

About 11:30 a.m. Monday, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer district officials began discharging untreated or partially treated waste-

water from Southerly into the Cuyahoga River because they couldn't handle the volume of wastewater.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was notified, they said.

About 50 percent of all sewage waste in Northeast Ohio — from Cleveland and the 62 suburbs that make up the sewer district — goes through the Southerly plant, which sits on the banks of the river off East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights.

Later in the day, in a dramatic move also aimed at easing pressure on Southerly, sewer district crews diverted wastewater from the Big Creek and Southwest interceptors into nearby creeks. These interceptors are the huge "highwaylike" lines that deliver wastewater quickly from communities to Southerly.

The releases from them lasted just four minutes each. Sewer district officials did not immediately know the exact amount of waste-

water that was sent to local waterways.

Dave McNeeley, the district's operations director, said an intentional diversion like this had never been done in his more than 20 years with the district.

Still, sewage discharges into local waterways are not uncommon during heavy rain. About 4.5 billion gallons of raw sewage are discharged annually into the environment by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

The sewer district's two other plants — Westerly and Easterly — saw increased wastewater flows, but operated normally, an official said.

At Southerly, sewer district officials were able to fully treat wastewater at three times their normal rate, pushing the damaged plant to treat about 360 million gallons, just below its peak capacity.

The plant was hit by melting snow combined with heavy rain and already saturated grounds, said Jean Chapman, a district

spokeswoman. The Bar Rake Building, where the wastewater flow initially enters the plant, was flooded by 4 feet of water and was inoperable, officials said.

Sewer officials said the planned \$3 billion in improvements resulting in a settlement with the U.S. EPA would help, though perhaps not eliminate, these situations.

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WATER

FROM A1

Melting snow, rains flood the region

"We won't know all of the local details until all the reports are in sometime early today, and then we'll know whether we can qualify for FEMA funding or not."

Among the casualties Monday: A century-old dam blown out on the Chagrin River in Gates Mills and a drowned falcon at the inundated Metroparks Zoo.

Floodwaters also overwhelmed Ohio's largest wastewater treatment plant in Cuyahoga Heights, caused hundreds of residents to be evacuated along the Grand River in Painesville, the Chagrin in Eastlake and the Cuyahoga in Valley View. Farther to the west, Lorain County officials also declared a state of emergency as the Black River kept rising.

Gates Mills dam is washed away

The 6-foot-high, 110-foot-wide concrete dam on the Chagrin River collapsed just before 10 a.m. Monday — sending a surge of water downstream toward Lake County, said Dave Biggert, Gates Mills service director.

Eastlake firefighters standing on a bridge on Lakeshore Boulevard about 10 miles north, saw a crest roll by on the surface of the river about a half-hour later, said Lake County Emergency Management Director Larry Greene. The short-lived pulse, however, didn't cause any farther downstream damage to parts of the Lake County town al-



SCOTT SHAW | THE PLAIN DEALER

Betty Burnsworth and her 5-year-old granddaughter, Katie Bentley, found themselves surrounded by water Monday at Burnsworth's home on Lear Nagle Road just north of Lorain Road in North Ridgeville.

ready under water, an Eastlake fire official said.

But the dam collapse did send water pouring into the basement of St. Christopher's by the River Episcopal Church on Old Mill Road in Gates Mills. Residents and volunteers grabbed racks of clothes from the basement, stored for the church's clothing sales, and sloshed upstairs with them.

Worse problems might show up later, officials said.

Bridges over the still-swollen river at Wilson Mills and Mayfield (U.S. 322) roads will be inspected

in the coming days to make certain the water surge didn't damage supports, an Ohio Department of Transportation spokeswoman said.

"While we don't see any damage to the integrity of structure at this point, we have the equipment and the personnel with drysuits to get under the water once it recedes to make sure the bridges are OK," said ODOT's Amanda Lee.

The dam on the Chagrin River used to supply water to a rake factory and a grist mill inside the village, possibly as early as the 1800s, village officials said. A state

spokesman later said, however, that the dam was built in 1906.

In any case, it's too early to determine whether the village will rebuild it, Biggert said.

The village had sent a letter to state officials in 1997, citing some deterioration in the dam. But because the dam is so small, it was not in the state's jurisdiction.

One group was thrilled with the dam's demise, however: Anglers hoping to catch steelhead trout, now that they can move farther upstream on the Chagrin. "It's a very good thing," said Dan Pribanic, owner of Chagrin River Outfitters. "It opens up a lot more river and provides much more access."

Water overwhelms Metroparks Zoo

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo officials said they would reopen Tuesday after 4-foot-deep flood waters destroyed an employee service building and killed a peregrine falcon Monday.

Crews had been working overnight, and by 3 p.m. Monday, the floodwaters had receded, leaving the wreckage of the service building, picnic tables in the parking lot and mud everywhere.

Big Creek runs through the zoo, which spokeswoman Sue Allen said has three distinct elevation levels. The lowest level, which includes parts of the parking lot and the African Savanna area that begins on the right after visitors go through the main entrance, flood more frequently than other areas.

Zoo officials keep the animals at the higher elevations to keep them safe. Still, the one-winged falcon died when an amphitheater filled

with water and the bird couldn't get to safety.

