

Album 7

"UP IN WALTON HILLS"

2004 - 2006

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



is open

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2008

1 - 3 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm
Village Hall Community Room



- 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 odd 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 of Walton Road.
Betty Walton put the papers in a scrapbook, and continued collecting material.
3. In 1980 Betty Walton turned everything over to Joe Mazzone of Camany Drive.
4. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe Mazzone's widow, gave the scrapbook to Jean and Bob Kainsinger of 18955 Orchard Hill Drive.
5. The "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" Articles:
From 1949 through 1963 there was a weekly column in the *Bedford Times Register* called "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane."
The articles were written by 4 Walton Hills women, all under the byline "Country Jane."
They were Florence (Armin) Wagner of 7450 McLellan Drive, Ruth Marquardt of Alexander Road, Helen (Jack) Laing of 160 Walton Road and Georgia (Ben) Pace of 17836 South Meadowpark Drive.
Their years of writing the articles: Florence Wagner 1949-1955 Ruth Marquardt 1955-1958
Helen Laing 1959 Georgia Pace 1960-1963
6. The current Village Hall Community Room, which was completed in 1972, has shallow hand-crafted show cases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years, the show cases were empty and the cabinets held a few trophies.
7. 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.
8. The Kainsingers transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into "Up in Walton Hills" albums, and put them in the Community Room cabinets.
The albums include additional newspaper articles and photos that were contributed by several residents.
9. In 1999 the Kainsingers officially turned over the collection of material to the village.
10. With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality.
11. Volunteers Jean Kainsinger and Ruth Money of 7075 Walton Road 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.

Recreation News

Village of Walton Hills 232-7800

Cheryl Geschke, Recreation Director

Santa Claus Puts Smiles on Villagers' Faces

The Maple Heights fire truck was Santa's mode of transportation as he visited more than 50 homes in the village. **Eric Hurst** and **Don Kolograf** helped the jolly old elf with his duties.

Santa Claus makes stops in the village for more than 130 believers. One of the stops was at the home of the **Schroeders** on Egbert Road. **Schroeder** family members **Lisa, Nicole, Nicholas, Bruce, Grandma Judi, Grandpa Bruce** with **Walt Zielinski**.



FAMILY NIGHT AT THE GOSPEL HOUSE

More than 40 villagers participated in the year's first Family Fun Night held at the Gospel House on January 31 st. Among the activities were a friendly yet exhausting tug of war, a volleyball match and bingo games. Refreshments were part of the evening's fun as well. As you can see, it was a thoroughly enjoyable night of family fun!



Clerk, treasurer posts gone; fiscal officer is in

By **RAY JABLONSKI**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — One person will be sought to fill the roles that two people held in Village Hall for many years.

Tuesday night, council created a new position of village fiscal officer and abolished the positions of village clerk and village treasurer. The clerk and treasurer jobs were elected positions while the fiscal officer job will be an appointed position. A separate motion was approved to advertise for the new position.

All of council approved the measure except for councilman William Allen, who abstained

from the vote. He said he did not like the idea of eliminating two elected positions.

"I have had a problem with this since it was brought before us," Allen said. "Anytime you take away the right of the people to vote, I have a problem with that."

Councilwoman Jackie Vlk-Maire agreed with Allen's sentiments, but said it is the best move for the village to make.

"We'll win out by being able to advertise for the position outside of the village," Vlk-Maire said. She and Councilman Donald Kolograf added that first preference would be given to an applicant from Walton Hills, but if there are no applicants from the village, the search can

extend beyond the village borders.

"With a village of 2,400 people, if we don't get the person we need and we're not able to go outside the village, that limits us," Kolograf said.

The decision to create the fiscal officer position was necessitated by the resignations last November of treasurer Mary Anne Kaniewski and clerk Lynn Springborn. Kaniewski served the village for 15 years as the treasurer, tax administrator, Mayor's Court clerk and assistant clerk. Springborn spent 10 years as the village clerk and clerk of council and had just been re-elected as clerk when she announced her resignation.

Both women cited Mayor

Marlene Anielski's re-election victory as the reason why they chose to leave office.

Since then, Anielski has used temporary help to fill the positions. She said Martha Evans has been performing the clerk duties, police dispatcher Marie Santoli is handling the Mayor's Court clerk responsibilities and additional assistance is being provided by Kathy Unger and members of the Regional Income Tax Agency. Council President David Knapp said those individuals, along with Anielski and business manager Michael Derynar, have kept things running smoothly in the interim.

"The business of the village is being conducted in a very or-

derly and professional manner," Knapp said.

Anielski said the village is following an option afforded to it through the Ohio Revised Code to create the position of fiscal officer.

"This is an opportunity for the village to get a professional fiscal officer in here," Anielski said.

Knapp said the position is something the village needs.

"We need professional people who know how to do the business," Knapp said. "It is critically important that we find and seek out a professional fiscal officer to help us move forward."

Council members made sure to let it be known that this move does not belittle the contributions of Kaniewski and Springborn.

"There is no connotation on the part of us that there was ever a poor job done by them,"

Vlk-Maire said. She added that this is the first time that both the clerk and treasurer have resigned in the middle of their terms. Whoever is hired to replace them will not have the benefit of prior training on the job that Kaniewski, Springborn and others before them enjoyed.

"We need to find someone who has experience," Vlk-Maire said.

ON THE JOB WITH ...

Jill Lahrmer, Interior Designer, Herschman Architects Inc.

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JILL + ERIC LAHRMER 18476 ALEXANDER RD

AGE: 26

LIVES IN: Walton Hills

RESPONSIBILITIES: She designs layouts and interior spaces for retail stores, salons, spas and common areas of apartment complexes. "We study a customer's needs and design the space to help them achieve their goals."

EXPERIENCE: "I've worked for several architectural firms throughout high school and college, doing everything from reception work to assisting architects in putting together design concepts."

EDUCATION: Bachelor of arts degree in interior design, summa cum laude, Ursuline College. Certified by the National Council for Interior Design for meeting national standards. "I've always been in the arts. I took as many industrial shop and art classes as Independence High School would allow. In shop, we completed architectural drawings for a residence and then built a small-scale wood model of the house."

WORST JOB EXPERIENCE: Being chased by a swarm of bees on a rooftop. "I was working on a design job for a pet store and had to get information from a heating and air conditioning unit on the roof for a mechanical engineer. I didn't know there was a bees' nest in the unit."

BEST JOB EXPERIENCE: Completing architectural drawings and interior design for a large apartment complex that has a business and recreation center. "The buildings looked old and the interior finishes were dated. It was amazing and rewarding to see how the facility took on such a contemporary appearance."

BEST ADVICE: "Start working in your chosen field as early as possible."



MARVIN FONG | THE PLAIN DEALER

BEST STRESS BUSTER: Kickboxing and yoga. "I believe it is important to take time for yourself during the week."

MENTORS: Mike Crislip, president of Herschman Architects, and Jerry Herschman, founder of the firm. "Mike's taught me a lot about working with people, dealing with clients and keeping them happy." She says Herschman taught her about overall design principles. "His toughness challenges his employees to think outside of the box. You appreci-

ate it because he's so talented and you learn so much from him."

CAREER GOALS: Continue developing the company's interiors department and expand the firm's client base.

HOBBIES: Jewelry metalsmithing and home remodeling. "My husband and I have completely renovated our house by ourselves. In the spring, we plan to add a deck to the house and finish rebuilding the fireplace with stone."

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Area girl to appear in state competition

Kelly Pekar from Walton Hills will represent Cuyahoga County in the Ohio Junior Miss Scholarship Program Feb. 20 and 21 in Mount Vernon.

Twenty-seven Ohio high school senior girls will arrive in Mount Vernon Feb. 14 with a police-escorted motorcade through the downtown area. The red carpet welcome is the beginning of a week filled with rehearsals, luncheons with various service organizations, and numerous speaking opportunities.

Over \$21,000 in cash scholarships will be awarded to the participants. Approximately \$6.4 million in college scholarships are also awarded in the scholarship program.

Serving as program emcee will be Lea Mack, Ohio's Junior Miss in 1991 and second alternate to America's Junior Miss the same year. She is a board-certified music therapist.

National sponsors of America's Junior Miss include Coca-Cola, Tyson Foods Inc., Bally Total Fitness, upseedaises loungewear, Sea World, and ThermaSilk. National category sponsors include The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Terminix, Mobile Gas, and UBS/Paine Weber. Governmental support is furnished by the City of Mobile, Mobile County, and the State of Alabama. The 47th annual America's Junior Miss National Finals will be in Mobile, Alabama, on June 26.

A limited number of tickets are available for Friday and Saturday evening's performances. For information, contact the Mont Vernon/Knox County Chamber of Commerce 740-393-1111.



KELLY PEKAR

Kelly Pekar daughter of Jack + Debbie Pekar
107 Egbert Road

Walton Hills transformer blamed for power outage

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Officials from First Energy have discovered that a transformer in need of repair at the Northfield Road substation in Walton Hills was the source of the hour-and-a-half long power outage that occurred two weeks ago in Bedford, Maple Heights and other communities.

"We knew last Tuesday that there was a malfunction at the substation," said Mark Durbin, spokesperson for First Energy. "We rerouted some wires to restore power and tried to pinpoint where the problem was."

Durbin said the specific transformer that caused the outage was discovered the next day.

"The transformer, which converts power into the proper voltage to be used by our customers, had some faulty parts that needed to be replaced," Durbin said. "We repaired the transformer that day. Transformers are sort of like cars, occasionally a part needs to be replaced on it."

Durbin said FirstEnergy inspects the thousands of transformers at the substation annually, but occasionally parts wear out before inspection.

"We expect there shouldn't be problems now that the transformer has been fixed, but 'acts of God' can still cause things to go wrong," Durbin said. "Two of the biggest reasons for power outages are tree branches falling on power lines or squirrels who like to bite through them. We try to keep vegetation trimmed back, but there isn't a lot we can do about the squirrels. When one of these accidents happen, we work to restore the power as soon as possible and repair any damage."

Durbin said the power outage occurred last Tuesday from approximately 2:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. and affected about 15,000 customers in parts of Bedford, Maple Heights, Shaker Heights, University Heights, South Euclid and East Cleveland.

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County increases aid to clean up Bedford site

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JOAN MAZZOLINI
Plain Dealer Reporter

Cuyahoga County commissioners have chipped in more money, now reaching nearly \$1 million, to help clean up a 49-acre industrial site in Bedford.

Besides granting \$950,000 in low-cost loans for the cleanup, officials are applying for \$4 million in federal grants and loans. The goal is to remake the old Brush Wellman factory site in Bedford into the Tinker's Creek Commerce Park.

The site, on Egbert Road, has been vacant for 15 years. The factory closed in the mid-1980s, when the company moved to Lorain County, and was demolished a few years later.

Bedford officials have high hopes for an industrial park on the property. But the brake parts factory badly contaminated the land, requiring millions of dollars for cleanup.

The project took on greater urgency late last year, when Taylor Chair Co. said it needed 10 acres to expand or it would leave Bedford. The office furniture company, founded 200 years ago, is landlocked and can't expand at its current site. The company, which employs about 40 people in Bedford, also has plants in California and Mississippi.

"We're doing everything we can to keep them here," said Rebecca Kwiatkowski-Corrigan, Bedford's economic development director.

Cuyahoga County's loan will go to Hemisphere Development, a Beachwood-based firm that redevelops old industrial properties. The county had earlier agreed to grant \$600,000 in low-interest loans but upped the figure by \$350,000 this week.



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"This is truly an orphaned property," said Cuyahoga County Commissioner Tim McCormack.

The state earlier this year gave \$850,000 to Bedford to expand roads through the property and for other infrastructure work.

"This is a regional development. It's not only for Bedford," said Bedford Mayor Dan Pocek, who predicts the industrial park could lure 1,000 jobs.

Cleaning up the land could take up to 18 months, though it's unclear when the work will begin. County officials hope to hear from the federal government in September about their grant applications.

SNAPSHOT

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Sally Rada



SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Residence: Walton Hills

Age: 38

Family: Husband John; daughter Olivia, 7

Pet: Black and white female Alaskan Huskie, Koda, 15

Occupation: Owner of Shear Talent hair salon in Bedford

Favorite TV shows: "Alias," "NYPD Blue," "E.R."

Hobbies: Camping, canoeing, roller blading

The new hair apparent

By **MIKE LESKO**

Staff Writer

There were plenty of hair-raising tales in Sally Rada's family growing up. Her father, Dennis Bergansky, cut his ship-mates' hair when he was in the U.S. Navy, then he snipped the hair of his own family. "I used to watch him," she said. "He had all the utensils at home. He used to say, 'If you don't cut (your brother) Dennis' hair short enough, I'm going to cut it.'"

"I thought I'd want to be a school teacher, but I started doing hair and never got out of it," she said.

Growing up in Bedford Heights, she graduated from Bedford High School in 1984. Her mother, Sue Bergansky, is a former state representative, and her brother, Dennis Bergansky, is a Bedford police detective.

She has worked at Shear Talent hair salon, 134 Solon Road, Bedford, for 14 years. In January, she became the owner and remodeled it, adding a new ceramic floor, and new stations and a waiting room.

"The best part is the relationship you form with people," she said. "You have to have a good attitude and like people. I still have a lot of the clients that I started with. I've done a lot of them for as long as I've been doing hair. You meet a lot of interesting people."

Building committee considers adding offices at Village Hall

By **RAY JABLONSKI**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Renovations to Village Hall will be discussed further tonight at a building committee meeting.

Councilman Kevin Hurst said the plans were discussed at a March 24 meeting of the committee. The plans call for creating a couple of additional offices so that some employees will not have to share their desks with other workers.

Streets commissioner Dan Stucky said the village has put the project out for bid and as of last week, one quote was received. The building committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

One renovation of sorts is already coming to Village Hall. Police Chief Gary Rhines said a metal detector will soon be installed at the complex, but Mayor Marlene Anielski said it

will be used only on days that Mayor's Court is in session.

■ The construction barrels will soon be out on McLellan Drive. Council approved a motion April 6 to move forward with fixing a bridge on the street that has fallen into disrepair.

"The condition of the bridge presents a real and present emergency," councilman George Main said.

In another construction matter, work has begun on the infrastructure in the Notting Hill housing subdivision off Alexander Road. The development, to be located behind Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, will feature 14 homes each built on approximately one-acre lots.

■ Alexander Road resident Arthur Meda was appointed to the zoning board of appeals, filling a vacancy that has existed for nearly a year.

Meda was one of eight people who expressed interest in

the position and Anielski recommended him for the post. Council approved the nomination unanimously. Meda will complete the unexpired term, which ends June 17, 2005.

One candidate threw his support toward Meda after being originally nominated for the position. Former councilman Walter Pracejus was the mayor's original choice, but council turned him down last year.

"I didn't realize it would create so much animosity among the leadership," Pracejus said about his nomination. He withdrew his nomination and asked council to support Meda.

"I will try to serve this village in some other manner," Pracejus said.

Anielski said she verbally notified council of her recommendation, but councilwoman Jackie Vik-Maire said she never was contacted by the mayor about her choice for the position. Council President Dave Knapp said they acted on the recommendation after formally receiving it from Anielski.

"This is the first recommendation council has received since (nine months ago)," Knapp said.

Summer detour ahead for drivers

4-22-04

Road to close for work on bridge over Norfolk Southern tracks

By **RAY JABLONSKI**

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Drivers on Northfield Road experienced two road closures over the weekend and at least one more is anticipated this summer before the bridge over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks is completed.

During the day Friday, concrete was poured on part of the bridge deck, which caused five- to 10-minute delays for drivers in both directions. Early Monday morning, a delivery of deck rebar for the other portion of the bridge was unloaded, closing Northfield between 3:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

With the new deck rebar delivered, crews from the J.D. Williamson Construction Com-

pany of Tallmadge can work on widening the other side of the bridge. Moira McAdams, a spokesperson for the Ohio Department of Transportation-District 12, said when the deck is installed, the bridge will be closed for crews to pour the remaining concrete on the deck. She said that is expected to occur this summer, although no date has been set yet.

When the bridge is closed, drivers will be detoured to Forbes Road, Broadway Avenue, Oak Leaf Road and Alexander Road. For now, one lane of traffic in both directions is being maintained over the bridge on the recently-poured concrete.

McAdams said the \$2.5 million project is more than half-way completed and will be done

by Sept. 30.

“(All lanes of) traffic may be open sooner, but that will be the completion date,” McAdams said. “This company likes to work up to the completion date.”

McAdams said there have been few complaints from drivers about the project, which will result in wider lanes over the railroad tracks when completed. The only complaints she was aware of occurred over the winter, when it was difficult to see the lane markings because of the road salt. The lanes were re-striped and traffic is flowing smoothly.

■ Through the first three months of 2004, village expenditures were slightly higher than revenues.

Fiscal officer Janet Bihary re-

ported \$109,618.42 more was paid out for various purposes than what was received through the end of March. She said as a result, the village's cash reserve has dropped from \$13,121,475.08 at the beginning of the year to \$13,011,856.66 after the first quarter.

Construction projects accounted for a large portion of the expenditures in March. Bihary reported among the largest payouts last month were \$128,533.01 toward rehabilitating water mains on Dunham Road, \$53,733.01 toward repairing other water mains on Dunham and \$15,220 in engineering costs for five projects throughout the village.

Bihary said expenses exceeded revenues by \$153,182.21 last month.

FAREWELL to VILLAGE FUELING FACILITY

You probably noticed the Walton Hills fueling facility, located at the corner of Alexander and Walton Roads, is no longer there! With major assistance from the State of Ohio, the building was demolished and the underground storage tanks were dismantled and removed according to state guidelines. The site will be seeded and mulched for potential future development.

(Photos submitted by Village Hall)



Village fueling station was demolished. The building material was then removed from the site.



Underground storage tanks were removed and dismantled prior to disposal.

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OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS

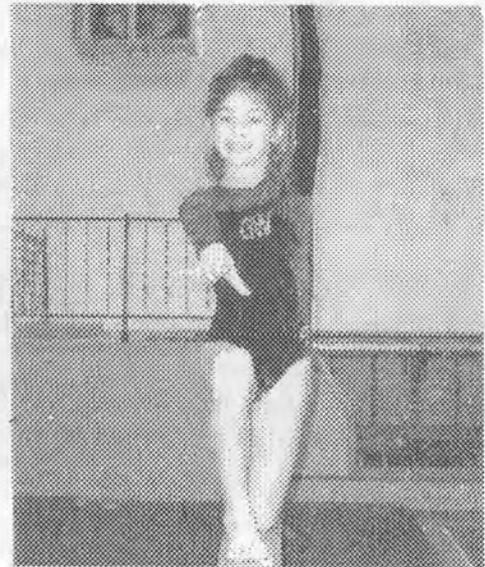
DONNY WEITZMAN, son of JEROME and CAROL WEITZMAN of Conelly Blvd., received two outstanding recognitions recently during his senior year at Bedford High School. DONNY placed fourth at the Regional Career Development Conference at Lakeland Community College. He received his honor in the field of full-service restaurant management.

DONNY also took first place in Wrestling Sectionals and was wrestling at the district level at Perry High School in Massillon when he suffered a broken leg. DONNY's high school record was 33-9 going in, and in all likelihood he would have gone to the State Competition in Columbus. DONNY will always be a winner!

MICHAELA ROMITO, daughter of MICHAEL and LISA ROMITO of Walton Road, competed in the 2004 Mid-Ohio Valentine's Invitational where she took first in the Overall and led her Level 5 Team to a Team Champion win.

MICHAELA also took first place in the vault and uneven bar, fourth in the balance beam and fifth in the floor exercise. MICHAELA is seven years old and attends St. Monica's School. Her favorite gymnastics event is the floor exercise.

BRIANNA ROMITO, MICHAELA's sister, placed third on the balance beam and seventh in the over all. BRIANNA competes in the 9-year olds division.



GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes to HILDA HORWATH of Kral Drive and GENEVIEVE McCABE of Rauland Drive. HILDA, we hope your collar bone is healing well, and GENEVIEVE, we hope you feel better each day.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of EDWARD "GRAMPS" TOMAZIN. EDWARD resided on Walton Road and he reached the great age of 95.

Our condolences to the family of MARY DODECI of South Meadowpark Drive. MARY was active in our village politics. MARY served on Council from 1995-2001, when she resigned due to illness.

THANK YOU FROM THE OWL STAFF

Thank you to the following people and organizations for their generous donations to our monthly publication. Ours is a very special village, composed of caring and concerned citizens.

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH, who now live in Macedonia, Ohio
- THE WALTON HILLS MEN'S CLUB

Walton Hills hires new part-time police officer

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The village became a bit safer Tuesday after Mayor Marlene Anielski issued the oath of office to its newest part-time police officer, Russell Vodila.

"I've always wanted to be a cop," Vodila, 27, said. "It's always been a childhood dream of mine to be an officer, and it finally came true."

Vodila's first day on the job was Wednesday. According to Village Business Manager Mike Durnyar, Vodila will earn \$18 an hour.

He worked as a part-time auxiliary police officer for Maple Heights and as a jailer for Bedford Heights.

Vodila graduated from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council in 1998 and earned an associate's degree in

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Newly sworn in police officer Russell Vodila stands with Police Chief Gary Rhines.

got a special birthday surprise by being the counterpart to her dad Kevin Hurst.

"It was cool," Vicki said. "I was kind of nervous.

Her dad said he was happy she took part in the experience.

"It made life come full circle," Hurst said after the meeting. "I do so much of [my four daughter's] activities and they finally did one of mine."

criminal justice technology from the University of Akron.

Rhines said Vodila is the fourth part-time police officer hired by the village this year. He said the village has four part-time and 12 full-time officers, which is at full force.

Student government day

Some smiled with anticipation, while others walked around the Village Hall with nervous wonderment.

The mixed emotions were on the faces of Bedford City School students, who were taking part in student government day Tuesday

"Our goal is for students to shadow the officials," said Bob Rutkowski, a history teacher at Bedford High School. "[The students] gain experience and see how it is in the real world."

Rutkowski said about 100 different students take part in student government days with Walton Hills, Bedford, Bedford Heights and Oakwood.

He said 11 students participated Tuesday with village officials.

Freshman Maria Garcia, 15, was the counterpart to Council President Dave Knapp.

"It was fun," Maria said. "This is actually my first time taking part in student government [day]."

Junior Jenna HousiauxSteward, 16, was the counterpart to Councilor Bill Allen.

"I thought it was very nice," Jenna said. "I thought everything was very nice and our dinner was delicious. We had a tour of the police department and I was very impressed."

High school junior Vicki Hurst, 17,

Fire station ranks high on Master Plan priority list

5-6-2004

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — If the master plan committee has its way, a fire/EMS station will be built at Walton and Alexander roads.

At the committee's April 29 meeting, members finished discussing key focus areas for development or improvement and then each offered which areas they feel must be addressed first. Each of the seven members present was asked to rank the four most important focus areas and all but one identified the EMS station in their top four projects.

The preferred spot is on village property diagonally across the intersection from Village Hall. A village refueling facility that sat on the site was demolished earlier this year and the property is being prepared for future development.

"The old refueling station is just the right size (for a fire station)," said committee chairperson Michael Cummins.

A station for an EMS unit or a fire truck has been identified by committee members and village leaders as something the village needs. Fire and EMS service for Walton Hills is provided by the Oakwood and Ma-

ple Heights fire departments and though leaders have said they are happy with the service they would like to be able to cut down on response times to emergency calls in the village.

Other options for a fire/EMS station in the village include Village Hall and 11 acres of property the village owns on Walton Road just north of the municipal complex. Committee members believe these properties should be used for other purposes.

"This municipal complex should remain as all the offices," member Jennifer Allen said.

"This property is aesthetically pleasing," added Cuyahoga County Planning Commission program manager John DeMuth. "You want to maintain that appearance."

At the Walton Road property, the prevailing thought is that a recreation complex is the most ideal use of that land over a fire station or senior housing.

"The recreation center option is what makes the most sense," Allen said.

"That property is the most versatile," added committee member Don Kolograf.

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Next on the list was improving the appearance of the Northfield Road corridor, considered the gateway to the village. Four of the members had that focus area on their lists and three of them ranked it as the top priority for the village.

Also listed as a high priority project by four of the committee members was addressing the southwest corner of the Alexander Road/Northfield Road intersection and making improvements to Thomas G. Young Park.

The southwest corner of the village's busiest intersection is occupied by a vacant gas station that residents have complained about at several council meetings. Immediately south of the gas station is the former Wigglesworth building, which is also vacant. Committee members and village leaders believe new development is needed

there to present a more positive image of the village.

Improvements have been made to the village park, but over half the park land remains undeveloped and committee members believe some additions could be made to enhance the property.

"I think we have the space there and we're not utilizing it enough," committee member Joseph Gazdik said.

Among the ideas proposed are a picnic shelter, a hike and bike trail and a sledding hill. The plans follow recommendations outlined in a 2001 master plan of the park prepared by D.B. Hartt Planning and Development Consultants.

"The idea of a picnic area, we really don't have that in the village other than at the Lake Club," Kolograf said.

Other focus areas, listed in the order of their importance according to committee members, include developing the Walton Road property, making improvements to the Ford Stamping Plant, expanding Vil-

lage Hall, developing a pedestrian trail underneath the CEI power lines between the park and Dunham Road, upgrading the retail options at the southeast corner of Walton and Alexander roads, developing vacant industrial land on Treat and Young roads and developing residential properties on Dunham and Sagamore roads.

DeMuth said the pedestrian trail option is being investigated as an ideal use of land that cannot be developed because of the power lines.

"Wouldn't it be neat if you had a connection between your municipal park, your civic center, the (former Bedford) Board of Education property (on Walton Road) and Dunham Road," DeMuth asked.

Cummins said it is something to consider.

"You've got that scar going through the village," Cummins said. "You might as well do something with it."

Committee member David Washtock said it would intrude on neighboring residents' pri-

vacy.

"People move out here for privacy," Washtock said. "They don't want to be sitting on their back deck watching people from wherever going by and enjoying themselves."

Options for the large vacant residential parcels include senior housing and single-family homes. Committee members ruled out senior housing, such as cluster homes or condominiums, because it would take away from the village's country home district zoning, which requires one-acre minimum lots for houses. They also believe it would be too expensive an option for most seniors on fixed incomes.

"If there was a real need for high-end senior housing and our residents would utilize it, then

we'd have different feelings about it," committee member Janice St. John said.

Council approved spending \$39,500 in April 2002 to allow the county planning commission to create the master plan. The commission sent out a survey to 200 households in the summer of 2002, with 118 responses received. They guided the master plan committee through the steps in creating a community vision and interviewed each member of council for their insights into the village.

A list of village strengths and weaknesses was created by committee members in August 2002 and public input was received through the surveys and a public participation meeting held last year.

The committee, made up of residents, village officials and business representatives, has met on a monthly basis. Their goal has been to gather input from a variety of sources and draft a flexible document that will serve as the basis for future planning and development in the village.

"We're nearing the end of the process," DeMuth said. He met Monday with Mayor Marlene Anielski and Business Manager Michael Derynar to discuss the committee's recommendations and see whether they are consistent with the views of the administration.

DeMuth said the date of the committee's next meeting would not be set until after the meeting with Anielski and Derynar.

Village mayor gives birth to son

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — A new resident joined the population of Walton Hills May 10, at 10:47 a.m.

Mayor Marlene Anielski gave birth to 8 pound, 2 ounce Jacob Anielski at Southwest General Hospital.

"I'd like to thank everyone for the well wishes," Anielski told the *Bedford Times-Register* Tuesday from her home. "Whether it was cards, flowers, dinners or other gifts. The generosity and support has been overwhelming, and I would like to thank everybody."

Anielski said both she and the baby are doing fine, and the family is adjusting to the new addition.

"Especially big brother Joe, who wanted a baby brother," Anielski said.

Anielski said she is "still fulfilling her duties as mayor."

She said she has an office set up at her house with a computer and fax machine. She said Business Manager Michael Dernyar has been attending meetings for her, but she is still running the village.

Anielski and her husband Jonathan now have four children: Jacob; Joe, 12; Victoria, 10; and Elizabeth, 8.

5/20/04

Northfield Road bridge work, other projects winding down

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The state and village are putting the finishing touches on the Northfield Road bridge, the Dunham Road water line replacement and the Northfield Road catch basin projects.

According to Lora Hummer, public information officer for the Ohio Department of Transportation, the \$2.5 million Northfield Road bridge repair and resurfacing project that began June 10, is scheduled for completion Sept. 30.

She said ODOT replaced a 40-foot section of the bridge, widened the road to 46 feet and installed 25 feet of sidewalks.

"We also widened the lanes at the end of the bridges for turning lanes," Hummer said.

She said there will be at least one more bridge closing, but Hummer did not know the date.

Hummer said the repairs were funded by the state.

Don Sheehy, of Chagrin Valley Engineers and acting engineer for Walton Hills, said the Dunham Road waterline project is also winding down.

"The waterline project is substantially complete," Sheehy said.

Sheehy said the project, which included replacing and restoration of water lines and fire

hydrants on Dunham Road began in January and should be completed in about two weeks.

He said the project replaced "large portions of the existing water main to improve water capacity and water purity."

Village Fiscal Officer Janet Bihary said the project's total cost is \$601,000 with the 40 percent of that being paid for by a low-interest 20-year Issue 2 loan from the state.

The village is paying for the remaining 60 percent out of its capital projects fund, which is used to help fund road projects.

Sheehy said the Northfield Road catch basin replacement project will also wrap up in about two weeks. He said the project replaced catch basins along the edge of the road.

"There are a few basins left [to replace]," Sheehy said.

The construction stretched from the south end of the Northfield Road bridge and continued south, to the Summit County line.

He said the total project cost is \$46,000. The project is being paid for out of the village's state highway fund.

Sheehy has been the acting village engineer since Fred Tufts resigned in March to accept the position of full-time city engineer for the city of Macedonia.

According to business manager Mike Demyar, the village has no plans to replace Tufts as full-time engineer.

It's a boy 5-18-04

Mayor takes time out for maternal matters

By RAY JABLONSKI

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Mayor Marlene Anielski's newest constituent is one of her own. At 10:47 a.m. Monday, Jacob Anielski was welcomed into the world. The fourth child of Marlene and Jonathan Anielski checked in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 21 inches in length.

"They said the baby was healthy and she was fine. We're all very grateful for that," said councilman Kevin Hurst, who was apparently one of the only council members who knew Anielski had given birth the day before.

It was no secret that Anielski was pregnant, but the news of Jacob's birth came as a surprise to several council members Tuesday night. Council President Dave Knapp and councilman Bill Allen said they only learned about the delivery when they arrived at Village Hall for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Hurst said no announcement has been made by the mayor, but he believes she will be back in Village Hall very soon.

Village solicitor Vince Ruffa said Anielski is entitled to take a maternity leave, if she so chooses. If she does take a leave, Knapp would assume the mayoral duties in her absence.

Despite new sign, park remains forever Young

Sun Banner 6-24-04

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The village park on Dellwood Drive has not undergone a name change, even though a different name appears on a new sign installed last week at the facility.

Recreation director Cheryl Geschke said the park is still Thomas G. Young Park, but a new sign at the park entrance carries the name "Walton Hills Recreation Center." She said she ordered the sign because the old wooden sign, which said "Thomas G. Young Park," was deteriorating.

"It had been in the works for two years," Geschke said of the new sign.

The name "Walton Hills Recreation Center" was used to indicate that the recreation department operates out of the facility. That name was ultimately placed on the sign in an effort to bring some uniformity to the village-owned buildings.

Streets commissioner Dan Stucky explained that the building his department operates out of on Dunham Road has a sign in front calling it the "Walton Hills Service Center," though the building is actually named for former mayor Edward Thelmann.

"The idea was to get together some kind of consistency (among the buildings)," Stucky said. Service department em-

ployees installed the new sign early last week.

Council members were first made aware of the new sign at the June 15 meeting, when resident Madeline Timm inquired about the name change.

"Why is that wording on there? Who made the decision to change the name of the park?" Timm asked.

"This is the first I've heard of it," Council President Dave Knapp said. "It's T.G. Young Park as far as I know."

All of council concurred with Knapp, including councilman Don Kolograf, who heads the recreation committee and was upset he did not hear about the new sign before the meeting.

"I didn't receive a call from anybody about it," Kolograf said. "I feel I should have been at least notified."

Timm said at one time, the park was known as Dellwood Park. The name was then changed to honor former mayor Thomas Young, who ran the village from 1958 to 1981.

Timm said she does not want to have to get used to yet another name. Geschke said the park is still T.G. Young Park.

■ Of six legislative pieces on the June 15 agenda, five ended up being either tabled or placed on first reading.

An ordinance to appoint Donald Sheehy of Chagrin Valley Engineering as the village engineer was tabled until July 6.

Knapp explained the delay as a technical matter regarding wording in the ordinance.

"In (a pre-meeting) caucus, there was some confusion as to whether the corrections were made to the ordinance," Knapp said.

Resolutions to appoint a new solicitor and prosecutor for the village were placed on first reading after council members Kolograf and Kevin Hurst voted against suspending the three-reading rule. Also placed on first reading were ordinances to amend village appropriations and create a new fund.

Fiscal officer Janet Bihary explained there were three changes requested to the 2004 appropriations, with two involving minor additions to the funds and one transferring money from one fund to another with no net change in the balance. She said the new fund, called the Issue 2 Capital Projects Fund, is needed following the village's receipt of a loan through the state program for the Dunham Road water line improvement project.

"By law, we are required to set up a separate fund for the money we receive from the loan," Bihary said, explaining it will ultimately be a zero-balance fund once the village repays the loan. "We have to account for this in a separate fund."

Council members Bill Allen and Jackie Vlk-Maire voted against suspending the three-reading rule for the measures. Allen said he will vote for the legislation once he gets some answers.

"I've asked repeatedly where we are at with our finances and

I haven't gotten any answers," Allen said, explaining he wants to make sure the new appropriations will not drastically impact the village's cash fund balance. "I need a total of where we're at."

Bihary said through the first half of June, receipts have outpaced expenditures by \$178,361.59 for the month, helping to bring the village closer to the cash reserve balance of over \$13.1 million it enjoyed at the beginning of the year. That balance includes the \$2.3 million loan the village received for the Dunham project.

For the year, there have been \$380,199.10 more in expenditures than in receipts. Bihary said, however, that the capital improvements fund is the only one in which there is a negative balance.

Vlk-Maire said her vote was also based on a need to get more information on this and other ordinances that come before the body.

"You'll find very little legislation that won't go three readings anymore," Vlk-Maire said.

Knapp said he is concerned if that will become the norm for agenda items because he wants

to push items through council without creating a backlog of pending legislation, especially with the summer recess coming after the July 6 meeting.

■ Building department manager Bernie Grams said the arrangement for Maple Heights to provide building inspection services to the village for at least the next two months is working out well.

"We've already had two very productive building department inspection days," Grams said.

The village is in the midst of a contract with Maple Heights to provide building inspection services while village leaders determine who will replace retired building inspector Al Hunziker. The agreement with Maple Heights expires at the end of July and can be extended for another 60 days if Walton Hills leaders need additional time making a decision on a new building inspector.

According to the agreement with Maple Heights, the inspector who will service Walton Hills will perform duties as assigned by Maple Heights Building Commissioner Robert Apanasewicz and will have an office in Walton Hills Village

Hall. Grams said the Maple Heights inspectors will be driving vehicles and wearing identification tags from that city, but those should be the only noticeable changes people see in the building department.

"Don't look for a whole lot of changes," Grams said.

Knapp said a committee will be established to look at the positives and negatives of using an outside certified building department or hiring a qualified inspector exclusively for the village.

■ Police chief Gary Rhines said with the arrival of new police cruisers, there are four old village cars that have been taken out of service. Sealed bids will be sought for the vehicles, which include a silver 1994 Ford Crown Victoria, a silver 1997 Crown Victoria, a black 2001 Crown Victoria and a black 1996 Ford Explorer.

In addition, the department is creating a Neighborhood Watch program following a string of burglaries earlier this year in the area of Dunham and Egbert roads. Details of the program will be discussed in a meeting at 12:30 p.m. July 11 at T.G. Young Park.

Tax abatement granted to Arhaus

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council voted 5-1 Tuesday to give Arhaus Furniture a tax abatement for an expansion that will enable the business to hire nearly 20 more people.

Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire said she voted no because she felt this should have gone to three readings, instead of being passed on a first reading.

Vlk-Maire said she feels the residents should be able to hear each piece of legislation three times before it passes.

"I have nothing against Arhaus," Vlk-Maire said. "It just should have gone to three readings."

She also said she did not get the information soon enough before the meeting to make a valuable decision.

Council approved a 55 percent, 10-year tax abatement for the proposed expansion project at the Northfield Road facility.

Village Business Manager Mike Derynar said the expansion will cost between \$2.6 million to \$8.6 million.

Mayor Marlene Anielski said the abatement will cost the Bedford School District a maximum of \$3,900.

"Most communities are doing the [abatements] to varying degree," Derynar said. "Some [communities] can average more, some less. This is the first abatement we've had."

Financial Officer Janet Bihary said the abatement would only be on new construction.

Arhaus' Chief Financial Officer Sam Helfenstine said the expansion will allow the company to hire an additional 17 people.

He said the facility has been in Walton Hills since 1996.

Derynar said the additional staff will contribute \$492,000 more to the Arhaus payroll.

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Village seeks neighbor's help with

Sun Banner 6-10-04

By **RAY JABLONSKI**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — For at least the next two months, the village will receive interim building department services from Maple Heights.

Council approved a measure June 1 allowing the village to enter into a contract with Maple Heights to provide building inspection services while village leaders determine who will replace retired building inspector Al Hunziker. Hunziker retired last month in a move necessary

so he could receive pension benefits from his full-time building inspector position in Oakwood Village.

The village will pay Maple Heights \$39 an hour to have an inspector from their certified building department work in Walton Hills for up to 10 hours a week. The agreement with Maple Heights expires at the end of July and can be extended for another 60 days if Walton Hills leaders need additional time making a decision on a new building inspector.

"We're going to take the 60 days to see how we best posi-

tion the village," said council president Dave Knapp. He said a committee will be established to look at the positives and negatives of using an outside certified building department or hiring a qualified inspector exclusively for the village.

"At this point, Maple Heights was the only community we have contacted," Knapp said when asked if other cities were contacted about providing interim services to the village.

According to the agreement with Maple Heights, the inspector who will service Walton

Hills will perform duties as assigned by Maple Heights Building Commissioner Robert Apanasewicz and will have an office in Walton Hills Village Hall.

■ Since last November, Marie Santoli has been working as a clerk in Village Hall, specifically in Mayor's Court. She now will officially hold the title of Mayor's Court Clerk.

Following an executive session at the June 1 meeting, council passed legislation to develop a rate of pay for the court clerk and make it retroactive to

building services

November 19, 2003, the day that former council clerk Lynn Springborn resigned from her job along with former tax administrator Mary Anne Kaniewski.

"Technically, the position was created (June 1)," said councilman George Main, although Santoli has been performing the duties of that position for the past seven months. Main said Santoli, a dispatcher in the police department, has the experience needed to do the job and has already shown she can handle the work.

"She really helped us out when we needed it," Main said.

Also following the executive session, council promoted part-

time police dispatcher Lisa Baronie to full-time dispatcher effective May 30, replacing Santoli in that capacity.

In addition, council will advertise for two part-time administrative staff members to assist secretary Jane Nowicki in her duties. Since Kaniewski and Springborn departed, Nowicki has shouldered many of their responsibilities. One task, serving as council clerk, has since been handed to new fiscal officer Janet Bihary, but officials realize her workload is still more than it should be.

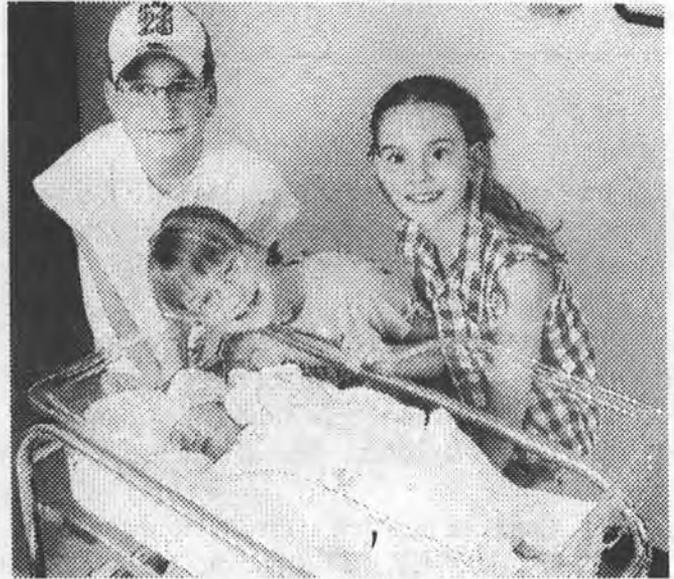
"Jane is completely inundated," Knapp said. "Some extra hands are needed to help her out."

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STORK NEWS

Congratulations to JONATHAN and MAYOR MARLENE ANIELSKI of Alexander Road on the birth of their second son, JACOB. JACOB was born May 10th weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Welcoming JACOB into the family are proud big brother JOE and proud big sisters, VICTORIA and ELIZABETH.



ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

JERRY WEITZMAN of Conelly Blvd. had a Heart Catheterization and Quadruple Bypass Surgery in March and Gallbladder Surgery in May! We are happy to report he is now feeling fit and strong.

OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS

Congratulations to the following Senior Award Winners of Bedford High School!

JACLYN HILL of Egbert Road and ERIN TOAZ of Rashell Drive: Summa Cum Laude — a GPA of 3.9 or higher

NATHAN WEITZMAN of Conelly Blvd.: Principal's Award — a GPA of 3.4-3.599

JACLYN HILL, ERIN TOAZ and NATHAN WEITZMAN: Summa Award — GPA of 3.9+ this school year

JACLYN HILL, AMY HURST of Alexander Road, ERIN TOAZ and NATHAN WEITZMAN:

National Honor Society

TONY CANZONI of Dellwood Drive: State Department of Education Merit Award, Career Technology

AMY HURST: President's Award/The U.S. Department of Education for Educational Achievement

MICHAELA ROMITO, 7-year old daughter of MICHAEL and LISA ROMITO of Walton Road, continues to win awards at Gymnastic Challenges held in cities in Ohio. She competes as a Level 5 gymnast, against girls living in more than 14 different states. In March, in Columbus, she took Second Overall; performing on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise routine. In April, in Youngstown, she took Third Overall in the State. MICHAELA will now train to compete at the next level, Level 6.

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

NICK SAKIAN, grandson of PETE and ADELIN SAKIAN of Rashell Drive, placed 1st in the State of Ohio in the 8th Grade Ohio Mathematics League Contest held in February. A student in the Twinsburg schools, NICK was the only 8th grader in Ohio to earn a perfect score on this Math Test.

Congratulations, NICK!

FROM THE OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donations!

* HELGA MOROZ of Logan Drive

* The Walton Hills Co-Op Nursery School

We appreciate any and all donations. Your support helps us pay for photos and "non-Village Hall" Owl pages, such as the cover, monthly Village Calendar, Potpourri, and pages from Village organizations.

POTPOURRI

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BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to ROSE SOCHACKI of Alexander Road, on the passing of her husband, PETE SOCHACKI. Our thoughts of comfort and sympathy also to their children, DONALD, ALLEN and SUSAN, MARK and LORETTO, and ROSE MARY and PETE BUSZKOWSKI, and grandchildren.

PETE SOCHACKI became active in village events soon after moving into the village in 1953.

PETE was a past-president of three clubs in the village: the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club and the Walton Hills Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Walton Hills Planning Commission. Throughout the years he wrote *Walton Hills Owl* articles for these organizations.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of AUDREY PIPER. AUDREY PIPER had moved from Walton Hills to Florida, and then returned here to live with her daughter and son and law, LEILANI and FRANCIS ORGANISCAK of Alexander Road.

Our sincere condolences to VERNA BIEMEL of Deeridge Drive. VERNA's husband, ROGER BIEMEL, passed away at the age of 45, due to cancer. A graduate of The Ohio State University, ROGER had been with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

Our thoughts of comfort and sympathy to JOSEPH MARINO of Shaner Drive, whose wife, IGNATIA "DOLLY" MARINO, passed away. Condolences also to their children, PHIL and CATHY, ROSE, MAGGIE, and CARLO MARINO, and to their grandchildren.

Former Walton Hills resident who had lived on Sagamore Road, ANN POSSEHL died in Florida in August of last year. ANN was a past-president of the Walton Hills Women's Club, and for many years had been an active participant in village activities.

THANK YOU

The family of GEORGE MOROZ thanks the many caring neighbors and friends in the village for their kind expressions of sympathy and support at the loss of our husband, father and grandfather (Poppy.) How nice to live in a community of such caring and thoughtful people. It has meant a lot to us. Sincerely, HELGA MOROZ and RANDY of Logan Drive, SANDRA WELLS, CANDY PRICE and PAM MILANI.

Words do not come easy to me. PETE was the writer in our home. He worked very hard to bring news and witty sayings to his village friends through the *Owl*. PETE would have been very happy to see all the people he knew and loved come to pay their final respects to him. My family and I want to say it for him. To everyone who did anything to make Pete's loss bearable, we say, "Thank you." --to the Women's Club for the food and luncheon volunteers, to Mayor Anielski for the Police escort, to the Police Department for their assistance and concern the day PETE died, and to villagers who sent cards, flowers, gave donations to the church, or extended a helping hand. Sincerely, ROSE SOCHACKI and Family.

PLEASE CALL ME if you have any items of general interest and/or special happenings about your family that you would like to have included in the monthly POTPOURRI Articles. You can reach me on my voice mail 779-6833 or at home 439-3308. Thanks, NANCY BORDONARO

A HEARTY WELCOME to these NEW RESIDENTS

THOMAS and SANDRA FITZPATRICK
7490 Walton Road

FRED and DAWN HOENIGMAN
7801 Summerset Drive

SAM and JENNIFER CHIEFFALO
7125 Deeridge Drive

HERBERT and BEVERLY PERRY
19675 Sagamore Road

SHERMAN HEARD
7270 Conelly Blvd.

MICHAEL and JUDY JARZEMBAK
7197 Conelly Blvd.

TERRELL ADAMS and DONNA HUTCHINSON
6671 Dunham Road

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES

CONGRATULATIONS to these Walton Hills young adults who became State of Ohio Champions this past school year.

* To CHRIS NIRO, son of TONY and VALERIE NIRO of Dunham Road, star outfielder / pitcher for Walsh Jesuit High School's Division II State Champions Baseball Team. An early signee with Miami University of Ohio, CHRIS began the season as the top-ranked outfield prospect in Ohio by TeamOne Baseball.

* To HEATHER RALLYA, daughter of ARTHUR and LINDA RALLYA of Alexander Road, who played fast pitch baseball for Walsh Jesuit High School, and helped her team become Division II State Champions.

The baseball and fast pitch teams of Walsh Jesuit High School made history by becoming the first school in Ohio to win two State Championships in the same year.

* To VERONICA JATSEK, daughter of BILL and PAM JATSEK of Egbert Road, for finishing first, becoming the Girls Division II State Champion, in the shot put event at the Division II State Track and Field Meet held in Columbus last month. Representing Trinity High School, VERONICA had a winning shot put throw of 45' 1/4." She was North Coast League Champion, Regional Champion and broke her own school record 5 times this year. She will attend Ashland University on athletic and academic scholarships.

LARRY JATSEK, VERONICA's brother, is also a State Champ in the shot put. He won the title last year and attends The Ohio State University on an athletic scholarship.

BILLY JATSEK will start Trinity High School this fall and plans to join the track team and follow in his brother and sister's footsteps.

GET WELL WISHES

Our wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to ERNIE FOLTON of South Meadowpark Drive, after a nasty fall from a ladder.

STORK NEWS

Proud Grandparents! SOPHIA LOUISE SCHMENK, granddaughter of JACKIE and RON GULAJSKI of Hickory Drive, arrived on May 31st. SOPHIA is the daughter of MICHAEL and RONDA SCHMENK of Sandusky, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Myron and Pat Schmenk of Michigan. SOPHIA arrived for the Memorial Day Parade.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of GRACE WILTZE of Egbert Road, who passed away in late May. Our condolences to her husband, GORDON DAVID WILTZE, her children, BONNIE SAMS, LISA (Dan) MACKERTY and DAVID WILTSE and her grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to LORI and BRIAN WARYK of Sagamore Road, on the passing of LORI's grandfather, Louis Perko, at the grand old age of 94. Condolences are also extended to great-grandchildren TYLER and ASHLEY.

Our condolences to FRANCINE and DONALD KARPOWICZ of Egbert Road, on the passing of FRANCINE's father, Frank Shipta, at age 87.

Our thoughts of comfort and sympathy to the family and friends of LILLIAN FIFER, on her death in early June. LILLIAN was the wife of WALLY FIFER, Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl* from 1965-1988. WALLY, who died in November of last year, and Lillian moved to Columbus, Ohio to live near their daughter Karen, after Wally suffered a debilitating stroke in 1988.

Lillian served as Business Manager and Society Editor of the *Owl* from 1957 until 1988. For those many years Lillian personally welcomed all new home owners to the village and interviewed them for her feature articles. She was also an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club.

Lillian is survived by her daughters and sons in law, KAREN (Peter) BARR of Worthington and LAUREN (James) TAKACS of Pataskala and her son and his wife, JEFF (Janice) FIFER of Georgia and six grandchildren.

Our condolences to Lillian's sister, MARY BELL of South Meadowpark Drive and her brother and sister in law, ED and MARGE SURMAN of Shaner Drive.

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS

* Just a word to praise Ken for his pet services. His classified ad is in the *Owl*. I would recommend him highly to anyone. While out of town, KEN bonded with my dog, Bandit. The day after returning, the dog broke loose from me and went right up to Ken's front door to see him! KATHY CIGANEK

* Don't hesitate to join us at our Exercise Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, even if it is mid-session. We want you to know you are welcome, and your fee is pro-rated when you join mid-session.
THE "FITNESS for LIFE" CLASSMATES

FROM the OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donations!

- LARRY and KATHY CIGANEK of Conelly Blvd.
- STEVE and LUCIE PETRANEK of Regency Drive

Your donations will help pay for photos in this issue of the *Owl*.

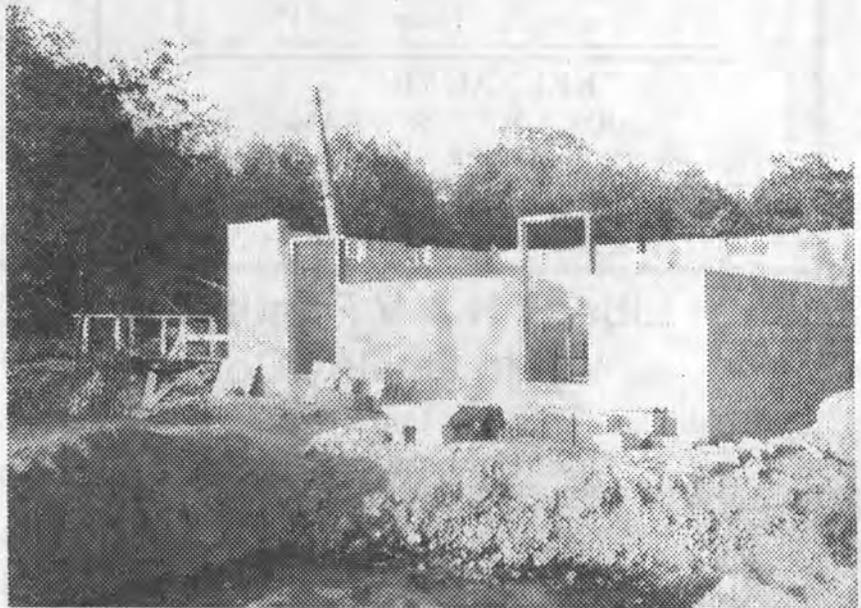
A NEW BATH HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION at WALTON HILLS LAKE

Volunteer work crews are diligently working during their spare hours to complete a renovated, larger bath house for Walton Hills Lake. The facility will have bathrooms that are handicapped accessible, an addition of a much-needed storage room, and a trussed roof.

Lake Trustees garnered enough fund-raising money the past couple years, mainly through lotto ticket sales and raffles, to begin purchasing construction materials for the new bath house. This year's lotto money will also go directly into the building fund. Trustees gathered volunteer roofers, builders and plumbers who lent their expertise and time to construct the bath house.

The first bathroom facilities at Walton Hills Lake were outhouses, built in 1949. Volunteers dug holes and built enclosures for the men's and women's 2-hole outhouses which were located across the creek, up the incline, to the east and downwind from the lake.

The first real bath house was built in 1967. After many years of seasonal use, that building and bathroom facilities needed major repairs and replacement.



WORKING on the OLD BATH HOUSE (1967 photo)

Maybe when the new bath house is complete, Lake Trustees will open the new facility with a celebration. Back in late July of 1967, the bath house was officially opened at the Adult Beach Party.

A grand march was conducted around the lake and through the new building. Later that year, at the Family Day Picnic, they burned the old outhouses.



WORKING on the NEW FACILITIES (June, 2004 photo)

Delores Mueller Retires from Village

The Walton Hills Police Department would like to congratulate Delores Mueller on her retirement as the senior dispatcher from the Walton Hills Police Department. We would like to wish her and her husband many years of happiness and best wishes.

Dispatcher Mueller joined the Walton Hills Police Department as a full time dispatcher on September 9, 1985 and has given outstanding service to this community during her tenure. Prior to her employment with the Village of Walton Hills, Delores served as a police dispatcher for the Village of Oakwood from 1979 until she was hired by Walton Hills.



Dispatcher Mueller has received several certificates during her employment with the Walton Hills Police Department. Her training and the integrity she held are what made her the lead trainer for the newly hired police communications officers. She will be truly missed by all of the staff at the Village Hall.

Delores has completed training in several categories all relevant to her position as a communications specialist.

- Ohio LEADS Training – April 1980
- Police Matron – March 1981
- Jail Standards – October 1984
- Communications Operator – March 1985
- Officer Survival – March 1986
- CPR Training – March 1987
- Criminal History Certification – June 1987
- Critical Incident Communications – March 1988
- Self Defense for Females – July 1988
- Power Phone Training – January 1989
- BAC Verifier Alcohol Testing – November 1992
- Basic Jailer Training – April 1993
- Emergency Medical Dispatching – October 2003
- Terrorism and Telecommunicator – March 2004

These are just some of the training courses that Delores has attended during her employment with the police department.

Delores was appointed as a deputy clerk for the Garfield Heights Municipal Court on June 27, 1989 and became a member of S.E.A.L.E. (Southeast Area Law Enforcement) Communications Unit in December 1999.

The communications unit will respond to major calls in any of seven cities, which belong to the SEALE group. She has assisted several departments with information and has received several letters of commendation for her work with Walton Hills and other communities as well.

Melling gets law post in divided vote

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

7-8-04

WALTON HILLS — Council approved hiring Blair Melling as the new village solicitor Tuesday night in a move that has upset some in the community.

The body voted 4-2 to hire the Bedford law firm of Melling, Harding and Montello to provide the village with a solicitor and prosecutor after previous solicitor Vince Ruffa and assistant James Oakar announced they were leaving in

May after 26 years of service to the village. Council president Dave Knapp said he was impressed by Melling's ability to respond to the village and the residents.

Council members Donald Kolograf and Kevin Hurst voted against the appointment. Knapp was joined by council members Bill Allen, Jackie Vlk-Maire and George Main approved the hiring. Melling was sworn in immediately following the vote.

Several residents believe it was the wrong decision because of the ongoing efforts by the village to leave the Bedford

City School District. Janice St. John said John Montello is the assistant law director in Bedford, whose council passed a resolution opposing the transfer efforts.

"If Mr. Montello is hired as the assistant law director in Walton Hills, they have a conflict of interest," St. John said. "They can't support both positions."

Knapp said there is no conflict of interest and members of a law firm can represent different communities without conflict. Furthermore, Mayor Marlene Anielski said Tuesday

that Montello is planning to resign his position in Bedford to eliminate any appearance of a conflict.

Former mayor Edward Thellmann said the Melling family has ties to Bedford, not to Walton Hills. He added the village needs an experienced law director in place.

"(Melling) was never a law director in any other community," Thellmann said.

Hurst added Tuesday that Roetzell & Andress lawyer David Harbarger, who is working with the village on its efforts to

depart the school district, also advised against hiring the firm.

Melling, a Solon resident, ran two years ago for the District 17 state representative seat as a Democrat, losing to Republican incumbent James Trakas of Independence. Melling's brother, Brian, is a judge in Bedford Municipal Court.

Melling's law firm was one of five selected from among several submissions for the positions by a council committee made up of members Allen, Hurst and Kolograf. Those law firms were then presented at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting, in which the body decided to go with Melling.

"I feel very comfortable with them," Allen said. He said he reached that comfort level after meeting with the law firm and talking with representatives of other communities who have employed Melling, Harding and Montello.

The solicitor will receive an annual salary of \$27,088 while the prosecutor will be paid \$24,000 annually. In addition, both will receive \$105 an hour for additional work performed for the village outside their regular duties.

Bedford firm hired as law director and prosecutor

7-8-04

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

**IN OTHER VILLAGE NEWS:
Council approves tax break — Page 14**

WALTON HILLS — Council agreed Tuesday to hire members of a Bedford firm as the village's law director and prosecutor.

