

Album 10

"UP IN WALTON HILLS"

2014 -

Ten 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 - 2014	Album 10: 2014 -		

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

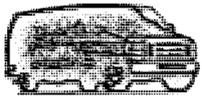
How the "Up in Walton Hills" albums were saved and acquired by the
Walton Hills Historical Resource Center:

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.



OUR WALTON HILLS FORD YEARS

by Bob and Jean Kainsinger

The Ford Motor Company Walton Hills Stamping Plant played a major role in the lives of many Walton Hills residents through the years. This article includes the stories of some of our residents who had close ties to our local Ford Plant.

Ford broke ground in 1953, after they purchased 125 acres of land along Northfield Road for \$240,000 from **Joseph A. Burns**, who lived in Bedford at the time. Soon afterwards they purchased 116 acres of adjacent land from **Thomas Young**, of Walton Hills. That piece of land extended eastward to the Pennsylvania (Conrail) tracks.

In August 1954, months earlier than the projected opening date, **The Cleveland Stamping Plant** went into production. The first press was started, even though all of the walls in the plant weren't up yet. That first press stamped out a part for a fender.

NAME CHANGE: Did you know that, from the time when construction began in 1953 until August 1982, this plant was called the **Cleveland Stamping Plant**? Since then, the name is **The Ford Motor Company Walton Hills Stamping Plant**. Former Mayor **Harry Mackey, Jr.**, who lived on Egbert Road, was one of the speakers who addressed the crowd at the renaming ceremony.

Carl Barber, the deceased husband of Virginia Barber of Rotary Drive, was the first salary employee Ford hired who lived in the Cleveland area. Barber later became Supervisor of Plant Security. Some years ago Barber related to this reporter that from 1953 until the Stamping Plant had a full work force, a gentleman's agreement was in effect: Ford would not deplete the work force of other companies in the vicinity.

THAT GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT was to haunt Ford Motor Company in years ahead. To staff the local

Stamping Plant, Ford advertised in near-by out-of-state newspapers. The bulk of Ford's work force for this Plant came mostly from Pennsylvania, while others moved here from West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. A number of these men had been coal miners, with bitter experiences dealing with owners of the coal mines. The former coal miners welcomed the chance to become UAW members.

UAW LOCAL 420: Production at the Walton Hills Stamping Plant started in August 1954. By December of 1954, after an election to unionize the local plant, all hourly workers were members of United Auto Workers Local 420.

During the next 25 years, a feeling of distrust developed throughout the plant – there were several legal and wildcat strikes and a lot of unresolved tension between union and management. "In 1979 there were wholesale layoffs," states **John Collise** of Sagamore Road. Collise worked at the Plant for 38 years, from 1969 until 2008; on the production line, then a Carpenter and a Union Officer.

In early 1980, Ford headquarters announced it planned to take steps to shut down the Walton Hills Plant – the quality of its product was below Ford's standard, and scrapped parts were at an unacceptable level.

The EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

Between 1980 and 1982, UAW Local 420 and the local Ford management, with assistance from outside mediators, worked together and agreed to certain concessions. The Walton Hills Plant started an employee involvement program.

The suggestion / dialogue program resulted in improvements and cost-saving ideas that were quickly adopted.





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The EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (cont.)

The program not only worked, but it became a model for other Ford plants to copy. In April 1982, the Chairman of the Board at Ford Motor Company visited the stamping plant. Phillip Caldwell met and greeted hourly and salary workers. He presented the Plant a Q-1 Flag, Q-1 standing for quality. The Q-1 Flag hangs just beneath the American flag by the front of the building.

MASS HIRING: From May through August of 1954, Ford Motor Company rented space in Durback's Bar and Tavern as a temporary hiring office for hiring hourly workers. Durback's was located at the southwest corner of Northfield and Forbes Roads. Several hundred applicants waited their turns to be interviewed. Each work day one could see long lines of men standing along the berms at the junction of those roads, each of them hoping to get a good-paying job. Many of the men had to stand in line a second day. Some of them pitched their tents in the fields that are now Ben Venue's south parking lot area. One can only guess – what did the men do for water, food, bathrooms?

Starting in September of 1954, Ford used the old Burns' farmhouse that they had not yet torn down, as the temporary employment office and construction headquarters.

HOUSING for FORD EMPLOYEES: Housing for the Ford Plant workers was at a premium. Home owners around the area were asked to rent rooms to the construction crews. Ford's newly-hired hourly workers scoured the area for rental houses. Men who were transferred to this new plant to fill management positions also needed to find housing. Salary and hourly workers settled in Bedford, Northfield, Macedonia and Walton Hills. The demand for new, reasonably-priced houses helped create housing developments in these communities. Quite a few skilled workers and upper management employees bought home sites and houses in Walton Hills.

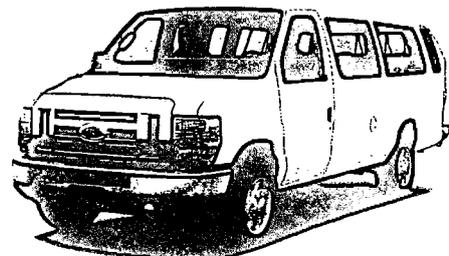
LOCAL BUSINESSES: John Collise tells us, "When Ford came into our area, all along Northfield Road small businesses and restaurants began to appear out of nowhere. Carr Brothers Concrete, Inc. and Koltz Concrete Block Company were two of the businesses that opened in anticipation of getting Ford contracts.

Bill Deak, Sr. of Egbert Road, recalls his 35 years in the Stamping Plant Powerhouse. Bill began working for Ford in July 1954, when the Powerhouse was first put into operation, and worked there until he retired. Deak was one of the first hourly men hired by Ford. Bill didn't come from out of state, he was hired by Ford because he had experience working as an oiler/fireman for the Federal Reserve Bank power plant in Cleveland. At Ford, Bill started as a fireman – the person who tends fires in the stationary boilers. A few months later he was upgraded to Engineer. In the early 1980s, Deak was promoted to Chief Engineer. Bill left the plant in 1989 and is now enjoying over 25 years of retirement.

THE POWERHOUSE: One of the first structures Ford built on their property was the powerhouse. The Power Plant was the heart of the plant, it furnished all the resources needed to operate the factory. Powerhouse workers were tested and licensed by the State of Ohio to operate boilers and pressure vessels.

Water for the Plant: An 8-inch Cleveland City water line came directly into the Power House and hooked into double strainers and booster pumps. City water fed the whole complex. Each week Power Plant workers checked their pumps and electrical equipment throughout the plant.

Electricity for the Plant: Two electric lines came into the Power Plant from a sub-station on Northfield Road. Each line carried 33,000 volts. One line was for use throughout the plant, the other line was stand-by.





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THE POWERHOUSE (cont.)

Steam: There were 3 boilers in the Power Plant.

Steam was fed into the plant by a 20-inch pipe through the connecting tunnel. Steam heated all the buildings in the plant, and provided hot water for personal use, the steam-cleaning of dies and machinery. Crushed coal stoked the boilers. One hundred tons of crushed coal was burned on an average day. Coal was trucked in daily, Monday through Friday from Cadiz, Ohio.

The boilers were shut down in the early 1990s due to the high cost of coal and the sulfuric emissions. East Ohio Gas was brought into the plant to feed many unit heaters. Also, many solar panels were installed on the south side of the plant to capture heat from the sun.

FORD'S WALTON HILLS RESIDENTS: From 1953 through 2014, a number of Ford's Walton Hills Stamping Plant employees chose to make Walton Hills their home. We captured some of their stories.

David Church of Spanghurst Drive was a Lift Truck Operator at Ford from 1970-2007. His job was to load the finished product onto train box cars and semis, where the parts would be sent to Ford Assembly Plants. He first inspected each of his loads, making sure the product met their specs. "I, as well as the other people I worked with, took our jobs seriously. We wanted our Stamping Plant to ship out only quality product," stated Church.

Ron Gulajski of Hickory Drive was an Inspector at Ford for 33 years, from 1965 until 1998. As an inspector, Ron inspected the finished product at each of his assigned press lines. Gulajski says, "Under my watch, before any product was shipped out, I checked it over to make sure it

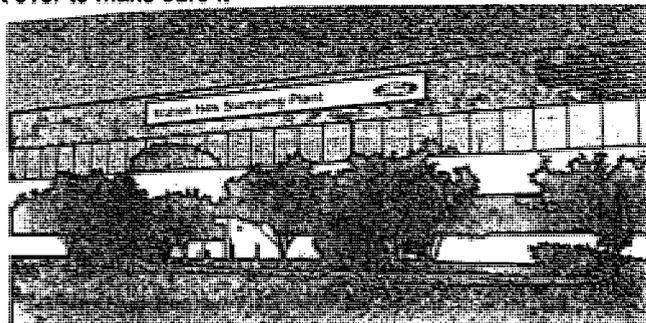
was up to spec. We made very good parts for very good cars. Ford had a better idea!"

George Main of Allen Drive was a Tool and Die Maker at Ford from 1966 until 2005. Main states, "Walton Hills residents have benefited measurably from revenue generated by the Ford Plant over the past 60 years."

From the early to mid 1970s, the Walton Hills Stamping Plant Ford employed **4800** people. In June of 2014, **350** people work at the plant. Many of the fine services our villagers have enjoyed over the life of the Ford Walton Hills Stamping Plant can be attributed to the local income tax money the Village received from the salaries and wages of the employees at the Plant.

Ray Salata of South Meadowpark Drive worked at Ford from 1976 until 2007. As a "Die Try-Out" he inspected dies as they were inserted into the presses and also while they were in use. "If something went wrong with a die, it was up to me to fix it as quickly as possible so the line was working again," said Salata.

William and Josephine Wardl of Egbert Road both worked at Ford. Bill, now deceased, started out as a Tool and Die Maker and later, as Manufacturing Superior Engineering Designer, he designed some of the lines and followed through until they were in operation. He worked at Ford for 40 years, from 1956 until 1996. Josephine worked there from 1965 until 1995. Throughout the years she was a Secretary in several offices, Accounting, Purchasing, Quality Control and Human Resources. Bill and Josephine knew each other years before their Ford years; they were schoolmates at Bedford High School.





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John Annett was the first Assistant Plant Manager of the Walton Hills facility. He was the father of **Bill Annett**, who lives on South Meadowpark Drive. John Annett worked at the local plant during its final preparation stages, from 1954 to 1956. Ford had sent him to Walton Hills to insure that the building configuration would meet the needs of a stamping plant, oversee the placing of the presses, equipment, offices, and oversee the hiring process – making sure the plant could go into operation in a safe, smooth, efficient manner.

Bill recalls how his father worked long hours daily, 7 days a week; how John Annett loved working at the plant and how his whole life was centered on the plant. Bill was told by several Ford workers that his father was well-respected by salaried and management personnel as well as the hourly employees. Bill states, "Dad was always working, except for holidays and vacations!" Our family has great memories of those special times when Dad could join the rest of us in his family." The John Annett family lived on Nesbitt Road in Sagamore Hills Township while John worked at the Ford Walton Hills Stamping Plant.

The John Annett family made several moves during John's career in automobile manufacturing. Annett had been working in Michigan for General Motors at their Fisher Body Plant when, in 1950, the Ford Motor Company sought him out and hired him to work at Ford's Buffalo New York Stamping Plant. Then, in 1954, Ford relocated him to work under Plant Manager Charles McCormick at the Walton Hills Stamping Plant. In Autumn of 1956, Ford transferred Annett to its Chicago Heights Stamping Plant. Two years later, he accepted a position at the Chrysler Twinsburg Stamping Plant and moved to Hudson, Ohio. A few years later, John left Chrysler, moved to Homasassa Springs, Florida, and began a more leisurely pace as owner of a small-town general store. John Annett passed away in 1990 at age 78.

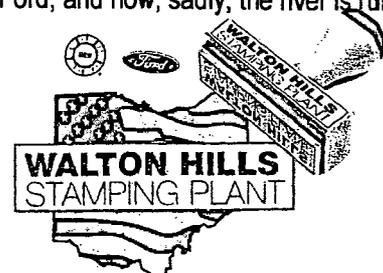
Bill Annett graduated in June 1956 from Northfield-Macedonia High, which is now Nordonia High School. In

the Spring of 1957 Bill was hired by Ford to work in its Chicago Heights Stamping Plant as a die maker apprentice. But, Bill wanted to get back to our area of Ohio. Bill Annett accepted a job as Die Maker for the Chrysler Stamping Plant in Twinsburg, worked at his trade for 40 years, and retired from Chrysler in 1998.

The Kainsingers, when doing initial research of the Ford Plant, learned that they lived in the same house as did the first Plant Manager of the Ford Plant. Early in 1953, Ford Motor Company transferred **Charles McCormick** from their Albany New York Stamping Plant to the Walton Hills construction site. The Kainsingers don't know where McCormick stayed during his first months at the plant, but in December of 1953, McCormick, his wife and two children moved into the house they bought on Orchard Hill Drive. Their daughter entered first grade at Glendale School, their son had just turned 2 years of age. They were the 2nd owners of the property, **Bob and Jean Kainsinger** being the 4th owners. In 1956 the McCormicks left Walton Hills when Charles was transferred to another new Ford Plant.

Paul Kosaian, Plant Manager from 1999-2001, who is now Director of Stamping Operations, headquartered in Dearborn Michigan, states, "Great people, who were highly skilled, worked at the Walton Hills Stamping Plant during my years here. They made Ford what it is today!" **Richard Showman** is the current Plant Manager of the Stamping Plant. He is well-respected and has a good working relationship with both salaried and hourly workers. Under a friendly environment, Ford workers strive to make a quality product.

Our residents and village officials, past and present, acknowledge with gratitude, that having the Stamping Plant in our community has been a tremendous asset. We accept the fact that a river of money rolled into our Village from Ford, and now, sadly, the river is running dry.



POTPOURRI

Welcome New Residents!

Mark and Gretchen Dzickowski
7173 Dunham Road

Ronald and Denise Muha
7480 McClellan Drive

Congratulations to the Bieleckis

Congratulations to **Walter and Joyce Bielecki** of Dellwood Drive who recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Sixty members of their family helped them commemorate the event on the Nautica Queen one day in May, after they had just returned from wintering in Florida. "It was a beautiful, sunny day on Lake Erie, and a good time was had by all, thanks to our children who hosted the event," states Joyce.

Walter and Joyce want to recognize their children; **Judy Andexler** of Macedonia, **Linda Trefney** of Twinsburg, **Patty and Chris Biros** of Walton Hills, **Barbara and Jim Maat** of Fairview Park, **Richard and Regina Bielecki** of Macedonia and **Raymond and Christine Bielecki** of Northfield Center. Walt and Joyce add, "It was a wonderful, memorable day for us."



Congratulations, Graduate

Tippy Begg, daughter of **Richard and Joyce Begg** of Walton Road is a home-schooled High School Graduate. Tippy is an accomplished pianist, enjoys snowboarding, and is actively involved in her church youth group and worship band.

Tippy will attend Cuyahoga Community College, pursuing a major in social work.

Congratulations, Tippy!



To All Walton Hills Graduating High School and College Seniors!



Accept our Congratulations!

Submit to the *Walton Hills Owl* – for the July or August issue:

Your Class Photo with information – including your School, Major, Honors, Scholarships, Accomplishments, Future School or Line of Work

Please deposit an envelope with your data and photo in the White Mail Box in the Village Hall Parking Lot or in the Walton Hills Owl mailbox inside the Village Hall lobby. Thanks, and, we Congratulate our Graduates.

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Our Walton Hills Ford Years

There is an article in this issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* about Villagers with ties to the local Ford Stamping Plant. Your story may not be included because we didn't know about you. If you would like to share your story, for a future issue of the paper, please contact us. Bob and Jean Kainsinger 232.6142

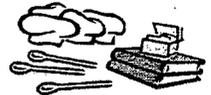
A New Cookbook is in the Oven

The Women's Club's new Cookbook is just about ready to go to the printer. For the past year, **Karen Smolkowicz**, of Jefferson Drive, has been hard at work gathering recipes from many of our residents and compiling them into a cookbook. This isn't the first time the Women's Club has put out a cookbook, but we think it is our best cookbook yet.

Karen is trying to get an estimate of how many copies should be printed. If you would like to purchase a cookbook, which will probably sell for \$10.00, sign up for yours, now. Please, don't include any money in your request. When the cookbooks arrive in early August, we will contact you.

Thank you for your support! All money raised from this project will be used for one of our Service Projects that benefit our Walton Hills Residents.

Cookbook Order Form



Please reserve ___ copies of the cookbook for me.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Drop this form off at the white mailbox at the Village Hall Parking Lot. Marked: WHWC: Cookbook Chair

Bereavements

Tony Ioppolo of Sagamore Road passed away in early June at age 77. Our condolences to his family- his children **Anthony Ioppolo Jr.** of Rauland Drive, **Ann Marie** and **Jeffrey Williams** of Northfield, and **Lawrence Ioppolo** of Rauland Drive, his grandchildren, **Tammy** and **Brandon Williams**, and **Gia** and **Lea Ioppolo**, and to his girlfriend **Tammy**.

Ioppolo was owner/operator of Ioppolo Cement Concrete, located on Industry Drive. He established his ready mix business 60 years ago, and since 1964, the company has been located in Walton Hills.



Our Field Trip in June to the CVNP Canal Exploration Center



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

May 20, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: At the Council Caucus, some of the proposed legislation was discussed in detail. It was decided to put the ordinance for new appropriations on first reading since Council still wanted to consider the road repairs more thoroughly. Councilman Paul Rich was concerned that since they had not budgeted for road repaving that Council could wait until next year to repave Jefferson and Summerset and combine those with other road projects and budget for them next year. Also these are two lightly traveled roads and would not suffer much more damage if repairs were delayed. Councilman Denny Linville suggested bonding to pay for doing repaving. More discussion is needed. Money for fixing the basketball and tennis courts will not be included in this appropriation ordinance. **Mayor Kevin Hurst** informed the Council that he had added an item to the Walton Hills Lake Club agreement. Otherwise the contract is the same as last year. The Village will pay \$201 per month to add trash pick-up from the Lake to what the Village pays for all the homes. This is for four months for a total of \$804 per year to cover the cost of a dumpster. This will save the Lake Club \$1100 per month that can be put to good use. Council agreed that was a good idea.

At the Regular Council meeting, Ord. No. 2014-3 was passed. It repeals and replaces Codified Ordinance 290.01 passed March 1, 2011 which was in conflict with Section 230.031 passed on July 25, 2011. The Auditors pointed this out during the recent audit. The Codified Ordinance 290.01 being repealed and replaced stated that a lawyer acting as Magistrate would receive \$295 per Mayor's Court session and the Mayor would serve without additional compensation. The new version of Codified Ord. 290.01 allows the Mayor to be paid \$400 per session and a lawyer would receive \$325 as stated in Section 230.031. This current change corrects the unintended conflict.

A new appropriations ordinance was put on first reading. Four Resolutions were passed. The lot split on Egbert Rd. was approved. The Village Engineer is authorized to get bids for road striping. The Lake Club agreement was passed and pays the Club \$20,000 per year for services for 2014 and 2015 and provides for rubbish removal. The application for an agricultural district for the property located at 7699 Dunham Rd. was approved with modifications. The Resolution for getting bids for the 2014 Asphalt Road Program was put on first reading. A motion to purchase a new van for the Recreation Department was passed.

June 4, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Village Engineer Don Sheehy was invited back to discuss the proposed Road Program with the Council. Mayor Hurst had

asked Mr. Sheehy to design a program that would cost about \$250,000. Repaving Jefferson Dr. and Summerset Dr. and doing spot repairs fit within that budget goal. Some on Council liked the idea of doing a few streets every year. Other ideas were proposed such as bundling more streets for a larger program less often. That would attract better bids from bigger contractors. Councilman Brian Spitznagel made up a spread sheet using information from Mr. Sheehy and suggested it might make more sense to do Regency Dr. first because of condition and traffic. Solicitor Blair Melling suggested a larger program could be paid for with "bond anticipation notes". Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo said that actual bonds cannot be issued to do road repairs unless it is actual road reconstruction that will last as long as the repayment period such as 20 years. He agreed notes could be used. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky said they should just take the advice of our expert, Mr. Sheehy, and accept his recommendations. The Mayor said he would like to appropriate \$105,000 more for road projects and \$25,000 for landscaping the gateways to the Village for an increase in the budget of \$130,000 this year. Next year they could start a 5 year plan. There will be further discussion at the next COW.

June 10, 2014, COW meeting: Council agreed to raise this year's budget at the next Council meeting by \$130,000 for roads and landscaping for the gateways. That will bring the total budgeted for roads to \$250,000.

Mayor Hurst asked Council to consider approving a Resolution to allow him to purchase street signs and posts from "A Sign Above" without going out for bids. The cost will be about \$42,000 of which \$35,000 was budgeted for. The remaining \$7,000 will come from selling the flashing signs that were by Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Council agreed to pass necessary legislation at the next Council meeting.

Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo reported that the State Auditors said Council needs more control of certain expenses in the budget. Therefore he will add more line items to the yearly budget starting now so Council will have to approve any transfers out of these different categories for other purposes.

The Mayor reported that Council got a memo last week regarding plans for the new digital sign to be erected on the vacant lot across from the Village Hall. There is already \$30,000 in the budget for the sign. He would like to start construction soon and asked for comments. Councilman Don Kolograf suggested that perhaps they should consider using a metal frame for the sign so that it would be more portable in case someone wants to do something else with that property. Plans currently call for a brick construction to match the Village Hall. The Mayor said he doesn't see anything being done with that property for at least 10 years. Council agreed. **There will probably** be a Council meeting in July (normally vacation) to accept bids for the asphalt paving program.

Walton Hills Women's Club

July 2014

Congratulations to our New Officers!

These ladies will lead the Walton Hills Women's Club during our 2014-2015 Club Year.

- President: **Mary Ann Cook** of Woodlake Drive
- Vice-President: **Mary Lou Folton** of South Meadowpark Drive
- Secretary: **Sharon Orland** of Hickory Drive
- Treasurer: **Karen Smolkowicz** of Jefferson Drive



Our 2014-2015 Officers:

**Karen Smolkowicz, Sharon Orland,
Mary Lou Folton, Mary Ann Cook**

Our Scholarship Recipients with our Past President:

**Angela Zielinski, Victoria Sondej,
Karen Neilsen, Alexandra D'Amico**

Congratulations to our 2013-2014 Card-O-Rama Winners!

1st Prize-Judy Boyer, 2nd-Marcia Wagner, 3rd-Jean Turner, 4th-Jan Smith,
5th-Bev Miavitz, 6th-Dottie Kreiger and Booby Prize-Mary Ann Cook
Highest Score of 746-Vicki Miavitz and Lowest Score of 447-Mary Ann Cook

2014 ~ 2015 WHWC Membership Form

Name _____ Address _____
 Birthday _____ Telephone _____
 E-Mail _____

Dues are \$10.00 per Club Year Renewal ____ New Member ____

Join Women's Club today! We welcome all women of the Village!

Drop this form with a check into the white mailbox in the Village Hall Parking Lot. Mark envelope "Women's Club Membership Chair"

Want to know more? Phone Mary Ann Cook 440.439.3683

Nick D'Amico

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Nick D'Amico is comfortable with his quiet life in Walton Hills. He grew up in Cleveland on Kinsman Road and then on Miles Avenue and attended John Adams High School. He met his late wife Janet while they were both on vacation with their friends at Geneva on the Lake and they were married in 1954. They had a great life together for 58½ years. He has wonderful memories of his wife, who was a dedicated teacher for mentally challenged children. Nick and Janet moved into the Village in 1976. They had three sons — Joe, Michael and Nicholas. Joe lives with his wife Lisa and daughters Monica and Alexandra on South Meadowpark Drive. Nick has five grandchildren who keep him young at heart.

Nick's first job was at Empire Plow Co. where he worked for a brief amount of time. In 1949 he enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was medically discharged

in 1951. Unsure of his next move, he ran into a friend who was working as a bricklayer. This seemed to be a profitable line of work, so Nick became an apprentice bricklayer and worked in that profession for ten years.

Growing tired of bricklaying, he followed the simple philosophy of "do what you love and the money will follow." Since the age of 12, Nick has loved horses. He became a professional farrier, which is a specialist in equine hoof care, including the trimming and balancing of horses' hooves and the placing of shoes on their hooves. It is interesting to note that horses' shoes are usually changed every four or five weeks! He worked at Thistledown Racetrack in North Randall and at Cyrus Eaton's farm in Sagamore Hills, (where Eaton Estates is now located), where he took care of about 20 horses. Nick also owned horses for many years,

some of which he kept at his home on Shaner Drive and also at his previous home in Brecksville. He also kept horses at stables near the Astorhurst Golf Course. He thoroughly enjoyed riding horses for many years. He also bought and sold horses and raced some of them at Thistledown.

Nick tried his hand at being a landlord for five years. He bought two old houses in Akron and rented them out, sometimes even for as little as one week! It was fruitful for a while, but when the going got tough, he gave the houses back to the man who held the mortgage on the houses.

Nick feels that Walton Hills is a great place to live if it doesn't change. He doesn't want street lights or sidewalks; he doesn't like too many rules. He simply loves the country feel of our peaceful Village!

Get to Know Nick

Favorite movie	Red River
Favorite actor	John Wayne
Favorite actress	Lana Turner
Favorite past time	Poker
Favorite sports	Horse racing and boxing
Favorite food	Spaghetti
Favorite song	Misty
Favorite vacation spot	Ocala, Florida



St. Michael Student Wins Handwriting Contest

Resident John Michael Foliano, a fifth grade student at St. Michael Catholic School, was named Ohio's Grade 5 State Grade-Level Winner for Non-Public Schools in the 23rd annual Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. More than 300,000 entries were submitted from students across the country. The contest encourages legible handwriting by evaluating the handwriting abilities (based on Zaner-Bloser *Keys to Legibility*: size, shape, spacing, and slant) of students in Grades K-8 whose schools use

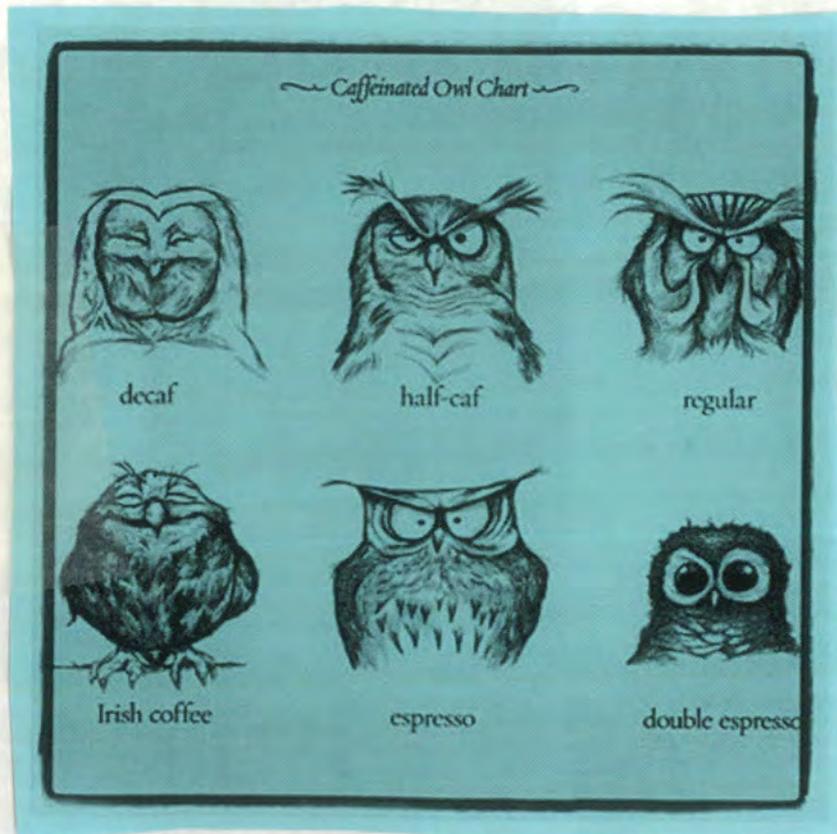
Zaner-Bloser Handwriting curricula. After each participating school held their own handwriting contest, one winning student from each grade was entered in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest to compete to become a State Grade-Level Winner, a National Grade-Level Semifinalist, and the Grand National Grade-Level Champion.