Allen said Monday's flood was among the worst, and the earliest, she has seen in her 21 years with the zoo. "We've had floods here before," she said. "Yesterday, the creek looked fine. By 4 a.m. it was overflowing its banks."

Two drivers rescued from floodwaters

In North Olmsted, Dave Konold backed out of his driveway in the 6:30 a.m. darkness onto Bellevue Drive and was startled to find his car in water up to the headlights.

He managed to drive quickly to a dry spot before seeing that a large part of his neighborhood along Interstate 480 was flooded. Boulder-size chunks of snow floated in the pond "like icebergs," he said.

"We could have gone fishing," said neighbor Ron Berna, who joined Konold with shovels and trash barrels to clean the debris and sopping wet clumps of leaves left by the floodwaters.

In Valley View, acting Police Chief Glenn Dugas said one man had to be rescued by boat when his truck stalled on flooded Canal Road.

Another car on Canal Road was swept away in the water with the driver in it, he said. The car became stuck and Officer Bradley Dalton and employees of All Erection and Crane Rentals reached out to grab the driver using a front-end loader.

More than 40 residents of Charles, Frances, Fosdik and Murray roads were evacuated

when icy water spilled into their homes or submerged their gas meters and regulators, bringing a risk of excess gas starting furnace or appliance fires. Fire Chief Tom Koscielski said most were taken out by raft.

Troy Janashak, 17, rowed to dry land with his beagle Gunner to watch rescuers go house to house to check on or evacuate residents.

"The cleanup is the worst part," he said. "All the pine needles, leaves and dirty water. We'll have to spray the walls with bleach."

In Garfield Heights, police called it some of the worst flooding since 1994.

Broadway, from the Maple Heights border to Cleveland, was under water. In some spots, police said, residents estimated that about 3 feet of water covered the road.

"It was the perfect storm," said Garfield Heights police Lt. Tim Capretta. "Everything came together to cause this mess."



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Monday

Across the way
from
Tinkers Creek
Tavern

Creek up above
flood stage,
roads closed
down to
Canal Road.

Judi Schroeder
photos



Tinkers Creek
Road -
Walton Hills
Flooding heavy
after heavy
rains and
lots of
melting snow

2-28-2011
Monday

Bedford
Reservation
Button Road
Tinkers Creek
flood

photos by
Judi Schroeder



Flooding
along
Tinkers Creek
Tavern
area
looking
north to
Dunham
Road



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CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL ROMANIK

Michael Romanik, who grew up in Walton Hills and is a 1989 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, received a one-year \$20,000 fellowship from the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture for his outstanding work as a craft artist in Cuyahoga County.

Michael has been a self-employed jewelry artist and enamellist since 1992. With some of the money, he plans to purchase a new enameling kiln.

Michael lives in East Cleveland. His parents, **Steve and Mary Romanik** and brother and sister-in-law, **Steve J. and Michele Romanik** live on Alexander Road. His sister and brother-in-law, **Ann Marie and Gary Grekar** live on Walton Road.

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY of the CIVIL WAR

Walton Hills' **Abe Lincoln**, aka **Phil Williamson** of Orchard Hill Drive, reminds us that this year is the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States.

The Civil War started on April 12, 1861, when Southern artillery shelled Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina. "It is ironic to call that war the 'Civil War,' because nothing was civil about it," states Williamson.

That war ended four years later. On April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his ragged, exhausted army to General Ulysses S. Grant in a farm house at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. The two Generals met in a farmhouse. That event is considered one of the most dramatic scenes in American history. Grant wore a mud-spattered private's coat, with only his shoulder straps revealing his rank. Lee wore a spotless uniform, complete with sword. Grant offered generous terms, and Lee graciously accepted them. Confederate soldiers received a full day's rations, were released on parole and were allowed to keep their horses. Confederate officers retained their side arms.

.... With a smile, Williamson states that the War Between the States did not really end in 1865. In 1994 Walt Disney had heavily fortified divisions attempt to build an American history theme park and real estate development very near the site of a major battlefield - where the two Battles of Bull Run occurred in Manassas, Virginia. "The fighting mouseketeers held their banners high, but they were routed by a regiment of guerrilla historians and roving bands of historical preservationists."

DID YOU KNOW?

The flat-roofed Elliott house at 7125 Conelly Blvd. was designed by the noted architect Richard Neutra. In years past, Stan and Betty Elliott proudly gave tours of their unique home.

Neutra was a master at integrating his buildings with their natural surroundings. Most of Neutra's 'modernist' houses and buildings were constructed in California, other western states and abroad. However, two of his commissions were built nearby - the Elliott house in Walton Hills in 1953 and Ferro Chemical Company headquarters in Bedford in 1957. Houses and civic and corporate structures designed by Neutra had terraces and entrance ways that flowed into indoor spaces without defined boundaries. To achieve this effect he used sliding glass walls and radiant heated terraces. By the age of 30 Neutra was already a respected architect in Austria and Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1923, and for a few months worked for Frank Lloyd Wright.