Council voted 4-2 to hire Blair N. Melling as law director and Melling, Harding and Montello, of Bedford, as village prosecutor.

Councilors Kevin Hurst and Don Kolograf said they voted against hiring Melling because his partner, John Montello, is the assistant law director of

Bedford and they feel there may be a conflict of interest because Walton Hills is in the process of pulling out of the Bedford School District.

According to the contract, the firm will earn \$27,088 per year. Melling or his representative can charge \$105 an hour when performing "special services when requested by the mayor or Council" which

include conducting litigation, negotiations and drawing up legal opinions.

The prosecutor will earn \$24,000 a year, and the prosecutor or his representative will earn \$105 an hour to conduct jury trials, prepare appeals, legal briefs and legal defenses.

The contract runs from June 15 to Dec. 31.

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"Council wanted one firm representing the village," Melling said. "I look forward to serving the Walton Hills community."

Melling's firm takes over for the firm of Oakar and Ruffa, which represented the village for more than 20 years. Oakar and Ruffa notified Council and Mayor Marlene Anielski earlier this year that they no longer wanted to represent the village.

A three-member committee of Councilors Bill Allen, Hurst and Kolograf was formed to interview applicants, narrow down the search and present its findings to Council.

"We interviewed 12 people who I consider to be top-of-the-line law directors and prosecutors in the Cleveland area," Allen said. "[Council] came to a consensus about this law firm, giving them the full faith and confidence of this Council, and I'm proud to have them aboard."

Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire said she was also happy Melling was approved.

"I know he will be a fair person and someone who will work with the village as a whole," she said. "I think we have someone in place who is very professional."

• Council also placed a resolution appointing Donald Sheehy, of Chagrin Valley Engineering, as engineer, on first reading. The resolution was tabled at the June Council meeting.

Sheehy has been filling in for Fred Tufts, who resigned earlier this year. If approved, Sheehy will earn \$15,000 a year.

Council waits to hire new village law director

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council was expected Tuesday to vote to place an ordinance hiring Blair Melling of the law firm Melling, Harding and Montello of Bedford, as law director for the village, on third reading.

Councilor Bill Allen said he feels Melling is the best choice for the village because he is local and will be easily "accessible."

Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire said Melling will be hired as law director, but the resolution will go to three readings. Vlk-Maire said it is an important decision and it should be brought before the residents for all three readings.

A three-person committee of Councilor's Kevin Hurst, Don Kolograf and Bill Allen, was formed last month to search for replacements to the law firm of Oakar and

Ruffa, which has represented the village for more than 20 years as law director and prosecutor.

Oakar and Ruffa said they would work with the village until a replacement could be found.

A resolution naming Melling's law firm as village prosecutor was also given a first reading at the meeting and was expected to be sent to a third reading Tuesday.

Melling was among five finalists for the law director position.

Hurst said the other finalists were: Jonathan Greenberg, a lawyer in Cleveland; Leonard Spremulli, from Bentleyville; John Moroney, from Fairview Park, and Kevin Weiler, a lawyer in Brecksville.

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Arhaus eyes tax break for expansion

By **RAY JABLONSKI**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — A Northfield Road business is seeking a tax abatement from the village to expand its operations.

Arhaus Furniture, 7700 Northfield Road, is requesting a 10-year agreement to abate 60 percent of its property taxes on the property included in its expanded facility. Council approved the request Tuesday night and the matter will now go before the Cuyahoga County Commissioners for their consideration.

Village manager Michael Dernyar said Arhaus will add 15 to 20 new employees over the next two years, generating an additional \$492,000 in payroll tax to the village. He said over the life of the agreement, the Bedford Schools will realize \$203,000 in new revenue from the expansion and will forego an additional \$255,000 in revenue.

In tangible personal property taxes, \$150,000 of \$245,000 would be abated, while \$450,000 of \$755,000 in real property taxes would be abated.

Council President Dave Knapp is excited that a business is taking advantage of the village's enterprise zone designation, established last year.

"It's the first request under the enterprise zone structure and I think its a solid request," Knapp said. He said the enterprise zone is necessary to expand the village's industrial base.

"If we can help attract, grow and expand businesses in our village, it lessens our dependence on Ford," Knapp said, referring to the stamping plant, which is down to approximately 700 jobs from more than 5,000 in the late 1960s.

Company officials presented their expansion plans June 30 to village officials and a handful of residents. Arhaus chief financial officer Sam Helfenstein said the company would like to begin construction yet this summer.

"Hopefully, that will allow us to get the roof on before the snow flies," Helfenstein said. The project would double the size of the distribution center at a cost of approximately \$6 million. Construction would take place to the north of the existing building and would require the

purchase of a small strip of land owned by Overseas Packing on Alexander Road.

"We're in a position now to make that happen," Helfenstein said.

Dernyar said the company can break ground on the expansion once their plans are approved by the planning commission and the architectural board of review.

"I think it's a legitimate project and a legitimate use of the village's tax incentives," Dernyar said.

Regency Drive resident Stanley Kanieski said he is concerned about how the expansion will affect his abutting property. "Every truck that comes in

that driveway now shines on our houses," Kanieski said. "From my house, I can see the Coke machine in the break room 24 hours a day. To me, that is not a positive."

Councilman Don Kolograf said he needs to know that the buffer zone between the business and the homes on Regency Drive will remain intact and that the Arhaus property will be well-landscaped.

"If there aren't answers to some of those questions, then we're going to be in a tough position to move on this," Kolograf said.

Councilman Bill Allen said specific plans on the expansion are forthcoming, but the abate-

ment is being addressed first. He said unlike the Handl-It expansion project on Treat Road, which negatively impacted several residents on Carmany, Allen and Shaner drives, this project is being brought to the community first.

"This is important that you come out right from the beginning," Allen said. Similar meetings are expected once the company submits plans to the various village boards.

Knapp said council's approval of the abatement agreement does not automatically mean the project will take place.

"We're on the second step of a pretty long road," Knapp said.

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CONGRATULATIONS

REMO and JUSTINE CIFANI of Jefferson Drive recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Signature of Solon Country Club. The party, given by their four children and their spouses, TONY of Solon, LINDA of Naples, FL, JOSEPH and LISA of McLellan Drive and DIANE and JEFF MALARIK of Independence, included the eight grandchildren. Some of the guests traveled here from several states.

A family photo session preceded an evening of dinner and dancing. A DVD pictorial review of the couple's lives was shown, and a copy given to all guests. The following day, guests were invited to a backyard picnic at their Jefferson Drive home. REMO and JUSTINE were married on May 8, 1954 at St. Lucy's Church in New Castle, Pennsylvania.



REMO and JUSTINE CIFANI

GET WELL WISHES

We're happy to report that MARIAN STUCKY of Hickory Drive is doing well after her recent back surgery. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

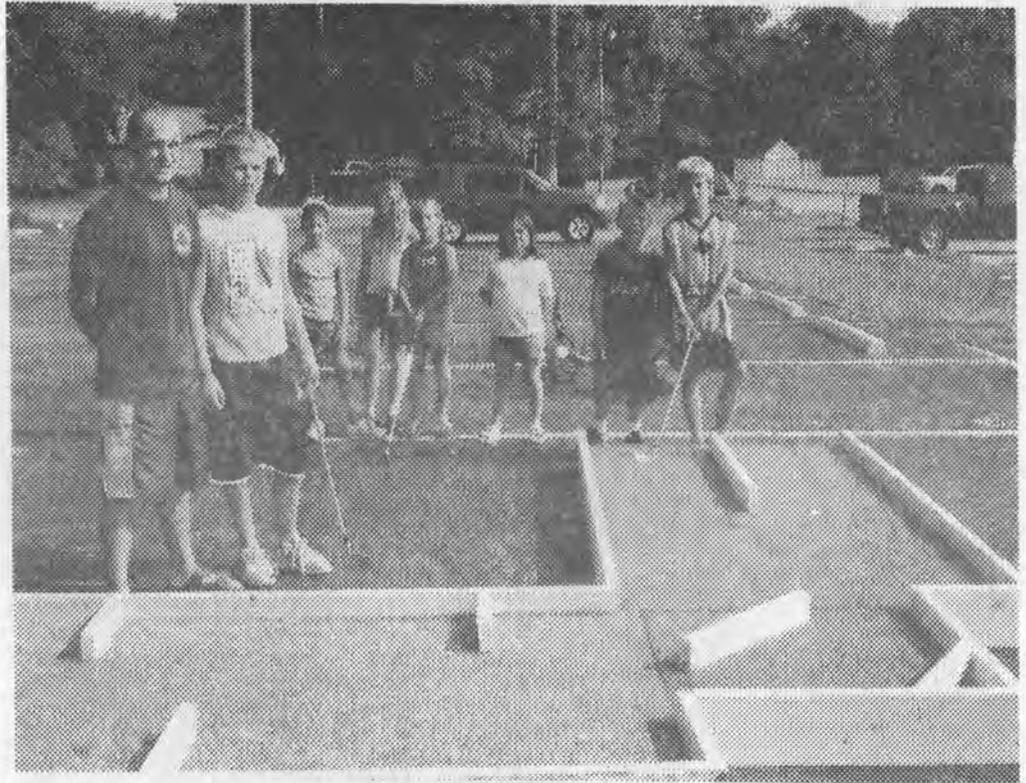
GEORGIA and BEN PACE of South Meadowpark Drive have had a spell of bad health and bad luck. BEN had a bout with pneumonia, had a stay at Marymount Hospital, and is now at Brentwood Health Care Center, recuperating and undergoing therapy for a few weeks. At the end of May, GEORGIA fell and broke her pelvic bone. GEORGIA expects to be walking on her own by the beginning of August. They both look forward to BEN's return home.

RUTH LOWIEC of North Meadowpark Drive has been laid up for awhile. In February she broke one of her hips and convalesced at Walton Manor. In June RUTH broke her other hip. She is currently at Brentwood Health Care Center, recuperating and undergoing therapy. Our wishes for good health to RUTH and ADOLPH LOWIEC.

ERNIE FOLTON of South Meadowpark Drive has regained consciousness and is making a steady but slow recovery from his fall off a ladder. ERNIE is at Kindred Hospital, a section of St. Vincent Charity Hospital. MARY LOU FOLTON, newly installed President of the Walton Hills Women's Club, still finds time to volunteer on behalf of the club. Mary Lou recently worked at a Women's Club funeral repast at the Village Hall.

MINIATURE PUTT-PUTT at T.G.Y. PARK!

Testing the results of their design and hours of work building the Putt-Putt are Recreation Staff worker **FRANK KACHENKO** and Parkers, including junior carpenters **MATT SAROSY** of Shaner Drive and **NICK LANE** of Dellwood Drive. Parkers, under leadership of **FRANK KACHENKO**, constructed the miniature Putt-Putt at T.G.Y. Park. They built the maze in three easy-to-assemble sections. It can easily be moved to a play area, and stored away for safe-keeping.



NORTHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE REOPENS!

A ceremonial ribbon-cutting celebrating the re-opening of the Northfield Road bridge in Walton Hills and Oakwood Village took place on Wednesday, July 14th. Mayor **Marlene Anielski** and Councilpersons **William Allen** and **Jackie Vlk-Maire** were on hand to take part in the festivities. Thanks to ODOT, Engineers **Fred Tufts** and **Don Sheehy**, and other contractors for all their hard work and completing the job ahead of schedule. It is great to have all lanes of Northfield Road open again.



“THE MAGIC OF BROADWAY”

Twelve enthusiastic youngsters, under the leadership of Director KELLY PEKAR of Egbert Road, brought “The Magic of Broadway” to our village. The Walton Hills Musical Theater Class performed their song and dance routines at T. G. Young Park twice, an evening dress rehearsal for families and friends, and again as part of the Community Day entertainment.

For six weeks this summer, the group practiced three days a week in the Community Building, for three hour stretches each time. Their hard work and dedication paid off. They nailed their routines, and audiences were treated to several fun-to-watch theatrical acts.

Walton Hills cast members were: JAMES BEGIN and MARY KATE BEGIN of Egbert Road, ZACK CUMMINS of Rauland Drive, ALEXANDRA D’AMICO and MONICA D’AMICO of South Meadowpark Drive, DARBY JOHNSON of Alexander Road, EMILY KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court, SARA PEKAR of Egbert Road, and ALINA RAULINAITIS and LIVIA RAULINAITIS of Walton Road. Also in the cast were LAURA DeSANTIS of Brecksville and ANGELICA MORMILE of Garfield Heights.

Musical numbers in the show were “Magic to Do” from Pippin, “You Can’t Stop the Beat” from Hairspray, “Happiness” from You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown, “In My Own Little Corner” and “Sisters Lament” from Cinderella, “Wendy” from Peter Pan, scenes from Sound of Music, “Where Is Love” and “Consider Yourself” from Oliver, “Many a New Day” from Oklahoma and “Favorite Son” from Will Rogers Follies.

The show’s director and choreographer, KELLY PEKAR, who graduated from Regina High School this past June, will begin her studies this fall at Otterbein College with a major in Vocal Performance.



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A HEARTY WELCOME to these NEW RESIDENTS

HERBERT and BEVERLY PERRY
19675 Sagamore Road

JAY TARBY
17000 South Meadowpark Drive

SHERMAN HEARD
7270 Conelly Blvd.

CHARLES KESHOCK
16895 South Meadowpark Drive

TERRELL and DONNA ADAMS
6671 Dunham Road

MILLER and KELLY BAILEY
14240 Ryan Drive

KEITH SORNA and ROSE FIGUEROA
7301 North Meadowpark Drive

ART and ELIZABETH ROTH
19510 Colonial Drive

ALFRED LISCOE
17703 Hicks Road

JESSEE WOODALL and SHAUNTE COLE
17055 Spanghurst Drive

DARREN OLSZKO
7656 West Lake Drive

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

RACHEL SABO of Egbert Road graduated from Trinity High School and will attend Miami University of Ohio.

Accomplishments: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Miami University Ohio Leadership Scholarship, Ohio Residents Scholarship, 4-year Letter Winner Varsity Volleyball, Softball and Cheerleading.

RACHEL ANNE SABO →



GET WELL WISHES

Our wishes for a fast and complete recovery are extended to LINDA HOLMBERG of Egbert Road.

EXERCISE, LADIES?

Members of the Ladies Tuesday and Thursday Exercise Classes extend a welcome to all the women of the village. Classes begin at 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The next session begins Thursday, September 23, but don't wait until then. Start anytime, your fees will be prorated.

FROM THE OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donations!

- ROSE SOCHACKI, in memory of her husband, PETE.
- CLAUDE COREA, a former resident

Your support helps us pay our bills. We truly appreciate your monetary gifts.

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BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to the family of JULIUS KARA of Alexander Road. He is survived by his wife, VELMA, their children ANDREW KARA of Chicago and JULES (ROBIN) KARA of Brookpark and three grandchildren. JULIUS was a builder, and several homes in Walton Hills were built by him. He was a 32nd degree Mason, was active with Maple Heights Boy Scout Troops and was a 50-year member and 30-year President of the Hungarian Business and Tradesmen Club, in Maple Heights.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of FRANK PLUSH of Chestnut Drive. ELAINE PLUSH, FRANK's widow, and GARY PLUSH, their son who lives in Garfield Heights, express their gratitude and thanks to Officers STAN JAWORSKI and TOM KOTH of the Walton Hills Police Department and to the paramedics for their assistance and compassion during the family's time of need. FRANK and ELAINE PLUSH have lived in their home on Chestnut Drive for 42 years.

A former long-time resident, NAIDA FLORA died in Apache Junction, Arizona. NAIDA was one of 33 Charter Members of the Walton Hills Women's Club who founded the organization in August of 1951. The Floras lived at 7140 Walton Road.

Her husband, DON FLORA, took many aerial photographs in 1956 of sections of Walton Hills for the Conelly Realty Co. 26 black and white 8x10 photos, and a few larger ones, are on display at the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. When you next visit the center, ask a staff member to show you pictures showing the village as it looked from the air more than 50 years ago.

THANK YOU

The family of MARY DLOUHY thanks the many caring neighbors and Walton Hills friends for their kind expressions of sympathy at the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We sincerely thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for their generosity and hard work preparing the luncheon for us after Mom's funeral. Our family was overwhelmed by all the food and hospitality of the women. We thank Mayor ANIELSKI and the Walton Hills Police Department for their escort service one last time past Mom's house on Stuble Lane where she lived for 46 years, then to Saint Mary's Church and finally to All Saints Cemetery.

(signed) ROSEMARIE and FRANK FIALA, JANET and ROGER VODICKA, DIANE and ROBERT SPRING, JOAN DLOUHY and GARY LAW.

FYI:

For those of us who have considered signing Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney forms, or who have signed forms that are outdated and ineffective, this message is for us.

*** YOU CAN GET A PACKET of ADVANCE DIRECTIVE DOCUMENTS FORMS
at the VILLAGE HALL LOBBY INFO. RACK ***

The packet includes three forms:

- 1) Living Will Declaration
- 2) State of Ohio Health Care Power of Attorney
- 3) Organ/Tissue Donation

These forms are the MOST RECENT Advance Directive Documents recognized as VALID by the Ohio State Medical Association, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Osteopathic Association, Ohio State Bar Association and Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

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Jean Kainsinger and Lori Waryk 330-467-8226

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

THOMAS and CYNTHIA KRAKOWSKI
17305 Spanghurst Drive

KENNETH and CAROL LEETCH
7030 Walton Road

GREAT NEWS about RESIDENTS

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently featured in local newspapers.

SALLY RADA, owner of Shear Talent Hair Salon in Bedford, was the "Snapshot" subject in the September 8th *Bedford Sun Banner*. SALLY became the owner of the beauty parlor in January. In the article SALLY is quoted, "The best part is the relationship you form with people. You have to have a good attitude and like people." SALLY, her husband JOHN and their daughter OLIVIA live on Alexander Road.

ELEANOR WEISENBURG was the subject of a September 8th feature article in the *News Leader*, local newspaper for Macedonia, Northfield and Sagamore Hills. When she was a young girl, ELEANOR, her parents and brother moved from 131st Street and Miles Avenue to farmland in Northfield Center. Today, that property is in the vicinity of Olde 8 and Leonard Avenue, First Merit Bank, a strip mall called the Elinore Block, several other businesses, and Nordonia Hills Middle School.

ELEANOR was the guest speaker at a recent Olde Northfield Preservation Association meeting. She titled her program, "A Walk Down Memory Lane."

ELEANOR and her husband BILL live on South Meadowpark Drive. A retired school teacher, ELEANOR taught for 30 years in the Nordonia School District. For the past several years she and BILL have devoted many hours as volunteers at Marymount Hospital.

SCOUTS AT WORK

Boy Scout Troop 575 will sell popcorn this month. Profits will allow the boys to go to summer camp. Please call JEREMY or ZAK CUMMINS (440-439-9647), DANIEL NEILSEN (440-439-3159), MATT OMILION (440-439-5727) or TYLER WARYK (330-467-8226). Thank you for your support.

A REQUEST for REMNANTS of MATERIAL

BETTY RICHER of Morningside Drive and the ladies of the Valley View Village Church make sleeping bags for the homeless. They are in desperate need of bolt remnants of upholstery material. If you have odds and ends of suitable material, or if you know where the ladies can obtain free material, call BETTY at 232-5383.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathy to the family of LEONARD BRENNER of Walton Road. He is survived by his wife JEAN, his son and his wife RAY and TERRI BRENNER of Conelly Boulevard, his granddaughter KATIE BRENNER of Walton Road, his twin brother and his wife RAY and FRANCES BRENNER of Dellwood Drive, his niece MARY BRENNER of Spanghurst Drive, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. LEONARD and JEAN and their family moved into the village in 1962.

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BEREAVEMENTS (continued)

Our condolences to the family of LINDA JOHNSON of Alexander Road. LINDA is survived by her husband JAMES (JIM), her sister, brother-in-law and niece, KAREN and TOM REMING and their daughter KELLY of Alexander Road. LINDA was the grand-daughter of JOHN and MARY JAKAB who lived on Alexander Road for many years. LINDA was a past President of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Assn. of Women Business Owners, and served as the Association Certified Public Accountant for many years. She will be missed by her family and her many friends.

We extend our sympathy to our Village Financial Officer JANET BIHARY and her fiancé, DON PAVLIC, on the passing of DON's mother, DOROTHY PAVLIC.

THANK YOU

The BRENNER Family thanks the Walton Hills Women's Club and its members for an outstanding meal after LEONARD BRENNER's funeral. Your support and involvement during our time of grief is heart-warming. With over 30 women contributing, the community's outreach makes us extremely proud to live in Walton Hills. Thank you and God Bless. The family also extends our gratitude to the Walton Hills Police Department for escorting the funeral procession and making the trip past LEONARD and JEAN's home. It was truly a touching moment.
(signed) RAY and TERRI BRENNER

We want to thank the Walton Hills Police Department, Council Members, our neighbors and village residents for all the flowers, cards, food and prayers given to our family upon the death of our sister and aunt, LINDA JOHNSON. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. (signed) TOM, KAREN and KELLY REMING

FROM THE OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donations!

- JEANNE and PHIL WILLIAMSON of Orchard Hill Drive
- ELAINE PLUSH of Chestnut Drive in memory of her husband, FRANK
- THE WALTON HILLS CITIZEN'S LEAGUE

Even though the Owl has ads and the Village pays for pages it submits to our monthly newsletter, we appreciate any and all donations. Your support helps us pay for the rest of the Owl pages; such as the cover, monthly Village Calendar, Potpourri and pages from Village organizations.

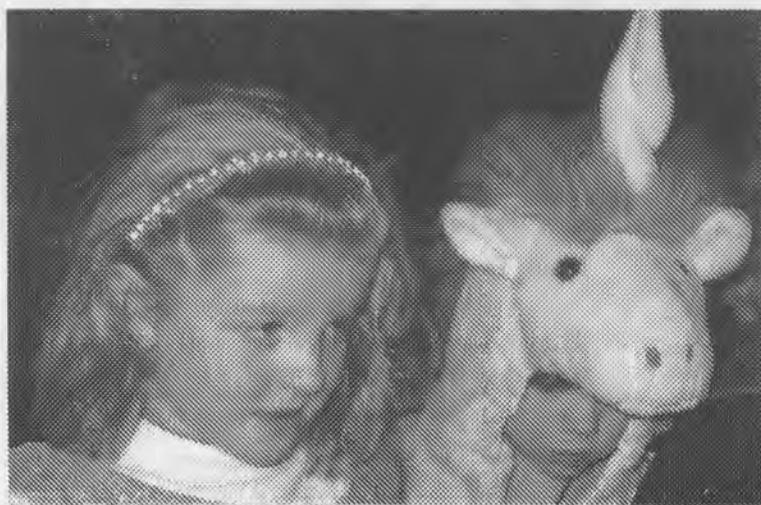
GREAT NEWS about these TEENAGE RESIDENTS

Bedford High School's upcoming Homecoming Weekend will be special for these eight Walton Hills teens. Football team Bearcats BEN KELLY and STEVEN TUSAI hope to beat the Maple Heights Mustangs Friday, October 15th. Bedford Band members CORY BENDLAK, VASILIOS GIATIS, JACKIE and VICKI HURST, IRIS KELLY and DANIEL TOAZ will perform in the Homecoming Parade Wednesday, October 13th as well as at the Homecoming Game. CORY BENDLAK is the son and stepson of JOYCE and BILL DEAK of Walton Road. VASILIOS GIATIS is the son of ZIS and KATY GIATIS of Walton Road. JACKIE and VICKI HURST are the daughters of KEVIN and THERESA HURST. BEN and IRIS KELLY are the children of BEN and LUCRETIA KELLY of Rashell Drive. DANIEL TOAZ is the son of TODD and MARGARET TOAZ of Rashell Drive. STEVEN TUSAI is the son of Mike and LINDA TUSAI of Shaner Drive.

The Homecoming Parade steps off at 6 PM Wednesday, October 13th at Central Primary School, travels on Columbus and Northfield Roads to Bearcat Stadium. The Homecoming Game starts at 7:30 PM on Friday. Seniors enter free with a Golden Buckeye Card. With a coupon, an entire family sees the game for \$5.00.

Recreation News

Halloween Hoopla Brings Out the Kid in Our Villagers



Residents young and old celebrated Trick-or-Treat on our own village street. They enjoyed Outback Ray's exotic pet show, whacked a piñata, and feasted on pizza, sloppy joes, and lasagna made by residents. Villagers handed out goodies to the children, outside the Village Hall, on Trick-or-Treat Street. (photos by Jack Ulman)



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

JOSEPH and DANA KRAZEL
17673 Sagamore Road

BILL and DEBBIE OBERLE
17820 Rauland Drive

DEAN PAPAY
14060 Ryan Drive

THOMAS and JO ANNE RAK
17703 Rauland Drive

JAMES and ELAINE SZEMPLAK
16309 Ceile Drive

WEDDING BELLS

With wishes for a lifetime of happiness, we announce the wedding of JOYCE PALGUT and JIM BAGAY of Egbert Road. Congratulations to the happy couple! JOYCE is the daughter of STELLA PALGUT of Egbert Road.

GREAT NEWS about our YOUNGSTERS at SCHOOL

SAMMI OMILION, daughter of PAUL and HEIDI OMILION, Rauland Drive, is a member of the Walsh Jesuit High School girls' golf team. The undefeated team just became State Champs.

JAKE BRASDOVICH, son of JEFF and MICHELLE BRASDOVICH, Rauland Drive, ALEX HOCEVAR, son of STEVE and MARIJO HOCEVAR, Tulip Lane, and DAVID TANNER, grandson of RON and ROSE KLUKAN, Stuble Lane, play on St. Monica's 8th grade football team. They are 1st place winners in their CYO Football League.

MARY KATE BEGIN, daughter of JIM and DENISE BEGIN, Egbert Road, is on St. Monica's 7th grade Girls' Gold Volleyball Team. They hold 1st Place as Division Champs.

CAROLINE KRAKOWSKI, daughter of CYNTHIA and TOM KRAKOWSKI, Spanghurst Drive and ANN MARIE NEADING, daughter of CHRIS and JEAN NEADING, Ryan Drive, are on St. Monica's 8th grade Girls' Volleyball Team. They are 1st Place Division Champs.

A NEWS - WORTHY NURSE

LYNNE YURKO, daughter of ED and PAULINE YURKO of Tulip Lane, doesn't live at home anymore, but we in the villager proudly call her one of our own. Regina Brett interviewed YURKO for her Sunday, October 10th *Plain Dealer* column about Burn Camp. That same day the *Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine* 7-page feature story, "Healing the Scars," was about Burn Camp and YURKO's Burn Unit.

A registered nurse with many credentials, LYNNE YURKO manages the Comprehensive Burn Care Center at MetroHealth Medical Center. Many nurses in the unit come and go. They cannot contend with the pain their patients suffer, but somehow YURKO has been able to withstand the pressure of working in the burn unit and still keep her sanity and sense of humor. In 1988 LYNN organized Burn Camp for her survivors. Burn victims can attend the camp twice each year at no charge, once in winter and once in the summer. This past August, 30 campers attended the free four-day getaway. The camp is sponsored by local firefighters who raise money through their Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Foundation.

Do you want to help pay for next year's Burn Camp? Donate your aluminum cans! Phone 216-531-0509.



SUN PHOTO BY RAY JABLONSKI

New Walton Hills Village Council members Donald Kolograf, left, and Kevin Hurst continue to get settled in to their new roles three months after winning the November election. Both men said they are looking forward to serving the community.

Council gives OK to new engineer

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — There is a new engineer in town.

Council gave a unanimous nod at its Sept. 7 meeting for Don Sheehy to become the new part-time village engineer.

Sheehy, 40, replaces Fred Tufts who resigned earlier this year.

"I'm pleased Council has approved his contract," said Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski. "[Sheehy] has been our engineer for a while. He was working with Fred Tufts as our contract engineer. I'm sure he will do a nice job for the village."

The one-year contract states Sheehy is the engineer "in conjunction with Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd."

"We are excited about it," Sheehy said Sept. 8. "[Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd.] has been doing work for Walton Hills for two years, and we look forward to providing additional services to the village."

"[The contract] names me specifically, and it is in conjunction with Chagrin Valley Engineering."

Sheehy will earn \$15,000 this year.

Sheehy was one of the founding partners of Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd. in 1996, he said.

"We appointed him engineer because a lot of [Sheehy's] duties overlap and it's more cost effective to have him acting as engineer than to have him billing us for every hour worked," Councilor William Allen said.

DARE grant application approved for submission

Request sent in June gets Council OK after break 9-04

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council unanimously affirmed a request by Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines to apply for a Drug Abuse Resistance Education grant at its Sept. 7 meeting.

Rhines said the grant was applied for July 9, but Council has been on summer recess.

The grant is from the Ohio Attorney General's Office and he said the village will know later this year if it gets the grant.

He said the money will help partially fund the salary for DARE officer Debbie Gasper.

"This will be her second year teaching [DARE] in the Bedford Schools," Rhines said. "I personally think it is a pretty good program."

He said the amount the village receives will be determined by the amount of money given out by the state.

Mayor Marlene Anielski said the village will still continue the program even if the grant is not approved.

Anielski said Tuesday she was not sure the amount the village will receive if the grant is approved.

She also said some of the money will partially fund the salary of Gasper. Some of the money will also go toward purchasing T-shirts and other items "used to get the word out" about DARE, she added.

Rhines said more than \$3.2 million was given to 218 agencies around Ohio in 2003.

He said DARE officers teach students how to say no to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

He said Walton Hills also received a \$1,500 partial DARE grant from the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.

Rhines said Gasper drives a 1999 Jeep that was confiscated from a drunk driver.

The Jeep is owned by the vil-

lage and is marked with a Walton Hills Police DARE emblem, siren and flashing police lights.

"I usually go into the classroom with a nine-week program geared toward the children," Gasper, who teaches at Columbus Intermediate School in Bedford Heights said.

Quote

I think if we can just help one kid, it's very effective.

**Debbie Gasper,
DARE officer**

She said the program has added a section to try and stop children from fighting.

"We try to get the point across that there are other ways [to solve problems]," Gasper said.

She said she feels the DARE program has been very effective at getting students to "just say no."

"The kids really enjoy us being there," Gasper said.

Gasper has been with the Walton Hills Police Department for 12 years, she said. She teaches DARE on Wednesdays, and the rest of the week she said she works the road as a patrol officer.

"Wednesday is my DARE day," Gasper said. "I'll grab my DARE Jeep and be at the school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.," Gasper said.

She said she tries to spend as much time with the students as she can, including sitting down and having lunch with them.

"I think DARE is an excellent program," Gasper said. "I think if we can just help one kid, it's very effective."

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Handl-it sells warehouse

Handl-it Inc. has sold a warehouse at 19200 Treat Road in Walton Hills to K/H-Cleveland LLC, an affiliate of Iron Mountain Records and Storage Co. Handl-it would not comment, but a source said the three-year-old, 207,000-square-foot building sold for \$6.75 million. Handl-it, based in Bedford Heights, was represented by Terry Coyne, industrial group vice president at Grubb & Ellis, a real estate services firm.

Master plan draft ready for unveiling

By MICHAEL SEUFFERT

Staff Writer 11-24-2004

WALTON HILLS — After more than two years of preparations, a draft copy of the village's master plan will be made public beginning Tuesday.

The comprehensive plan was put together by village officials, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, residents and business owners to look at development, redevelopment and revitalization policies for Walton Hills over the next 10 years.

While the plan includes every facet of the community, from the roads, sewers, bridges and public buildings, to the community's image and quality of life, Mayor Marlene Anielski said the key goal for the plan has been to maintain the small-town environment and country life-style of the village.

Much of the plan was developed based on feedback from a community survey mailed to all residents in 2002.

The plan will be available at Village Hall from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. weekdays, beginning Tuesday. The plan can also be viewed on the county's planning commission Web page at <http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us>. Public input can be made online at the Web site.

A public hearing on the plan will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Village Hall. This will be residents' last chance to comment on the plan before the final draft is approved by council.

Representatives from the planning commission will be on hand to present key findings and recommendations of the plan, as well as to answer questions.

One major issue discussed in the plan is the possibility of Walton Hills leaving the Bedford City School District. The school district was the No. 1-ranked community weakness, according to the community survey.

Economics is also a key issue, as the plan discusses ways to bring in new and attractive business, while retaining others.

Other topics include building a village fire department and expanding the recreational offerings at T.G. Young Park.

Residents want to improve the village's aesthetics by adding more landscaping, reducing litter and screening trash cans and Dumpsters from view.

The appearance of some residential and industrial "gateway" properties into the village, as well as low home market values, were also top community weaknesses.

The village's services, semi-rural atmosphere and safe environment were ranked as the community's top strengths, according to the survey.

Board of Education to appoint member

by **Emily Canning-Dean**
Reporter

BEDFORD — She's been a Bedford School district student, parent and volunteer — soon she will be the newest member of the Board of Education.

At its Nov. 22 meeting, the BOE will swear in Walton Hills resident Debora Kozak to the Board.

Kozak will replace Kay Santangelo, who had to resign from the Board because she moved out of the school district.

The remaining four Board members chose Kozak out of a group of seven applicants at an executive session Nov. 11. The vote was 3-1.

"Mrs. Kozak, a lifelong resident of the district, brings a

wealth of professional and personal experience to the Board," Board President Joe Allie said. "Her experience both in her profession and as an involved parent and resident makes her a great addition. We believe she has the capabilities and knowledge base to make contributions to the board immediately."

"I think Debbie is a great choice," said Board member Joe Mestnik. "She graduated from Bedford, and her kids graduated from Bedford. She was always a very active parent and volunteer."

Barbara Patterson, who voted against appointing Kozak, said



KOZAK

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she thought there were other candidates who would have done well as on the Board.

"I think all of the candidates were good, but I thought there were others who stood out," Patterson said. "But the other three Board members didn't see it that way."

"I look forward to addressing educational issues in the district," Kozak told the *Bedford Times-Register*. "I've been active in the district for a while, and I know the sys-

tem. I think that will help me as a Board member."

According to a press release from the school district, Kozak was an 18-year member of the Parent Teacher Association and has served as treasurer, secretary and president of various building PTAs. She received the PTA Lifetime Member Award in 2001. Kozak also is a member of Bedford Band and Orchestra Parents and sits on the Superintendent's Roundtable.

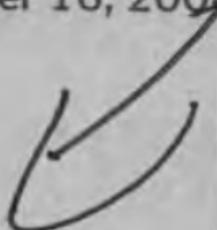
Kozak graduated from BHS

in 1971. She has a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Ohio University and she works as a buyer and original equipment account manager for Joseph Industries Inc. in Streetsboro. She lives in Walton Hills with her husband, Terry. She has three daughters, Samantha Hill, who is a 1999 graduate; Ashley Hill ['03]; Jackie Hill ['04] and stepchildren Jamie Kozak ['03] and Steven Kozak ['02].

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COMMUNITIES



From staff reports

BEDFORD

Bedford grad appointed to board

The Bedford school board has voted to appoint Debora Kozak to fill the vacancy on the board left by Kay Santangelo, who resigned in October. Kozak, of Walton Hills, will take the oath of office during the Nov. 22 board meeting. Her term will run through Dec. 31, 2005. Kozak, a graduate of Bedford High School and a buyer and account manager for Joseph Industries Inc. of Streetsboro, was an 18-year PTA member and officer. She also served as council delegate and treasurer to the Bedford Council of PTAs.

Kozak gets board post

By MICHAEL SEUFFERT
Staff Writer

BEDFORD — A second Walton Hills resident will join the Bedford Board of Education next week.

Debora J. Kozak, a longtime volunteer and PTA member, was chosen by the board to replace Kay Santangelo, who left the board last month when she and her husband moved from the district.

Kozak will take the oath of office on Monday at the school board's regular meeting. She will finish Santangelo's remaining term, which expires on Dec. 31, 2005.

Kozak is a an 18-year member of the PTA where she served as treasurer, secretary and president of various building PTAs. She also served as council delegate and treasurer to the Bedford Council of PTAs.

She received the PTA Lifetime Member Award in 2001.

"I'm looking forward to serving the residents of all four communities that comprise the Bedford City School District," Kozak said.

"Mrs. Kozak, a lifelong resident of the district, brings a wealth of professional and personal experience to the board," Board President Joseph R. Allie said. "Her experience both in her profession and as an involved parent and resident make her a great addition.

"We believe she has the capabilities and knowledge base to make contributions to the board immediately."

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Kozak is a 1971 graduate of Bedford High School. She has a Bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Ohio University. She is a buyer and accounts manager for Joseph Industries, Inc., an industrial distributor of driveline parts, based in Streetsboro.

Kozak is also a member of Bedford Band and Orchestra Parents (BBOP) and serves as concession chairperson. She served as BBOP treasurer for three years, and sits on the Su-

perintendent's Roundtable.

Kozak joins Allie as school board members from Walton Hills, which is actively pursuing a transfer out of the Bedford City School District. Her appointment and Santangelo's departure leaves, for the first time in many years, the board without a member from Bedford Heights.

Board members Joseph V. Mestnik and Barbara Patterson are Oakwood residents, while member Beth Housiaux-Steward lives in Bedford.

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Walton Hills Council approves fire, EMS contract with Maple

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Maple Heights and Oakwood fire department sirens will continue to ring throughout the village for another three years.

At a Tuesday meeting, Council approved a three-year contract with the two fire departments.

The new contract begins in January and runs through December 2007.

According to Maple Heights Fire Chief James Castelucci, Walton Hills will pay \$397,900 for fire and emergency medical services in 2005. The village will pay \$426,800 in 2006 and \$457,709 in 2007.

The money will be split between Maple Heights and Oakwood.

"We will continue to provide the highest level of service that we can," Castelucci said.

In other business

• Members of Girl Scout Troop 1568 presented four hand-made fleece blankets to Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines for the Dec. 24 Christmas for Kids at Sacred Hearts Church on Alexander Road.

"We hope you can give them to someone who could use a little warmth this Christmas," said one member of the troop.

• Council awarded a one-year contract to Blair Melling and the law firm of Melling, Harding and Montello as village solicitor.

The contract will run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005 and pay the firm \$27,088.

• Council also voted to give Melling's firm a one-year contract as village prosecutor.

The contract will run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005 and pay the firm \$24,000.

"I am happy to be here," Melling told the *Bedford Times-Register* after the meeting. "I'm thoroughly enjoying working here."

• There is a master plan meeting scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall community room.

Representatives from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will present recommendations to Council about the plan. Mayor Marlene Anielski said a copy of the proposed master plan is available to the public in Village Hall weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the planning commission's Web site at planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us

Anielski said the final draft of the master plan will be presented to Council in February for its vote.

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GET WELL WISHES

ERNIE FOLTON is now at a Seville, Ohio Rehab Center where he is making a slow recovery from a nasty fall off a ladder 10 months ago. MARY LOU FOLTON and her daughters, TERI SONDEJ and PATTI IVANS, who recently moved in to live with MARY LOU, want to thank the many people in Walton Hills who have sent cards and expressions of good will to the family. MARY LOU spends her days visiting with her husband, and wants everyone to know that although she may not find time to return phone calls, she appreciates the help, care and concern of her fellow villagers.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to the family of HELEN CAROL. Until recent years HELEN was a long-time resident of Deeridge Drive. HELEN helped SYLVIA McLain organize the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club in 1972 and she was also an active member of the Women's Club. Our condolences to her son Joe and his wife Ann, daughter and son-in-law Diana and Bob Kurilich, and five grandchildren including grandsons JOSEPH and JAMES CAROL and their mother, JOYCE CAROL, of Jefferson Drive.

THANK YOU

The *Owl* staff sincerely thanks NANCY BORDONARO for her many years of service to the *Walton Hills Owl*. NANCY graciously took over the monthly Potpourri articles in July 2000, for BETTY COTTRILL. BORDONARO also coordinated School Chatter articles for the *Owl* from 1982-1992.

Just as she volunteered for the newsletter, NANCY has given her time and energy to other causes within the Village. From 1980 to 1991 BORDONARO was Troop Leader of Walton Hills Girl Scout Troop #1526. She was a Walton Hills Girls' Softball Coach from 1981-1987. BORDONARO was the Walton Hills Nursery School teacher for eleven years, from September 1981 until June 1992.

The *Owl* staff extends a hearty welcome to LORI WARYK who, as the new Potpourri coordinator, has already begun gathering upbeat tidbits for the column. LORI welcomes your contacting her with newsy items. Tell her about school news, upcoming events, honors and awards – and other happenings about your family members you want the world around you to know about!

THANK YOU

Thanks to *the Walton Hills Owl* and Mayor ANIELSKI, we were put in touch with Dorsey's Upholstery and STEVE ROMANIK who generously donated fabric for additional sleeping bags for the homeless.

Gratefully yours, BETTY RICHER of Morningside Drive and members of Valley View Village Church.

THANK YOU

ANN and JACK RADA of Alexander Road express their thanks to everyone for their condolences on the death of ANN's mother, ANGIE BELLUARDO. ANGIE was a resident of Bedford Heights since 1960, but the past year she was in Walton Manor. ANN and JACK want to especially thank the staff at Walton Manor for the wonderful care ANGIE received there. They made a very difficult time so much easier on the family.

From the OWL STAFF

To JOHN and KATHY GORTA of Egbert Road, "Thank you!" for your generous donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*.

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

GISELA NEHRING
16277 Ceile Circle

ROY STIMBURYS
7150 Chestnut Drive

JAMES and KATHY LEWIS
7110 Chestnut Drive

LOUIS PARASILITI
7124 Deeridge Drive

VICTORIA WILLMAN
7265 Walton Road

MATTHEW HOYT
18238 Jefferson Drive

ANTHONY KOLT CZ
and **LAURIE JACKSON**
18953 Alexander Road

WILLIAM and PAULA BOBOWICZ
18577 Orchard Hill Drive

STEVEN and SUSAN KACPRZAK
7099 Kral Drive

WEDDING BELLS

• On October 16th in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, DAN and JOELLE (GLINSKI) CHATAL were married. Later in the month they were honored at a reception held at Windows on the River. JOELLE is the daughter of RICH and MARIE GLINSKI of Independence. DAN is the son of JIM and CAROL CHATAL of South Meadowpark Drive. DAN is employed by the Village of Walton Hills and JOELLE works for Antoiness Spa and Salon in Broadview Heights. The newlyweds reside on Woodlake Drive. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

• Wedding congratulations to FRANK BOBEY and DOREEN LAGANA BOBEY who live on Jefferson Drive. DOREEN is a district manager for Phillip Morris, Inc. FRANK is a virtuoso on the guitar and accomplished organist and vocalist, as well. FRANK gives music lessons at Tri-C and at his studio. He is a professional entertainer/soloist with his band, specializing in blues and jazz.

FRANK grew up in Walton Hills. The musically-talented BOBEY family lived on Alexander Road. Children of several village families took piano lessons from JOANNE BOBEY. They may be interested to know that JOANNE now lives in Maple Heights and volunteers daily at the near-by Maple Care Nursing Home, entertaining the residents.

Both of JOANNE's children, FRANK and RACHELLE, married this past October. RACHELLE married DAVID HANS REUSSER and lives in Independence. Rachelle is a violinist, pianist and vocalist, favoring classical music.

• Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to our Village Fiscal Officer and husband, JANET (BIHARY) and DON PAVLIC. The newlyweds tied the knot on November 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The Bedford Board of Education chose DEBORA KOZAK to fill the recent vacancy on the School Board. Kozak is a longtime volunteer in the schools and 18-year member of the PTA. She served as treasurer, secretary and president of various building PTAs. She also served as council delegate and treasurer to the Bedford Council of PTAs. She sits on the Superintendent's Roundtable. She received the PTA Lifetime Member Award in 2001.

DEBBIE is a graduate of Bedford High School and Ohio University. She is a buyer and accounts manager for Joseph Industries, Inc. in Streetsboro. In addition, she has been a Swim Coach for the Southeast YMCA since 1997 and was a softball coach for the Walton Hills Baseball Program from 1987-1995. DEBBIE also composed the front page of the *Walton Hills Owl* for several years.

DEBBIE and TERRY KOZAK live on Egbert Road with their children, SAMANTHA, ASHLEY and JACKIE HILL and JAMIE and STEVEN KOZAK. All five of the children are Bedford High School graduates. A lifelong resident, DEBBIE is the daughter of BILL and JEAN DEAK of Egbert Road and sister of BILL DEAK and his wife, JOYCE, of Walton Road.

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WALTON HILLS VOTERS and POLL WORKERS RECEIVE PRAISE and RECOGNITION

The Elections Inspector assigned to oversee the Walton Hills poll workers and voters on Election Day had only positive comments to give to Bedford Sun Banner reporter Mike Lesko. In the November 11th feature article, the inspector stated, "Walton Hills is a well-run community. The poll workers have been on the job for a long time. They were experts, and they were very nice people. There were no problems. Things ran smoothly. The poll workers knew most of the people. It was a nice setting."

GREAT NEWS about our YOUNGSTERS at SCHOOL

DAVID TANNERT, of Stuble Lane and on St. Monica's 8th grade football team, placed second in the football finals.

RICKY TANNERT, a 9th grader, made the Varsity Hockey Team at Walsh Jesuit High School. They practice and play at Kent State's Hockey Arena. The boys are grandsons of RON and ROSE KLUKAN.

Now is the time to enroll in the Boston Mills/Brandywine School Ski Club. Any student 8 years old and up can ski, snowboard or snowblade on Sunday evenings, starting in January. The program includes 5 lessons and 3 free passes. Students can ski every Sunday, all day until the slopes close. Price without equipment is \$110.00, with equipment \$168.38. For information and brochures, call Lori Waryk 330-467-8226.

GET WELL WISHES

We extend get well wishes and a speedy recovery to JOAN LUCAS of Egbert Road. JOAN is convalescing at home after extensive back surgery in September. Take it easy, JOAN, and you'll soon be out and about once again.

AL FABIAN of Alexander Road is currently at Marymount Hospital having some tests done and awaiting surgery. We sincerely hope AL can quickly return to his home, and send him wishes for good health.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to the family of ROSEMARY HRICIK: her children CAROL and MARK ULE, KATHY HAMAD, DONALD and LYNNE, JEAN, and DEBRA and WILLIAM COLE, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The HRICIK family resided on Chestnut Drive for many years.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who expressed concern about my recent surgery. I was overwhelmed by the numerous cards, phone calls and flowers I received. May I express my gratitude for their compassion and prayers. This village is fortunate to have so many caring residents who are concerned about each other. God bless you all. Councilman BILL ALLEN

From the OWL STAFF

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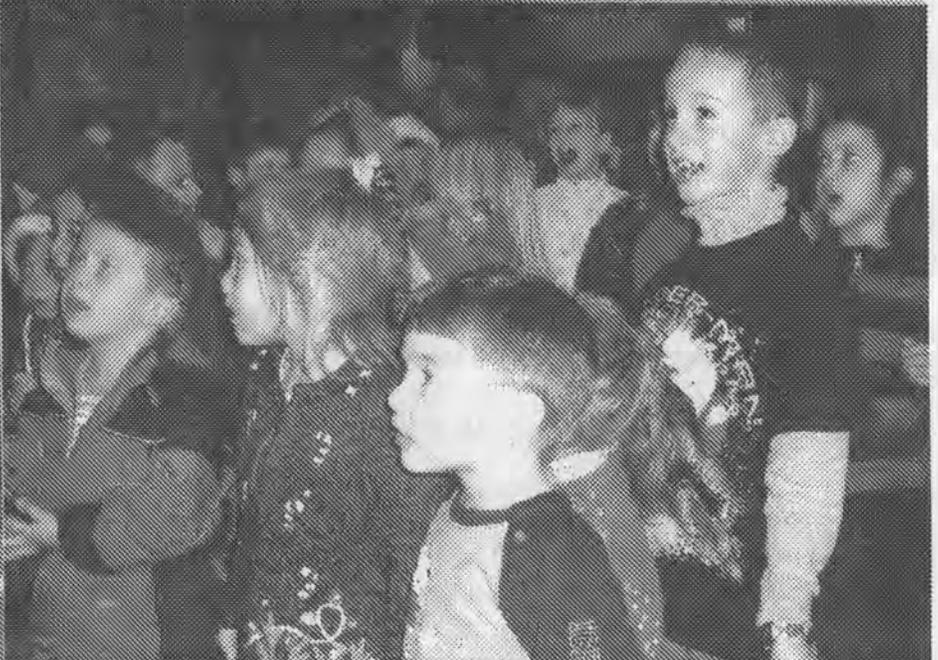
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- BILL and PATTY ALLEN of Walton Road
- DON and MARION KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court

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Christmas Spirit
as reflected in the eyes
of our children,
at the 35th Annual
Walton Hills Village
Tree Lighting Celebration,
December 5th, 2004



Officer honored before leaving for Iraq

Bedford Times-Register 12-29-04
by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Police Officer Joe Morgan has traded in his blue uniform and Ohio snow for camouflage green and desert sand.

Morgan's National Guard Unit, the 1-107th Calvary stationed in Stow, has been activated and will head to Kuwait, then to Iraq next month.

"We are going to assume a military police role, patrolling the cities and keeping everything safe," Morgan told the *Bedford Times-Register*. "We will go to Kuwait first for however long they want us there and then into Iraq."

About 60 friends, family members, fellow officers and village officials gave Morgan a surprise going-away luncheon Tuesday in the community room of the Village Hall.

Morgan, 26, has been a police officer for Walton Hills since January.

"We are honoring one of our own," said Councilor Bill Allen before the ceremony. "I'm proud of him."

Morgan, his wife, Julie, and their 3-year-old son, Joey, were greeted by a standing ovation as they were escorted into the room by Police Chief Gary Rhines.

Morgan, a sergeant in the National Guard, has been on leave from the police department since October and has been training in New Jersey prior to being deployed to Iraq.

"Next week we will all be praying for one of our own, who will be leaving our soil to protect us against the terrorist threat which inflicted the mass casualties in 2001," Rhines told the crowd before introducing Morgan. "His job there will be the extreme from engaging threats, stopping suspect civilian vehicles to pursuing local Iraq criminals and protecting our own in what seems like a

world away."

Council members presented Morgan with a framed portrait of him wearing his police uniform that will hang in Village Hall, draped in an American flag until he returns.

"We would like to present this to you, Joe," Allen said, as he gave Morgan the picture. "It will be hung there as a reminder to everyone of a friend, someone who touched our lives for the short time he was here. He was only here a year but he touched many lives in Walton Hills."

Morgan's wife, Julie, and mother, Kathy Morgan-Prince, were given replicas of the portrait to keep.

"We are all proud of him, and I am very touched that Walton Hills is doing this for him," Morgan-Prince said.

Police Lt. Kenn Thellmann gave Morgan replicas of the yellow flags that

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have been placed on village police and government vehicles.

The stickers have the words "Support Our Troops. One of our own serving officer JM#9" emblazoned on them.

"Joe, you will be in our hearts the whole time we are working," Thellmann said. "We wish you a speedy return home."

Several of Morgan's family members attended the luncheon including his father-in-law, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Morgan's aunt, Carolyn Watson tried to comment, but she was overcome with emotion and had to stop.

"Joe has been like one of our own children. We are so proud of him and will be glad when we can celebrate him coming home."

Morgan's aunt, Carolyn Watson, tried to share her thoughts with the *Bedford Times-Register*, but she was overcome with emotion and had to stop.

"Joe has been like one of our own children," she later wrote in a note. "We are so proud of him and will be glad when we can celebrate him coming home."

The deployment to Iraq will be Morgan's second brush with the War on Terrorism.

Morgan was stationed at a United States Army base in Virginia at the time of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I was outside the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001 when it happened," Morgan said. "I was stationed at Fort Belvoir. When the plane hit, they gathered all of us up and took us to the radar clinic and assisted the wounded getting away from the Pentagon."

Morgan said he was surprised by the luncheon.

"It's amazing," Morgan said of the luncheon. "I didn't expect anything like this."

Morgan's leave ends Jan 2. Jan. 1, the couple will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary.

"It's going to be rough," Julie said of the deployment. "A year really isn't that long. We'll be fine. We have our friends and family here."

Morgan looked at his deployment with a stoic attitude.

"I got to do my job," Morgan said. "I will do it well and come home safe."



RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Police Officer Joe Morgan and his wife Julie hold the portrait and proclamation given him by Council and Mayor Marlene Anielski at Tuesday's send-off luncheon. From left Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire, Councilor Bill Allen, Julie, Morgan and Police Chief Gary Rhines.



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Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski shakes hands with newly appointed Sergeant Stanley Jaworski.

Walton Hills promotes veteran police officer to patrol sergeant

Bedford Times-Reg 12-29-04

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Police officer Stanley Jaworski was floating in blue water and walking on sandy beaches while on vacation with his family in November.

After calling work to check on his sergeant exam test score, he was floating on the proverbial cloud nine.

Jaworski, 45, a Walton Hills

live in Twinsburg and have four children, Steven, Nicholas, Stacy and Jason.

Jaworski is a certified field training officer, firearms instructor and member of the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Agency bomb squad.

“Officer Jaworski has diversified training and has been a

police officer since 1989 scored highest on the test and was officially promoted to patrol sergeant during a Dec. 21 Council meeting.

“It feels great,” Jaworski said of the promotion. “It’s taken a while to sink in.”

Jaworski attended the Medina County Sheriff’s Academy in 1989.

“[Being a police officer] is

shift supervisor on the afternoon shift for over nine months,” said Police Chief Gary Rhines. “[He] has proved excellent leadership qualities since being placed in his position. He will be a great asset to the department’s supervisory team.”

Mayor Marlene Anielski said

something I always wanted to do,” Jaworski said.

He said when he turned 21, he began taking tests at various departments, much to his wife’s chagrin.

“She was not very happy about it,” Jaworski said of the test-taking.

Jaworski and his wife, Kim.,

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Jaworski has always been courteous and professional to village residents.

“I think he’s a very good officer, and I’m pleased that he has been promoted to sergeant,” Anielski said.

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Fire station, rec center on master plan list

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By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The village's proposed master plan calls for several big projects over the next 10 years.

A draft copy of the plan is now available at Village Hall or on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's Web page, planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us.

The plan will be discussed at a public forum at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Village Hall.

The master plan outlines several projects for village-owned lands on or around Village Hall. These projects include:

- a 4,000 square-foot expansion to the municipal complex for office space to alleviate crowding, at a cost of

\$290,000-\$385,000.

- a 4,100 square-foot village fire station on 1.2 acres across the street from Village Hall with 24-hour staffing by four firefighters/paramedics, which would drastically reduce response time and increase the safety of residents.

The village would pay for the building, equipment and facility maintenance. The construction cost is estimated at \$360,000. The Maple Heights Fire Department, which shares in the duty of providing fire service to the village with Oakwood, supply personnel and vehicles.

- a 12,500 square-foot, partial-service, indoor community recreation center on 11 acres adjacent to Village Hall. The building would include a multi-use field house, indoor running track, exercise room, meeting rooms, a kitchen and other amenities.

The building's modest size and price would allow for future
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expansion as the community's needs change and grow. The estimated construction cost would be between \$1 million-\$1.2 million.

- a 6,000 square-foot addition for a multi-use gymnasium and meeting rooms at the Community Hall at a cost of about \$570,000. (The rest of the Community Hall would also be renovated, but that cost is not included in the \$570,000.)

- developing T.G. Young Park in accordance with a 2001 park master plan study conducted by D.B. Hardt. The plan calls for the development of 24 vacant acres with hiking/walking trails, cross country ski trails, sledding areas, picnic/shelter area and natural areas.

More trails could be devel-

oped throughout the village along FirstEnergy's power line corridor to link neighborhoods in the village and link to regional recreational trails.

The master plan also calls for residential development of the two largest vacant areas in the township. Roughly 32 homes could be built on 31 acres off Dunham Road, along the Maple Heights border. Up to 36 homes could be built on 34 acres off of Sagamore Road, fronting the

Sagamore Hills border.

Other ideas presented in the plan include: continuing to pursue leaving the Bedford School District and joining with the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District; a "streetscape" plan to improve the Northfield Road corridor entrance to the village; and changing residential zoning around village hall to attract retail and restaurants.

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Committee changes could spur growth

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — A proposed change in the village's council committees could shake up the way government works, and potentially lead to further economic development, according to Council President David Knapp.

Knapp has proposed restructuring council's six standing committees down to only four committees, and putting extra emphasis on economic development in the village.

"We're looking at how we can put our committees together to improve communication and the flow of information in council," Knapp said.

"We're looking at how we can take the time we are spending in these committees and making it more productive, to benefit the entire village."

For instance, the now separate safety and road committees would be rolled together under one umbrella public works committee.

The insurance committee and information committee would fall under one administrative committee. The insurance committee usually only met two times per year, and the information committee's major duty is the village's annual report.

Knapp said combining the two, and working closely with the village's finances will give the administrative committee the ability to look at the village's needs as a whole, rather than just one facet of operations.

The safety committee and recreation committee would remain, though Knapp said recreation will expand into other

community services, such as working with senior citizens.

"One of the major issues facing this village is community and economic development," Knapp said.

"We're in fine shape now, but we've lost businesses and jobs. The time we're spending in our committees should be spent in economic development, so we can stop the hemorrhaging now and replace the companies we've lost.

"This new structure frees up meeting time to concentrate on the development area."

The new structure which Knapp is working on with other members of council should be voted on at council's first meeting in 2005.