Mrs. Margaret Campisi, principal of St. Michael School, was thrilled with the outcome of the contest. "We are so very excited and proud of John. His handwriting skills are perfect. John is a great student who works hard, does very well in school, and is a responsible young man. We wish him the best of luck as he moves on to the Nationals."

John Michael Foliano was awarded a medallion by Zaner-Bloser, an etched diamond award to John Michael's teacher, Miss Laura Trzeciak and a \$200 Zaner-Bloser gift certificate to St. Michael School.



John Michael Foliano proudly poses with Laura Trzeciak, fifth grade teacher, St. Michael School; Joan Marttala, Zaner-Bloser; and Margaret Campisi, principal, St. Michael School. Congratulations John Michael!!



POTPOURRI

Welcome New Residents!

Lawrence and Diane Burns
18500 Carmany Drive

Philip and Paula Noga
7880 Summerset Drive

Guy Zimbardi
7860 Dunham Road

Welcome to the Village!

Dorothy Cimino recently moved into the Alexander Road home of her daughter and son-in-law, **Celeste** and **Thomas Podgurski**. Prior to breaking her hip and moving here, Dorothy lived in Maple Heights. Welcome, and may your 89th Birthday on August 6th be a happy one.

Congratulations, Graduate!

Victoria Marie Sondej is a 2014 graduate of Trinity High School. She is the daughter of **Teri Sondej Lindeman** and **Philip Lindeman** of Orchard Hill Drive, and the granddaughter of **Mary Lou Folton** of South Meadowpark Drive.



Victoria is a member of the National Honor Society, Ambassador Club and the U.S. Figure Skating Association. She has loved skating since she was 6 years old. Victoria enjoys being a volunteer. She is on the Arts & Environment Committee at St. Monica Church. She delivers the monthly issues of the *Walton Hills Owl* with her mom. Victoria is also a volunteer at the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter. She enjoys working with horses and horseback riding. Again this summer, Victoria is working for the Village of Walton Hills Recreation Department. She is a Parker Program Camp Counselor.



She plans to study Athletic Training / Occupational Therapy at Ashland University. Good luck Victoria!



Check Out Our Villagers' Library

Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY that is for all of us to use. Come see our Newly Built, Expanded Library! We like it, hope you do, too! The Library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building.

It's the Honor System - No Sign-Out or Sign-In - and No Fees

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction Famous Authors
Espionage Bios Mysteries Adventure Christian Books Books for Children and Teenagers and more



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Bereavements

- **Dale Peterman** of Sagamore Road died in mid June at age 73 after a massive heart attack. Our condolences to his wife **Betty Lou**. Dale and Betty were married 43 years. Our sympathy to their children: **Dale and Erin Peterman** of Broadview Heights, **Darrin Peterman** of Mount Dora Florida, and **DeAnn Peterman** of Sagamore Hills, and grandchildren, **Allison and Ryan Peterman**.

When Dale was born, his parents, **Ralph and Marge Peterman**, were still building their Sagamore Road home, so, during his first few months, he and his parents lived in the garage, which was finished. Dale worked at All Erection and Crane Rental Company, in the Cuyahoga Valley. His avocation was raising show chickens. He showed them at fairs such as the International Chicken Show in Columbus, and invitational shows throughout the State of Ohio.

- **Joseph Pekar** of Woodlake Drive died in June at age 103 – he was born February 1st 1911. Our sympathy to his wife, **Agnes**. The Pekars had been married for 74 years. Their daughter, **Catherine (Cathy)** is deceased. Our condolences to grandchildren **Christine Cowen** of Lakewood, **James Cowen** of Chicago and **Robert and Denise Cowen** and great-grandchildren **Jamie and Matthew Cowen** of Broadview Heights.

For just under four years, Pekar served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A couple years after he was discharged from the service, Pekar, his wife Agnes and daughter Cathy moved into the Jefferson Walton house at 7228 Walton Road. The house they purchased stood on three acres of land. Pekar had always wanted a pony when he was a child, but could not have one. Soon after moving into their Walton Hills home, Joe built a horse stable room enough for two horses and a pony.

Pekar was a mechanical engineer who worked for the H. K. Ferguson Company for 35 years, a corporation that built huge plant facilities around the world. The Pekar family relocated to England for three years when Joe was assigned to build a Ford Motor Company plant in London, England.

Since the mid 1950s the Pekars have owned their Walton Hills home on Woodlake Drive. He was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. His primary hobby was golf, but he also enjoyed fishing and hunting. When his eyesight diminished, he liked listening to the Cleveland Indians baseball games.

- Former resident **Lydia (Lee) Slaby** passed away at age 91. She and her late husband, **Charles (Chuck) Slaby** moved into their Jefferson Drive home in 1962. In the last years of each of their lives they had to move into a near-by nursing home facility where their needs could be met. Chuck died in the fall of 2011. Our condolences to their children: **Charles and Anna Marie Slaby** of Hicks Road, **David and Enid Slaby** of Highland Heights, **Sharon and Mario Rigel** of Virginia, and **Kathleen and Benjamin Dastoli** of Twinsburg. Also to grandson **Chuck Slaby** who lives on Walton Road and the other 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Lee was a long-time member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, for many years she was a typist for the *Walton Hills Owl*, and she was a dedicated poll-worker at bi-yearly elections conducted at the Village Hall.

Villagers may recall that Charles and Anna Marie Slaby are managers of Roseland Lanes, and their son, **Chuck Slaby**, owns CJ Landscape Construction.

- Former resident **George Wilcox, Jr.**, who lived on North Meadowpark Drive, died in June at age 80. Our sympathy to his children, **Eileen and Walt Wilcox** and **Gayle and Jeff Wilcox**.

- Our condolences to **Corinne and Robert Slifka** of Walton Road on the passing of Corinne's sister, **Mary Mueller**.

Fourth of July Bedford-Bedford Hts. Parade~~~Citizens' League

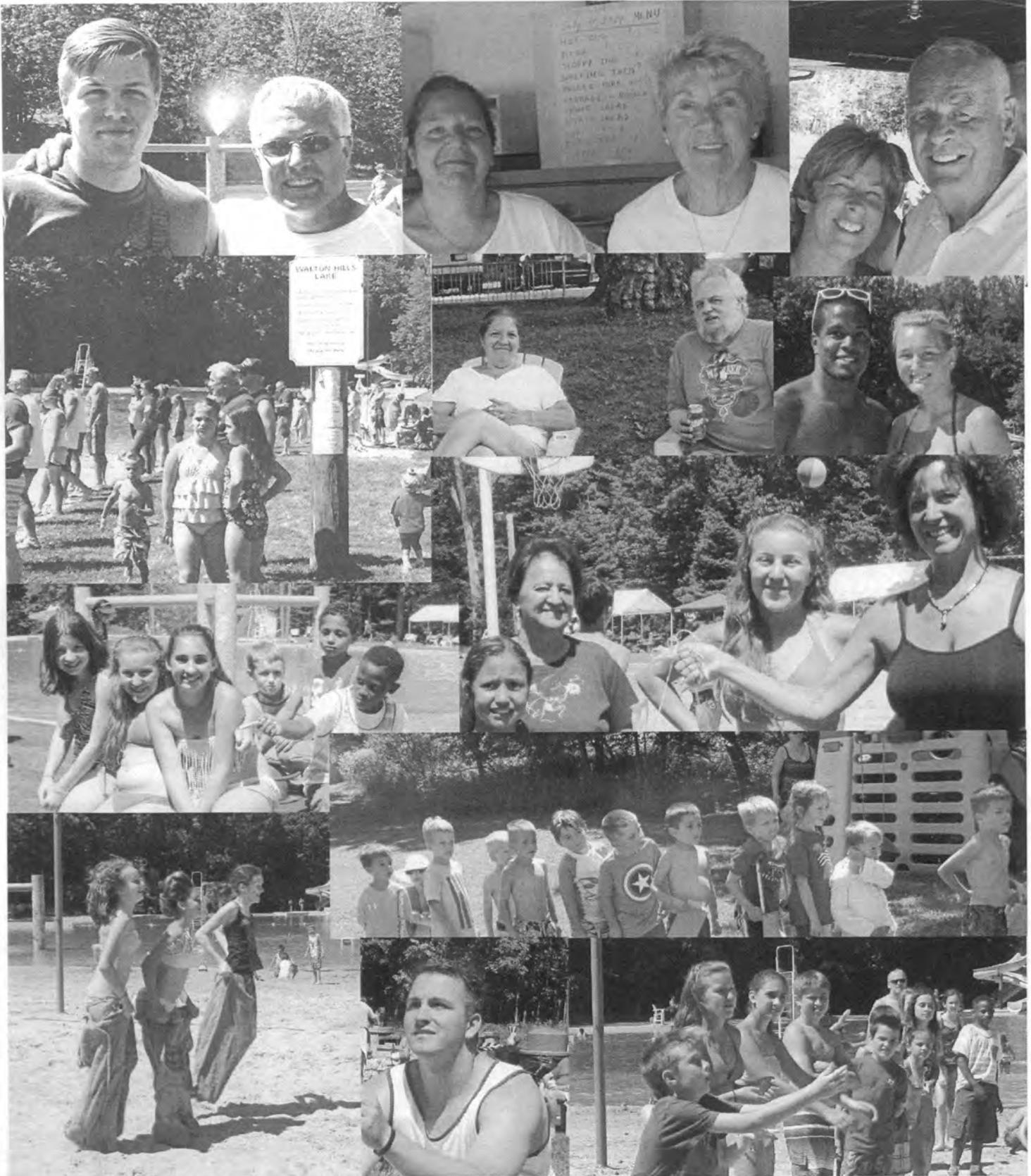


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4th of July

A Fun Day at Walton Hills Lake



Walton Hills Lake
July 4, 2014

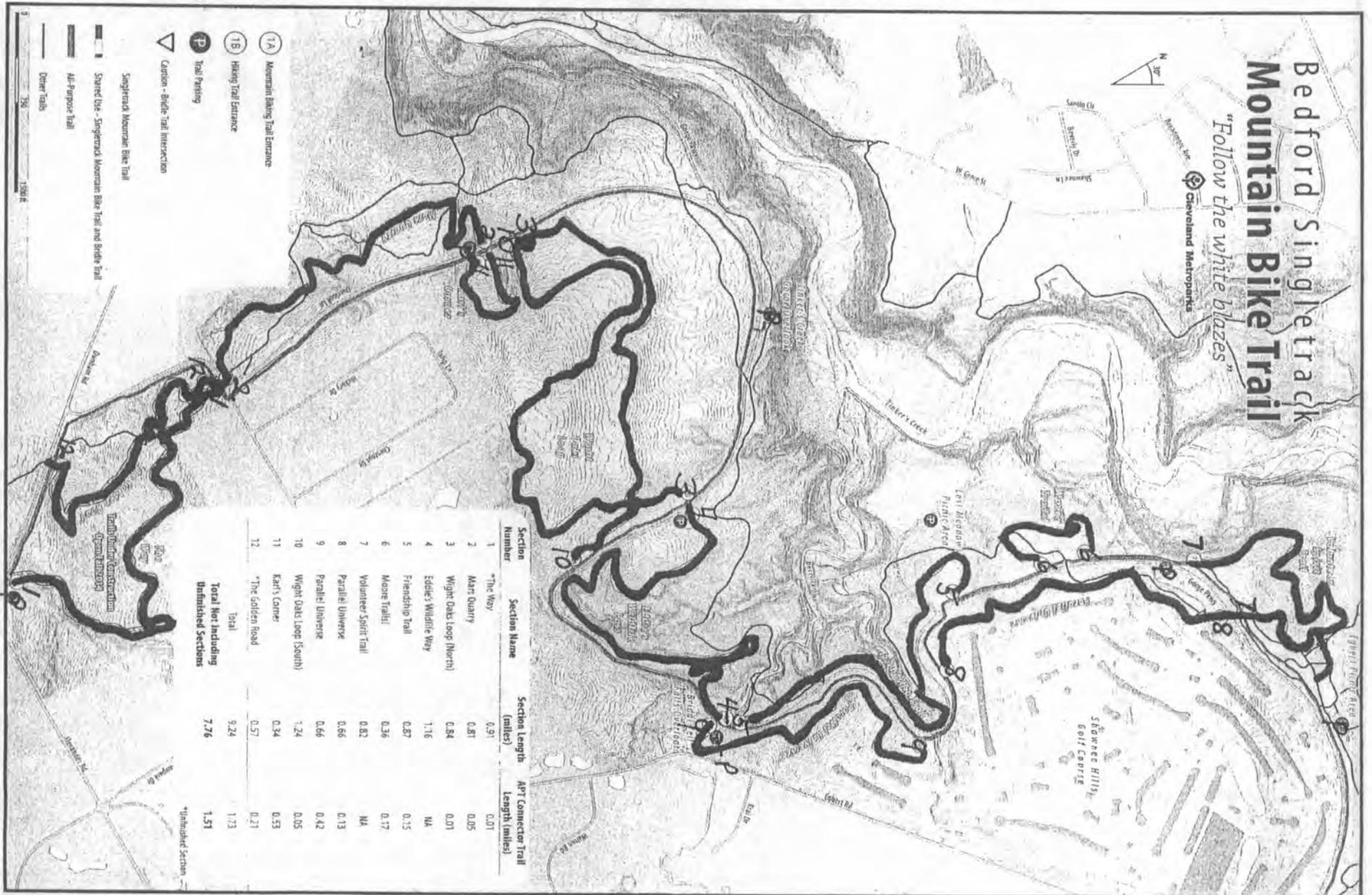


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Mountain Bikers, Young and Old, from Near By and Far Away, Seek the Thrill of Riding on Bedford Reservation's New Mountain Bike Trail

(Maps are available in the pamphlet stand by the Walton Hills Library, Walton Hills Community Building)



Spotlight on

Jan Smith

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Jan Smith knows the importance of making a difference in this world. The volunteering that she and her husband Jeff do is the primary focus of their lives. She understands that it is the responsibility of Christians to set a good example for others, and by talking to Jan it is clear that she has accomplished this tenfold.

Jan lived most of her childhood years in Solon. Her family moved to Bedford in 1957 and she attended and graduated from Bedford High School. After high school she went to Ohio Beauty College and then to Tri-C. Jan worked for ten years as a beautician at her mother's beauty salon, Esther's Hairstylist, in Bedford. She then worked for 26 years as a cashier at Stop and Shop (now Giant Eagle) in Solon and Bedford. For 16 years she owned her own home-based business, Weekenders, selling women's clothing. She taught women to have a complete wardrobe with ten items of clothing. She had the distinction of winning two national sales awards. Her business provided her a means to serve and help other people.

Jan and Jeff met in 1989. She had a singles group at Solon United Methodist Church. She was speaking one night about how to love, not to possess. Jeff was at that meeting and he thanked her for a wonderful presentation. She instantly thought Jeff was a true gentleman. Jeff was attracted to Jan because he saw that she lived her beliefs, she walked the talk; that is what he was looking for. They were engaged on Valentine's Day and married on Sweetest Day in 1991. Jan has three sons and four grandchildren – two boys and two girls. Her husband has two sons and four grandchildren – all girls. They feel very blessed that all of their children and grandchildren live in Ohio, except for one now living in North Dakota.

Jan and Jeff moved to their home on Allen

Drive in 1995. They were attracted to Walton Hills by the ranch style homes, the friendliness and beauty of the community, the country setting, the parks, and the golf courses. After searching for a retirement home for five years, they realized that Walton Hills has it all – except nice winter weather. They solved that problem by spending one month in Florida at a pet friendly condo along with Suzie Q, their Bichon Maltese.

Jan served as the president of the Walton Hills Women's Club for four years. She was also Ways and Means chairperson for 10 years, enabling her to increase the scholarship awards from \$200 to \$1,000. She also started the \$500 stipend award program for high school students, which was in place for six years. She introduced Mayor Hurst to the Women's Club idea of a concession stand at T.G. Young Park, and she was instrumental in getting the companies in the village to donate their products and services. She was also on the Veterans Monument Committee.

Jan is an avid golfer, playing at least two times a week. She plays and teaches Mahjonnig. She loves to travel. She plays International Sudoku online with people from around the world. They are rated and scored, and she ranks 395th in the world! She also likes to read – she wants her mind to keep growing.

Jan has been a member of the Solon United Methodist Church for 43 years. She chaired their mission team for over 25 years. For 25 years she took a work team of 10 to 23 volunteers down to John's Island, South Carolina to help poor people rebuild their homes. For a short time she was part of a mission team that worked with the Nehemiah Mission on Cleveland's near west side. At the end of June she was part of a team that worked with the Good Works mission in Athens, Ohio to

help people struggling with homelessness and poverty in rural Appalachia. She strongly feels that a mission trip will change your life and

attitude and teach you the importance of giving back. Whether it is helping build a deck or wheel chair ramp, painting a bedroom, building walls of a home, working with children at a day care center, or talking to a lonely person in a homeless shelter, Jan is happy to do her part to brighten someone's day and ease their burdens in life.

Jan is currently in charge of Solon United Methodist Church's craft fair. Proceeds from the last fair went toward the mission trip, sponsored three children in Africa to attend high school, purchased cleaning supplies for 24 "flood buckets" for flood victims (with the help of Home Depot), and purchased uniforms for Central School in Bedford as part of their "Keep the Kids in the Classroom" program. Jan has also been on her church's District Board of Building and Relocation for the last eight years, inspecting the parsonage when a pastor is transferred to make sure it is ready for the new pastor and his family to move in.

Jan's plans for the future are to enjoy every day serving others and helping to make peoples' lives better as God has asked each of us to do by loving our neighbor. When you see Jan driving around in her white Mustang convertible, give her a big smile and witness a person who has truly figured out how to live life the right way.



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The Walton Hills 911/Communications Center

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The Walton Hills Communication Center, which is located inside the Village Hall, is staffed with two Communications Officers 16 hours a day during peak times including peak weekend hours. Walton Hills currently employs one full-time Communications Supervisor, two full-time Communications Officers and 11 part-time Communications Officers. The Communications Center is operational seven days a week, twenty four hours a day, and 365 days a year. The Communications Center provides service for the Walton Hills Police Department, Oakwood Police Department, Walton Hills Service Department, Oakwood Service Department and the Oakwood Fire Department. The Oakwood Fire Department provides fire and rescue services for Walton Hills, Oakwood and

Glenwillow. We also are the main center for activation of the emergency tornado sirens for seven communities. On the average, the Communications Center fields approximately 300 9-1-1 calls monthly in conjunction with 2,700 calls for service. Many of our Communications Officers serve other duties as well, such as: Auxiliary Officer, grant writing, Walton Hills Senior Citizen Police Academy instructor, US Veteran Liaison, Emergency Management Coordinator, SEALE Units, Animal Control, Mayor's Court Deputy Clerk, and Jail Matron. They also accept bonds, ticket waiver fines, tow releases, etc. All Communications Officers are continually attending training sessions and updates to keep current and proficient in all of their duties and assignments.



Sharon Szczepanski,
Communications Supervisor



Abby Frejofsky



Zack Bryant

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Welcome, New Residents!

Wieslaw and Grazyna Adamczewski
7529 North Meadowpark Drive



Owl Trivia Contest

Thank you, all of you, who joined in on this year's *Owl* Trivia Contest. Almost all contestants had the correct answers. We blindly picked from the box of entries, and the winner is **Bill Annett!** Congratulations, Bill, you won a hand-blown glass vase in the shape of an owl.

Community Day 2014: ONE FINE DAY!

You were probably there, and hopefully you will agree that Community Day on Sunday August 10th was one fun day for Walton Hills Residents. From the raising of the flag at the Opening Service to the big-bang firework display that closed the festivities, the day was jam-packed with activities, attractions and lively bands that kept the crowd entertained for hours. Plenty of food options were available, thanks to the Women's Club, Men's Club and vendors.

Recreation Director **Carol Stanoszek**, with a lot of support and help from **Mayor Hurst**, village employees and volunteers from the Walton Hills clubs and organizations, organized this special day for villagers. Thank you, Carol and all Community Day volunteers, for creating this special event for your fellow friends and neighbors.

Carol Stanoszek would like to acknowledge all the help she received from her assistant, **Karleen Dean**. She also thanks her T.G.Y. Park staff. "They hustled, they were attentive to the needs of the volunteers and guests, and they did so with smiles on their faces. They made Community Day a good day for me, too."

Congratulations, Graduate!

Mary-Kate Begin graduated from John Carroll University with a degree in Adolescent/Young Adult Education. Mary-Kate was very active in her sorority; she was the Kappa Delta Chapter President, and held many other offices in her sorority. She was a member of the Orientation Staff at JCU.

She travelled to Nicaragua to study fair trade and learn about Nicaraguan culture. Keeping with the John Carroll motto "Men and Women for Others," Mary-Kate joined the Mercy Volunteer Corps for one year. She will teach 7th and 8th graders at St. Michael's Indian School in St. Michael's, Arizona.

Mary Kate is the daughter of **Jim** and **Denise Begin** of Egbert Road, and **James** and **Kevin Begin's** sister.



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A New Venture and New Challenges

Wendy Annett Johnson, daughter of **Bill** and the late **Judy Annett**, has just been appointed to a new job investigating abuse and neglect cases for the State of New Mexico Department of Health, requiring her to move to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We wish her well in her new career.

Since 1992, Wendy, who is now 47 years old, has been married to **Don Johnson**, a Lieutenant with the Aurora Ohio Police Department. Don and Wendy have a home in Paris Township, near Ravenna Ohio.

Wendy's new job offer required the couple to make some major, quick decisions. In mid August Don drove Wendy to Albuquerque and she is already at work on her new job. Don will retire in January, and will join Wendy in Albuquerque.

Wendy Johnson grew up in the Village, on Walton Road. She graduated from Bedford High School, has a Bachelor's Degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania, and a Masters Degree in Counseling from Kent State University. She began her career as a child abuse investigator for Trumbull County Children's Services. Since 1994 she has been Director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Division for the Portage County Prosecutor's office, a post she basically created from scratch. During the past 20 years she has helped many crime victims and witnesses find support and a sense of justice during the worst times of their lives. Wendy has stood by her clients through their grief and has guided them through the legal process. **Bill Annett**, Wendy's father who now lives on South Meadowpark Drive, states, "I'm so proud of her."

Wendy's abilities and accomplishments are noted throughout the State of Ohio. Attorney General Mike DeWine appointed her to his State Victim Assistance Advisory Board. She recently served on the Ohio Council on Victims Justice, is a member of the Ohio Crisis Response Team and is the past president of the Ohio Victim Witness Association.

Long-time residents may remember Wendy's brother, **Dan Annett**. Dan, his wife **Sue**, and their two children live in Dayton Ohio. Dan is the Presidential Aircraft Program Manager at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

New Women's Club Cookbook

Have you seen a copy of the new Cookbook? In it are some great home-made, old, family recipes: Gnocchi, Potato Dumplings, Spaetzels, Borshch (Beet Soup), Baklava, Peach Dumplings, Noodle Strudel, Leg of Lamb... Cookbooks: \$10.00 each. Contact **Karen Smolkowicz** 439-7724 See form in Women's Club article in this issue.



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

July 22, 2014, Special Council Meeting: One ordinance and three resolutions were passed at this meeting. Councilman Brian Spitznagel was excused due to work.

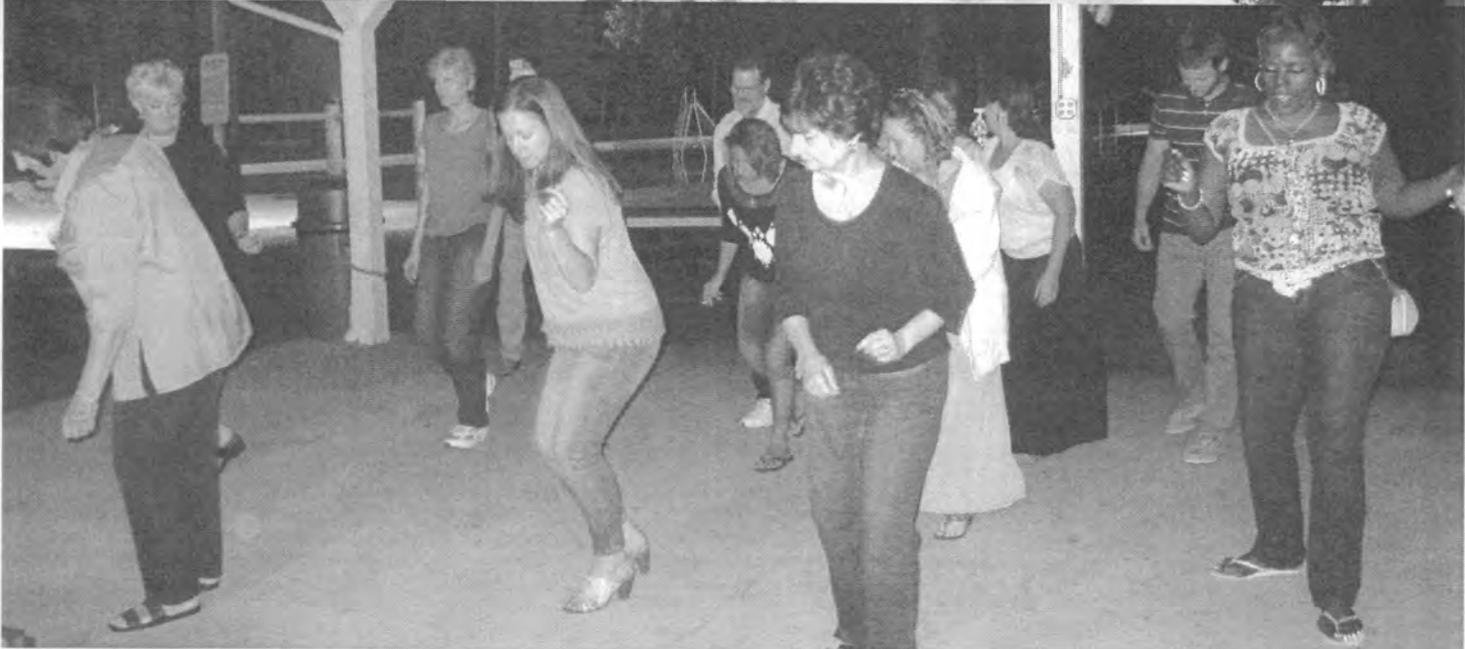
Ordinance No. 2014-6 repealed and replaced Codified Ordinance 290.01 in order to resolve an Auditor issue regarding a potential conflict in our Codified Ordinances. Solicitor Blair Melling said that the new ordinance language allows for a maximum of 48 regular sessions of the Mayor's Court per year instead of the previously authorized 24 regular sessions.