In 2009 the 'Neutra' house was bought by a Washington, D.C. lawyer who lives in Virginia and plans to use the place as his get-away retreat. He is restoring the house to its original splendor. (see related article in Bereavements)

Multicultural Fair

On Tuesday, March 8th, the Bedford City School District will host its 14th annual Multicultural Fair. This event celebrates the diversity of the students and families that compose the school district. The event consists of cultural exhibits and performances from each of the schools. A highlight of this year's fair will be a local Slovak children's dance group called The Lucinka Children's Folklore Ensemble. Johnny McIntyre-Allen of Alexander Road will be performing with this group. The event will run from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Bedford High School gymnasium - 481 Northfield Road in Bedford.

BEREAVEMENTS

Former resident **Alan "Al" Garratt** passed away in January after a long illness. Garratt was a part-time Walton Hills policeman for a few years and was a member of a local Carpenters Union for 30 years. Garratt lived on Orchard Hill Drive from 1964-1973. Our condolences to his children and his former wife.

Long time resident **Stanley Elliott** passed away peacefully in January at age 94. A Case Western Reserve graduate, Elliott worked for Harshaw Chemical Co. and then was President of Ferro Chemical Company until the late 1950s. During World War II Elliott was involved with the development of Napalm and the Atomic Bomb for the government.

He and his wife **Elizabeth "Betty" Elliott** lived on Conelly Blvd. Stan and Betty spent the last couple years at West Bay Care and Rehab Center in Westlake. Stan was laid to rest in the family plot in an Indianapolis cemetery, where Betty will join him when her time comes. Our condolences to Betty. (see related article on Potpourri page - "Did you Know?")

Potpourri

MAYOR KEVIN HURST - BACK at WORK

...A nasty fall on the ice on Saturday February 5th, a week in hospitals - first at Hillcrest then at University Hospital for reconstructive surgery on Tuesday February 8th... and back on the job February 15th.

Although Mayor Kevin Hurst is still recovering from reconstructive surgery for his left hip, pelvic and femur and receives in-home care, he has been carrying out his duties as Mayor from his home and at the Village Hall. He presided over the February 15th Council Meeting with Student Representatives from Bedford High School and chaired an evening meeting on February 16th.

Mayor Hurst is grateful to the Walton Hills Police Department and the Northfield EMS Squad for their quick response and capable care, Police Chief Gary Rhines for his assistance during the past few weeks, and the villagers who have him in their thoughts and prayers during his time of recovery. (2/19/2011)

Congratulations – Kevin Jezerinac (Palik)

Was selected for the Cuyahoga Heights Middle School, December 2010 Student of the Month! Kevin participates in basketball, football and plays in band. He has been playing the saxophone for three years. He is described as an honest, responsible person who laughs easily and gets along with everyone. Kevin is a role model for other students in the middle school and we look forward to his progress and success. Congratulations Kevin ! Keep up the great work !



December 2010 Student of the Month

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An Open Letter to all Residents of Walton Hills

When I took office as Mayor, there were many issues that needed immediate attention. I worked with Council to cut the proposed budget in many areas while continuing to offer our residents a safe community, good services and many valuable programs. Below is a chart showing actual expenditures for the past three years and the 2011 budget and projected savings. My goal is for our residents to understand exactly how their local government is working and to stop deficit spending. Sound management will be applied to operate and show total accountability.

Expenditures for 2008 through 2011

	2008	2009	2010	2011	Savings
Mayor's Travel--	\$4,346.23	\$2,999.55	\$82.12	\$0.00	= \$82.12
Recreation Directors Salary & Benefits	\$90,457.07	\$83,943.22	\$66,494.35	\$28,210.62	= \$38,283.73
Service Directors Salary & Benefits	\$82,869.04	\$84,610.25	\$81,129.07	\$68,578.92	= \$12,550.15
Tax/Accountant Salary	\$34,857.36	\$27,489.43	\$37,086.24	\$30,112.00	= \$6,974.24
Clerk of Courts	\$50,872.59	\$49,190.37	\$46,784.45	\$29,651.15	= \$17,133.30
Business Manager	\$20,255.61	\$28,588.60	\$11,538.00	\$00.00	= \$11,538.00
Mayor's Assistant Salary	\$42,489.62	\$40,016.95	\$36,756.04	\$30,573.52	= \$6,182.52
Receptionist/Secretary Salary	\$36,393.72	\$33,251.04	\$33,420.21	\$28,143.42	= \$5,276.79
Building Dept. Salaries & Benefits	\$114,074.13	\$129,172.46	\$132,114.96	\$39,756.28	= \$92,358.68
Walton Hills Lake Contract	\$33,765.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	= \$20,000.00
Employees Contributions/Health Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,302.66	\$28,370.56	= \$8,067.90
Residential Sewer Payments	\$319,616.03	\$204,387.70	\$279,077.84	\$150,000.00	= \$129,077.84
Total Savings					= \$347,525.27

These cost savings reflect a reduction of hours, increased employee contributions to health care, and residents paying their sewer bills. There has been a significant reduction in the Building Department. The Recreation Department expenditures have been drastically reduced. The Service Director no longer receives health care benefits. These cost savings do not reflect any cuts in the Police Department or Dispatchers. Negotiations are currently being conducted with these two departments to address additional cost savings. Police officers and dispatchers currently pay 10% of their health care costs.

The cost savings of \$347,525.27 is the beginning. At a later date, I will address how adjustments have been made in other areas of our operating budget to cut our deficit even further.