The first meeting in January is usually when committee heads are chosen. In previous years, there have been six committee head positions and six council members to fill them.

If the changes go through, not every council person will have the opportunity to head a committee, which could stir some debate on the issue.

Village introduces new master plan

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — About 35 residents braved the first real blast of winter and trudged through several inches of snow Monday to attend a master plan meeting at Village Hall.

The meeting was to inform residents of the proposed Village Master Plan that has been in the works for two years.

"The master plan is a public policy document setting forth guidelines regarding the future development, redevelopment and revitalization of Walton Hills," said John DeMuth, project manager for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

DeMuth said the plan suggests a direction for the village to follow for the next 10 years and pointed out strengths and weaknesses of the village, community goals and possible solutions to improve targeted trouble areas.

He said some of the strengths of the village are municipal services, a country atmosphere, large residential lots and low taxes.

DeMuth said some of the weaknesses and needs of the village are public schools, political bickering, municipal services and deer infestation.

Some of the goals for the village are to preserve the country lifestyle, improve fire and rescue services, leave Bedford Schools and expand the economic base.

He said some of the solutions are to maintain a 40,000-square-foot lot minimum, build a fire station and create a village Web site.

"It's based on existing and projected conditions and focuses

on key locations and issues," DeMuth said. "It's a flexible guide. It is not a rigid regulatory document."

He said the village of 2,400 is both stable and aging and the median sale price of a home is \$192,225.

DeMuth said the committee feels the village should hold onto its economic tax base and perhaps approach the Ford Stamping Plant about redeveloping part of the plant not in use.

He said the committee suggested getting a restaurant and services that support workers such as coffee and doughnut shops.

DeMuth said the committee also suggested the village develop some type of senior services, perhaps even senior housing.

"Many of the recommendations in this plan are underway now," DeMuth said. "Others are on the verge of being on the way."

He encouraged the residents to look at the plan, which will be available at the Village Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 14.

Residents were allowed to ask questions or sound off on the plan after the initial presentation.

Former Mayor Ed Thellman said he was against any kind of "cluster homes

or senior housing."

He said each lot is 40,000 square feet, and if the homes were built in the village, the zoning laws would have to be changed.

"It would open up the whole village to builders coming in and putting three homes on a lot," Thellman said. "A much better option would be to assist seniors so they could stay in their present homes. That's where their memories are."

Mayor Marlene Anielski said the next step is a Council committee of the whole meeting in January. She said she anticipates the plan to be placed on a February Council agenda for approval.

"The number one priority [with the plan] is revenue," said Councilor Bill Allen. "That's what [Council] is focusing on."

For more information on the plan or to comment, residents can call the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission at 216-443-3700 or visit the Web site at <http://planning.com.cuyahoga.oh.us>

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Walton Hills charts its future

Master plan addresses shortcomings, including public education

By **CALVIN JEFFERSON**
Correspondent

WALTON HILLS — A new fire station, recreation center and village Web site and development at the Ford plant very soon could be undertaken here.

Those are just a few of the proposals put forth in the village's new draft master plan, presented Monday during a public meeting.

"Many of the goals focus on improving the economy of the village," John DeMuth, project manager with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, said as he unveiled the plan.

"We need to have strategies that support what we have now, and that attract new business."

The master plan was developed to respond to many real and perceived shortcomings, in-

cluding public education, fire and EMS service and the lack of an economic development strategy.

As one point of reference, residents who said they plan to move out in the next five years listed weak public education, low property appreciation and lack of opportunities as the top reasons they are considering leaving.

The fire station was proposed

when feedback and research concluded that fire and rescue response times are too long.

"The majority of the committee felt response time was substandard," DeMuth said.

Walton Hills has a real opportunity to take advantage of significant industrial offerings, including space at the Ford plant, the plan states.

The village's substantial re-
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gional share of the industrial market, and its plentiful heavy industry space and low vacancy of overall industry space, are strong draws for growth, it states.

"This makes Walton Hills a major player in the market in southeast Cuyahoga County," DeMuth said, adding that outside expansion at the Ford plant is a real possibility.

"Right now, the Ford plant in Brookpark is subdividing for another use. The precedent is being set."

Topping lists of weaknesses was public schooling, which made improving education a priority in the plan.

"It was a goal set by the committee at the beginning of the process," DeMuth said.

Only 12-14 percent of school-aged children here are enrolled in public schools, which is significantly below the figure for surrounding communities, he said.

The housing market also is down, according to the plan. While average sale prices were up 13 percent in 2003 from 1998, that figure is far below the county average.

"We have a challenged housing market," DeMuth said.

The plan also identified a new recreation center as a need.

"This has come up on and off for the past 10 years. This community room just does not meet the community's needs," DeMuth said

Mayor Marlene Anielski strongly encouraged residents to offer input on the draft master plan. It is available for viewing until Jan. 14 in the library.

"I want to encourage everyone to have a say," Anielski said.

The plan is largely the result of a resident opinion surveys, interviews with village officials and work sessions conducted by the Master Plan Committee. It is based on existing and future conditions and looks ahead 10 years.

Action on the plan could come early next year.



RPC Photo / Michael K. Dakota
Ashley Warlyk, 2, needed a little help from Walton Hills mayor Marlene Anielski to flip the switch and turn the Christmas lights on during the city's annual holiday lighting event Sunday.







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Heather Rawlings stands at the top of Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa. Rawlings, a Walton Hills resident, traveled around the world with 650 students for a study abroad course with Baldwin Wallace College while taking courses on a cruise ship.

Student sets sail for education, finds it's a small world after all

by Tim Troglen

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Most college juniors spend their semesters shuffling from one building to another, seeing the same old sights in the same hallowed halls of academia.

Not Walton Hills resident Heather Rawlings.

Rawlings spent her fall semester on a cruise ship with 650 students from around the country visiting foreign ports of call in Asia, Africa and South America.

Instead of writing a stuffy dissertation, she swam with sharks, climbed a waterfall, held a baby tiger and was able to interact with cultures most students only read about in text books or see on television.

Rawlings, 20, is a junior at Baldwin Wallace College majoring in math and economics. She said the school required her to take either two foreign language classes, three international classes or one study abroad program for her degree.

Rawlings said the study abroad

course, or "semester at sea," appealed to her the most.

"I took four classes on the ship," Rawlings said. "[We spent] 50 days on the ship and 50 days in port to do whatever you wanted to do."

Rawlings said she took global studies, marine biology, economics and economic growth and development.

While in South Africa, Rawlings swam with great white sharks, which she said "played like kittens."

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Above, fishermen, restaurants and homes can be seen along the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, one of the places Heather Rawling visited during her semester at sea.

At right, Rawling holds a baby tiger at the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Sri Racha, Thailand. Rawling said later in the day, she was able to return and play with the little ones.



Recreation News

JANUARY, 2005

Saturday, December 18th was the day!
Santa arrived by fire truck,
making special deliveries
to Village youngsters.



JANUARY OWL COVER PAGE - DRAWING by DAGMAR CLEMENTS

Do you think this month's cover page is extra special? DAGMAR CLEMENTS drew the picture for the cover of the December 1996 *Walton Hills Owl*. When asked if the newsletter could once again display her drawing, she graciously said yes. In her sketch, CLEMENTS depicts villagers of all ages, throughout the calendar year, taking time each month to read the *Owl*. A gifted artist, DAGMAR CLEMENTS is an art teacher for the Bedford City Schools. She lives on Egbert Road with her husband ALLEN and their sons JUSTIN and ETHAN.

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Drawing by local artist, Dagmar Clements 12-96

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STORK NEWS

Congratulations to DENNIS and KATHY BERGANSKY of Auburn on the birth of their daughter SAMANTHA MARIE on November 15th. SAMANTHA weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces and 20 ½ inches. Two-year old, big brother DENNIS was eagerly waiting to see his little sister. Proud grandparents are LEO and BEVERLY SIRNA of Kydan Lane and DENNIS and SUE BERGANSKY of Newbury.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations and best wishes to newly-weds DANIEL GOGA and REBECCA BENNETT. DAN is the son of JUDITH BOYER of McLellan Drive and JOHN GOGA of Middleburg Heights. BECKY is the daughter of JOHN and VICKY BENNETT of Macedonia. BECKY graduated from Kent State. DAN attends Vatterott College for heating and cooling. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas where DAN won \$7000.00 on a progressive quarter machine. They reside in Macedonia.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Walton Hills' oldest resident, WALTER GRAMS of Dunham Road, turns 99 on January 10th. BERNIE and RAY GRAMS and their family are planning a Gala Celebration for him, and everyone in the Village is invited to stop by and wish GRAMPA GRAMS a Happy Birthday! Sto' Lat, Grampa!

You are Invited!

OPEN HOUSE

Walton Hills Community Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2005 3:00 - 6:00

Polka Band and Party Food

Sorry to report that WALTER GRAMS passed away on January 2nd 2005, eight days shy of his 99th birthday. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

WALTER GRAMS lives on Dunham Road with his son and daughter-in-law, RAY and BERNIE GRAMS. He was born in Cleveland in 1906 and was married to his wife, SALLY, for 64 years. He was employed for 45 years as a Maintenance Mechanic at General Electric. In fact, WALTER and his sons JIM and RAY have a total of 119 years of employment at General Electric; JIM and RAY both retired after working 37 years for the company.

Many Villagers have met BERNIE GRAMS at the Village Hall, where she serves as the Village Building Department Manager. BERNIE and RAY's oldest son, RUSS, is a Hudson Police Officer. RUSS and his wife CHERI live in Macedonia. Their son DAVID is a Police Officer for the Village of Walton Hills. DAVID and his wife ROSE live in Sagamore. Their daughter ANNE lives at home and is a Dietary Aide at Marymount Place. Their daughter JACKIE lives in Grampa's house in Cleveland and is an Animal Control and Rescue Officer for Miller Animal Control in Oakwood. Son MATT also lives at home and is a printer for Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. in Solon.

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GREAT NEWS about our VILLAGE YOUNGSTERS

Four talented local ice skaters are on the Garfield Skating Rink's "Angelettes" Synchronized Dance Team: MONICA D'AMICO, ALEXANDRA D'AMICO, EMILY KOLOGRAF and OLIVIA RADA. The girls recently performed in the Christmas Show sponsored by the Garfield Skating Rink. Throughout the year the girls practice every Friday evening with the 5-11 age group. When they first started dancing lessons, BETTY BOSELL of Shaner Drive was the girls' ice skating instructor. Two of the girls are experienced skaters; MONICA has been skating for over 8 years and ALEXANDRA for 6 years.

Girl Scout Troop #1568 made fleece blankets which they donated to each child who attended the "Christmas for Kids" Christmas Party at the Village Hall. The party is sponsored annually by the Walton Hills Police Department. Seamstress JUDY ANNETT taught and assisted the young girls in their worthy project.

Local children performed in Christmas Concerts at their schools. At St. Martin of Tours, SARAH PRICE played the recorder and hand bells, and VALERIE PRICE and NICK MELLON sang in the choir. At St. Michael's, THOMAS KRAINZ, MEGAN RAYLA and ELIZABETH ANIELSKI sang in the choir.

PLAIN DEALER COOKIE CONTEST WINNER

PAMELA SEMANIK was one of the winners in a recent *Plain Dealer* Cookie Contest. PAM submitted an old family recipe that has a lot of meaning to her. "It was probably my grandmother's recipe, but after she died, it was my grandfather who baked cookies year after year. Every time I visited him, back in 'the old neighborhood,' he'd have a plate of these cookies waiting for me." PAM wants to give credit to her grandparents who are now both deceased, JULIA and ANDREW EMRISKO. PAM and DAVID SEMANIK live on Andras Drive. PAM willingly shares the old favorite family recipe.

GRANDPAP'S PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 C. butter, softened | 1 tsp. baking soda | In large bowl cream butter and sugar. Blend in egg. |
| 1 ½ C. brown sugar | ½ tsp. salt | Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to mixture. |
| 1 egg, beaten | 2 C. oatmeal | Add oatmeal, Wheaties and peanut butter. Mix well. |
| 2 C. flour | (uncooked, not instant) | |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | 1 C. Wheaties | Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. |
| | 1 C. peanut butter | Flatten slightly with back of spoon. |
| | | Bake 375 degrees. 10-12 minutes. Cool 2 minutes. |
| | | Remove from cookie sheet. Yield: about 3 dozen cookies |

BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of BEN PACE of South Meadowpark Drive; to his wife GEORGIA, his children KEVIN and TARINA Pace of Brunswick, BRENT and INGRID PACE of Parma and KIMBERLY and DAVID BRICHACEK of Shaker Heights, his grandchildren, and his brother and sister-in-law, AL and BETTY PACE of Valley View. BEN was in the Army Medical Corp for three years during World War II, serving in Europe for 20 months. PACE worked for Lempcoco Products as Personnel Manager and then Plant Manager for 25 years. In 1951 BEN and GEORGIA built their own home on South Meadowpark Drive. BEN was a Walton Hills Councilman for six years in the 1970s and a Walton Hills Lake Trustee for several years. BEN was a founding member of the Walton Hills Citizens League. He was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and Fifty-Plus Club.

Our condolences to Walton Hills Police Officer JOHN PAULIN whose father, ALBERT PAULIN, recently passed away.

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BEREAVEMENTS

Our sincere sympathy to the family of EUGENE ORENSKI of Walton Road; to EUGENE's daughter and son-in-law PAT and WILLIE WHITMER and their daughter and grandchildren. EUGENE's wife, HELEN, died a year ago, also in December. ORENSKI served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a Police Lieutenant in the Cleveland Police Department for 35 years. The ORENSKIs were long time residents in Walton Hills, members of the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club, and EUGENE was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club for many years. Following her father's wishes, PAT and her husband moved from their Bedford Heights home into PAT's parents' house a week or so ago. Welcome to Walton Hills, PAT and WILLIE.

Sincere sympathy to the family of MARY KUDERNA. MARY was the sister of MARGARET ALLEN of McLellan Drive and aunt and great-aunt of BILL ALLEN of Walton Road, MIKE ALLEN of Dellwood Drive, JENNIFER and JOHNNY ALLEN-MCINTYRE of Alexander Road and BILLY ALLEN of McLellan Drive. MARY was cafeteria manager at Bedford High School in the 60s and 70s, an auxiliary member of VFW Post 1082 and an Oakwood Golden Ager.

THANK YOU

We, the family of BEN PACE, extend our most grateful thanks to our neighbors, friends and fellow villagers who were so caring and thoughtful when BEN passed on peacefully in his sleep at home, where he wanted to be. His health had slowly deteriorated over the past several years, and we watched him go from a vibrant, driven man to his final chapter. Thank you to members of the Walton Hills Women's Club for the delicious repast following the service. Thanks to the Walton Hills Police Department, Paramedics and Mayor ANIELSKI for their help. With deep appreciation, the PACE family, GEORGIA and KEVIN, BRENT and KIM and their spouses.

From the OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donation! We on the Owl staff appreciate your financial support.

- RAY and JUSTINE CIFANI of Jefferson Drive
- KARL GRUBER of Orchard Hill Drive



JANUARY, 2005

THE CHAPEK MURDER

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

This sad story took place in 1972. Two bachelor step-brothers lived in the James Black house at 15035 Alexander Road; Edwin Chapek and Dr. Clarence Porbe. The men were rumored to have had old coins and fruit jars stuffed with cash hidden in the basement of their antique-filled house.

Late one afternoon in May of 1972, 49-year old Edwin Chapek was helping plow his neighbor's (Joseph Kluber) field when a tractor tire went flat. Kluber took the tire for repair and Chapek headed back toward his house.

ROBBERS EXPECTED NOONE to be HOME

Chapek was approached by Allen Hiltz, the driver of a U-Haul van who had driven up his 1200-foot long driveway to his house. The man inquired about renting Chapek's Arbor Park for a family reunion. Within minutes three other men wearing ski masks exited the van. The men grabbed Chapek, tied him up, tossed him into the U-Haul, drove to the house and lugged him to the basement where they tied him to a post.

Hiltz sat in the U-Haul vehicle serving as lookout and getaway driver. A short time later Kluber was coming up the driveway in his green van to return the repaired tire. Hiltz honked to alert his colleagues. One of the masked gunmen robbed Kluber at gunpoint, threatened him, and deposited him on the kitchen floor. Hiltz drove the U-Haul a safe distance down the road.

CHAPEK IS MURDERED

Meanwhile, Chapek managed to free himself and run outside. That was when the botched robbery became a tragedy. Margroff, the gunman, spotted Chapek trying to run from the house. Chapek never had a chance. Margroff shot Chapek with a 9 mm semiautomatic hand gun first in his left thigh, and then a short time later in the neck and head. Durant, Margroff and Pietrangelo sped off in Kluber's van on their way to meet Hiltz.

After the masked intruders left the house, Kluber ran home and called police. The police found Chapek's body by an evergreen tree, Kluber's stolen truck on Northfield Road and the U-Haul on Dunham Road.

THREE SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED

Police and the Sheriff Department soon identified three of the four suspects; Nick Pietrangelo, Hobart Margroff, and Donald Durant. The FBI described Donald Durant as an organized crime figure. He used many aliases and disguises and had undergone extensive plastic surgery.

THE GET-AWAY DRIVER TALKS

One by one, three of the four suspects were caught. Three years after the crime, police officials and the FBI identified Allen Hiltz. Hiltz was serving a sentence of 15 years to life for another murder. He agreed to tell the FBI about the Chapek killing in return for a chance at probation. The story Hiltz related to the FBI correlated with Joseph Kluber's testimony and police evidence.

In 1983 the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury had enough evidence to indict Durant, Margroff and Pietrangelo for first degree murder. Pietrangelo pleaded guilty to a reduced charge and was placed on probation. Margroff was sentenced to prison.

DURANT, the FOURTH SUSPECT, IS CAPTURED

Although he was indicted, it took ten more years for the FBI and police officials to locate Durant. Durant had managed to move around the country, staying one step ahead of the law.

In May of 1992 and again in July of 1993, the Chapek Murder Case was featured on the television show "America's Most Wanted." About that same time, Durant was spotted in the northeast Ohio area. Finally, 21 years after the murder, in December of 1993, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department learned that Durant had been arrested in a Tucson trailer park. Extradition papers were filed and Durant was returned to Cleveland for trial.

Dr. Clarence Porbe, who was not home that day in May 1972, continued to live in the house after his step-brother died. "It changed my whole life," he told reporters. "He was the best friend I had."

Around Us

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Walton Hills audio tour of Bedford Reservation set

Walton Hills residents are invited for a special tour of the Bedford Reservation narrated by resident historian Jean Kainsinger on Oct. 3 and 4. The Oct. 3 trip is for those who are able to get in and out of the van frequently and walk close to the sites, and the Oct. 4 trip is for those who would like to enjoy the sites from inside the van. Departure time is 9:15 a.m. from the Walton Hills Village Hall. The van will stop for lunch after the tour. The tour is free, but have \$10 for lunch. Call Lisa or Carol at 440-786-2964 to sign up or to obtain more details.



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A STROLL in the PARK

On a sunny, warm October Day, 17 villagers spent the day in Bedford Reservation, touring historic sites and enjoying the scenery. A Bedford school bus took the group to 8 locations in the park.

The HEAR! HERE! tour was organized and conducted by Jean and Bob Kainsinger, who volunteered their time.

Not pictured is the photographer, Jack Ulman.

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WH council approves new police contract

WALTON HILLS — Village council approved a new two-year contract for the village's police department.

The contract will give the village's six full-time officers a 3-4 percent pay increase in 2005, depending on the consumer price index.

WH council approves new hires

WALTON HILLS — On Jan. 4, village council approved the hiring of Michael Skvasik as building and zoning inspector, and Lisa Gagliano as part-time recreation director.

Skvasik, a building inspector for Maple Heights, has been working with the village since last year when former inspector Al Hunziker retired. Skvasik's contract runs for one year at a salary of \$59,500.

Gagliano, former recreation director of Bedford Heights, signed a contract for one year at \$30,000, working at least 1,300 hours.

Village hires inspector, OKs police contract

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The village has been contracting with Maple Heights for building inspector services since early last year when part-time building inspector Al Hunziker retired.

Now, there is no need to go outside the village.

Tuesday, Council approved the hiring of Michael J. Skvasik as full-time building and zoning inspector.

Skvasik was one of the inspectors filling in at Walton Hills.

He was given a one-year contract that will run from Jan. 19 to Jan. 31, 2005 and pay him \$59,500 a year.

Skvasik is a building inspector for Maple Heights, where he has worked since 1994, said Micki Smith of the Maple Heights department of human resources.

"He is fair and honest at what he does," Smith said of Skvasik.

Maple Heights Building Commissioner Bob Apanasewicz said he was not aware Walton Hills was considering hiring Skvasik.

"I think [Walton Hills] is probably satisfied with his work," Apanasewicz said. "If it's a better opportunity, I wish him

well."

In other business, Council approved a two-year contract for the six full-time village police officers. The contract began Jan. 1 and runs through Dec. 31, 2006.

According to Mike Derynar, business manager for the village, the new contract will give the officers either a 3 percent or 4 percent pay increase in 2005.

"Their wage increase is going to depend on the Consumer Price Index," Derynar said.

He said the CPI is basically the nation's average pay of police officers.

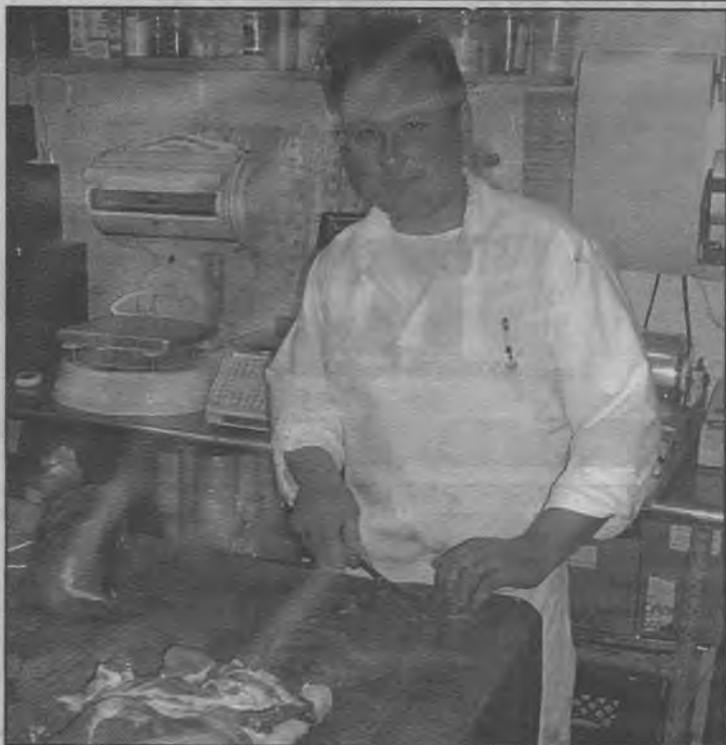
Derynar said the contract also contains an increase in health benefits and an adjustment in the vacation schedule.

He said previously, officers would have to work 24 years to get five weeks of paid vacation. Under the new package, officers will have to work 19 years to get the five weeks vacation.

• Council approved a one-year contract appointing Lisa Gagliano as part time recreation director.

The contract runs from Jan. 5 to Jan. 31, 2006 and will pay Gagliano \$30,000 for a minimum of 1,300 hours in 2005.

Gagliano was formerly the recreation director for Bedford Heights.

Getting to **Know You**

RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Denny Kolar puts the finishing touches on a top round roast in the back room of his Dunham Road market.

Store owner is a cut above the rest

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

MAPLE HEIGHTS — Denny Kolar was born to cut meat. But don't call him a butcher.

"That's a term dad never liked," Kolar said.

He said butcher sounds like a person "just kind of hacking away at things."

Kolar said he is a meat cutter. He is also the owner of K&K Meat Shoppe, 6172 Dunham Road, in the Turney Dunham Plaza. The store opened in 1979.

The shop is as well known for its homemade sausage as for its cuts of prime beef.

Kolar

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He said in 2004 the shop was voted "best of Cleveland" for its sausage.

Kolar is carrying on a family tradition that started in the 1950s in Cleveland when his grandfather, Yaro Kolar, started Kolar Meats.

Later, his uncle Jerry started K&K Portage Market in Cleveland and Kolar's dad, Dennis Sr. went to work him.

In 2001 the shop branched out and opened a second K&K Meat Shoppe in Mantua.

"It's a family business," Kolar said. "We were all raised around it. It was bred into me, to be honest with you."

Not only is the business a family tradition, it's also family owned and operated. Kolar's mom, Bonnie, sister Julie and brother David work with him at the Maple Heights store.

Kolar, 33, is single and lives in Walton Hills with his cat, Lucky, and his "best friend" T-Bone, a 120-pound chocolate Labrador retriever.

Kolar was born in Maple Heights but moved to Independence, where he graduated from Independence High School.

Kolar said he went to a vocational school and dabbled with automotives, before deciding meat was for him.

When not making sausage or cutting a prime piece of steak, Kolar likes to kick back in his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

"I bought [the car] when I was 15 years old and hung onto it ever since," Kolar said. "This is my toy. I've had it all these years, and I'm going to hang onto it."

Kolar also likes the outdoors. He said he is an avid camper and fisherman and rider of all terrain vehicles and dirt bikes. His favorite camping getaway is the Allegheny Mountains in Pennsylvania.

He said he likes to bass fish around Ohio and take a yearly trip to Canada to fish for Muskelunge.

Kolar's musical tastes range from classic rock to "the big hair bands of the 80s" to country music.

He said he likes Motley Crue and Def Leppard as well as Hank Williams Jr. and Garth Brooks.

Kolar said he enjoys watching local sports and is a fan of extreme fighting. He said he is both a fan and friend of local extreme fighter Dan Bobish.

He is also a fan of talk radio, specifically Mike Trivisonno of Cleveland's WTAM 1100 sports talk.

Kolar recently got interested in remote-controlled, gas-powered nitro trucks.

He said he has always enjoyed mechanics and used to drag race his car but gave up the racing because of time and expense.

"[The RC trucks are] something I can do in my back yard and race among friends," Kolar said.

One thing Kolar has not done is purchase a computer.

"I still don't have a computer. Everything's still by pencil," Kolar said. "I'm the only one still in the Stone Age."

When not racing or wearing down pencils, Kolar likes to cook.

"I do anything from the gourmet items to the traditional chicken paprikash and the old goulashes all the way up to pasta and veal dishes," he said.

When the weather breaks, neighbors and friends can find Kolar outside tapping maple trees for syrup.

"I have about 20 maple trees on my property that I tap every year," he said.

Kolar said for every 40 gallons of sap he gathers from a tree he can make 1 gallon of syrup.

"I usually make about 7 gallons a year," Kolar said.

While some businesses come and go in Maple Heights, Kolar said he sees his business staying for a long time.

"I enjoy the people," Kolar said. "It's been loyal patrons who have been [shopping] with us for the last 25 years."

He said the patrons are like family.

"I couldn't move the store," Kolar said. "I would not want to break that relationship."

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Phil Williams, 71, is a member of the Cleveland Triathlon Club. He will compete in the upcoming Senior Olympics, which just added the triathlon to its list of events.



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Look who's competing in the triathlon

MICHAEL HEATON
Plain Dealer Reporter

Have all you baby boomers started training for your summer triathlon yet? You know, the swim, bike and run event?

Don't laugh. According to the USA Triathlon Association, the sport is one of the fastest growing across the country. Just 10 years ago, the association had only 15,000 members. Today, the ranks have swollen to more than 47,000. And almost 38 percent of those athletes are over 40 years of age. Ten years ago, there were fewer than 600 sanctioned national events. Now there are more than a 1,000 triathlons across the country.

A big part of the recent triathlon popularity is that now anyone can find an event to match his or her fitness level, from an Extreme Ironman to an entry-level sprint triathlon. Locally, the number of new triathletes is on the rise. And they're not all the zero-percent-body-fat, six-pack-abs-of-steel

types.

"I'm the least athletic person you'll ever meet," said Susan Kay, 52, of Akron, who recently completed her first indoor minitriathlon.

"I'm not a competitive person, no one would ever describe me as an athlete. I'm overweight but in good health. I bike and swim but was not much of a runner. I was looking for a new goal and thought about the triathlon."

Kay works at the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. There she sees on a daily basis the benefits that come with an active, healthy lifestyle. That encouraged her to contact the Cleveland Triathlon Club.

She found the group a good fit. To get started, she found a beginners training program at www.tri-newbies.com. She works out at the Medina Community Recreation Center, mixing up routines of swimming, biking and running with weightlifting.

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Boomers, seniors enjoying triathlons

"The major challenge is keeping at it. Not to say to myself that I'm too old, too fat, too menopausal-moody or whatever," Kay said.

The distances for the three events that make up the triathlon vary. They range from the Ironman (2.3-mile swim, 156-mile bike ride, 26.2-mile run) to the half-Ironman to the Olympic Triathlon (.9-mile swim, 24-mile bike ride and 10-kilometer run). Sprint triathlons are short, accessible miniversions of the sport geared toward beginners.

Amy Trejbal, 32, is president of the Cleveland Triathlon Club. She can testify to the triathlon boom. That's in spite of our less-than-triathlon-friendly weather. And the fact that many Clevelanders still consider the whole concept of exercise a somewhat exotic endeavor.

"The sport is very welcoming



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Susan Kay, 52, works out most nights at the Medina Community Recreation Center to prepare for triathlons. She recently completed her first sprint triathlon and finished first. Never mind that she was the only woman competing in her age category; the trophy sits on her mantel at home.

of beginners and baby boomers," Trejbal said. "And the key is cross-training. When people get older, they need to work different muscles. I came from a run-

ning background. If all you do is run, it can get boring. You can also blow out a knee."

Trejbal, 32, an attorney and law clerk for Judge Sean Gal-

lagher, began triathlons five years ago as a 5K (3.1 miles) runner. Today, she has three completed Ironman competitions to her name.

But not all those who aspire to Ironman glory come to the sport with relative youth.

Jim Van Horn, a 71-year-old retired Lakewood High School teacher, is among those who found triathlons later in life.

"My father died at 47," said the veteran of more than 25 triathlons and numerous marathons. "He burned the candle at both ends. I was the same way. I smoked two to four packs a day. I drank too much and was overweight. But this... I just love it."

Dr. Antony George, medical director with the Peak Performance Center in Broadview Heights, said that cross-training for triathlons helps maximize the benefits of exercise without the wear and tear on the joints.

"When people get up in age, they don't need to be increasing exercise beyond what we call the training effect," he said. "That means the cardiovascular benefits you get from 15 to 20 miles of running a week. If you change that up with cycling and swimming, you can exercise more while reducing the risk of injury."

And many triathletes find that

the exercise has benefits beyond just the physical.

"I have found running to be wonderful refuge from the complexities of life," said triathlete Phil Williams, age 71. His motto is "Swim swiftly, bike briskly and run rapidly." He's the CEO of the Anson Co., a heating and ventilation company in Independence. He's excited because the National Senior Olympics just added a triathlon event.

"I began with a little swimming and then to avoid shoulder pain I alternated that with running. I got hooked on running. I just kind of drifted into the triathlon. If one thing is aching, you can go to one of the other two activities and stay in on the action. You meet nice people. And competing against people in your own age group keeps it interesting," Williams said.

Williams said he also enjoyed providing encouragement to the "young punks."

"Some of them are 60," he said.

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SUN PHOTOS BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Jackie Vlk-Maire, who has been in charge of the Lenten fish fries at St. Mary Church in Bedford for a quarter century, carries an order out of the kitchen.

She's hooked on fish fries

For 25 years, volunteer has stuffed 'em to the gills at St. Mary's

By **MIKE LESKO**
Staff Writer

With attendance at St. Mary Church parish dances and dinners in decline for a quarter century, Jackie Vlk-Maire suggested serving Lenten fish fries.

"But everybody is doing it," cautioned the Rev. John Storey, then-pastor of the church at 300 Union St. in Bedford.

She responded, "All we can do is try."

Try she did.
Today's menu

That was 25 years ago, and with Vlk-Maire spearheading the effort, the fish fries have only been getting more popular.

Vlk-Maire, a Walton Hills councilwoman, launched the fish fries by comparing prices and checking out other parish fish fries.

She said in the first year, the highest weekly attendance was about 90.

"I thought that was pretty good," she said.

But she hadn't seen anything yet. As the years went by, between 200-300 people started showing up. Now, it's between 400-500.

"Our menu is big — probably bigger than most," she said. "We have clams, pierogies, cabbage and noodles, and a la carte items. I think the diversity of food is what draws people."



Helen Erstek, a fry chef, is one of about 40 volunteers.

'You get hooked'

About 40 volunteers pitch in each week.

"I don't know what I'd do without them," she said.

Two women who have been there from the beginning are Donna Kontur and Cec Shedlock.

Other helpers include her husband, Joe Maire, sons Leroy and Steven, and daughter Evelyn Steinberger. Steven, in fact, got his first taste of the Lenten tradition as a kindergartner. Because the senior citizen

population is dwindling, so are the volunteers.

"It is harder and harder each year to put on the fish fries," she said. "Most younger people have jobs, families and other things to do."

Vlk-Maire tries to entice new volunteers.

"After you're at a couple fish fries, you get hooked," she said. "The camaraderie is so good. I think it's fun for all of them."

Students from Bedford's Holy Spirit Academy and elsewhere offer their help.

"I can't say enough good things about them," she said.

Chowder to the people

Vlk-Maire's reward for all her work is seeing the smiles on people's faces when they tell her how good the food is, and watching people enjoy themselves.

"Winter is a tough time, especially for senior citizens," she said. "They're able to get out and see their neighbors and friends. It's like a social event."

The Rev. Thomas Winkel, pastor of St. Mary Church, said Vlk-Maire is an institution at the parish.

"During Lent, I don't think of not eating meat on Fridays as a penance. I think of it as enjoyable," he said.

On the first Friday of this year's Lenten season, the pastor was sick. Vlk-Maire insisted on sending a bowl of clam chowder to the church rectory to help him recuperate.

"I think that was the only food I ate the whole day," he said.

The fish fries help boost the parish financially, too.

"Father Winkel said that what we make on the fish fries is worth one extra collection a year," she said.

So how long will Vlk-Maire keep going?

"I always say one more year," she said. "And that has gotten me to 25."

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Recreation News

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Lisa Gagliano, Recreation Director

Meet the New Recreation Director!

Hello to all Village Residents!

My name is Lisa Gagliano and I have been appointed your new Recreation Director. I grew up in Bedford Heights, graduating from Bedford High School in 1972. I attended Bowling Green University, graduating in 1976. I taught high school in southern Ohio for two years and taught five more years in the Bedford Schools. I have coached a variety of sports. Many of you were former classmates of mine and I and know your children through teaching and coaching.



I became Recreation Director in 1984 for the City of Bedford Heights, retiring from that position in 2002. Currently, I have returned to substitute teaching in the Orange School System. My 18 years of experience and many professional certifications have given me many resources to bring to your Village.

I look forward to meeting with all of you and providing all residents a variety of leisure services and recreational activities that will enhance your quality of life. I will be addressing as many concerns as I can over the next few months. I can assure all of you we will together achieve many objectives in a timely fashion.

In order to offer programs efficiently, I need your help. I request that village residents who participate in any activities PLEASE FOLLOW REGISTRATION DEADLINES. This allows, for example, in baseball for your child to: 1) be placed on a team; 2) have a uniform prior to season play; 3) practice and show performance abilities without judgment; 4) does not ostracize your child from their team. So parents, help me and your child by complying with registration deadlines. This also allows us to foresee availability to improve further participation.

Enclosed for your convenience below are dates for specific sports and activities. Clip and post on your refrigerator as a continuous reminder.

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WELCOME to WALTON HILLS

SLIM and FRAN DALHART recently moved into Walton Hills after living in their Brooklyn home for 54 years. They live with their daughter and son-in-law, ZANE and DOREEN DICK of Sagamore Road. ZANE and DOREEN have lived in their Sagamore Road home since 1983.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations and best wishes to newly-weds JOANI DLOUHY and GARY LAW who were married in Las Vegas on November 27th. A brunch at the Hard Rock Café followed the ceremony which was at the Monte Carlo. Best man was LEN IACCO, bridesmaids were JOANI's sisters JANET and DIANE, and brother-in-law ROGER VODICKA gave the bride away.

The couple got engaged in London, England.

JOANI and GARY both grew up in Walton Hills. They renewed their friendship thirteen years ago when GARY's mother, SALLY, passed away. GARY's dad, FRANCIS (RANDY) LAW, lives on Egbert Road. JOANI's mother recently passed away, and the couple are now living on Stuble Lane, in the house where DLOUHYs have lived for many years.



GREAT NEWS about one of our VILLAGE TEENAGERS

DAN TOAZ, son of TODD and PEGGY TOAZ of Rashell Drive, and a Junior at Bedford High School, is one of 53 Greater Cleveland high school juniors from both private and public high schools who were chosen to participate in "Look Up to Cleveland." The students were selected for their demonstrated leadership skills and scholastic achievements in school.

The goal of this program is to inspire and educate these teenagers about opportunities available to them, so they may one day play a major role in the economy, arts and culture and politics of Greater Cleveland. "Look Up to Cleveland" is sponsored by Key Corp and various large and small businesses throughout the area.

"So far, it's been a great experience," said DAN. "It has opened a lot of doors to me. I have met a lot of important people who give back to their community. I have gone to some large and small businesses. I'm learning how to run a business, what Cleveland has to offer me and how I can become a successful leader in Cleveland."

GREAT NEWS about one of our VILLAGE COLLEGE STUDENTS

HEATHER RAWLINGS, daughter of JANET RAWLINGS of Egbert Road, was featured in a recent *Bedford Times-Register* article. RAWLINGS, a junior at Baldwin Wallace College, spent her fall semester traveling around the world with 650 students for a study-abroad course aboard a cruise ship. She took four classes during the semester at sea, global studies, marine biology, economics and economic growth and development. HEATHER is quoted as saying she has a much different outlook now. She may consider a career in the Foreign Service or working for a non-governmental organization overseas.

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LOCAL CHURCH in the NEWS

The First Hungarian Reformed Church in Walton Hills was featured in the *Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine* on January 2nd. "Diving Noodles," was a four-page spread about the homemade noodles a group of their church volunteers make and sell to raise money for church expenses. The article included their recipe and pictures of them demonstrating how they make the noodles which are in high demand. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to our POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Congratulations to Walton Hills Police Officer STAN JAWORSKI, who is now Sergeant STAN JAWORSKI.

Walton Hills Police Officer JOE MORGAN is now either still in Kuwait or in Iraq. MORGAN's National Guard Unit was called up to assume a military police role, patrolling the cities and helping to keep them safe for the residents. We wish him a safe return.

Walton Hills Police Dispatcher MELINDA PRHNE was featured in a *Bedford Time-Register* article last month. PRHNE, who has been one of our dispatchers for the past four years, comes from a family of persons with careers in the field of police work. Her father, Rudy Prhne, is police chief of Sagamore Hills, her brother Jim is a dispatcher in Maple Heights, her brother Rudy is a military police officer with the Marine Corps and her brother Daniel is an explorer with the Sagamore Hills police department. In the article PRHNE is quoted, "I'm happy here. Everybody is really nice and easy to get along with."

SENIORS INVITED to a FREE VALENTINE DANCE

Saturday, February 5th, from noon - 3 PM, Walton Hills seniors may attend a Valentine's Day Dance at Bedford High School. There will be entertainment, dancing, refreshments, a drawing for door prizes, and a cake walk. Tickets are free and may be picked up at the Walton Hills Village Hall or from the Fifty Plus Club. The event is sponsored by Bedford High School's Varsity B Club.

BEREAVEMENTS

Long time resident ROSE McGEE, of Allen Drive, passed away recently. ROSE was married to the late JOHN McGEE, who had been a trustee and member of the Walton Hills Men's Club. ROSE and JOHN had been active members of the Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of LEONARD BLADOS of Dunham Road; to his children MARK and LYNN BLADOS of Dunham Road and MELISSA and BOB SCHROETER and to his grandchildren.

Sincere sympathy to the family of WALTER BORSITS of Hickory Drive; to his children ELLEN and STEVEN JANIK of Brecksville and VIVIAN and LARRY SCHMIDT of Kentucky and to his four grandchildren. WALTER and his wife JEAN, who died in 1998, lived in the village for 41 years. Our sympathy also to JEAN's sister and her husband, RUTH and AL LOWIEC of North Meadowpark Drive.

Our condolences to BRUCE and CLAUDIA TOBUREN of Ceile Circle on the passing of BRUCE's mother, MARYANN TOBUREN. BRUCE grew up in Walton Hills; his family lived on Alexander Road. BRUCE's father, JOHN, is also deceased.

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A HEARTY WELCOME to NEW RESIDENTS !!

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JOHN and SHIRLEY EIDAM
7047 Walton Road

GARY and JOANI LAW
7271 Stuble Lane

Willie and Pat Whitmer
7000 Walton Road

DENNIS and PATRICIA HARKAL
7120 Hickory Drive

KENNETH O'NEAL
16971 Sagamore Road

RONALD VNUK and BARBARA NOVAK
7214 Conelly Blvd.

FRANK AND MARIE GAGLIONE
18136 Jefferson Drive

CONGRATULATIONS to NEW GRAND - PARENTS

PHIL and JUDY WARD of Laurel Drive welcomed two new grandchildren to their family on February 3rd. Their son GREG and his wife SHARON, of Sagamore Hills, adopted RYAN and LINDSEY, two 8-month old children from Guatemala who were born six days apart. GREG and SHARON WARD now have three children, 8-year old ASHLEY and the babies.

The WARD family greeted their new family members at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. RYAN and LINDSEY were escorted from Guatemala by two escorts from a Greater Cleveland adoption agency.

Maternal grandmother is ANN GARGANTA of Bedford. Uncle KEN (WARD) and Aunt LAURA and their children, CARLY and CHRIS, live in Chicago.

At a recent church service, when the priest told parishioners to pray for God's blessing, big sister ASHLEY, who was holding LINDSEY at the time, said, "My blessing is right here on my lap."

GREAT NEWS about one of our RESIDENTS

PHIL WILLIAMSON, of Orchard Hill Drive, was featured in the February 5th *Plain Dealer* article, "Look Who's Competing in the Triathlon." There was a large photo of PHIL, but if you didn't take notice of the article it was because his name was misspelled and there was no mention of his living in Walton Hills.

PHIL, now 71, will compete in the upcoming Senior Olympics. He has participated in more than 100 Triathlons during the past 25 years, all around the U.S.A. including Columbus, Chicago and Baltimore, but especially in northeastern Ohio.

He is a member of the Cleveland Triathlon Club. The Club meets periodically at sport stores such as Fleet Feet on Route 82, and conducts organized events for members.

PHIL swims laps at Walton Hills Lake during the summer and at Bally's during the rest of the year. He bikes on Bedford Reservation's All Purpose Trail and on the Hike and Bike Trail leading southward from the Alexander Road parking lot that is near Dunham Road. He runs on the CVNP Towpath. "I find the surface of the Towpath more resilient and easier on the knees," states PHIL.

"We are fortunate to have these safe paths close to home," he states. "The Towpath and the Hike and Bike Trail are flat. Good, safe and scenic places to walk, run and bike. My favorite stretch is the Hike and Bike Trail starting at Alexander Road, passing the Brandywine Road bridge, and extending to Steeles Corners Road."

PHIL has several meaningful suggestions for his fellow villagers.

"I encourage people to get out and exercise. Persons of any age can work out in any number of ways. As for myself, when I exercise I feel better. I encourage people to exercise within their own limits, or 'perception of effort.' Exercise should take effort, with a feeling that you are working hard."

With a smile, PHIL refers to his wife, JEANNE, as his "Swarm of Fan." They enjoy biking together.

Getting to Know You

Bedford High student someone to 'look up to'

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Once a month Bedford High School junior Dan Toaz skips school for the day. But when this honor student is cutting class he's not hanging out at the mall or at home in front of the tube.

Toaz was selected to be part of "Look Up to Cleveland," a year-long program that educates students about the region and encourages them to stay and work in the area. He is one of 53 students from Northeast Ohio in the program. They meet for monthly seminars that focus on Cleveland's history, economy, arts, culture, politics, people and neighborhoods.

Toaz said he applied for the program in November and learned he was selected in December.

Earlier this month, he went on his first outing with the group.

"We all met at the Key Corp. building in Cleveland," Toaz said. "We toured a lot of places including Browns Stadium and the House of Blues, which were two of my favorites. We



DAN TOAZ

also talked to several business people, like Alan Krulak, who is the vice president of Forest City enterprises. He was a really good speaker."

Toaz said each month will be a new theme and a new group of people and places to visit.

"We don't really know what we're going to see each month," he said. "It's a surprise. We meet in the morning and go from place to place until about 5 p.m. We go all over the place and probably don't stay at one spot for more than an hour and a half."

Toaz said he would like to return to Cleveland after col-

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lege and start his career in the area. He said he has narrowed his choice of majors down to pharmacy and political science.

"I like chemistry and that ties into pharmacy," he said. "I also think I have the people skills for political science. People always tell me, 'You should be a politician.'"

Although making college plans is high on Toaz's priority list, he still leaves room in his schedule for other activities. He is on the swim team and plays baseball and golf. He also is the class treasurer for 2006, the secretary of student senate, a team member of Teens Who Listen and Care and a trombone player in the BHS marching band.

For fun, Toaz said he enjoys playing Texas Hold 'Em and video games.

"I really like any video games that have to do with sports," he said.

He said he also enjoys the time he spends with his new friends from Look Up to Cleveland.

"The kids who are in the program seem like they are really cool," he said. "They tend to have similar interests as I do."

Toaz lives in Walton Hills with his parents, Todd and Peggy.

Walton Hills adopts master plan

WALTON HILLS — Council officially adopted the village's master plan at its meeting Feb. 1.

The plan sets a vision for the future of the community, addressing everything from residential and economic development, infrastructure, recreation and public education.

It includes the possibility of either leaving or working with the Bedford School District.

The master plan committee officially has been disbanded after years of studying, planning, writing and reviewing.

However, the master plan will be a focal point for the village's Planning Committee meetings, as the committee will use it as a guideline for future action.

A public meeting in December asked residents for their final input on the plan before it was adopted by council.

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Bed. Ann Ranner

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Councilor wants 'home rule' for village

We as legislators have, per the Ohio Revised Code, the power of self-determination. One of the basic powers granted to a municipality is that of "home rule," the ability as a people to govern themselves. We have the power to change our form of municipal government, to spend tax receipts as we see fit, to levy and adjust taxes on everyone of our citizens, to repair sewers, supply utilities, repair roads and purchase equipment.

But regarding the most important commodity we have — our children — we are powerless to choose the school system that they attend.

It is a privilege to be elected

to public office, a privilege to use taxpayer's money as we see fit, to ride around in new fire equipment and police cars or to purchase the most expensive and up-to-date equipment to do our job.

But the privilege of seeking out the best educational opportunities for our children continues to elude us.

We also uphold justice for our residents. We also support and maintain a court system to protect our residents. We write and rewrite the laws to maintain justice and equality for everyone. But it seems there is no justice in a body of the state that mandates where our children are educated, despite the

pleadings of our residents.

All this brings us to why we went to Columbus. The request is simple. We are asking the state to give us back that simple premise of "home rule." As representatives of Walton Hills, elected to be the voice of many, we requested to be given the power we need to seek the best educational remedies for our residents.

We requested to be given the privilege of allowing our children to excel to the best of their potential, as we see fit.

And finally, we requested that the justice we are seeking for our residents prevail.

William L. Allen
Walton Hills Councilor

Police chief corrals fleeing felon, 22

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Village Police Chief Gary Rhines apprehended a felon who briefly escaped from the Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare facility, 1756 Sagamore Road, in Sagamore Hills at 3:15 p.m. Friday.

Lucky Mitchell, 22, from Youngstown, escaped by breaking through a window during a therapy session at the clinic. He took off on foot, while clinic workers tried to chase him down.

Mitchell was originally brought to Northcoast for treatment from the Grafton Correc-

tional Institute, where he was incarcerated for theft and arson offenses. He was causing a disturbance at the jail and attempted to harm himself.

He crossed into Walton Hills and made his way to Alexander Road and the doorstep of Councilman Kevin Hurst.

Mitchell started pounding on the Hurst's door, asking to be let in, telling the family that he was out of gas. Hurst's children called the police.

Rhines was the first to arrive at the scene and found Mitchell sitting on the front porch swing.

Other officers arrived to back
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up, but Mitchell did not initially comply with Rhines' orders, and the chief was forced to draw his gun. That got Mitchell's attention, and he followed Rhines' commands and was taken into custody without further incident.

In all, Mitchell was out of custody for about 15 minutes.

Rhines said that Mitchell could face new charges from the state for the escape.

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WH rec director brings vim, vigor to programs

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**
Staff Writer

Hired in January, Gagliano is a recreation veteran.
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WALTON HILLS — With Lisa Gagliano settling in as the village's new part-time recreation director, village residents better keep their calendars open because she wants to keep everyone busy.

Gagliano has already planned three new programs for February and is putting together events that should give everyone something to do the rest of the year.

"I'm just trying to get people out and about," Gagliano said. "We have a lot of seniors in this community who do not drive. We're trying to get them more active. We want to improve the quality of leisure life for the families in the village. There's so much we can do here."



Lisa Gagliano

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She graduated from Bowling Green University in 1972 with a degree in health and physical education.

But she is probably best known as the long-time recreation director for Bedford Heights before retiring in 2002.

She also has taught at the Bedford City Schools and still substitute teaches in the Orange School District.

"I was too young not to work," she said when asked why she got back into the recreation field. "But this is not just something to occupy time. I feel that I can provide a lot of ideas and energy to the community."

For seniors, Gagliano is planning a series of summer concerts, bingo nights and other events to bring people together. For families, she sees a lot of game nights and family fun nights with karaoke, tugs of war, and more.

"At my old position, we were trying to keep kids busy so that they were not out in the streets where they could get into trouble," she said.

"The same holds true for Walton Hills. We have to keep them active and promote a healthy lifestyle. We do things that don't cost a lot of money, but can be fun for everybody.

Upcoming events include:

- The first Family Fun Night runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Gospel House, 14707 Alexander Road. There will be volleyball, a basketball hotshot contest, karaoke, family line dancing and cartoons for the youngsters. Pizza and beverages will be provided, but families are asked to bring a canned or boxed food donation.

- A Senior Movie Day will follow the Fifty Plus Club meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Village Hall Community Room. A classic movie will be shown with free movie munchies on hand.

- A Family Game Night will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Community Room. Families are asked to bring their favorite game and a snack to share with neighbors.

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FUTURE THESPIANS in REHEARSAL

Several Walton Hills youngsters are practicing their parts for upcoming musicals.

JACKIE and VICKI HURST, daughters of KEVIN and THERESA HURST of Alexander Road, are in the Cole Porter musical, "Anything Goes," which will be presented at Bedford High School on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 11 and 12 and March 18 and 19 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door. Admission is free to seniors. There is also a free performance for seniors on Thursday, March 17 at 10:30 AM.

The musical "Annie" will be performed on May 19 through May 22 at St. Martin of Tours School. Annie will be played by fifth grader AUTUMN WALTER, daughter of LEANNE WALTER of Ceile Circle. Others in the cast are first grader APRIL WALTER, fourth grader EMILY KOLOGRAF, daughter of DON and MARION KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court, sixth grader NATHAN ZIELINSKI, third grader ANGELA ZIELINSKI and their mother, KATHY WALTER and KATHY ZIELINSKI and their family live on Regency Drive.

MARY KATE BEGIN, daughter of JIM and DENISE BEGIN of Egbert Road, is playing the lead role as Betsy Ross in the play "We the People," at the Garfield Heights Theater on March 5th and 6th.

VICTORIA ANIELSKI, daughter of JONATHAN and MARLENE ANIELSKI of Alexander Road, performed in the play "Lady Pirates of Captain Brie," at St. Michael's School on March 3rd and 4th.

GREAT NEWS about our SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 575 went to Klondike competitions in January and took 2nd place. Congratulations to JEREMY CUMMINS of Rauland Drive, MATT OMILION of Rauland Drive and TYLER WARYK of Sagamore Road.

JAMES BEGIN of Egbert Road earned his Arrow of Light from Cub Pack 380 and will cross over to Boy Scout Troop 575 this month. Congratulations.

SPORTS NEWS

JACKIE HURST of Alexander Road, in her first year of diving competition for Bedford High School, placed 16th out of 42 in the sectionals. She and her family are very pleased with this very good first outing.

TAYLOR CROOKS of Chestnut Drive and ALYSSA LICKER of Alexander Road took 2nd place in basketball at St. Martin of Tours School.

A MESSAGE to ALL VILLAGERS - YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED

Walton Hills Women's Club members serve a funeral repast at the Village Hall Community Room for any resident who passes on. Once notified about a death, a Service Committee member contacts a family member of the deceased to offer this service. Phone calls are then made to club members asking for donations of food.

The Club willingly and graciously accepts food donations, such as salads, vegetables, casseroles and desserts from persons who are not members of the club, but wish to donate to the after-funeral meal.

Questions? Call Hilda Horwath 439-1021 or Pat Day 232-9182.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT was FUN!

A large turn out of families enjoyed Family fun Night, at the Gospel House on February 20th. They played volleyball and kickball together. Also there was line dancing, karaoke, movies and plenty of food. Thank you to LISA GAGLIANO, our new Recreation Director, for making this a fun event for all the residents in attendance.

BEREAVEMENTS

- Long-time resident ALFRED LISCOE, SR. of Hicks Road, passed away at age 75. ALFRED and his family moved into the village in 1968; their first house was on Spanghurst Drive. Our deepest sympathy to his friends and relatives, many of whom live in Walton Hills. To his sons PATRICK of Dunham Lane and ANDREW of Hicks Road and his daughter KATHLEEN BOYER of Spanghurst Drive. To his brother and sister-in-law, JACK and ROBERTA LISCOE of Alexander Road and their five children, to his sister and brother-in-law ELIZABETH and ARTHUR ROTH of Colonial Court and their four daughters, his niece and her husband THERESA and KEVIN HURST of Alexander Road and CHRISSY "MARY" and JOE MLINARIC of Dunham Road. AL's brother and sister-in-law RAY and SUE LISCOE and their three children lived on Alexander Road for many years. Deceased relatives who lived in Walton Hills were AL's parents MIKE and ELIZABETH LISCOE and his twin brother MIKE who lived on Dunham Road.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, AL LISCOE was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Ceska Sin Karlin, and a life member of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18.

- Our condolences to Rashell Drive residents TERRY and CHERYL LEW and their children. TERRY's father, LEONARD LEW passed away at the end of January, at age 79.

THANK YOU

The family of the late ALFRED LISCOE, SR. extends a heartfelt thank you to the generous members of the Walton Hills Women's Club for the beautiful reception they prepared in the Community Room after Alfred's funeral service. The room was made attractive and the food was absolutely delicious and plentiful. Special thanks to PAT DAY and JEANNE TURNER for dedicating their Saturday to set up, assist and clean-up afterwards.

The Women's Club provided a valuable service to our family and helped ease some of the burden brought on during this sad time. It is a pleasure to be a member of a community with such caring neighbors. Again, to all who participated, many thanks. Signed, KATHLEEN BOYER and ANDREW and PATRICK LISCOE

WELCOME to the OWL STAFF!

LEE ANN MEDA of Alexander Road has graciously volunteered to accept the position of Advertising Coordinator and has also volunteered to compose the monthly calendar for the *Walton Hills Owl*.

Thank you, LEE ANN!

LEE ANN and ART MEDA have lived in the village since 1977. Their son, ANTHONY, who no longer lives at home, attended St. Barnabas School, Trinity High School and Kent State University. ART MEDA is on the Walton Hills Zoning Board of Appeals. LEE ANN's sister and brother-in-law, JOANN and PAUL RICH, live nearby on Alexander Road.

From the OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donation! We on the *Owl* staff appreciate your financial support.

- JOANI and GARY LAW of Stuble Lane
- WILMA and ALEX TOTH of Walton Road
- MARGE and JACK WISE, former residents

SNAPSHOT

Iris Kelly



SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Hometown:

Walton Hills

Occupation:Sophomore,
Bedford High
School**Age:** 15**Family:** MotherLucretia; father Ben;
brothers Ben,
Brandon, Ryan**Last book read:**"Darkness
Before Dawn," by
Sharon M. Draper**Favorite movie:**

"Crazy/Beautiful"

Favorite musical**artist:** Eminem

Skater stays in step

By MARK MORILAK

Sports Editor

Iris Kelly loves being on thin ice. Especially when she's with 19 of her friends.

That means the Bedford High School sophomore is either competing or practicing with Velocity, the junior synchro skating team affiliated with the Greater Cleveland Figure Skating Council. As a synchro — formerly known as precision skating — competitor since age 5, she's fallen in love with the sport that demands its participants become skilled in elements of ballet and other forms of dance in addition to seven or eight hours of on-ice rehearsal weekly.

"It's like when I skate, I get such a rush when I go out there. There's nothing like skating in front of a lot of people and knowing they're all watching you. And when you know you've done well — it's just amazing."

She and her teammates have done well. Velocity last month traveled to Lowell, Mass., where it placed ninth in the 2005 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships after qualifying for the event during section competition in Frisco, Texas, in January.

Her introduction to ice came at age 3 by way of her father, looking for a way to distinguish his only daughter from her athletic brethren. "At first I really didn't like it, but the I kind of fell for it," she said.