The first Resolution authorized a contract with Barbicas Construction Co., Inc. for the Walton Hills 2014 Asphalt Program in the amount not to exceed \$217,380.

The second Resolution authorized a contract with Aero-Mark, Inc. for the Walton Hills 2014 Pavement Marking Program in the amount not to exceed \$18,987.

Resolution 2014-28 authorized the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into an easement agreement with Ken Kraft, Ltd. The property owned by Ken Kraft, Ltd. is at the corner of Alexander and Walton Road. The Resolution says the Village would benefit from having easement access to that property for beautification, landscaping and/or staging purposes. The Resolution also says that the Village desires to acquire the easement to install and maintain landscaping and beautification, to remove all trees, plants, vegetation, and rocks, to stage all materials and equipment needed for such landscaping and beautification, to erect permanent fencing, and to install brick paving stones as the Village sees fit. A drawing attached to the Resolution shows the easement as a wide irregularly shaped band around the roadside perimeter of the property. The payment for this easement was one dollar. There were no comments or discussion at this meeting regarding this Resolution.

2014 Walton Hills Lake Adult Beach Party



August 10, 2014

Community Days



RAY TINTER

YEAR 2014 Walton Hills "CITIZEN of the YEAR"

Ray Tinter, who lives on Jefferson Drive with his wife **Joyce Tinter**, was named the Year 2014 "Citizen of the Year" on Community Day, for his many civic and charitable deeds over the past 44 years. Recognizing his many years of meritorious community service to the village, the Walton Hills Citizens League and his fellow residents honored Ray with a formal presentation and a crystal star-shaped trophy.

In 1970, Ray and Joyce chose Walton Hills as the place where they wanted to raise their two children, **Deborah** and **Tyson**. The Tinters have been married for 54 years, and they are still counting their blessings. Today **Debi Tinter** lives in Parma and **Tyson** and **Dawn Tinter** live in Twinsburg with their 7-year old son **Lucas** and 18 months old daughter **Nora**.

Ray never hesitates to accept leadership roles in Village clubs and service organizations. He is a Past President of the Men's Club, and he is the Treasurer of the 50+ Club. He was a Little League coach for about 10 years and a trustee for Walton Hills Lake. Ray was a staff member for the *Walton Hills Owl*. For over six years he assisted Editors **Bill Cottrill** and **Bill Deak**. They printed the monthly issues of the village newsletter in the Community Room storage closet.

For 13 years Ray was Mr. Santa Claus at Village Christmas functions, such as the yearly Village Tree Lighting event. He has also been Mr. Claus for many Walton Hills Nursery School Christmas parties, and Women's Club, Men's Club and 50+ Club Christmas parties. With an avocation of serving as a "happy" clown to raise children's spirits, Ray the Clown performed at several events for the village, the Nursery School and the Bedford elementary schools.

Reading the scripts from villagers who nominated Ray for the "Year 2014 Citizen of the Year," one learns about Ray's tireless involvement in our community. "Ray visits sick residents in their homes or in the hospital." "He has taken many neighbors to the airport and doctor visits when they need a ride." "When asked, he watches over neighbor's houses." "He is the first to volunteer when help is needed, or there is a job to fill." "Ray helps with closing events at T.G.Y.Park." "Ray served on Boy Scout and Girl Scout committees and events." "Throughout his years living in the Village, Ray offers his help and then follows through, without seeking recognition." "He is quick to sing the praises of our fair community to anyone who will listen."

Tinter worked at Republic Steel and LTV Steel for 30 years. Then for next 13+ years he worked as a Shop Supervisor for Goodwill Industries, guiding the disadvantaged workers. As Ray states, "I love to help people in any way that I can. I feel fortunate for my good life – Walton Hills is a fantastic place to live."

Over the years Tinter has shown his integrity, character and community spirit in his many actions and deeds.



JOSEPH PEKAR

YEAR 2014 Walton Hills "Posthumous CITIZEN of the YEAR"

The Walton Hills Citizens League awarded the 2014 Posthumous Citizen of the Year designation to the late **Joseph Pekar**, who passed in June of this year at the age of 103. Pekar is survived by his wife, **Agnes Pekar**, who resides in the family home on Woodlake Drive.

Pekar was born on February 1, 1911. During World War II, for almost four years, he served in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the Navy, the Pekar family moved to Walton Hills, into the historic Jefferson Walton home with three acres of land at 7228 Walton Road.

Joe was a Mechanical Engineer, employed for 35 years by the H. K. Ferguson Corporation that built huge plant facilities in countries around the world. The Pekar family relocated to England for three years when Joe was assigned to build a Ford Motor Company plant in London. Upon their return to the States, in the mid 1950s the Pekars moved into their Woodlake Drive home.

He was a long-time member of the Walton Hills Mens Club, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion. Joe was an avid golfer who also liked to fish and hunt. In later years when his vision was impaired, he enjoyed listening to the Cleveland Indians baseball games.

Joe and Agnes Pekar were married for 74 years. Their daughter, **Cathy**, who also lived on Woodlake Drive, is deceased. Agnes enjoys her visits with the grandchildren - **Christine Cowen** of Lakewood, **James Cowen** of Chicago and **Robert** and **Denise Cowen** of Broadview Heights.

This is the tenth year the Walton Hills Citizens League, with the cooperation of many villagers, has awarded a "Citizen of the Year" trophy to a Walton Hills Resident for his or her outstanding service to our community.

This is also the third year the Citizens League has awarded a Posthumous Award to a deceased resident.

Following are the lists of recipients:

Walton Hills Citizen of the Year

- | <u>Year</u> | <u>Recipient</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 1) 2005 | Jean Kainsinger of Orchard Hill Drive |
| 2) 2006 | Patricia (Patty) Day of South Meadowpark Drive |
| 3) 2007 | William (Bill) Deak of Egbert Road |
| 4) 2008 | James (Jim) Salamon of Dunham Road |
| 5) 2009 | Robert (Bob) Kainsinger of Orchard Hill Drive |
| 6) 2010 | Jean Turner of South Meadowpark Drive |
| 7) 2011 | Ruth Money of Walton Road |
| 8) 2012 | Joan Wills of Dunham Road |
| 9) 2013 | Madeline (Maddie) Timm of Kral Drive |
| 10) 2014 | Ray Tinter of Jefferson Drive |

Walton Hills Posthumous Citizen of the Year

- | <u>Year</u> | <u>Recipient</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 1) 2012 | Thomas (Tom) Sabo of Rotary Drive |
| 2) 2013 | Betty Walton of Walton Road |
| 3) 2014 | Joseph (Joe) Pekar of Woodlake Drive |



Georgia Pace

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Georgia Pace loves her life in Walton Hills – she wouldn't want to live anywhere else. She was born in Cleveland where she lived until she was seven years old. Her family then moved to the Corlett neighborhood located at 131st Street and Chapelside Avenue, which is the southeast area of Cleveland. She graduated from John Adams High School. She then worked full-time as a bookkeeper for an automobile agency during the day and attended Fenn College at night. It took her ten years, but she persevered and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting. She worked for three automobile agencies in her career, the last one being at Shaker Nissan where she retired from after 17 years. She also tried her hand at teaching and discovered that it was not for her – she taught 50 children in a fifth grade class at St. Wenceslaus School in Maple Heights.



to marry! Many longtime residents will remember that Ben started the Walton Hills Citizens' League. Georgia and Ben were married in 1949 and had three children – two boys and a girl. They have eight grandchildren and one great grandchild with one on the way.

Georgia had a wonderful marriage for 54 years to her late husband Ben. They met after World War II when Ben came home from serving in the Army. He attended Fenn College during the day. He loved to polka and attended a dance hosted by the college one evening. Georgia was also in attendance and he asked her to dance. He told her that he knew when he danced with her that she was the girl that he was going

In 1951 Georgia and Ben spent a day driving around looking for a lot on which they could build their first home. They visited Solon and a few other communities but nothing seemed quite right. Then they drove through Walton Hills. Georgia remembered many happy memories from her childhood when she would spend a month or two of her summer vacation at late resident Anna Kaderabek's home on Dunham Road, which she affectionately

referred to as "auntie's house." Georgia and Ben stopped at "auntie's house," and then they drove by General Ludwig S. Conelly's sign advertising lots for sale. General Conelly showed them a lot on South Meadowpark Drive and they didn't hesitate a bit – they bought the lot that day. Ben bought a book on how to build a house for less than \$10,000 and he accomplished just that – with Georgia's help. They worked side by side building their dream home together!

Georgia has a strong history of volunteerism. She was the president of her college sorority – Kappa Sigma Upsilon. She was the president of the Walton Hills Co-op Preschool and president of the Walton Hills Women's Club, where she also held several other offices. She was the treasurer of the Walton Hills Lake for several years and vice president and program chairwoman of the 50 Plus Club. She was president of the St. Mary's Guild. Georgia also wrote a column in the Bedford Times Register in the 1950s and 1960s called "Up in Walton Hills," which featured articles about our community.

Georgia likes to read – especially fictional stories of mystery, intrigue and espionage. She likes to do crossword puzzles and play cards. Pinochle is one of her favorite games. She just learned the card game Kings in the Corner, which she plays on Thursdays at the Oakwood Senior Center if she can't find four people to play pinochle. She also considers spending quality time with her grandchildren as one of her favorite hobbies!

Georgia's plans for the future are simply to enjoy life – live day by day and hopefully live to be 100. She always wants to continue to reside in Walton Hills, where she has lived for 63 years filled with many wonderful memories!

Get to Know Georgia

Favorite TV shows	Jeopardy, Dancing with the Stars
Favorite Actor	Paul Newman
Favorite Actress	Betty Davis
Favorite singers	Englebert Humperdinck, Elton John, Neil Diamond
Favorite food	Pork dumplings & sauerkraut
Favorite vacations	Hawaii and Alaska; cruises

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New Residents

Ruth Blazek recently moved into the Village. She is living with her son and daughter-in-law, **John and Sandy Blazek** of 18080 Orchard Hill Drive. Welcome to Walton Hills, Ruth.

Michael and Cathy Fornes of 16200 Ceile Circle Welcome to Walton Hills, Mike and Cathy.

Do You Enjoy Gardening and Working with House Plants ?

Are you interested in forming a Walton Hills Garden Club?

Would you like to - Share planting tips and ideas – Exchange seedlings and plants – Tour gardens for ideas?

The club will need a Coordinator, but for now, phone **Connie Flauto** 440.439.1384.

Mark Your Calendar! A Special Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, November 9th

Our Village Administrators and the Walton Hills Women's Club are teaming together to make Veterans' Day a special day for all of us.

Sunday, November 9th starting at 9 am, you are invited to a **Community Pancake Breakfast in the Village Community Room.**

This Event is for All of Us in the Village! It's our chance to have a tasty homemade meal and honor our Veterans. At about 11 am we will put our pancakes aside and join our Village Officials to participate in a special tribute to honor our Veterans.

Veterans will get a free breakfast. The rest of us will pay a nominal charge for our food.

A Military and Veterans Benefits Fair

On Wednesday, October 29th, from 10 am – 1 pm, Veterans and their family members are invited to attend a Military and Veterans Benefits Fair at the Seven Hills Rec Center, 7777 Summitview Drive, Seven Hills.

Agency representatives and local businesses will be there to help answer benefit questions, employment agencies and other military-related topics. The event is free and open to the public.

Note: Veterans should take their DD 214 or NGB 22 Discharge Papers to the event. If Discharge Papers are not available, take the Social Security Card of the military personnel.

Participants include: Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Ohio Veteran Bonus Team, Ohio Veterans Nursing Home, Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission, Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, Senior Helpers NEO, the City of Seven Hills, our District State Representative and Executive Caterers at Landerhaven.

Snowbirds Can Get the Owl!

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

Give us your out-of-town address and the months you want issues mailed to that address. Your cost for postage and handling is \$3.00 per issue or \$30.00 per year. Contact **Connie Flauto** 440.439.1384.

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Bereavements, continued

- Former Kral Drive resident **Jim Greene** passed away in September. Jim and his first wife, **Kathleen Greene**, moved into their Walton Hills home in 1979. A year after Kathleen's passing in 2001, Jim sold the house and moved into a condo in Greenwood Village. A few years later he married **Virginia Mazzone**, who had been living on Carmany Drive. Virginia passed away in 2009.

During World War II, when he was only 17, with his parent's signature, Greene joined the Navy. He served in the Pacific from 1942-1945. He worked for J & L Steel as a Crane Operator until 1966, when he opened A and J Office Furniture on Pearl Road. At the time, his business was the largest office furniture company in Greater Cleveland. He retired in 1992 and he sold his commercial property to a developer.

Our condolences to his children; **Kathy and Phil King** of St. Charles Missouri, **Eileen and Curt Cousino** of Akron, **Mary Margaret and Stan Jakosh** of Copley, **Traci and Bill Putinski** of Walton Road, **Jim, Jr. and Jeanette Greene** of Arlington Virginia, **Kevin and Darlene Greene** of Parma, and **Denise and Jim Begin** of Egbert Road. Also to grandchildren **Mary-Kate Begin** who now lives in St. Michael's Arizona, **James Begin** who lives in Cleveland and **Kevin Begin** who is at the Air Force Boot Camp near San Antonio Texas. Greene had 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Greene was a member of Walton Hills Lake, the 50+ Club, the Men's Club and St. Mary's Parish. He enjoyed being on the Babes of 1916 Baseball Team. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of AM Vets. "He absolutely loved living in Walton Hills," states his daughter Denise. "He always had a smile for everybody and a song in his heart."

- Former Orchard Hill Drive resident **William Spork** passed away in early September in his home city of Medina, Florida. Our condolences to his former wife, **Joyce Fleischer Spork** who lives in Greenwood Village, his son, **Kurt Spork** of Cleveland, and his ex brother-in-law and ex sister-in-law, **Glenn and Kay Fleischer** of Walton Road.

Check Out Our Villagers' Library

Come see our Villagers' Library!

The library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building.

Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY that is for all of us to use.

It's the Honor System - No Sign-Out or Sign-In - and No Fees

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction Famous Authors Espionage Bios Mysteries Adventure
Christian Books Books for Children, Teenagers and books of interest to the Men in our Village, too!



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

September 2, 2014, Public Meeting followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting: The Village Engineer, Mr. Don Sheehy, explained the purpose of the meeting. He said the official title of the meeting is "The Cuyahoga County 2015 Competitive Municipal Grant Program Public Meeting." It is a requirement to hold the meeting to be eligible to apply for grants. The Village of Walton Hills will apply for up to of \$150,000 (the maximum allowed amount per community) in Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds administered by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. There are 51 communities in Cuyahoga County that are eligible to apply on a competitive basis for a total of \$1.2 million in grant money for 2014. The deadline for application is September 16, 2014. For the first time, there is one classification for which Walton Hills qualifies to apply for these funds. That is an Improvement Target Area (ITA) for the Industrial Zone. Attendees were invited to comment. Councilman Denny Linville asked if this would be a recurring program. Mr. Sheehy said the Village will be able to apply annually. There were no other comments and the meeting was concluded. **The COW meeting commenced.** Councilman Linville, Chair of the Safety Committee, gave a report on the Safety Committee meeting held on August 5, 2014. The main topic was Chief Kenn Thellmann's request to hire three more part-time police officers. The additional officers would work about 32 hours per week at \$22 per hour for an additional cost of about \$36,000 per year total for all three. The goal is to have more officers to cover peak traffic times. This would bring the total part-time police to seven. It would make it easier to call the officers in as needed, and work around their other jobs. Councilman Brian Spitznagel said hiring the additional part-time officers will help ensure that there is always at least one police officer on the street at all times. He also said that Council must watch revenues and make adjustments to the budget if needed. All members of the Safety Committee recommended hiring the additional part-time officers. The Mayor said one officer has already been hired and is in training. **Councilman Paul Rich** asked Financial Officer Vic Nogalo if the Finance Report was done through August. Mr. Nogalo replied that it was through August and that from now on the monthly report will be on the Village web site so that it can be accessed by Council and the public. **Mayor Kevin Hurst asked Mr. Sheehy** to explain more about the Block Grant program and answer any questions. The Mayor said that the Village is part of the Bedford School System and it is in Cuyahoga County. These factors helped make Walton Hills eligible for Block Grants. Mr. Sheehy said the Village doesn't qualify under the low to moderate income criteria, but the Industrial area has parts that are older and it does qualify for improvement. The goal is to improve a targeted area before blight sets in and property values go down. The businesses cannot individually apply for these funds and the funds cannot be used for items such as roofs that would benefit only one business. The funds must be used in projects that benefit the infrastructure of the entire area such as



roads and utility improvements. No matching funds are required for these Block Grants. The grants may be applied for each year for 10 years. Businesses may have an opportunity to apply for other funds because of the designation as an ITA. Due to the deadline for application there will be a Special Council meeting next week to pass the application legislation. **Councilman Brian Spitznagel**, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, introduced a proposed Traffic Study by TMS Engineering. A lengthy discussion ensued and Mr. Sheehy gave a detailed rationale for the need for the Study. The traffic patterns have changed and congestion has increased due to the new Rocksino. Mr. Sheehy noted that traffic problems can affect the ability of the Village to attract new businesses. There are many agencies that have funds available to solve these problems but you must have a traffic study to provide evidence of necessity to be eligible to apply for funding. For example, the State might address increased problems entering and exiting 271. Even the Rocksino might contribute to necessary projects in order to improve access to their business. The Study will encompass a rectangular area bounded by Forbes, 271, Northfield Rd, and Sagamore Rd. Oakwood and Walton Hills are affected by the same traffic problems and will share the cost, each paying about \$10,000. Mr. Spitznagel said this is a lot more than counting cars. It will be like a master plan for solving traffic flow problems area wide. The Mayor said he doesn't have to request more money for the budget because he can move money from the \$50,000 already budgeted for new windows for the Village Hall but never spent. **The Mayor asked Council** to consider asking Mr. Sheehy to give an estimate of what it would cost to repair the parking lots at the Village Hall and Young Park and also the tennis courts and basketball courts. He would like to bond out those costs (possibly \$200,000) next year along with approximately \$800,000 for the Sagamore Rd. work. Council agreed to ask for a proposal from Mr. Sheehy. **There was a brief discussion** about allowing the Police Chief to have the authority to appoint someone from the Police Department to train to act as animal warden. The work is so sporadic that it would be nice to have someone in house as needed. It is still possible to hire an Animal Control Service if desired. The previous Animal Warden is no longer working for the Village. The Mayor also said it is necessary to have language in legislation to designate coyotes as vermin so they can be eradicated. **The Mayor** asked for a resolution to be able to utilize funds from the recycling program for the Veteran's Memorial for other projects for veterans and beautification of the area such as ball caps for veterans on Veteran's Day and possibly a Gazebo in the future. Council liked the idea. **Council ended the meeting** after an Executive Session to discuss personnel, land purchase and pending litigation.

September 9, 2014, Special Council Meeting followed by a COW Meeting: At the Special Council Meeting an Ordinance was passed to authorize the Mayor and Village Engineer to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. This would be used to fund a pavement reconstruction project in the Village's Industrial area. **The COW then commenced.** Resident Judy Sheeler asked how much it cost for landscaping the Alexander Rd. and Walton Rd. intersection and was there any liability for the (continued)

By the time you get this issue of the *Walton Hills Owl*, our new **Village Electronic Sign Board** at the northeast corner of Walton and Alexander Roads should be installed and operating. Village staff members will use their computers to create the wording, giving us up-to-the-minute Village information and notifying us about upcoming events in the Village.

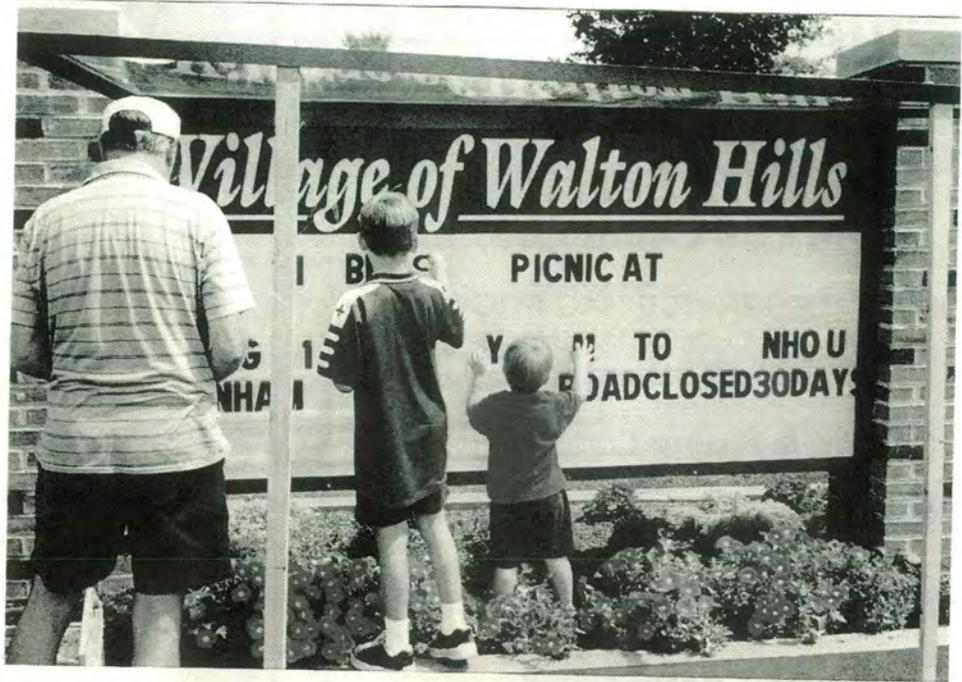
The **old Village Sign Board**, installed in September of 1998, is relocated at the Village Service Center and will post messages related to Village Services to Residents.

No longer will Village Personnel have to change the wording on the old sign board each week by walking to the board with a box of letters and poles, prop up the Plexiglas cover, remove old letters, insert new letters, replace the cover, and walk back to the Village Hall.....

This 1999 photo shows Bob Kainsinger, who was a Councilman at the time, and his two grandsons, changing the wording on the old sign.

The
Old
Village Sign
Board

October 2014
w. H. owl



Pictured are the latest beautification efforts in the Village located at the corner of Alexander Road and Walton Road.

October, 2014
w. H. Journal



10-2014



Decorating the Village Hall courtyard with cornstalks and pumpkins has created a festive fall atmosphere for all to enjoy!



Our new electronic sign has taken us into the 21st century.



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Welcome New Residents!

Michael and Cathy Fornes

16200 Ceile Circle

Yuriy and Nina Vereshchagi

19723 Colonial Court

Arthur and Kar D'Amico

7733 Regency Drive

David and Jackie Nimirichter

7077 Kral Drive

Bradley Walliser

18816 Alexander Road

Do You Enjoy Gardening and Working with House Plants ?

Are you interested in forming a Walton Hills Garden Club?

Would you like to - Share planting tips and ideas – Exchange seedlings and plants – Tour gardens for ideas?

The club will need a Coordinator, but for now, phone **Connie Flauto** 440.439.1384.

Mark Your Calendar! A Special Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, November 9th

Our Village Administrators and the Walton Hills Women's Club are teaming together to host a Pancake Breakfast for all of us in Walton Hills.

Sunday, November 9th from 9 am – 12:30 pm

Community Pancake Breakfast in the Village Community Room.

This Event is for All of Us in the Village! It's our chance to have a tasty homemade meal and honor our Veterans. **Veterans get a free breakfast.** For the rest of us it's \$5.00 per person, \$14.00 cap for members of an immediate family, and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

New Village Cookbook – A Ways and Means Women's Club Project

Have you seen a copy of the new Cookbook? In it are some great old, home-made family recipes: Gnocchi, Potato Dumplings, Spaetzels, Borshch (Beet Soup), Pea Soup, Italian Wedding Soup, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, Baklava, Peach Dumplings, Noodle Strudel, Leg of Lamb... Cookbooks sell for \$10.00 each.

Do you want to do some early Christmas shopping? Consider buying our cookbooks.

Cookbooks will be on sale: Saturday, November 15th 10:00 am - Noon In the Village Hall Community Building

Also, a form to Purchase Cookbooks is in the Women's Club article in this issue of the Owl.

Questions? Contact **Karen Smolkowicz**, Chair of the Ways and Means Project 440-439-7724

Attention, Walton Hills Residents

Villagers are invited to partake in the following activities conducted by the Oakwood Village Recreation Department. If you wish to make a reservation for any of these offerings, phone **Dee** at 440.232.9988.

Thurs. Nov. 13 5:30 pm- Pasta Stir-Fry Dinner and See the Musical "Oliver!" at Chagrin Valley Little Theater Cost: \$3.00

Thurs. Nov. 20 6:30 pm- "The Assassination of John F Kennedy," Discussion by Christopher Kinsella. Mt Zion Arts Center Free

Fri. Nov. 28 8:00 am- Amish Holiday Tour: Includes P. Graham Dunn Black Friday sale, Wendell August Forge, Hillcrest Orchard,

'Tis the Season Christmas shop, The Carlisle Inn, Der Dutchman Bakery, Walnut Creek Flea Market and

Breitenbach Winery Cost: \$15.00

Fri. Dec. 19 6:30 pm- An Evening with Raine Auston and Bob Burian. Songs of Faith / Christmas Joy. Mt Zion Arts Center Free

Our **Oakwood Fire Chief Schade** reminds Walton Hills residents to check their smoke detectors.

The Oakwood Fire Department has FREE smoke detectors. If you need a new smoke detector, phone 440.232-6695

Villagers are also invited to go on the following Bedford Heights Friendly 50+ Club trip. Phone **Angie** at 440.786.9792.

Wed. Dec. 10- 11:30 am- Christmas Lights Tour of Public Square, Nela Park and Horseshoe Casino Cost: \$26.00

LOCAL GIRL Now Proprietor of Kulis Taxidermy

Michele Wright Longstreet, or **Michele Wright**, as many villagers, Chestnut Drive neighbors, and Bedford High School graduates remember her, is now the Proprietor of Kulis Freeze Dry Taxidermy - Bait Shop, on Broadway Avenue in Bedford.



In 1980, when Michele was a junior at BHS, she started working part-time at Kastaway Kulis Taxidermy owned by Joe Kulis. She has been working at the establishment on and off ever since. At first, she helped out in the studio working on fish and small game animals. Through the years she has learned every aspect of taxidermy, skinning, tanning, mounting, finishing and painting fish.