Deficit spending for the following years:

2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Projected
(\$1,817,852.52)	(\$1,811,888.23)	(\$1,023,459.65)	(\$550,099.66)

Please be assured that I will continue to be accountable to all residents of Walton Hills. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Hurst

Mayor / Safety Director

Fun Times in Walton Hills 2011

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Mayor Kevin Hurst (center) and Jennifer Allen (left) pose with winning bingo players Johnny Allen-McIntyre (bottom left) and Alex Dean (right)



Councilman Brian Spitznagel calls out the lucky numbers at Family Bingo on January 22nd



Walton Hills Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky (left), Bill Annett (center), Duke and Fran Owens (standing) and Maddie Timm (right) converse at the Senior Luncheon.



Residents having fun at Family Bingo



Residents Pat Bosway (left) and Bill and Jean Deak are all smiles as they leave the Senior Luncheon

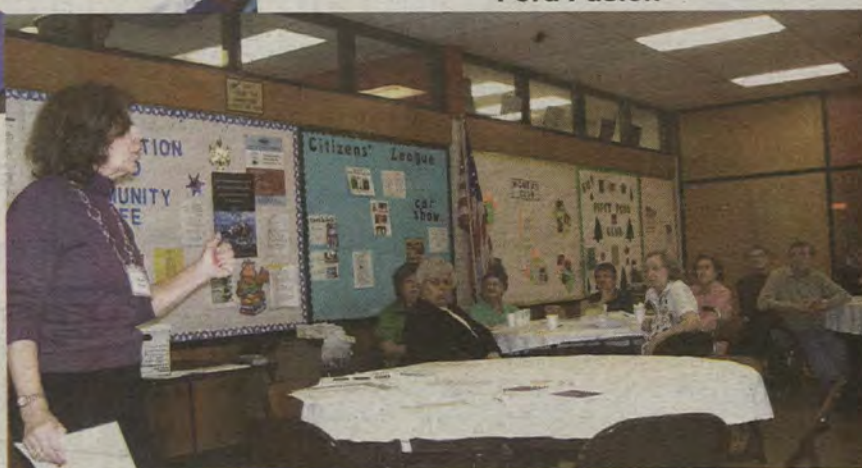


Residents enjoying a Word Search puzzle at the Senior Luncheon on February 28th

Walton Hills is Ford Country!



Ford Fusion



Karen Carcione of the Alzheimer's Association discusses important information about this disease at the Senior Luncheon.

Walton Hills - A community of people who share a common interest to live in harmony with nature, economic development and other residents. A unique and uncrowded "Garden of Eden" with rolling hills, lakes, streams, parks, golf courses and community programs that serve all the people.

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Walton Hills Men's Club Reverse Raffle



Bill Deak displays the welcome sign at the Men's Raffle.



GOOD TIMES IN WALTON HILLS

Members of the Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club gathered for their regular monthly meeting on March 21st in the Walton Hills Community Room. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, deciding that the members would enjoy continuing their celebration of St. Patrick's Day, adorned the tables with festive holiday decorations. Beth Whitely, a naturalist from the Cleveland Metroparks, was on hand to discuss the white-tailed deer. A good time was had by all!

Bedford High School held their Student Government Day banquet on March 23rd. Officials from Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Walton Hills were treated to a delicious dinner with their student counterparts in the Bedford High School cafeteria. Mayor Kevin Hurst, members of Council and Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo are pictured with their student counterparts.

Walton Hills seniors are pictured enjoying the company of friends and neighbors at the monthly senior luncheon in the Community Room on March 28th. Besides enjoying a delicious meal, Northfield Village Fire Chief Gary Vojtush was on hand to discuss the Knox Box Program.



Student Government Banquet



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BEREAVEMENTS

James Daniels of Regency Drive passed away in early February at age 73. Our condolences to his wife **Janice Daniels** and their children **Steven** and **Yolanda Johnson** of Euclid Ohio and **Alayna Kennedy** of South Euclid, and their grandchildren. While serving in the U. S. Army from 1960-1962, Daniels was stationed in Germany. For over 33 years he worked at the General Motors Plant in Parma. He was a member of UAW Local 1005. The Daniels have lived in the village for the past 21 years.

Our condolences to **Bonnie and John Weseloh** of Deeridge Drive on the death of Bonnie's brother **Bryan Johnson**. Bryan, at age 56, passed away at home in Euless Texas in early February after a 6-month battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, **Diana** (nee Keglovich and formerly of Bedford Heights) and their daughters **JoyLynne** and **JenniLee**. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law **Barry** and **Barbara Johnson** of Southlake, Texas. Cremation and memorial services were held in Texas.

Bryan, Barry and **Bonnie Johnson Weseloh** grew up on Conelly Blvd, the children of **Phil** and **Jessie Johnson**, both of whom are deceased. Bryan was a 1973 graduate of Bedford High School.



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Welcome

The Owl would like to extend our greetings to the following new residents:

John and Diane McCormick

Donald and Grace Haney

James Cowgill

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joseph Pekar! He was recently presented with a commendation from State Representative Anielski on the celebration of his 100th birthday! A truly wonderful milestone.



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Congratulations!