Getting to Know You



Steve Hocevar oversees Maple Heights Catering on Broadway Avenue. *Special to Record Publishing Co.*

Caterer dishing up Broadway business

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

MAPLE HEIGHTS — Surrounded by the smell of fresh sausages and frying delicacies, Steve Hocevar keeps the family torch burning at 17330 Broadway Ave.

Hocevar, 49, president of Maple Heights Catering, is the third generation of Hocevars to operate the red-bricked shop.

The business has been a Maple Heights staple for more than 50 years and was started by his grandfather, Andrew Sr.

“The business is owned by my dad [Andrew Jr.] and my uncle [Richard],” Hocevar said. “I’ve worked here full-time since 1974. I’m ready for the gold watch.”

Hocevar was born in Maple Heights. His family later moved to Bedford. When he was older, Hocevar purchased a house in Maple Heights before settling in Walton Hills where he lives with

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Hocevar

his wife, Marijo, and daughters Renee, 17, Dina, 15, and son Alex, 13.

While his grandfather may have tossed around a few horse shoes for relaxation, Hocevar goes high for his

On one of his favorite activities, he enjoys with his son is geocaching.

“It’s a high-tech treasure hunt,” Hocevar said.

He said a person takes an item and hides it, then puts the coordinates of the hidden item on a Web site.

Participants use global positioning systems to find the object, which can be kept, as long as another item is left in its place.

“It’s incredible, and it’s fun,” he said.

Hocevar said some activities he likes doing with his family include shooting hoops in the driveway with his son and taking the whole family to Blossom Music Center for a country music concert.

“I used to always like the rock n’roll stuff, but now I’m starting to listen to more and more country,” Hocevar said. “I guess because it is a little more wholesome.”

When Hocevar is able to sit down and watch a sporting event, he said he roots for the “home team, good or bad.”

“Although, when the [NFL] playoffs were happening I

was rooting for the Steelers,” Hocevar said. “They had a very good team this year.”

He said he does not get to see many games because football season coincides with another season important to Hocevar and the catering company—clam season.

When clam bake season starts, the company caters across the county, the state and the east coast.

He said the company continues a tradition started by his father several years ago of taking part in a seafood festival in Chincoteague, Va.

“The first year they had this festival we didn’t have a booth, but we were invited down there,” he said. “This coming May will be our 35th year we will be doing that festival.”

Hocevar said his crew will serve 120,000 clams in about 3 1/2 hours.

“Our booth is the most visited in the festival,” Hocevar said.

Hocevar said his company has grown in popularity because he makes everything by hand.

“Everything is made right here,” Hocevar said. “You want good food, you start with good ingredients. Why change something when it works?”

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City approves property exchange with Walton Hills

by **Emily Canning-Dean**

Reporter

BEDFORD — The city is one step closer to beginning to clean up the former Brush Wellman site.

Council passed legislation Monday approving the annexation of 3 acres from Walton Hills, which is part of the 49-acre site. The entire site will be cleaned up and converted into an industrial/corporate park.

Law Director Ken Schuman said city officials discussed the agreement last week with a team of officials from Walton Hills.

"Walton Hills will give us the 3 acres and will pay us \$340,000," Schuman said. "In exchange, we will give them 7 acres of land."

Schuman said the 7 acres are part of a landfill that belongs to the city off of Krick Road.

"This is the western most

part of the landfill," City Manager Bob Reid said. "It's the part of the site that is the least violated. It was just used for clean fill like twigs and other things."

Also included in the proposed agreement, Reid said, is a stipulation on the Shawnee Hills Golf Course.

"Most of the golf course is in Walton Hills," Reid said. "A small part is within Bedford corporation limit, but Walton Hills collects all the income tax from the golf course."

Reid said the agreement is that Bedford will never ask for part of the revenue as long as it stays a public golf course.

Walton Hills Councilor Bill Allen said the annexation is not final. He said the village will discuss the agreement at its next meeting, but wants to leave the issue up for discussion before

passing it.

"We just want to discuss it with our residents first to prevent any controversy," Allen said.

Bedford Mayor Dan Pocke said the annexation is worth it for Bedford because the remediation of the Brush Wellman site will leave Bedford financially secure.

"With cuts coming out of Columbus, whatever revenue the city can make off the Brush Wellman site is important," he said. "Anytime we can clean up a brownfield, it's a good thing."

The Brush Wellman brownfield was originally a site where brake parts were manufactured. The manufacturing caused soil contamination. Remediation on the site will start later this year, and it will become Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.

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Museum tour marks 50 years of Bedford Historical Society

by Emily Canning-Dean

Reporter

This Sunday, history buffs can visit several museums and historic sites without leaving a 5-mile radius.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Bedford Historical Society is hosting museum tours Sunday afternoon.

The tour will include the Bedford Historical Society museum, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Depot, the Hezekiah Dunham House and the 1892 church on the square.

Also on the tour is the Little Red School House which is home of the Maple Heights Historical Society.

"The school house is usually open only once a year," said Janet Caldwell, director of the Bedford Historical Society. "This will give people another opportunity to see it."

The museum at the Walton Hills Municipal Complex also will be open.

"At Walton Hills, the museum is mostly archival," Caldwell said. "Most people don't realize what a great resource it is."

Caldwell said some historical items will be on display at Carol James Florist at 451 Broadway Ave.

"Dick Squire [original director of the historical society] had his printing business in the building where Carol James Florist is," Caldwell said. "Before the historical society had a space, he would put his

historical findings in the windows of the building."

Participants of the tour also can stop by Central Primary School, 799 Washington St., to see the 100-year-old building's architecture.

"The 1905 section of that building is phenomenal," Caldwell said.

Taylor Chair will open up its

private museum for the tour. Caldwell said the current building also was built in 1905, and participants can see old artifacts from the early chair-manufacturing days.

But Caldwell warns participants that the museum is on the second floor and the building is not handicap accessible.

While the museums are

open, Caldwell said refreshments will be served at the old church on the square.

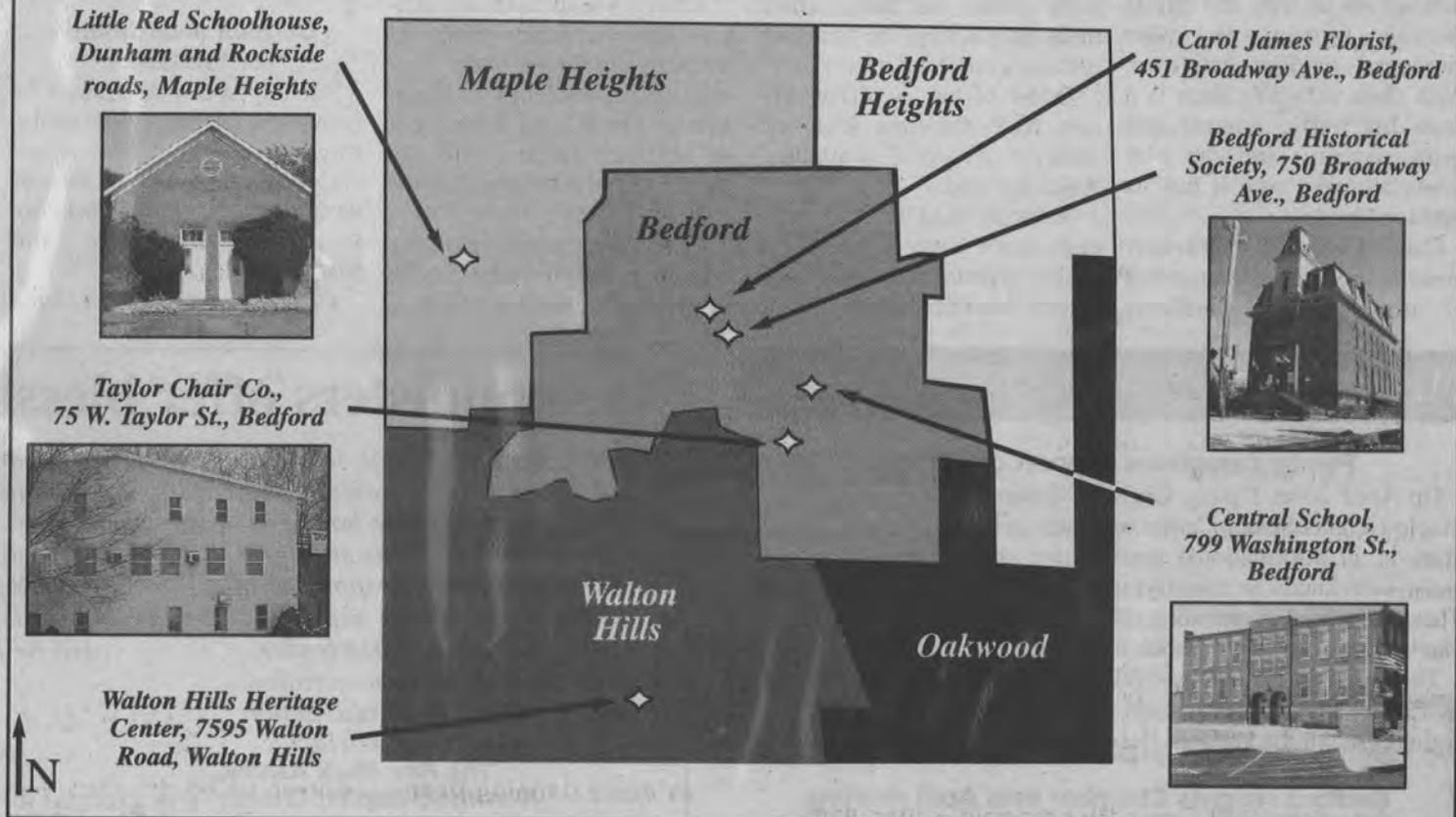
"People can come to the church to sit and rest between museums, and we will have the refreshments at no cost," she said.

Caldwell said Carol James Florist will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. and the rest of the muse-

ums will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. She said each museum will have brochures and maps for the tour. The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call the Bedford Historical Society at 440-232-0796.

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Tour of museums, past and present, within Bedford Township



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Land swap in the works

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Walton Hills parcel would go for business park in Bedford

By **MIKE LESKO**
Staff Writer

BEDFORD — A land switch could be a boost for business.

Three acres in Walton Hills will become part of Bedford as a new business park is being launched.

It is included in the 49-acre Tinker's Creek Commerce Park, 200 Egbert Road, Bedford, across from the Bedford Reservation of the Cleveland Metropolitan Parks. The land is being developed by Hemisphere Corp.

The three acres, which are on the southern part of the complex, are scheduled to be used by Taylor Chair Co.

"We needed that property to make it as developable as possible," Bedford Law Director Ken Schuman said. "It is an integral part for Hemisphere, which wanted to use it as a parking lot."

Bedford Mayor Dan Pocek said the land is perfect for a parking lot.

"It is the cleanest area but also the least developable be-

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cause of a slope," Pocek said.

The mayor said the land transfer was necessary because building setback laws in Walton Hills would not work for the Bedford project.

Schuman and Bedford City Manager Bob Reid began negotiating about 3-4 months ago with Walton Hills officials.

Bedford City Council voted to annex the three acres, which started the ball rolling.

Schuman said final details of what Walton Hills will give in return are still being worked out. He said he hopes to have the deal wrapped up before the end of March.

Approval must also be given by Cuyahoga County commissioners.

The land will be part of a planned 365,000-square-foot of-

fice, commercial and industrial park. County officials expect more than 900 new jobs with a total payroll of about \$35 million to be created.

It will be on the former Brush Wellman property. While about 49 of the 60 acres could be redeveloped, the remaining land would be hard to develop because it is on wetlands. The land has been vacant since 1988.

Brush Wellman was in operation for about 50 years.



RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Lisa Gagliano began her job as recreation director in Walton Hills Jan. 4.

Recreation director has built new life

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

3-31-05

WALTON HILLS — Lisa Gagliano says people pass her on the street and don't seem to recognize her these days.

It's not that Gagliano is so hard to notice — it's that the Walton Hills recreation director lost more than 100 pounds since last April, when she had gastrointestinal bypass surgery.

"I have a new focus," Gagliano said. "I enjoy everything I do. Nothing gets me down."

She said before the surgery she was having a hard time enjoying even the simple things of life.

"I had diabetes and high blood pressure," she said. "[I] developed sleep apnea and felt lousy. I was tired and dragging and had no motivation and needed to fix myself."

Now she walks on her treadmill, swims and keeps up with the athletes at T.G Young Park, in Walton Hills.

"You have to be ready for it," she said of her lifestyle change. "You have to want it more than life. Then it's a piece of cake."

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Gagliano has been the village recreation director since Jan. 4. Before that, she was the recreation director in Bedford Heights.

"I've always been involved with recreation, from the time I was 14 or 15 years old" Gagliano said. "I did safety town, worked at the parks, was a lifeguard and coached swimming." Gagliano was also a teacher with the Bedford City Schools for seven years in the 1980s.

She said she taught seventh-grade health and physical education, before being laid off.

Gagliano has lived in Bedford Heights since she was 13. She is single and shares her home with her "little wiener dog," Gucci.

"She is a little doll," Gagliano said about her puppy. "I got her in July."

She said she enjoys walking Gucci, but is limited to the distance until Gucci grows a little more.

"She just has 1 inch legs," she said.

While Gagliano does not have any children, she said she feels motherly all the same.

"The kids of Bedford Heights were my children," she said. "I had two generations of them coming through the parks."

Gagliano said she has a large extended family and "everyone who becomes my friend, becomes part of my family."

Gagliano graduated from Bowling Green University in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in recreation and education.

She said she has taken some graduate course and is about 13 hours short of getting her master's degree in gerontology.

Quote

*Everyone who becomes my friend,
becomes part of my family.*

Lisa Gagliano,
Walton Hills
recreation director

"I continue to take education classes to update myself," she said.

When not setting up a youth baseball game or senior social event, Gagliano said she enjoys working out, swimming, music and plays.

Gagliano said her tastes range from rock to jazz. She said her music choice depends on the mood she is in.

"It's all about where I am," she said.

She said the Temptations and Beatles are her favorite groups.

"I came through the disco era, too, which was a lot of fun," she said. "It was a different time."

While she is not a collector of antiques, Gagliano said she is nonetheless drawn to shows and gets a kick out of "looking at old stuff."

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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CELESTE and THOMAS PODGURSKI
18918 Alexander Road

STORK NEWS

• Congratulations to FRANK and ROSE MENTI of Hicks Road on the arrival of their grandson, DOMINIC FRANK MENTI on March 9th. The proud parents are VINCE and LUANN MENTI of Macedonia.

• Congratulations to MICHAEL and KELLY PINCHOT of Alexander Road. The PINCHOTS welcomed their first child on October 26. MIKAYLA MARIE was born a month early, weighing 4 pounds 12 ½ ounces. Now, four months later, she weighs a hefty 14 pounds 7 ounces and is 24 inches in length. Everyone is doing well. "We are truly blessed and couldn't ask for a more perfect child," commented the proud parents.

CONGRATULATIONS to one of our TEEN AGERS who is IN THE NEWS

IRIS KELLY of Rashell Drive was featured in the March 10th *Bedford Sun Banner* for her ice skating achievements. A sophomore at Bedford High School, IRIS competes with Velocity, a junior synchro skating team (synchro was formerly known as precision skating). Her team, Velocity, is affiliated with the Greater Cleveland Figure Skating Council. IRIS began skating at the age of 3 and has been a skating competitor since she was 5. In February, IRIS and her teammates placed ninth in the 2005 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships which were held in Lowell, Massachusetts. Congratulations, IRIS!

GREAT NEWS about one of our RESIDENTS

"She's hooked on fish fries," says the *Bedford Sun Banner* in a recent article about JACKIE'S Friday dinners during Lent at St. Mary's parish hall. Twenty-five years ago JACKIE VLK-MAIRE organized her first fish fry dinner at St. Mary's, and she has chaired and worked at the Lenten dinners ever since then. Her group of volunteers served an average of 90 fish fries that first year, but now between 400 and 500 people show up each Friday during Lent. So too, her staff of weekly volunteers has grown to forty.

JACKIE says, "Our parish has a lot of seniors and the fish fry dinners are social events for them. They enjoy going from table to table, visiting with one another." She feels a sense of gratification from this endeavor, knowing her hard work is appreciated by her fellow parishioners, and knowing the dinners net a profit for the church.

JACKIE, her husband, JOE and son STEVEN live on Alexander Road.

OUR LOCAL CATERER is in the NEWS

STEVE HOCEVAR, president of Maple Heights Catering, was featured in the March 17th *Bedford Times Register*. Noted for its fresh sausages and homemade foods, HOCEVAR'S business is best known for its catering of clam bakes. They not only cater clam bakes in the Greater Cleveland area, but in other parts of Ohio and along the Atlantic coast. This May will mark 35 years they have participated in a seafood festival in Chincoteague, Virginia. HOCEVAR expects to serve 120,000 clams in one day at the festival. STEVE has worked full-time in the family business since 1974.

STEVE and MARIJO HOCEVAR and their three children, RENEE, DINA and ALEX live on Tulip Lane. Next door to them lives Uncle NICK MACZKO, who also works at the family business. STEVE was President of the Walton Hills Men's Club for two years, and for many years STEVE, and NICK as well, has volunteered countless hours serving food at Men's Club functions.

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THANK YOU for YOUR INPUT

MARGERY THIELE, longtime resident on McLellan Drive, offers additional and correct information regarding last month's feature article about the Rees Farm on Northfield Road. Thank you, MARGERY.

"The Rees family was a member of the Bedford Christian Church. I recall both Mr. and Mrs. Rees as being very proper and stylish for that period of time, coming to church and always occupying the same pew.

"There were two Rees daughters. Edith, the elder daughter, was principal of Bedford's Ellenwood Elementary School during the 1920s and 1930s. The younger daughter, Mildred, taught Latin and English at Bedford High School during this same period of time. I can attest to Edith Rees as principal during my 5 years at Ellenwood School and I had Mildred Rees for four years of Latin in the late 1930s.

I do believe the property on Northfield Road was still occupied by the sisters in the early 1950s, since I had met Mildred Rees in Toth's grocery store at that time, a building still standing on the east side of the road and close to St. Mary's School."

ROSARIES for SERVICE MEN and WOMEN

If you would like a hand made Rosary for a service man or woman who will soon be sent overseas, or is overseas, contact GINNY MONE of Carmany Drive. 232-6415 The rosary will be made to government regulations: black beads, black cord and black cross.

BEDFORD SCHOOLS' ART SHOW and BEDFORD ROTARY ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday April 10th is the date of the Bedford Schools' Annual District Art Show and the Bedford Rotary Club's Annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast, both at Bedford High School. The Breakfast runs from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the art show from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The art show is free and proceeds from the breakfast benefit scholarships and other programs for Bedford School students.

5K RUN / 2 K RUN-WALK on SUNDAY APRIL 10

The Bedford Schools Foundation will host its annual 5K Run / 2K Run-Walk on Sunday, April 10th. The race begins at 9 a.m. sharp at Bedford High School. Proceeds provide scholarships for Bedford High School students and mini-grants to teachers. Call 440-247-3129 to register.

HOW ABOUT THIS NEWS ?

Question: Can you guess which national park was the 3rd most visited national park in 2004?

Answer: The Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

And...the park is at our doorstep!!

In 2004, Great Smokey Mountains National Park had 9.2 million visitors, Grand Canyon National Park had 4.3 million visitors and Cuyahoga Valley National Park came in third with 3.3 million visitors. Yosemite came in 4th and Yellowstone came in 6th. "Not everyone can go out to the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone," said a park spokesperson, but local and national visitors to northeast Ohio can easily spend a day or longer in the scenic and historic environment of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

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BEREAVEMENTS

- Our deepest sympathy to ELEANOR WEISENBURG of South Meadowpark Drive on the passing of her husband, WILLIAM WEISENBURG. Our condolences also to WILLIAM's daughters, all of whom grew up in the village; KATHLEEN and GARY ROBINSON, PATRICIA and RON WEBSTER and SUSAN WEISENBURG.

ELEANOR and BILL volunteered many hours of their time for worthy organizations. For 13 years they both volunteered at Marymount Hospital, BILL delivered inner-office mail and ELEANOR was a patient escort. For eight or more years they worked for Macedonia and Northfield's Meals on Wheels program. BILL was a longtime volunteer at St. Mary's Church. They both volunteered when needed by the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and for ten or so years they were "Red Coat" ushers for Playhouse Square.

- Reverend ZYGMUNT TUJAKA, Pastor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Church on Alexander Road, passed away recently after a long illness. We extend our sympathy to his family and to his church members. Our condolences to his wife HALINA, and his daughters and sons-in-law EVA and MICHAEL O'NEILL, URSULA and ERIC MONTGOMERY, TERESA and DAVID CZERNIAK; MARY TUJAKA and ZOFIA TUJAKA.

- Our condolences to PATRICIA and RICHARD FEATHERSTUN of North Meadowpark Drive on the passing of PAT'S mother, MARY KEILMAN. Our sympathy also to PAT and RICHARD'S family, LONIE and KIM FEATHERSTUN and their daughter MORGAN who live in Perrysburg Ohio and MATT FEATHERSTUN who lives in Stow and teaches at Streetsboro High School. PAT and RICH grew up in Walton Hills as did their boys, LONIE and MATT. PAT grew up on Dunham Road and RICH lived on Orchard Hill Drive.

MARY DOLEJS - HADDEN - KEILMAN lived on Dunham Road. When Bedford Township put Egypt School up for sale, MARY'S parents, JOSEPH and JOSEPHINE DOLEJS were the highest bidders at a real estate auction held at the door of the schoolhouse in 1920. They converted the school house to a residence for their family. MARY, who was married to ARTHUR HADDEN, inherited the house and they lived there until 1958, when she and ARTHUR and their daughter PATRICIA (FEATHERSTUN) moved into their newly-built house on adjacent land. After her first husband died, MARY HADDEN married RAYMOND KEILMAN, who is also deceased.

- Our sympathy to HELGA MOROZ of Logan Drive on the passing of her brother-in-law, ANDREW MOROZ. ANDREW lived with HELGA and GEORGE MOROZ in their Walton Hills home for about a year and a half, before he moved into the Ohio Veterans home in Georgetown, Ohio. HELGA's husband, GEORGE, passed away last year.

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for the generous lunch they served after the church service for the passing of our husband and father, BILL WEISENBURG.

Sincerely, ELEANOR WEISENBURG and Family.

From the OWL STAFF

Thank you for your generous donation! We on the Owl staff appreciate your financial support.

- FRANK and ROSE MENTI of Hicks Road

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A HEARTY WELCOME to NEW RESIDENTS

GERALD and FRAN TOWALSKI - 7980 Walton Road

JOSEPH MROZOWSKI - 19000 Alexander Road

STORK NEWS

Congratulations to RICK and KATHY BANE of North Meadowpark Drive, on the arrival of their first grandchild, BRYNN ALEXIS MURPHY, who was born on March 27th. Proud parents are MARK and TRISHA MURPHY of Cleveland. Also welcoming BRYNN are paternal grandparents, JOHN and MARY MURPHY of Hudson, Aunt STACY and soon-to-be Uncle SHAWN and Great-Grandparents, EARL and COLLEEN WOODMANSEE of Bedford.

ONE of our RESIDENTS is a NEWLY - NATURALIZED CITIZEN

On April 1st ELIZABETH ULANOWSKI became a naturalized citizen of the United States. She took the oath of citizenship, administered by Judge Magistrate Perelman, at the U.S. District Courthouse in downtown Cleveland. Congratulations, ELIZABETH.

A veterinarian in Warsaw Poland, ELIZABETH came to Cleveland in March 1992 to visit her relatives, the Rybka family. ELIZABETH enjoyed her vacation, and the Rybkas offered to sponsor her if she decided to remain in our country. Once she met her future husband, RONALD ULANOWSKI, ELIZABETH knew she wanted to stay in the area. The ULANOWSKIS were married in 1998, living in Bedford until they moved into their Ryan Drive home. We welcome them to Walton Hills!

ELIZABETH is in the process of learning English, a must, since RONALD speaks no Polish. She writes articles in Polish for the FORUM, a bi-lingual Polish-American Cultural Center monthly newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS to our LOCAL RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

During the 2005 Red Cross Volunteer Awards Banquet/Ceremony at the Greater Cleveland Red Cross Headquarters in downtown Cleveland, JOAN WILLS of Dunham Road was recognized for her 15 years of service as the Walton Hills Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer-Coordinator. Congratulations, JOAN.

"ANNIE" at St. Martin of Tours School

Several of our village youngsters have been practicing their parts for the musical "Annie." In the cast are AUTUMN WALTER who plays Annie, and her sister APRIL. The WALTERS live on Ceile Circle. Others in the cast are EMILY KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court, NATHAN and ANGELA ZIELINSKI and their mother, KATHY, of Regency Drive. Performances are May 19 through May 22 at St. Martin of Tours School. This is expected to be a great show. For tickets, call Kathy at 216-475-3633 or web site www.Annie2005.com

WOMEN'S CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER - BENEFIT was a SUCCESS

A snowy-sloppy Sunday in April didn't stop Walton Hills residents from attending the Women's Club benefit dinner for the Folton family of South Meadowpark Drive. The home-made spaghetti dinner was delicious, the service was great, and the camaraderie among the large turnout of villagers was heart-warming.

Not so fast

Bedford Sun Banner 4-7-05

WH business manager must make better case for resigning post

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Despite his best efforts otherwise, Mike Dernyar is still the village's business manager.

Dernyar submitted a letter of resignation to the mayor's of-

fice March 19, citing "personal health considerations" as his reason for stepping down.

But Mayor Marlene Anielski so far has refused to accept the resignation.

"His letter of resignation did not include all the necessary information that I would need in

order to accept it," Anielski said. "Until we receive more information, we will consider him on a leave of absence."

Anielski did not specify Derynar's medical condition, but did say that he had surgery on Monday and he will return to work when he is able to.

Dernyar, of Maple Heights,

signed a one-year contract with the village, which runs from Feb. 1, 2005 to Jan. 31, 2006. His salary this year was \$42,848. He could not be reached for comment.

"He has served the village well these past five years, and we all wish him a speedy recovery," Anielski said.

Communities OK land transfer

Walton Hills will give Brush Wellman land to Bedford, purchase 3 acres

by **Emily Canning-Dean**
Reporter

BEDFORD — The approval of a land transfer between Bedford and Walton Hills provides space for one community to bring more jobs into the community and gives the other more room for the future.

Bedford unanimously passed legislation Monday approving a land exchange between the communities. Walton Hills introduced the same legislation Tuesday which passed 4-3.

Bedford acquired 3.67 acres of the former Brush Wellman site free of cost from Walton Hills. With this acquisition, Bedford now owns all 49 acres of the site, which will be turned into an industrial/corporate park.

Taylor Chair has said it will move operations to the site and will use the land acquired from the village as part of their property.

Because it turned over land to Bedford, Walton Hills was able to purchase 3 acres from Bedford for \$75,000. Walton Hills Councilor Bill Allen said the village can use the 3 acres if it wants to expand the recreation center and put in a hiking trail in the future.

Bedford Law Director Ken Schuman said Bedford had passed legislation several weeks ago approving the land deal, but he said the village wanted to iron out a few more details before approving an agreement.

"We agreed to have a raised mound of 6 feet on the property where it would border Walton Hills with shrubbery and trees," Schuman said. "There also will be a 30-foot undeveloped buffer at the Walton Hills border. This should finalize all details for the agreement."

In Walton Hills, Councilors Kevin Hurst, George Main and Don Kolograf voted against the

legislation and Jackie Vlk-Maire, Bill Allen, David Knapp and Mayor Marlene Anielski voted for it.

"I am very concerned about the property lines, we are trying to control this," said Kevin Hurst.

"We also wanted to confirm that Taylor Chair's building would be aesthetically pleasing, but we realized we didn't have any jurisdiction over that," Allen said. "But we have faith that Bedford and Taylor Chair will pick an exterior that looks nice."

Bedford officials said cleanup of the land that Taylor Chair will use can start immediately.

City to crack down on residential disturbances

Too many house calls from the Bedford police could mean out-of-pocket expenses for some local homeowners.

At Monday's meeting, Council put legislation on first reading that would allow the city to charge homeowners for the administrative costs of the visit if police are called to a residence more than twice within a year.

Schuman said homeowners could be charged if they are called to the house because of drug trafficking, excessive noise or domestic disturbances. He said the administrative costs would depend on how many officers had to visit the residence and what equipment they would have to use. He said the average cost would be a few hundred dollars.

"It's another tool we can use to improve the quality of life in the city," said Mayor Dan Pocek.



Legislative

Walton Hills Village
April 18

ITEMS VOTED ON

- Ordinance allowing the hiring of an assistant recreation director at the pay scale between \$11 and \$13 an hour.
- Ordinance creating the position of part-time baseball commissioner.
- Ordinance setting the wage for the part-time baseball commissioner between \$10 and \$12 an hour.

THURSDAY
MAY 26, 2005

Bedford Sun Banner

It's over

Their day in court has come and gone. Now, it's time to get back to the business of education.

Walton Hills got the answer it had sought for so long earlier this week from an Ohio Department of Education official. That answer: no. Walton Hills cannot transfer out of the Bedford City School District.

It's far from the response village leaders and residents had wanted, but it's an answer. And an answer is what transfer proponents had asked for years ago when an initial transfer petition was thwarted by the Bedford Board of Education on a technicality.

The message of Monday's report was clear: Walton Hills should stay put.

This isn't anything new. Time and time again, experts and officials from outside the village had suggested that such a move was unlikely. Cuyahoga Heights, the village's desired new district, maintained its neutrality on the surface, but all other signals indicated it had no interest in the plan. The history of territory transfers was also against it.

So what now?

Some in the village will likely argue to move ahead anyway, pointing out that the state board of education has not yet ruled. The board, however, rarely goes against the recommendation of its official. Prolonging the effort would be counterproductive and costly, and too much time and money has already been expended.

It's time to move forward.

It's time for leaders on both sides to focus on bridging the chasm this scenario has created.

Walton Hills residents have valid concerns about their public school district, and those concerns should be addressed in a candid and forthright manner. This isn't a time for gloating or pouting; it's a chance to begin serious and extensive conversations about the future of the Bedford City School District — all of the Bedford City School District.

Public education in Ohio has enough to worry about without the kind of internal conflict this district has endured in recent years. Let it end.

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STORK NEWS

Congratulations to CHUCK and KELLY RINI of Alexander Road on the birth of their son, CHRISTIAN DAVID. CHRISTIAN was born April 28th weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations also to big brothers JOHN and NICHOLAS who now have a new baby brother.

VILLAGE YOUNGSTERS STAR in "The SPELL of SLEEPING BEAUTY

Future thespians ALEX PTAK of Alexander Road, LYNDSEY HROVAT of Dunham Lane, AUDREY STYNDL of Andras Drive, ALINA and LIVIA RAULINAITIS of Walton Road, PETER BOGDONAVIC of Allen Drive and JOEY JAJOLO of Alexander Road performed in Holy Spirit Academy's Spring Musical, "The Spell of Sleeping Beauty." Their production was presented at Chanel High School the last weekend in May.

Students at Holy Spirit Academy also had a cultural fair in mid May. After researching their heritage, students set up displays about their family histories and traditions, cultures, costumes and music.

OUR LOCAL ICE SKATING STARS PERFORM on SYNCHRONIZED DANCE TEAM

ALEXANDRA and MONICA D'AMICO of South Meadowpark Drive, OLIVIA RADA of Alexander Road, and EMILY KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court thank the many residents who came to see their Spring Ice Show at the Garfield Ice Skating Rink. They want to especially thank their instructor, BETTY BOSELL of Shaner Drive.

RESIDENT WINE MAKER WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD !!

Congratulations, Gold Medal Winner TOM NOWICKI !

TOM'S Cabernet Sauvignon wine won "Best of Show – Red Wine" in last month's 2005 Home Wine & Beer Trade Association's International Amateur Wine Competition in San Francisco, California. In March, our local wine maker had entered samples of his home-made wine in a regional contest sponsored by the Grape and Granary, in Akron. His wines were top winners in that competition, and were forwarded to the HWBTA's international competition. TOM NOWICKI and his wife JANE live on Egbert Road. Although JANE does not drink wine, several of TOM'S relatives and friends have been enjoying the fruits of TOM'S wine making efforts for the past decade. TOM promises to let all the adults who attend the Walton Hills Lake Wine Tasting Party on Friday October 14th sample his prize winning, internationally-acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignon. Great job, TOM !

VILLAGE TIES to an HONORED MICHIGAN HARNESS DRIVER

VINNEY COPELAND, a 3rd generation professional driver/trainer, was recently honored at the Hazel Park Race Track in Detroit, Michigan for winning his 4000th harness race. VINNEY races at tracks not only in Michigan, but in Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, California and Canada as well. He is the son-in-law of MARCIA and BILL WAGNER of Egbert Road.

VINNEY and TERI (WAGNER) COPELAND and their two daughters, NICOLE and DANIELLE live in Whitmore Lake, Michigan, along with their three race horses, two riding horses, one dog and a bunch of cats. While VINNEY'S family attended the presentation after the 5th race at Hazel Park, MARCIA and BILL watched the ceremony via Simalcast at Northfield Race Track.

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WANTED !! SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL PLAYERS

DON HEIMAN of Orchard Hill Drive and his team, Babes of 1916, are seeking slow pitch softball players who are at least 65 years of age, to play on the team. Their games are played in Solon and Bedford Heights and in Walton Hills on Community Day. For details contact DON at 440-439-6325 or GIL NOVAK at 440-248-3983.

CLASSIC CAR and TRUCK SHOW

Classic car enthusiasts are invited to see a Car and Truck Show on Sunday June 19th from Noon to 4 p.m. in the parking lot at Walton Manor Health Care Center. Registration is free and all makes and models are welcome. There will be trophies, music, food and a Kids Corner.

WISHES for a SPEEDY RECOVERY

JACK ULMAN of Spanghurst Drive and JIM LYNCH of Orchard Hill Drive recently had hip replacements and are on the mend. JACK is still in rehab at the Broadview Multiple Care Center. We wish them both speedy recoveries.

Our thoughts and prayers for healing and wellness go out to several other villagers who are in the process of recuperating, recovering and mending from various accidents, illnesses and diseases. Get well, soon.

BEREAVEMENT

Our condolences to MARGARET ROBINSON of Sonny Drive on the passing of her husband, RICHARD. Also to their son and his wife, RICHARD and TATIANA ROBINSON of Seattle and their daughter, DIANE ROBINSON of Garfield Heights.

Our sympathy to the family of WILLIAM WRIGHT of Chestnut Drive. To his wife CARMELA, their son and his wife, BILL and JUDY WRIGHT of Richfield, their daughter and her husband MICHELE and BILL LONGSTREET of Sagamore Hills, and their six grandchildren. The WRIGHTS have lived in the village for more than 32 years; BILL and MICHELE were raised in Walton Hills.

Our sincere condolences to the family of ELEANOR SENCHUR of Egbert Road who died at age 89. In 1958 ELEANOR and her late husband, JACOB, settled in the village and raised their family. Their house and acreage had once been owned by the New York Central Railroad. Our sympathy to their daughters and sons-in-law JOANN and JON SHIESL of Anchorage, Alaska, JUDITH and BRUCE SCHROEDER of Egbert Road, and JANET and JERRY KROLIK of Twinsburg. To grandchildren, including SCOTT SCHROEDER of Egbert Road, BRUCE and LISA SCHROEDER of Egbert Road and BRIAN and MARY SCHROEDER of Egbert Road and STEVEN and TAMMY SCHROEDER of Walton Road.

Expressions of sympathy to the AL CUNNINGHAM family who resided for many years on Egbert Road. To his former wife JOANN of Aurora, their daughter and her husband LORRIE and RAMON WERBEACH of Rootstown and their son and his wife, PAT and ALLISON CUNNINGHAM of Aurora.

Walton Hills to expand Village Hall

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS – A bigger Village Hall, Community Room and other village facilities in the works.

The consulting firm of Burgess and Niple presented four plans for the expansion to village council last week. Cost estimates ranged from \$4.7 million to \$6 million.

Council will discuss the plans Tuesday and give Burgess and Niple its recommendations on how to proceed.

The scenarios included expanding and remodeling the current buildings, fire station, new Community Room building, expanded police station, a gazebo or veterans memorial, and a new community center/gymnasium at T.G. Young Park.

Project architect David Meeson from Burgess and Niple said once council selects a plan, design work will take about six months.

Construction bids should go out in early 2006, with construction beginning that spring. Construction itself will be another year, followed by 3-6 months for remodeling the current facilities.

The project could then be completed by late 2007 or early 2008.

"These things do take time," Meeson said. "We can use any combination of ideas from these

four plans to come up with one ideal solution. I know it's going to be tough, but we cannot take any significant steps forward without some direction for council."

Popular, costly

The most popular plan among council members also happened to be the most expensive one, with a \$6 million price tag.

According to those plans, council chambers would be moved to the current Community Room and connecting that building to Village Hall.

This would give the village's administration some room to expand, and add about 2,700 square feet of space to the police station.

A new two-story building would go up just north of Village Hall. The top floor would house the new Community Room, while the bottom floor would serve as a fire station.

In each scenario, a \$2.9 million community center, would be constructed at T.G. Young Park, complete with a gymnasium, fitness rooms, and several multi-purpose rooms.

"I know this is the most expensive plan, but it is also the most feasible," Council member Jackie Vlk-Maire said. "One thing we've heard from our residents is that we want the Community Room to be separated from our police station, and this plan does that."

Affordable

"I like the plan too, but we have to think about what we can afford," Council member William Allen said. "There's no way we can build this community center and pay to maintain it. We cannot afford a fire station or to operate a 24-hour staff for EMS."

Mayor Marlene Anielski said she would like to get feedback from all the village's department heads on the various plans.

Councilman Don Kolograf said council needed more input from residents.

■ Another option included a large 3,000-square-foot expansion for offices on the north side of Village Hall; a 2,000 square-foot expansion on the west side of the police station and three new meeting rooms for the Community Room.

This plan would cost \$5 million, including the \$2.9 Community Center.

■ Another plan would link the Village Hall and Community Room by constructing a new council chamber room between them. Office space would be added to the east side of Village Hall, and on the west side for the police department.

The Community Room would get a few new meeting rooms and an outdoor stage to house musical or theater events.

This was the cheapest plan, costing just over \$4.7 million.

■ The final plan moves all

recreational offices and activities over to T.G. Young Park. The old Community Room would become administrative offices. That would leave old office space in Village Hall open for the police department. Council chambers would remain the same.

This plan would cost \$4.9 million.

"This place is looking better and better just the way it is," Council President David Knapp said jokingly, overwhelmed by the different possibilities and costs.

In any scenario, construction could be paid out of the general fund since the village has about \$10 million in the bank, or through long-term bonds.

Contact Seuffert at mikeseuffert@yahoo.com

Bed. Times Reg. 4/9/05

Council weighs plans to expand Village Hall

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The plans are in. Now it's decision time.

Council received four sets of floor plans last week detailing proposed expansions and renovations of Village Hall and the Community Room.

The plans were drawn up by the architectural firm of Burgess and Niple, which Council hired in February for \$20,000 to explore expansion options.

The four scenarios would cost between \$4.7 to \$6 million.

Each of the four plans contains a diagram for a \$2.8 million community center, including a gymnasium, lockers, meeting rooms and a multi-purpose room. The center would either be built on the existing site or at T.G. Young Park, depending on the plan.

The plans also include room for a small fire station and expansion of the police department.

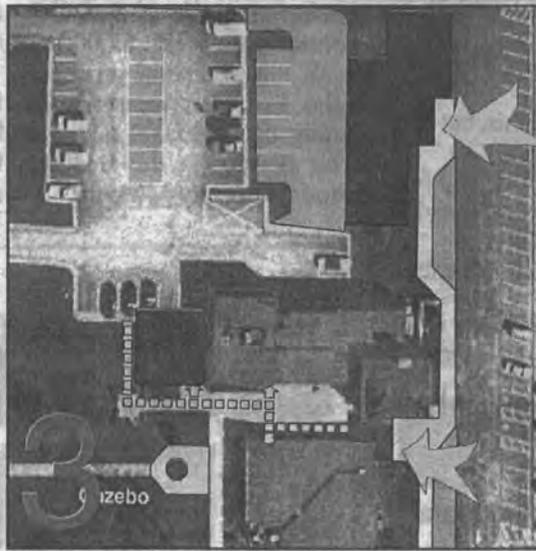
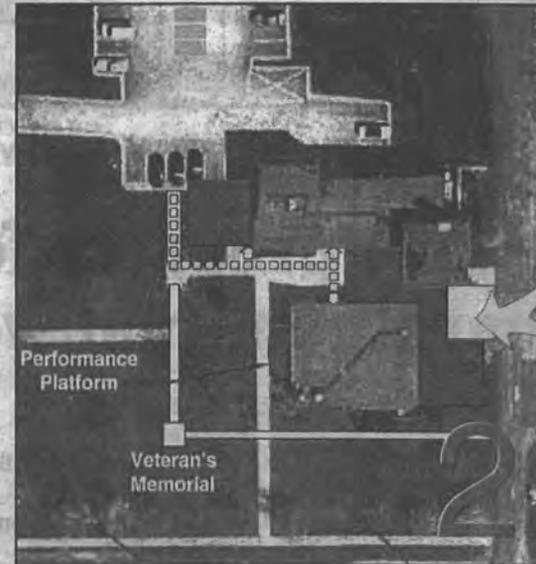
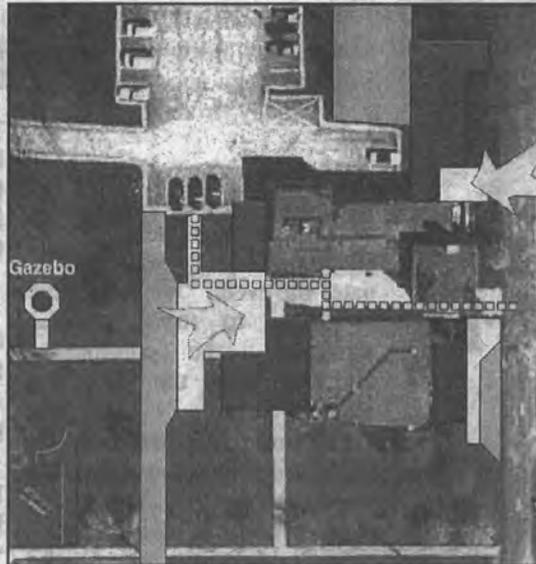
Some plans propose expanding various offices, including the police department, Council chambers and municipal offices.

Councilor Bill Allen said he thinks it will take several meetings for Council to agree on which set of plans should be used.

"I think they should have a public meeting to get some input from the residents," Allen said.

Councilor Jackie Vlk-Maire said she, too, believes there needs to be community input into which plans will be

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Photos provided by Walton Hills Village Hall

Four proposals are on the table to expand Walton Hills Village Hall and Community Center. The orange areas represent new construction. The fourth proposal would move the Community Center to T.G. Young Park, as seen in the inset photo.

July 2005

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

REV. JAROSLAW and EVELYN JABLONSKI
14660 Alexander Road

RICHARD and TONI MULHAL
18816 Orchard Hill Drive

PHIL and DIANE VISOCKY
7124 Deeridge Drive

JOHN and CATHY NUNNARI
14080 Ryan Drive

STORK NEWS

Congratulations to RAY and JUSTINE CIFANI of Jefferson Drive on the arrival of their ninth grandchild, ADRIENNE MICHELE CIFANI. Proud parents are JOE and LISA CIFANI, who lived on McLellan Drive until they moved to Richfield Township. Also welcoming ADRIENNE is big brother JOEY and maternal grandparents JIM and LILLIAN BLAIR, former Walton Hills residents who now reside in Garfield Heights.

CONGRATULATIONS on YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- NICK MELLON of Rashell Drive was chosen 5th Grade Student of the Year at St. Martin of Tours School.
- JOSH PTAK of Alexander Road just returned from a 6-Day Great Ohio Adventure Bicycling Trip. JOSH biked approximately 318 miles throughout northwest Ohio. 3000 bikers participated in this Great Ohio Adventure Bicycling Trip. They started at Findley, biked to Tiffin, Port Clinton, Elmore, Upper Sandusky and finally back to Findley. They stayed overnight in high schools and fairgrounds and camped some nights in tents. Semis, carrying gear and supplies, accompanied the bikers. JOSH was in a sub-group of 8 who were with a Diabetes camp named Camp Homita Koda. JOSH will be a Sophomore at Chanel High School this fall.

THANK YOU

- I wish to thank everyone who attended the 50-Plus Club June meeting for their beautiful cards and Birthday Wishes on my 90th Birthday. Also, thanks to my daughter JAN who provided the pastry, cake and ice cream that evening. What a wonderful surprise! Thanks again. LINDA ORESKO of Laurel Drive
- We would like to thank the two Walton Hills Police Officers and the Oakwood EMS for their prompt and courteous service in assisting us on June 2nd. RON and SHIRLEY GUNYA of Orchard Hill Drive
- I recently was scheduled for a procedure at St. Vincent's Hospital. My travel worries were eliminated when I was able to take the van provided by the Village of Walton Hills. I want to thank the driver, ROSEMARY WASHTOCK, for her support and concern for my well-being. Her uplifting personality relieved my tension. Thank you Recreation Director LISA GAGLIANO, for handling the arrangements and all those wonderful people who initiated the van service for residents in need. RITA TRZECIAK of Walton Road

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THANK YOU

• We are mourning the death of MARLENE'S son, ROBERT BRUCE, a U.S. Navy veteran. We are thankful that ROBERT'S brothers and sister, JAMES BRUCE, Army MSgt. WILLIAM BRUCE, Ret. SMSgt. JACLYN BRUCE-CANNES and her husband STEVE, both of the USAF, were home for the Memorial Service and to give us comfort. We wish to thank the St. John Funeral Home staff for their much appreciated suggestions at this unexpected and grievous time for us. Also, much thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club members and other friends and Walton Hills neighbors for their cards and notes of compassion and expressions of comfort.

MARLENE and BOB ORTH of Spanghurst Drive

BEREAVEMENT

• Our sympathy to ROSALIE OLEKSIK of Dunham Road on the passing of her husband ED OLEKSIK. Also to their children and spouses ED and MARY OLEKSIK, KAREN and JIM ROBINSON, REV. DONALD OLEKSIK, MARY BETH KROGGEL, TERRI ANGELO and PATRICIA and JACK PILATO. The OLEKSIKs have 12 grandchildren.

• Our condolences to the family of ELIZABETH VICTOR of Egbert Road. ELIZABETH was the mother of PATRICIA (WILLIAM) BOHNA and CHUCK VICTOR. She had 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

• Our sympathy to MARLENE and BOB ORTH of Spanghurst Drive on the unexpected death of MARLENE's son, ROBERT BRUCE. As a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Vietnam Era, ROBERT was given a Military funeral at the Rittman Ohio National Cemetery, officiated by the 555 Honors Detachment of Wayne County Ohio. He was a graduate of the John Marshall Law School.

• Our condolences to RICHARD and LINDA MIKA (R&R Landscaping) of Egbert Road. Their 33 year old son-in-law KEN KOUBA was killed by a forklift malfunction while at work. KEN was the husband of their daughter CHRISTINE and father to their two young sons and newborn daughter.

• Our condolences to ROBERTA and JACK LISCOE of Alexander Road on the passing of ROBERTA'S mother, HELEN BILLY. Also to HELEN'S granddaughter THERESA and great-grandchildren; the KEVIN and THERESA HURST family.

• Our sympathy to the KLUKAN family on the passing of DOLLY's father, FRANK SPADARO; to DOLLY and RON KLUKAN of Stuble Lane, grandson JOE KLUKAN and his wife JOANNA of Dunham Road, granddaughter KATHY SPITZNAGEL and her husband BRIAN and their children of Spanghurst Drive, and granddaughter SANDY TANNERT and her children.

• Former resident RUSSELL STANEK of Bay Village, son of DANA GARMAN and DAVID STANEK, died at age 54. RUSS and his sister CYNTHIA were on the original Walton Hills Swim Team.

• Our sympathy to Building Inspector MIKE SKVASIK and his wife, BETHANY on the passing of MIKE'S father, JOHN SKVASIK.

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

ROBERT and MICHALEEN PAUL
7622 Regency Drive

KATIE SPADARO and ANNE BARTKO
7270 Stuble Lane

BRYAN PETEL and NICOLE LEE
7180 Conelly Blvd.

EMILE and CARLA ZINZER
16300 Ceile Circle

GOOD ENOUGH to EAT!



Here's a simple quiz for you from the
Walton Hills Gourmet Club.



1. When giving a dinner party do your friends call you "Martha"?
2. Do you scream "BAM" every time you add spices while cooking?
3. Does cooking a gourmet meal mean you do more than heat up a frozen T.V. dinner?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, we welcome you to join the **Walton Hills Gourmet Club!** We are a fun mix of Walton Hills residents who love to cook. Each gathering will have a theme and a set menu to follow. Our first meeting is September 10th. For more information call BECKY DURDAK 232-0848.

CONGRATULATIONS

KELLY PEKAR, Egbert Road, has the starring role of Laurie in the musical *Oklahoma* at the Near West Theater on West 38th and Bridge in Ohio City.

Oklahoma will run on August 5th and 6th at 7:30 pm and on August 7th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$6.00.

Questions? Call JACK, DEBBIE or KELLY PEKAR 232-5615

THANK YOU

I want to thank the Walton Hills Police Department who came to my rescue one night. I had fallen at home and broke my left elbow. A Police Officer stayed with me until the ambulance came to take me to the hospital, and later that night a Police Officer took me home and helped me get settled. Thank you also to Village Employees, Recreation Director LISA who arranged transportation for me and Van Driver PAUL for driving me to University Hospital a few days later when I had to have pins set in my arm, and driving me to doctor visits. A very special "Thank you" to my neighbors, JOHN and ALEASE CAMERATTA, for their tender and continual care. During the weeks when I couldn't use my arm and I needed help each day, they were there for me. I appreciate all you did for me, JOHN and ALEASE. ELIZABETH ROMANOWSKI, Alexander Road

Editors note: Friends of ELIZABETH know about her on-going good deeds and helpfulness to others. How heartwarming it is to hear that villagers helped her in her time of need. ELIZABETH'S cast is off now, and she is once again behind the wheel of her car.

VILLAGE RECREATION through the YEARS

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JUNIOR PARKER PROGRAM

Although the village recreation program always offered morning organized activities for preschoolers, 1984 was the first year when parents had to register their young children, and in 1992 the "Preschool Program" was renamed the "Junior Parker Program".

The Village van service began in 1986, picking up children to take them to and from T.G.Y. Park.

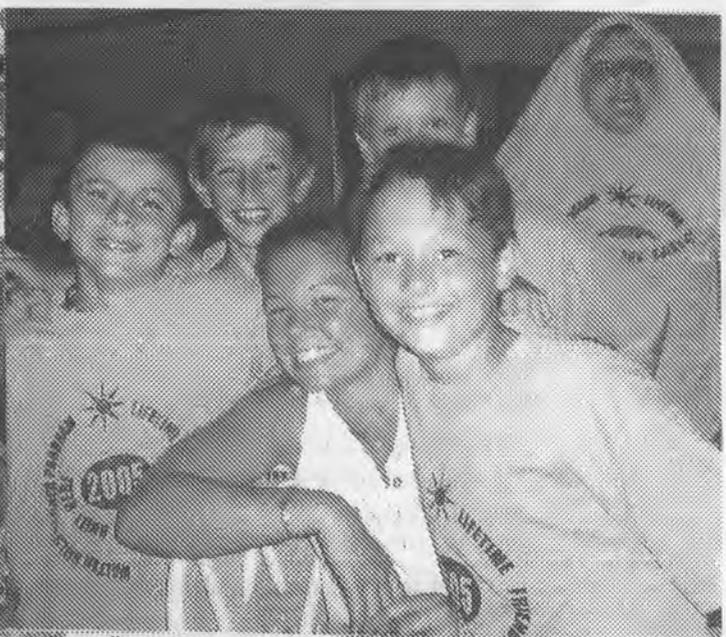
YEAR W. H. RECREATION DIRECTOR

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| 1960 | DAREL CUSTER & MRS. HARRY MASON |
| 1961 | TOM WATSON & GLORIA CAMPBELL |
| 1962-63 | GLORIA CAMPBELL |
| 1964-65 | ED KORZEP |
| 1966-67 | RICH FEATHERSTUN |
| 1968 | RICHARD LEHOSIT |

YEAR W. H. RECREATION DIRECTOR

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HAVING FUN at T.G.Y. PARK -- SUMMER 2005



Suspected motorcycle theft ring shut down

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Less than a day after a task force was formed to investigate a rash of stolen motorcycles in a five-county area, a suspected theft ring was broken and thousands of dollars in stolen goods were recovered.

And police say a tip from a village resident helped lead them to the suspected thieves.

Two suspects were arrested July 27 after the van they were in crashed during a high-speed chase in Medina. Christopher Johnson, 19, and Gregory Martin, 21, both of Cleveland, were treated and released from Metro-Health Medical Center after the crash. Morris Vowell Jr., 18, was arrested later that day and Timothy Davis, 18, also of Cleveland, was arrested July 31.

"Within 24-hours of forming the task force, we pretty much broke [the ring]," Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines said Friday.

"We are planning on making more arrests."

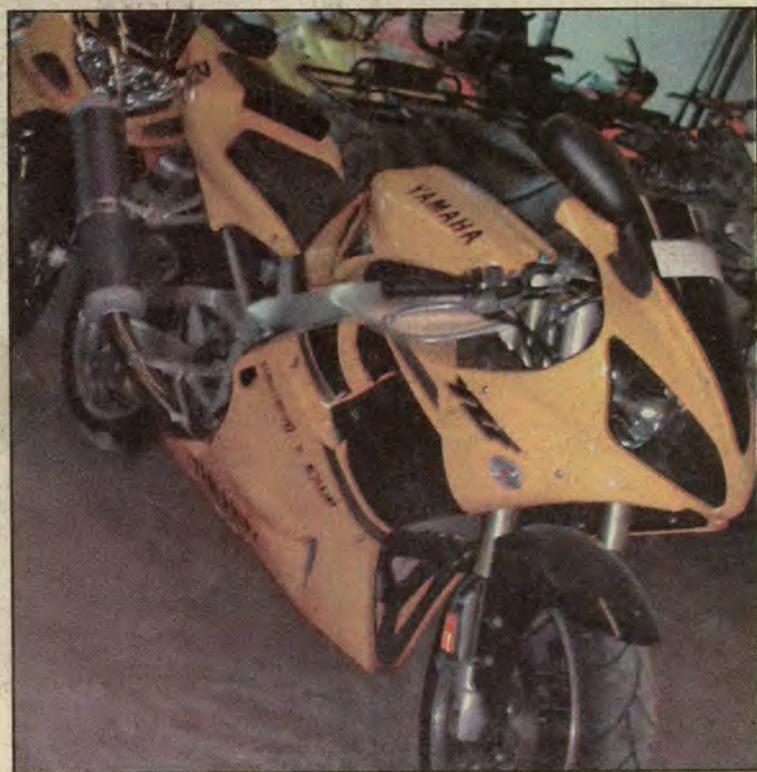
Vowell Jr., Johnson and Davis were charged July 27 with burglary, a third-degree felony, by the Medina County Sheriff's Deputies, said Medina County Sgt. Tadd Davis.

Rhines said after each suspect appears in court in Medina on the burglary charges, they will be charged by Walton Hills police on charges of receiving stolen property, theft, burglary and breaking and entering.

Rhines said police have yet to determine the total value of goods recovered following the arrests. He said police estimate the ring operated in a five-county area — Stark, Summit, Cuyahoga, Geauga and Medina — for about two years.

Among the items police found at Vowell's were vans, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, helmets and racing gear, he said.

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RPC Photo / Tim Troglen

Above, this bike was among the thousands of dollars in recovered goods that filled the two-bay Walton Hills police garage following a series of arrests last week.

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One of the victims of the alleged theft ring was 9-year-old motocross racer Kyle Schroeder of Walton Road.

"They stole three dirt bikes, a Weed Eater, numerous tools and all my son's race gear," said, Steve, Kyle's dad.

Steve said so far, just the bikes and two helmets have been recovered by police.

He said the total amount of the items taken from their house July 13 was close to \$18,000.

Steve said Kyle will be back on the track as soon as the items are released by police.

Local tip leads to arrest

The four arrests happened after a tip from a Walton Hills resident, Rhines said, who gave police a description of a suspicious van driving about 2 mph down a village street July 21.

Meanwhile, another police department had told Rhines that police were watching a house Vowell Jr. lived in at 6922 Lansing Road in Cleveland in connection with thefts of motorcycles and equipment.

On July 25, Rhines drove to the Cleveland home.

"The very first thing I see is this van" that matched the description of the suspicious van spotted in the village, he said.

Rhines said he and detectives began surveillance of the Cleveland home.

"We saw people taking four wheelers out of a backyard area and loading them onto trucks," Rhines said.

He said he and the detectives saw a motorcycle that had been reported stolen from the five-county area.

"They left the [license]

plate on it," he said.

Rhines said the next day he formed the task force with police officers from Independence, Valley View, Oakwood, North Royalton, Parma and the South East Area Law Enforcement Narcotics Unit.

Rhines said Cleveland Police and the Medina County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation.