After high school she attended Columbus College of Art and Design. Michele says, "What I learned about composition and color concept my first year at the Columbus College of Art and Design, I use every day."

Four years ago Michele started working full time at the Taxidermy, and recently she purchased the business from Kulis. Michele says her business is a bait and tackle shop, a taxidermy, a bulk freeze-drying service in the pet food industry, a bio-mass and a chemical industry. Restoration work is an aspect of her work. "Joe Kulis opened his business in 1967. He had a huge reputation for excellence, and I aim to keep that standard. Joe is still my mentor," she states.

Michele has an all girl staff. Meaghan Jodoin, a Taxidermist and artist who graduated from Kent State, is Michele's very talented assistant.

When Michele was being interviewed for this article, she was completing her work on TAHR, a sheep-like goat that lives high in the mountains of New Zealand. Michele has mounted animals from all over the world. She utilizes freeze-drying when mounting fish and small game, including porcupines and skunks.

Word of mouth has made Michele's business successful. Many of her customers are other taxidermists – she says wholesale work is a huge part of her business.

She relates, "I couldn't keep the business without **a lot of help** from my husband **Bill Longstreet**, our sons and other family members. They make it all happen for me."

Michele, her husband Bill, and their two sons, went black bear hunting with a guide this past May in Blackville, New Brunswick, Canada - 1,250 miles north of Cleveland and 50 miles from the north shore of Canada. This was the first time Michele went on a hunt, and it was a successful one.

You may be able to catch a repeat of Michele's episode on the TV History Channel. Her Segment, "Modern Marvels: Taxidermy," is offered for view on a regular schedule.

Michele is also an accomplished artist. She has exhibited her paintings and drawings at art shows throughout Ohio. "I paint with oils, and I love to draw in charcoal. I mostly draw the animals I have mounted." Michele is a member of the Women's Art League of Akron. This month she will speak to the group about her taxidermy business and her drawings. Also this month, her work is on display at the Brecksville Center for the Arts, off Highland Road.

Bill and Michele Longstreet live in Sagamore Hills. Bill is a Supervisor for Ben Venue in Bedford. They have three children, **Navarre** and **Meredith** who are both 25 years old, and **Liam** who is 15. Michele's father, **William Wright**, died ten years ago, but her mother, **Carmela Wright**, still lives on Chestnut Drive. Her brother, **Bill Wright** and his wife, **Judy (Schwabb)**, live in Richfield. Both Bill and Judy Wright are BHS graduates.

Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

October 7, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Mayor Kevin Hurst asked the Zoning Consultant, Mr. George Smerigan, and Village Engineer Don Sheehy to speak about the proposed zoning changes for the industrial area south of Alexander Rd. on Northfield Rd. The Planning Commission has discussed the zoning issues and recommended the changes. A new chapter (1272) will be added to the code. It will describe a "Mixed-Use Development District" including permitted uses and regulations. The purpose is "to provide for the integration of basic industrial and manufacturing use with office, service, and destination specialty retail uses into a cohesive employment center." Chapter 1294 governing "Conditional Use Regulations" will have additional regulations regarding such things as warehouses, indoor amusement parks, and indoor water parks, for example. The map of the Industrial Area will be changed to show where new zoning applies. The goal of these changes is to maximize productive use of land and increase income tax potential for the benefit of the Village. The changes were discussed extensively and many questions were answered. Due to the complex and lengthy nature of the issues, I would suggest that anyone who would like to know more ask for a copy of the legislation and/or talk to Council and the Mayor. There will be ample time to comment on the final legislation after it is put on First Reading at the October 21 Council meeting. Final vote could be at the December Regular Council Meeting. **Mr. Sheehy was asked** to explain the paperwork that must be done to apply for grants for various road repair projects. One project would be resurfacing Alexander Rd. from Northfield Rd. into Oakwood where part of Alexander Rd. has been recently resurfaced. Truck traffic has caused a lot of damage to the road. There will be a joint application with Oakwood to the Ohio Public Works Commission. The deadline for application is October 17. There are also County funds available for County roads in the Village. Authority to apply for funding from both sources will be voted on at a Special Council Meeting on October 14. Resident Judy Sheeler asked whose responsibility it is to repair County roads. Mr. Sheehy said that the County has discretion as to how much to fund repairs. Responsibility for regular repair belongs to the Village, although it is possible to apply for funding through special County programs. Highest priority for funding includes roads with high traffic volume and the greatest need for repair. **The Mayor would like Council** to consider whether to change the appeals process for the Board of Zoning Appeals. The purpose would be to assist any business that needs a zoning change for economic reasons and has been unable to obtain relief from the BZA. It would be more expedient and less costly if Council could resolve an issue without the business having to go to the Court of Common Pleas. There was an extensive discussion. Council is generally opposed to handling zoning appeals and the BZA was commended for their excellent work. This issue will be discussed further at another meeting. No decisions were made. **The Mayor asked Financial Officer Vic Nogalo** to explain the proposal to change the dollar amount for declaration or payment of estimated tax. The amount that triggered quarterly payment of the estimated tax has been \$50. Mr. Nogalo suggested the amount be raised to \$400 and fewer residents would be subject to the quarterly payments. He said that since the income tax was raised to 2 ½ % many more residents have to pay the estimated tax because they work in communities with lower income tax rates. If the rate is 2% where they work, they would owe Walton Hills ½% over the 2% credit. Penalties for not

paying the estimated tax were discussed but not included in the current proposed ordinance. First Reading will be at the October 21 Council meeting. **Mayor Hurst announced** that he had good news that there was a change order on the paving program. The project came in about \$19,000 less than the contracted price of \$217,380. He also went over a new page of the September monthly Financial Report—Capital Projects, p. 31. He explained the expenses and savings. He said that after totaling up the costs so far this year that there is still about \$76,000 left in those budget items (after subtracting the \$17,000 that will be spent on the sewer pump station). He hoped that answers all questions on that topic. You can access that report on the Village web site under Services. Select: Finance Department.

October 14, 2014, Special Council Meeting and COW Meeting: At the Special Council Meeting five resolutions were passed and one was put on First Reading. Res. No. 2014-34 authorized the Mayor to enter a contract with North Bay Construction, Inc. for the Walton & Egbert Rd. (sewer) Pump Station modifications in an amount not to exceed \$17,684.00. Res. No. 2014-35 was put on First Reading. It authorizes SharpScapes, Inc. to provide senior snow plowing services. This was the low bidder and is the same provider as last year. Councilwoman Mary Brenner wanted to resolve a question she had about the requirements for liability insurance before the final vote. Res. No. 2014-36, 37 and 38 involve application for funding for road repairs and capital infrastructure improvements projects. Res. No. 2014-39 accepted and certified the current property tax inside millage at 0.30 mills. **The COW meeting commenced.** The Mayor informed Council that he had the reports of the Department heads for the month of October and Council could ask questions or comment. Councilman Denny Linville said that residents can ask for copies of the reports. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky reported she has had received many compliments about the new street signs. **The Mayor said** that the new zoning rules have been reviewed and will be ready for First Reading at the October 21 Council meeting. All businesses affected by the changes will be notified by certified letter and will have time to discuss these issues. Three readings take about three months. Interested parties can discuss this at COW meetings. Councilman Brian Spitznagel had a question about rules for restaurants. He wondered if they were too restrictive. The issue was discussed and the current language was considered acceptable. The Mayor pointed out that the legislation can be modified at any time and that our consultant, Mr. Smerigan, has a great track record from working on projects like Chagrin Highlands. Resident Dave Washtock suggested that we try to attract totally new, popular restaurants from other areas of the country. **There will be a resolution** for consolidation of three lots now belonging to Integral on Northfield Rd. The company bought the Union Hall and will be expanding and hiring more workers. **Mr. Vic Nogalo reviewed** the Village's option for liability insurance. The current policy expires on October 31, 2014. A discussion led most of Council to conclude it would be a good idea to extend the current policy for three years with a first year rate of about \$52,000, an increase of about \$6,000. This could remain level for the next two years if claim experience is low and no other personnel or equipment are added to the policy. This will be voted on at the October 21 Council meeting.

Spotlight on

Joe Gazdik

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Joe Gazdik always liked driving through Walton Hills when he was younger. He grew up in Maple Heights, but he dated girls from Walton Hills and has fond memories from those days in the early 60s. At that time, Walton Road wasn't paved. It was tar and gravel and he would have to drive slowly to prevent the gravel from chipping his car – and being an avid drag racer driving at that speed was not his style! However, he obeyed the rules of the road and went on to graduate from Maple Heights High School. He then attended Fenn College. He served his country in the Ohio National Guard in 1963 and 1964 and then served in the Army Reserves in Chicago, New Jersey and Ohio from 1965 to 1969.

Joe grew up as a young entrepreneur. When he was seven years old, the street he lived on was being paved and he set up a Kool-Aid stand and sold the cool drink to the workers. When he was ten years old he would go up the street with his wagon, dig up top soil out of the woods and sell it to his neighbors for their gardens. When he was twelve years old he delivered the "Cleveland Press" to 80 homes in his neighborhood. When he was 15 years old he ran a car wash business with several boys in his neighborhood at the nearby gas station. He and a friend also rode their bikes to neighborhood businesses to wash and wax the cars of the workers during the summer months. All of this attributed to Joe's great work ethic. He started out doing construction/engineering work in the steel mills as an engineer for Koppers Company in Cleveland, Chicago and New Jersey. He then came back to Cleveland and worked for Hunkin-Conkey, and then went on to various other contractors. His final job lasted 25 years - he worked as a General Superintendent for the Krill Company. He retired in January 2007 and was touched

when all of the 94 people who were invited to his retirement party showed up to his home on Colonial Court to wish him well!

Joe has been married to his wife Chrystal for 45 years. Chrystal has been a resident of Walton Hills since the early 1950s. She lived next door to one of Joe's friends, who introduced Joe to Chrystal. They went on a double date, and then Chrystal asked Joe to take her to dinner the next night. After that, Joe introduced Chrystal to his mother, and they were engaged a month later! Joe and Chrystal were married in 1969 and have three children - two boys and a girl – who all were born and grew up in the Village. They also have two grandchildren. Chrystal was a registered nurse and the Director of Nursing in four nursing homes. Joe appreciates his wife's culinary and baking skills. She learned many recipes from Joe's mother, who is of Hungarian descent.

Joe provided several years of service to the Village. In 1985, Mayor Bosway asked Joe to serve on either the Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals. Because of his background in civil engineering, he chose the Planning Commission, which at that time was a volunteer position. He served on the Planning Commission for 22 years. He was sworn in as a Councilman in 1998 and served in that capacity for three years.

Joe has a strong history of volunteerism. As a teenager, he was president of the youth group at his church and



was also on student council. When his sons were Boy Scouts in the 1980s, he volunteered to take the boys in the Walton Hills Boy Scout troop back and forth to their weekend campouts. He served on the board at the First Hungarian Reformed Church. He was the president of the Walton Hills Men's Club for two terms, a trustee for three years and the treasurer for 13 years. He also served as a president and trustee of the Walton Hills Lake.

Joe is a big fan of NASCAR racing and of all of the Cleveland sports teams – especially the Browns. He enjoys sailing, and tries to sail at least once a week in the summer. He also enjoys laughing! Joe does not want to ever be uptight – he is a very positive person. He loves the sun and feels that he gets his energy from the sun. That explains why he and Chrystal hope to retire to Florida one day. But in the meantime, he will enjoy his life in Walton Hills and hope for as many sunny days as possible!

Get to Know Joe

Favorite Movie	Thomas Crown Affair (1968)
Favorite TV shows	NCIS
Favorite Actor	Robert Redford
Favorite Actress	Sandra Bullock
Favorite Singer	Elvis Presley
Favorite Song	Peace in the Valley (Elvis Presley)
Favorite Food	Chrystal's stuffed cabbage
Favorite Vacation Place	Florida

Women's Club Members - Having a Fun Night Out at a Nearby Restaurant



THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE HONORS PETER SAKIAN



Pete Sakian MaryAlice Moran Bob Romanowski



Pete and his family

At Novembers meeting, Peter Sakian was presented a Special Award for his many contributions to the League and this Village by League President MaryAlice Moran and Bob Romanowski .

Pete is the league member who inaugurated both the Prestigious "Citizens of the Year Award" and the "Posthumous Award". Highlighting the many accomplishments that a select few of our citizens of the Village have contributed over the years, through volunteerism. These two awards are presented during the Community Day festivities.

He also distinguished himself in his efforts for more than a decade into procuring well over 200 plus prizes each year for the Leagues Prize raffles held during Community Days .

Pete is the Leagues Historian and its event photographer, taking pictures at the meetings and programs of the organization.

Congratulations to a man whom is more than deserving of this Award .

Good Food - Good Company

Community Pancake Breakfast in November



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Fun Activities offered by our Village Recreation Department

As of Mid-November, Recreation Director **Carol Stanoszek** and Assistant, **Karleen Dean**, have planned a variety of offerings for us during the month of December. Mark your calendars! Some of the following events require reservations. Phone Carol at 440.786.2964 to sign up.

⇒ **Wednesday December 3 9:30 am**

Village Trip to Castle Noel in Medina. Castle Noel advertises that it is America's largest year-round indoor Christmas attraction. You will see department store windows, Christmas movie props and costumes and much more. Lots of standing and walking on this trip. Cost: \$15.00 plus lunch at the Corkscrew Salon.

⇒ **Sunday December 7 5:30 pm**

Walton Hills Community Room

The Year 2014 - Village Tree Lighting Party

Join Your Fellow Friends and Neighbors! Take your Children, Grandchildren!
Visit with Santa! Christmas Carols! Christmas Craft Projects for the Youth!
No Cost to Attend Please bring a holiday dessert to share.



⇒ **Tuesday December 9** The Play, White Christmas at the Palace Theatre. Sold out.

⇒ **Wednesday December 10 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** **Santa Delivery Drop Off**

Participate in the Village Santa Delivery offering! Would you like Santa to deliver a special gift to someone on Sunday December 14th? Family Member(s)? Special Friend in the Village?
Here is what you need to do. Buy, wrap your gift(s) with easy-to-read gift tags, and take them to the Village Hall Community Room on Wednesday December 10 between 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

⇒ **Sunday, December 14** **Starting at Noon and Ending at -?- Santa Delivery**

Starting at Noon, **Santa will deliver your dropped-off gifts** at homes throughout the Village.

He will come in a fire truck!

You will receive a phone call about a half hour before Santa and his Elves arrive at your driveway. You and your family are asked to dress for going outside, to meet Santa in your driveway. Have your cameras ready!

Questions? Phone Carol, 440.786.2964



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More Fun Activities offered by our Village Recreation

⇒ Monday December 22 11:15 am Senior Lunch

The December Senior Lunch is Monday, December 22nd in the Community Room. Cost: \$5.00
Enjoy holiday music and have a nice lunch with friends and family.

⇒ Monday December 22 7:00 pm Carol's Book Worms

Carol's Book Worms will meet on Monday December 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Community Room Library. Do you like to read? Would you like to join our book discussion group? Call Carol for more information.

⇒ Tuesday December 30 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm The Princess Party

This very special event is for young girls ages 10 and under. Does your daughter or grand-daughter like to dress up? This is her chance to wear her complete princess outfit and join others in the Village who also like to be Princess for the Day! Lots of fun awaits the young ladies – a parade, photos, activities and a "Tea" Party!
Cost: \$5.00 for resident, \$7.00 for non-resident.

The Village Tree Lighting Tradition

On Sunday December 7th at 6 pm, residents are invited to gather in the Community Room for the 45th Annual Village Tree Lighting Celebration.

How the Tradition Started The Walton Hills Lake Club had been sponsoring yearly Christmas parties for its member families at the Bedford YMCA, but club members wanted to open the event to all residents and have the party at the Village Hall. A Lake committee met with then Mayor Tom Young and proposed the idea of a Village-Wide Christmas Party, with lots of support and assistance from members of the Women's Club, Men's Club, Nursery School, Chamber of Commerce, and Citizens League. The Mayor immediately took steps to make this happen.

The First Village Tree Lighting Party - December 1970 The First Community Tree Lighting celebration sponsored by the Village, took place in December 1970. That year Santa arrived in a police cruiser with the siren blaring, as residents sang carols outside, around a donated Christmas tree. The party continued inside the Village Hall, where entertainment, coffee, hot chocolate



and homemade cookies awaited the revelers. Santa met with the children and gave each of them a goodie-bag.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus Great Santas and Mrs. Clauses have entertained the young and old at these parties - Former Police Chief **Frank Simoni** for the first two years, **John Kocsis** for at least ten years, **Lee Anderson**, **Rich Featherstun** for five or more years, **Jack Muslovski** and **Walt Zielinski** for a couple years, and **Ray Tinter**, who has been Santa at the Village Tree Lighting since 1996. Before 1996, Tinter, dressed in a clown outfit, entertained the guests. Tinter also played Santa at Christmas parties sponsored by Village organizations. **Dorothy Kocsis** was Mrs. Claus for two decades. **Madeline Timm** took over that role starting in 1991. As Mrs. Claus she recited a Christmas Story to the circle of youngsters, after which she gave each child a token gift, a memento of her story. Through the years, many village teenagers, dressed as clowns and elves, have assisted at the yearly parties.

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Welcome New Residents!

Debra Parker 18307 Alexander Road	Elliott and Lisa Mason 7161 Deeridge Drive	Brian and Lynn Miller 7060 Shaner Drive	Nicholas and Amanda Stolarski 18170 Jefferson Drive
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Do You Enjoy Gardening and Working with House Plants ?

Are you interested in forming a Walton Hills Garden Club?

Would you like to - Share planting tips and ideas – Exchange seedlings and plants – Tour gardens for ideas?

The club will need a Coordinator, but for now, phone **Connie Flauto** 440.439.1384.

A Daytime Trip offered by a Bedford Heights Organization

Wednesday December 10 11:30 am Christmas Lights Tour of Public Square, Nela Park and Horseshoe Casino
Cost: \$26.00 Participants receive \$15.00 in gaming money at the Horseshoe Casino. This trip is offered by the Bedford Heights Friendly 50+ Club. If you are interested, contact Angie at 440.786.9792

Attention, Villagers

Do you have an extra receptacle on/by your Mail Box where our deliverers can put your monthly issue of the *Walton Hills Owl*? Our delivery staff cannot put the *Owl* in your Mail Box. If you do not have a receptacle, they end up tossing your issue of the *Owl* on the ground. ...We know that no resident likes to bend down to pick up a wet, dirty paper, especially in inclement weather, but we have no choice.

Thank You from the Owl Staff

Thank you, "Jerry," for your very generous donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*. Your contribution is very much appreciated, and we will put the money to good use.

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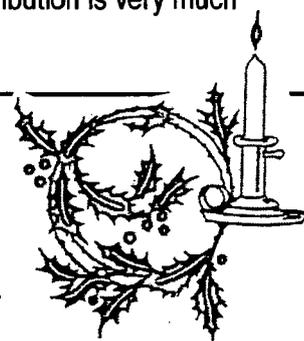
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Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY that is for all of us to use.

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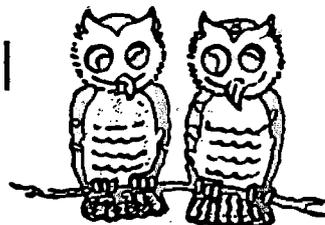
You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction Famous Authors Espionage Bios Mysteries Adventure
Christian Books Books for Children, Teenagers and books of interest to the Men in our Village, too!



Bereavements

- **Carol Bobek** passed away in mid October, at age 81. At the present time the *Owl* staff has no other leads or information about her. The *Plain Dealer* death notice mentioned Carol lived in Walton Hills.

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Bereavements, continued

• **Christine Sabo**, of Rotary Drive, passed away at age 94 in mid October. With a lot of help from her family, she was able to live out her days in her home. Her husband, **Tom Sabo**, passed away in 1997. Our condolences to their children: **Thomas (Tom)** and **Kathy Sabo** of Bainbridge, **Christine (Chris)** and **Kenneth Tulenko** of Newark Delaware, **Loreen (Lori)** and **Eugene Mitocky** of Valley View and **Marilyn** and **Thomas Gittinger** of Maple Heights, also the 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Chris and Tom moved into the village in 1957, and soon they each were very active in Village organizations. Chris was an involved parent and committed to her community. During her son's Scouting years, Chris was a Den Mother, and when her daughters were in the local Girl Scout Troop, Chris helped all the girls earn their Sewing Badge, teaching them how to sew clothes for themselves. The Sabo family was a member of the Walton Hills Lake, Chris was a member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. Both Tom and Chris were members of the 50+ Club; Chris was Tom's Girl-Friday while he served as President of the club in 1996-1997. From 1962 until Tom died in 1997, the Sabos played a vital role in the publication of the *Walton Hills Owl*. Chris typed the *Owl* pages for many years; Tom was Editor of the *Owl* from 1988-1997. Chris was a member of the Ladies Guild at St. Mary's Church. Although both Chris and Tom instilled the community spirit in their children, Chris always told them, "Family comes first," says Lori. "Family was everything to my Mom. She loved being with her children and grandchildren and keeping in touch with relatives. Her friendships with fellow villagers and childhood friends were important to her, too."

The Walton Hills Owl's Sabo Years: 1962-1997

Tom Sabo was the **third editor** of the *Walton Hills Owl*. He was the man in charge for ten years, 1988-1997. Working with his all-volunteer staff, he edited, printed and distributed the monthly village newsletter to all residents of the Village. As Editor, Sabo worked to keep residents well-informed about Village activities while keeping politics out of the publication.

Sabo's efforts with the newsletter began in 1963. At first he was a reporter, then the Circulation Manager, and then from 1965-1988 he was Co-Editor in charge of the printing operations, ads and artwork.

When **Wally Fifer**, the second editor of the *Owl*, suffered a severe stroke in 1988, the monumental task of putting together a village newsletter with an all-volunteer staff was left in Tom Sabo's capable hands.

The *Owl* played a major role in Chris Sabo's life, too. She began typing for the *Owl* in 1962. When Tom assumed the printing responsibilities in 1965, the old, well-used offset printing machine was moved into the basement of their house, on Rotary Drive. **For the next 24 years, every issue of the paper was printed at their house.** Staff workers made themselves at home at the Sabo's. Reams of paper were carted down the stairs and then, the collated *Owls* were crated upstairs, to be delivered. At times, obsolete printing equipment was hauled upstairs when newer machinery could be afforded. Finally, in 1989, Village officials freed up limited space in a storage room off the Village Community Room where the *Owl* could be printed. So, for the last time, printing equipment was hauled away from the Sabo home and taken to the Village storage room. From 1989 until 2003 the *Owl* was laid out, printed and collated on Village Hall property.

Prior to Tom Sabo's retirement from E. F. Hauserman Company in 1982, Sabo printed the *Owl* at night, frequently staying up until the wee hours two or three nights in a row, to get the job done. **Bill Cottrill** began assisting Tom in 1976, and in 1989 **Bill Deak** started to help print the issues with Sabo and Cottrill.

Growing up in Walton Hills, the four Sabo children couldn't help but become involved with the paper. **Tom Sabo, Jr.** helped his father with the printing, and **Lori Sabo**, a graphic artist, designed many front pages for her dad. Through the years, **Chris Sabo** and **Marilyn Sabo** weren't left out. Like Tom, Jr. and Lori, they were called upon to help one of their parents deliver the monthly issues of the paper.

Spotlight on

Carol Weitzman

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Carol Weitzman enjoys her peaceful life in Walton Hills. She was born in Bedford Hospital, grew up in Macedonia, and graduated from Nordon High School. Afterwards, she attended and graduated from computer school. Although she never worked in the field, she was qualified to be a computer programmer. She worked as a stock maintenance clerk at Western Electric, as the head teller at National City Bank in Bedford, and is currently employed at Wal-Mart in Bainbridge.

Carol met her husband Jerry at Nordon High School – and they became high school sweethearts. They were married in 1969. Jerry served in the United States Army and was sent to Panama, the southernmost country of Central America and the whole of North America. Carol joined her husband and lived in Panama City for 18 months. When Jerry's service was over in 1971, he and Carol drove home for what she calls the "trip of a lifetime." It took over two weeks, but they had a great time and did a lot of sightseeing along the way.

Carol and Jerry moved into their home on Conelly Boulevard in 1984. They

have a daughter Kimberly and two sons – Nathan and Donny. They also have one granddaughter. Carol was a stay-at-home mom, which was very important to her values. In 1996, she was reading about the search for 75 "Betty Crockers." Candidates were required to provide an essay on how they reflect the characteristics that make up the spirit of Betty Crocker: (1) enjoys cooking and baking; (2) is committed to family and friends; (3) is resourceful and creative in handling everyday tasks; (4) is involved in her community. Reading these guidelines, Carol thought how much that was describing her personality. She entered the contest and was chosen as one of the 75 "Betty Crockers!" She felt that winning the contest was very good for her and it validated her lifestyle. She feels that if women are resourceful, they should seriously consider staying home to raise their families if at all possible.

Carol enjoys volunteer work and has held several positions with her church, Hope United Methodist Church in Bedford. She is currently on the Hubbard Committee and the Sunshine Committee, nurturing the congregation with cards and remembrances. She also volunteered in



several capacities for the school systems that her children attended - Bedford and Mayfield.

Carol enjoys gardening, cooking, and sewing. She has made a lot of her family's clothing and curtains for her home. She also likes to read and write essays. She keeps a family journal which she proudly shares with her family members.

Carol feels that Walton Hills is the perfect place to live. It is only 20 minutes from downtown (if you know where you are going to park!), yet provides a beautiful country lifestyle which is both peaceful and safe. Carol and Jerry, a respiratory therapist, are both looking forward to retirement and traveling. They will also have time to enjoy their house for the reasons they bought it – they will do more gardening and finally tackle some of those projects they have had on their "to do list" for 30 years!



Get to Know Carol



Favorite Movie	Gone With the Wind
Favorite TV shows	Modern Family Masterpiece Theater Mystery
Favorite Singer	Michael Buble
Favorite Song	Georgia
Favorite Food	Shrimp
Favorite Vacation Place	South Portland, Maine

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Bereavements

- **James Rostankowski** of Summerset Drive, passed away in December at age 63, after having to retire 30 years ago due to a debilitating disability. Our condolences to his wife, **Wendy (Butwina) Rostankowski**, who married Jim in the year 2000 and stayed home to tend to his needs. The family celebrated Jim's life with a memorial service on January 24th, held at the Village Hall Community Room and served by the Walton Hills Women's Club.

Our expressions of sympathy to Jim's father – **Frank Rostankowski** of Summerset Drive and Jim's siblings - **Robert** and **Marie Rostankowski** of Aurora, **Karen** and **Ed Smolkowicz** of McLellan Drive, **Thomas** and **Tracy Rostankowski** of Cleveland. Also to Wendy's family, her mother - **Christine Butwina** of Spanghurst Drive, and her siblings, **Kathy** and **John Bennett** of Illinois, **Jack Butwina** of Garfield, **Randy** and **Kellie Butwina** of Northfield, **Barry** and **Nancy Butwina** of Northfield, **Tammy Manelski** of Twinsburg.