Former Walton Hills police officer Ron Licker and his wife Chris, of Alexander Road, would like to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Ava Juliann Jacquet. Ava was born on March 18 to their second oldest daughter Michelle and her husband Stephen of Sagamore Hills. She weighed 8lbs and was 20 inches long. The Licker family if overjoyed by her arrival and excited to add a new member to their family.

Baby



Sweet Pea

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Congratulations!

Mrs. Merry Anne Hilty, of Sonny Drive, would like to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Maddox Arthur Norton Hilty. Maddox was born on March 23rd to David and Kimberly Hilty of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 oz., and measured 22 inches long. Grandma can't wait to babysit!!

Thank You

The Owl staff would like to extend our thanks to the Orth family for their generous donation. Support like yours keeps the Owl flying high!
Thank you very much!

What's Going ON???

Who had a baby? Who is getting married? Who is having a BIG anniversary? Who is graduating? Who got straight A's? What is going on? Give the Owl the scoop on YOU and YOUR family. We love to hear from everyone in this beautiful village – all of our friends, family and neighbors. Send an email to WH_Owl@yahoo.com, or drop us a letter in the white mail box at Village Hall. Include a picture if you like. Summer is right around the corner so tell us about your travels or a great experience you have had recently.



Paul Rich and his wife Joann and Mayor Kevin Hurst

PAUL RICH Sworn In As Walton Hills Councilman

Long time Walton Hills resident Paul Rich was sworn in as the Village's newest member of Council by Mayor Kevin Hurst on Wednesday, February 23rd. Mr. Rich has served on the Walton Hills Board of Zoning Appeals for 17 years. He works as a manager at Avnet Electronics, Inc. in Solon. He is anxious to share his proven growth principles that will generate revenue through programs which incorporate a sound strategic business plan. He will be presenting Council with a 30-60-90 day plan of how to move forward and grow our tax revenue through sound strategic business plans.

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Rain Garden Workshop



Walton Hills Village Hall

7595 Walton Rd.

Thursday, May 19th, 2011

Presentation from 6:30 to 8 P.M.

Free, but must register by calling

Jane Nowicki at (440) 232-7800

(residents of Walton Hills only please)

What is a Rain Garden? Rain gardens are attractive landscaped areas planted with perennial native plants which don't mind getting "wet feet". Built in a constructed low-lying area, rain gardens are designed to increase infiltration, allowing rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. Benefits of rain gardens are multiple: they recharge groundwater supply, prevent water quality problems, provide habitat for birds and butterflies, and are great looking landscape features.

Chris Hartman with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. will speak about planning, designing and installing a rain garden with plants that absorb standing water, remove pollutants and look beautiful...all while minimizing the negative effects of storm water runoff in your community.

The workshop will take place at the Walton Hills Village Hall, and there will also be an opportunity to view a completed rain garden that was constructed in the Fall of 2010. For more information, please contact Chris Hartman with

Chagrin Valley
Engineering, Ltd.
at (440) 439-1999.



LOCAL ARTIST RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

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by Joyce Daunch, Bedford Cultural Arts

Michael Romanik, a 1984 graduate of Bedford High School and 1989 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, is one of twenty artists awarded a Creative Workforce Fellowship. The \$20,000 fellowship was granted for his outstanding work as a craft artist in Cuyahoga County.

Three hundred ten applicants in craft, design, media and visual arts competed for the Fellowship award operated by the Community Partnership For Arts and Culture (CPAC). A seven-member panel of art experts from seven cities outside of Ohio was convened to judge the two-part application process and a four-day public review. Applicants were anonymous to the panel, which based their decision on the artists' quality of work and a statement outlining how the funds and support would be used. The CPAC Board announced the winners on December 10, 2010 for the upcoming year. "This Fellowship is a tribute to the benefits artists bring to Cuyahoga County," said Tim Mueller, chair of CPAC's Board of Trustees, "and our community's investment in these artists shows our commitment to a strong and vibrant economic future."

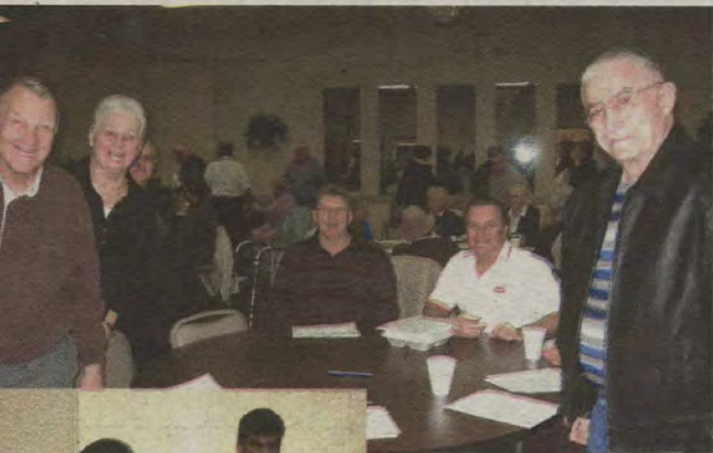
CPAC, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to improving greater Cleveland by ensuring the artistic and economic success of its arts and culture community. In addition to the financial award, Fellows receive a one-year membership to the COSE Arts Network and a tuition waiver to CPAC's Artist as Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) and inclusion in a catalogue of the Fellows' work.