Rhines said police kept watching the Cleveland home, and watched some men from the home drive into Medina County in a pickup and a reportedly stolen van, Rhines said police momentarily lost the vehicles, but then saw the truck parked at a church. About 20 minutes later the van pulled into the parking lot, Rhines said.

A Medina County deputy tried to pull the van over and a high-speed chase ensued, he said. He said the driver of the van was driving erratically and lost control of the van a short time later.

The van flipped over, but did not hit another vehicle, Davis said.

Davis said both Johnson, the driver, and Martin, the passenger, were thrown from the vehicle. A reportedly stolen motorcycle was ejected from the van's cargo area and landed on one of the men, Davis said.

Rhines said after the arrests, several reportedly stolen items were found at the Lansing Road home of Vowell Jr.

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Teamwork cracked theft ring: Rhines

By Mike Lesko 8-11-05

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Police Chief Gary Rhines said it was not difficult forming a task force that eventually captured four suspects in a six-county theft ring.

"Putting a task force together is getting each police department on the same page as you are," he said.

"All the police departments have experience and have worked together in that type of unit from their departments," he said. "Everybody played good roles and did surveillance."

"There was a lot of good teamwork," he said. "The cooperation between the departments was excellent."

The task force included police departments from Cleveland, Independence, North

Royalton, Oakwood, Parma, Valley View and Walton Hills, the Southeast Area Law Enforcement narcotics task force, the Medina County sheriff's office and the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office.

Rhines said police and the suspects both had their own surveillance. Many of the stolen items were off-road motorcycles. The suspects had the operation going for about two years.

The first two arrests were made July 27 in Medina County.

"There was cooperation from all the agencies," he said. "The Walton Hills Police Department could not have done this alone."

After the four suspects — all Cleveland men between ages 21-18 — were arrested, police

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met in Independence to distribute information on the stolen property.

Rhines said most of the recovered items have been identified and will be returned to their owners. He said many of them have already been claimed.

That includes items belonging to the Schroeder family in Walton Hills. Son Kyle's two dirt bikes were previously recovered, while father Steven's dirt bike was recovered in Parma.

One all-terrain vehicle that was recovered in Portage County was claimed by a person in Muskingum County.

"The number of places they've hit has increased," he said. "We'll notify Muskingum (county officials), for example, and let them do the follow-up on their end."

The Walton Hills chief said there are about 40-50 pages of names of people calling from all over Ohio to see if their possessions were recovered.

Besides motorcycles, they include items like leaf blowers, weed whackers, tools and windows.

8-4-2005

ATV theft ring bites the dust

By MIKE LESKO

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Following up on the theft of three off-road motorcycles here, several law enforcement agencies teamed up to break up a ring of thieves operating for the past two years in and around greater Cleveland.

Police arrested two Cleveland men in Medina County on the morning of July 27. Two more

were identified and arrested later.

They are Timothy Davis, 19, Christopher Johnson, 19, Gregory Martin, 21, and Morris Vowell Jr., 18, all of Cleveland.

Davis, listed as a fugitive, was arrested Monday after police got a tip that he was staying in Parma. Authorities said Davis may have been planning to leave the state, or even the country.

Having the police recover the

stolen items was particularly satisfying for Walton Hills' resident Kyle Schroeder, 9, who has been featured in this paper for his off-roading abilities.

Kyle's two dirt bikes — a KTM 50 and 65 — were among the stolen item returned, along with his father's Kawasaki dirt bike and all their riding equipment, including uniforms, helmets, gloves and pads, worth more than \$13,000.

The task force picked up

steam while investigating the July 13 break-in and thefts at the Schroeder home here.

Using surveillance, police followed a stolen van that was seen here the morning that the bikes disappeared.

Johnson and Martin were arrested after a police chase from Granger Township to North Royalton. The stolen van they were driving skidded off the road after they turned off the headlines.

Police said the four men were responsible for the theft of three all-terrain vehicles, an ATV trailer, a pickup truck and items ranging from weed whackers to windows. The men face multiple theft charges.

"The key to solving it was good old-fashioned police work," Walton Hills Chief Gary Rhines said. "It's good to shut down an operation like that. It

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BEDFORD SUN BANNER

WH residents offer Katrina fundraiser

By CALVIN JEFFERSON

Correspondent

WALTON HILLS — One by one, members of Village Council voiced their support for a group of residents who want the village to take an active role in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Resident Charon Cox told council at its meeting Sept. 6 that she and fellow residents Madeline Timm and Judy Annett would be willing to initiate a fund-raising drive for the victims of the Gulf Coast disaster.

Cox also challenged the vil-

lage government to do all it can to support any local relief campaign.

"I was just sitting here thinking, 'Couldn't we just do some type of fund-raising,'" Cox said. "Seeing the devastation on TV was very much the catalyst (for wanting to do something)."

Council members seemed eager to assist the three women with getting the campaign together. Councilman Dave Knapp even suggested he would look at the potential of the village matching any funds that were raised.

As of Monday, though, Cox

said she had not yet heard back from the village.

Councilman George Main praised Cox, Timm and Annett.

"It's a blessing for three people to come forward like this," Main said. "We all see the grief, and this certainly is something that is worth considering."

Cox is adamant that the village's residents and leaders must take action to assist those affected by the hurricane. She said her group has even considered adopting a family displaced by the storm.

"Anything you can do is a good thing," said Cox, whose

husband has family in storm-ravaged parts of Mississippi. She also said several of her friends and acquaintances have family along the Gulf Coast.

Proposal advances

Also at the Sept. 6 meeting, Knapp reported that the village has accepted the planning phase for its village-wide facilities renovations project.

Plans announced late last year called for a new fire station and recreation center and commercial development at the Ford plant.

Knapp said the village has requested a contract to move into the design phase.

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operated in 5-6 different counties."

Rhines and the Walton Hills Police Department formed and led a task force operation.

Police departments from Cleveland, Independence, North Royalton, Oakwood, Parma and Valley View assisted in the operation, along with the Medina County Sheriff's Department, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and the Southeast Area Law Enforcement narcotics task force.

"All the officers did an excellent job," Rhines said.

Volunteering wins her praise

Group names Kainsinger its first Citizen of the Year

By **MIKE LESKO**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The Walton Hills Citizens League has chosen Jean Kainsinger, a long-time community volunteer and village historian, as its first ever Citizen of the Year.

The group handed out what will become an annual award on Sunday at the village's Community Day festival.

Kainsinger is chairperson of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center at Village Hall.

She, along with her husband Bob, a former village councilman, are writers and co-editors of *The Owl*, a monthly village publication, which features articles of local historical interest.

Jean and Bob also co-wrote a book, "Tracing Our Heritage — The Village of Walton Hills."

Getting the award was a pleasant surprise for Jean, who did not know in advance that she had been picked.

"I was honored to be chosen," she said. "Our village is unique. We only have about 2,500

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residents, but we have several active service organizations. Many of our residents catch the spirit of community service.

"Bob and I are pleased that many younger residents have become active volunteers in village organizations. They are taking active roles of leadership."

After growing up in Garfield

Heights and graduating from John Adams High School and Ohio University, she and Bob got married and moved to Walton Hills in 1961.

Jean joined the Walton Hills Women's Club, becoming president and chairperson of the group's combined charities. She also was a volunteer, assistant teacher and president of the Walton Hills Nursery School.

She was a teacher for 33½ years, mostly in Bedford schools where she organized, managed and taught in the schools' gifted

program. She also taught in Cleveland and Maple Heights school districts and at Kent State University.

"By volunteering, I get back a lot more than I give," she said. "Bob feels the same way."

She stressed that not everyone can be a volunteer. "Some people have too many family obligations, financial burdens or time restraints," she said. "But if you have the time, it is a privilege."

Her father, Walter Wingenfeld, was a lifetime volunteer,

Thursday, August 18, 2005



SUN PHOTOS BY JAMES SEKERAK

Jennifer Allen, top left, president of the Walton Hills Citizens League, presents Jean Kainsinger with the league's Citizen of the Year award. Below, Kainsinger thanks the league at the village's annual Community Days festival.

and their two daughters, Karen Kainsinger-Dolejs and Kathleen Eichhorn, both of whom graduated from Bedford High School, are also volunteers. That makes their mother proud.

"Our girls are carrying out the tradition," she said.

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Village names Citizen of Year

by Dana Curcio

Editor

WALTON HILLS — Since she moved to Walton Hills in 1961, Jean Kainsinger has had her hands in just about every volunteer organization Walton Hills has to offer — from the Walton Hills Women's Club to the Co-Op Nursery, as well as the Lake Club, 50 + Club, Citizens League and the Walton Hills

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RPC Photo / Dana Curcio

Jennifer Allen, president of the Walton Hills Citizens' League, hands Jean Kainsinger Walton Hills' first Citizen of the Year award Sunday.

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It was her enthusiasm about these activities and her passion for the village that earned Kainsinger the first Walton Hills Citizen of the Year award.

"This is quite an honor," Kainsinger said when she received her award at the Walton Hills Community Day on Sunday. "Volunteering is a privilege. You get a lot more back than what you give."

The idea for the Citizen of the Year Award was started by the Citizens' League, a group that tries to raise awareness in the village about issues that might affect its residents. The league requested nominations from the village seeking volunteers who had "accomplishments that were unselfishly completed for the good or benefit of the village or its residents," according to the nomination form.

Jennifer Allen, president of the Citizens' League, said that a group of both Citizens' League members and non-members read through all of the nominations and voted. She said the vote was unanimous for Kainsinger, who received several nominations.

While Kainsinger was the recipient of the award, she insists her husband, Bob, was working beside her all the way in everything she did.

"Throughout our marriage we have always worked together," Kainsinger said.

"She deserved it," Bob said of his wife's award. "Four or five people have already come up to me and said that she was

the best they could have picked."

During her years of service to the village, Kainsinger has been president of the Walton Hills Women's Club and president and assistant teacher at the Walton Hills Co-Op Nursery. She also was curator of the Walton Hills Historical Reference center, co-editor and writer for the Walton Hills OWL and co-author of a book with her husband called "Tracing Our Heritage."

But she says one of the most rewarding jobs she has done is working for scholarship committees.

"I received a full scholarship to college," Kainsinger said. "I have always been grateful for that. Going to college opened many doors for me."

She said over the years she has managed four different groups to provide college scholarships. Today she manages The Ruth Fowler Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Ohio University Greater Cleveland Women's Club Chapter.

Not only does Kainsinger love giving to young people — she loves to see the way they are giving back to the community.

"We have several young couples who have come up to the fold and are taking leadership as volunteers in our community," Kainsinger said. "I hope [they] enjoy all of this volunteering as much as my husband and I do."

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PATSANDPANS

• PATS to Jean Kainsinger, who was named citizen of the year by the Walton Hills Citizens League.

PANS to youths whose erratic, foul-mouthed behavior will prevent Bedford from putting basketball hoops back up at city playgrounds.

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Jean Kainsinger and Lori Waryk 330-467-8226

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

JEROME and JULIA HUTCHINSON
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KEN and JANE BENDER
16379 Ceile Circle

ANDREW KOLCINKO
14170 Alexander Road

STEVEN RACHOCKI
7429 McLellan Drive

JOAN MARY PERCHINSKE
7147 Hickory Drive

JEFFREY HERCULES
16190 Egbert Road

WELCOME! WELCOME!

The drawing on the cover page of this issue is by one of our talented local young women, GINA LONARDO of McLellan Drive. GINA is a Freshman at Kent State University, majoring in art. Several of our readers may have seen GINA at TGY Park where, for the past two summers, she has been a Camp Counselor. GINA volunteered, on her own, to draw the monthly covers for the *Walton Hills Owl*. Her parents, PAUL and JUDY LONARDO, will help her get the drawings to Walton Hills when she is at school. A 2005 Trinity High School graduate, GINA received both a Men's Club and Women's Club Scholarship this year, and she and her parents decided they wanted to offer their services to the village in this way. What a wonderful surprise, the *Owl* editors are very pleased GINA is sharing her talents with us.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 20th Anniversary to TOM and CELESTE PODGURSKI of Alexander Road.

For FOLLOWERS of JOE JESENSKY...

Join the Metroparks and the Cuyahoga Valley Archeology Society in honoring the artist on his 99th birthday, Friday September 16, during a reception at 7 pm in the F.A. Seiberling Naturealm Visitors Center, 1828 Smith Road, Akron.

Jesensky's artwork is on display at the Naturealm through the end of December. Jesensky has spent more than 8 decades recording the history and nature of the Cuyahoga Valley through field notes, sketches and paintings.

A good part of his work depicts the Walton Hills area as it was in the 1920s and 30s. Copies of all Joe Jesensky's field notes, sketches and paintings of our area are on display at the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center.

CONGRATULATIONS

CAROLYN WALLER of Fern Lane has a new business called Equine Portraits, featuring horses she paints on clothing and jewelry. CAROLYN also works in customer services for Purple Heart, along with her mother, CHERYL STONE WALLER.

THANK YOU

DENNY and RONNIE LINVILLE and family would like to express their appreciation to the Villagers in Walton Hills for their kind words, hugs and cards on the loss of our brother and uncle, TEDDY LINVILLE of Taveras, Florida. TEDDY was 72 years old and died peacefully in his sleep in August, at his home on Lake Harris.

Thank you, the LINVILLE family

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Men's prescription glasses with gold and tortoise shell frames.
Found August 21st at corner of Regency Drive and Colonial Court. Call 440-232-0099

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MEET the 2005 Walton Hills Lake Swim Team

This was Year 3 for the new Walton Hills Lake Swim Team. The young, dedicated swimmers met daily at the lake working out and perfecting their strokes. In one of their recent meets, they crushed the Bedford Heights Swim Team! CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictured are: Back Row, L to R: EMILY KOLOGRAF, ALEX PTAK, Coach EMILY BACHA, ALLYSSA SPITZNAGEL, ALEX TANNERT, DANIEL SPITZNAGEL.
Front Row, L to R: DESIREE ABBOTT, ALEXANDRA D'AMICO, CARLY DEAN, MONICA D'AMICO, ERICA ABBOTT, BRITNEY BENNETT



Pictured are just a few of our Village Athletes who received trophies at the annual Youth Sports Picnic / Banquet held in August at Walton Hills Lake. The event is a collaboration sponsored by the Walton Hills Men's Club, Walton Hills Lake and the Village of Walton Hills.



THANK YOU -- to the members of the Walton Hills Citizen's League and villagers who nominated me --

Thank you very much for choosing me for this year's Walton Hills Citizen of the Year. I know that my name was one among a list of several very worthy candidates. Since this award will become an annual event, I feel especially honored to be the first person presented with this award. Working together as a team, my husband Bob and I are thankful we can be of service, and that our efforts are appreciated. That means a lot to us both.

Sincerely, Jean Kainsinger

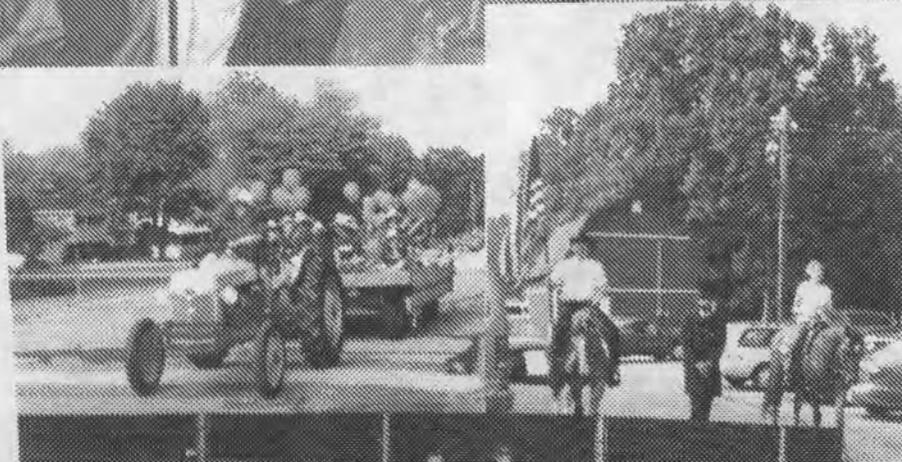
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HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME - LOTS OF SMILES!



HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME - COMMUNITY WEEKEND
Honk Jr., Village Parade, Softball Game with Babes of 1916



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Lori Waryk 330-467-8226 and Jean Kainsinger

CONGRATULATIONS, COLONEL DAVID PHILLIPS

Col. DAVID PHILLIPS, who grew up in our Village and graduated from Bedford High School, was the keynote speaker at the recent Patriot Day program at the high school. He also met with groups of students during the school day and with adults and students at a dinner which was held in his honor at BHS. DAVID is the son of CAROL KITKO of Shaner Drive.

PHILLIPS is now Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CIC) based at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. The CIC is responsible for investigating all felony crimes for the U.S. Army worldwide.

He was Director of Security for the Department of the Army Headquarters at the Pentagon when it was attacked on September 11, 2001. After the attack, in which 40 members of his staff were killed, Col. PHILLIPS was instrumental in recovery operations.

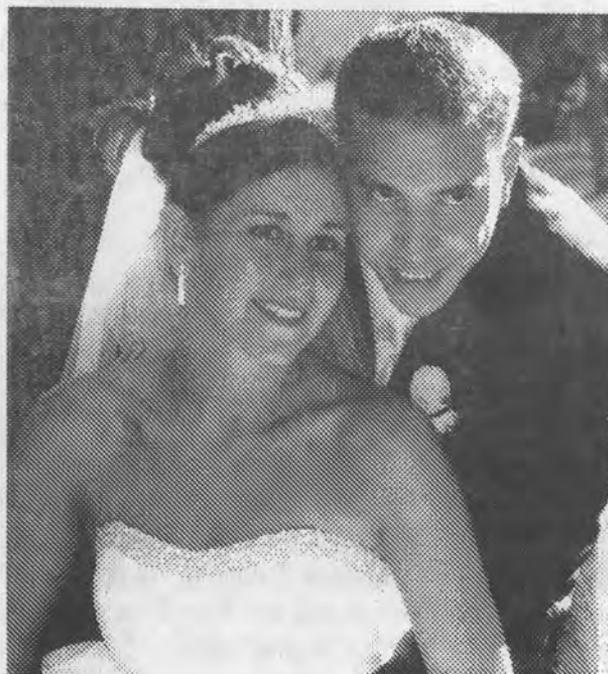
PHILLIPS recently returned from tours of duty in Iraq where he commanded the 89th Military Police Brigade. The Brigade's 3,500 military police trained 6,000 new Iraqi police officers, worked side-by-side with them against terrorist attacks, and guarded 3,800 members of the top Iranian terrorist organization. His brigade also guarded high value detainees including former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

CONGRATULATIONS on YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

DAN TOAZ, son of TODD and PEGGY TOAZ of Rashell Drive, and a senior at Bedford High School, was selected Student of the Month by the Bedford Rotary Club. DAN serves as Student Senate President and Senior Class Treasurer. He is a member of National Honor Society, Teens who Listen and Care (TLC), the Principal's Presidential Student Union, Varsity B and Drama Club. He has been a member of the Marching Band for four years and is on the baseball, golf and swim teams. DAN was also selected to represent Bedford High at the annual Buckeye Boys' State Leadership Convention this past summer. He plans to major in pharmacy or pharmaceutical sales in college.

BEST WISHES

DON and DENISE MUHA of Dunham Road announce the marriage of their daughter NICOLE to KEKOA TAGALICOD on September 10th at St. Charles Catholic Church in Parma. KEKOA is the son of FRANK and JAN TAGALICOD of Parma. KEKOA'S brother JEREMY was best man and sisters JENNIFER and KIKI were bridesmaids. A number of villagers were in the bridal party. NICOLE'S sister CRISTY was maid of honor and her brother ADAM and friend JAY YURICHAK were groomsmen. Cousins DOMINIQUE and DANIELLE DANKO of Alexander Road and CRYSTAL SAUERS of Walton Road were bridesmaids. The bride's grandmother ROSE MILKOVICH of Dunham Road is also a villager. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii in October where KEKOA'S family will hold a second reception.



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DELANA TURNER on GILMORE ACADEMY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK TEAM

A Junior at Gilmour Academy, DELANA TURNER is State Runner-Up in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.85. The 400m relay led by DELANA won the State Championship. Her Lady Lancers Varsity Track Team became the first women's athletic team in Gilmour's history to win State Championship. DELANA was both District and Regional Champ in this event and was named MVP at the Mac-8 Championship in Independence. DELANA set school records this season as an individual in the long jump and 100m hurdles.

This summer DELANA spent two weeks at Duke University's Talented Identification Program. She is being scouted by Harvard, Princeton, Georgetown, Duke and Tulsa Universities.

DELANA is the daughter of DONALD and DEBORAH TURNER of Regency Drive.



WALTON HILLS GOURMET CLUB

The Walton Hills Gourmet Club will meet Saturday, November 12th. The theme is Hofbrauhaus – an exciting night of German food and fun. If you are an active member, previous member, or if you want more information about the club, please call BECKY DURDAK at 232-0848 or [HTTP://WHGOURMETCLUB.TRIPOD.COM](http://WHGOURMETCLUB.TRIPOD.COM)

FORMER RESIDENT is a WORLD CHAMPION ARCHER

VICTOR MATTHEWS, former South Meadowpark Drive resident, will soon head out to Australia to compete in this year's World Archery - Over 65 International Competition. MATTHEWS became the Over 65 - World Champion when he won the 1997 international contest in New Zealand. Nine years earlier he won the Over 65-National Championship. A healthy 84 year old, he lives with his daughter Patty Jean, at her home in Virginia. BILL GREENWELL, deceased husband of MARY JANE GREENWELL of Morningside Road, got MATTHEWS interested in archery and taught him the skills of the game.

THANK YOU

• I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people for their get well cards, phone calls and flowers after my recent surgery. You helped brighten up my days, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sincerely, PATTY ALLEN

• Our son, Walton Hills Police Officer DAVID GRAMS, was critically injured in a motorcycle accident on August 24. By the grace of God and the healing hands of the awesome staff at Metro Health Center, DAVID has had a miraculous recovery and is now recuperating at home. DAVE'S wife ROSE, baby daughter VICTORIA and our entire family are extremely thankful. Our Village is filled with people to whom we owe a big debt of gratitude for the kind thoughts and encouragement, cards and flowers, food items and especially the prayers that were offered on DAVE'S behalf. We are deeply touched by your outpouring of concern and your extreme kindness.

Sincerest thanks, RAY and BERNIE GRAMS

BEREAVEMENT

MELBA LONG, of Walton Road, died at age 88 in early September. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her daughter and son-in-law, JOYCE AND RICHARD BEGG with whom she lived, and to her seven grandchildren. MELBA attended the Church of the Master Lutheran Church in Bedford and enjoyed playing cards with her grandchildren and doing a nightly crossword puzzle. She will be dearly missed.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- CLAUDE COREA – former resident who now resides in Middleburg Heights and Cape Coral, Florida
- CHARLENE and RAY SILVESTRO of Walton Road

Thank you for your generous donation. We appreciate your support.

Even though the Owl has ads and the Village pays for pages it submits to our monthly newsletter, we are thankful for donations. Your financial support helps us pay for the rest of the pages in the Owl, such as the cover, monthly Village Calendar, page 4, Potpourri and pages from village clubs and organizations.

THANK YOU, NINA WOLF !

Bernie Grams

Have you visited Walton Hills Village Hall lately? Thanks to resident Nina Wolf, an outstanding 1992 photo of our Village Hall has been given new life and is now decking our reception lobby. When the artist produced the original more than a decade ago, copies were commissioned to grace the chambers at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Senator Steven LaTourette's and Congressman Mike DeWine's offices. Nina's photo of the Village Hall also appears on the cover of the *Walton Hills 2004 Annual Report*.

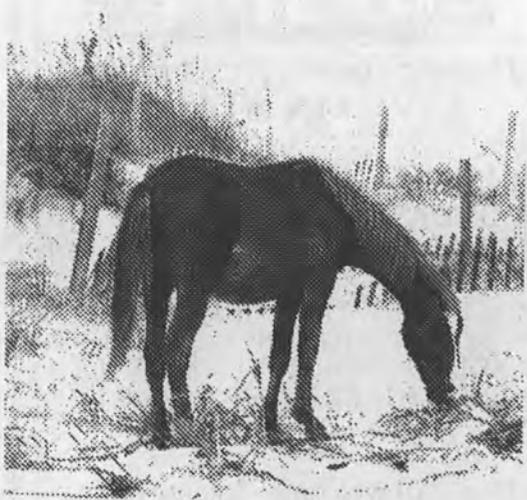
Thank you, Nina, for capturing the beauty of our Village and for sharing a treasure from your portfolio with us.

Many of you may remember seeing Nina's photos and photo reproductions in Jean and Robert Kainsinger's history book of our Village, *Tracing Our Heritage*. Nina has been interested in photography for over 40 years and was a long-time member of the Southeast Photo Club.

Currently, Nina is the photographer for Noah's Lost Ark Animal Sanctuary in Berlin Center, Ohio, which is a non-profit exotic animal sanctuary dedicated to providing a permanent, safe haven for unwanted and abused exotic animals. Visitors are welcome at Noah's Lost Ark. Noah's Lost Ark is open May 1st to August 31st Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and from September 1st to October 31st on weekends only, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. You can visit Noah's Lost Ark on the web at www.noahslostark.org.

Nina Wolf never expected to become famous in the world of photography, but her work was selected over thousands of entries to be featured on display at Walt Disney World Epcot Center's Kodak Pavilion. Her love of nature and the outdoors is evident in her work. Charming photos of her own woodlands and of her sleepy, silvery white mare have netted Nina features in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* "Sunday Magazine" and in various art periodicals. Nina, husband Frank, daughter Leah and mother-in-law, Emily Wolf, reside on Dunham Road.

WILD PONY Grazing along the Seashore, Outerbanks, North Carolina Photo by NINA WOLF 9-2004



CHEETAH STRUTTING in his Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Enclosure. Photo by NINA WOLF 1-2004



The Walton Hills Recreation Department invites you to attend, for free, its

Summer 2005
YOUTH MUSICAL PRODUCTION
HONK JR

Friday August 12 7 pm
Light of Hearts Villa
(corner: Northfield Road / Union Street, Bedford)

Directed by KELLY PEKAR

Cast Members: MARY KATE BEGIN,
JAMES and KEVIN BEGIN,
ZAK CUMMINS, ALEXANDRA D'AMICO,
MONICA D'AMICO, LAURA DESANTIS,
EMILY KOLOGRAF, BROOK LINVILLE,
SARA PEKAR, ALEX PTAK,
HANNA and THOMAS KRAINZ,
ELIZABETH RUSSELL.



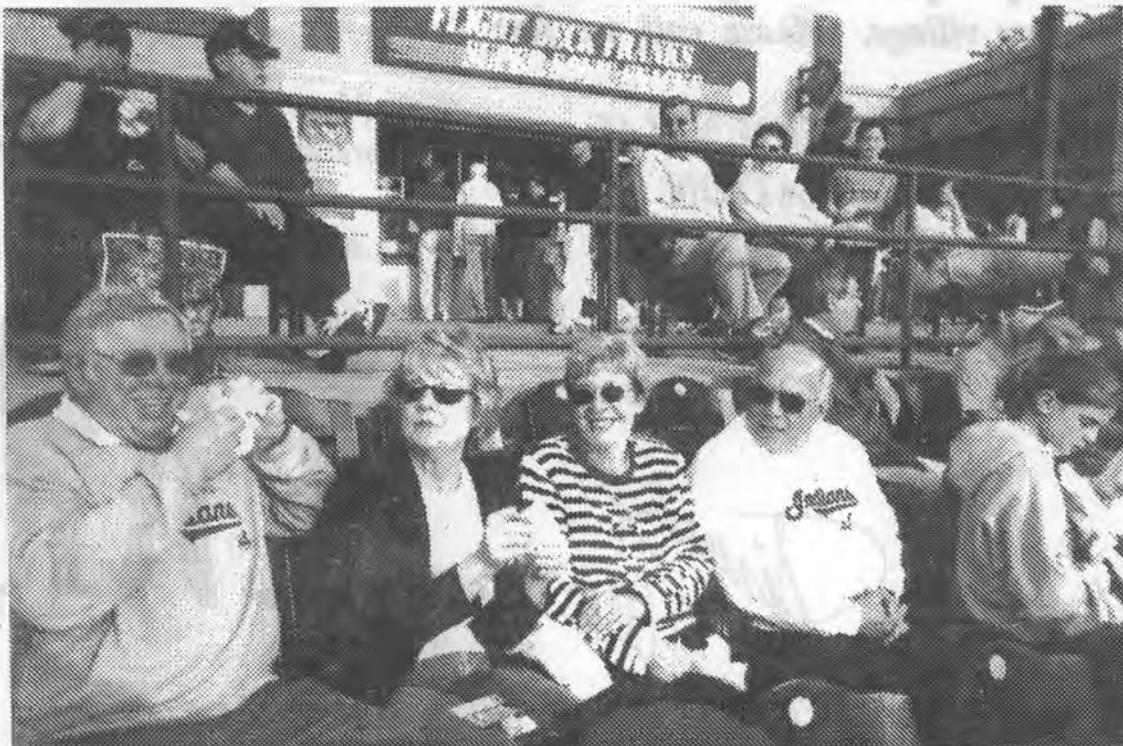


TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!



July 2005

Over 20 Village residents enjoyed a trip to Canal Park to see the Akron Aeros on Friday, May 20th. Although the Aeros lost, everyone still had a great time. Pictured below are Denny and Ronnie Linville, Chrystal and Joe Gazdik, and Victoria Anielski routing on the home team!



WH council backs issue for infrastructure funds

By **CALVIN JEFFERSON**
Correspondent

WALTON HILLS — Village Council has passed a resolution to support state Issue 1, which will be on the November ballot.

The measure, formally called "Issue 2," would continue the state program to finance local government public infrastructure capital improvement projects.

Mayor Anielski said the village has received "well over \$1 million" from the fund over the

years.

The state has given over \$20 million to local municipalities that have submitted requests to the committee administering the program, Councilman Dave Knapp said.

"I'd like for the residents of Walton Hills to take note on Issue 1," Knapp said. "It is a very important issue."

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In other council action:

■ Police Chief Rhines reported that the village will do a study on traffic in the area of the Dunham and Alexander in-

tersection, where he said traffic congestion is a problem.

"We have been having a problem with accidents there, and we've received numerous calls on problems there, also," he said.

■ Village Street Commissioner Dan Stucky announced that the annual flushing of fire hydrants throughout the village should begin this week.

He said residents should not

be affected but should examine water that comes out of their taps.

"Some residents may see some discoloration, but they can just run the faucets until the water clears and there should be no concerns," Stucky said.

■ Financial Officer Janet Paulic gave a favorable budget report, with village revenues over expenditures by about \$142,000 for the fiscal year.

Walton Hills approves street repairs, makes officer full time

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Just about the time the trees start to take on a colorful look, so will village streets.

Council voted unanimously Tuesday to award JD Pavement Maintenance Inc. a \$22,695 contract to repaint lane lines and other street markings.

Village Engineer Don Sheehy said all village streets will be marked to various degrees in the program.

Council also gave a unanimous nod and awarded Specialized Construction Inc. a \$58,200 contract to seal cracks in the streets.

"Most of the 21 miles of village streets will be sealed," said Service Director Dan Stucky.

Sheehy said both the street marking and sealing programs will begin in about two weeks and end in mid October.

Stucky said he does not

anticipate the work to cause any major traffic tie ups or delays.

In other news

Joe Morgan, a part-time village police officer who has been serving in Iraq since early this year, was sworn in as a full-time officer Tuesday.

Morgan was home on leave after the recent birth of his daughter, Jessica. He will be leaving later this month to re-join his unit in Iraq. Morgan's full-time status will begin after he returns from Iraq Jan. 15.

Councilor Bill Allen, who is chairperson of the safety committee, said Morgan's salary will go from \$18.90 per hour to \$54,000 a year.

Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines said Morgan was made a full-time officer so he could start accruing seniority with the village.

Morgan's National Guard

Unit, the 1-107th Calvary stationed in Stow, was activated late last year.

"Everybody here is proud of him," Rhines said of Morgan.

Rhines said each patrol car has a yellow ribbon on it with Morgan's badge number and initials.

"We are going to leave the yellow ribbons on the cars until he returns," Rhines said.

Mayor Marlene Anielski said Morgan has "given a great sacrifice to be away from his family."

"He is the epitome of patriotism to his country," Anielski said.

Morgan had been one of four part-time village officers, said Council Clerk Janet Pavlic.

Pavlic said the village currently has 13 full-time officers.

Anielski said the village plans on hiring three more full-time officers next month.

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A patriot's tale: from 9/11 to Iraq

Army colonel remembers soldiers who gave all at Patriot Day event

By MIKE LESKO
Staff Writer

Minutes after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 began, U.S. Army Col. David Phillips and another soldier raced to a lower level of the Pentagon to try to save lives. Suddenly, they stopped.

"We could go no further because of the smoke and fire," the 1976 Bedford High School graduate said. "It was an inferno."

Phillips was director of security for the Army headquarters at the Pentagon and 40 members of his staff were killed in-

"(The flag) represents our country, our values and why we were so ruthlessly attacked."

COL. DAVID PHILLIPS

cluding the man who hurried with him to the structure's lower level.

"We knew we were not bringing any of our soldiers out alive," he said.

So he brought an American flag out of the flames.

Phillips, who was the main

speaker at the Sept. 8 Patriot Day program at Bedford High School's Bearcat Stadium in observance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, held up the flag as he talked to the crowd.

"It represents our country, our values and why we were so ruthlessly attacked," he said. "These colors (flag) were with

me every time I presented a purple heart medal to one of our soldiers."

Defining moment

Phillips said Sept. 11, four years ago, was the defining moment in his life — a time when people know where they were and how they felt.

For an earlier generation, it was Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, forcing the United States into World War II.

"Ask your grandparents," he said. "They will know what they were doing that day."

For another generation, it was Nov. 22, 1963, when President

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John F. Kennedy was assassinated. "All of us who lived through that know exactly where we were," he said.

"Now, you students at Bedford have a defining moment," he said. "When you're 65 and you're asked by your grandchildren, you'll know."

'Global war'

Phillips vividly remembers where he was that morning.

"I was with some young sol-

diers and a civilian secretary," he said. "We were having a good time talking."

Then all heck broke loose.

"Global war started on 9-11," he said. "This country is currently at war. Make no doubt about it."

Phillips was a key person in

the recovery operations. He received a personal commendation from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Army's commendation medal for bravery.

Two years later — shortly after he inducted into the high school's distinguished alumni

hall of fame — he was sent to Iraq as part of Operation: Iraqi Freedom.

He was commander of the 89th military police brigade's 3,600 members. Their mission was to rebuild, train and equip the Iraqi police force. His group also guarded former Iraqi Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein.

'Young warriors'

After Phillips' three-year term in Iraq ended in June, he was sent to Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he is deputy commander of the Army's criminal investigation command.

Phillips talked to the audience about the heroic people he worked with in Iraq. Some were "young warriors who turned 21 in combat."

One man in Phillips' command who was killed was just one year out of high school.

"He was not much older than you," he said, pointing toward band members seated near him.

Another soldier, who was on the verge of retirement, decided to remain in the military in Iraq.

"He knew his friends were going to a bad place and he wanted to go with them," he said.

'Reality of combat'

Some of the soldiers were killed. One in Phillips' command died on his last day of active duty.

"That is the reality of combat," he said. "Did they die in vain? Absolutely not."

"We are trying to make the people of a country free and make their lives a little better. All they want is a little bit of freedom — just like you," he said, adding that the enemy is "a small minority."

Quote

He's a very unassuming, highly decorated war hero that makes you proud to be an American.

**Joe Allie,
Bedford Board of
Education**

and maintained custody and control of 3,800 members of the Iranian Terrorist Organization, the Mujahedin e-Khalq.

They guarded "high value detainees" including former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. He was awarded the Combat Action Badge for close combat with the enemy and the Bronze Star Medal, according to the press release.

"He is one of the most gracious people," Allie said. "He's a very unassuming, highly decorated war hero that makes you proud to be an American. I couldn't think of a better choice."

The program will include a speech from Phillips, as well as performances by the High School Bearcat Marching Band, the high school A Cappella Choir and student participation from each of the district's other schools.

The event is free and open to the public.



COL. DAVID PHILLIPS

Soldier comes home to share experiences at Patriot Day event

by **Dana Curcio**
Editor

BEDFORD — He has faced terrorist attacks at the Pentagon, hostile forces in Baghdad and Fallujah — and he knows the halls of Bedford High School well.

Col. David Phillips, a 1976 BHS graduate, will be a keynote speaker at a Patriot Day program tonight at 7 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium, 481 Northfield Road.

"Having the opportunity to have Col. Phillips speak at the remembrance event has kind of been in the back of my mind since he was inducted in [Bedford High School] Hall of Fame in 2003," School Board President Joe Allie said. "He's a very eloquent speaker."

Phillips will share his experiences in the Army, including acting as director of security for the Department of the Army Headquarters at the

Pentagon when it was attacked September 11, 2001.

According to a press release from the Bedford City School District, Phillips was instrumental in recovery operations and received a personal commendation from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Army Commendation Medal for Bravery, as well as the Legion of Merit, for his role in providing for the security and safety of the Pentagon

in the months after the attacks, in which 40 members of his staff were killed.

"He was literally seconds away from being killed himself," Allie said.

Phillips also served in Iraq in late 2003 as commander of 3,600 members of the 89th Military Police Brigade. The brigade worked with the Iraqi police against terrorist attacks

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Colonel has dream of secure, peaceful Iraq

by Dana Curcio

Editor

BEDFORD — Col. David Phillips has a dream of sending his family to Iraq — and showing them a democratic nation of people he calls friends.

“I look forward to going back there with my own family and introducing them to some of the Iraqi patriots — those Iraqis who are risking their lives over there,” the Army soldier said dur-

ing a press conference Sept. 8.

Phillips was the speaker for a Patriot Day event at Bedford Bearcat Stadium Sept. 8.

The 1976 graduate of Bedford High School said he does not regret going to Iraq, despite the amount of time spent away from wife, Dawn, and children Noelle, 23, Sarah, 22, and

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Dan, 17. He has been in Iraq off and on since 2002 and returned home six months ago. But he said he is ready to go back whenever he gets the call.

“I think as long as [the people of Iraq] are risking their lives, we have a role to play to support them,” Phillips said. “And I have never met an Iraqi who asked me to leave.”

Phillips said his primary mission in Iraq was training the new Iraqi police force. He said he always had more people volunteering than his unit was able to train at one time, even in April 2004, when more than 200 Iraqi police officers were killed by an insurgent attack. He said he even saw Iraqi women signing up, including 1,000 who are active officers.

“A majority of those people want to see their country succeed, and they want to make their life a little better for their children than what they had,” Phillips said.

While in Iraq, Phillips’ brigade was in charge of guarding high-value detainees, including the former president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein. Phillips said he was able to speak to him, but he could not reveal any of the conversation.

“Is Saddam Hussein our generation’s Adolph Hitler?” Phillips asked. “I would say so. When I met him, I felt that type of presence.”

Phillips said he felt his service in Iraq was his part in fighting against a global war

on terrorism, particularly after 40 of his men were killed in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

“It was just a normal morning,” said Phillips, who was director of security for the Army staff at the Pentagon at the time. “Most of us woke up, went to work and by 9:36 in the morning, 40 members of my organization were dead.”

During rescue operations, Phillips said he did not know what caused the wreckage in the Pentagon until later in the afternoon. He said the crash sounded like a propane explosion or a construction accident.

But soon afterward, he said, he and his colleagues knew they were a nation at war.

Phillips said when he realized that they couldn’t pull any more people from the wreckage, he and his men pulled back, and on his way out of the Pentagon, he saw an American flag lying on the ground.

“Although I did not come out with survivors, I came out with a set of our national colors,” Phillips said. “Those colors have since traveled around the world. I used those colors in Baghdad to re-enlist soldiers right in front of the presidential palace. And I made a promise to myself on 9/11 that wherever good things happened for soldiers, I will have those colors there.”

He said among all of the brave men and women he has fought with in his career, he looks up to his wife of 27 years



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Col. David Phillips speaks at a Patriot Day event Sept. 8 at Bedford Bearcat Stadium.

the most.

“My wife is my hero,” Phillips said.

Phillips said Dawn, also a BHS graduate, works as part of a grief support unit for wives whose husbands were killed or injured in combat. After the Army notification team gives the news to the woman, Dawn and a group of other Army wives comfort her until other family members can take over. The women will also stay in touch and give assistance to the widow. Phillips said this is one of the most difficult jobs, especially with Dawn “never knowing when she would get the phone call that any of us were injured.”

Phillips said Dawn also balances taking care of their three

children, finances and their household, which changes often due to frequent moving. But with all she took care of, Phillips said she would never complain when he would call home from Iraq.

“She would never tell me problems that any of the soldiers and their families were having in the rear,” Phillips said. “She would never tell me any of our family issues that were going on. Everything was always great because she wanted to keep a game face on for me.”

Phillips’ daughter Sarah said life was often hectic during moves — she went to 10 different schools in 12 years. She said in elementary school, it felt like an adventure, but as she got older, it became harder

to leave friends. Sarah said she remained active volunteering with Army programs and events.

“But it’s not anything I would ever change,” Sarah said. “I don’t know if it’s something I’d want to put my kids through, but for me personally it’s been the most rewarding lifestyle.”

Sarah’s sister, Noelle, served in the Middle East as a college intern to help set up recreation programs for the Marine Corp. and Navy. She was supposed to work for three months, but Phillips said Noelle enjoyed the work so much that she extended her stay by three months.

Phillips said most of the people in his Iraq unit aren’t much older than those at Bedford High School right now. He said 19 of 33 people in his platoon turned 21 while serving in Iraq.

Phillips said he told one soldier on his 21st birthday that he wishes they could be somewhere else to celebrate his big day. Phillips said the young man told him, “Sir, I wouldn’t want to be anyplace else. I’ll never forget this birthday.”

“That’s the type of young American men and women you have over there,” Phillips said.

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We are very honored that this year our featured speaker will be Col. David Phillips. Col. Phillips, formerly of Walton Hills, is a 1976 graduate of Bedford High School and a 2003 inductee into the Bedford High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. He was Director of Security for the Department of the Army Headquarters at the Pentagon when it was attacked on September 11, 2001. After the attack, in which 40 members of his staff were killed, Col. Phillips was instrumental in recovery operations. He recently returned from a yearlong tour of duty in Iraq where he commanded the 89th Military Police Brigade. The Brigade's 3,500 military police trained 6,000 new Iraqi police officers, worked side-by-side with them against terrorist attacks, and guarded 3,800 members of the Iranian Terrorist Organization, the Mujahedin e-Khalq (MeK). They also guarded "high value detainees" including High Value Detainee #1, former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein himself. Col. Phillips is now Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CIC) based at Ft. Belvoir, Va. The CIC is responsible for investigating all felony crimes for the U.S. Army worldwide.

'In the presence of evil'

Bedford grad's unit was assigned to guard Saddam

By **MIKE LESKO**
Staff Writer

U.S. Army Col. David Phillips' soldiers guarded former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

"Initially, it was very daunting," the 1976 Bedford High School graduate said. "We had this generation's Adolph Hitler. The first time you met him, you felt like you were in the presence of evil. After that, he was nothing but a man.

"We had many of his senior leaders," he said. "My brigade was responsible for (guarding)

everyone on the infamous deck of cards."

Phillips, formerly of Walton Hills, will be the main speaker at tonight's Patriot Day program in observance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, at 7 o'clock at Bedford High School's Bearcat Stadium, 481 Northfield Road, Bedford.

Phillips was commander of the 89th military police brigade's 3,600 members and helped train Iraq's police force.

After his three-year term ended in June, he was assigned to Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he is deputy commander of the Army's criminal investigation command. It is responsible for

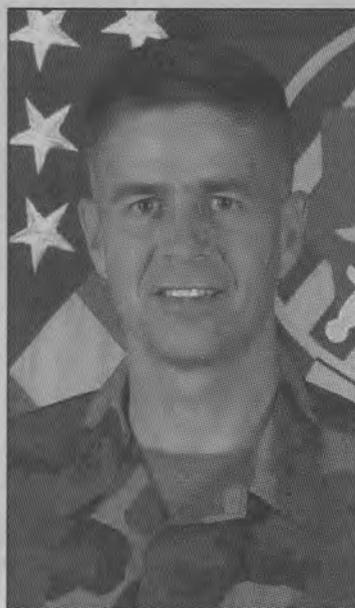
investigating all felony crimes for the Army worldwide.

In Iraq, his group's mission was to rebuild, train and equip the Iraqi police force and reconstruct many of the country's police stations. Under his leadership, more than 6,000 new police officers graduated from the country's national police academy.

Phillips said it was difficult at first because Iraqis were not raised in a democratic society.

"Bribery and corruption was a way of life," he said. "If you were a victim and you reported a crime in the former regime, they locked you up in the same

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U.S. Army Col. David Phillips

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jail cell with the suspect," he said.

"But we never had a shortage of people wanting to join the Iraqi security and police forces," he said. "At one time, we had more than 1,000 who had to wait because of the size of our facility.

"We took a mother and daughter and trained them as the first two female Iraqi police officers," he said. "The next class had six women, then 24. By the time I left, one-third of the classes were made up of females.

"Early on, we went to the local sheiks and solicited their support to do this," he said. "Otherwise, they wouldn't go along with it. We had to get the tribal leaders to say this was all right because this is still a male dominated society.

"We had to build a rapport with them," he said. "We gained their trust. They saw that we were sincere. When we lost Iraqi police officers, it caused me grief."

He said it was crucial to have women on board.

"Under Muslim traditions, you would not see a male searching a female," he said. "Whenever we had raids and arrested people, we needed females there. We also had instances where men dressed as women."

Phillips said there are many Iraqis who want to make a difference — "especially young females who want to get out of the house, earn some money for their families and make their lives a little bit better."

"I had numerous young translators who went to school under the former regime and learned English, then we hired them," he said. "They were just so happy to try to make a difference."

Phillips said some of his closest Iraqi friends were assassinated because of their relationship with the Army.

One Iraqi police leader who he stays in touch with survived but was badly wounded, while the man's driver was killed.

"In insurgency, you have people who want to cling to

power," he said. "They're afraid of losing it in a democratic society. Most Iraqis are really good people. When they get to know you, you become a friend for life."

While Phillips said media reports are accurate, he wishes more of the positive stories

were told.

"I brag about the good things that the Iraqi police do," he said. "People in the Cleveland area would enjoy seeing what we are trying to do with them."

Phillips said it was hard for him to leave.

"We didn't feel we finished

our mission," he said. "But I was blessed to be able to make life a little better for the people over there. I believe we were really making a difference for their people. I hope to go back with my wife and show her Iraq."

THISWEEK

TODAY: Bedford Schools' Patriot Day program features Col. David Phillips, a 1976 Bedford High School graduate and Iraq war veteran who was director of security for the Department of Army Headquarters on Sept. 11. Free. Bedford's Bearcat Stadium, 481 Northfield Road. (440) 439-4520. 7 p.m.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005
7 P.M.**

Guest speaker: Col. David Phillips

Col. Phillips was Director of Security for the U.S. Army Headquarters at the Pentagon when it was attacked on September 11, 2001. He recently returned from Iraq where he commanded the 89th Military Police Brigade, which trained the Iraqi police force and guarded "high value" prisoners, including Saddam Hussein. Col. Phillips is a former Walton Hills resident, a 1976 graduate of Bedford High School, and a 2003 inductee into the BHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

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In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the Bedford High School Gymnasium.

Rift divides Walton Hills

Controversy swirls in Village Council race over candidates nights

By **MIKE LESKO**
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Wayne Benos, president of Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber canceled a Walton Hills candidates night because the group's involvement became a political issue.

"Some have apparently suggested that the chamber's involvement is a political move by one group against another

group," Benos wrote in a letter to the candidates. "Anecdotal 'evidence' has been presented as proof.

"But the sad fact remains that in many situations, perception can be as real as fact, even if the perception is false," Benos wrote. "The chamber's involvement may give the appearance of partiality, even when none exists."

Benos stressed that the decision to cancel the Nov. 2 cham-

ber candidates forum was made solely by chamber officials.

Bob Romanowski, a trustee with the Walton Hills Citizens League, believes it may involve Mayor Marlene Anielski's alleged dislike for the citizens league.

"It would have looked like partisan politics," Romanowski said. "The citizens league advertised (the chamber event) and sent out letters. The mayor knew this was coming up. The

chamber (officials) saw themselves put in the middle of a situation they didn't want to be part of."

Candidates night

Anielski did not attend a citizens league candidates night Oct. 12. Neither did the council candidates who supposedly have the mayor's backing — Denny Linville, Leslie Sheeler, Brian Spitznagel and Madeline Timm.

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Only the council candidates not backed by the mayor attended, including three incumbents — council President David Knapp, and councilpersons William Allen and Jackie Vlk-Maire — and two other candidates, former councilman Patrick Day and newcomer Robert Russell.

Anielski was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Spitznagel said he pulled out of the citizens league forum after he received the letter that Benos sent to all the candidates.

Benos had told Spitznagel that he received several calls from citizens league representa-

tives telling him that Walton Hills doesn't need two candidates forums, Spitznagel said.

"Basically, they (chamber officials) were made to feel that they weren't welcome in Walton Hills," Spitznagel said. "Since the chamber doesn't want to get into any political hassles of any kind, they canceled."

'Brow-beat'

Spitznagel said since citizens league members allegedly tried to "brow-beat" the chamber into canceling, he didn't participate in the citizens league event.

Linville said he did not attend the citizens league event because he committed to attending an Italian American Brotherhood dinner with Sam Fazio, a "good friend" with whom he previously canceled another dinner engagement.

Linville said his friendship with Fazio was more important than winning an election. He also referred to the "boorish behavior" of citizens league members who discouraged Benos from holding the chamber event.

Sheeler said he did not plan to go to the citizens league event because "it is a biased organization," adding, "We were going to have a more above-board debate with the chamber because it is neutral."

Timm said she could not be at the citizens league night because she attended the monthly St. Mary Church guild meeting, which she said she has been doing for "30-some years."

'Lack of caring'

Romanowski, though, believes the absence of the mayor

and her candidates "displayed a lack of caring and respect for the residents."

"The citizens league isn't out to get anybody," Romanowski said. "We put on a very professional, non-partisan, respectful forum."

Adeline Sakian, citizens league treasurer, said, "When we invited the mayor and the council candidates (supported

by Anielski), they all had excuses. We planned this for quite some time."

Perhaps a workable solution — one that appears a long way off — was offered by Romanowski, who said, "I just wish the citizens league could have worked in concert with the chamber."

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COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sharing Good Food and Conversation with Friends and Neighbors
Sponsored by the Women's Club Sunday, November 13th





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On a sunny, warm October Day,
17 villagers spent the day
in Bedford Reservation,
touring historic sites and
enjoying the scenery.
A Bedford school bus took
the group to 8 locations
in the park.

The HEAR! HERE! tour was
organized and conducted by
Jean and Bob Kainsinger,
who volunteered their time.

Not pictured is the
photographer, Jack Ulman.

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SCHOOL NEWS

St. Monica's School will hold their annual auction on November 5th at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and include all you can eat canapés and 2 drink tickets. All proceeds from the auction go to support the school. Everyone is invited to attend. Call the school for tickets.

Children and families at our area schools report having great times at their Halloween Parties.

BEREAVEMENTS

- Our deepest sympathy to LEO HOLMBERG of Egbert Road on the passing of his wife LINDA, 56 years old. LINDA HOLMBERG was a dear friend to many villagers. She was an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Women's Exercise Group. She enjoyed creating flower and herb gardens and sharing her plantings and knowledge with fellow Bedford Garden Club and Nordon Hills Garden Club members. LINDA organized and led 5 and 6 mile hikes throughout our area for her hiker friends in the Cleveland Hiking Club.

- Our sincere condolences to BILL MARSHALL of Rashell Drive on the passing of AUDREY, his wife of 52 years. Our sympathy also to their children, CYNTHIA and RICHARD SCHRECKENGOST of Louisville OH, LYNN RAVIDA of Solon, and BILL Jr. and MARY ANN MARSHALL of Garfield Heights, and to the six grandchildren who were AUDREY'S special people. AUDREY worked at a Southgate floral shop for many years as a floral arranger, and in retirement she still enjoyed creating flower arrangements.

- We extend our sincere sympathy to JERRY SCOTT of Ceile Circle on the passing of his wife SALLY, 41 years old. SALLY died on the eve of their fourth wedding anniversary. Our condolences also to SALLY's stepson and his wife, JERRY and CRISSY DOZIER.

THANK YOU

I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation to everyone in the Walton Hills Women's Club, the Lutheran Church of the Master and the Village Hall for the wonderful reception following my wife LINDA'S funeral service. I appreciate all the work that was done, and will always remember your kindness.

Sincerely, LEO HOLMBERG

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- PHIL and JUDY WARD of Laurel Drive
- RONALD and MARY ROCH of Rashell Drive
- Walton Hills Nursery School
- Walton Hills Women's Club

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Jean Kainsinger sparkles as a Walton Hills jewel

Jean Kainsinger of Walton Hills spent part of her life focusing on scholarships for others.

There is a good reason.

"When I graduated from John Adams High School, I was given a full scholarship to Ohio University," she said. "So I've always been thankful. That scholarship opened many doors for me."

Kainsinger was selected as the 2005 citizen of the year by the Walton Hills Citizens League.

She earned an undergraduate degree at Ohio U. and a masters degree at Kent State University.

For 33½ years, she was a teacher, mostly in Bedford Schools, where she organized, managed and taught in the schools' gifted program. She



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also taught in the Cleveland and Maple Heights schools and at Kent State.

She was a volunteer, assistant teacher and president of the Walton Hills Nursery School.

Much of her efforts to support scholarships benefited Ohio University in Athens. She started the "sibs" weekend there in 1968.

"We bused young siblings from Greater Cleveland to Ohio U., which hosted the students to raise funds for scholarships for Ohio U. freshmen," she said.

Kainsinger is active in the Greater Cleveland Chapter of Ohio University alumni. She was on the university's national alumni board.

She manages the Ruth Fowler Brown endowment scholarship fund for tuition for Ohio U. undergraduate students.

In addition, she organized and managed a scholarship fund for a Nordonia chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons for a Nordonia High School senior.

In past years, she was on the Walton Hills Women's Club scholarship committee. She was also chairperson of a 4-H Club scholarship committee.

Her scholarship, of course, led to her career as a teacher.

"I believe teachers should live in the community where they teach," she said. "By doing that, a teacher gains an understanding of the children and their parents. A teacher is one of them. Camaraderie and respect develop between the teacher and the family."

Volunteering has also been essential to her.

"By volunteering, I get back a lot more than I give," she said.

She said not everyone can be

a volunteer: "Some people have too many family obligations, financial burdens or time restraints. But if you have the time, it is a privilege."

Kainsinger and husband Bob, a former Walton Hills councilman, are co-editors of *The Owl*, a monthly publication with information about the village.

They co-wrote a book entitled, "Tracing Our Heritage — the Village of Walton Hills."

Today, she is chairperson of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center at Village Hall.

"Recently, we were handed the first draft of the first ordinances of Walton Hills," she said.

Jean Kainsinger, who is always active in something, continues to be a jewel in the community.

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Getting to Know You



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Holly Koester completes one of the 51 marathons she has participated in. Her goal is to complete at least 32 more, to give her one marathon in all 50 states.

Local resident wheels way across the country

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Former U.S. Army Lieutenant Holly Koester is on a mission — to become a member of an elite organization that has less than 1,000 members across the United States.

The 45-year-old Walton Hills resident, who has been confined to a wheelchair since 1990, wants to compete in 50 marathons in 50 states to become a member of the 50 Stater Club.

Koester has 32 races to go.

"I've done 51 marathons, but I've only [competed] in 18 states," Koester said.

Koester has lived in the village for seven years. She joined the military in 1981 when she was commissioned right out of college as a second lieutenant.

"I have a twin sister also in the military," Koester said. "We went through ROTC at Fredonia College State University in New

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Koester

York."

Her twin sister, Joy, is a colonel. She also has another sister, K.C., and brothers Neil Jr. and Keith.

She said she and Joy signed up for ROTC because it "started out being an easy 'A.'"

"We ended up getting two-year scholarships," Koester said. "I talked Joy into joining. She really didn't want to. We both ended up being lifers."

Tragedy struck in 1990 when her car flipped over at an Alabama Army base and severed her spinal cord, the injury that put her in a wheelchair.

She said she moved to the Cleveland area because the Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital was one of two hospitals in the nation dealing with spinal cord injuries. Koester said while at the hospital, she was encouraged to take part in the National Veterans Wheelchair games.

She said she began competing in the games in 1991.

"I learned so much," she said. "There were vets from all over the state. You find out you are not the only one in a wheelchair."

Koester said she began racing in 1995 using her standard four-wheeled chair but was told by other racers that she could cut her time in half by getting a "racing chair."

Koester estimates she can reach her goal of 50 states in five years.

She said competing in marathons has allowed her to see places she would not have seen under normal circumstances.

"I was so glad I did the Mardi Gras Marathon in February," Koester said.

She said people tried to discourage her from competing in New Orleans because of the cobblestone streets, but she was not deterred.