Jim Rostankowski built his home on Summerset Drive in 1989. "My husband loved living on Summerset Drive. Through his windows he enjoyed watching the wildlife thrive in his yard – the turkeys, deer, birds, and all the other animals, too," states Wendy. One of Jim's hobbies was setting up and working his train collections. He learned to enjoy life in the comfort of his home. **Wendy**, who is 56 years old, grew up on Spanghurst Drive and graduated from Bedford High School.

The Rostankowski, Smolkowicz and Butwina families are all longtime Walton Hills residents. Jim's parents, **Frank Rostankowski** and his deceased wife, **Patricia**, moved into their home on Summerset Drive in 1961, as did Jim's deceased uncle and aunt, **George** and **Ann Rostankowski**.

Janina Smolkowicz, and her deceased husband, **Peter Smolkowicz**, moved into their home on Summerset Drive in 1963. "We all grew up on Summerset Drive, and became fast friends," states Karen Smolkowicz. Years later in 1985, Ed Smolkowicz married Karen Rostankowski, and three years later they bought a home for themselves on McLellan Drive.

Christine Butwina and her deceased husband, **Mathew Butwina**, moved into their Spanghurst Drive home in 1962, choosing Walton Hills as the place they wanted to raise their family.

Council Highlights**By Judy Sheeler**

October 21, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Council did a First Reading of the two ordinances for zoning changes for the Business District. They also did a First Reading of the tax issue ordinance which will raise the amount on which estimated tax must be paid from \$50 to \$400. Council resolved the question about how much insurance the winning bidder must have to get the contract for senior snow plowing. The amount of \$1 million will be required in future contracts. The winning bidder does have that insurance amount currently. The Resolution to enter a contract with Sharpscapes, Inc. for snow plowing was passed. A Resolution to approve the consolidation of three lots including the Integral property on Northfield Rd. was passed. This was approved by the Planning Commission on October 2, 2014. A Resolution was passed to enter into an agreement with HCC Public Risk for a Municipal Package Insurance Program, effective 11-1-2014 through 10-31-2017. **A motion was approved** to change the dates of the COW meetings from Tuesdays November 4 and 11 to Mondays November 3 and 10. These changes were made due to Election Day and Veterans' Day. **Mayor Kevin Hurst** said a letter will be sent to all businesses in the area to tell them about the zoning changes and give them a copy of the zoning ordinances that have been put on First Reading. Questions can be answered at the next COW meeting. **There will be a business luncheon** on November 18 in the Community Room. The Block Grant Program will be explained at the meeting.

November 3, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Councilman Brian Spitznagel was excused. Solicitor Blair Melling was not present due to illness. Council went into Executive for approximately one hour to discuss pending litigation, economic development, personnel and purchase or sale of land. **When Council reconvened**, Mr. Joe Gigliotti, one of the Village engineers, was invited to answer questions about proposals for the asphalt resurfacing program. Mayor Hurst had asked for cost estimates for seven areas. None are on the 2015 budget yet. This is a list of those properties: Upper parking lot at Village Hall-\$135,000; Lower lot at Village-\$90,000; North lot at TG Young Park-\$105,000; South lot at TGY-\$85,000; West lot at TGY-\$40,000; Basketball Court-\$25,000; and Tennis courts-\$175,000. The Mayor said that if Council chooses to do any of these projects, they would be paid for with 25 year bonds. Council will pick and choose which, if any, projects will be done. Council generally agreed that the Police parking lot was the most in need of repairs. It also has drainage problems with some flooding into the police garage and basement. That would be fixed in the above price. Councilwoman Mary Brenner asked if any grants were available. Mr. Gigliotti said he didn't know of any. Councilpersons Paul Rich and Gloria Terlosky agreed that not too many people play outdoor tennis anymore. Since the estimate was so high to redo the courts, it didn't seem like a good idea to them. Ms. Terlosky suggested that it might be better to convert the tennis courts into something more useful like storage or a club house for meetings. Council will continue to discuss these proposals at future meetings. The Mayor asked Financial Officer Vic Nogalo to present a Draft of the 2015 Budget, which is based on the September financial report. Mr. Nogalo made clear that the Council will have final say and control of the Budget. He reported that he is currently projecting that the deficit for 2015 could be about \$840,000. This is mostly due to loss of \$600,000 in revenue from the Ford plant. He said the Village will be in survival mode for the next two years until the Ford property is redeveloped. There will still be a \$1.74 million fund balance in 2015. There was a long discussion that included projections of income from increased employment at several businesses. The Mayor said that he will not put that possible increase into the budget until it occurs. Council people commented on their objectives for the budget. Safety is always first. Other communities have safely levies which the Village could consider if necessary. Other options include cutting services or increasing

revenues. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky said she thinks that 99% of the residents know about the Ford situation and the loss of revenue. She thinks they have faith that Council is working hard to come to the right decisions. She said that they see the beautification that is going on and take a lot of pride in the Village. The Mayor agreed that the beautification was a simple thing that only cost about \$50,000 (not including the electronic sign) and really changed the "dynamics". Council will study the budget this week and discuss it again at the next COW meeting and also in December. The budget will probably be passed in December. **Council discussed the estimated tax** and the penalty for not paying it. The amount that triggers the estimated tax will be changed from \$50 to \$400. A penalty of 12% for non-payment is already in Section 890.08 of the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Nogalo would like Council to give him discretion to forgive the penalty for good cause such as confusion over having to pay the tax for the first time. This will be discussed at another meeting. **Councilman Denny Linville** has had some people ask him to change the meeting times because they start too early for them to attend. Councilwomen Gloria Terlosky and Mary Brenner were not in favor of starting meetings later. Ms. Brenner suggested that those residents come later and see most of the meetings.

November 10, 2014, COW Meeting: Much of this meeting was devoted to the 2015 Budget. Financial Officer Vic Nogalo announced that the 2015 budget deficit was now projected to be about \$376,000 instead of \$840,000. He said that he hadn't been able to use the October revenues to project the deficit last week. When he reworked the numbers with October receipts, he could project revenues from income taxes to come in about \$235,000 higher in 2015. This does not include any revenue from possible job growth in the Village. The overall increase in revenue is partly due to the increase in the income tax rate. The rest of the deficit difference is on the expense side. The biggest part is due to engineering costs for the Sagamore Rd. reconstruction--\$225,000. This amount was budgeted for 2015, but the engineering has started already and the costs must be budgeted for 2014. These costs will be reimbursed by several governmental bodies as the project is completed next year. Therefore, about \$460,000 was removed from the original 2015 deficit estimate of \$840,000 to yield a deficit of about \$380,000. The projected revenues for 2015 are \$10,444,325. The total expenses are \$10,820,329. The cash balance will be \$2,204,661. The unusually large amount of money for the budget is due mostly to road projects (like Sagamore Rd.). Much of this will be reimbursed by government entities. Some will be paid through debt issuance which will preserve the reserve fund balance. It is impossible to report on all the details that were discussed in this 2 ½ hour meeting in which the budget was discussed line by line. Anyone who is interested can get detailed budget information from the Village Hall. This budget is still only a proposal. Council will continue to study the budget and discuss it further in December and make any changes they consider necessary. **The asphalt repair program** was discussed again. Council generally would like to revisit these projects next year after more is known about all the expenses for the Sagamore Rd. project. **Resident Denny Harkai** asked if Council would consider doing improvements to the race track at T G Young Park. The surface needs to be smoothed out and it would be helpful to have a retractable awning. He said his group has done some research on surfaces. Some other race tracks are using a material that is similar to a tennis court surface. There is a company in Cleveland that repairs cracks and repaints tennis courts. It might be possible to get an estimate to repair both the tennis courts and the race track for a reasonable price. Council would be happy to look at proposals at a meeting in December. **Councilman Spitznagel** said that he was asked how much the landscaping at Northfield and Alexander cost the Village. The Mayor said that the Village had received a donation of \$10,000 and that only \$4,000 had been spent so far. The Mayor is also hoping to beautify other corners in the Village.

Jan 2015

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Thank You

I would like express my gratitude to all the wonderful people in the Village that reached out to me when my husband, **Carl Albert**, passed away. My thanks to the Walton Hills Women's Club for arranging the luncheon after the service, and to the Police and Rescue Squad for their excellent response time.

I'm lucky to be living in such a great community. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Gretta Albert

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Adventure Christian Books Books for Children, Teenagers and books of interest to the Men in our Village, too!

Bereavements

- **Patricia Hradesky** of Sagamore Road passed away in early December at age 75. She was the wife of the late **Conrad "Butch" Hradesky**. Our condolences to their children, **Ronald Hradesky**, **Pamela** and **Jeff Hartlieb** and **Michael** and **Beth Hradesky**. The Hradeskys were members of St. Mary's Church in Bedford.

- Our sympathy to **Gretta "Longwell" Albert** of South Meadowpark Drive, on the sudden passing of her husband, **Carl Albert**, who died in early December at age 62. Gretta and Carl were married for 23 years.

Our condolences also to their children, **Renee** and **Jeremy Brown** of North Olmsted and **Michael Albert** of Sagamore Hills, and grandchildren **Bailee** and **Pierce Brown**. Our sympathy to Gretta's brothers and sisters-in-law, **Matthew** and **Lucy Longwell** of Lady's Island, South Carolina and **Scott** and **Karen Longwell** of Johnson City, Tennessee.

Carl was self-employed master craftsman, a man who could create, build and fix just about anything. "He was my world," states Gretta. Carl was a two-time state champion archer and an award-winning billiards player.

Gretta lives in the home on South Meadowpark Drive where she grew up. She and her brothers, Matt and Scott, all graduated from Bedford High School, Gretta in 1985. Her parents, **William** and **Gail Longwell** and their family moved into Walton Hills in 1967. Both Bill and Gail are deceased, Gail died in 2008, Bill in 2009.

- Our expressions of sympathy to **Allison Spoto** of Walton Road, on the passing of her brother, **Alan Spoto**, who died at age 64. Alan and his wife, **Mary Ellen Spoto**, live in Garrettsville, Ohio. Our condolences also to Allison's brother, **Arlan Spoto**, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Allison, Alan and Arlan grew up in the village, as did their dad, **Al Spoto**. **Al Spoto** is a descendent of the Scarpete family, who in 1916, settled on a 52-acre farm where Egbert and Walton Roads meet. Al Spoto grew up in the farmhouse that once stood at 17900 Egbert Road. In 1959 **Al** and **Alice Spoto** and their growing family moved into the house they built on Walton Road, on their share of the acreage. Allison now lives in the home her parents built.

- Our condolences to **Tony** and **Cynthia Balamenti** of Chestnut Drive, on the passing of Tony's brother, **Phillip Balamenti**, who died in December, at age 63. Phillip and his wife, **Monica Balamenti**, are Twinsburg residents.

12-2014

"The Owl" Volunteers Celebrate Christmas at Scoreboards!



Left to Right—Seated: Layout Editor George Main, Billing Mgr. Connie Flauto, Marge Kuchta, Editor-Liaison Jennifer Allen, Patty Allen, Dolores Nose
2nd Row: Judy Sheeler, Kay Fleischer, Rita Charsanko, Ernesta Kuska, Judy Schroeder, Diane Weiland, Doris Hanslik, Ray Kuchta, Lucie Petranek, Steve Petranek
3rd Row: David Gibson, Bob Romanowski, John Kuska, Dominic Flauto, Pete Sakian, Jean Kainsinger, Phil Lindeman, Teri Lindeman, Milan Vrzic



Please see members of our team working together to serve everyone on Sunday, December 14th, 2014 during Santa Delivery. We made over sixty-two stops over the course of a 10 hour day. We are happy with the safety and blessings that we can share with you during Christmas celebrations every year.



L to R: Bob Kainsinger, Marge & Ray Kuchta, Tim Matia, Dolores Nose, Rita Charsanko, & Jean Kainsinger



L to R: Les & Judy Sheeler, Phil & Teri Lindeman w/daughter, & Lucie Petranek

We feasted on assorted appetizers including shrimp, salami, cheese & crackers, quesadillas, chicken wings, etc. After socializing a while to let our tummies settle, we dined on Stuffed Cabbage, Chicken Paprikash, Roast Beef, Stuffed Pasta Shells, and all the trimmings, plus desserts! Jennifer Allen and Connie Flauto made sure all the board members, writers, baggers, and delivery people received thank-you gifts, too!—in **appreciation for all the hard work and dedication our volunteers gave this past year**. We want everyone to know, this is not a chore to us—it's a "Labor of Love", and we do it to carry on the very important tradition of "The Owl".



Drawing cards for "the gift game."



Pete Sakian, Bill Allen, Johnny Allen-McIntyre, MaryAnn Fabian, Jennifer Allen, and Milan Vrzic



Thank you to "The Owl" Delivery Volunteers



John & Ernesta Kuska



More "gift game" drawings by Connie

increase. Vision insurance costs 3% more. The price of a ton of road salt has gone up from \$29.40 in 2014 to \$51.22 in 2015. **There is an unexpected cost related** to a 2005 Enterprise Zone Agreement between Walton Hills and Arhaus Furniture. Since the property tax was abated by some amount, Ohio law says the Bedford School District is entitled to a share of the income tax revenue paid to Walton Hills by Arhaus. It has been determined that the amount currently owed to Bedford Schools is about \$100,000 for the years 2005 through 2013. Only \$50,000 will be paid to Bedford Schools in 2015. The rest will be paid in 2016. Another payment (as yet to be determined) may be due for 2014 and 2015. This payment obligation was just recently brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council. It has been discussed in Executive session. The specific details and history of this issue have not been completely discussed in open Council meetings. The Mayor blames the previous administration for this oversight. I do not do investigative reporting, so I am unable to report further on this issue. **Other business** included an announcement that the Village and Fuel Mart have reached an agreement for improvements at Fuel Mart's location.

December 16, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: The two Ordinances relating to zoning in the commercial areas were tabled to give the businesses more time to study the issues. The Mayor said Ford representatives had a meeting at the Village Hall to discuss the issue and would like more time. **An Ordinance** to make the final appropriations for 2014 was passed. **The Ordinance for the 2015 budget** appropriations bill was passed. Total 2015 permanent appropriations are \$10,840,517. The high amount is mostly due to capital improvements such as the Sagamore Rd. project. Much of these expenses will be covered by grants, loans and payments from other government entities. **Council passed an Ordinance** to repeal and replace C.O. 890.08. Council deemed it appropriate to allow the tax Administrator certain discretion relating to the penalty assessed on delinquent estimated tax payments and/or unpaid taxes when due. **The Ordinance to repeal and replace** Chapter 260 of the Codified Ordinances titled "Employees Generally" was passed. **Two Resolutions** to authorize contracts for vision and dental insurance with AlwaysCare were passed. **A Resolution to authorize** payments to the Bedford School Board for funds due under the Enterprise Zone Agreement between the Village and Arhaus Furniture was passed. **A Resolution of commendation** to the Bedford Bearcat Varsity Football team on their outstanding season was passed. **A Resolution authorizing** the Mayor to enter into an agreement to transfer certain land owned by the Village was passed. The Village Solicitor Blair Melling explained that the land is behind Fuel Mart and is "land locked". It was acquired at no cost to the Village and is of no value to the Village. It is of value to Fuel Mart. The transfer is also contingent on Fuel Mart performing certain obligations to the satisfaction of the Village before the end of 2015. Mr. Melling did mention a "purchaser", but no price was mentioned in the resolution. **The Mayor informed** Council that the Village was denied the \$150,000 Block Grant that would have aided the Commercial area. Businesses can still individually apply for grants under this program. **There is a possibility** that there will be a Special Council meeting after Christmas. It would address a positive issue that has only been discussed in Executive session.

Spotlight on

Joanne Podojil

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Joanne Podojil is one of the lucky ones. She trusted the old adage "do what you love and the money will follow" and it worked out as advertised. She was always fascinated with architecture and she always loved looking at houses. It seemed a logical move to become a realtor. She went through intensive training, passed the required state and national tests, and found a profession that she plans on working in until the day she dies. She has been a real estate agent since 2002, and works full-time at Keller Williams Chervenic Realty in Northfield Center. She is licensed in the entire state of Ohio, and can refer those moving out of state to an agent she feels comfortable with.

Joanne was born in Cleveland and grew up in Bedford. She is a 1975 graduate of Bedford High School. She met her husband Jim at Moody Junior High School in Bedford when they were in the 9th grade. Jim's locker was next to the boy she was dating. Although they were friends, they did not date until after high school. They were married on September 11, 1982. Jim loved growing up on Kral Drive in Walton Hills, and he and Joanne felt that Walton Hills would be the perfect place to settle down and raise a family.

They moved into their home on North Meadowpark Drive in January of 1985 and were blessed with two children – Raquel and Jimmie.

Prior to finding her life's passion in real estate, she held some very interesting jobs. Her first job was at Sea World, where she worked for two summers at the Japanese Village gift shop. It was a wonderful first job for her – it was a lot of fun and she met many interesting people. After high school, she worked for six years as an assistant buyer of women's clothing for J.C. Penney Company at Randall Mall. After that, she worked as a travel agent for two years. Then she became a stay at home mom and raised her two children.

What does Joanne enjoy besides real estate? She loves hanging out with her kids! Raquel and Jimmie are very important to her and she treasures any time that her busy schedule allows her to spend time with them. She also loves to work out in her yard, she has fun decorating and she keeps fit by walking through the village.

Joanne is also passionate about Walton Hills, which has been an ideal place for



Joanne receives an award from Dave Chervenic at the Keller Williams Chervenic Realty awards dinner in March. She was honored for being the "Silver Award Agent" (second in production) in the Northfield Center office.

her family. She enjoys the privacy and the abundance of wildlife in our community. She feels fortunate to have wonderful neighbors with whom she and her husband have formed lasting friendships. All in all she feels that our community is a great place to live!

What does the future hold for Joanne? Her first priority is to maintain a strong bond with her children. In addition, she would love to find a place on the water for her and Jim to spend a few months out of the year – either on Lake Erie or Tennessee or anywhere where there is a body of water!

Get to Know Joanne

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| Favorite Movie | Forrest Gump |
| Favorite Actor | Tom Hanks |
| Favorite Actress | Meryl Streep |
| Favorite TV shows | Modern Family, Seinfeld |
| Favorite Singer | Phil Collins |
| Favorite Song | In the Air Tonight |
| Favorite Sport | Hockey |
| Favorite Food | Her mom's German home cooking |
| Favorite Vacation Place | North Carolina / Outer Banks |

The List of Walton Hills HERITAGE FAMILIES Grows!

Two, Three and More Generations of Families Choose to Settle in the Village

The Third Generation of Dzikzkowskis

Welcome and Congratulations, to **Mark and Gretchen Dzikzkowski**, of 7173 Dunham Road, for choosing to make Walton Hills your home. Mark is the third generation to own property at the top of the hill, a bit south and across the street from the Astorhurst Golf Driving Range. Their house sits next door to Mark's dad, Hank. Mark and Gretchen have two sons, Eric who is 24 and will get married in a few months, and Ethan who is 21.

Mark states, "I grew up in Walton Hills, and it feels good to be back in my home town. Gretchen and I joined the Walton Hills Lake soon after we moved here last year, and we are looking forward to spending fun times at the Lake this year." Mark has good memories of his years growing up in the Village.

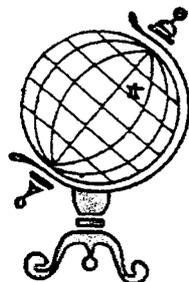
In his youth, Mark was on the Walton Hills Swim Team. Mark recalls his Swim Coach, Gordon Pamell, a Bedford High School teacher who lived in the Village. "Nine am sharp, Mr. Pamell blew his whistle and we all were expected to promptly dive into the water. We had two practice sessions a day; one starting at nine, and one in the afternoon. Back then, I had to ride my bike to and from the Lake - 4 bike rides each summer day from my home on Dunham Road to Walton Hills Lake, and then hours of practice for Swim Meet Competitions. I don't remember complaining... I must have been in pretty good shape!"

Today, Mark owns his own business, Cuyahoga Valley Hardwoods. A creative craftsman, he does custom wood-working and contracting.

Mark and Gretchen's house sits on a picturesque piece of land. As the new home owners, Mark and Gretchen have already completed some projects, and have a list of ideas for future projects on their house and property. Their house had once been owned by the Careys, then the Fuhrmeyers from 1970 until June of 2014.

About 5 years ago, when Roger Fuhrmeyer first considered selling his property, Mark talked to Roger, and convinced Roger to sell to him. They struck a deal, and Mark and Gretchen waited until Roger was ready to move.

Mark's dad, Hank, at 88 years old, is delighted and grateful that Mark and Gretchen are living next door to him. Hank says, "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes."



The Second Generation of Dzikzkowskis

In 1962, Henry, Jr. "Hank" and Joyce Dzikzkowski (who is deceased) built their unique and distinctive house at 7135 Dunham Road, on 4 acres of Black Beauty grounds that Hank inherited from his father, Henry, Sr. They have five children: Carol, Lori, Sue, Denise and Mark.

They built their house using hand-hewn telephone and electric poles. To make the round poles into square beams, Hank fashioned a tool like those used by early settlers for splitting logs. Hank and Joyce collected utility poles and stockpiled about 125 squared beams of various dimensions before Hank began construction of the house.

Residents living north of Alexander Road may remember their mailman, Hank. Dzikzkowski transferred from the Brecksville Post Office in 1970 to work at the Bedford facility. He delivered mail to his fellow Walton Hills residents for the next 14 years. He retired in August of 1984.

For a stretch of years, until recently, Hank's daughter Sue lived with him. Sue now lives with her son and his wife, Brad and Janna Dzikzkowski, in Sagamore Hills, at their Dunham Road home about a mile and a half down the road.

The First Generation of Dzikzkowskis

In 1935, Henry and Eleanor Dzikzkowski purchased about 40 acres of land along Dunham Road from the Mars Wager family. Henry and Eleanor had 7 children; Henry Jr. and 6 other children. The Dzikzkowskis owned the Dzikzkowski Funeral Home which was at Harvard and East 71st Street. For many years the family lived in Cleveland and "camped" here on weekends. The family liked horses, and wanted a diversion from living in the city and operating their funeral parlor.

When they heard about a riding academy (at approximately 7880 Dunham Road) going out of business across the road and a mile to the south, the Dzikzkowskis bought Black Beauty Riding Academy "in name only" from the Clark family. To its patrons, Black Beauty Riding Academy merely moved from one place on Dunham Road to the new location.

The new Black Beauty Riding Academy (at 7125 Dunham Road) used about 16 miles of Bedford Reservation bridle paths, including the oxen lanes created by the Wager Quarry. The livery usually had from 20 to 25 horses that were mostly standard bred, along with some pintos and a few thoroughbreds. In 1942 when the 25-stall barn burned down, 13 horses perished in the fire. Dzikzkowski rebuilt the barn at a spot farther back on the property.

Black Beauty had a dance hall pavilion complete with fireplace and kitchen facilities available for hay rides, church groups, and youth groups.

PRINCESS PARTY

It was that time of the year again for the princesses to visit our annual Princess Party. We were honored by Ariel, Snow White, Rapunzel, Belle, Pocahontas, and Anna from Frozen!

They arrive at our village hall at 1:00 on Dec. 30th and brought with them many exciting things to do. No princess is complete without having a princess do her hair and nails. Our little princesses were beautiful in their princess dresses but were even more lovely with their nails done and ribbons and flowers added to their hair. Next was a coloring contest and the winners had a choice to pick from the prize table.

Later they went to the craft tables and were able to create their own headbands with sparkling gems they added.. At the necklace and bracelet table they strung beads and crystals. What fun it was to be blindfolded and place a paper kiss on the large paper frog on the wall! The winners were the ones that placed the paper kiss the closest to the frogs lips.

What would a party be without princess cupcakes and milk! Yummm.

After all the cupcakes were eaten, all the prizes won and pictures taken with your favorite princesses the party came to an end. As they left each princess was given a goody bag and a special treat from the "bigger" princesses.

Everyone had a wonderful time and will look forward to the next party.

We would like to thank Carol, the recreation department and all the visiting princesses for a lovely day.

Happily submitted
Ginny Mone





Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

January 6, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Councilman Brian Spitznagel told the Council about a phone scam involving the IRS. He received the message on his answering machine. The caller tells the recipient that they are being sued by the IRS and they are given a number they should call. Mr. Spitznagel wanted to make sure residents know that this is a scam. Do not call the number or you may incur overseas phone charges. Mayor Kevin Hurst said that this scam is explained in the January issue of the Walton Hills Journal. The IRS will never demand money in a phone call. If you ever have questions about this or similar issues, you should call the police department. **Council unanimously reelected Councilman Don Kolograf as Council President. Council went into executive session** to discuss economic development and personnel. The executive session lasted approximately one hour. **After Council reconvened** they discussed briefly several issues to be on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting. There is a lot consolidation in Ryan Estates that was approved by the Planning Commission and must be voted on by Council. The reappointments of Mr. Blair Melling as Solicitor/Prosecutor and Mr. John Montello as Assistant Solicitor/Prosecutor will be voted on. They will receive a 2% raise in their contract. They have not had a raise in four years. The reappointments of Mr. Dan Stuckey as Street Commissioner and Ms. Carol Stanoszek as Recreation Director will be voted on. The two Zoning ordinances for the business district are scheduled for final vote. **Councilman Paul Rich** asked if there would be any further action on Council having final say on zoning appeals. The Mayor said that this had been discussed. No one has asked for legislation so no further action was planned. **The next issue** was "addressing legislation that received only one reading." Councilman Brian Spitznagel asked for this issue to be discussed. Three Ordinances had been read once and not voted on. Ord. No. 2012-4 addressed tabled legislation. Ordinances No. 2013-20 and 21 would have set new size limitations and regulations on accessory buildings and attached garages. Solicitor Blair Melling suggested ways to bring up the issues and resolve their status. Mayor Hurst said that after consulting with legal counsel, it was determined that the new regulations for accessory buildings were unnecessary because they were adequately covered in current ordinances. These issues will be discussed further at another meeting. **Mayor Hurst reported on proposals** and projects for 2015. He said that a non-profit organization has been set up to provide scholarships to Walton Hills' student from ninth grade to second year in college. Ford will contribute \$10,000 to the fund. There is a new Safety program (R.E.S.C.U.E.) being set up. It will allow safety forces to have easy access to emergency contact and medical information for residents if they choose to sign up. It will involve a USB device that will be encoded by the police department and magnetically attached to your refrigerator. The Mayor also plans to do more beautification on bridges and intersections. He also reported that a movie titled "50 Fathers" is being cast and partly filmed in Walton Hills.