Michael writes: Having been chosen to receive this Fellowship has been an amazing honor! I have been a self-employed jewelry artist and enamellist since 1992. This Fellowship will give me the opportunity to concentrate on my work and expand my business in ways that I normally could not afford to do. I plan to purchase more specialty tools and a new enameling kiln to pursue my interest in creating more sculptural work. With the rising cost of precious metals, I now will be able to afford the needed gold and silver. This also allows me the freedom to do more work, increase my inventory for retail sales at art shows, and establish a website. I am truly grateful for this opportunity.

For more information about the Creative Workforce Fellowship, including biographical information of the fellows and links to their websites, please visit www.cpacbiz.org/business/CWF2.shtml. To read more about Michael and see images of his work, please visit www.crafthaus.ning.com/profile/michaelromanik

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Pre-Easter Dinner

A free Pre-Easter dinner was held on Wednesday, April 6th at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for sixty Walton Hills' seniors. The dinner was sponsored by Mayor Kevin Hurst, K & K Meats, the Law Offices of Melling, Harding and Montello and Chagrin Valley Engineering. Village Fiscal Office Vic Nogalo also discussed the discount Homestead rate for water and sewer charges.



Edward J. Pollock is Sworn In as Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals Edward J. Pollock was sworn in as the newest member of the Walton Hills Zoning Board of Appeals by Mayor Kevin Hurst on Wednesday, April 20th. Mr. Pollock's wife, Rita, proudly holds the Bible as her husband recites the oath of office.

THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS IS OFFERING A PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM

Saturday, May 14th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Walton Hills Village Hall

Call for information: 440-232-7800

Please bring along boxed cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, paper products or toiletries for our food pantry to help our residents in need. We respectfully ask you to check the expiration date on any food that you donate. Without a donation, the cost will be \$5 for residents and \$10 for businesses.



Walton Hills

Community Prayer Breakfast

Friday, May 20, 2011 • 12:00 Noon

SHJ Middle & High School
14660 Alexander Road
Walton Hills, OH 44146



- Lunch with Walton Hills' Mayor Kevin Hurst
- Meet with representatives from local businesses
- SHJ Middle & High School youth music group will perform
- The fellowship will continue with non-denominational prayer guided by local pastors and Bishop Anthony Kopka

This community prayer event is open to the public and everyone is welcome! Please call 440.232.6909 with any questions.



State of the Village Address

Over 125 residents were in attendance to hear Mayor Kevin Hurst deliver the annual State of the Village Address on Wednesday, April 13th at the Walton Hills Church of Christ. Mayor Hurst reviewed the Village's finances, department reports and projected goals. Constance Haqq, Director of Administration and External Affairs for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, was also on hand to discuss the payment of residential sewer bills.



Constance T. Haqq
Director of Administration and External Affairs 216-881-6600



Walton Hills is Ford Country!



Ford Fusion

Service Garage Doors and Windows The Village of Walton Hills successfully applied to the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) for their Powering Our Communities grant in the amount of \$50,000. This grant, which does not have to be repaid,

was used to fund energy conserving improvements to the Village's Service Garage. These improvements were performed in March by Apex Construction of Maple Heights. They replaced all existing windows and garage doors with new energy efficient windows and garage doors, which will reduce the Village's heating bills.

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A Baby Boy Joins the Family

Congratulations to the Hurst family on the birth of Henry Thomas Mason, son of Amy Joy and Bret Mason of Streetsboro. Henry was born on April 25th weighing in at 10 pounds and 2 ounces. Henry is welcomed into the family by maternal grandparents Mayor Kevin and Theresa Hurst, aunts Victoria, Katherine, and Jacklyn Hurst, and maternal great-grandparents Jack and Roberta Liscoe, all of Alexander Road, and paternal grandparents Bill and Grace Mason of Bedford Heights.

In mid April, Bill and Grace Mason opened the Christian Book Store - *Friends and Family*, located at Walton and Alexander Roads, between the Walton Hills Deli and Bella Mia Hair Studio. Open Monday through Saturday, they have a selection of religious gifts, books and Bibles for sale.



A NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Billy Allen and Jeanette French of McLellan Dr. on the birth of their son, William Mason Allen.

"Little" Billy was born on March 11th, weighing in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 inches long—*quite a big guy!* Congratulations also to proud grandparents Bill and Patty Allen of Walton Rd., great grandmothers MaryAnn Fabian of Alexander Rd. and Margaret Allen of McLellan Dr., and also, Aunt Jennifer Allen, Uncle Bob McIntyre, and cousin Johnny Allen-McIntyre of Alexander Rd. Little Billy was also welcomed home by step-sister Brittany French. Best wishes to all!



Morel Mushroom Treasure!

Cub Scout and St. Michael first grader at the St. Basil campus, Jacob, and his father, Jonathan Anielski, made a huge find this morel mushroom season! Jacob is pictured holding the two biggest mushrooms he found! Each one weighed a quarter of a pound. They picked enough morels to share with family and friends. "The deep fried mushrooms tasted great!" Jacob said. Ruth Anielski, proud grandmother of Jacob, said, "When I saw the trunk full of freshly picked morel mushrooms, my Bohemian-Polish soul thought it was in heaven!"

When asked, "Where did you find all those morels?" Without hesitation, both mushroom hunters said, "We can't remember exactly where, but we will be going there again next year!"