"I did end up blowing a tire at about the 18-mile mark," Koester said. "I ended up finishing in the Superdome. It was just an awesome experience, and I thank goodness I was able to do that before Katrina hit."

Koester is the sports director for the Buckeye Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and a member of their racing team. She also is a substitute teacher for Berea and Parma school districts, an air rifle competitor and best friends with her service dog, Spokes, a 5-year-old black Labrador retriever.

"I take her every where I go," Koester said. "She went with me to Disney World and rode on a couple of rides."

Koester said Spokes even helps with the shopping.

Koester said she leaves the grocery cart parked at the end of an aisle as she puts items into her lap.

"I give her a box of cereal or a can of soup," Koester said. "She carries it down the aisle."

Koester said through her injury she tries to stress to others that there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome.

"There is always a way to get around it," Koester said. "Sometimes [they can] go over, sometimes under and sometimes through it. I've overcome my challenges and they need to find a way to overcome them, too."

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By E Daniel Somrack



OHIO'S KING of the HILL

Ten years ago, Ed Dooner Jr. offered up \$25,000 cash to the hunter whose buck had main beams longer than those worn by his father's dusty trophy. In addition, the challenger would have to score as well or better with fewer points.

The "National Whitetail Deer Competition" attracted many giant specimens during the four-month call, but none could beat Ed Sr.'s 11-pointer from Geauga County, Ohio. Nobody heard the chi-ching; the money remained in the bank. And the elder Dooner's wide 5x6, aptly named the "King of the Hill,"

remained just that.

The scores to beat were daunting: a right main beam measuring 33 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, the left registering 32 $\frac{1}{8}$, and a gross score of nearly 200 inches — practically unheard of from a rack with only 11 scoreable points.

Nearly five decades have passed since Ed Dooner collected his trophy. Both the mounted buck's cape and Ed's own hair have lost much of their original color, but the now 81-year-old hunter's smile remains as bright as it was back in 1956. He might not hunt deer anymore, but he never tires of looking at the King.

Ed's date with destiny began during a rabbit hunt near the LaDue Reservoir. That's when he first heard the rumor that captured his imagination.

Acting on tips from the local Amish farmers, Ed set out to shoot something much bigger than a rabbit. His friends tried to dissuade him. How could anything be as fun as hunting cottontails in front of a pack of beagles? But even though he'd never laid eyes on the legendary whitetail, Ed had been bewitched.

"Farmers told me about a tremendous buck that bedded in the heavy underbrush along the Cuyahoga River," he said. "They called it the 'King of the Hill' because, in the evenings, they could see the moonlight shining off its enormous rack."

Ed was mesmerized by the farmers' tales. And though deer hunters were as scarce as the whitetails back then, he decided to buy a license.

The first two days of the short gun season, Ed saw nothing. But around 1:00 on the last day, he saw the phantom buck that had set tongues wagging.

"I was standing silent against the howling wind and freezing rain, when I heard the loud report of a

shotgun in the distance," he said. "I looked across the field into the timber where the shot originated, and then suddenly, like a mirage, this gigantic buck sprang up from the underbrush.

"My only hope for a clean shot was for the deer to move in my direction," Ed continued. "After standing motionless for a few minutes, the buck suddenly turned and began to charge upriver toward my stand. Shivering against the cold, I lifted my 12-gauge, J.C. Higgins shotgun and aimed for the shoulder. When the buck came within 30 yards, I slowly squeezed the trigger."

While the shot was still echoing across the field, the buck danced in a circle for a few moments and then collapsed.

"Thank God it fell after my first shot," Ed smiled. "My hands were so cold, I'm not sure I could have loaded another slug and fired again."

Although he knew the buck was a whopper, Ed had no clue that it would generate so much attention.

"I didn't know anything about trophy bucks," he said. "I was just a hunter ... The next thing I knew, the buck was in the record book and on display at the Cleveland Sportsman Show!"

For a while, Ed's buck hung inside a New York museum, where it was touted as the cream of the crop from the late 1950s. It now resides in the "Dooner Museum" in Walton Hills, Ohio — enclosed in glass, a yardstick resting across the nearly 29-inch (widest) spread.

The impressive Typical was scored for the BTR in January 2004. Not only did it sail into yet another record book, but the final tally was also high enough to make this magazine — no small feat, as many disappointed hunters will attest. ♦

| BTR SCORESHEET | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------|
| TAKEN BY: EDWARD DOONER | | |
| DATE: 12/14/56 | | |
| PLACE: GEAUGA CO., OH | | |
| HARVESTED WITH: SHOTGUN | | |
| ANTLER CLASSIFICATION: TYPICAL | | |
| SCORER(S): DEAN J. CHARVAT | | |
| TROPHY MEASUREMENT DATA | | |
| | RIGHT | LEFT |
| TOTAL POINTS PER ANTLER | 5 | 6 |
| NO. OF IRREGULAR POINTS | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL IRREGULAR INCHES | 2 7/8 | 3 4/8 |
| LENGTH OF MAIN BEAMS | 38 2/8 | 32 5/8 |
| LENGTH OF 1ST POINT | 6 7/8 | 6 2/8 |
| LENGTH OF 2ND POINT | 11 7/8 | 8 6/8 |
| LENGTH OF 3RD POINT | 9 | 12 2/8 |
| LENGTH OF 4TH POINT | | 9 |
| LENGTH OF 5TH POINT | - | - |
| LENGTH OF 6TH POINT | - | - |
| LENGTH OF 7TH POINT | - | - |
| 1ST CIRCUMFERENCE (C1) | 5 1/8 | 5 1/8 |
| 2ND CIRCUMFERENCE (C2) | 4 5/8 | 4 5/8 |
| 3RD CIRCUMFERENCE (C3) | 5 1/8 | 5 5/8 |
| 4TH CIRCUMFERENCE (C4) | 4 2/8 | 3 6/8 |
| SCORE PER SIDE | 85 | 91 4/8 |
| INSIDE SPREAD | 24 3/8 | |
| PERCENTAGE OF IRREGULARITY | 3.6 | |
| OFFICIAL SCORE | 174 4/8 | |
| COMPOSITE SCORE | 198 7/8 | |
| | <small>(INCLUDES INSIDE SPREAD)</small> | |




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The King of the Hill was everything the Amish promised Ed Dooner. Even after nearly 50 years, the smile hasn't left the Ohio hunter's face.

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

- TINA POSEY and MELANIE FALLS
16240 Ceile Circle
- FRED and MARCELLA DROTLEFF
7857 Walton Road

ED DOONER: RECORD SETTING DEER HUNTER

Since 1956, avid veteran big-game hunter ED DOONER of Carmany Drive, holds the Ohio Whitetail Deer Competition record for the buck he downed in Geauga County, in open farmland adjacent to a wooded area near the river and Route 422. His Buckmaster Score Sheet listed an official score of 174 4/8 and composite score of 198 7/8. On a freezing cold December day, he downed the 320-pound trophy white-tailed buck with his J. C. Higgins 12-gauge shot gun. He calls the deer "King of the Hill."

No longer able to hunt, DOONER is proud that no Ohio hunter has yet to top his record. DOONER states, "85 million white-tailed deer have been harvested in the United States. This buck ranks in the top 5 ever downed in our country."

The mounted head of DOONER'S buck was on loan and displayed for a time at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and also at the Museum of Natural History in New York City, next to an elephant shot by Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. Now it is in a glass showcase in his trophy room at home, next to his mounted black bear that stands, ready to strike.

ED and DOROTHY DOONER moved into the village in 1981. DOROTHY DOONER has cooked her share of deer meat over the years, preferring to use the meat ground-up for meat loaves, hamburgers and chili.

DOONER 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--his son, ED Junior.

HOLLY KOESTER: PHYSICALLY LIMITED but not HANDICAPPED

HOLLY KOESTER of Dunham Road was featured in a recent article in the *Bedford Times-Register*. Since the article appeared in the paper, HOLLY has returned from Georgia, where she competed in her 19th National Veterans Wheelchair Marathon.

Retired-Disabled Captain KOESTER was a career officer in the United States Army, serving ten years until a severed spinal cord injury forced her into early retirement in October 1991. The accident occurred in August of that year when her car flipped over at an Alabama Army base. KOESTER moved to Cleveland because the Louis Stokes V. A. Medical Centers on Wade Park Blvd. and in Brecksville both specialized in spinal cord injuries. A ROTC student at Fredonia College State University, KOESTER was commissioned a second lieutenant right out of college, in 1981.

Seven years ago, HOLLY got the word that she was able to leave the hospital and live off campus. Her friend Staff Sergeant C. J. BARNES, who at the time was a police officer at the V.A. Center, offered to share a house with HOLLY. They looked for a place to live near the medical centers and close to the CVNP towpath where HOLLY could exercise outdoors. The two women chose a house in Walton Hills.

C.J. is a Security Officer for a private company. Among her other endeavors, HOLLY is a Kindergarten-Grade 8 substitute teacher for the Parma and Berea schools. When HOLLY goes to school, so does her service dog SPOKES, a 5 ½ year old black Lab.



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HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



LEO and BEVERLY SIRNA, long time residents on Kydan Drive, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, renewing their vows at St. Mary's Church

in Bedford on October 22nd. Afterwards, family and friends celebrated the event at Sirna's Café on Broadway in Bedford, at a party hosted by their four children, CRAIG and ANNIE SIRNA of Auburn, MIKE SIRNA of Walton Hills, LORIE SIRNA of Medina and DENNIS and KATHY SIRNA-BERGANSKY of Auburn. The SIRNAS have nine grandchildren, ANTHONY, KRISTEN, AMANDA, JOEY, KAITLYN, NICHOLAS, MICHAEL, DENNIS and SAMANTHA.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to ADOLPH LOWIEC of North Meadowpark Drive, on the passing of his wife RUTH. Also to RUTH and ADOLPH'S son and his wife, GERARD and VICTORIA LOWIEC of Parma, and their two sons. The LOWIECS moved into the village in 1963. RUTH had been an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, but for the past several years health problems limited her activities.

ADOLPH LOWIEC extends his gratitude to the Walton Hills Police Department for their escort service on the day of RUTH'S funeral.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of NICK MACZKO of Tulip Lane. UNCLE NICK lived next door to MARIJO and STEVE HOCEVAR and their children, RENEE, DINA and ALEX. NICK was an integral part of their family, and even took the three children to dinner a few hours before his sudden, unexpected passing. NICK was an active member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and Knights of Columbus Council 733, where twice he served as Grand Knight. When NICK retired from the Cleveland Police Department, he was the Chief Radio Dispatcher.

VILLAGE YOUTH in ACTION

Boy Scout Troop 575 thanks all residents who bought popcorn from them. Profits from their popcorn sale will fully fund Summer Camp Expeditions for many of the boys in the troop.

MATT STANOSZEK of Regency Drive made first honor roll at Trinity High School. He also earned his letter in Golf.

St. Monica's 4th-8th grade students will perform in a Christmas Concert December 20th. For their Advent service project, all students in the school are collecting supplies for our troops in Iraq.

ALEX PTAK of Alexander Road and LIVIA RAULINAITIS of Walton Road placed first in the Silver Division for St. Michael's Volleyball Team, with a record of 7-1. St. Michael's School will have a Breakfast in Bethlehem on Sunday, December 18, with 9 and 11 AM seatings. The event will feature a craft, story time, bake sale and pancakes and sausage for breakfast. Call LORI WARYK for tickets.

Boston Mills / Brandywine Ski / Snowboard Club is forming a Sunday evening ski lessons class for students and their families. The 5-lesson class begins in January and continues with free passes through the winter. Call LORI WARYK for additional details or to sign up.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- ROGER FUHRMEYER, Dunham Road
- WILMA and ALEX TOTH of Macedonia
- JACKIE VLK-MAIRE, Alexander Road
- DON KOLOGRAF, Colonial Court
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- MADELINE TIMM, Kral Drive

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Around Us

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Walton Hills audio tour of Bedford Reservation set

Walton Hills residents are invited for a special tour of the Bedford Reservation narrated by resident historian Jean Kainsinger on Oct. 3 and 4. The Oct. 3 trip is for those who are able to get in and out of the van frequently and walk close to the sites, and the Oct. 4 trip is for those who would like to enjoy the sites from inside the van. Departure time is 9:15 a.m. from the Walton Hills Village Hall. The van will stop for lunch after the tour. The tour is free, but have \$10 for lunch. Call Lisa or Carol at 440-786-2964 to sign up or to obtain more details.



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A STROLL in the PARK

On a sunny, warm October Day, 17 villagers spent the day in Bedford Reservation, touring historic sites and enjoying the scenery. A Bedford school bus took the group to 8 locations in the park.

The HEAR! HERE! tour was organized and conducted by Jean and Bob Kainsinger, who volunteered their time.

Not pictured is the photographer, Jack Ulman.



SUN PHOTOS BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with Katie Kessler, 3, left, and Jenna Vale, 2½, earlier this month in Walton Hills. Strange, but Mrs. Claus looks a lot like village Councilwoman-elect Madeline Timm.

Walton Hills welcomes all home for the holidays



Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski, right, read Christmas riddles to children gathered for the arrival of Santa Claus earlier this month at Village Hall. Paige Hojdar and her daughter Christine, above left, enjoy waiting for Santa's arrival, while Dylan Berger, 6, below left, listens attentively to the mayor.



Bedford Sun Banner

A bigger hit projected

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State report says schools would lose \$5.8 million if Walton Hills exits

By MIKE LESKO
Staff Writer

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BEDFORD — Bedford Schools would lose almost \$2 million more than previously anticipated if Walton Hills left the district, according to a new report from the Ohio Department of Education.

The O.D.E. projected the loss at about \$5.8 million a year. A

year ago, Bedford school officials estimated the potential annual loss at just under \$4 million.

“The results of the projection demonstrate even more strongly that if Walton Hills left, it would devastate the 3,800 students who attend school here every day,” Superintendent Martha Motsco said.

Motsco said the loss could

not be made up “without significantly impacting our schools in a negative way.”

“It would mean drastically cutting programs and services for the students in the other three communities,” she said.

The district serves Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Walton Hills.

Walton Hills leaders want to see the village move to Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools.

“If Walton Hills is permitted to leave, that would really put the district in dire straits,” School Board President Joe Mestnik said.

“We can’t afford to lose \$5.8 million,” Mestnik said. “That’s asking everybody to raise their taxes again substantially. We’d have to go to the voters again. And if they turned that down, where do we go from there?”

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Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski did not return phone calls Tuesday to the *Bedford Sun Banner*.

The final decision rests in the hands of the Ohio Board of Education, which requested the new report.

It was compiled by representatives of the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Cuyahoga County auditor’s office, said

Margaret Bierman, Bedford schools communications coordinator.

“This report confirms what we’ve already been saying,” Mestnik said.

“I cannot imagine the Ohio school board, in all its wisdom, would do something like that

(allowing Walton Hills to leave),” Mestnik said. “It makes no sense. They’re trying to figure out how to finance school districts.”

Mestnik said if the state board approved the move, it would open up a Pandora’s box for all school districts in Ohio.

“Does it mean any community could pull out of a school district?” Mestnik said. “That’s the precedent that would be set.”

The report was given to attorneys representing the Bedford schools and Walton Hills. Both can respond by the end of February to hearing officer Kevin Byers, an attorney.

After that, both sides will again make presentations to Byers in April in Columbus. A similar session was held in 2004.

Byers will make a final recommendation to the state board, which will eventually come up with a final ruling.

“The Ohio Board of Education has traditionally opposed this kind of transfer, particularly one that has this type of impact,” Motsco said.

“Whenever I discuss the Walton Hills issue, I say we want Walton Hills to stay,” Motsco said. “We hope they would be willing to work with us to make our district even stronger.”

Walton Hills Women's Club celebrating 55 years

by Christine Pfister
Reporter

and work for what we lack." In the '70s the motto was changed to "Pleasant Associations — Loyal Service."

There also have been some small changes in the club's focus.

"We became aware that we needed to help others," said Gulajski.

Initially the group focused on improvements to Village Hall, but since the motto change, the club has also been directing attention to Brendan Manor and the Hattie Lartham Foundation.

The purpose of the club is to promote friendship and render service. The members of the club still meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month from September to May, and all the women in Walton Hills are welcome to join.

The club serves the community through annual scholarships, welcoming new residents, Thanksgiving baskets and donations to local organizations. The club's Community Day is an annual event where the club sells raffle tickets and has a bake sale to raise money for scholarships.

"It's a lot like a festival," said Mary Ann Cook, club president. "All of the organizations in the village come to raise money for their particular cause."

The club has awarded \$50,000 to promising young students over the years, club members said. The women are also proud of their post-funeral luncheons, which include cooking, set-up and clean-up.

WALTON HILLS — More than 50 years after conducting its first meeting with three members, the Walton Hills Women's Club recently celebrated a milestone anniversary with more than 100 in attendance.

Although the group's 55th anniversary is not until August, the club celebrated it this spring for convenience. All members were recognized for their service to the club with a birthday cake and a toast to an original poem by club member Virginia Barber.

A quilt, designed to chronicle the history of the village, was a highlight of the celebration. In 1976 club members donated it to the Bedford Historical Society.

"We borrowed [the quilt] back for the meeting," said club historian Jackie Gulajski. "A few of the original women who worked on the quilt were able to talk about it."

A commemorative table cloth was also available for members to sign.

"The current members and old members have signed the cloth. It's interesting to see all the signatures together," said Gulajski.

During the celebration, three longtime members spoke of their memories of the club, and a slideshow displayed images from "the good old days."

"We had picture books and memory books from when [the club] began," added Gulajski.

The original motto of the club was, "Enjoy what we have



At left, from left, Jan Kato, Hilda Horwath, Jean Turner and Mattie Timm raise their glasses for a toast at the Walton Hills Women's Club 55th anniversary party in March.

The Walton Hills Women's Club enjoyed a slideshow with old photos at their recent 55th anniversary celebration, including the one below of the group's executive board of 1963.



Photos courtesy of Walton Hills Women's Club

"[The family] doesn't have to do anything," said Gulajski.

"The most important thing is the funeral services," said Cook. "It's the most rewarding and appreciated by people. For me, it's the highlight."

Though the funeral services are an aspect that have

remained constant, Gulajski has noted several significant changes in the past 50 years.

"In the 50's, the women never had first names," said Gulajski, who has spent hours looking at old, labeled pictures. "Women now have an identity."

Another difference Gulajski

noted when looking at old club photos was women's attire.

"We don't wear our hats and dress up to go shopping," said Gulajski. "I remember doing that, and it's a big change. Women have come so far."

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SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Gina Lonardo holds two of her cover drawings for the *Walton Hills Owl* including the one, right, that celebrated the monthly publication's 50th anniversary.

Teen's drawings give 'Owl' wings

By Mike Lesko
Staff Writer

The owl flew majestically with its wings spread, carrying a copy of the *Walton Hills Owl* monthly publication to a mail box.

It was one of the creations of Gina Lonardo, who has been drawing the covers since last September. She said the owl in flight is one of her favorites.

"It was really detailed," said the Walton Hills resident, 18, who is in her freshman year at Kent State University.

Lonardo had worked in the village recreation department's day camp the last two summers where she handled the arts and crafts programs.

Recreation Director Lisa Gagliano

asked her if she could think of any ideas for the cover that celebrated the Walton Hills Community Days festival.

"I drew a couple sketches," she said. "Lisa liked them."

So did Jean and Bob Kainsinger, editors of the *Owl*, which publishes items of interest in the village.

"Gina submitted a few sketches and asked if she would be allowed to do the covers," Jean Kainsinger said. "We're so glad to share her talents."

Lonardo, who received scholarships from the Walton Hills men's and women's clubs last spring, said she and her parents, Paul and Judy, see this as a way for her to give something back to the village.

She has been interested in drawing and painting as long as she can remember. Part of her influence comes from her mother, who also is interested in art.

"Her favorites are southwestern scenes with cactuses," Lonardo said. "I drew a couple for her as presents."

In addition to her parents, she has two older brothers, Paul and Angelo.

Lonardo took art classes at Trinity High School. At Kent, she is majoring in journalism and intends to minor in art. She hopes to write and illustrate children's books someday.

She said the hardest part is thinking of the initial idea — "what to draw and how to plan it out."

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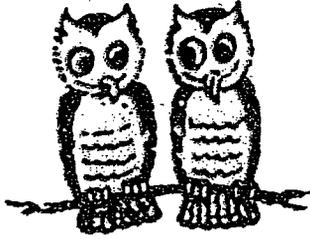
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She said the Kainsingers and her friends help her out with ideas for *Owl* covers, which she draws in pencil, then goes over in ink. Her fa-

vorite medium is water colors.

"When I'm finished drawing, I feel like I've accomplished something," she said.

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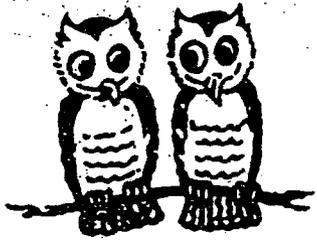
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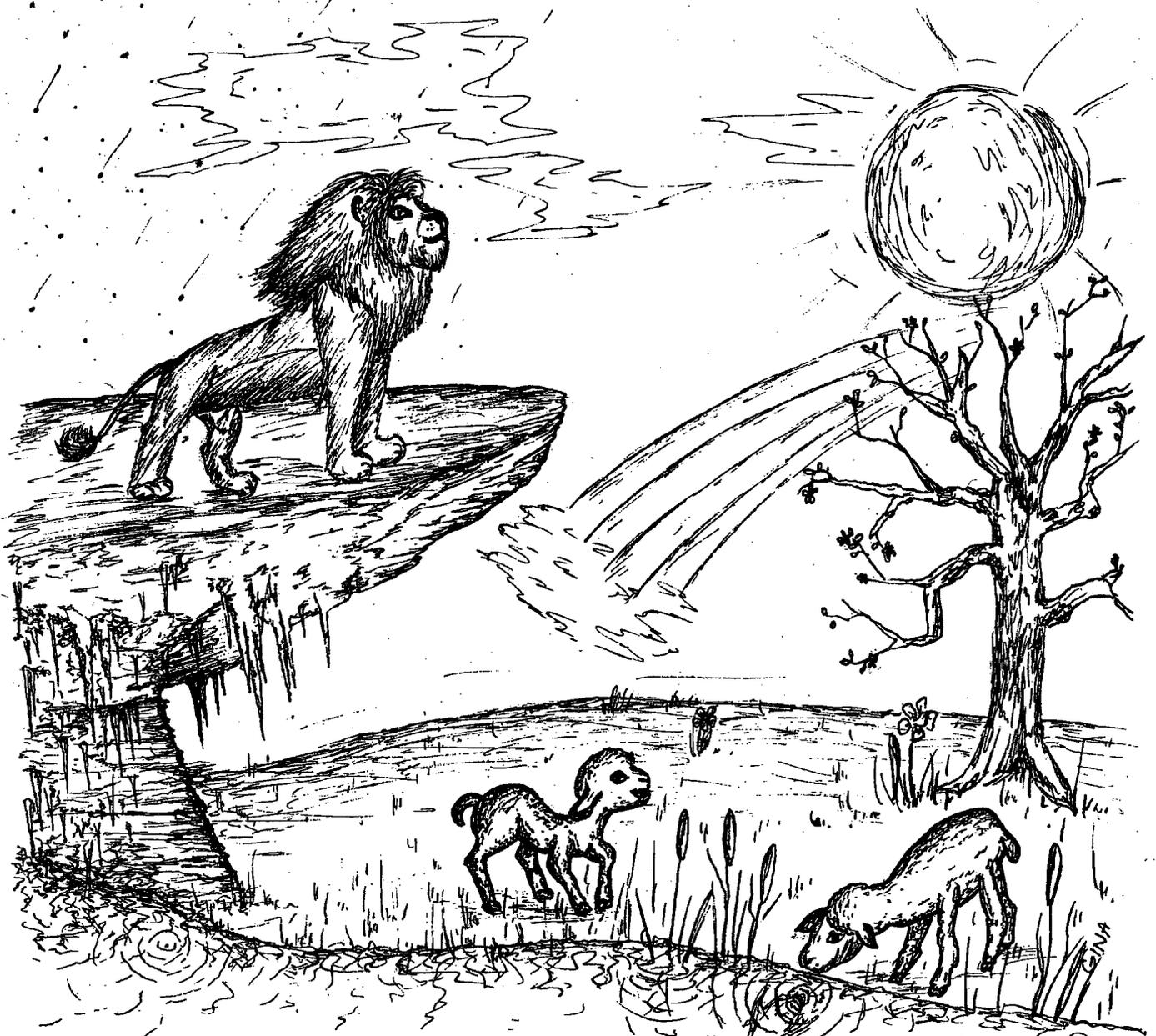
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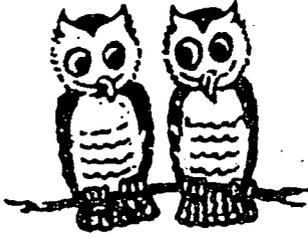
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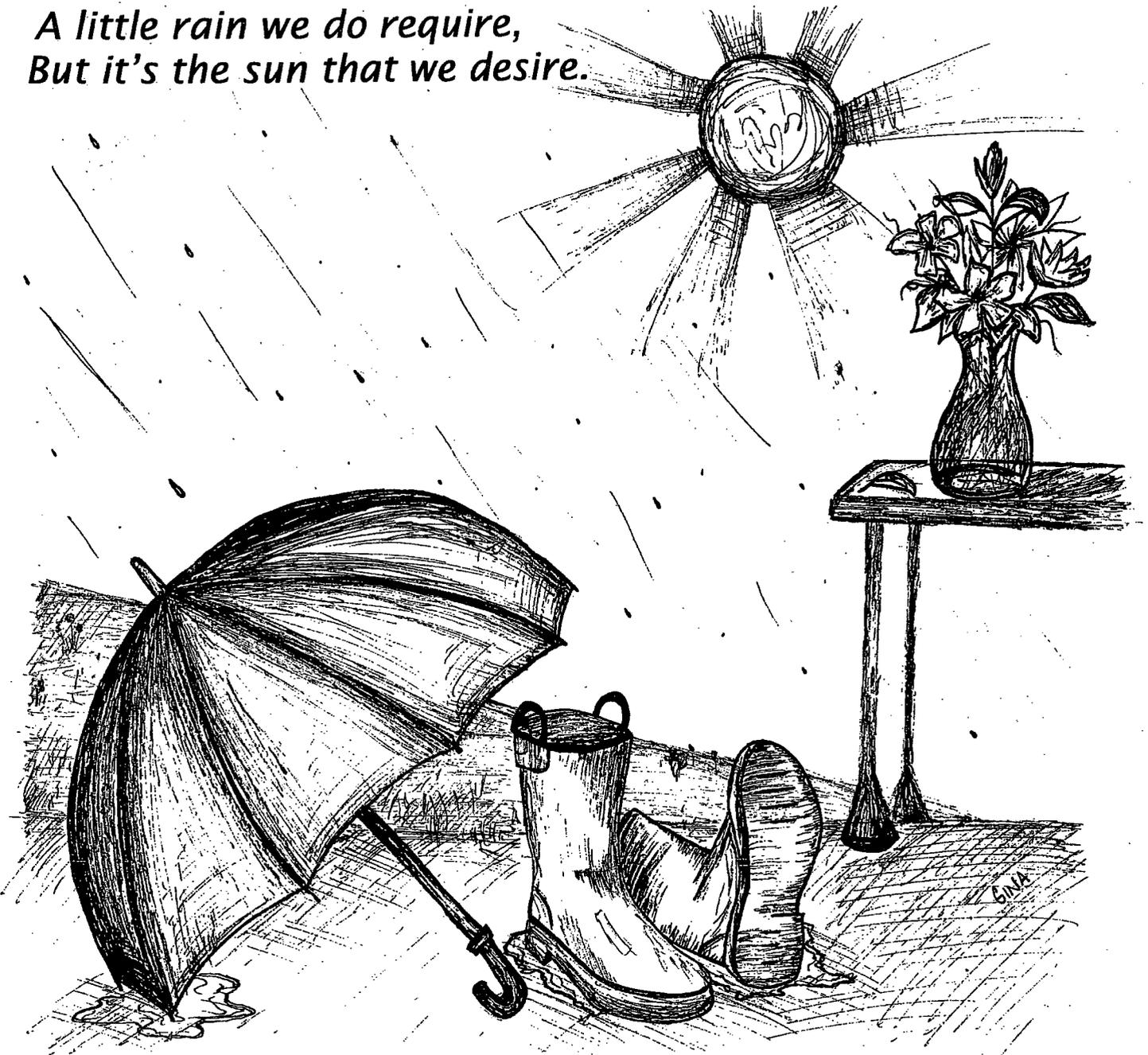


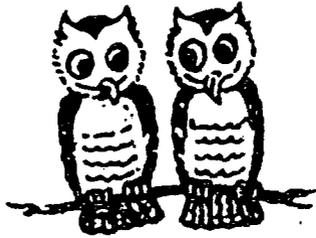
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*A little rain we do require,
But it's the sun that we desire.*





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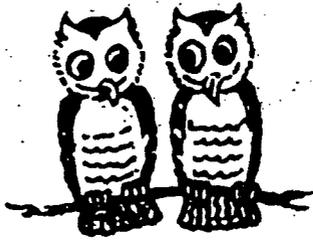
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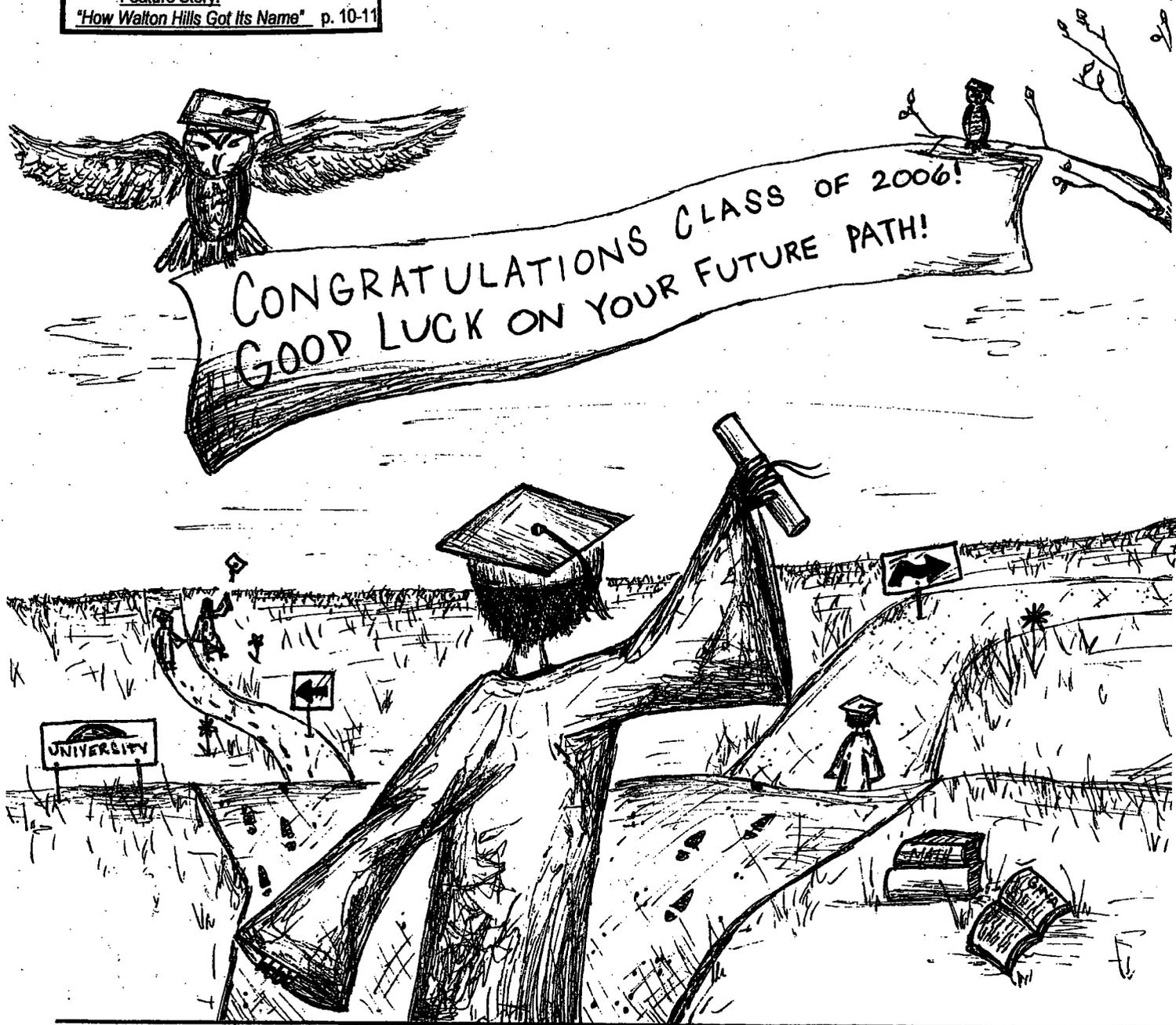
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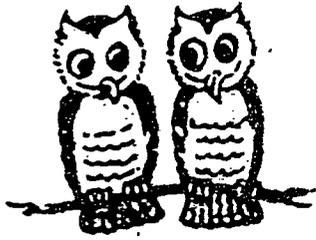
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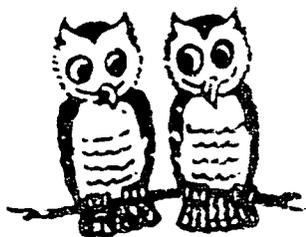
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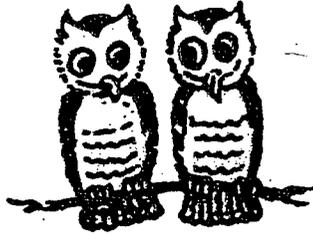
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Sunday, December 3rd 5:30 pm

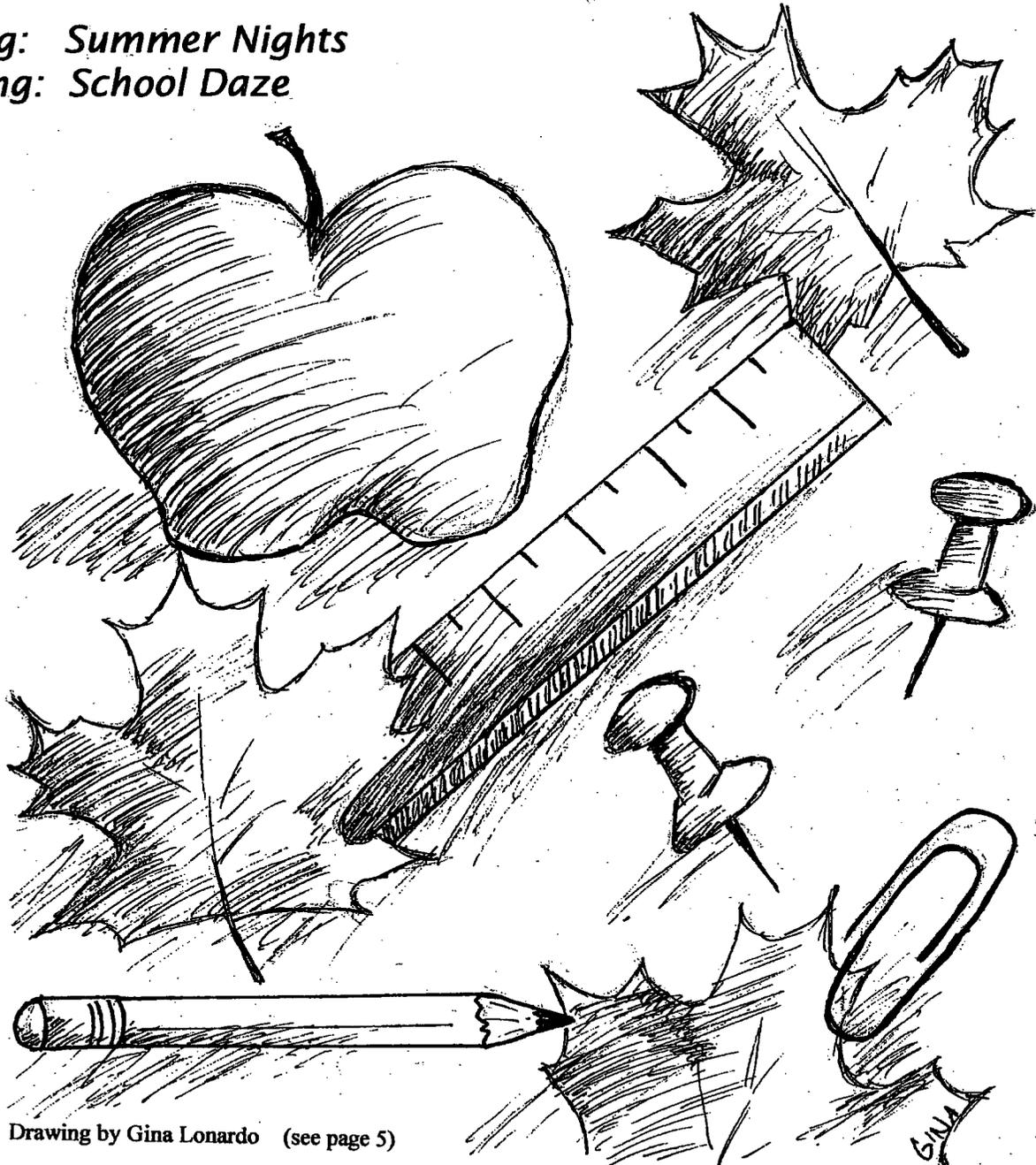


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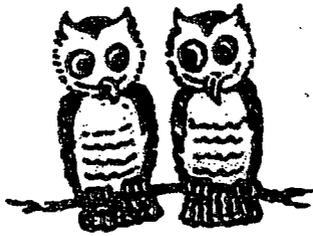
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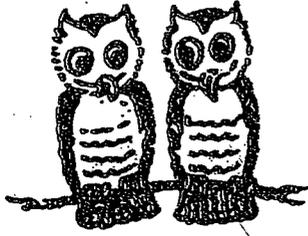
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a time to renew the traditions of our family
and give thanks for our heritage

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Village Hall Voting Booths open 6:30 am -- 7 pm



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YOUTH in ACTION

NICK HUDECK of Brenda Lee Drive received his letter in Golf at Trinity High School. Congratulations, NICK.

BEST WISHES on your ENGAGEMENT

DEAN and GLORIA PENIX of South Meadowpark Drive announce the engagement of their daughter, TARA LYNN PENIX, to JAMES MARX, son of JIM and JANA MARX of Chesterland. The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Orange Christian Academy and a 2005 graduate of Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications. She is currently employed as a preschool teacher at a local Montessori School.

JAMES is a 1999 graduate of West Geauga High School and a 2003 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Marketing. He is currently employed by the IT Department of National Enterprise Systems in Solon.

A July 2006 wedding is planned. Best wishes to both of you.

TARA PENIX and JAMES MARX



OFFICER HONORED for HERIIOC DEEDS

Tri-C Western Campus Dept. of Public Safety Officers JOHN WESELOH of Deeridge Drive and partner JOHN BUETTNER received accolades for their quick thinking and heroic actions on October 12th while they were on duty at the campus.

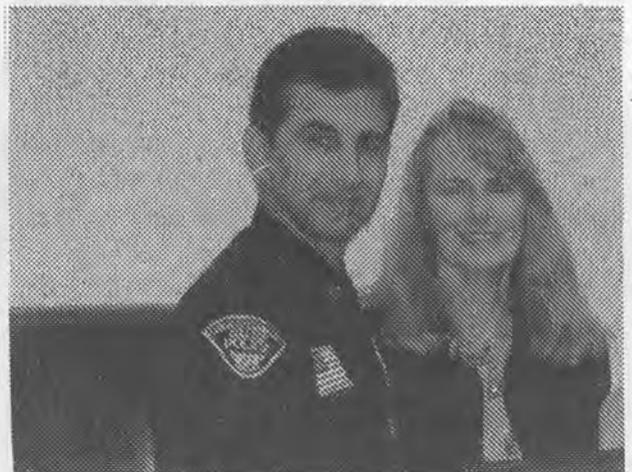
When the officers noticed a large column of black smoke coming from the area behind Valley Forge High School, they followed the smoke to a side-by-side double residence and discovered a fully-engaged fire in a garage.

After contacting the Parma Heights Fire Department they entered the house to see if anyone was inside. WESELOH found a man asleep in an upstairs bedroom and escorted him out of the house. The man suffered burns to his face and left arm. Close to the burning garage, in an upstairs hallway of the house next door, the two men found several small children and removed them from that house.

By that time the fire department and rescue squad had arrived. Completing their heroic deeds, WESELOH and BUETTNER escorted the injured man to the rescue squad and went back to work.

WESELOH and BUETTNER received commendations and proclamations from Parma Heights Mayor Martin Zanotti and by the College Board of Trustees for their quick thinking and heroic actions that day.

BONNIE is understandably proud of her husband, and so are we.



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YOUTH in ACTION

Congratulations to REBECCA STANOSZEK of Regency Drive. REBECCA took **First Place Overall** in her age group at the recent state gymnastics competition held at Great Lakes Gymnastics in Avon Lake. REBECCA trains at Johnson's Gymnastics in Valley View. REBECCA won three 1st place ribbons for floor exercises, balance beam and vault and a 2nd place ribbon for bars. She practices at the gym twice a week, four hours per session. An eighth grader at St. Martin of Tours School, REBECCA is also a cheerleader at the school. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

BEREAVEMENT

Our sincere condolences to ELEANOR MANN of Deeridge Drive on the passing of her husband, JOSEPH. Our sympathies also to son, JACK MANN of San Diego and daughter and son-in-law, GAYLE and DAVID RUDARY of Independence and their three sons.

As did many of the first residents on Deeridge, JOE MANN built his own house, with help from his wife. The MANNs moved into their home in 1953, during a big snowstorm.

ELEANOR tells us that each September, for the past 52 years, the residents of Deeridge Drive have a street picnic. For many of those years the gatherings were organized by CAROL and ED YURICHAK who are now deceased. However, now there are three houses on the street owned by CAROL and ED'S children and grandchildren, and they carry out the annual street picnic tradition. JACK and KARLA YURICHAK, KATHY YURICHAK and JANICE and LENNY HLAVACH all live on Deeridge. ELEANOR adds that JACK YURICHAK is her godson.

ELEANOR MANN has strong feelings for Deeridge Drive. "Here is where I settled, and here is where I want to stay. It is a great street on which to raise children. Many youngsters grew up living on our street, and history has repeated itself. Today, Deeridge is home to a new generation of children. Everyone on our street gets along well with each other, looks out for each other and cares for each other during times of need. Several original residents on our street have passed on or moved, but our new families seem to catch the neighborly spirit. I love living here."

THANK YOU

Our family expresses our sincere appreciation to all the great, giving ladies of the Walton Hills Women's Club for the wonderful after-funeral luncheon. Their good deeds will always be remembered by us, as it touched us deeply and left us with a deep appreciation for the people of Walton Hills, the village my husband Joe called home for the past 52 years. The police escort was a beautiful finale to my husband who passed away on his 83rd birthday. ELEANOR MANN and Family

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

• **The Walton Hills Men's Club**
Thank you for your generous donation.
We appreciate your financial support.



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DEATH of WALTON HILLS BUSINESS MANAGER

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A MESSAGE from VILLAGE KATRINA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The members of the Walton Hills Katrina Fund Raiser Committee wish to extend their sincere appreciation to many Villagers for their contributions of money, food, clothing and household goods to an extended family of hurricane victims who relocated in the Cleveland area.

It is heartwarming when members of a community can pull together to assist others in need. Because of your generosity, these families were able to experience the true meaning of Christmas. They now hold a special place in their hearts for the people of Walton Hills!

Please accept our heartfelt thank you.

Signed, Katrina Committee Members



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Former Mayor Thomas G. Young

Mayor of Walton Hills ~ January 1958 – December 1981

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YOUNG REBUILDS VILLAGE ROADS

When Young took office many of the village roads were in poor shape, especially streets cut by L. S. Conelly for his Walton Hills Estates Subdivisions. Those streets had been prepared and dedicated during township days when requirements were minimal. Tom Young went to the chief Cuyahoga County engineer for advice on how to build up the village roads, and he then followed through on the suggested procedures. Road improvements were made without requiring property owners to pay any road assessments.

T.G.Y. PARK

On July 5th 1976, in his honor, Dellwood Park was renamed Thomas G. Young Recreation Center. On that day our village celebrated our country's 200th birthday, the 25th birthday of our village, Community Day and the renaming of our local park.

A FAMILY MAN

In his younger days, Tom and his brother Jack owned a business called Young Brothers Puritan Poultry Farm, a wholesale egg business. Soon after Young married Marge Edwards of Northfield, they bought a farm in 1941 along the east side of Northfield Road, north of the Alexander intersection. Their farmhouse stood near today's CEI power lines. The Youngs farmed their land and raised Herefords and hogs. Much of the farm work rested on Marge's shoulders, especially when Tom was drafted into service during the later World War II years. He served in France and Germany with the Army's 28th Infantry Division, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

In the mid 1950s the Youngs sold their Northfield Road farm. Tom and Marge then bought a parcel of land from Virgil and Margaret Allen. The acreage fronted the east side of Wight Oaks Drive and the north side of Egbert Road, land that includes today's Brenda Lee Drive. The Youngs built their house on 16575 Wight Oaks Drive, where they

raised their six children, Peggy, Kathy, Sandy, Tom, Robin and Sally.

For readers who grew up with the Young family...today Peggy and Mark Scranton live in Sagamore Hills, Kathy Strok in Pompano Beach Florida, Sandy and Dave Kovach in Sagamore Hills, Tom and Ann Young live in Northfield, Robin and Angelo Paolone in Mantua and Sally and Ken Sponsler live in Twinsburg.

Tom's wife, Marge, died in July of 1988. In recent years Tom spent his days in Florida and Ohio, near his six children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

ACTIVE in VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS

Tom and Marge were very active in village organizations such as the Men's and Women's Club and chaired a number of charitable causes.

The Walton Hills Men's Club awarded Tom Young the Man of the Year Award in January, 1965 at their annual Testimonial Dinner.

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger



FORMER MAYOR THOMAS G. YOUNG
(early 1960s photograph)

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SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS DROP IN AT THE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY



Walton Hills appoints fiscal officer

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council appointed a new person Friday to watch over the village finances.

Vic Nogalo, formerly the finance director of Lakewood, was given a unanimous nod by Council Friday to take over as part-time fiscal officer.

Nogalo was one of 11 people who applied.

Nogalo said he will continue working part-time with Lakewood and part-time with the village.

The fiscal officer spot was vacated last month when full-time Fiscal Officer Janet Pavlic resigned and took a job as treasurer for the Bedford City School District.

Pavlic was making \$71,260 a year with the village. According to Mayor Marlene Anielski, Nogalo will start Feb. 7 and earn \$40,000 a year.

Anielski said Nogalo was chosen because of his municipi-

pal experience.

"I got a good feeling from the mayor and village Council that interviewed me," Nogalo said. "I'm excited to get started."

Councilor Madeline Timm said she believes Nogalo will be very good for the village.

"Looking at his resume and talking with him, he seemed to have both new ideas and old ideas on ways to handle village finances," Timm said Tuesday.

Councilor Leslie Sheeler said Nogalo seems like a good person.

"He has worked for some big organizations," Sheeler said. "He seems to be a talented guy, and we all liked him."

Nogalo has had several financial positions.

He has worked as the controller for Kent, an assistant auditor with the State Auditor's Office, finance director for Lakewood, tax administrator of Cuyahoga Falls, deputy auditor for Parma and an accountant with Cleveland.

Other applicants for the spot were Peter Metropulos, the former assistant finance director for Lyndhurst, who was recently hired as assistant finance director for Maple Heights; Victoria Ashley, former vice president of finance for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland; Daniel Belda, a certified public accountant; Barry Bennett, finance director for Northern Ohio Recovery Association; David Brindza, a former controller with Lucky Shoes; Tom DiLeHio, former Macedonia finance director; Billie Geyer, a contract accountant with Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center; Leo Ruminski Jr., chief financial officer for Contracted Enterprises; and Thomas Zammiel, a member of the Business Gateway Steering Committee.

Nogalo, 45, lives in Cuyahoga Falls. He and his wife, Stacy, have two children, Jacob, 13, and Rachel, 9.

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

MR. and MRS. SCOTT PREBISH
14039 Ryan Drive

JAMES BANAS and ROSE GODLEWSKI
17502 Rauland Drive

DENISE CLARISH
7887 Sonny Drive

WILLIAM and LAURA RAMSEY
and JOSEPH KOLASINSKI
7149 Allen Drive

DWONE HILL
7743 Regency Drive

CHARLES and STACEE HALL
7848 Sonny Drive

GARY and GAYLE PLUSH
7161 Chestnut Drive

A HEARTY THANKS to DON KNOWLES

Through the years, **DON KNOWLES** of North Meadowpark Drive has donated blood to the Northern Ohio Blood Bank 72 times. He has donated a total of 9 GALLONS of Blood. His is an extraordinary act of charity.

DON KNOWLES recently received a personal letter from the CEO of the American Red Cross Northern Ohio Blood Services Region. David Plate wrote, "Yours is a significant accomplishment. On behalf of those patients (who received blood from you) and their loved ones, thank you for your generosity and commitment to changing lives for the better."

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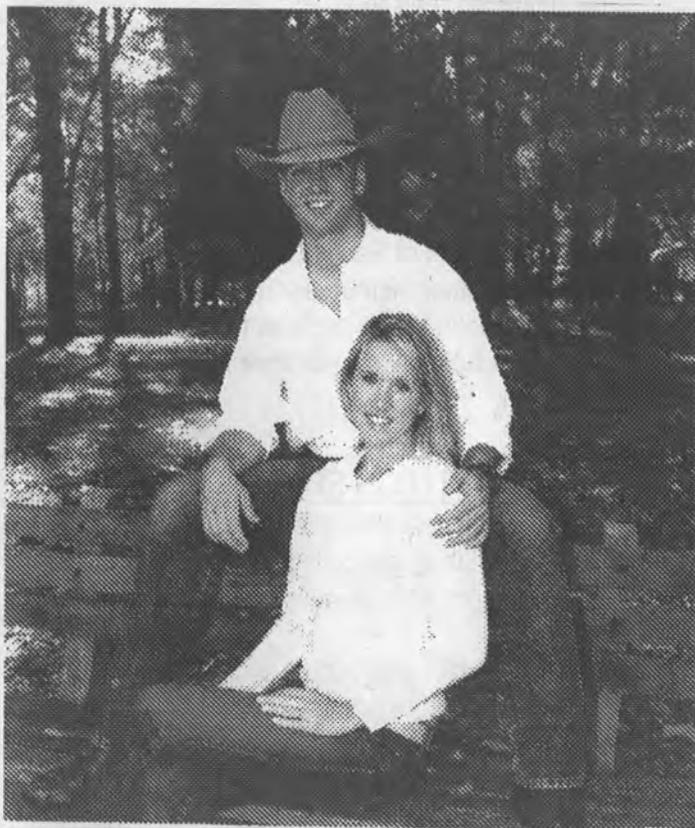
• Ray and Justine Cifani of Jefferson Drive
Thank you for your generous donation.
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BEST WISHES on YOUR ENGAGEMENT

ART and ELIZABETH ROTH of Colonial Court announce the engagement of their daughter MARYARRO to JOHN HAYS, son of MIKE and CONNIE HAYS of KINGWOOD, TEXAS.

MARYARRO is a graduate of The American University in Washington, DC and attended graduate school at the University of Durham in England. She is now working for a defense contracting firm in Washington, DC. JOHN attended Texas Christian University and is now a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

JOHN and MARYARRO will be married on February 4, 2006 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, DC and will reside in Virginia.



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CONGRATULATIONS ELSIE WINGENFELD

One thousand aces and also a double pinochle, playing single-deck pinochle, during the Women's Club January afternoon pinochle session held at the Village Hall!

ELSIE WINGENFELD of Orchard Hill Drive had the extremely rare privilege of being dealt all eight aces in one pinochle game, and in another game that afternoon she was dealt both jacks of diamonds and queens of spades. Wow!

Needless to say, ELSIE had the highest score of any other player that afternoon.

JAMES BEGIN Earns Higher Scout Rank

Eleven year old JAMES BEGIN of Egbert Road completed 20 different requirements to earn his First Class Boy Scout Rank. A member of Troop 575 headquartered at St. Barnabas Church, JAMES also earned his First Aid Merit Badge. He continues to attack the many hurdles in his quest to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

One cold, icy weekend this past month ZACK and JEREMY CUMMINS of Rauland Drive, MATT OMILION of Rauland Drive, JAMES BEGIN and twelve other members of Troop 575 braved the weather, pitched tents and camped in a wooded Broadview Heights area for their Annual Polar Bear Camp Out.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS !

Each year the Walton Hills Men's Club and Women's Club award college scholarships to high school seniors who reside in the Village of Walton Hills.

Contact your school counselor for applications and deadlines. Applications are available at most local high schools. If your high school does not have forms, contact Men's Club and Women's Club scholarship chairs.



BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to the family of EMILY WOLF of Dunham Road, who died at home on December 25th, at the age of 92. To son and daughter-in-law FRANK and NINA WOLF and granddaughter LEAH WOLF who live next door, and to daughter and son-in-law CAROL and PAUL MACK of Georgia. In 1944, EMILY and her husband FRANK, SR., who is also deceased, bought 10 acres on Dunham Road, built their home and raised their family. FRANK, Sr. was a Walton Hills councilman for the Village of Walton Hills, serving in the early 1950s. The WOLF family have always had horses and/or ponies on their property. Currently, FRANK, JR., NINA and LEAH have a Tennessee walking horse and a Morgan.

NINA relates one of EMILY'S favorite expressions, "I love living in Walton Hills, I live in the country but I'm close to the city."

- Our condolences to ARLES CHURCH of Spanghurst Drive on the passing of his wife of 57 years. JOSEPHINE CHURCH died at age 75 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Our sympathy also to son and daughter-in-law DAVID and JOYCE CHURCH of Bedford, daughter and son-in-law SHARON and MARK PATTERSON of Aurora, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Church family moved into the village in the mid 1960s. JOSEPHINE was one of 14 children, she had 6 sisters and 7 brothers.

- We extend our sympathy to Jefferson Drive residents JUSTINE and RAY CIFANI on the passing of JUSTINE'S 94-year old mother, CARMELENA BELLUCCI of Erie Pennsylvania. Also to the CIFANI children--TONY and BRIDGET CIFANI of Solon, LINDA CIFANI of Florida, JOE and LISA CIFANI of Richfield Township and DIANE and JEFF MALARIK of Independence; and the ten CIFANI grandchildren.

Village Council votes to replace three police cruisers

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Three high-mileage police cruisers will become hand-me-downs for other departments when they are replaced with new Ford Crown Victorias.

Council passed legislation Tuesday to allow Mayor Marlene Anielski to enter into a contract with Liberty Ford Solon Inc. to purchase three 2006 Ford police interceptors.

The three cars will cost \$68,000.

Council took \$44,700 from the capital projects fund to help pay for the vehicles. The remainder will come from the police vehicle fund.

Police Chief Gary Rhines said the three older cars are 2004 models that have a combined total of 274,000 miles on them. He said the police car fleet will remain at six.

Councilor Don Kolograf said the village was advised by both its insurance company and risk management company to replace police cruisers at or near the 100,000-mile mark.

Police to crack down on all-terrain vehicles

According to Rhines, there have been several complaints from local companies about all-terrain and all-purpose vehicle riders traversing the open lots of the village.

He said as a response to the recent rash of complaints, police are going to start issuing tickets to riders and possibly confiscating their vehicles.

Village Police Sgt. Pete Kanjuka said at Tuesday's meeting that according to village law, "You can only operate an all-purpose vehicle on the shoulder of the roadway to get from one point to another."

"They are not to be operated

along the right-of-ways in the village for any reason," Kanjuka said. "This has become a safety concern for motorists as well as those who are operating the vehicles illegally."

Kanjuka said first-time offenders will be warned. Second-time offenders will be cited in court and third-time offenders will be cited in court and their ATVs or snowmobiles will be impounded.

Two terms and counting for BZA member

Mayor Marlene Anielski reappointed longtime board of zoning appeals member George Owens to his third six-year-term Tuesday.

Owens said he has been on the BZA for two-full terms and part of another.

"I have enjoyed serving the village on the board, and I think that I am still able to fulfill those duties," Owens said Tuesday. "And I like staying

active and being a part of the village."

Owens has lived in the village for 34 years. He said members of the four-person BZA earn \$400 a year.

Mayor to hire firm to check out zoning

Council passed legislation that will allow Anielski to enter into a contract with the Cleveland firm of D.B. Hartt Inc. to review the village planning and zoning code.

The legislation allocated up to \$3,000 for the analysis.

Anielski said the company will research areas of the village that could possibly be rezoned to attract more businesses.

Anielski said once the contract is signed, the report should be completed within 90 days.

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Walton Hills takes a look at potential early warning system

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Council got a glimpse of what could be the future of early warning systems Tuesday at its committee of the whole meeting.

Police Chief Gary Rhines and Communications Officer Bill Klingenberg pitched the CodeRED Outbound 911 Emergency Messaging System, which could be teamed with the early warning sirens already in place.