January 13, 2015, COW Meeting: Mayor Hurst announced that Katie Iaconis was serving tonight in Mr. Vic Nogalo's capacity to learn the ropes of being Clerk of Council. **Council decided** that they would like to continue in their current committee assignments. **The Mayor reported that Ford** had contacted him last night by email. Ford would like to discuss possible changes in the pending legislation for zoning changes for the business district. Council is due to vote on these at the Council meeting on January 20. Council had a lengthy discussion on whether to pass the legislation as scheduled or to wait for further discussion with Ford. Councilman Denny Linville thought there should be a vote next week. (continued)

Christmas Party for Women of the Village - at Birchwood Party Center
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Thank You, Bedford High School Madrigal Singers, for Entertaining Us!

Spotlight on

Denny Kolar

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Denny Kolar is a simple guy who leads a simple life. He appreciates the beauty of the world around him. He is not the kind of guy that wants to be sitting on a couch watching television. He would rather be taking a walk in the Metroparks or working in his garden. He loves the natural surroundings that are so abundant in Walton Hills, where he has lived on Alexander Road for 16 years.

Denny grew up in Maple Heights and graduated from Independence High School. He also attended and graduated from the Cuyahoga Valley Joint Vocational School (now called Cuyahoga Valley Career Center) with a degree in automotive repair. He became an automotive technician for Reliable Oldsmobile in Independence, where he worked for four years. However, this profession was not his destiny.

The Kolar family business, K & K Meat Shoppe, has provided Denny with a rewarding career. Denny's grandfather, Yaro, along with his sons Jerry and Dennis (Denny's uncle and father) started the business in the 1950s in Cleveland. In 1979, Dennis established K & K Meat Shoppe in Maple Heights located at 6172 Dunham Road in the Turney-Dunham



Shopping Plaza. This provided Denny with his first employment opportunity – washing dishes for his father. He is now the owner of the Maple Heights store. His mother, Bonnie, has enjoyed working at the store since the day it opened in 1979. In 2001, Denny helped his father open a branch in Mantua located at 10682 Main Street. The Kolar family is proud of their Bohemian and Hungarian heritage, which is reflected in the selection of meats available in their two stores.

Denny is self-sufficient and a true outdoorsman. He has a wood burning stove and heats his house with wood. He used to be an avid archery hunter, but ever since he moved into Walton Hills and learned to appreciate the abundance

of wildlife, he couldn't do it anymore. Living in Walton Hills made him enjoy, appreciate and protect Mother Nature. Denny is an apiarist, or beekeeper, who collects his own honey. He used to be very paranoid about getting stung by a bee. However, now this is not an uncommon occurrence, because he has two active hives, each containing 30,000 bees. Denny also produces his own maple syrup from the trees on his property. He taps the trees, collects the sap, and boils it down to produce maple syrup. He learned to raise bees and collect maple syrup through reading books, but also picked up pointers by watching educational television shows. He also loves to garden. However, his greatest pleasures in life are his pets; his four chocolate labs and two cats are his pride and joy.

Denny absolutely loves Walton Hills. He feels the community has a lot to offer. He loves the natural surroundings - the "country in a city feel" – and enjoys being so close to everything yet so far away. He thoroughly enjoys the Walton Hills International Raceway at T.G. Young Park. He can't say enough about the Walton Hills Police Department; he feels very safe and secure all of the time. He enjoys the seniors in the Village and has fun catering many of the senior lunches.

What does the future hold for Denny? He will always be involved in the specialty portion of the food industry with meats and cheeses. He would also like to get back into racing cars, which he did when he worked in the automotive industry. However, his vision of his end game would be to find a nice lady to retire with. He would like to have a little "hobby farm" with a couple of cattle with nothing but time to enjoy his animals and live a "Little House on the Prairie" kind of life.

Get to Know Denny:

Favorite TV shows	World history shows, esp. WWII; Shows that teach self-sufficiency
Favorite Music	Classical, country, rock and roll
Favorite Books	Cooking, hobby, model train, gardening
Favorite Sport	All Cleveland teams
Favorite Food	European based foods — Bohemian to Hungarian to Italian
Favorite Vacation Destination	Alaska



Spotlight on

Ed Werden

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Ed considers it an honor and a privilege to live in Walton Hills, which he sees as a very progressive community. He has no plans of ever moving anywhere else. His friends outside the Village are envious of all of the activities available to our residents, especially the many day trips and monthly senior lunches. He feels fortunate to be able to take advantage of the many opportunities available to him.

Ed grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from Liberty High School in Trumbull County in 1953. After high school he enlisted in the Navy for two years. He served on a radar patrol ship and sailed up and down the west coast for 40 days at a time from California to Washington; this was an extension of the Distant Early Warning Line (the DEW line).

Ed attended Bowling Green State University and graduated with a business degree in 1962. After a few years he obtained a master's degree in education from Kent State University. He earned a degree in counseling and worked for the State of Ohio in a number of private agencies. He was recruited for a position with the University of Michigan, who had a contract to place continuing education counselors in various Ford facilities to assist U.A.W. hourly employees to develop computer skills and become computer literate. He started out arranging computer classes at the Brook Park engine plant and ended up at the Walton Hills stamping plant. He retired from the University of Michigan, which makes for some interesting discussion because he has been a Buckeye fan all of his life!

Ed married his first wife, Barbara, in 1962. They were married for 25 years and had two children, Wells and Wendy. Carrying on the tradition of developing distinct names that start with "W," his grandchildren were named Wrenna and Wynston.

Ed lived in Cleveland Heights for several years prior to moving to Walton Hills in 2001. The church he still attends, the Church of the Savior, is located in Cleveland Heights. For a number of years he was the coordinator of their retired men's organization and he is still active in their adult Sunday school group – the Towers Wesley Fellowship. This special church is also where he met his second wife, Sandra. After they were married they moved to Maple Heights and eventually to their home on Jefferson Drive. They had a wonderful marriage, which lasted for 25 years until she passed away in June of 2013.

Ed is a member of the Men's Club, the 50 Plus Club and the Lake. One of the first things Ed did when he moved to Walton Hills was to join the Lake, which he considers a wonderful resource. He can be frequently spotted there in the early afternoon on a beautiful summer day! One other place he likes to visit in the Village is the Veterans Memorial at the Village Hall. Upon his request, his children bought him a brick paver a few years ago as a Father's Day present. He is honored to attend the Memorial Day and Veterans Day

programs held at the Village Hall each year.

Ed likes working in his yard and doing word searches. He also enjoys visiting the Hard Rock Rocksino and the Thistledown Racino on a fairly regular basis. He likes the energy that is found in a casino; he finds it relaxing to be with and talk to other people.

Ed plans on traveling more in the future. He would like to get back into elder hostel vacations, which he and Sandra enjoyed on 25 occasions. He would also like to make more frequent visits to North Carolina where his best friend lives and Tucson where his daughter lives. However, any vacation he takes will pale in comparison to the trip he took last March, which was one of the highlights of his life. He took a ten day trip to the Holy Land during the Lenten period with 29 of his church members. He cruised along the Sea of Galilee, floated in the Dead Sea, and put his feet in the river Jordan! But wherever Ed goes, he will be glad to get back to Walton Hills where he has put down permanent roots!

Get to Know Ed:

Favorite movies – Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and The Sting

Favorite television channels – Smithsonian, History Channel, American Heroes

Favorite actors – Paul Newman, Robert Redford

Favorite actress – Sandra Bullock

Favorite singer – Karen Carpenter

Favorite song – Rainy Days and Mondays

Favorite vacation - The Holy Land

Favorite sports team – Cleveland Browns



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

January 20, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Kevin Hurst noted that Katie Iaconis was acting as Clerk of Council tonight. Mr. Rob Zimmerman addressed Council. He is a lawyer with the Benesch Law Firm. He is representing Ford and is also a Councilman and Vice-Mayor of the City of Shaker Heights. He said he first wanted to thank the Mayor, Administration, Mr. Smerigan, Mr. Jordan and Council. He said they have had a good relationship and have discussed the industrial/business area rezoning issues. The latest meeting was at 8:30 A.M. on Friday (January 16) which he said was requested by Ford at 5:00P.M. on Thursday. He was thankful that the Mayor and other attendees could accommodate the meeting. Mr. Zimmerman said that four of the changes requested by Ford were not accepted. He said the following changes would be good for the Village and Ford. Free-standing and separate restaurants and stores should be permitted uses. Distribution facilities should be permitted. Maximum building coverage of a lot should be 50% instead of 40%. Locations and floor areas of stores should be reconsidered. Ford would prefer that the new regulations not take effect until the property is sold. Mr. Zimmerman said Ford recognizes the economic upheaval that the Village is experiencing and will continue to be a good and cooperative citizen and landlord. **“Council Comments”** proceeded before a response to Mr. Zimmerman. Councilman Brian Spitznagel wanted to correct an error about Council pay stated in a recent publication. For the record, he said his gross pay for 2014 from the Village was \$10,307.79, taxes were \$518.15, OPERS was \$39.65, and net take home pay was \$9,699.99. **Councilman Don Kolograf** reported that all Committee assignments will be the same as last year. **Council agreed to discuss** the industrial rezoning issues first in order to accommodate the schedule of Mr. George Smerigan, the Village Zoning Consultant. He recommended that several minor changes be made in the zoning legislation. He explained why he did not recommend the above mentioned changes requested by Ford. The changes did not match the goal of maximizing benefit to the Village. Mayor Hurst said there has been extensive discussion and consultation about this zoning legislation since last April and he recommended it be passed. Councilman Paul Rich asked how this zoning could be changed if necessary. Solicitor Blair Melling said Council would have to consult with the Planning Commission and vote to change the zoning ordinance. It could not be changed by allowing a variance. Councilman Brian

Spitznagel said Council would work with Ford to help them with any issues with transferring or doing something with their property. The two business district zoning ordinances, Ord. No. 2014-11 and 12, were passed. **Four resolutions** were passed reappointing Mr. Dan Stucky as Street Commissioner, Ms. Carol Stanoszek as Recreation Director, Mr. Blair Melling as Solicitor/Prosecutor, and Mr. John Montello as assistant to the Law Solicitor/Prosecutor. Another resolution provides for sale of personal property by internet auction. The last resolution approved a lot split and consolidation on Ryan Dr. Council went into Executive Session to discuss economic development. Council adjourned after the executive session.

February 3, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo was ill so Ms. Katie Iaconis was acting as Clerk of Council. Mr. Nogalo is retiring under the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System on March 31, 2015 with over 30 years of service credit and Council wishes to reappointment him as the Village Fiscal Officer on April 1, 2015. He would begin again as if he were a new employee working full time with benefits. Ms. Katie Iaconis has been learning to be Clerk of Council. The situation will be evaluated by the end of the year to see how it is working out. Mr. Nogalo's pay will be reduced by \$7.00 per hour. Resident Judy Sheeler asked if there would have to be specific legislation to divide the duties of Village Fiscal Officer (as defined by O.R.C. 733.262) which include Clerk of Council and Treasurer. Solicitor Blair Melling said this is an administrative decision and no other legislation is needed to modify administrative job duties at this time. **Council discussed** legislation that had received only one reading. Ordinance No. 2012-4 will require that tabled legislation will be automatically removed from the table after 90 days. Council will pass this at the next Council meeting. The two ordinances concerning accessory building size will be tabled to give Council a chance to study them further if desired. **A draft of a grant** of easement for landscaping and beautification at the corner of Alexander and Northfield Rds. (Western Reserve Battery) was presented for discussion by the Mayor. Solicitor Blair Melling thinks a simple easement is a good way to gain control of property without having to go to court and pay for appraisals and legal costs. The Mayor hopes to do more easements for landscaping at other locations such as Penelope's and the vacant lot across from Ford. **Councilman Denny Linville** said everyone else in the Village got a raise and he thinks the Mayor should get a raise. If a proposal for a raise were made it must be enacted by 75 days before the next election for

POTPOURRI

A Morning in Little Egypt

Saturday, March 21, 2015 Starts at 9:00 am Sharp, ends before Noon

A winter walk through the Community of Little Egypt may, at first, seem to be the craziest idea yet, but our Park Naturalists will tell you that March is the best time of the year to see the lay of the land - there are few leaves on trees to block your view and last year's underbrush is trampled down. Find out for yourself! Enjoy a Saturday morning in this historic section of Walton Hills, the Dunham Road area near Tinkers Creek Road.

For additional information about this field trip, please read the details in the Historical Center page in this issue of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

Bereavements

Our condolences to **David Gibson** of Woodlake Drive on the passing of his mother, **Josie Gibson**, who died at age 94, in early February. Our sympathy also to Dave's sister and brother-in-law, **Denise** and **Jeff Franaks** of Cleveland.

Because of failing health, since July 4th of last year Josie was a patient at Walton Manor.

Josie had a varied working career including positions at the Richmond Brothers headquarters and Alcoa. A talented milliner, the hats Josie created were in great demand. She was also a tailor and did clothes alterations.

Years ago, Josie enjoyed driving to Walton Hills to visit a friend who lived on Tulip Drive. She knew then, that one day when it was time to move, she wanted to live in the Village. Josie enjoyed her years on Woodlake Drive. "She loved living in Walton Hills," states Dave. Dave also tells us that Josie was quite the dancer when she was younger. During the Big Band Era when local dance halls like the Aragon Ball Room, Columbia Ball Room and Euclid Beach Dance Pavilion were thriving, Josie was a regular.

Our sympathy to **Ruth Hackbart** of McLellan Drive, on the passing of her son-in-law, **John Baughman**, who died from a pulmonary embolism at age 52, in mid January. John was married to Ruth's daughter, **Lorraine "Lori" Baughman**. Both Lori and John graduated from Bedford High School in 1981. Married for 27 years, they have two daughters, Kelsey and Cassidy. Lori lives in Pepper Pike.

Our condolences to **Mary Ann Cook** and **Jason Cook** of Woodlake Drive on the passing of Mary Ann's son, and Jason's uncle, **Daniel Cook**. Dan died of a sudden heart attack at age 59, in mid January. Dan and his wife, **Brenda Cook**, of Maple Heights, have four children, Thomas, Brian, John and Kylee.

Former Deeridge Drive resident, **Kathy Sanna**, passed away in late January at age 86. Our sympathy to her husband, **Chuck Sanna**, and their children, **Michael Gallagher**, **Pat** and **Wayne McKee**, **Tim Gallagher**, and **Joseph** and **Gina Sanna**.

Check Out Our Villagers' Library

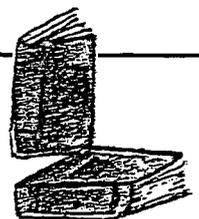
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and Books of Interest for the Men in our Village, too!



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Bereavements (continued)

Our condolences to **Leonard Hlavach** of Deeridge Drive on the passing of his father **Rudolph Hlavach**, age 93, of Bedford who passed in late December. Rudolph and his late wife **Patty** were parents to seven - **Patty (Gerald Jr.) Stedman, Jack (Debbie), Judy (George) Hutchinson, Leonard (Janice), Kathy (Chris) Kirwin, Janice** and **Robert** - grandparents to ten and great-grandparents of six.

Our Sympathy to **Jessica** and **Tyler Tinfina** (Alexander Road) on the passing of their grandfather **Dan Tinfina**, age 85, in early February. Dan and his late wife **Anita** were parents of four and grandparents of six.

Our condolences to **Frank Schwartz**, formerly of Allen Drive on the passing of his wife of 68 years, **Martha Schwartz**. Martha passed away on December 25, 2014. Martha was the mother of **Frank A. (Holly) Schwartz** of Bedford, **Ellen J. (Steve) Canfil** of Strongsville, **Gail S. (Dale) Foertsch** of Cincinnati and **Jay Schwartz (Lynda Ludwig)** of Chaska, MN. She was grandmother to five and great-grandmother to one. Later in her life, Martha became involved in thoroughbred horse racing, raising and racing her own animals at area facilities such as Thistledown. In addition to her horses, Martha would sing in the choir at The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Aurora, and participated in the activities organized by the AARP chapter in Bainbridge and volunteered at the Historical Society in Walton Hills.

Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

March 3, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Shortly after the meeting began, Council went into Executive session to discuss economic development, personnel, and pending litigation. The executive session lasted 1 hour and 43 minutes. **Mayor Kevin Hurst read** a letter from the Cleveland Metroparks regarding culling the deer herd in the parks. This started in mid-January and will end in mid-March. The letter can be read on the Walton Hills web site. Walton Hills has no control over this program. **Mayor Hurst spoke** about the trash collection contract. The Mayor said the current contract ends in July and he has been looking at various options. It would be possible to renew the current contract with Kimble for 3 years. Kimble has proposed an attractive 5 year alternative. Walton Hills belongs to a consortium which helps to reduce costs. Members of the consortium--Bedford, Bedford Heights, Orange, and Walton Hills--could "piggy-back" on a contract with Highland Heights that would produce savings in the future. It would provide 2 free trash carts for solid waste and recycling. This would be an automated system with a robotic arm on the trucks to pick up and dump the carts. However, residents could use trash bags if necessary. Mayor Hurst said that Mr. Don Johnson and Street Commissioner Dan Stucky would be at the next COW meeting to answer questions about the proposed new contract.

March 10, 2015, COW Meeting: Mr. Don Johnson spoke to Council as a representative of Kimble Recycling and Disposal, Inc. He explained the benefits of the proposed new contract for trash collection. The trucks run on compressed natural gas so there would be no fuel surcharge as there is in the current Village contract. The robotic arm will pick up trash carts and that helps reduce injuries and workers' compensation expenses. They use single stream recycling which allows users to put all kinds of recyclables in the same cart without having to tie them up or bag them separately. For example, you can put loose newspapers together with bottles and cans. Since it will be easier to recycle, he projects that more material will be recycled and further reduce costs. He estimated that all the cost reductions will save the Village about \$30,000 over the next 5 years. It would still include unlimited trash pick-up. Mr. Johnson said that Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code allows communities to participate in the contracts of another community if that community consents. The contract for services must have been awarded by competitive selection and no further bidding is necessary to join in the contract terms. Highland Heights has such a contract for trash pick-up with Kimble. All members of the current consortium which includes Walton Hills are considering adopting the Highland Heights contract. A decision will probably be made in April. One big advantage to using the carts is that they are very animal resistant. Raccoons usually cannot get into the carts unless the carts are placed against a wall that the raccoons can use to climb up and knock the carts over. This means the carts can be stored outside and can be placed at the street on the night before pick-up without much chance they will be overturned. **Council also discussed** senior lawn care bids. ProTouch was the winning bidder. **The Mayor suggested** that the senior snow plowing services should be looked at this year. There were so many complaints this winter that he thought Council should consider having the Village pay for and control Senior and Handicapped snow plowing again. It used to cost about \$18,000. If finances permitted, it could be done again. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky suggested that it might be best to let residents select their own snow plowers. Street Commissioner Dan Stucky agreed that might be one way to get better service. Mr. Stucky also said that the Service Department always helps out when residents can't get out of their drives in an emergency. This topic will be discussed later in the year.



Walton Hills Women's Club

April 2015

Our February Meeting "in Hawaii"



Council discussed and agreed to raise the pay scale for Assistant Street Commissioner from \$22 - \$26/hour to \$22 - \$29/hour. **The Mayor has invited** Mr. Duke Owens to attend the second COW meeting in April to discuss his opinions about possible changes to zoning regulations for accessory buildings. **Some residents** have spoken to the Mayor about raising chickens in the Village. This will be discussed at the first COW meeting in April.

March 17, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Resident Ray Tinter asked what counts for lawn service charges. Is it lot size or size or area to be mowed? Some lots are part woods. Councilman Brian Spitznagel said the charges should be based on area to be mowed. **The Mayor announced** that the RESCUE program has been started. It was briefly discussed and more information on signing up will be published soon. **Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky** reported that the Oakwood Fire Department has received a higher rating and that should help reduce fire insurance rates for residents. Mayor Hurst said the Village also has a mutual aid agreement with Valley View and that helps the rating for residents on Dunham Rd. near Maple Heights. **Two Ordinances** and three Resolutions were passed. One Ordinance changed the wage scale for Assistant Street Commissioner. The second Ordinance pertained to the annual updating of the Codified Ordinances of the Village. The Resolutions authorized the following: Village participation in the ODOT rock salt purchasing program; the agreement with ProTouch for Senior Lawn Care; and the lowest bidder, Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co., for the Sagamore Road Water Main Replacement. **The State of the Village** will be March 23, 2015 in the Community Room at 7:00 P.M.

POTPOURRI

Mary Porter, of Egbert Road, would like to extend a deep and sincere *'Thank You'* to the Walton Hills Women's Club for the blanket that they presented her during her convalescence from a recent illness.

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Our condolences to **Ron LaMarca** on the passing of his mother, **Lena LaMarca** (Barclay Estates). Lena was the beloved wife of the late **Raymond** and the loving mother of **Carson and Ron**, and cherished grandmother of **Raymond, Mario** and the late **Michael**.

Our condolences to the family of **Marian B. Toaz**, age 94, of Macedonia, who passed away February 28, 2015. Marian is the wife of the late **Milton W. Toaz**; loving mother of **Todd** (of Walton Hills), **Terrell** and **Tracy**; dear grandmother of **Meghan, Erin, Daniel, Bryan, Alexis, Emma, Jared** and **Jennifer**; and dear sister of **Ruth Miller** and the late **Margaret Horton**.

A special remembrance for former Walton Hills resident **Richard C. Harris** who passed away Feb. 18, 2015 at the Legacy House (Hospice) in Ocala, FL. He was born Oct. 26, 1921. **He moved from Walton Hills, OH in 2011.** Richard was a WWII (Air Force) Veteran, a 32 Degree Mason, and a member of Summit Lodge #213, Twinsburg, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, **Katherine**; his daughter, **Janet Reid**; his son, **Greg**; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his son, **Richard, Jr.** in 1976

Our condolences to **Jane Wurts** of Hickory Drive on the passing of her husband, **Jack Wurts**. Jack passed away in March, at age 88. Our sympathy also to their children, **James** and **Jennifer Wurts** of Twinsburg, **Don** and **Jamie Wurts** of California, and **Chuck Wurts** of Sagamore Hills.

Jack, as well as Jane Wurts, enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow villagers at the Walton Hills Senior Lunches. Jack served in the Army Air Corp during W.W.II. He was in the Alaskan Command, stationed in the Aleutian Islands. He retired from Figgie International, as director of the data center in their Willoughby Ohio headquarters. Jack was a ham radio operator, and in his younger years he enjoyed playing tennis and squash, and riding his motorcycle.

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The OWL would like to extend a 'Thank You' to Marlene and Bob Orth for their generous donation!

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Coming to **Southeast Branch** of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Road • Bedford

Celebrate **Money Smart Week** (April 18th - 25th)

Learn how to understand your credit report and ways to improve your credit score. There will be time for questions and answers. Be sure to bring a copy of your credit report with you.

Monday, April 20th at 7pm **Registration required: 440-439-4997.**

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Remembering **Euclid Beach Park!**

Join James Seman, a historian and former park employee on Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m., as he shares memories of Euclid Beach Park, Cleveland's most beloved amusement park from 1895 through 1969.

Registration required: 440-439-4997.

Spotlight on

Jackie Vlk-Maire

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Jackie Vlk-Maire has been many things in her life – including a career woman, a mother, a grandmother, a councilwoman, and a dedicated volunteer. She grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from St. John Cantius High School. After graduation, she went to work at a financial institution for almost 20 years. She worked her way up to being the executive assistant to the supervisor. She stopped working to have children and raise her family.

Jackie met her first husband Lee on a blind date arranged by her father. Both Lee and Jackie's father worked for the Postal Service. Jackie and Lee hit it off and were married in 1960; they had three children. Wanting their children to have a large lot on which to play, and finding a home close to the Bedford Post Office where Lee worked, they decided to look in Walton Hills. It was on Lee's postal route and he was in love with this area. They found a house on Alexander Road which was almost perfect – but too small for their needs. They decided to buy the house and add two bedrooms and a bathroom. Jackie and Lee had a wonderful marriage until Lee passed away one month shy of their fortieth anniversary.

The birth of Jackie's twin granddaughters gave her more than the joy that comes with being a grandmother, it gave her a second chance at love. Her daughter's neighbor, Joe, would watch the twins when needed. When proud grandma Jackie would take over the babysitting duties, it gave her and Joe a great opportunity to get to know each other. They were married in 2003. Jackie and Joe are proud of their blended family – they have

seven children (he has four sons), eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In 1990, Jackie became the office manager for Velk's Flowers, the Bedford flower shop owned by her son Leroy for twenty years. She enjoyed working with her son and helped him out in any way that she could.

Jackie has been active over the years in many organizations. Lee was a member of the National Association of Postal Supervisors. Jackie joined their auxiliary organization and worked her way up from local to state to national president in 1991. She has been the president of AMVETS Post 80 Auxiliary in Maple Heights for the last five years.

Jackie has always been very active at St. Mary Church. When her kids were in school there, she served as the president of the Parent/Teacher Organization. Before St. Mary closed, she served on the Parish Council for five years. She was also in charge of the fish fries for 29 years (getting volunteers, ordering product, managing the kitchen, etc.). Jackie assisted in filing the appeal to reopen St. Mary. She logged many hours corresponding with the Vatican, the Bishop and other members of the Cleveland Diocese. She also kept several parishioners informed about what was going on with the appeal. The church was closed for two years and four months and thankfully reopened in 2012. After it reopened, she became the President of the Parish Council. She also serves on the Finance Committee. Jackie and Joe both serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

Jackie was elected to Walton Hills Council in 2001 and served a four year term. She enjoyed her time on Council and



feels that she and her colleagues did some good things for the Village, from taking care of the infrastructure, to creating a master plan, to updating the T.G. Young Park ball fields. She takes pride in having initiated the idea of placing cat's eye reflective markers on the heavily traveled roads in the Village.

Jackie has always loved putting puzzles together and bowling. She had been on a bowling league for several years until last year. However, her favorite hobby by far is babysitting her grandkids!

What are Jackie's thoughts on Walton Hills? She feels that it is a community on the way up and is a great place to live. She can't say enough about her neighbors. She finds that most residents are friendly and caring and always ready to offer help in time of need.

What are Jackie's plans for the future? Babysitting as much as possible! She and Joe are thankful that retirement provides them the opportunity to spend quality time with their family. And with all their grandchildren and great grandchildren, there are many opportunities to create some wonderful memories!

Get to know Jackie

Favorite movie – The Notebook; **Favorite television shows** – Scandal, CSI; **Favorite actor** – George Clooney
Favorite actress – Julia Roberts; **Favorite singer** – Shania Twain; **Favorite song** – From This Moment On
Favorite vacation – Cancun; **Favorite sports team** – Cleveland Indians

Spotlight on

Bill Deak

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Bill Deak started out his adult life on the high seas after graduating from Orange High School in 1948. He enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the destroyer USS Leary. He cruised out of Providence, Rhode Island to the Caribbean for maneuvers and training. The ship was ready to go the Mediterranean for a year, but because he did not have enough service time, he was transferred to the destroyer USS Beatty. He sailed out of New Orleans, Louisiana and headed to the Caribbean for two weeks of reserve training. He made four trips and was discharged with six months of reserve duty remaining. He worked in the fire rooms and engine rooms on both of these ships.

He returned home for a few months and worked as a boiler repairman, oiler and fireman at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He was sent to engineering school to prepare for the State of Ohio fireman and engineering licenses to enable him to operate high pressure boilers and related equipment.