Looking for a new car?

If you are in the market for a new car, call Bill Deak. He is offering a pin number for a "friend & neighbor" discount when purchasing a Ford Product. Please contact him at 232-8218.



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BHS STUDENT TAKES 1ST PLACE IN CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTEST

A Bedford High School senior took first place in the 11th annual Congressional District Art Competition sponsored by U.S. Congresswoman Marsha Fudge. Joey Schwind won the top spot in the Mixed-Media category. His entry was a colorful series of self portraits based on the portraits created by artist Andy Warhol and incorporating a variety of water-color techniques and textures. Joey received special recognition at an awards ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 1962 Stokes Blvd. in University Circle. He is a resident of Walton Hills and graduates in June from Bedford High School.

Honest Abe...

Our own Abe, Phil Williamson, is busy these days appearing at the Strawberry Festival, Sunday June 12 at noon for a re-dedication of the 1886 civil war monument. Also he will be on the "Campaign Train" to Hale Farm, June 18th and on the 25th on the train he will be accompanied by his grandson Evan from Vermont appearing as Lincoln's son Tad.



From Phil Williamson...Flag Day

Abe Lincoln reminds us ..."In 1861 I was pleased to hear a suggestion of "Flag Day" to take place June 14"

It was George Morris of Hartford, Connecticut, who is popularly given the credit of suggesting "Flag Day," the occasion being in honor of the adoption of the American flag on June 14, 1777. The city of Hartford observed the day in 1861, carrying out a program of a patriotic order, praying for the success of the Federal arms and the preservation of the Union.

With thoughts of the Civil War and all the wars the United States has been involved with, including today's armed strife, it would be great to see an abundance of flags flying in Walton Hills this June 14.

Abe liked little puzzles and asks this one..." How many stars were on the flag when I served as president?" Hint... there are three correct answers. The answer is on the inside front cover of this Owl, under the Historical Society Information...

BEREAVEMENTS

Marilyn Pierce of South Meadowpark Drive passed away in early April at age 87. She had spent her recent years in a nursing home. Marilyn and her late husband, **Kenneth**, moved into their Walton Hills home in 1957. Our condolences to their children, **Phyllis Barone** and **Ken Pierce**, and their four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Longtime resident **Mary Jane Greenwell** passed away in early April at age 86. In 1950, Mary Jane and her late husband, **William**, moved into the house they built on Morningside Drive. Mary Jane was a Registered Nurse. During her long career, she worked in several wards and divisions at Marymount Hospital. Mary Jane was also an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and Fifty-Plus Club. Loss of eyesight and poor health required Mary Jane to spend her last years in a Northfield Village nursing facility. Our condolences to their children, **Mary Loiselle** of Florida, **Gary Greenwell** of Boston Hills, and **David** and **Gail Greenwell** of Chesterland. Her daughter **Barbara** is deceased.

DeWitt Noeth, the first Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*, died in early April at age 85. DeWitt, with the help of his wife **Margarete** who was Co-Editor, founded the newsletter in 1957, initially as a publication for members of the Walton Hills Estates Club. In March 1958 the Noeths and their all-volunteer *Owl* staff made the paper a Village-wide publication, delivering the paper to all residents free of charge. The Noeths were the Editors of the *Owl*, which in those days came out twice a month, from 1957 until 1965. Our sympathy to Margarete and their children, **Gregory** and **Carolyn Noeth**, and **David** and **Christy Noeth**. The Noeths lived on South Meadowpark Drive until they moved to Pepper Pike in 1965.

Elizabeth 'Liz' Giammaria of Carmany Drive passed away in mid May at age 89, after a short period of ill health. Our condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, **Sue** and **Joseph Cangelosi**, and their two children, **Sarah** and **Gary**. We also extend our condolences to Liz's good friend, **Roger Rickon** of Alexander Road. A resident in the village for 44 years, Liz was an active member of the Women's Club, Women's Exercise Group, and Fifty-Plus Club. The Cangelosi family live in Seven Hills, but both Sue and Joseph grew up in the village; Joseph lived on McLellan Drive.

Walton Hills Celebrates 60 Years of Service

by Mayor Kevin Hurst

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The Village of Walton Hills is celebrating its 60th year of incorporation this year. It was originally part of 'Bedford Township, which was formed in 1823. In 1915, residents of the northwest corner formed a separate municipality called the Village of Maple Heights. In 1951, 'Bedford Township as a government ceased to exist when the Villages of Walton Hills, Bedford Heights and Oakwood were formed from the remaining areas.

Kevin Hurst,
Mayor and
Safety Director

To mark this historic anniversary, 21 Banners will be posted around the Village beginning in June through the remainder of the year. The names of the Village

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organizations, which supported this project, will be featured on the Banners.

As you pass by one of the green and white Banners, think of all of the wonderful people who live and have lived in this special place that we call home. Happy 60th Anniversary Walton Hills!