Klingenberg said the system, which would cost the village \$10,000 for the first year and \$5,000 each year

after that, is designed to call residents' home phone, cell phones and pagers for emergencies such as a tornado, an industrial chemical spill or a missing child. Residents would have to sign up, at no charge, to have their numbers called.

Klingenberg said the system could make up to 60,000 calls per hour.

He said with the 950 households in the village, under perfect conditions, each home could be contacted within three to five minutes.

Klingenberg described the system as "fool proof."

Council President Kevin Hurst said he was in favor of the system.

Councilor Denny Linville said he would support the system, but was afraid of it being "overkill."

"I just don't want us to buy a howitzer to kill a bear with," Linville said.

Councilor Leslie Sheeler also supported the system.

"I can see the potential to save a lot of lives," he said.

Rhines said he would try to get more information for Council in a few weeks.

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New board of zoning appeals member appointed

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Billie J. Workman was appointed to a six-year board of zoning appeals term Tuesday.

Mayor Marlene Anielski said Workman is the final member to be appointed to the five-person board.

"I've been wanting to try to get involved with something in the village, and I think with my background this would be something that would be beneficial for the village," Workman said.

Workman is an attorney with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation and a registered nurse. She is a former instructor at the Parma School of Nursing.

Workman said she is not sure what task she will tackle first as a BZA member.

"I have to wait until I attend a couple of the meetings,"

Workman said. "But I think that is going to be important to look at the direction of the village and the strategic plan for the village."

Her term began Tuesday. BZA members earn \$100 per year.

Village gets early jump on fall

The trees have not even started their spring explosion of new blossoms, but the village is already looking forward to the autumnal falling of the colorful leaves.

In preparation for the seasonal cleanup, Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Goodyear Street and Highway Supply Co. to buy a new leaf collector truck and all the accessories for \$33,000.

Youth rules the day

Students from Bedford High School spent the day Tuesday walking in the footsteps of village leaders and getting a taste of municipal government.

The students were hanging out with the administration and Council as part of the annual Student Government Day.

Anielski said the students shared a dinner with their counterparts before the meeting. During the meeting, the young politicians read committee reports and a resolution of appreciation for Student Government Day.

The following Bedford High School students took part in Student Government Day in Walton Hills Tuesday: Alex Gatlin, Jackie Hurst, Cory Bendlak, Vasilius Giatis, Danielle Danko, Harrison Werner, Ariel Gunn, Jeffrey DeWitt, Demetrius Hopkins, Josh Garcia, Terrell Hardwick, Britnee Lassiter, Chris Koger, Nicholi Garner and Maggie Hicar.

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WH surfs Web site designs

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site.

Dudash has helped create sites for Bedford, Maple Heights and the Solon Center

By **MICHAEL SEUFFERT**

Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The village is getting closer to getting its own place in cyberspace.

On Jan. 6, Village Council's Information Committee met with Jim Dudash, owner of the Dudash Factory, a Mentor-based Web design company, to discuss creating a village Web
See SURF, page A2

for the Arts.

Dudash said it would cost about \$3,500 initially to create the site, with an ongoing maintenance cost. The amount of the maintenance depends on how much information the village puts into the site.

"We're very interested in the

proposal, and I'm going to bring it before council at our meeting at the end of the month (Jan. 25)," Councilwoman Jackie Vlk-Maire said.

"We'll probably start out smaller and see what we have to add on as we go. Residents will tell us what they want to know, what they want to see on the site."

The site would include general contact information for the village and its departments, such as the service and recreation departments.

The site will also have a calendar listing, pictures of community events, links to other useful sites and more.

Council has talked about starting a Web site for more than one year. Vlk-Maire said council wanted to wait until the village's master plan was complete in case new ideas for the Web site were discussed in that document.

Contact Seuffert at mikeseuffert@yahoo.com

POTPOURRI

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BEST of LUCK to ANDREW NEADING

Navy Seaman Recruit ANDREW NEADING of Ryan Drive recently completed the 8-week U.S. Navy basic training program at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. His training included practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety / survival and shipboard / aircraft safety, with an emphasis on physical fitness. ANDREW, whose parents are JEAN and CHRIS NEADING, is a 2005 Trinity H.S. graduate.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN HARVAN

JOHN HARVAN, a freshman at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, made the Dean's List last semester. JOHN is the son of JOHN and KATY HARVAN of Rauland Drive.

CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER WARYK

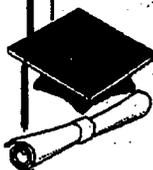
TYLER WARYK, seventh grader at St. Michael's School, is invited to compete in the 53rd Annual Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair which will be held this month at Cleveland State University. TYLER'S science project, "AC verses DC: Which is Best for an Alternative Powering of an Automobile," will vie with projects of other students from Northeast Ohio. Although a few of the other contestants may only be in 7th grade, the majority of students will be high school juniors and seniors.

TYLER'S project was also chosen for this year's Science Fair at St. Edwards High School. In that contest he will compete with other students from the area who attend parochial grammar schools. TYLER is the son of BRIAN and LORI WARYK of Sagamore Road.

Attention High School Seniors!

Each year the Walton Hills Men's Club and Women's Club award college scholarships to high school seniors who reside in the Village of Walton Hills:

Contact your school counselor for applications and deadlines. Applications are available at most local high schools. If your high school does not have the forms, contact the Women's Club and Men's Club scholarship chairs.



CONGRATULATIONS, LENNY JATSEK

LENNY JATSEK, a thrower on the Ohio State men's track and field team, was named Big Ten Track and Field Male Athlete of the Week in an announcement made by the Big Ten in January.

With his winning weight throw mark of 65 feet, 9 1/2 inches, LENNY provisionally qualified for the 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships and posted the Big Ten's 2nd best mark in the event this season. His winning throw also moved him into the Top 5 in Ohio State's all-time performance list in the weight. LENNY has posted personal best performances in the shot put as well.

LENNY'S sister, VERONICA, is also a member of Ohio State's track and field team. She also posted personal best performances as a thrower this indoor season. Proud parents BILL and PAM JATSEK and brother BILLY, of Egbert Road, say they enjoy traveling to Columbus to watch LENNY and VERONICA compete.

BEREAVEMENTS

Four long-time residents passed away recently.

- Our condolences to the family of JOSEPH MARINO of Shaner Drive. To his children and their spouses, PHIL and CATHY MARINO, ROSE MARINO, MAGGIE MARINO and CARLO and JOY MARINO, and his grandchildren.

- Our deepest sympathy to the family of TONY MAZZONE of Carmany Drive. To his sons and daughter-in-law TOM MAZZONE, TERRY and PAM MAZZONE and TED MAZZONE, and his grandchildren. During World War II, TONY MAZZONE was a member of the 672nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion which was lauded for the rescue of nearly 2,200 starving internees at the Los Banos Prison Garrison in the Philippines in February of 1945.

American Red Cross BLOOD DONORS

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006

1 - 7 pm

Red Cross Blood Bank will be at the Village Hall.
More details on page 4.



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BEREAVEMENTS (continued)

- Our condolences to the family of JEAN BRENNER of Walton Road. To her son and his wife RAY and TERRI BRENNER of Conelly Boulevard, granddaughter KATIE BRENNER of Walton Road, brother-in-law and his wife, RAY and FRAN BRENNER of Dellwood Drive, niece MARY BRENNER of Spanghurst Drive, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Until she retired 28 years ago, JEAN BRENNER worked in the shoe department at the May Company, both at Southgate and downtown Cleveland. RAY BRENNER relates how his mother cherished her years in the village, being close to Walton Hills Lake and living among the deer.

- Our deepest sympathy to the family of WANDA GUTHRIE of Dellwood Drive. To her children and their spouses, DAVID and BOBBYE GUTHRIE of Washington, D.C., GEORGE and SUSAN GUTHRIE of Dellwood Drive, KATHLEEN and PAUL RUSSO of Sagamore Hills, and GAYLYNN and GLENN COYNE of Medina, and her eleven grandchildren. WANDA was an active and supportive member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. Some of our readers may have afghans created by WANDA GUTHRIE, afghans they won in Women's Club raffles. WANDA'S son, GEORGE, relates how his mother lived her life helping and caring for others.

RESIDENTS GIVE THANKS

- A message to my Walton Hills friends and neighbors: In mid October I fell at home, getting ready for a village trip to Greektown. Instead of going on a fun trip with friends, I had to call 911. Marymount Hospital doctors determined I had a broken shoulder and fractures. My daughter, who lives in Livonia Michigan, took me to her home where I lived for over 3 months. I am back home now and on the mend. I started my physical therapy in Michigan and continue to have therapy locally. I want to thank the WALTON HILLS POLICE, my neighbor DAN HERSCHMAN and RON GULAJSKI

of Hickory Drive for their help. Thanks also to many caring villagers for their cards, phone calls, prayers, flowers and food. Sincerely, JOAN WILLS of Dunham Road.

- Living in a small village like Walton Hills has definite benefits and the MAZZONE family witnessed those attributes when our father died January 31st. We thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for the post-funeral luncheon. Forty-one people provided dishes. Truly amazing. We also thank the Walton Hills Police Department for the funeral escort to the cemetery. Dad moved to Walton Hills in the late 1940s and he loved this village and the caring neighbors he called friends. That is why it was so important to him that we bring him home the day before he died. Signed, TOM, TERRY and TED MAZZONE

- We want to thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for the lovely after-funeral luncheon for JEAN BRENNER. Once again our family was touched and very grateful for all the dedication and thoughtfulness of the women who give of themselves at such times of need. We also thank the Walton Hills Police Department for the funeral escort service. An especially touching moment was when the Police car led us by her house for the last time. Sincere thanks. RAY and TERRI BRENNER

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- JACK and MARGE WISE, former residents
- ELLY BOGNER of Alexander Road
- BUZZ and JEAN MURPHY of Jefferson Drive

Thank you for your generous donations. Your financial support helps us pay for the following Owl pages; the cover, monthly Village Calendar, page 4, Potpourri, feature articles, and pages from village clubs and organizations.

Local police come to aid of Tennessee department

Officers in Macedonia, Walton Hills restock station hit by tornado

LEILA ATASSI
Plain Dealer Reporter

It took only minutes for the twister to bounce a circuitous path of destruction through the western Tennessee town of Bradford three weeks ago — claiming six of the city's 1,100 lives, dislodging buildings from their foundations and hanging fragments of mobile homes in the trees like Christmas ornaments.

The next morning, in the wake of the category F3 tornado, residents took stock of their losses, and Police Chief Euhommie Bond found a pile of rubble where his police station once stood.

More than 600 miles away, in Cuyahoga County, Internet news reports of Bradford's Police Department touched a nerve with Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines.

"When I first heard about the disaster, I felt a personal connection to this police department, which was about the same size as ours," Rhines said. "They had done so much for victims of Katrina and other disasters in the South. We were on the waiting list to go to Louisiana and were never called, so I asked the mayor if we can help this city out."

Within days, Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski got the Village Council's approval to gather old police equipment that had been taken out of service and offer it to the beleaguered Tennessee town.

Sgt. David Chorba also spoke of the benevolent Tennessee road trip over Easter dinner with his son-in-law, Lt. Vince Yakopovich of the Macedonia Police Department.

Yakopovich said Macedonia wanted in, and days later, the two departments had filled a trailer and SUV with sirens, uniforms, firearms, gun belts, radios, chargers, light bars for the tops of cruisers and other equipment.

Chorba and Lt. Kenn Thellmann of Walton Hills set out at 4 a.m. last Wednesday for the 10-hour drive to Bradford.

When the men arrived, they were pleased to see that other communities across the country had contributed to the effort, supplying the de-



The day after a category F3 tornado hit the small town of Bradford, Tenn., firefighter Michael Wheeler crosses a field of rubble that was the city's Police Department. Police Chief Euhommie Bond said all of the department's equipment was destroyed in the storm.

partment with firearms, police cars and clothing. But they found the officers were operating out of a 12-foot-by-12-foot spare room in a senior-living facility.

A tour of the village revealed a Bradford in worse condition than the officers expected, even after having seen video footage of the devastation.

"We saw a bus that had been twisted like a pretzel," Thellmann

said. "All that remained standing of a church were its pews. Semitractor-trailers were scattered around like dominoes. The whole place looked like a steamroller had gone through it."

The officers returned to Northeast Ohio Thursday evening, leaving a grateful police chief and crew to process their new gifts.

"We have just about everything we

need," Bond said in a phone interview Thursday. "I can equip my officers and fit each one with a decent uniform. Without the help of police departments across the country, we could not have made it through this. To them, I'd like to say thank you. Very, very much."

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WINTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Our Scrapbooking Party, Spa Day, Family Bingo Night, and Senior Lunch Bunch Social – just some of the many activities residents participated in this winter - we had something for everyone! Pictured below are residents having fun either making memories or, in the case of scrapbookers, preserving memories!



BEST WISHES on your ENGAGEMENT

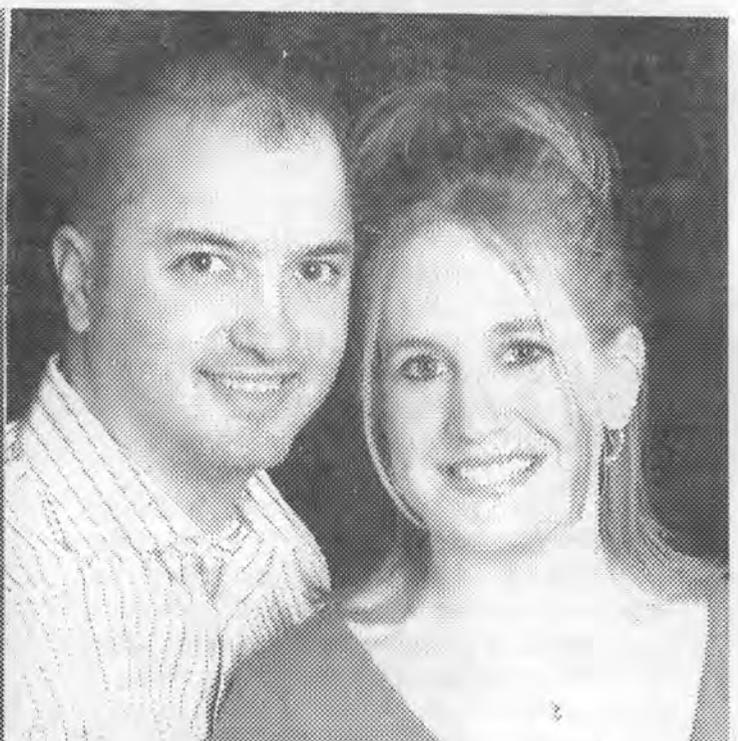
VICKI PELLETIER of Shaner Drive and DENIS PELLETIER of Northfield Center wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, LAUREN PELLETIER, R.T. (N) A.R.R.T., to JAMES PLUSH, son of JAMES and KATHY PLUSH of Macedonia. LAUREN is a Nuclear Medicine/Positron Emission Tomography Technologist for Regional P.E.T. Scan. JAMES is an HVAC Technician for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The couple will exchange vows this July at Lake Forest Country Club in Hudson.

LAUREN PELLETIER and JAMES PLUSH

**BEST WISHES on your ENGAGEMENT**

BOB and LINDA SINDELAR of Dunham Lane are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter KIMBERLY to MATTHEW MECURIO, son of JANE and DOUG VERSAW of Mansfield and TED and SANDY MECURIO of Bellville. The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Ohio University. KIMBERLY is a CPA and presently employed with Plante & Moran, PLLC in Columbus, in the financial institutions audit practice. MATTHEW is a 2001 graduate of Ohio University. He is the Controller at Mid-State Educators Credit Union in Columbus. A July 2006 wedding is planned.

KIMBERLY SINDELAR and MATTHEW MECURIO



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JEREMY CUMMINS Works for RANK of EAGLE SCOUT

JEREMY CUMMINS of Rauland Drive is undertaking an ambitious project at T. G. Y. Park as he works for his Eagle Scout Badge. With help from troop members and leaders, JEREMY will install a bocce court at the park and also move the current horseshoe pits to a safer location. Both the bocce court and horseshoe pits will be built to regulation standards. JEREMY chose this project because, "Community is important to me and I feel a need to give back by helping to improve recreational facilities."

CUMMINS is 16 years old, a home-schooled 10th grader. He hopes to complete his project at T.G. Y. Park in May and attain the rank of Eagle Scout by June of this year. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 575 chartered to St. Barnabas Church, the Scout Leader being his father, JOE CUMMINS. Other Walton Hills boys in Troop 575 are: JAMES BEGIN, ZACKARY CUMMINS, MATTHEW OMILION, CHARLES SRAMEK and TYLER WARYK.

JEREMY needs to raise \$1000.00 in the next couple weeks. To reach his fund-raising goal, he has approached village organizations for donations, and he would be most appreciative of donations from his fellow villagers. Check payable to: Boy Scout Troop 575 -- Jeremy Cummins Eagle Project
Mail to: Joseph Cummins, Troop 575 Scoutmaster, c/o J. C. Eagle Project, 17700 Rauland Drive, Walton Hills

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

CORY BENDLAK of Walton Road, DANIELLE DANKO of Dunham Road, JEFFREY DEWITT, grandson of MADDIE TIMM of Kral Drive, VASILIOS GIATIS of Walton Road and JACKIE HURST of Alexander Road were chosen to represent Walton Hills Village Officials on Student Government Day. The Bedford High School students spent the day working at the village hall and helping conduct the March 7th Council Meeting.

BASKETBALL NEWS

SHANNON LEW of Rashell Drive, was a star basketball player on the Valley View 3rd and 4th grade team. Her team finished 2nd in the standings at the end of the season.

"MUSIC MAN" DRAWS VILLAGERS to the BAND

DAN TOAZ of Rashell Drive and JACKIE HURST of Alexander Road had acting roles in Bedford High School's recent production of "The Music Man." Several others with Walton Hills ties joined in the fun. BRITTANY HILL, BRITTANY TURNER and CORY BENDLAK were part of the orchestra. Working on the extravagant sets were JOE ALLIE, DAGMAR CLEMENTS, ETHAN CLEMENTS, DANIELLE DANKO, BILL DEAK, JOYCE DEAK, JEFF DEWITT, DEBI KOZAK and TODD TOAZ.

FUTURE THESPIANS PERFORM

JAMES and MARY-KATE BEGIN of Egbert Road, ZACHARY CUMMINS of Rauland Drive and APRIL and AUTUMN WALTER of Ceile Circle starred in the Garfield Heights Youth Theatre musical "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast." The production was directed by CHARLES KESHOCK of South Meadowpark Drive.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ICE SKATERS

Local ice skaters on the Angelettes helped their group win the Bronze Medal at the Cleveland Invitational Championship in Mentor recently. They are MONICA and ALEXANDRA D'AMICO of South Meadowpark Drive, EMILY KOLOGRAF of Colonial Court and OLIVIA RADA of Alexander Road. The girls are part of the Garfield Heights FSC Synchronized Skating Team.

CONGRATULATIONS NEOSE WINNERS

Three local students are winners in the 53rd Annual Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at Cleveland State University. SARAH PEKAR of Egbert Road, a seventh grader at St. Monica's School won 2nd place in the Environmental Sciences Category. The title of her project -- "Wet Your Whistle: Water Purification." TYLER WARYK of Sagamore Road, a seventh grader at St. Michael's School won 3rd place in the Engineering Category. The title of his project -- "AC versus DC: Which is Best for an Alternative Powering of an Automobile." ANDREW ZAK of Regency Drive, an eighth grader at St. Monica's School, won 3rd place in the Engineering Category. His project was titled -- "Hydro-Electric Engineering."



BEREAVEMENTS

● Our condolences to DEBORAH M. AMBRIS of Beachwood and ANTHONY and DEBBIE G. AMBRIS of Bedford on the passing of their father and father-in-law, ANTHONY AMBRIS. A long-time Chestnut Drive resident, ANTHONY AMBRIS was a retired Sergeant with the Cleveland Police Force.

● Our sympathy to CLARENCE FIKTUS, who has lived on Egbert Road for the past 42 years, on the passing of his wife. CONNIE FIKTUS died at age 61. CONNIE worked for the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

"On March 6th I lost my lovely wife CONNIE FIKTUS. I want to thank our neighbors and friends for the support they gave me and our family during this difficult time. Sincere thanks go to JEAN TURNER and the Women's Club who provided an exceptional post-funeral luncheon, and the Walton Hills Police Department who provided the funeral escort. I also thank Walton Hills resident COELI INGOLD who sang and selected the music for CONNIE'S Funeral Mass at St. Mary's.

With gratitude, CLARENCE FIKTUS"

● ELEANORE FLEISCHER died. She lived on Connelly Drive for many years. Our condolences to her son and daughter-in-law, GLENN and KAY FLEISCHER of Walton Road, and daughter and grandson, JOYCE and KIRK SPORK, former Orchard Hill Drive residents who now live in Greenwood Village. After moving from the village, ELEANORE FLEISCHER lived with JOYCE, and more recently was in a nursing home.

● Our sympathy to ELSIE ISSEL of Dunham Road on the passing of her husband, HUBERT ISSEL. Also to son and daughter-in-law, HUBERT and ALANA ISSEL of Utah and daughter and son-in-law NANCY and RICHARD WILSON of Chardon and seven grandchildren. The ISSELS moved into the village in 1962. After he retired, HUBERT had the time to pursue his artistic talents. He painted portraits using both oils and acrylics, and he also did wood carvings of animals.

● Our thoughts of comfort to TOM MSCICHOWSKI of North Meadowpark Drive on the passing of his wife, MARILYN, at age 68. Also to daughters and their husbands, KAREN and LARRY SKIVER of Niles, DONNA and CHRISTOPHER BEBB of

Warren, LISA and JOHN LUNDE of Austin Minnesota and LINDA and DAVID MARTIN of Cuyahoga Falls, and the nine grandchildren. MARILYN enjoyed sewing, machine embroidery, crafts, raising roses, bike riding around the village and taking frequent trips to Disney World. MARILYN had a sudden stroke a few weeks ago.

The MSCICHOWSKI family sends the following message - "The family of MARILYN MSCICHOWSKI would like to take this opportunity to thank the Walton Hills Police for their fast response to our emergency call on February 11th. They were excellent in what they were trained to do. We also express our thanks to them for the funeral escort. The after-funeral luncheon provided by the Walton Hills Women's Club was overwhelming and shall not be forgotten. We were touched by the large response of villagers at the funeral home. We have been residents for 40 years, and they have been good ones. Thank you."

● Our condolences to RAY and JOYCE TINTER of Jefferson Drive on the passing of RAY'S mother, HILDA CARCHIA. Also to the TINTER children, TYSON and DAWN TINTER of Twinsburg and DEBBIE TINTER of Mecca Ohio.

RAY and JOYCE TINTER thank all the villagers "who sent cards and came to us in our time of need. Your expressions of sympathy are a comfort to us."

● Our sympathy to CARMELLA TOMCIK of Egbert Road on the passing of her husband, JOE, at age 75. Also to their children and spouses, CYNTHIA and JAMES SZENTE of Sagamore Hills, KAREN and RICK SKUFCA of Macedonia and JOSEPH TOMCIK III of Maple Heights and grandson JAMES SZENTE III. JOE TOMCIK was a Veteran of the Korean War and a Councilman in Maple Heights before he and his family moved into Walton Hills in 1970. TOMCIK was a Walton Hills Councilman for 20 years. He also served on the Walton Hills Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He was a past president and treasurer of the Men's Club. For many years JOE TOMCIK coordinated and led the early morning Memorial Day Program at the Village Hall.

"JOE really enjoyed preparing for the village Memorial Day Service," relates CARMELLA TOMCIK. "He was proud to oversee this annual event that paid tribute to our military men and women, especially those who gave their lives for our country."

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

LOBO GLADIMIR
7880 Walton Road

CARL and PEGGY BUCKNER
16207 Ceile Drive

KEVIN and FRANCES COTTRILL
7025 Walton Road

McCLENTON and MARYLIN BELL
7560 Walton Road

A WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

Congratulations to GINA LONARDO, a freshman at Kent State University who was featured on page one of a recent issue of the *Bedford Sun Banner* for her artistic talents and her spirit of volunteerism for her hometown. Since September 2005 GINA'S creative drawings have graced the cover pages of the *Walton Hills Owl* issues. Last spring GINA received scholarships from the Walton Hills Men's and Women's Clubs. She and her parents, PAUL and JUDY LONARDO of McLellan Drive, "see this as a way to give something back to the village."

OUR LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST is in the NEWS

MARK KOLLECKER, Supervisor of Archaeology Field Programs at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, is unearthing evidence of an amazing Native American encampment that spanned 5150 years of human settlements. This is the 3rd year he is working at the Danbury Site, located on the north shore of Sandusky Bay, in Danbury Township which is near Lakeside and Marblehead.

The Danbury Site is an extremely important and rare find. Native Americans from the Archaic Period beginning in 3500 BC through the Whittlesey Period, 1650 AD, have occupied this same spot.

Archaeologists have found storage pits with pottery and other artifacts, items from the Gulf of Mexico area—proof that the people of long ago traveled long distances and traded with other people, evidence of post holes for wigwams, and different kinds of burial sites used in various time spans.

When the developers bought this piece of property they knew local people had been finding evidence of Indian occupation, especially in one section of the land. They decided to set aside choice acreage for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to conduct its research. When MARK KOLLECKER and his staff complete their work at the dig, the owners will complete their housing development.

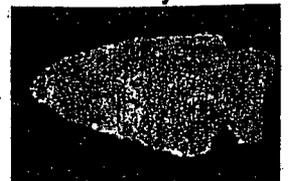
KOLLECKER heads two different programs for the museum. His Archaeology in Action Program is for adults who work with him at the Danbury Site.

His Archaeology Field Experience Program is for students in grades 5th through 12th. The students and their teachers work with him for one day of actual archaeology digging at the Danbury Prehistoric Native American site.

For a fee, students may also become amateur archaeologists and work with him at the site during the summer for one or six week sessions. For more information call 216-231-4600 ext. 3244.

On Tuesday May 30th, adults aged 55+ may attend a 1-day Elderhostel class "Uncovering the Danbury Site" which will be held at the museum. For more information contact the museum or Elderhostel.

MARK and his wife JACKIE PAYETTE and MARK'S mother, CAROL KOLLECKER moved into their home on Alexander Road four years ago. KOLLECKER has a B.S. Degree in Archaeology from Cleveland State University and a M.S. Degree in Museum Education from George Washington University. For the past seven years he has worked at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.





POTPOURRI

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BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to **GEORGE ROSTANKOWSKI**, long-time resident on Summerset Drive, on the passing of his wife **ANN**. The **ROSTANKOWSKIS** were married for 58 years. Also to their children, **LINDA** and **JOE SCOLARO** of Aurora, **JOANNE** and **JIM HAD** of Solon, **GREGORY** and **MICHELE ROSTANKOWSKI** of Solon and **DAVID ROSTANKOWSKI** of Summerset Drive, and the 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. **ANN** enjoyed her flower garden, attending flea markets to seek more bells for her collection, watching Cleveland Indians ball games and vacationing in Florida.

- "The family of **ANN ROSTANKOWSKI** wants to thank the Walton Hills Police for providing the funeral escort on the day of the funeral. We also want to thank the neighbors and village friends for their comforting cards and expressions of sympathy. They meant a lot to all of us, especially my father." Signed, **LINDA SCOLARO**

- Our sincere condolences to the **SCHORPP** family of Conelly Blvd., on the passing of **CLIFFORD SCHORPP, Jr.** who died at age 62 after a long battle with cancer. To **VI SCHORPP** on the death of her husband, to their children, **ERIKA** and **CLIFF SCHORPP III**, and the two grandchildren, **ANGELO** and **CARLO**. Also to **CLIFF'S** sister and her husband, **SUE** and **DAVID KAISER** of Laurel Drive. The **CLIFF SCHORPP** family have lived in the village for 19 years. **CLIFF** served 2 tours of duty in Viet Nam and then was a Pipe Fitter for 30 years. He was a Baseball Coach for 6 years and a Walton Hills Lake Trustee for a few years. **ERIKA** and **CLIFF III** want us to know their dad was a very kind and loving father, and a good friend to many.

- "The family of **CLIFF SCHORPP** expresses our thanks to neighbors and friends for the support they gave us the past few years, and especially this last month. Special thanks to **TERRI** and **RAY BRENNER** for all their kindness and support. Additional thanks to other neighbors and

friends for your many acts of kindness – we will never forget. We appreciate the van transportation the village provided us for a few medical appointments. Special gratitude to the Walton Hills Police Department for the squad assist at our home, and especially the funeral escort to the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Our sincere thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for the outstanding funeral luncheon they provided. Friends and family could not believe how beautiful the luncheon was. Everyone who attended was so touched." Signed, **VI, ERIKA** and **CLIFF SCHORPP, SUE** and **DAVID KAISER**

- Our sympathy to the **JOSEPH** and **ELEANOR TYMER** family. **ELEANOR** died March 3rd and her husband, **JOSEPH** died April 8th. To their children, **DIANE** and **ED TARBY-RUDE**, **JAMES** and **LINDA TYMINSKI** and grandson **JAY TARBY** of South Meadowpark Drive. **JOSEPH TYMER** worked at Republic Steel for 40 years, and **ELEANOR** was a Realtor with Forrer Realty Co. The **TYMERS** were longtime residents in the village, and we are pleased to learn that grandson **JAY TARBY**, resides in their home today.

- Our condolences to **JOYCE** and **BILL DEAK** of Walton Road, on the passing of **JOYCE'S** father, **RICHARD CHRISTIAN**. Also to their children, **BRIAN**, **THOMAS** and **CORY BENDLAK** and **JENNIFER**, **JULIE** and **BILLY DEAK**. Also to **CHRISTIAN'S** wife **PATRICIA** who lives in Oakwood Village.

- Our sympathy to Egbert Road residents **DAVE** and **PAT HEGEDUS** and their children, **DAVE** and **HOLLY HEGEDUS**, on the passing of their father and grandfather, **FRANK HEGEDUS** of Bedford. Also to **FRANK HEGEDUS'** wife **DOROTHY**, daughter and son-in-law **GLORIA** and **RAY FRASCHETTI** of Bedford, son and daughter-in-law **STEVEN** and **JANE HEGEDUS**—former residents who now live in North Carolina, and their son **DANNY HEGEDUS** of Bedford.

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WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS!

ANDREW SARGENT
18575 Shaner Drive

THERESA O'BRIEN
7543 Woodlake Drive

MARC and CYNTHIA CASTILLO
17550 Rauland Drive

YOUNG SOCCER STANDOUTS

Congratulations to NICHOLAS KOVESDI of Shaner Drive for scoring 15 goals for his Valley View Spring soccer team, and to teammate NICOLE SCHROEDER of Egbert Road for doing a great job defending as Goalie. They will move up to U9 for the fall soccer season.

FUTURE THESPIAN in LEAD ROLE

Eighth grader, CHRISTINA KOVACS of North Meadowpark Drive starred as "Dorothy" in Holy Spirit Academy's production of Wizard of OZ performed at Chanel High School auditorium. Congratulations!

BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to the family of DONALD and FRANCINE KARPOWICZ, who lived on Egbert Road for 30 years. DONALD KARPOWICZ passed away April 10th and FRANCINE, his wife of 42 years, died on May 19th at age 61. To their children TAMMY and WALLY GORALCZYK of Seven Hills, JOANNE and RUSS CUBBISON of Euclid, LORI and TONY KONIECZKA of Seven Hills and JOE and JUDY KARPOWICZ of Broadview Hts., and the 5 grandchildren. DONALD worked for North American Mfg. on East 71st Street for 41 years. FRANCINE had a catering business for a number of years then worked for WalMart. The KARPOWICZS had a cottage at the Oddfellows Prokop Velky Camp in Glenwillow, where they enjoyed having the whole family together.



"The KARPOWICZ family is appreciative and touched by the kindness and support we received from neighbors and friends of the village, Mayor MARLENE ANIELSKI, the Police escort and from the Walton Hills Women's Club for offering their services to us. A heart-felt thank you to everyone. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed." Signed, TAMMY GORALCZYK

- Our sincere condolences to LARRY and PRISCILLA MOTSCO of Hickory Drive on the passing of LARRY's mother, SALLY MOTSCO. When LARRY's mother and father (STEVE, who died 1 1/2 years ago) were ill, Larry and Priscilla brought the parents to live with them in Walton Hills for their last years. Condolences also to MILTON MOTSCO of Bedford and DWIGHT and MARTY MOTSCO of Bainbridge.

Village plans outbound 911 system

By Mike Lesko
Staff Writer

Bedford Sun Banner 5-24-2006

WALTON HILLS — Village Council wants to use a high-speed telephone call-back system to warn residents in emergencies.

The system handles warnings in cases of missing children, fires, floods, chemical spills, weather disasters and crime bulletins.

Walton Hills has nearly 1,000 homes plus businesses, all of which could be contacted within about one minute with the system's customized pre-re-

corded messages for various emergencies.

"If a tornado comes through the village, you want the system to be that fast," Police Chief Gary Rhines said. "There can be instant destruction."

Council authorized the chief to put the system in place. The cost for the village would be \$10,000 the first year and \$5,000 each year afterward.

The system is called Code Red outbound 911 emergency messaging system.

It is so sophisticated that it can be

programmed to call only specific areas of the village, for example, if there was a chemical spill, said police dispatcher Bill Klingenberg, the village's emergency management coordinator. It can also reach numerous phones in a house.

Rhines said residents must give out their phone numbers in order to be reached by the system in a crisis. Otherwise, they cannot be called.

The chief said the numbers will be kept confidential by the village and the company that operates the system

does not sell the numbers to other companies.

"But there is nothing we can do to force people to give out their numbers," he said.

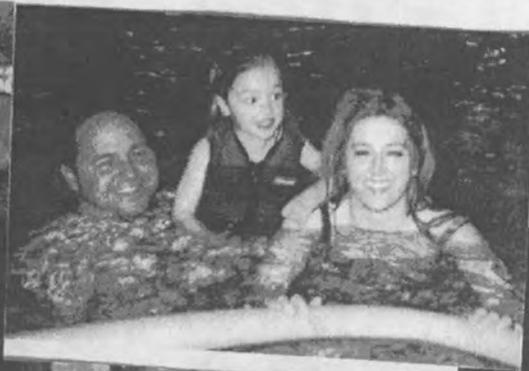
Rhines said residents will be educated about how the system works.

"It's an important tool," he said. "But you can have numerous tools and not everybody will be reached in an emergency. That's unfortunate, but that's reality."

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LOTS OF SUMMER FUN FOR EVERYONE!



Walton Hills Women's Club celebrating 55 years

by Christine Pfister

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — More than 50 years after conducting its first meeting with three members, the Walton Hills Women's Club recently celebrated a milestone anniversary with more than 100 in attendance.

Although the group's 55th anniversary is not until August, the club celebrated it this spring for convenience. All members were recognized for their service to the club with a birthday cake and a toast to an original poem by club member Virginia Barber.

A quilt, designed to chronicle the history of the village, was a highlight of the celebration. In 1976 club members donated it to the Bedford Historical Society.

"We borrowed [the quilt] back for the meeting," said club historian Jackie Gulajski. "A few of the original women who worked on the quilt were able to talk about it."

A commemorative table cloth was also available for members to sign.

"The current members and old members have signed the cloth. It's interesting to see all the signatures together," said Gulajski.

During the celebration, three longtime members spoke of their memories of the club, and a slideshow displayed images from "the good old days."

"We had picture books and memory books from when [the club] began," added Gulajski.

The original motto of the club was, "Enjoy what we have

and work for what we lack." In the '70s the motto was changed to "Pleasant Associations — Loyal Service."

There also have been some small changes in the club's focus.

"We became aware that we needed to help others," said Gulajski.

Initially the group focused on improvements to Village Hall, but since the motto change, the club has also been directing attention to Brendan Manor and the Hattie Lartham Foundation.

The purpose of the club is to promote friendship and render service. The members of the club still meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month from September to May, and all the women in Walton Hills are welcome to join.

The club serves the community through annual scholarships, welcoming new residents, Thanksgiving baskets and donations to local organizations. The club's Community Day is an annual event where the club sells raffle tickets and has a bake sale to raise money for scholarships.

"It's a lot like a festival," said Mary Ann Cook, club president. "All of the organizations in the village come to raise money for their particular cause."

The club has awarded \$50,000 to promising young students over the years, club members said. The women are also proud of their post-funeral luncheons, which include cooking, set-up and clean-up.



At left, from left, Jan Kato, Hilda Horwath, Jean Turner and Mattie Timm raise their glasses for a toast at the Walton Hills Women's Club 55th anniversary party in March.

The Walton Hills Women's Club enjoyed a slideshow with old photos at their recent 55th anniversary celebration, including the one below of the group's executive board of 1963.



Photos courtesy of Walton Hills Women's Club

"[The family] doesn't have to do anything," said Gulajski.

"The most important thing is the funeral services," said Cook. "It's the most rewarding and appreciated by people. For me, it's the highlight."

Though the funeral services are an aspect that have

remained constant, Gulajski has noted several significant changes in the past 50 years.

"In the 50's, the women never had first names," said Gulajski, who has spent hours looking at old, labeled pictures. "Women now have an identity."

Another difference Gulajski

noted when looking at old club photos was women's attire.

"We don't wear our hats and dress up to go shopping," said Gulajski. "I remember doing that, and it's a big change. Women have come so far."

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COURSE REVIEW | ASTORHURST



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This isn't exactly the best location after one's tee shot on Astorhurst's picturesque par-3 13th hole.

Short on length, long on character

Bombers beware: Modest gem along Tinkers Creek requires a patient game to score

BOB MIGRA
Plain Dealer Reporter

When Cuyahoga County golfers rank the area's courses, Astorhurst Country Club, a public course in Walton Hills, probably is not near the top of many lists.

Maybe it should be.

If you look at the scorecard without playing the course, you will not be impressed. Other than a seemingly out-of-place 470-yard par-4, a respectable 194-yard par-3 and a 567-yard par-5, the course is short and shorter.

Joe Muscle, with his \$500 driver and \$4 golf balls, might scoff, but the beauty of this course is not in its length.

The trademarks of the course, winding up, down and around the steep ridge and rolling terrain next to Tinkers Creek, are that no two holes are alike, accuracy is critical, and there are three memorable holes that stack up with some of the best in the area.

"I love this course," said one playing partner, who lives in Sheffield Lake and plays the course about once a year. "It has so much character."

One person's character can be another person's test of character, especially if one strays a little off the tee. The three memorable holes all punish a slight miss.

The 375-yard par-4 eighth hole starts atop the ridge. To reach the green in two, players must land their tee shots on an area of fairway the size of a green, left of a huge tree and short of a lake. From the terraced tee box, looking nearly a hundred feet down, the landing area looks about the size of a newspaper.

The 194-yard, par-3 13th hole features an even more intimidating tee shot. The shot is slightly uphill, over a ravine, and the actual carry plays closer to 210 yards, with no room to miss on either side of the green. Women and seniors can play an alternate green at the bottom of the ravine. Many of us wish we could.

Another memorable hole is the 498-yard, par-5 18th. It features a tee shot from atop the ridge to a narrow fairway that doglegs right and looks as wide as a string from the high vantage point.

Add excellent maintenance on the tight bud-

Astorhurst Country Club

Location: 7000 Dunham Road, Walton Hills.

Directions: From I-77, take Pleasant Valley Road east about five miles to Dunham Road. Take Dunham Road north about one mile. The course is on the left (west) side of the road.

Designer: Harold Paddock, who also designed Sugar Bush, in Garrettsville. The course was built in 1968.

Course manager: Doug Smith.

Par: 71 for men, 73 for women. The course plays 6,083 yards from the blue tees and 5,289 yards from the red tees. No yardage was listed for the white tees, but the holes generally play about 10 yards shorter than the blue tees.

Green fees: Weekdays, \$39 for 18 holes with a cart, \$21 for nine holes with a cart. Weekends and holidays, \$43 for 18 holes, \$23 for nine holes, with a cart. Weekend and holiday twilight special, after 2 p.m., \$30 for 18 holes, \$16.50 for nine holes, with a cart. Monday and Tuesday special, \$29 for 18 holes with a cart; 62-and-over senior special, \$25 for 18 holes with a cart before 3 p.m. on weekdays; earlybird special, \$29 for 18 holes with a cart weekdays before 8 a.m. Walkers rates are available, but because of some long and extremely sloped paths, it is recommended only for those in good physical condition.

Reservations: Recommended.

Clubhouse: Yes.

Driving range: No, but there is a practice range adjacent to the course that is used for lessons and classes.

— Bob Migra

get of a privately owned course and there is not much to criticize about Astorhurst. But we'll try to find something anyway:

The women's tee was easy to miss off the steep path down to the fairway on the eighth hole.

Having a quick lunch at the turn, one of the prepared turkey sandwiches in the cooler had a slightly stale bun.

But there was nothing else to complain about when it came to food preparation by the course's jack-of-all trades, Doug Smith, who serves as course general manager, teaching pro and outing chef.

One playing partner described his hamburger at the turn as "super, excellent." A regular player at the course said Smith's grilled steaks are as good as, or better than, any top restaurant.

"I take my cooking personally," said Smith, who has worked at the course since he was a student at Padua High School in 1978. "I started

[cooking for] outings in about 1981. My secret is quality meats. I don't want anybody to ever get a bad steak."

Smith's steaks and chicken might keep the outings coming back, but the job he and his crew did getting the course back in top shape might have saved the business. Owner John Agresta Sr. returned to actively operate the course after it had become run down under leased operation in the mid-1990s. He turned to Smith to handle the project.

"It took several years of pouring a lot of work and money in to get the course back where it is now," co-owner Joan Agresta, John's daughter, said. "It's back to the way my [late] father wanted it. His work was road construction, but golf was his love."

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PAR 4 Four things I think after playing Astorhurst

1. Before you reach the first tee, you notice the excellent condition of the course and its surroundings. The parking lot is neat, with no trash, weeds or overgrown brush. All grass areas are lush, not just tees, fairways and greens. Small creeks are attractively lined with blocks of sandstone and are trimmed and weed-free to the waterline.

2. This is an old-style course, not a wide-open, acres-eating monster for big bombers. Many of the holes are

relatively short, but there is a premium on accuracy throughout. Four of the par-4s are around 300 yards, but only the 279-yard fifth hole can be driven. Most of the shorter holes are tightly wooded with extreme doglegs.

3. Whoever did the handicapping system for the course should reconsider the No. 10 rating for the 194-yard 13th hole. This is easily the hardest hole on the course, and one of the toughest par-3s in Northeast Ohio. The hole was

included in The Plain Dealer's 18-hole "dream course" in 2002.

4. Standing on the eighth and 18th tees, on top of a ridge, it is hard to believe you are just 10 miles from downtown Cleveland and a little farther from the flatlands of the western suburbs. The slope and terrain reminds you of some courses in Geauga or Summit County.

— Bob Migra

A sudden, destructive downpour

Water from last Thursday's rainstorm caused severe damage to Beech Avenue in Northfield Village, right, and threatened to top the Dunham Road bridge in the photo below. The picture below that was taken Monday afternoon, with the creek level returning to its normal level.

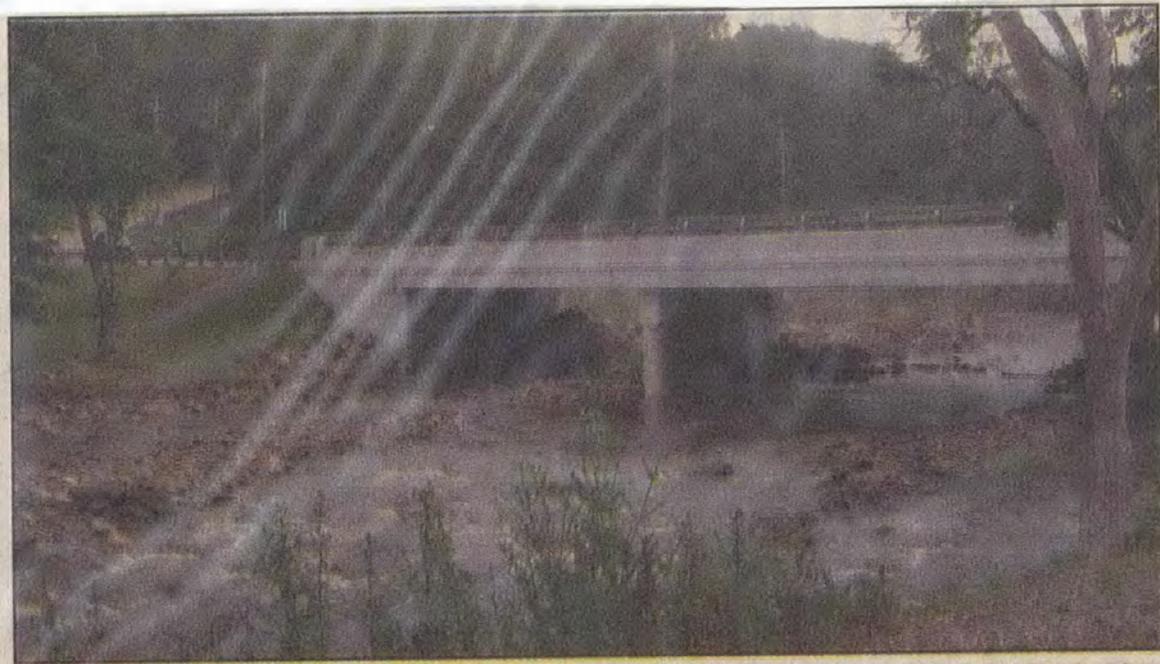
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Above, a driveway bridge owned by Sagamore Road resident Anthony Ioppolo was knocked off its foundation as a result of flood waters. At left, Ioppolo's neighbor, Jim Foliano, picks up a firefighter's boot lost during the previous day's rescue operation to recover another neighbor's mother as flood waters rose.



RPC Photo / Christine Pfister



RPC Photos / Eric Marotta
Northfield Center Town Hall, above, pictured Friday drying out, was flooded with several feet of water, which damaged some township records in a store room, below.



RPC Photos / Eric Marotta

Police said the driver who was forced to abandon his car on Sagamore Road escaped unharmed. Further up the road, right, part of the Hike and Bike Trail was nearly washed out.



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Images of a flood

Maple Heights called on Twinsburg's boat rescue team, right and below, to help remove an elderly woman from her water-encircled home on Sagamore Road in Walton Hills last Thursday. She was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and released later that evening.



Photos courtesy of Maple Heights Fire Department



Photos courtesy of Steve Hocevar

Above and top, traffic had to be stopped to allow the Walton Hills Service Department to clean rocks and gravel off a portion of Dunham Road that had been washed out.

Sagamore neighborhood inundated

One of the worst hit areas was on the Walton Hills border with Sagamore Hills, where residents reported water topped the guardrails and the Twinsburg Fire Department was called to pull an 88-year-old woman from her Sagamore Road home with an inflatable boat.

"I didn't know if [water] was going to come into the house, so I called for rescue," said Laurie Garratt, the woman's daughter.

Garratt said she initially called the Maple Heights Fire Department. She said Maple Heights firefighters, who waded through waist-deep

water to reach Garratt's home, realized they would not be able to rescue her mother, who has Alzheimer's disease, and called Twinsburg for help.

"They floated her out to an ambulance parked up the road," Garratt said. The 88-year-old was taken to a local hospital for precaution and released after the flood waters subsided.



Photo courtesy of Maple Heights Fire Department

Maple Heights firefighters waded into shoulder-deep flood waters on Sagamore Road June 22 before calling in Twinsburg's boat rescue team, above, to help remove an elderly woman from her water-encircled home. She was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and was released later that evening.

Heavy rains flood village

Walton Hills woman taken from home via boat

6-28-2006 Bedford Times-Register

by **Tim Troglen**

Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Summer began with a thunderous downpour June 22 that caused creeks and streams to jump their banks and transformed low-lying roads into raging waterways.

One of the worst hit local areas was on the Walton Hills border with Sagamore

Hills, where residents reported water topped the guardrails, and firefighters rescued an 88-year-old woman from her Sagamore Road home with an inflatable boat.

Walton Hills Mayor Marlene Anielski said the village applied for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Fri-

day.

"We have about 80 homes that have damage," Anielski said Tuesday.

She said the damage ranged from an 8-foot hole in one home's foundation to puddles 4 feet deep in another's basement.

"I didn't know if [water] was going to come into the

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Photo courtesy of Steve Hovevar

Above, a swelling Tinkers Creek last Thursday threatened to top the Dunham Road bridge in Walton Hills. Below, the creek level returned to its normal level by Monday afternoon.



RPC Photo / Christine Pfister

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According to Maple Heights Asst. Fire Chief Gary Krause, firefighters also jumped into Tinkers Creek near the Astorhurst Golf Course to secure a pair of 250-pound propane cylinders that were floating in the water. He said the tanks were attached by hoses to a home in the 6900 block of Dunham Road.

"The Astorhurst picnic area was totally under water," said Walton Hills Police Chief Gary Rhines. "We actually watched a sports utility vehicle floating by."

He said the unoccupied SUV lodged itself next to a home.

Rhines said he called in 70 percent of his department to help with water rescues and phone calls.

"We started getting ham-

mered right around 3 p.m.," Rhines said, adding, as the rain fell and the water began rising, "we got slammed with 911 calls and emergency calls."

As the waters rose, it was not only residents who needed rescuing. The police department inside of Village Hall began to flood. Rhines said officers, dispatchers and the village staff unplugged computers and other electronic equipment and moved it to higher ground.

"We went back to the old way of doing police work," including logging emergency calls by hand, Rhines said.

He said the entire Village Hall staff chipped in to help — Anielski and her administrative staff were in the basement with vacuum cleaners trying to soak up water.

Anielski said the American Red Cross has been to the village passing out boxes containing cleaning supplies and has assisted two families with finding temporary hotels.

"I thought it was very nice to see the camaraderie that happened out of this devastation," Anielski said.

She said the lake at TG Young Park was contaminated from sewer runoff, had to be completely drained and will need to be refilled.

Residents describe damage

Rhines said the storm damage in the village is extensive.

"We've got houses with



Photo courtesy of Steve Hovevar

Two unidentified people take a swim in the front yard and street of a home on Egbert Road and Stuble Lane in Walton Hills.

collapsed walls and entire driveways washed away," he said. "It was like white-water rafting. The water was going that fast."

"It took down trees and everything in its path, including boulders. We were lucky no one got hurt."

The amount of water filling Walton Road basements varied from a few inches to several feet, causing some homeowners to have their utilities shut off for safety.

Four feet of water filled the basement of Ted and Sophie Steffas' home in the 7200 block of Walton Road.

"This is absolutely catastrophic," said Sophie, who noted she has lived on Walton Road for 24 years and has never seen flooding like this.

A crew was at their home Friday removing wet carpet, a three-piece sectional couch and a recliner.

Margaret Tomondy and her husband live in the 7000 block of Walton Road. She said about 4 inches of water rose in her basement during the storm.

"The water came so fast you could not think," Tomondy said. "One minute there was nothing and the

next minute there was a lot."

Karen Twedell had been out of town for two days when she came home Friday afternoon to find a strange tree stump floating in her front yard. Several landscaping "boulders" that had been stacked up for about 20 years had fallen down.

"I opened the garage door and the garage was full of mud," she said. "The mud came in under the door."

Getting to Know **You**



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Julius Kerekes and his wife of 58 years, Grace, at the 2006 Bedford High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony.

Kerekes has called Captain Penny, Gen. Patton friends

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

During his career, Julius Kerekes made an eclectic group of friends reaching far beyond his homes in Bedford and Walton Hills.

His pals have had pointed ears and invisible parrots, carried magic keys and talked to Santa Claus from the seventh floor of Halle's Department Store, predicted weather patterns, made international news and helped win World War II.

As a retired employee of the Scripps Howard Broadcasting Co. and WEWS-TV5, Kerekes, 84, has counted Linn Sheldon, best known as "Barnaby"; Earl Keyes, known as "Mr. Jingaling, the Keeper of the Keys"; retired weather man Don Webster; Paige Palmer; broadcasting legend Dorothy Fuldheim; Ron Penfound,

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Kerekes

an afternoon children's TV show host known as "Captain Penny" and U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton as friends.

"I actually joined WEWS-TV5 three months after it went on the air in 1948," Kerekes said. "It was the first television station in Ohio."

During his career with the company, he was the assistant to the general manager, an advertising salesman, national sales manager, vice president of Scripps Howard's cable television services and executive assistant to the president.

"I've been retired for 20 years officially," he said. "I was very fortunate to work there for almost 40 years."

Kerekes lives in Walton Hills with his wife of 58 years, Grace. They have two children, Linda and Kenneth.

Kerekes is a member of the 1939 graduating class of Bedford High School.

"In March I was inducted into the Bedford High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of fame," he said.

After high school Kerekes went on and earned a business degree from Dyke College. He has been a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bedford, belongs to The Knights of Columbus Lodge 3126, the Walton Hills Men's Club and the Bedford Historical Society.

He said two major influences in his life were teachers Arthur Dunscombe and

Quote

It is the best psychological and mental therapy there is.

Julius Kerekes,
Retired TV personality, expounding on the virtues of "round" dancing

Helen Ross.

"Dunscombe persuaded me to go into business school, which was very important," he said. "And Helen Ross taught me to be a good citizen and the importance of understanding governmental laws, leaders and agencies."

When not attending club meetings and playing golf, Kerekes said he and his wife enjoy both square and "round" dancing — like ballroom dancing, but with a person giving instructions for the dancers to follow.

"It is the best psychological and mental therapy there is," Kerekes said.

Kerekes, who has lived in Walton Hills for 57 years, said he has no desire to leave.

"We are attuned to the area," he said. "I was born and raised in Bedford and I've

lived 84 years in the Bedford area."

Before joining the broadcasting business, Kerekes served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He served as a master sergeant on Patton's staff, being awarded a bronze star for meritorious service.

"He was the greatest general ever," Kerekes said. "I was with Patton through England to the end of the war."

Kerekes was quick to point out that he was not stationed on the front lines in Europe during the war, but served on Patton's headquarters staff in the intelligence section.

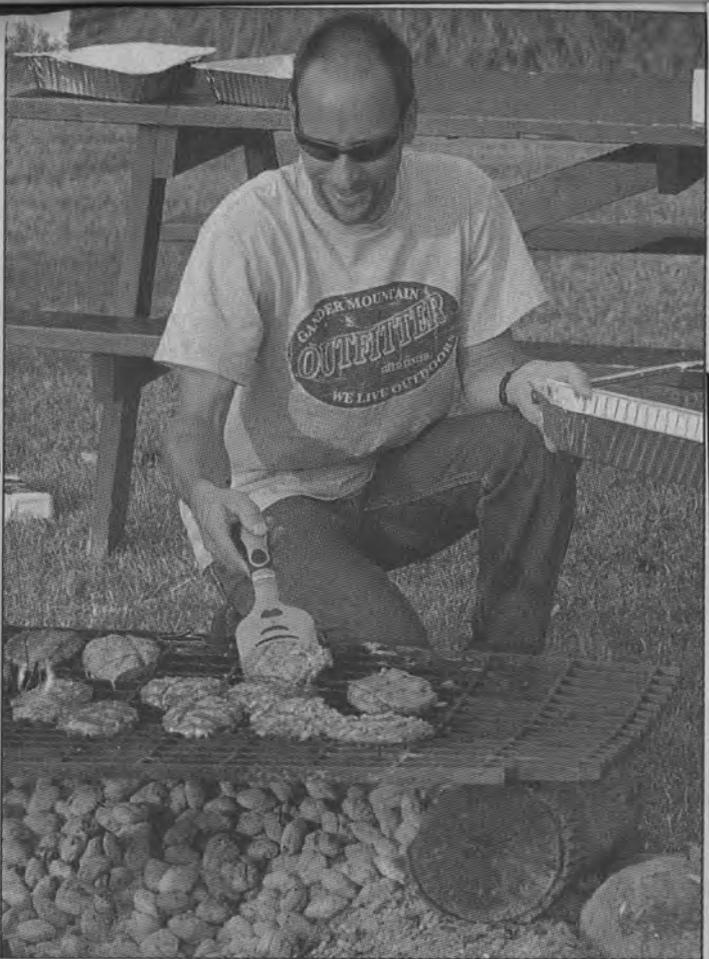
"We collected information about the German Army," he said. "Through the information we secured through prisoner of war interrogations or reconnaissance, we would determine where each division of the Germans was located."

Kerekes said he and his staff were "shelled a few times" and "got strafed and bombed by German planes."

As a former soldier, Kerekes weighed in on the current conflict in Iraq. He said while there may be some problems, "we have to back our soldiers who are there and give them 100 percent."

"I served my country, but the real heroes are the one who did not come back," he said.

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SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

WALTON FAMILY FUN 7/13/2006
Brian Schroeder flips hamburgers Saturday night during the Walton Hills Family Camp Out in Thomas Young Park. More than 40 residents enjoyed all or part of the two-day event. For the story, see page A3.

Family campout lights fire for the neighborhood

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — About a dozen residents were on hand Friday night in Thomas G. Young Park as the village's Family Campout got under way.

More than 200 residents were in the park enjoying baseball games and other activities. A few drifted over to the camp out. By Saturday, 11 families were involved for part or all of the event. Five village employees coordinated activities and saw to it that everyone had a good time.

"Residents taking part are able to enjoy a real feeling of community," said Lisa Gagliano, village recreation director, as she supplied French fries to waiting teens. Burgers and hot dogs were also served, and each family brought side dishes.