A short time later, the Navy was calling again. He was sent to Bayonne, New Jersey to work on the recommissioning of the Battleship New Jersey. After a month the ship was sea-worthy, and he and 2,000 sailors sailed to their new home port in Yokosuka, Japan. Their mission was to serve in the Korean War, and they sailed up and down the coast for 30 and 40 days at a time. After one year of this tour of duty, Bill returned to the states.

After more than four years of active duty, Bill was looking forward to being discharged from all Navy obligations. With just a few months of service time remaining, he renewed the promise he made to Jean, his high school sweetheart. They were married on January 5, 1952. He returned to work at the bank for a few months and then heard the news that Ford broke ground for a new Stamping Plant in

Walton Hills. He applied for a job and was hired as a fireman. After a few months he was promoted to shift engineer and later to chief engineer. He retired in January of 1989 after 35 years. In addition, he had a small business where he installed antennas for color televisions in the late 50s and 60s. He loved to climb on rooftops, which he did over 100 times in the greater Cleveland area!

Bill and Jean were blessed with three children, (Debi, Bill and Bernie), 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Debi and her husband Terry Kozak and Bill and his wife Joyce live in Walton Hills. Bill and Jean have been residents for 54 years. They moved into their home on Egbert Road in 1961 and became very active in the community. Bill has been a member of the Walton Hills Lake and Men's Club for many years. He was also a trustee of the Lake for several years. Soon after he retired from Ford, he offered his assistance with the printing of the *Owl* and volunteered his time for 15 years. His mechanical expertise kept the *Owl's* obsolete printing equipment in working order. Bill also helped the late resident Bill Cottrill make and repair *Owl* delivery tubes. Jean joined the *Owl* collating team in 1989. Bill and Jean volunteered because they wanted to give something back to the Village. This was also why their family donated the eagle that sits

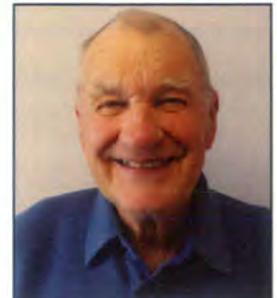
on top of the Veterans Monument at the Village Hall. Because of Bill's exemplary community service, he was honored as the Citizens' League "Citizen of the Year" in 2007. Bill also volunteered on the Maintenance Committee at St. Mary Church in the mid 1970's and served as president of AARP Chapter #4931 for several years.

Bill and Jean traveled a lot when their children were young. They went to Fort Lauderdale every year, where they stayed at their favorite motel and met up with families that also returned each year. They also took memorable trips to Kansas City, Pikes Peak, Colorado, Los Angeles, Knots Berry Farm and Disney Land. After their children were grown, they continued their traveling ways. They flew to Europe and visited Italy, France, Spain, Switzerland, and England. They took 12 cruises, traveled through the Panama Canal and down around the southern horn of South America, cruised to Alaska, visited Fiji, and toured Australia and New Zealand for four weeks.

Bill and Jean are very civic minded residents who can often be seen at Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. They care very much for their community, and they are very grateful for everything the Village has given to their family!

Get to Know Bill:

Favorite movies – All the oldies, re-runs, westerns
 Favorite TV channels – History, Hallmark, sports channels
 Favorite actors – John Wayne, Paul Newman, Robert Redford
 Favorite actress – Catherine Bell (Good Witch & the old Jag series)
 Favorite singers – All country & western stars (male and female)
 Favorite vacation – Australia and New Zealand
 Favorite sports teams – Cleveland Indians, Browns, and Ohio State teams



Memorial Day

Charles Gragg

It's time to remember those that served and died;
Leaving loved ones behind whose tears they can't hide.

Look deep into your soul as we honor them this day;
For these are the true heroes as the ultimate price they did pay.

Their names are preserved on small white crosses worldwide;
Their faces only memories to a few who stand quiet at grave side.

There is no way we can truly repay them for the sacrifice they made;
For a life lost is lost forever and even the most grand of memories do fade.

Maybe the most honor we can show them is to be the best we can be;
And stand tall against those that would bring shame to this the land of the free.

For together we can forge the mightiest of unbreakable chains;
And prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that our heroes did not die in vain.

*A hero is someone who has given
his or her life to something bigger
than oneself.*

~Joseph Campbell

Memorial Day

May 25, 2015

Village of Walton Hills, Ohio



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

March 3, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: I would like to clarify something I wrote concerning the possible new trash contract with Kimble. I said that residents could use trash bags if necessary. This is true, but there are some restrictions. If you need to put out more than one trash bag, you are required to fill the trash cart first. Then you may use as many bags as you need. If you can't use the trash cart sometimes, you can put out only one 40 gallon bag. The goal is to have an efficient and affordable trash collection operation by using the trash carts with the robotic arms on the trucks. The new contract has not yet been approved by Council.

April 7, 2015, COW Meeting: The meeting began with the swearing in of Melissa Walsh as a Police Sergeant by Mayor Kevin Hurst. The Council chamber was filled with her family and friends who wanted to congratulate her and share the moment. **The next hour of the meeting** was devoted to a very cordial and informative discussion of the issue of allowing chickens to be kept on Village lots. Current law does not allow Villagers to keep any farm animals. Five residents spoke in favor and two residents spoke against allowing chickens. These are some of the reasons to have chickens. Backyard chickens provide eggs that are more delicious and nutritious than store bought eggs. People want to have the freedom to utilize their land for their own good and the good of the Village. Young people would be attracted to Walton Hills if they could live a sustainable life style. Some negatives were discussed. They include noise, odor, waste, and disease. All of these can be controlled through proper regulation. Roosters are the source of most noise. They are not necessary for hens to lay eggs, so they can be outlawed. Odor is relatively easy to control by proper maintenance of the coop. Five chickens produce as much waste as a 25# dog. Chicken waste is easily rinsed into the soil. Councilman Brian Spitznagel said he has done some research and there is no empirical evidence that backyard chickens increase human disease. An increase in predators was also a concern. However, it was noted that the predators, such as coyotes, are already here. Chickens, properly housed and maintained, would not attract any more predators than dogs and cats. It was suggested that some people would not take care of their chickens properly and create a problem for their neighbors. It should be possible to design regulations that could enforce compliance with good practices. Others wondered why horses were allowed but not chickens. Solicitor Blair Melling addressed the issue of distinctions between domestic and farm animals. Horses are not raised for food. If chickens are allowed, why not pigs or cows? Mayor Hurst said that this issue will be discussed at the next COW meeting and at the COW meetings in May. No decision has been made. He said this issue will require a lot of discussion, research and deliberation. If Council decides this is a good idea, the legislation and regulations will have to be drafted carefully. **The two tabled ordinances** for accessory buildings were reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Duke Owens, Chairman of the BZA, suggested that these ordinances and some sections of the zoning code need to be amended to so that the size of accessory buildings can be limited. The Mayor said

that the tabled legislation would be allowed to expire since Council decided that the proposed ordinances (Ord. 2013-20 and Ord. 2015-21) were inadequate. Solicitor Melling will work with Mr. Owens draft regulations to tighten up the zoning code. **The Mayor would like** to have the Solicitor put together some regulations on lawn decorations. The issue arose after a Bob's Big Boy figure appeared on a front lawn. Because it was a commercial figure, it was not allowed in the front yard and it was moved. Councilman Paul Rich also pointed out the safety issue when traffic slows to view yard decorations. Resident Denny Harkai suggested it might be helpful to have people apply for permits for inflatable stuff. The Mayor hopes to have an ordinance addressing nuisance and safety issues ready for approval in May or June. **Mayor Hurst passed out a packet** of proposed landscaping and signage for the Village gateways. Council approved \$30,000 in the budget for some of these projects. He will also try to get some funding from companies. If you would like to see the proposals, you could contact Village Hall. Councilman Brian Spitznagel wondered if there was anything we could do to get the railroad to clean up the railroad bridge over Alexander Rd. He said trying to decorate the bridge would be "like putting lipstick on a pig". Any changes to the bridge would have to be approved by the railroad. The Mayor is trying to work with the railroad. Council has final say on all beautification.

April 14, 2015, COW Meeting: Mayor Kevin Hurst informed Council that several schools and travel leagues have asked to rent the ball fields. He told the Recreation Director Carol Stanoszek that it is OK as long as it doesn't interfere with Village programs. **Councilwoman Mary Brenner-Miller** said the Rescue program is up and running. Residents can call Carol Stanoszek to set up an appointment to record their medical information for use in an emergency. **An hour** of the COW meeting was devoted to the topic of allowing chickens to be kept on Village lots. Seven residents spoke in favor of allowing chickens and no residents spoke against the proposal. Most comments addressed topics discussed last week. Resident Bethany Majeski is a Naturalist and Urban Agriculture Educator for the Cleveland Metro Parks. She said she would volunteer to educate residents on the proper care of chickens. She said it is very important to her to live in a community that allows the raising of chickens. She plans to start a family and wants to be able to provide healthy and nutritious food. This will also make Walton Hills an attractive place for other young families who share that goal. She thanked Council for considering changing the current law. She hoped that they would worry about good citizens who want to raise chickens responsibly and not fear that someone might mess up. Solicitor Blair Melling is concerned about writing legislation that will not open a Pandora's Box so that other farm animals might have to be allowed in the Village. This topic will be on the agenda at the May COW meetings for further discussion. **The beautification** projects were discussed again. The Mayor announced that Mr. Brock Milstein has contributed \$15,000 towards the landscaping at the Western Reserve Battery location. **Assistant Fiscal Officer** Katie Iaconis reported to Council on the Arhaus Enterprise Zone Agreement. The final payment to the Bedford Schools will be \$94,476 for income tax sharing for 2014. The Mayor hopes to set up more favorable terms with the Bedford School Board in future property tax abatements that are pending.



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Walton Hills Resident **Bethany Majeski**, of 7257 Dunham Road, wrote this article that appeared in the March 2015 issue of *Emerald Necklace*, the Cleveland Metroparks monthly publication.

A Naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks, Bethany works at the Garfield Park Center for Urban Agriculture. She invites you to visit one of the Metropark Education Centers to learn more about composting.

Graciously, Bethany gave the *Walton Hills Owl* permission to reprint her article.

Thoughts On Compost

It's a shame the words most commonly associated with composting don't capture the real beauty and magic of the stuff. "Decay," "organic matter," and "microbial action" fail to conjure much excitement. Trust me, though - compost is worth getting excited about. In essence, compost is all about creating a balanced environment for the bacteria and fungi that break organic wastes down into a rich, black soil. In practice, it becomes not so much a chore, but a direct experience with the living world around you. It's a project that is humbling, that reminds one that in the end, we are all made of nitrogen and carbon. You don't have to be a gardener to compost. It is a pursuit for all.

You see, we each produce, on average, over four pounds of trash a day, and approximately two-thirds of that household waste is compostable. By choosing to break the landfill cycle, you strike a vote in favor of conservation. Less trash in the landfill is good for everyone. The input investment is low; a compost pile does not ask much of you. You don't have to buy any fancy gadgets to participate, and it doesn't take a lot of time or work. But the output is huge. Instead of waste, we create opportunity for renewal.

For me, composting is a meditation. I have a weekly date with my three-bin system. I love to crack the pile open with my pitchfork- the steam that escapes confirms that what appears to be a passive pile of "stuff" is actually a living, breathing community. Active compost is hot! When I add new materials, I think about how I harness energy from these by-products of my daily life. I feel like my compost piles offer more real wealth than a bank account, they are a link to life, fertility, and food. Too often, we throw our trash on the curb and think it goes "away." It never goes away. I don't like to create waste in a world of finite resources; I like to live better.

I like to contemplate my "inactive" piles, which are not being added to anymore, but that sit like stoic buddhas, transforming. Slowly, the recognizable features of food parts and leaves and wood chips break down into crumbly, rich earth, and the piles shrink and settle.

How endlessly fascinating it is that out of dead materials we can generate a medium for new growth. How truly marvelous that after nearly four billion years, our planet continues to reuse its original elements to support life. When we compost, we reconnect with this ancient cycle of life, death, and renewal. Everything composts. I turn my pitchfork in the pile and smile.

Beth Majeski

POTPOURRI

Condolences to the family of **Michael and Judy Jarzembak** on the passing of Michael's mother **MARYANN FRANCES JARZEMBAK** (nee Skiba) who passed at age 83. Maryann is the beloved wife of the late **Joseph** and loving mother of **Joellen Romano** (Phillip, deceased), **Michael Jarzembak** (Judith), **Allan Jarzembak** and **Eileen Jarzembak**. Maryann cherished her 11 grandchildren and her 17 great grandchildren.

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Bereavement

Mary Jane Pike, of Egbert Road, passed away in April at age 93. Her husband, **Charles Pike**, passed away in 2010. Our condolences to their daughter, **Mary Lou Pike**, who, for the past decade, lives in the family residence and has cared for her parents. Sympathy also to their sons and their spouses; **Charles** and **Jan Pike** of Trenton, Michigan, **Phillip** and **Jamie Pike** of Sagamore Hills, **Thomas Pike** of Cleveland Heights, and **Robert** and **Lorraine Pike** of Sagamore Hills and the four grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane Pike had been a Registered Nurse at St. Lukes Hospital and the American Red Cross. She also taught Health and Humor classes at Tri-C College. In her 0s she helped organize an infirmary for the Contemplative Sisters of Good Shepherd. For many years she was a member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. Daughter Mary Lou tells us, "Mom's family was her world, and the world was her family."

Charles and Mary Pike moved into the village in 1953. A year earlier, after his father and mother died in a car crash, Charles Pike became President of the Dan Dee Pretzel and Potato Chip Company, sharing duties with his uncle, brother and other relatives. The family sold the business in 1984.

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The OWL would like to extend a 'Thank You' to **Henry Dziczkowski** for his generous donation!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Linda Alexander of Montville and Jeff and Shari Alexander of the Village are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Joseph to Hilary Parsons, daughter of Drs. Anna & Michael Parsons to Tampa, FL.

Joe is finishing his PhD at Kent State in Counseling & Human Development Studies. Hilary is in the sam PhD program and is also employed by the Cleveland Clinic as a professional counselor.

They plan to wed in September of 2015

BWHDP - Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party - Monthly meeting at 7pm open to EVERYONE on May 12, 2015 at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Road in Bedford

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Sokol Sunday Dinners

May 24, 2015 at 1pm, enjoy a meal of **Cottage Ham - Sweet/Sour Cabbage - Potato Dumplings for \$13.00 (Coffee and Dessert included)** at the Bohemian National Hall at **4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH 44127**
To make your reservations - please contact **Olga Nemecek** at **216-447-0264**

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Rita Charsanko

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Rita Charsanko thinks Walton Hills is WONDERFUL! She has lived in our community for over half a century and has enjoyed a wonderful life. She was born at her home in Cleveland by a doctor who made house calls. She is a graduate of John Hay High School, which is located in the heart of University Circle. She acquired strong secretarial skills which came in handy because her first job after graduation was the secretary to the principal of John Hay. She held this position for five years.

Rita met her late husband Dick when they were children. Dick will be fondly remembered by longtime residents as "Doc," who served the Village as a councilman and Village dentist for several years. They were next door neighbors who attended kindergarten together. However; Dick was placed ahead one year and ended up going to East Tech High School. They reconnected a year or two after high school. Dick was studying to be a dentist and was attending dental school in Columbus. They were married in 1952 after the completion of his first year in school. They enjoyed living in a large house with five other families who all became great friends. During that time, Rita worked at Battelle Memorial Institute as the secretary of the Engineering and Physics Department.

When Dick graduated from dental school in 1955, they came back to Cleveland. She landed a job at the Cleveland Board of Education as the secretary to both the Deputy Superintendent and the Director of Kindergartens; she worked there for five years. She took a break from working to raise her two young children, Dave and Suzanne. When they got older, she went back to work at Stouffer Hotels and Resorts in Solon as the secretary to the Vice President of Design. She worked there for ten years until she retired. She really enjoyed the perks of that job,

especially staying at Stouffer hotels around the country for free. She particularly remembers a great time in Scottsdale, Arizona where her family stayed in a suite with their own kitchen and hot tub!

Rita and Dick built their home on Alexander Road in 1960. Dick's first dental office was on E. 112th and Miles. The barber up the street, the late Village resident Gus Vosgerichian, told him that an addition was being built to a building in Walton Hills at the corner of Alexander and Walton Road and they were looking for a dentist and a hairdresser. Dick needed a change; people were getting robbed in the parking lot of his dental office. He decided to check out the Walton Hills location and he and Rita were delighted with what they found. He moved his office to Walton Hills in 1957 and then searched for a place to build a home. Realtor General Conelly talked them into purchasing the property next door to his office, which is now the Villager Restaurant.

Rita's family is very important to her. She and Dick had a wonderful marriage which lasted for 51 years until he passed away in 2003. She lives with and is very close to her son Dave, who is very protective of his mother. Her daughter Suzanne lives in Canton, and Rita very much enjoys when her family, including her five

grandchildren, pay her a visit. Rita is also related to local celebrity John Adams. He is the son of her cousin and is the dedicated Cleveland Indians fan that has played his drum in the bleachers during nearly every Indians home game since 1973.

Rita attends St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church in Maple Heights. For the last 15 years she has made pierogis for her church every other week for nine months out of the year. She has also volunteered as a "Red Coat" at Playhouse Square for the last ten years, ushering three times a month. Rita is a member of the 50 Plus Club, the Women's Club, the Lake, and Carol's Bookworms. She served as secretary of the Women's Club for several terms.

Rita loves to read; she will read almost any newspaper, book or magazine. She also enjoys taking part in Village activities, such as the senior lunches. She is grateful that Walton Hills is a very congenial community that has so much to offer. She believes that the Lake is a great asset and is glad she has made wonderful friends and has great neighbors (According to Rita, Denny Linville is *the* greatest neighbor). All in all, Walton Hills has been a wonderful place to live for the last 55 years!

Get to Know Rita:

Favorite movie – Forrest Gump
Favorite television shows – Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Channel 8 news
Favorite actor – Tom Hanks
Favorite actress – Meryl Streep
Favorite singers – Eagles, Frank Sinatra
Favorite song – And I Love You So (Perry Como)
Favorite vacations – Acapulco, Orlando
Favorite sports team – Cleveland Browns, Indians and Cavs



Congratulations Sergeant Walsh!

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At the Walton Hills Committee of the Whole meeting on April 7th, Officer Melissa Walsh was sworn in as Police Sergeant by Mayor Kevin Hurst in a packed Council Chambers with all of Sgt. Walsh's family and co-workers in attendance. Officer Walsh has been employed at Walton Hills since February 17, 2004 as a part-time officer, becoming full-time on October 16, 2005. Some of Sgt. Walsh's accomplishments at Walton Hills are: D.A.R.E. Instructor, Field Training Officer, Juvenile Officer and RAD Instructor. Congratulations Sgt. Walsh and the best of luck in your new position!



Pictured left:
Mayor Hurst swears in Sgt. Walsh.



Pictured right:
Chief Thellmann presents Sgt. Walsh with her new badge.

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

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Spring is upon us, the flowers are in bloom, the birds are singing, and we can start to enjoy the warm weather! We need to bring it to your attention that our trash contract is expiring this year. We have been aware of this since last October. As a member of a consortium group, we have had discussions with many other communities and have been evaluating our options for a new contract. We were able to "piggyback" onto the bids of another community which not only saved us time and money, but resulted in keeping our trash and recycling collection with the Kimble Companies.

Council will be awarding the contract in May or June. July is when the contract will begin. With this new contract, we will still have unlimited trash removal and we will provide our residents with two trash carts at no cost, one for recycling and one for solid waste. The recycling cart is 65 gallons, and the solid waste cart is either 65 gallons or 95 gallons. This does not mean that trash has to go out every week; when your trash carts are full you roll them out to the road. These units will be picked up by an automated truck. When emptied, residents can easily roll them back to the outside of their garage. The carts are lightweight and tamper resistant as far as animals are concerned.

This new contract will save the Village approximately \$30,000 over the next five years. It is a win-win situation for everyone involved. This is our main goal and is an example of good government in action. We understand that some residents will be hesitant to utilize the carts. Those residents have the option of putting out one trash bag weighing not more than 40 pounds each week. The majority of residents are expected to embrace the new trash carts because they are commercial grade, very durable and free! This state of the art automated program provides the Village with the opportunity to increase our recycling footprint and pursue a positive program that benefits our residents.

Please join us for our annual Memorial Day program at the Village Hall on May 25th at 8:30am. This is a very special day when we remember and honor the brave men and women of the armed services who gave their lives for our freedom. On that note, please let's remember to be thankful for what we have. Let's all enjoy the beauty of springtime and look forward to the warm and sunny summer months ahead!

Sincerely serving you,

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety and Economic Director, **I.G.I.T.**

**Pictured are the 3 carts:
The 65 gallon recycling cart,
the 65 gallon trash cart, and
the 95 gallon trash cart.**



Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

April 21, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Council passed one Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer to apply for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Nature Works Grant for use on improvements to T. G. Young Park.

May 5, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky was excused from attending the meeting. **Council went into** Executive Session to discuss personnel, purchase and/or sale of public land, economic development and possible litigation. The Executive Session lasted about 2 hours. **The first issue** to be discussed was the amending of C. O. 1266.07, which currently prohibits keeping chickens in the Village. Councilman Denny Linville reported that a lot of people have told him they do not have any problem with people keeping chickens as long as they are cared for properly and do not become a nuisance. Councilman Brian Spitznagel said no one has made any comments to him about this issue. His main concern is whether other farm animals can be prohibited if chickens are allowed. Many other communities allow chickens, but their lots may not be big enough to allow other farm animals to be raised, such as in Cleveland. More research is needed. Discussions will continue through June, when proposals for legislation can be drafted by Solicitor Blair Melling and debated further. No residents had comments at this meeting about the chickens. **The trash contract** was discussed again. There is some confusion and concern about when the carts must be used, and when and how many bags may be used. The current trash contract is still in effect until the end of July, so there will be no required changes until then. Out of 965 homes in Walton Hills, only 7 residents have expressed concerns to the Mayor. The possible new contract has not yet been approved by Council. Councilman Paul Rich noted that some people don't bring in their trash cans until Saturday or Sunday. He would like an ordinance to make people put their cans away on garbage day. The Mayor said that was impractical and would be time consuming to enforce. It would be better just to suggest that people should do that. **Mayor Hurst passed out some information** about improvements at Young Park. He proposed adding a new game called GaGa Ball. It could be built by Village employees or purchased. It would be a good addition for 5 to 11 year olds in the Parker program. He also reported on estimates for repairs to the tennis courts and radio controlled car race track. There was one estimate of \$24,000 for the tennis courts. Mayor Hurst didn't think that should be done because of the expense and also the repairs might not last too long. There were three estimates of about \$10,500 to \$15,000 for the race track. Councilman Denny Linville said he wanted to get more bids on the tennis courts, since only one estimate had been solicited so far. Mayor Hurst said that if Council approves, he would go ahead with fixing the race track. Councilman Linville said he liked the idea of the track but he wanted to know how many Villagers use it before they spend that

kind of money. **Council passed a motion** to move the next COW meeting to Monday, May 11, so Council and the Mayor could attend an Awards banquet for Bedford School children at Birchwood.

May 11, 2015, COW meeting: There was an Executive Session that lasted about one hour at the beginning of the meeting. **The issue of chickens** in the Village was discussed again. Councilman Paul Rich read from an AP article concerning bird flu. The bird flu is devastating many commercial chicken flocks and may be spread by wild birds, including wild ducks and geese. Councilman Brian Spitznagel asked if there were any reports that bird flu had been spread to humans. Mr. Rich said that he had not read any. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky said cats and dogs can spread salmonella by walking through chicken droppings and carrying that back into the house. She also commented that home owners in Walton Hills already use their backyards as "dumps", like for lawn tractors and other stuff. They put it in the back yard, and figure no one cares. She said somebody's backyard can be the side of someone else's house. She thinks adding chicken coops to this mix would not be a good idea. No one has contacted her about this issue. Councilman Linville said that based on reports from Iowa, all chickens should be banned from the U.S. He said there is a big difference between 5 million chickens (in commercial operations) and 4 chickens in a back yard. He has only heard from about 5 residents who said they don't mind having chickens in the Village. Solicitor Blair Melling said that if they decide to allow chickens they must decide how to regulate care of chickens and who will do it. He suggested that the Department of Health be contacted for advice. Council must give him guidance on how to draft legislation. Councilman Linville said it sounded like geese were the primary carriers of avian flu and they are already in Walton Hills. They are also federally protected according to Mr. Melling. Mr. Spitznagel suggested putting a net over Walton Hills. This drew chuckles from Council. This issue will be revisited in June. **There was a brief discussion** of the trash contract. There needs to be more clarification of when to use carts and/or bags. Councilwoman Terlosky said people who can't take their trash out can hire someone, possibly from the trash contractor, to take it out. The new contract is not yet approved by Council. **The Mayor said** there will be some resolution to one level of litigation discussed earlier (in Executive Session?) at the next Council meeting. **Mayor Hurst said** he and the Fiscal Officer would meet with the Treasurer and Superintendent of Bedford Schools. He hopes to arrange for a payment plan over a four year period for the income taxes due to the schools. This is because real estate taxes had been abated for Arhaus. **The Mayor read** a Legal Notice which concerns forming a Joint Economic Development District with Walton Hills and Sagamore Hills Township. There will be a public meeting on June 15, 2015, for public comments at the Village Hall. The contract and related documents may be reviewed at the office of the Village Clerk in Walton Hills. **Councilwoman Terlosky** wondered if there was any ruling that relates to the number of vehicles placed or parked in back yards. There are some regulations, but the Mayor said it would be best to bring the issue to his office and to the attention of the zoning inspector.

Potpourri

Our condolences on the passing of **MARY JANE PIKE**, age 93 of Egbert Road. Mary Jane is the beloved wife of the late **Charles P. Pike**, dear mother of **Charles** (fiancée Janice), **Phillip (Jamie)**, **Thomas, Robert (Lorraine)** and **Mary Lou Pike**, loving grandmother of **Gwen (Graham) Roach, Diana (Mark) Michalek, Adam and Lauren Pike**, great grand-mother of **Ana, Alex, Lydia, Ephraim and Emily**, sister of the late **Dr. James and Kenneth Showkeir** and **Lila Gorham**.

Mary Jane passed Tuesday April 14, 2015. Her family was her world and the world was her family.

Mary Jane was also a Registered Nurse at **St. Lukes Hospital** and the **American Red Cross**. She helped to organize an infirmary for the **Contemplative Sisters of Good Shepherd**. She also taught Health & Humor classes at **Tri-C**.

Our condolences to the family of **CAROL A. YELENOSKY**, age 79 of Walton Road.

Carol is the beloved wife of **Richard Sr.**; loving mother of **Diane, Richard Jr. (Dorothy)** and **Janis**; dearest grandmother of **Gary (Renee), Bradley, Richard III (Dayna)** and **Amy**; dear great-grandmother of **Nova and River**; cherished daughter of the late **John** and the late **Elizabeth Scanicky**; aunt and cousin to many.