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Prayer Day May 20th Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Walton Hills

Walton Hills Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 30, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Walton Hills Village Hall
7595 Walton Road

Guest Speaker: Mr. Julius Kerekes
Veteran of World War 2, served under
General George Patton

Wreath Presenter: Mr. Ralph Maggio
Veteran of World War 2, served under
General George Patton

Guest Vocalist: Ms. Mindy Callahan TMG
National Recording Artist



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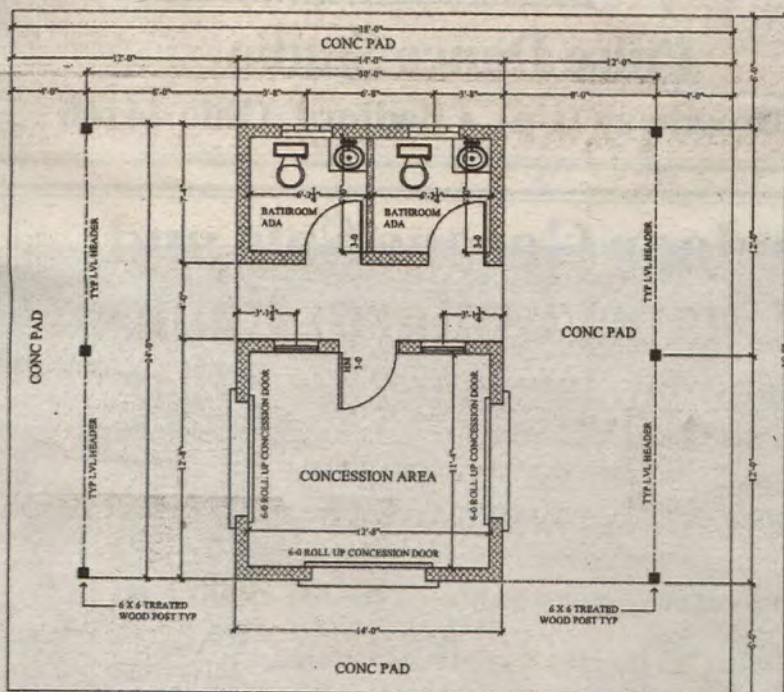
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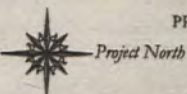


From left to right: Mayor Kevin Hurst, Terry Yew, Men's Club President, Jan Smith, Women's Club President, Mary Brenner, Women's Club Secretary and Tim Weltch, Warren Roofing. Not pictured are Duane Carr, Carr Brothers, Anthony Ioppolo, Ioppolo Concrete, Scott Zura, The Gas House, Ron Franik, Smith & Oby and Allen Churchback, Arhaus Furniture

Preliminary Drawings of Concession Stand

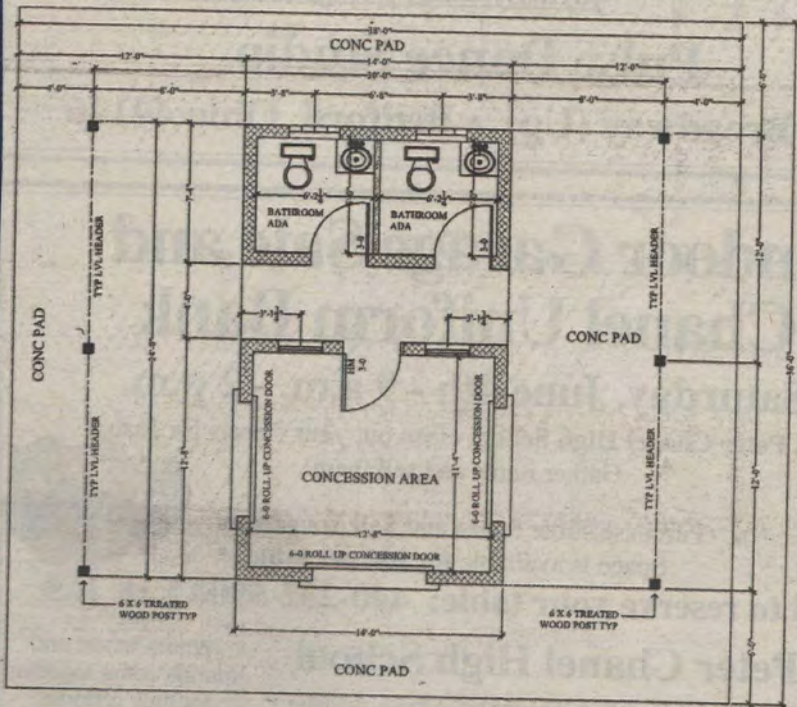


MAIN LEVEL PLAN AT REFRESHMENT STAND



PROPOSED CONCESSION STAND FOR
TG. YOUNG PARK
WALTON HILLS, OHIO
May 2011
Mayor KEVIN HURST

Preliminary Drawings of Concession Stand



MAIN LEVEL PLAN AT REFRESHMENT STAND



Project North

PROPOSED CONCESSION STAND FOR

TG. YOUNG PARK
WALTON HILLS, OHIO

May 06, 2011

Mayor KEVIN HURST

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Chris Hartman (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control) with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. conducted a Rain Garden Workshop at the Walton Hills Village Hall on May 19th. When Mr. Hartman was finished instructing the attendees on planning, designing and installing a rain garden, the group took a trip outside to view the completed rain garden that was constructed in the fall of 2010 at the Walton Hills Village Hall. Pictured is Mr. Hartman imparting valuable information to those eager to construct their own rain garden. Also pictured is Mr. Hartman showing off the Village's rain garden to the workshop attendees.