Joe and Lisa D'Amico were there both nights with their daughters Monica and Alexandria.

"This is a great community where people are eager to help each other," Lisa said. "This gives people a chance



SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Tents were pitched in anticipation of a good night's rest after an evening of fun-filled activities.

to get to know their neighbors and to learn more about what Walton Hills has to offer."

And so it went, as adults talked and children milled about. Tents were pitched and small sites were reserved,

but participants were eager to share the camping areas, food, beverages and anything else.

"We would have liked it if more people had been able to take part," Gagliano said. "But there are so many activities to contend with in the

summer."

"We try to schedule a family activity each month," Gagliano said. "Our residents enjoy getting together with each other."

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CLEVELAND TRIATHLON

Two triathletes built for friendship, competition

Hamilton, 70, and Williamson, 72, share memories of 18 starts each

PAT GALBINCEA
Plain Dealer Reporter

Best of friends Stephen Hamilton and Phil Williamson will celebrate the 20th Cleveland Triathlon by competing Sunday in the sprint race beginning with a half-mile swim at North Coast Harbor.

That, per se, would make them no different from the 800 other competitors celebrating the race established by Jack Caress in 1987, when National City Bank was the main sponsor. What is special about this duo is the fact they've both competed in 18 of the previous 19 races.

Hamilton, 70, of Lyndhurst has missed only one previous race. He caught hepatitis in Mexico in 2000. Williamson, 72, of Walton Hills missed the 1993 National City Triathlon when he was successfully operated on for

prostrate cancer.

Both gentlemen said the triathlon today is better than it was in 1987, even though the Cleveland Triathlon no longer has professionals competing.

"Phil and I race to keep physically fit," said Hamilton. "I don't miss the pro race. We're in it to have our own fun. I mean, it was nice to have bigger names . . . we talked to Karen Smyers and Michelle Jones, and they were friendly and cordial. But I personally don't miss having the pros here.

"The triathlon is a growing sport. The Cleveland Triathlon Club was formed three years ago, and it's quite strong. That club is good at bringing in new people and training them."

"I did enjoy watching the pro races," Williamson said. "But I know the triathlon is not a popular spectator sport. Most of the

spectators here when we had pro races were participants.

"But triathlons have grown in popularity since 1987, and that's because course lengths have shrunk.

"I mean, at my age, I can't do too many Olympic distance races [1.5k swim, 24-mile bike, 10k run] anymore. Steve and I can still handle the sprint distance [half-mile swim, 16-mile bike, 5k run]."

Hamilton was a former marathon runner who injured his leg in the late 1970s and turned to swimming for rehabilitation. He said he has been riding bicycles since he was a child.

Williamson, whose distant cousin Evelyn Williamson won Cleveland's last two pro women's races (2003-04), said he was a "dedicated doer of nothing" before taking up swimming at age 40. After he developed a sore

shoulder, he began running.

"When Stow held a triathlon in 1982, I already knew how to ride a bike so it seemed natural to try this new sport," he said. "And that's where I first met Steve. We became friends ever since and we are friendly competitors . . . even though Steve wins more races. It's more important for us to stay fit, though."

When asked what they best remembered about the first Cleveland Triathlon in 1987, both men mentioned the changing tent near the transition area. Competitors would dry off from the swim, and change into biking gear. The changing tent no longer exists.

Both men — who have done five to six triathlons a year for the past 24 years — said the highlight of the Cleveland Triathlon was in 1996, when the city was host to the World Champion-

At a glance

When: Sunday.

Where: Start is at North Coast Harbor off East 9th Street, Finish line is just south of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Erieside.

Race times: Super sprint division begins 6:45 a.m., the sprint division at 7:15, the Olympic distance division at 7:45 a.m. and the Olympic relays at 8:05 a.m.

Registration: Accepted through 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1022 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland. Call 216-658-6400. Or register online at pacificsportsllc.com. No race day registration. Expo and packet pickup also at the Hilton Garden Inn. Expo is Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Costs: \$65 for the super sprint race, \$70 for the sprint race, \$80 for the Olympic race and \$140 for the Olympic relay.

Awards ceremonies: Slated Sunday, 11:45 a.m. near the finish line.

— Pat Galbincea

ships.

"I sure remember it," Hamilton said. "I made the U.S. team that year and went to Cancun."

"It was great for us and for Cleveland to have that World Championship here," Williamson said. "It was there that we learned that the pros have a lot of respect for us amateurs. That's something you can't say about

other sports.

"I've done the big triathlons in Chicago and Baltimore, and Steve did the tough one in Alcatraz. Having said that, I think Cleveland has been lucky to have a very good triathlon these past 20 years."

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Walton Hills could spend \$100,000 on drainage system

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — In response to what the village engineer called a 100-year storm last month, the village is expected to appropriate \$100,000 for sewer and drain cleanup and to make emergency repairs to the drainage system.

About 30 residents gathered in the Village Hall Community Room July 18 to voice concerns

over damage from the June 22 storm and see what is being done to prevent future flooding problems.

Village Engineer Don Sheehy told residents the storm, which hit the area with flash floods, left tons of debris and rivers of mud in its wake.

He said that any storm dropping 2 1/5 inches of rain at one

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Drain

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time is considered a 100-year storm, and he estimated the village received 4 to 5 inches of rain in a 24-hour period.

"I've personally never seen that much rain come down at one time," he said. "It was a pretty rare occurrence."

Rare it may have been, but some residents said damage could have been minimized with proper maintenance of village culverts and drainage areas.

Sheehy said one of the causes of the flooding, primarily around Sagamore Creek, was two blocked storm water pipes under Sonny Drive. He said about 20 feet of a private homeowner's pedestrian bridge broke off its moorings and got wedged up against the pipes.

"That little bridge cut the capacity of those two pipes at least in half, if not more," Sheehy said.

Other residents complained of damaged basements, collapsed outside walls, as well as trees and boulders that had washed up into their yards.

One resident read a letter submitted by several Sagamore Road and Rauland Drive residents, saying they are worried about debris, including trees, garbage, telephone poles, large rocks and plywood, that found its way into Tinkers Creek.

Sheehy said the creek is expected to handle a large amount of water, but has a narrow capacity due to turns, inadequate culverts and the debris.

One resident said she volunteered to pay for a concrete culvert to be put in front of her home, but was turned down by the village.

Another resident, who who noted he has lived on Regency Drive for more than 18 years,

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Lori Waryk 330-467-8226 and Jean Kainsinger

A VILLAGE of VOLUNTEERS

On Thursday June 22nd we witnessed the force of gushing water. Several residents had to deal with water damage. It was heartwarming to see friends and neighbors helping fellow villagers work through their water problems.

Walton Hills Lake, surrounded by hillsides and near a creek, got hit, too. Water cascaded down the hillsides and the creek overflowed its banks. **Crews of volunteers showed up at the lake** to help with the clean up. They **drained the lake**. They **power washed** then **steam-sterilized** the pavilion, bathhouse, food stand, tables, play and lake equipment. They raked the grass and sand, and raked the bottom of the emptied lake.

Their long hours of work made it possible for the lake to host the Village Party in the Park Concert Sunday evening, June 25th. The large group of residents who attended the concert was treated to a fun evening, dancing and listening to upbeat music in a clean atmosphere. Lake trustees expect to have the lake filled before the Fourth of July weekend.

PROUD GRANDMOTHER

BETTY RICHER of Morningside Drive proudly announces her grandson EDWARD graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical School. Next year he will begin 3 years of a residency in Radiology in an Atlanta hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

Five Walton Hills students at St. Monica's School made their First Communion this past May.
(b. row)

MICHELLE DEAN of Spanghurst Drive,
NICOLE SCHROEDER of Egbert Road,
(t. row) JESSICA JUSKO of Rotary Drive,
NICHOLAS KOVESDI of Shaner Drive,
CIARA PARASILITI of Hicks Road.

WOMEN'S CLUB in the NEWS

Did you see the half-page feature story about the Walton Hills Women's Club celebrating 55 years of service to our community in the June 15th issue of the *Bedford Times Register*? MARY ANN COOK, the club's current president, and JACKIE GULAJSKI, historian for the club, are quoted as saying the women feel their funeral repast service to residents is their most rewarding and appreciated project. Among their other services, the Women's Club has awarded, over the years, a total of \$50,000 to local high school seniors who go on to college.

ASTORHURST GOLF CLUB in the NEWS

The Astorhurst Country Club (Golf Course) was featured in a recent *Plain Dealer* article. JOHN AGRESTA SR., who is now deceased, returned to actively operate the course after it had become run down under leased operation in the mid 1990s. "It took several years of pouring a lot of work and money in to get the course back where it is now," stated co-owner JOAN AGRESTA, JOHN'S daughter. In the article she said, "It's back to the way my father wanted it. His work was road construction, but golf was his love."





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BEREAVEMENTS

- Our sympathy to the family of LINDA SIGADO, who lived on McLellan Drive. For 26 years LINDA served as the Maple Heights Clerk of Council. She died at age 63 after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy. She is survived by her children, JACQUELYNE and CHUCK BROWN, LAURA VOLKAR and RICK SIGADO, and also 5 grandchildren.

- Our sincere condolences to RUTH HACKBART of McLellan Drive on the passing of her sister, ELEANOR WILSON. For the past two years, when ELEANOR could no longer live alone, RUTH shared her home and took care of her sister's needs. ELEANOR was a Bedford resident for over 60 years and then lived in Arizona for more than 20 years.

- Long-time residents may remember NAOMI KELLEY who recently passed away in North Palm Beach Florida. She is survived by her husband GAREN and children SUANNE and MICHAEL KOPALD of Lexington Virginia and MICHAEL KELLEY of Gates Mills. In 1958, while living at 7599 Linda Lane, GAREN and NAOMI KELLEY co-founded Kelley Steel Erectors, Inc. Together they helped build several Cleveland landmark buildings. They were also noted charitable fundraisers; their monetary donations supported many causes in the Greater Cleveland area.

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BEST WISHES on YOUR ENGAGEMENT

JOHN and DIANE KALL of Dunham Road are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, KATIE ROSE KALL, to CHRISTOPHER DeDOBBELAERE of Rock Island, Illinois.

KATIE is a 1999 graduate of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights and a 2003 graduate of Marquette University in Wisconsin. KATIE and CHRIS are both currently employed at the Army Civilian Personnel Operations Center in Rock Island.

The couple will get married on July 8th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Moline, Illinois. A reception honoring the couple will be held at the bride's parents' home in August.

CHRIS DeDOBBELAERE and KATIE KALL



THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- **WILMA and ALEX TOTH**

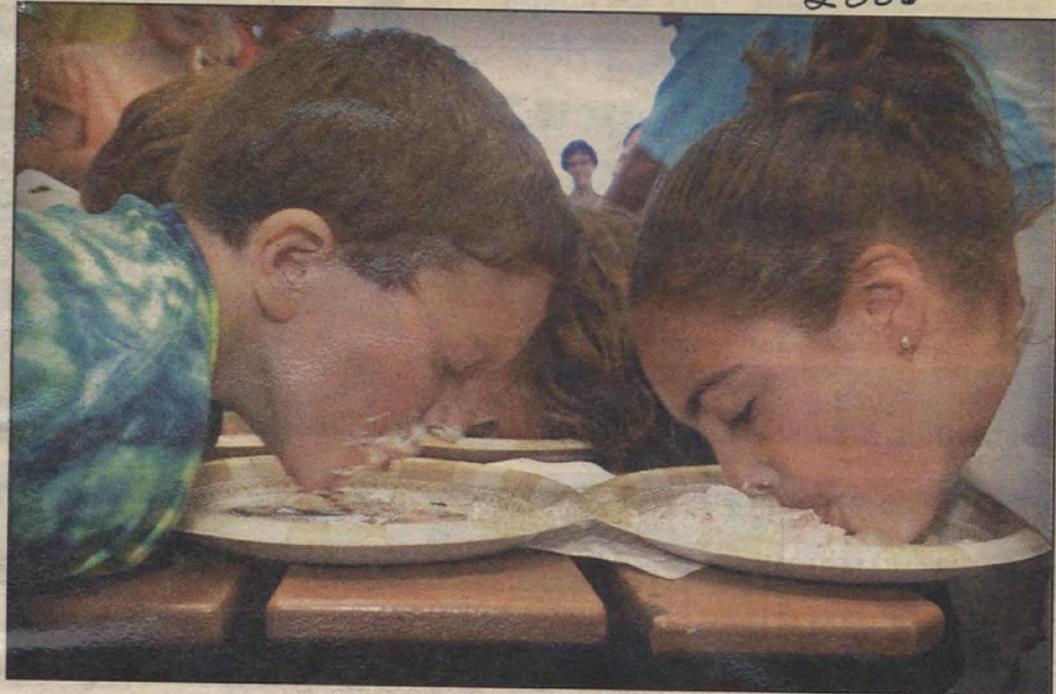
Thank you for your generous donation. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We will put the money to good use.

A RESIDENT'S HELPFUL HINT

Have a Little Tykes or Step 2 mailbox? KAREN HUME of Rauland Drive suggests we look on the inside door for the phone number to call for **free replacement parts**. Flag / Back Door Flap, etc.

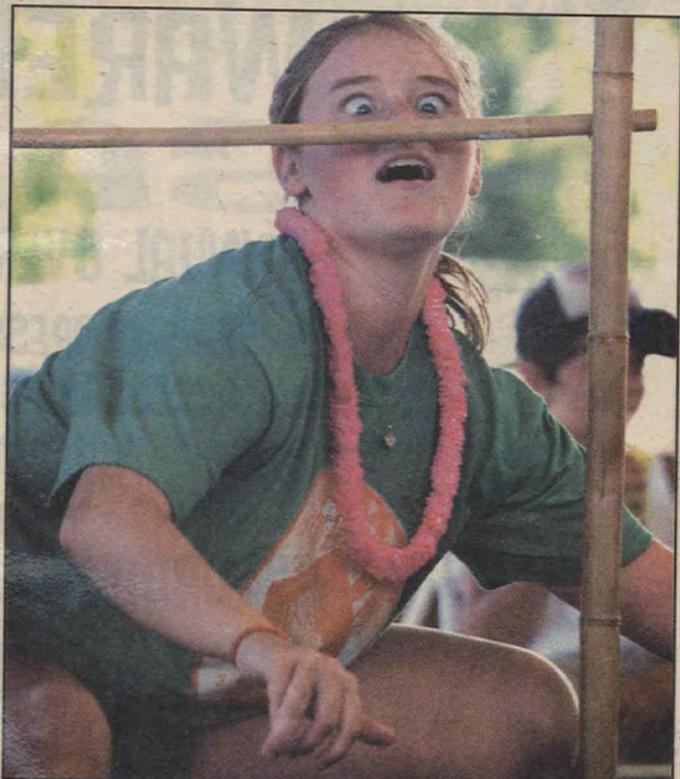
Community Day Parade - 2006





Above,
James Hudek, 13,
left, and
Hayli Pineiro, 12,
compete in an
ice cream eating
contest at
Sunday's annual
Walton Hills
Community Day
festival at
T.G. Young Park.

At right,
Mary Kate Begin, 14,
eyes the bar
while taking
part in
a limbo
contest.



Walton Hills Community Day loaded with activities

by **Mike Lesko**

Associate Editor

WALTON HILLS — A bull riding contest, a Euro bungee trampoline jump and an inflatable Shrek toy for children to jump on will be new items at this year's Walton Hills Community Day.

The festival will begin Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. with opening ceremonies at T.G. Young Park and conclude with fireworks at dusk. Anyone can attend.

There will be games, rides, a nationally acclaimed magician and two events centered around Elvis Presley. Food will be sold by members of the village's civic groups. A disc jockey will provide entertainment.

"We have a lot of things planned," Recreation Director Lisa Gagliano said. "It should be a lot of fun."

The Walton Hills Citizens League will hand out its second annual Citizen of the Year Award. The inaugural winner last year was Jean Kainsinger, co-editor of the Walton Hills *Owl* along with husband, Bob.

Tickets are \$1 for most games and rides, and \$18 family packs for unlimited use can be purchased.

Walton Hills Community Day Schedule of events

- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Home run derby on diamond 2 for ages 10-12, 13-14 and 15-17.
- 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Disc jockey with music and dancing.
- 1:45 to 2 p.m. — Village of Walton Hills "Summer on the Stage" theater group.
- 2 p.m. — Horseshoe and bocce ball tournament — singles and pairs (trophy to the winners).
- 2 to 8 p.m. — Euro bungee trampoline jump and mechanical bull ride (\$2 each).
- 2 to 8 p.m. — Bungee run and inflatable Shrek combo unit.
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Oreo stacking contest for ages 4-6, bubble blowing contest for ages 8-10, ice cream eating contest for ages 11-14.
- 4 p.m. — Babes of 1916 softball game against village officials and residents at diamond 2.
- 4 to 7 p.m. — Mayor's initiative: Oakwood Fire Department will conduct blood pressure checks while

Marymount Hospital will have cholesterol and glucose screenings.

• 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — A closest to the pin contest for golfers is \$1 for two shots. One man and one woman will win a round of golf with a cart and trophy.

• 6 p.m. — The Walton Hills Citizens League will present its Citizen of the Year Award.

• 6 to 8 p.m. — The Euclid Beach rocket ride is \$1 for each rider.

• 6:20 to 6:35 p.m. — An Elvis look-alike contest. People can sign up at the disc jockey booth. The winner will be announced and prize awarded at 6:35 p.m.

• 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. — A magic act by Rick Smith, who Gagliano said won a national contest for magicians.

• 7 to 8 p.m. — A mechanical bull riding contest for ages 14-16, 17-19 and 20 and older. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to male and female winners. The entry fee is \$1.

• 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. — Walt Sanders will give his "Elvis Lives" performance.

• Dusk — Fireworks.

A special day for Pat Day

Resident chosen as Walton Hills Citizen of the Year

by **Mike Lesko**

Associate Editor

WALTON HILLS — When Pat Day was growing up, her mother used to say to her, “Patty, you’re always doing stuff for people all the time.”

Day admitted it is true.

“I’m trying to learn to say no,” she said. “But I just like to help

people.”

It is that stellar spirit of volunteering that earned Day the second annual Citizen of the Year Award from the Walton Hills Citizens League Sunday at the Walton Hills Community Day festival.

“Pat is always there anytime anybody needs something

done,” said Jennifer Allen, Citizens League president. “When she joined the Walton Hills Lake Club, she cut the grass, pulled weeds, cleaned toilets, scrubbed walls, cooked food and painted picnic tables.”

Day thought it was no big deal.

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grief.”

Day had no idea that Sunday would be her day. She said she was stunned when Allen announced her name as Community Day was winding down.

“I had to collect myself,” she said. “It brought some tears.”

Day said she learned afterward that she was nominated by a couple women’s club members, who had nearly 50 other members sign the nomination. The final decision was made by Citizens League officials.

Day joins Jean Kainsinger, co-editor of the *Walton Hills Owl* along with husband, Bob, as a winner of the Citizens League award.

“It’s just an honor that people would think of you like that,” Day said.

Plenty of people think of her like that, Allen said.

“The Citizens League had some qualified candidates nomi-

nated,” Allen said. “But Pat wears many hats. The list of things she has done selflessly for the village is incredible — while raising five children.”

They are daughter Laura Malone (Sagamore Hills) and sons Jeff (Middleburg Heights), Terry (Garfield Heights), Tim (Cleveland Heights) and Scott (Walton Hills).

Yet the Citizen of the Year Award isn’t all Day won.

She captured a mom’s hula hoop contest and snagged the winning ticket in a women’s club raffle, earning her a bread and breakfast for two in Niagara Falls along with a \$25 restaurant gift certificate and a case of bottled iced tea.

“It was a beautiful day,” she said.

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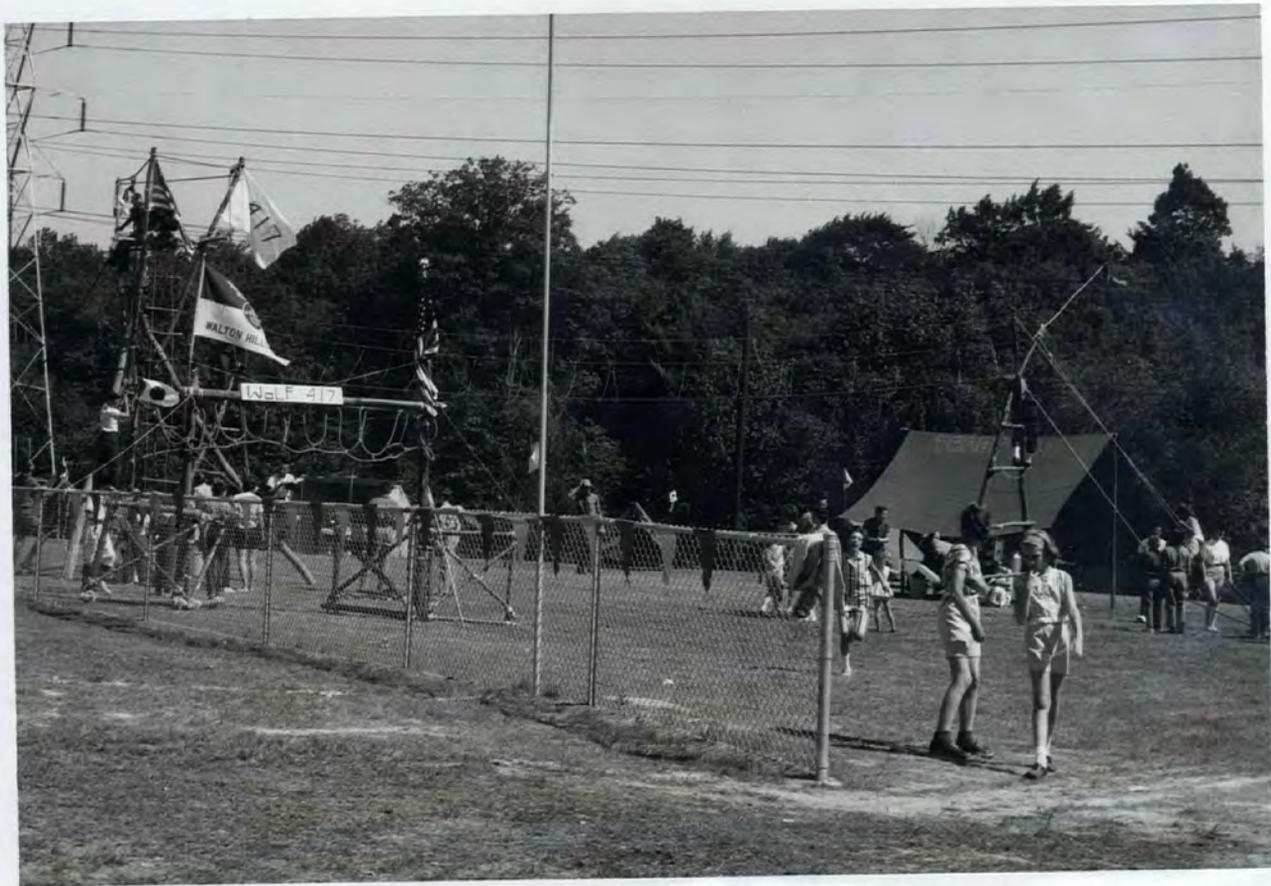
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Pat Day wins the mom’s hula hoop contest at the annual Walton Hills Community Day festival.

Fun at TGY Park
Community Day 2006

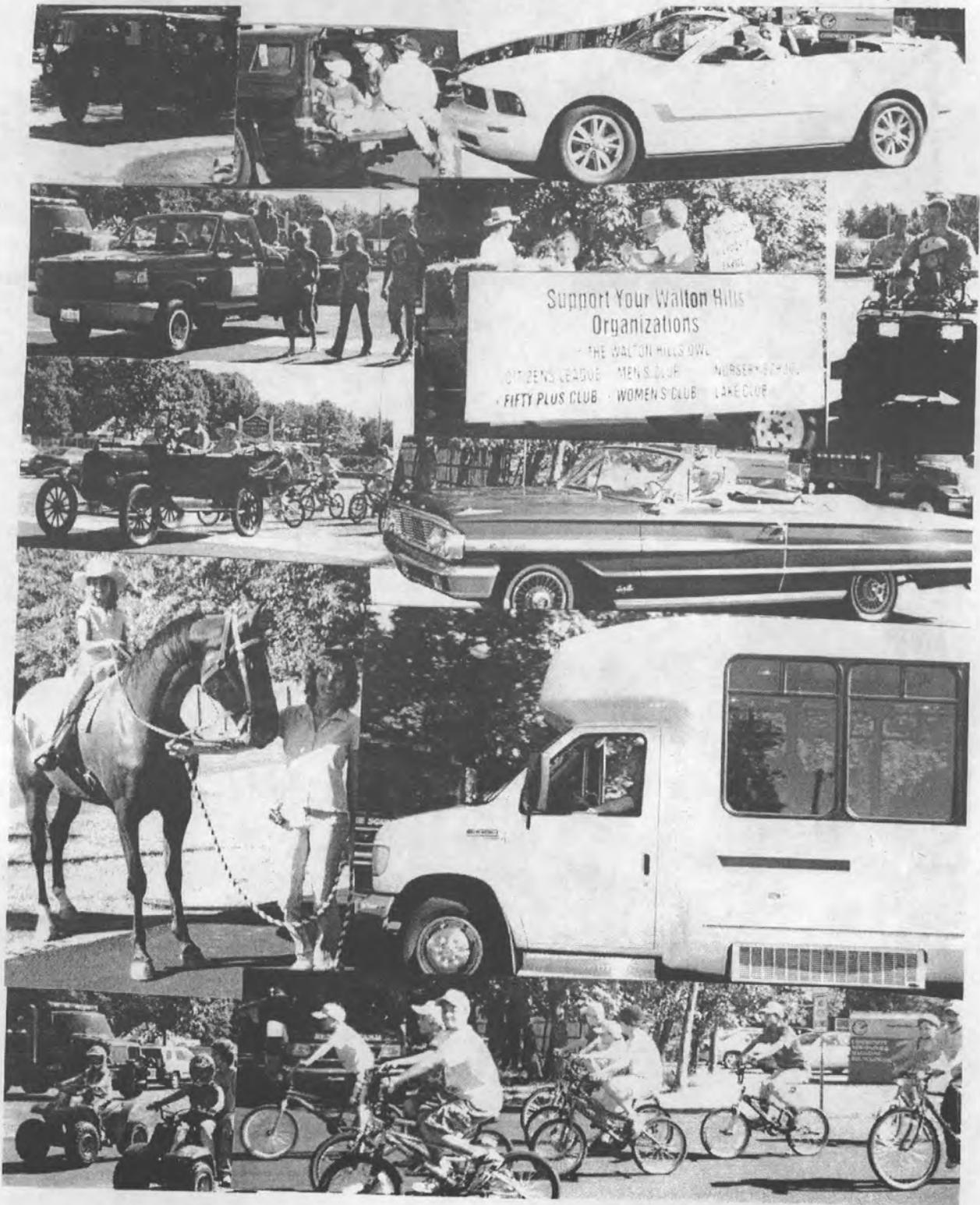




2006 Village Parade Memories



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Lori Waryk 330-467-8226 and Jean Kainsinger

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GERALD and MYRNA WHITE ✓
19106 Rashell Drive

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MR. and MRS. DON SWANK and
ALBERTA ROBINSON (mother)
7313 Walton Road

DANIEL ANTHONY and
MARY KAY DESSOFFY ✓
14000 Ryan Drive

DON HOVAN
7685 McLellan Drive

FRANK DIMARCO ✓
14107 Ryan Drive

CHARLES and BARBARA PARKS ✓
14200 Ryan Drive

CONGRATULATIONS, PATTY DAY, WALTON HILLS CITIZEN of the YEAR

Living in the village 27 years, and each of those years assisting fellow residents and local organizations, PATTY DAY earned her award; the Walton Hills 2006 Citizen of the Year. When her name was called out as the Citizen of the Year winner on Community Day Sunday, PATTY was taken by surprise, but it was no surprise to those in attendance who knew about many of DAY'S major volunteer efforts.

DAY just completed her 3rd term as President of the Walton Hills Women's Club. For many years she has worked and/or chaired the club's funeral repast committee, providing lunches after the funerals of our residents, with the consent of their families. Each year she has worked and/or chaired ways-and-means events such as the annual Community Pancake Breakfast in November.

For the past 27 years DAY has chaired events sponsored by the Walton Hills Lake. Several of those years she has been a lake trustee. Many of her efforts at the lake go unnoticed; the hundreds of times she has cut the grass, cleaned the bathrooms, pulled weeds, scrubbed walls, cooked food and painted picnic tables.

PATTY and PAT DAY of South Meadowpark Drive are now empty nesters. Daughter LAURA and her husband JOHN Malone live in Sagamore Hills, son JEFF lives in Middleburg Heights, son TERRY and his wife

THERESA live in Garfield Heights, son TIM attends Case Western Reserve University and son SCOTT attends Bowling Green University.

In the MOOD for the BIG BAND

Did you see the tribute *The Plain Dealer* gave to "our band?" ...a huge photo and article in Section A, page 2, August 21st. Just the evening before the article appeared in the newspaper, The Dan Zola Orchestra entertained the Walton Hills crowd at T.G.Y. Park for this year's 3rd village-sponsored Party in the Park. The 20-piece band of professional musicians has been playing swing music in the Cleveland area for the past 43 years. They keep the music of the 30s and 40s alive, and kept villagers in attendance tapping to their beat.

WHAT a GREAT OPPORTUNITY

During the fall semester of her junior year in college, JESSICA MLINARIC, daughter of CHRIS and JOE MLINARIC of Dunham Road, will attend Miami University's European Center campus in Luxembourg. She will study European culture and history and also have the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. A 2004 graduate of Trinity High School, JESSICA made the Dean's List at Miami University this past spring semester.

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RUNNING the BASES

The nine Walton Hills ball teams made 2006 a good baseball season for the village. The Boys Minor Team and the Boys Major Team were league champions, and the Girls Pig Tail Team was the regular season champion. The Boys Major Team was undefeated during the season, with a 12-0 record.

"All teams showed a lot of progress and no team finished lower than 3rd place. Managers and coaches all did a fine job working with the youngsters," Baseball Commissioner DAVID NEILSEN proudly states.

NEILSEN expresses his thanks to the Walton Hills Men's Club for being their sponsor. The Men's Club provides financial support for uniforms and hosts the end of the season picnic. Thanks also to the Walton Hills Lake for giving us the fun location for the picnic. Thanks to the village Service Department "for preparing the fields for each of our games. When the rains came we had to do a lot of rescheduling, but we were able to make up most of the rained-out dates."

Credit goes to team Managers: **TIM PRICE, MATT KONTUR, STEVE CROOKS, DON CHAPMAN, MIKE KRAINZ, FRED NEILSEN, MARK WENTZ, JIM FOLIANO and DAN HOJDAR.**

Thanks also to the team Coaches: **MATT KONTUR, CHERYL LEW, MICHAEL DRAKE, JACK PEKAR, TIM PRICE, KEVIN MARTIN, ROB RUSSELL, SHAYNE JABLONSKI, SCOTT DEAN, DAVID JEZERINAC, TAMMY SCHROEDER, JIM BEGIN, JAY JUSKO, MATT KASSNEL, MATT STANOSZEK, TERRY ZAK, PAT BARRETT, GREG SURMAN, PAUL JABLONSKI, JERRY TOWALSKI, TOM GARGANTA and LISA SCHROEDER.**

History Buffs who save Village History articles...

Due to a printing error, photos on pages 23 and 25 of the August 2006 issue are mismatched. To get corrected copies of these pages contact the Kainsingers.

CONGRATULATIONS

MICHAEL PODOJIL JR., son of MICHAEL SR. and CATHY PODOJIL of Hiram, graduated from West Point, the U. S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, this past May. A second lieutenant in the U. S. Army, PODOJIL is completing his Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. MICHAEL JR.'S brother DANIEL is an Army Private First Class, serving in Germany. Long time residents remember their dad, MICHAEL SR., who lived on Kral Drive until he was married.

BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest sympathy to PRISCILLA MOTSCO of Hickory Drive, on the untimely death of her husband, LARRY MOTSCO. Condolences also to their children, JOY and CHERYL MOTSCO. MOTSCO served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956-1961. Earlier this year LARRY'S mother passed away. When his mother and father (STEVE, who died 1 ½ years ago) were ill, LARRY and PRISCILLA brought the parents to live with them in Walton Hills for their last years.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH
- WALTON HILLS CITIZENS' LEAGUE

A sincere thank you for your recent, generous donations to the *Walton Hills Owl*.

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Do you know you can have the *Walton Hills Owl* mailed to you when you are away from home? It has come to our attention that most villagers don't know about our service. We already have several subscribers - some are snowbirds and some are residents who moved away but still want to keep in touch.

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Concert
Culminates →
Music Camp

A concert finalized the First Annual Summer MUSIC CAMP 5-DAY WORKSHOP for kids, sponsored by The Sacred Heart of Jesus Church last month. Directed by Father JERRY JABLONSKI and his wife EVELYN, they sang ten songs in several different languages. Some students played their own instruments.



ROBERT and GLADYS ZAMOS of Spanghurst Drive celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last month. This World War II photo of the couple arrived too late for last month's Owl. We share it with you now. (photo courtesy of their son DAVID ZAMOS) →



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A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL ON THE HOLMES COUNTY ROLLING RIDGE TOUR ON MAY 31ST - LOOK AT ALL THE SMILING FACES!!!



Paving way for village growth

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By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The village's goal is to attract industrial, retail and professional-building development, particularly on its stretch of Northfield Road.

And one way to enhance that possibility, according to village council, is by instituting a very specific change to that area, specifically installing sidewalks.

There now are empty buildings and lots in the area and nothing connecting them. Beginning in 2007, there is a potential for a major change.

"We would like to enhance the gateway to our village on Northfield Road," said Council President Kevin Hurst. "Sidewalks would be an important addition. Right now it

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does not look good in that area and for the future strength of Walton Hills we need to act to make improvements."

Council's committee-of-the-whole meeting began discussing the possibility of adding sidewalks at its Aug. 1 meeting.

Hurst said early estimates show the cost would be about \$225,000 for sidewalks on both sides of Northfield. The sidewalks would run the length of the village.

"Working toward economic development is a priority for Walton Hills," Hurst said. "Sidewalks on Northfield would make that area more attractive."

These school workers make the grade

Board honors Tusai, Smith as top employee, teacher

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By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

BEDFORD HEIGHTS — Two district veterans were honored Monday night by the Bedford school board as its Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year.

The presentations were

made during the school board meeting held at Columbus Intermediate School. The meeting was preceded by a Patriot Day program that included participation by students from each of the district's seven school buildings.

Linda Tusai, a 10-year em-

ployee with the district, won the award as the top employee for her work with students who have disabilities. She began her Bedford career as a playground aid and then became a preschool aid. She joined the staff at Bedford High School in 1998, working with students who have multi-

ple disabilities.

"Linda has been a reliable, caring paraprofessional," said Diane Schentur, special education supervisor. "She will always go the extra mile to do what is best for her students."

Tusai is a resident of Walton Hills and three council See **SCHOOL**, page A10

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members from that community — Kevin Hurst, Don Kolograf and Madeline Timm — were in attendance to watch the presentation.

"Linda's hard work and caring heart are a credit to the school district," Hurst said. "It's an honor and a privilege to see her win this award. All of Walton Hills is pleased she is being honored."

Tusai volunteers her time to assist student athletes as they practice and participate in the annual Special Olympic competition.

"The love that Linda's students demonstrate toward her is the truest testament to her talents, work and attitude," Schentur said.

Shawn Smith, a science teacher at Aurora Upper Intermediate School, is the district's teacher of the year.

Smith said he never intended to become a teacher. His mother was an educator and spent long hours meeting the needs of her students. He decided that was not for him.

But his mind changed, Smith said, because he came to realize that teaching was his destiny, something he was born with and decided long before he began to think about a career.

"To work in an educational setting means to be so much to so many," Smith said. "We hold the future of America in our hands every time a new student walks through our doors. We are their educators, role models, counselors, coaches, tutors, motivators and their believers."

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Christmas for Kids rolls on, without motorcycles

Lack of insurance cancels annual rally

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The August roar of motorcycles reverberating through village streets traditionally heralds the beginning of Christmas tidings in the village.

That's when Walton Hills police usually join together with hundreds of bikers to raise money for toys for needy kids, which are later distributed by Saint Nick at a village-sponsored Yule Tide party.

But this year the motors are silent, because even Santa's helpers need insurance.

"I want to apologize to the community and the village officials for the cancellation of the village motorcycle rally," Village Police Chief Gary Rhines said at a Sept. 5 Council meeting. "I take full responsibility."

However, Rhines promised the lack of a rally would not mean the lack of Christmas fund-raising and the traditional party.

He said a party for 60 to 70 needy children will be scheduled for December with an exact time and date to be announced.

Rhines explained while he was on vacation earlier this year, the insurance rider for the event, which was carried by a local motorcycle club, was canceled "in error through a miscommunication."

He said there was not sufficient time to get more insurance and organize the rally.

Walton Hills Police Sgt. Dave Chorba, who began organizing the event in 1997, said the insurance for the rally costs the village between \$300 and \$400.

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Kids

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Chorba said the department "will gratefully accept any financial contributions, assistance with shopping for the kids and helping out with the party and cooking."

"The bottom line is that it is going for a good cause," he said. "I invite everybody to come to the party so they can see where their money goes. Every penny of every dollar goes to these kids."

Chorba said donation money can be mailed or dropped off at the Walton Hills Police Department, 7595 Alexander Road, Walton Hills OH 44146.

He said checks should be made out to Christmas for Kids.

Chorba said he plans on having a motorcycle rally in 2007.

"We will have the rally in 2007 because all the issues are ironed out and we hope we continue to have the support we've had in the past," Chorba said.



Shawn Smith, above, a sixth-grade science teacher at Aurora Upper Intermediate School, was picked as the Bedford Schools teacher of the year, while Linda Tusai, left, who works with Bedford High School students with multiple handicaps, was selected as the Bedford Schools employee of the year.

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Two get school honors

by Mike Lesko
Associate Editor

BEDFORD — When Shawn Smith was growing up, his mother, Michelle, a teacher, often took him to elementary school with her.

He insisted he did not want to follow in his mother's footsteps, but, after graduating from Ohio University, he gave up on his plans to become a disc jockey and went the classroom route.

"I said, 'I have to find a job where I can talk as much as I want and no one cares,'" he said with a chuckle.

All that talk paid off, as Smith, a science teacher at Aurora Upper Intermediate School, was named Bedford Schools' 2006 teacher of the year.

Linda Tusai, who assists Bedford High School students with multiple disabilities, was picked as the district's 2006 employee of the year.

Both Smith and Tusai were recognized at the Sept. 11

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Bedford Board of Education meeting. The awards were selected by administrators and staff in the district.

"I'm proud of my students," said Tusai, a Walton Hills resident. "I honestly feel I make a difference in their lives and that what I do is worthwhile.

"I can help them to feel better and to improve their overall quality of life by helping them to feel good about what they achieve in the class room."

Tusai, who has been with the district for 10 years, helps students as they prepare for the annual Special Olympics competition each spring for area students with disabilities.

Smith, who is in his ninth year in Bedford Schools, made numerous commitments to help his students.

At Aurora, he has served as science coordinator, and adviser to a student-parent book club and the ski club. He also was an assistant wrestling coach at Heskett Middle School.

"We must come to work with the frame of mind that every single child has the ability to learn," said Smith, a Streetsboro resident. "It is up to us to make sure that the children know they are cared for and that we will find that certain something to lead them to success."

Village salon/day spa holds grand opening

by **Tim Troglen**
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Residents looking for a new hair style, a relaxing pedicure or a tension-relieving massage do not need to book the next flight to Beverly Hills or upper Manhattan.

Folks can now take a trip to Bella Mia Hair Studio and Day Spa, 7629 Walton Road, Walton Hills, to get this type of pampering, in addition to waxing, hot stone therapy, chair massage, Japanese Reiki and more.

"We have a very pleasant staff with a relaxing atmosphere," said owner and operator Roseanne Bonaiuto. "And we are all about the client."

Bonaiuto said the spa has been in business since March, but has gone through some renovations and retooling and is in the midst of its official grand opening, which runs through Sept. 30.

She said visitors can register to win a deluxe spa package that includes a choice of a facial, body massage, hair styling and a choice of a



Owner and operator Roseanne Bonaiuto stands at the reception desk of Bella Mia Hair Studio and Day Spa.

pedicure or manicure. The drawing will be Oct. 1.

The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday with

evening hours Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Appointments are not always necessary but are recom-

mended.

"We try to cater to customers, make them comfortable and help them to forget

about everything else and get away from it all," said Bonaiuto's business manager and husband, Tony.

He said the salon has four employees including both a man and woman massotherapist.

Tony and his wife live in Bedford and are no strangers to the area.

Roseanne grew up in Maple Heights and operated the Expressive Cuts hair salon on Granger Road for 17 years.

She said the new spa is only about a 10 minute drive from her previous business location.

Roseanne wanted to make sure her clients knew that her long-time stylist and spa tech, Ruthie Massey, who has worked with her for 23 years, had followed her to Walton Hills.

"We didn't want to abandon our clientele that we built up throughout the years," she said.

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Walton Hills Eagle Scout project soars over surprise hurdle at park

by **Mike Lesko**
Associate Editor

WALTON HILLS — Jeremy Cummins' Eagle Scout project seemed challenging enough — installing a bocce court and replacing the horse-shoe court at T.G. Young Park in Walton Hills.

However, when he stumbled upon a hidden gravel roadway from when the park was first built, his creative juices were really put to the test.

The temporary road, which was buried underneath dirt and grass, was apparently forgotten for decades. The obstacle, which stood in the way of finishing the bocce court, was about 5 feet by 60 feet.

"It was a surprise to find it," the 16-year-old Walton Hills resident said. "After trucks drove over the road through the years, the gravel was packed down like cement.

"When I first found it, we discovered we could chip through the road with a pick," he said. "But after a while, we couldn't dig through it with as much ease. I said, 'This will be the hardest part.'"

The problem was solved, though, when he rented an excavator, which was slightly smaller than a typical snow blower. The equipment sliced through the road with little trouble.

"Jeremy stayed focused and did everything he needed to do," said Lisa Gagliano, Walton Hills recreation director. "When he was unsure of something, he made sure he

communicated with the proper people. I give him a lot of credit."

The bocce court and horse-shoe pits are both near the main pavilion at the park. The bocce court, about 10 feet by 60 feet, features crushed limestone surrounded by a wood border.

At the horse shoe pits, there are four stakes side by side. Each pit is about 5 feet by 30 feet. Behind each stake is a wooden backstop.

Jeremy initially approached village officials about doing the project.

"They said, 'This might be perfect for you,'" he said.

Gagliano said, "We came up with a plan. We gave him a direction to go in, and he followed it. He found out what kind of stone we needed. He did a really nice job."

Jeremy was helped by about 50 volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 575 of Northfield. His father, Joe, is the troop leader. They worked on Saturdays for about one month, completing the project

in June.

He raised about \$1,500 in cash and material donations including wood and gravel. Some funds were from local businesses. Other money came after he spoke at the Walton Hills Citizens League and 50-Plus Club meetings.

Jeremy, who became a Cub Scout in first grade and a Boy Scout in fifth grade, hopes to receive his Eagle Scout honor this week after his project is reviewed by a committee.

Jeremy, who is home schooled, is in the 11th grade.

In addition to his father, his brother Zachary, 13, is also a Boy Scout. They live with their mother, Lauren, and dog Scooter, a brown terrier mix.

Jeremy worked for the second consecutive year in the Walton Hills summer camp program as a counselor.

Ironically, while he was there, his industrious projects were just a stone's throw away.

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Jeremy Cummins stands next to one of the horse shoe pits at T.G. Young Park in Walton Hills that he helped replace as part of his Eagle Scout project. He also installed a bocce court.

BEDFORD SUN BANNER
Hurst wants 4-13-06
memorial for
local veterans

WALTON HILLS — Council President Kevin Hurst wants to see a veterans memorial and a gazebo built at Village Hall.

He said bricks with people's names on them could be sold to offset the cost of the gazebo, which could be used in part for veterans' ceremonies.

"That way, it would be totally funded by donations and not by village money," he said.

The ornamental bricks would be used for a walkway similar to the one outside Jacobs Field, he said. The walkway would lead to some type of monument with veterans' names listed on it.

"By having it outside, people could visit it anytime," he said.

"We have a lot of veterans — past and present — who don't get recognized," said Hurst, who is not a veteran. "To have something like other communities have would be special."

Hurst wants to put together a council committee and get input about what direction to go. He believes a good place for the gazebo and monument would be near the flag pole at Village Hall.

"It would bring a source of pride to our village," he said. "I don't know any residents who wouldn't be proud of it."

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OUTSTANDING RESIDENT

LINDA TUSAI received the Bedford City School District 2006 Employee of the Year award. She was selected for this honor by the administrators and staff in the district. LINDA assists Bedford High School students who have multiple disabilities. For the past 10 years she has been working in the classroom with students who have cognitive disabilities, Down syndrome, autism and a host of other challenges. "She will always go the extra mile to do what is best for her students," stated Special Education supervisor Diane Schentur. LINDA also volunteers each year to assist her students as they prepare for the annual Special Olympics competition.

LINDA and MICHAEL TUSAI live on Shaner Drive. Two of their children, KRISTINA and MICHAEL are BHS grads and their younger son STEVEN is a senior at BHS this year.

CONGRATULATIONS

PAMELA SEMANIK received the Shelter Trainer of the Year Award from the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT). PAM is the dog behavior coordinator at the Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village where she manages the Homeward Bound shelter dog training program. She also trains volunteer dog walkers and trainers and offers dog training classes to the general public through Rescue Village.

PAM and her husband, DAVE SEMANIK, reside on Andras Drive with their two dogs Durango and Jasper.

NEW BUSINESS in the NEWS

Bella Mia Hair Studio and Day Spa, at the Walton and Alexander business center, was featured in the September 21st issue of the *Bedford Times-Register*. "We have a pleasant staff with a relaxing atmosphere," said owner-operator Roseanne Bonaiuto. "We are all about the client." Congratulations and good luck.

GET WELL WISHES

To ADELINE SAKIAN of Rashell Drive, wishes for a speedy recovery after her recent surgery.



BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to GARY BARNES and his fiancée BETH ANN of Sagamore Road, on the passing of GARY'S mother, DOROTHY BARNES. For the past ten years DOROTHY spent her summers in Walton Hills, living with GARY. DOROTHY was an actress who throughout her life performed in plays at local theaters such as the State and Allen Theaters in downtown Cleveland, the Chagrin Valley Little Theater and theaters in Florida. GARY, owner of Barnes Roofing, is one of our *Owl* advertisers.

Our sincere sympathy to MARK KOLLECKER and his wife JACQUIE PAYETTE on the passing of MARK'S mother, CAROL KOLLECKER, who lived with them at their Alexander Road home. CAROL had been fighting cancer for the past several years.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

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ECO VOICE

Our Environmental Concerns Speak to Us

by Mershona Parshall 440-786-1670

INTRODUCTION

The pretty creek that meanders around my property became a torrential river on June 22 and like many residents, I experienced the power of a flood. As a result, I began to research storm water management, how my creek functions, and how to minimize future hazards. As I began to speak to County, State and Federal agencies, I realized that there is so much we can do as a community to make our village safer, more beautiful and ecologically sound all at the same time.

TINKERS CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERS

In my explorations I was fortunate to meet Mike McNutt, the Tinkers Creek Watershed Coordinator who works under the auspices of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. He has helped to form the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners. Their mission is to work with the 24 communities within the Tinkers Creek Watershed to promote stream stewardship, improve water quality, land use and habitat value throughout the Tinkers Creek Watershed. They are able to provide technical assistance, educational programs, and grant writing for projects.

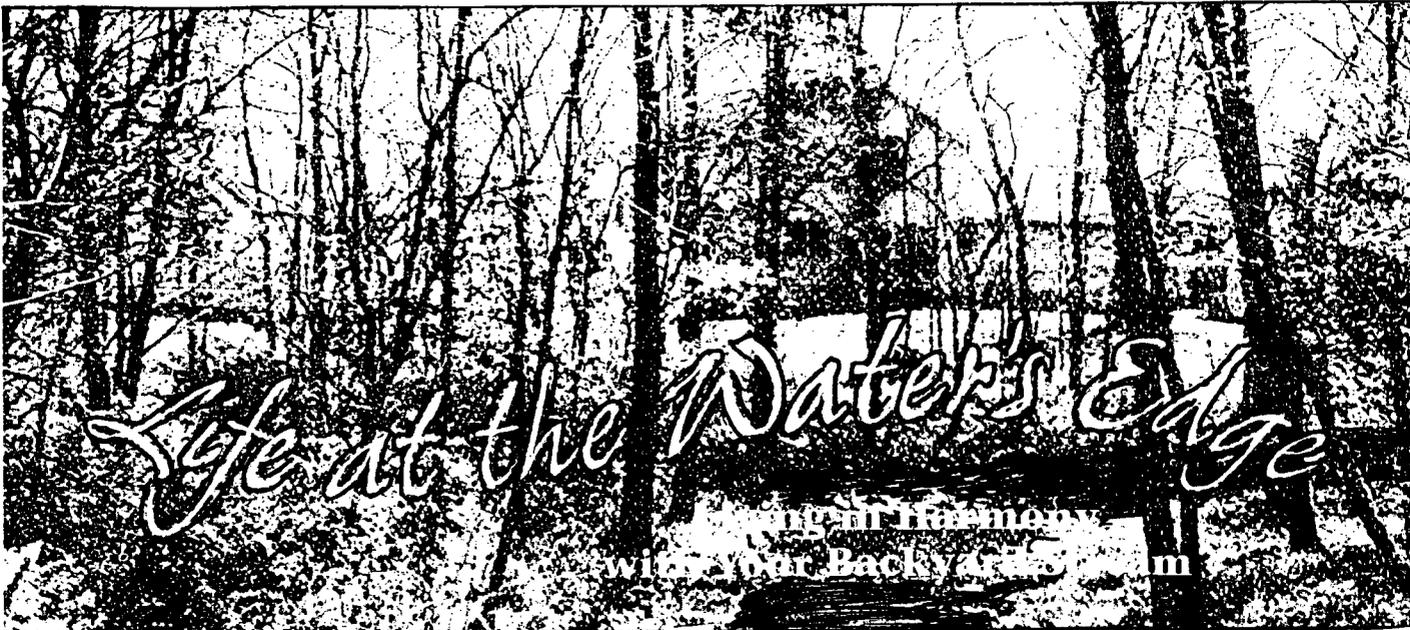
Like other watershed groups in the area, the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners are individuals who are interested in improving the quality of life for the entire region.

PURPOSE OF THIS COLUMN

We will learn how to make our own property more eco friendly. We will receive tips on native plants, wildlife, stream stewardship, natural landscaping, natural lawn care, and creating rain gardens for flood mitigation and water quality. Guest writers with pertinent specialties will be encouraged to contribute to this column. We will get updates on the activities of the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners and any cooperative activities between the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners and the Village of Walton Hills.

The Village of Walton Hills is a beautiful community. As a community we can use the flood disaster as the catalyst for improving the quality of life for all of us residents, human and otherwise. We hope you will find this column enjoyable and informative.

(This article is first in a series, addressing environmental concerns relevant to us in Walton Hills.)



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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ALLAN OCHWAT and PHYLLIS CLARKE
7161 Chestnut Drive

MARK BLADOS and MELISSA SCHROETER
7243 Dunham Road

WALTER DeOLIEVERA
16217 Ceile Circle

ED and MARION AGOSTYN
7760 Nodding Hill Drive

FRED and MARY DiBLASIS
7715 Nodding Hill Drive

OUR NEW EAGLE SCOUT

JEREMY CUMMINS of Rauland Drive achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on October 15th, at a ceremony in his honor at St. Barnabus Church. Congratulations not only to JEREMY, but to his father, Scoutmaster JOE CUMMINS, his mother LAUREN, his brother ZACHERY, and the boys and fathers of Boy Scout Troop 575.

For his Eagle Scout project, JEREMY chose a project that benefits his home town, Walton Hills. With lots of help from troop members and the fathers, this past spring he built a bocce court at TGY Park and moved the horseshoe pits to a safer location in the park. Both the bocce court and horseshoe pits were constructed to meet regulation standards. JEREMY raised \$1500.00 to finance the cost of his project.

JEREMY CUMMINS and his TGY Park Eagle Scout project were featured in a recent article in the *Bedford Times-Register*.

SCOUT MOTHER in the NEWS

A Girl Scout Troop Leader for the past 8 years, LORRAINE "LORI HACKBART" BAUGHMAN, daughter of RUTH HACKBART of McLellan Drive, was featured in another recent issue of the *Bedford Times-Register*. While she was growing up in the village, LORI was an active member of the Walton Hills Brownie and Girl Scout Troops. We are pleased to learn her interest in Scouting continues, and she is now working with today's youth. LORI, her husband JOHN and daughters KELSEY and CASSIDY live in Bedford.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

- The Cleveland Orchestra's Youth Orchestra will present its yearly concert at Bedford High School auditorium on **Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 pm**. This year the concert is free for everyone in attendance. The talented young musicians, who come from municipalities throughout northern Ohio, will perform Rachmaninoff's Symphony # 2.

You are invited to an inspiring afternoon of music. Questions? Call Joe Mestrik 232-2080.

- Congratulations! MARY KATE BEGIN plays the role of one of the older children in the Holy Name High School production of "Cheaper by the Dozen." Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th at 8:00 in the school auditorium.

- This year St. Monica's annual silent and live auction will have a tropical theme. The date is November 11th. Starting at 6 pm, dinner will be catered by Mo's of Chagrin Falls. Tickets can be purchased through the school.

THANK YOU

- "We express our thanks to the Walton Hills Police Department for their immediate response in monitoring a local emergency at our home on Alexander Road. During a recent windstorm, at rush hour, a tree fell on the utility wires and took down several phone and cable lines. Within minutes our police team took action and waited patiently for First Energy to remove the tree. Thanks also to First Energy for their quick response.

Sincerely, PAUL and JOANNE RICH"

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THANK YOU

• "I express a belated thank you to the Walton Hills Women's Club for an absolutely wonderful luncheon after my father's funeral. After a morning of deep grieving, my family and I appreciated their delicious and thoughtfully-prepared meal. I know my father, ANTHONY AMBRIS, would want me to state a sincere thank you to neighbors, MARILYN and GIL GRAY, MARGE and RAY KUCHTA, and PAT and ELBERT SCOTT and their daughter TRICIA, for all the help and support they gave us the past several months. It was great growing up in Walton Hills on Chestnut Drive. Thank you.

Sincerely, DEBORAH AMBRIS"



BEREAVEMENT

Our condolences to the family of CLAUDE COREA who lived on Chestnut Drive for 30 years until, for health reasons, he moved to a Florida condo. Our sympathy to his 3 daughters and their families, SANDY and CHUCK STECKLEY, CLAUDIA and MARK CEGELKA and VERENE and DAN DZINA. CLAUDE was a member and officer of the Carpenters Union Local 1750. He was an active member and backer of the Walton Hills Citizens' League and a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club.

THANK YOU from the OWL STAFF

- WILMA and ALEX TOTH, Walton Road
- THE WALTON HILLS FIFTY-PLUS CLUB
- THE WALTON HILLS MEN'S CLUB

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*Holiday
Gift Fair*

Who leads meetings still not resolved

10-5-06

By Robert Nozar
Staff Writer

Leads

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council should chair both committees.

Anielski said she was concerned about spending \$5,000 to seek a second opinion when such an opinion could not overrule the solicitor's ruling anyway. She called it a waste of money.

Hurst disagrees with that contention.

"I don't feel it is a waste of money to get a second legal opinion on whether council's committee meetings are being handled in a proper manner," Hurst said. "Council should meet in accordance with proper procedure."

Former councilman George

Main attended Tuesday's meeting. He said for the four years he was a council member, the finance committee and the committee of the whole were chaired by the president of council, not by Anielski.

"It was never even a question," Main said.

Hurst said that he respects Weiler and getting a second opinion does not detract from that fact.

"It is a clear conflict of interest for the mayor to chair the fiancee committee," Hurst said. "The administration sets the budget and council oversees those appropriations.

"How can the mayor be the chair of the committee that is supposed to oversee her budgeting?"

Hurst could have attempted to push the matter to a vote Tuesday night by seeking a suspension of the rules. But it was not clear that he had the five votes to do so. In any case, Hurst said he was un-

willing to rush.

"We have heard that the mayor thinks this is a waste of money, so we have to give Walton Hills residents every chance possible to speak up on how they feel," he said.

PATS AND PANS

PATS to Walton Hills Village Council members who keep pushing for a second legal opinion on whether the mayor should be chairing finance committee and committee of the whole meetings.

WALTON HILLS — Village leaders moved a step closer Tuesday night toward resolving the contentiousness that has existed this year over who should chair council committee meetings.

Or perhaps they moved a step closer to more confusion on the issue. Only time will tell.

The second of three readings was held on an ordinance that will allow Village Council to spend up to \$5,000 to obtain a second legal opinion on the matter.

Kevin Weiler, the village solicitor, ruled earlier this year that Mayor Marlene Anielski is who should chair meetings of the finance committee and the committee of the whole.

However, Council President Kevin Hurst and other members of council have said in the past that a member of

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