Carol was adored and loved dearly by her husband and children.

Our condolences on the family of **Terri and Ray Brenner** on the passing of **Terri's mother, PATRICIA RUTH CRICKARD** of Richmond Hts., who was known as "The Candy Lady."

Born May 9, 1932, **Patricia** died peacefully under hospice care at **Montefiore Home** May 5, 2015 at the age of 82.

She is the beloved wife of **Peter** for 66 years; dearest mother of **Terri Brenner (Ray)** of Conelly Boulevard and **Patricia Stockhausen (Jerry)**; devoted grandmother of **Katherine Iaconis (Alex), Jeffrey and Peter Stockhausen**; great-grandmother of **Clara Iaconis**.

Spotlight on

Crystal Greenwell

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

One of the Village's newest residents, Crystal Greenwell, is very excited about living in Walton Hills. She is also very excited about being the next president of the Walton Hills Women's Club. She feels extremely honored that the women in the club have been so accepting and supportive of her. She has a lot of different ideas to run by the members and some new events she wants to plan. So let's get to know Crystal!

Crystal was born in Santa Rosa, California. She moved around a lot with her family while she was young, living in southern California, Pennsylvania, Idaho, and Ohio. She attended New Castle Senior High School in western Pennsylvania and then began her college career at Butler Community College later transferring to The Ohio State University to study sculpture.

Crystal met her husband Gary in 2011 while she was working as a bartender at a pub in Columbus. He repeatedly asked her out, and she kept telling him that she didn't date her customers. Her cousin in Argentina found her a summer job as a bartender in a pub where everyone spoke English, so she bought a plane ticket and prepared to travel to Argentina. However, two days before she was about to leave a volcano erupted in Chile and the heavy ash that fell grounded all flights into the region for the next two months. She remained in Columbus and fell back on the business she had in college – candle making. Remembering that Gary worked in IT, she called him for help while building her candle website. He agreed to help her if she would go out with him. She agreed, and their relationship took off from there. Four years later – on April 25, 2015 – she and Gary were married at a private vineyard in Napa Valley, California. On an interesting side note, the volcano that erupted years earlier that prevented her from going to Argentina and was partially responsible for bringing her

and Gary together erupted again the night before they were married! They are blessed with their son Gary III who they call "Tripp" (for triple, because he is the third Gary in the family).

What brought Crystal and Gary to Walton Hills? The home of Gary's grandmother on Morningside Drive – longtime resident Mary Jane Greenwell – was being rented out and was seriously damaged due to an electrical fire. Crystal's family invested in run down houses, so she was very intrigued to see the house. When she did, she imagined that it would be perfect for her family once it was fixed up. She didn't want to raise her son in a big city like Columbus; she wanted more room for Tripp to run around. As soon as Gary agreed to buy the house, Crystal researched Walton Hills on the internet and started reading about the Women's Club, T.G. Young Park, and the Lake and she fell in love with the community. With lots of help from her father-in-law, Crystal and Gary rebuilt the house and moved in the day after Christmas last year.

Crystal is very interested in the arts. She used to sculpt utilizing mediums such as wood, clay, metal and found objects. She often would look at interesting architecture and try to mimic what she saw. However, sculpting is expensive and time consuming

and requires a lot of space. She now enjoys oil painting; she paints mostly landscapes and nature scenes. She is an avid admirer of Salvador Dali's work and appreciates his intricate use of color. She is also very handy – she built a teepee in her art studio as a play area for her son. She enjoys the theater and would enjoy getting involved in a local theater production. In addition, Crystal would love to start her own interior design business one day, open a soup kitchen, and own a boutique. She loves to cook; Asian fusion dishes and soups are her specialty.

Crystal feels that being the president of the Women's Club will provide her with a wonderful platform to get to know and become involved in the community. She is very glad that Walton Hills is so accepting of new residents and having their voices heard. She feels that it is important to make a difference, and would love to run for Council one day.

Crystal is looking forward to spending time with her family at the Walton Hills Lake this summer, and is looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends. She wants everyone to know that her house is always warm and welcoming. Her door is always open, so stop by to chat with her and have a cup of coffee!

Get to Know Crystal:

- Favorite movie – Pulp Fiction
- Favorite TV show – Breaking Bad
- Favorite actor – Johnny Depp
- Favorite actress – Sandra Bullock
- Favorite book – The Shack
- Favorite musical group – The Good Life ("their lyrics are poetry")
- Favorite song – Anywhere Is (Enya)
- Favorite vacation – Rome, Italy
- Favorite sports team – Ohio State Buckeyes (football)



Crystal and Gary enjoying their wedding day.

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Bereavements

LINDA ORESKO, who lived on Laurel Drive for a number of years with her daughter and son-in-law, **Jan** and **Ken Kato**, passed away in April. Our condolences to **Jan** and **Ken**, who now live in Macedonia. **LINDA** was an active member in the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club.

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JOSEPHINE KUMINKOSKI of Shaner Drive passed away peacefully at home in May, at age 91. **Bernard Kuminkoski**, **JOSEPHINE'S** husband, died in 1998. Our condolences to their children, **Bernard** and **Janice Kuminkoski** of Sagamore Hills, **Patricia** and **Joseph Fenske** of Mentor, **Terrance** and **Elaine Kuminkoski** of Northfield, **Janet** and **Harold Yeckley** of Cleveland, **Marsha** and **Robert Whiting** of Troy Ohio and **Nanci Kuminkoski**, who lives on Shaner Drive. Our sympathy also to their 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE was a very creative person. She dabbled in interior decorating, gardening, floral arranging, and was an expert seamstress who designed her own patterns. She enjoyed making Halloween outfits for the grand-kids – from Batman, Superman, bunny rabbit, and then Little House on the Prairie outfits when granddaughters asked for them.

In past years, she was a member of the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club. Also in past years, she and her family were members of the Walton Hills Lake. As members of St. Mary's Parish, **JOSEPHINE** was active in both Church and School functions. She was loved by her family and many friends. Her smiling face was a welcome beacon. "She was generous to others," states her daughter **Nanci**. "She taught me that trait – to always give from your heart."

The **Bernard** and **JOSEPHINE** Kuminkoski family moved into the Village in 1963. The previous year, family friend **Rose Sochacki** suggested they purchase a lot that was available on Shaner Drive. They took her advice and **Bernard**, a plumber whose business was **Bernie's Plumbing and Heating**, built their house practically by himself.

Nanci Kuminkoski, youngest of the six Kuminkoski children, has lived with her parents for the past 28 years, and works at **Transtar Industries**. Some months ago, **Transtar** gave **Nancy** a leave of absence so she could care for her terminally ill mother. Although she was the principal caregiver, **Nanci** says all family members helped care for **JOSEPHINE**.

Before moving back to Walton Hills, **Nanci** was a professional musician, performing with a number of bands. She was the lead singer and drummer of an All-Girl Rock-and-Roll Band called "Peaches." Their five piece band traveled all around the USA including Hawaii, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and a six-month tour in Australia. Her mother made all the outfits for **Nanci**, as well as for the other four girls in the band.

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Our Condolences to the family of **Marjorie (Marge) & Ray Kuchta** of Chestnut Drive on the passing of **Marge's** sister **MARY LOU PELC**, age 89. **MARY LOU** is the beloved wife of the late "Ted" and loving mother of **Tom (Mary Vincent)** and **Susan Marie Moniak (Dan)**; she is the dear grandmother of **D.J. Moniak** and **Madeline Mae Moniak** and sister of **Marge Kuchta (Ray)** and the late **Sr. Joanne Mascha O.S.U.** and **Edward Mascha (Rita)**. **MARY LOU** spent the last few years of her life convalescing at **Elmcroft (Sagamore Hills)** and receiving care from the Hospice of the Western Reserve. **MARY LOU** completely loved singing silly songs with her sister **Marge** and family members.



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Michelle Lee Begg, of Walton road, will graduate from high school on June 20th at the **Christian Home Educators of Ohio** ceremony in **Mt. Vernon, OH**. Michelle will continue her education at **Kent State University** in the fall where she will pursue a degree in nursing. Her parents, **Richard** and **Joyce**, and her five siblings are happy for and proud of Michelle



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Memorial Day activities on Bedford Square

Photographed by drone pilot and Walton Hills resident Gary Koryta



Dunham Roads. He said it is an eyesore. The Department of Natural Resources does not let you move dead trees out of the Park, but it would be possible to cut them down. They could then be dragged and dispersed within the area. A representative will address Council about the project at a later date. **The two Resolutions** mentioned above were passed.

June 2, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Mayor Hurst presented a draft of the proposal to pay Bedford Schools the funds owed for 2014 under the Enterprise Zone agreement with Arhaus. The Bedford School District has agreed to accept the \$94,476.64 owed in two installments amounting to \$50,000 by June 30, 2016, and \$44,476.64 payable by January 31, 2017. The income tax payments make up for lost property taxes due to abatement. The Enterprise Zone agreement ends at the end of 2015. According to the Mayor the trucking portion of the Arhaus business will be moved to Boston Heights but he is still talking to Arhaus about keeping the administration in Walton Hills. **In other business**, the Mayor said the big storm on Saturday did cause the some flooding in the basement of the police department. The Mayor would like to budget for fixing the drains which are too small. He discussed other cleaning up done by the Service Department and said the County has offered Emergency Management Funds. **The Mayor said the Village** will also be applying for Economic Development Grants from the Federal Government due to the loss of revenue from Ford and Arhaus. The application will be made toward the end of the year.

June 9, 2015, COW Meeting: Councilman Paul Rich was excused from the meeting. **The Mayor announced again** that there will be a meeting on June 15, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. to answer questions about the Joint Economic Development District. **There were two bids** for the trash contract. The lowest and winning bidder for the trash contract is Kimble. This will be voted on at the next Council meeting. The cost is slightly higher than the previously proposed contract with Highland Heights but still represents a savings. **Assistant Financial Officer** Katie Iaconis spoke briefly about the annual projected tax budget for 2016. The County requires this annual report. It basically shows that projected tax revenues can provide funds for necessary expenditures. **Councilman Brian Spitznagel** said that he was contacted by a

resident about a water main break on McLellan Dr. near Dellwood. He said it does seem very coincidental to fire hydrant flushing. The Mayor said there have been three breaks there since 2010. The Cleveland Water Department owns the lines and will only patch that line when it does break. The Village Engineer says soil shifting is the problem and not the hydrant flushing which must be done for safety. Only the Water Department can turn off the water when a line breaks and they do pay for damages.

June 15, 2015, Joint Economic Development District Meeting: Village Consultant Tom Jordan explained the purpose of the meeting is to invite public comment after the public notice of the proposed formation of the JEDD between Walton Hills and Sagamore Hills Township. The main benefit to the two Communities will be the ability to share income tax revenue from the Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare Campus. This tax would be at the rate of 2.5% currently levied by Walton Hills. Townships cannot levy an income tax. There were no comments except from elected officials. One Sagamore Hills Trustee thanked Mayor Hurst for his efforts to bring about this agreement. Mr. Jordan said there is still a long process toward State approval.

June 16, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Resident Jesse Martin thanked the Mayor and the Engineer for coming down to look at the drainage issues at his property on Sagamore Rd. They will investigate and work to solve his problem. **Four Resolutions were passed.** Res. No.2015-18 was to pay the Bedford Schools for the funds due under the Enterprise Zone Agreement. Res. No. 2015-19 adopted the tax budget for the Village for fiscal year 2016. Res. No. 2015-20 authorized the Mayor to accept the bid of Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. for solid waste removal and recycling services for a five year period. The new contract was put out for bids specifying that residents will have the option of using bags or carts for their garbage as they choose. This will solve the concerns of some residents. Res. No. 2015-21 approved the agreement to create the Village of Walton Hills-Sagamore Hills Joint Economic Development District. **A motion was passed** to suspend all regular Council and COW meetings until the first Tuesday in September. Special meetings will be called if needed.

Spotlight on

Paul Jablonski

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

The time has come to say goodbye to a good friend of many villagers, young and old. Paul Jablonski, one of the village van drivers who has driven many seniors and Parker Program kids for the last ten years, is heading to sunny Florida. He is the ideal person to spotlight this month, so we can all learn more about a man who has meant so much to so many of our residents.

Paul grew up in Maple Heights and graduated from Maple Heights High School in 1965. He went right into the Marine Corps after graduating from high school, and served until 1969. He was stationed in Cherry Point, North Carolina but saw active duty in Vietnam. He loaded bombs, rockets and missiles on F-4B Phantom jets.

A short time after he got out of the service, he went to school for electronics at the Griswold Institute of Electronics and obtained an Associate's Degree. He worked in the field of television and stereo repair "back in the tube days" and worked for both Singer Television and Marsh Television in Maple Heights.

If you asked Paul about other jobs he has held in his life, he would tell you that he has done just about everything! He worked at a gas station pumping gas, was a soda jerk and assistant manager at Islay's in Bedford, worked at Weather Tight, Cleveland Typewriter, Ferro Chemical and Carr Brothers. He moved to Texas and worked for a concrete company and then came back to the Cleveland area and worked for Osborne Cement driving a truck. He then became a postal carrier and worked in that profession for 15 years, retiring from the Bedford Post Office in 1994. In March of 2005, Paul became a van driver for the Village of Walton Hills, driving seniors to their appointments and children signed up for the Parker Program to their various excursions.

Paul met his wife Stacey after he got out of the service. They were married in 1972. Stacey's mother lived in Maui, Hawaii, so they thought it would be a great place to move. They did so in 1973 and they were blessed with their daughter Shayne that same year. The family lived on Maui for one year, moved back to the states for two years and went back to Maui for another year in 1976. While in Maui, Paul worked for a television repair shop and a dairy and drove a dump truck. Paul thought that Hawaii was a beautiful place to live. However, the cost of living was very high and even though jobs were plentiful, they did not pay well.

Paul and Stacey moved into their home on South Meadowpark Drive in 2003. Stacey, whose maiden name was Ankney, grew up in Walton Hills. Her father built the log cabin on Morningside Drive in the late 1940s. Paul became involved with the

village softball program because of his two grandkids – Kayli and Austin. He coached T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Mini Tails.

Paul feels that Walton Hills is a great community and he really loves the area, but his future lies in Sarasota, Florida where he and Stacey have been snowbirds for the past several years. They plan to make their big move to permanent Florida residency any time now, because he has driven the Parkers home for the very last time (the village Parker Program ended on July 30th).

Paul is very thankful that he was able to assist so many village seniors and children over the years. He thoroughly enjoyed his time here and is glad that he was able to help so many seniors who were alone and had no one else to turn to. Seniors such as Mary Vosgerichian, whose furnace air filter he would change every year, or the late Jeannette Singer, whose air conditioner he would take out before he went to Florida for the winter and put back in when he returned, or the late Elizabeth Gannon, whose dog he would take on more than one occasion to the emergency pet clinic. Paul works as a van driver at a nursing home in Florida, which he enjoys, but it lacks the personal connection that is felt with residents of our village. Instead of feeling like a van driver in Walton Hills, he always felt like a friend or family member transporting special people who depend on him – people that he truly has enjoyed helping over the years and people he is thankful that he was able to help.

To all the people of Walton Hills whose lives have been touched by this special man – not only the seniors but the Parker kids that he has driven and seen grow up over the years – Paul wants to say goodbye, and know that he will always remember you fondly. And to Paul, thanks for touching our lives and good luck in sunny Florida!

Get to Know Paul:

Favorite Television Show - NCIS

Favorite Musical Group – Beach Boys

Favorite Song – 409

Favorite Food – Seafood

Favorite Vacation - Australia

Favorite Sports Team – Cleveland Browns (especially in their heyday!)



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Our Condolences to **Jan Daniels** of **Regency Drive** on the passing of her father, **David Kennedy**, age 93, on June 14, 2015. **David** is the father of **David Jr.**, **Lucille Keys**, **Janice Daniels** and stepfather to **Robert Henderson**, the grandfather of four - **Alayna**, **Desmond**, **Travis** and **Steven**, and the great-grandfather of ten. **David** is a decorated **World War II U.S. Army** veteran having been awarded the **Victory Medal**, an **American Service Medal** and a **Good Conduct Medal**. He settled in Cleveland in 1946. **David** was interred at **Evergreen Cemetery** (Bedford Heights) on June 22, 2015.

Our condolences to **Terry** and **Cheryl Lew** on the passing of Terry's mother, **Euphrasine F. Lew**, age 85. **Euphrasine** is the beloved wife of the late **Leonard J.** and loving mother of **Linda Kapan** (Jim Morrow), **David** (Mary Ellen), **Joyce Bogus** (Paul), **Terry** (Cheryl), **Alan** (Sherry), **Dennis**, **Susan Yates** (Jimmy). **Euphrasine** is the devoted grandmother of **Eric Kapan**, **Robert**, **Timothy Bogus**, **Adam**, **Jessica**, **Brian**, **Shannon**, **Nicole**, **Michelle**, **Ben** and **Sarah Lew**, **Kelly Flynn**, and **Dillon Yates** and cherished great grandmother of **Olivia** and **Isabelle Kapan** and **Audrey** and **Alyssa Lew**, dear sister of **Richard Laskowski**, **Adelbert Laskowski** (deceased) and **Vera Hutton** (deceased). **Euphrasine** was a member of **Catholic War Veterans Ladies Aux Post 1812**. She will be missed by her family and friends.



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE!

Bridge repair work on **Egbert Road** in Bedford (over the railroad tracks) is tentatively scheduled to begin on **08-24-15** and end on **10-02-15**.

During the week from **08-27-15** to **09-02-15** the bridge will be completely closed, and traffic will be detoured. During all other times of the work, two directional traffic will be maintained on the bridge, but with use of flag persons/temporary traffic signals. Delays can be expected.





Brook Park

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City weighs purchasing safety device for residents

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Brook Park may buy safety gadgets invented by Walton Hills' mayor: USB flash drives for residents' refrigerators.

Each drive would contain encrypted information about the family, such as photo IDs, medical histories, prescriptions, emergency contacts, even funeral



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Paramedics will pop off the cover of a flash drive and plug the drive into a laptop to read a resident's vital information.

instructions. Paramedics would plug the drive into a laptop and decode it.

Walton Hills safety workers recently loaded and distributed about 100 drives for free to volunteering residents in their village, and a company formed by Mayor Kevin Hurst has sold 500 drives to neighboring Oakwood. The price is \$28 apiece for up to 1,000 drives or \$24 for 1,000 to 3,000 drives.

A representative of Hurst's company, HK64, demonstrated the devices to Brook Park City Council. Councilman-at-large Anthony D'Amico hopes the city could prepare the drives and give them out for free to volunteering senior citizens at first and maybe to younger volunteers later on.

D'Amico says the drive would give accurate information that no one at home might be calm enough or knowledgeable enough to explain. "Now we'll have all the information without asking anybody, which takes away from the response time."

Hurst calls his invention R.E.S.C.U.E USB-24/7. The acronym stands for Residents Ex-



Hurst

change information concerning Safety that can be Communicated by Uniting all safety departments in the time of an Emergency.

Hurst, a 33-year tool-and-die-maker, designed a drive with four gigabytes of memory and a holder that grips the fridge. He says he's spaced the magnets far enough from the drive not to interfere with its information.

Naturally, the drive looks like a paramedic van.

Why not just put all the information on a town's computers from the start? Hurst and D'Amico say such a method would be too easy to hack and might violate medical confidentiality laws. Instead, residents bring information to their safety departments, which then transcribe it onto the drives.

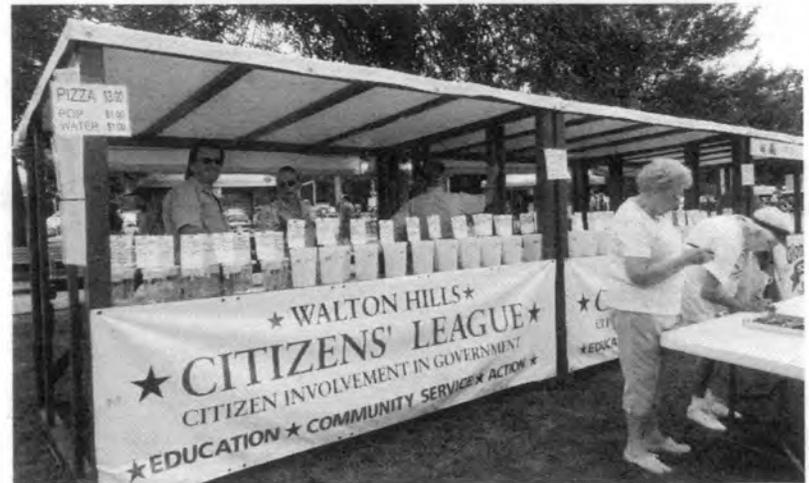
D'Amico hopes to introduce a bill in late April or early May to buy 2,000 drives plus a related computer and camera. He estimates the cost at about \$60,000. The money is not in the recently passed general budget, but he expects to be able to adjust for it.

Hurst says he hopes to turn his new business into a nonprofit. "This is not profit-making for me," he says. "I'm more trying to do a service."

The handy Hurst has also designed the village's veterans memorial and made flag brackets to be used this summer to decorate local bridges.

Community Day 2015

CITIZENS' LEAGUE -- Community Day Scenes

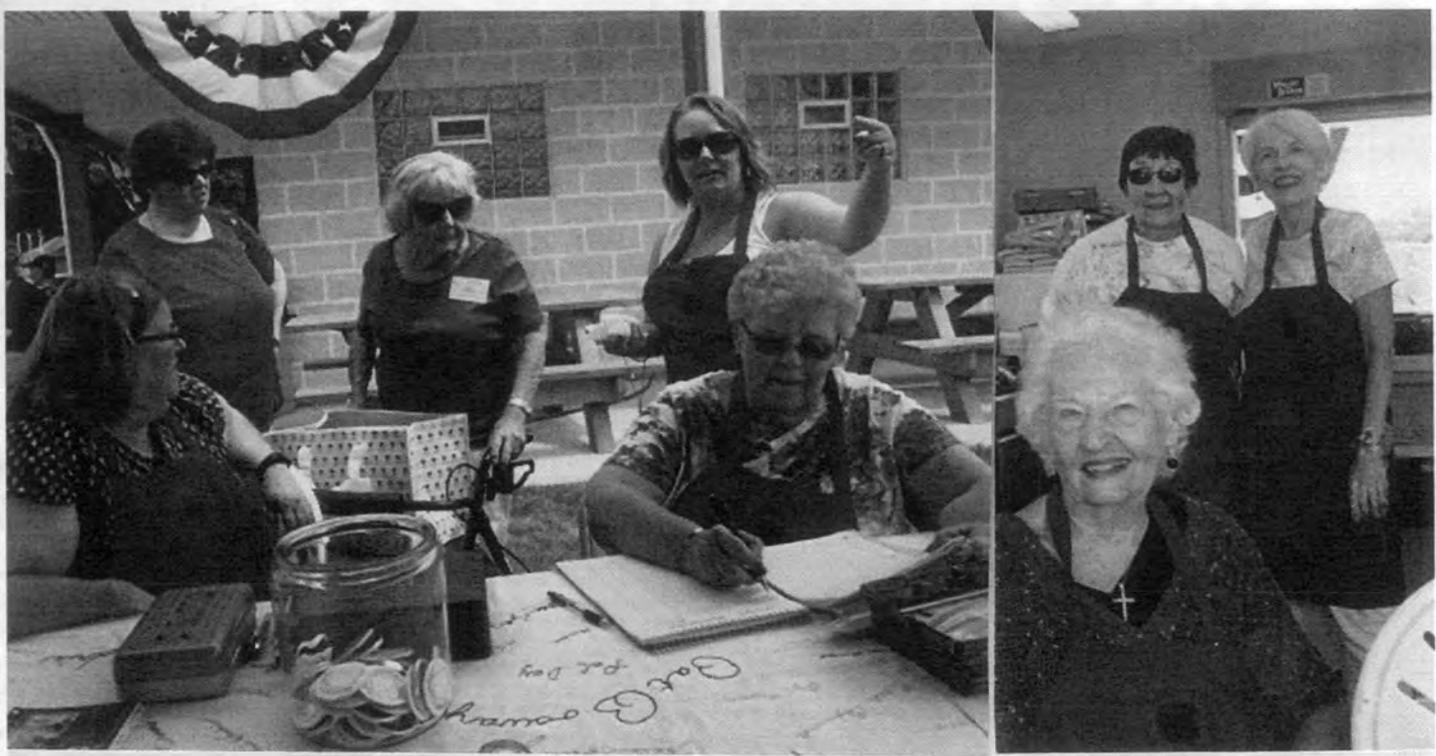


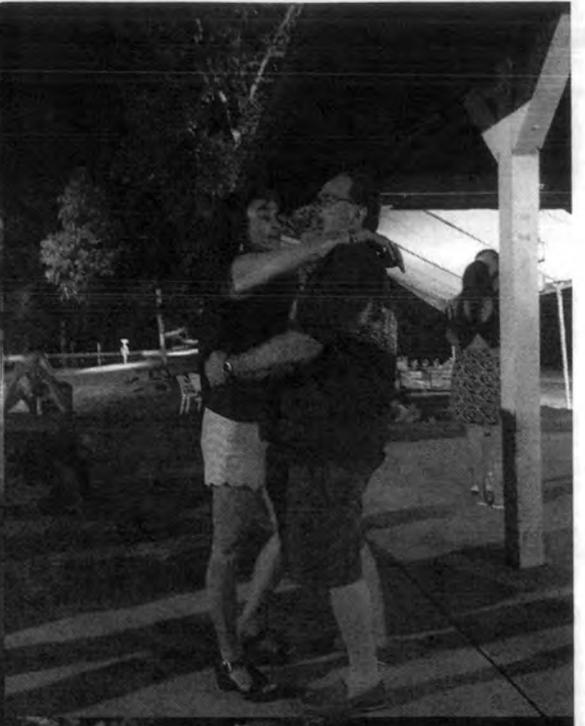


Community Day 2015



Walton Hills Women's Club
Having Fun on Community Day





Walton Hills Mayor Kevin Hurst(Proclamation)& Oakwood Mayor Gary V. Gottschalk (Key to the City)

The History of Roseland Lanes Established 1961



In August of 1961, Peter and Rosalie Scimone built and opened Roseland Lanes in Oakwood Village, Ohio. This land, once a farm, was built over the years by Pete, into a 50 lane family recreation center. During these many years of business the Scimone philosophy has remained the same: to treat our customers so they are "only a stranger but once." This means a friendly welcome, prompt and courteous service, a clean atmosphere and quality equipment for which we are proud. In 2016, Roseland Lanes will be celebrating 55 years in business.

This philosophy has been our trademark to our loyal league bowlers as well as to our many spectators and open bowlers. Even in retirement, all business operations and promotions, are overseen by the watchful eye of my parents. With the help of their family they boast that their center provides the most consistent quality service for the price anywhere.

All additions and remodeling was done by Pete over the 40 + years. He named the bowling center after our mom, Rosalie. The Snack Bar, "Pete's Café & Grille" and the Pizzeria, "Papa Pete's Pizza" and the Lounge, "Pete' Pub" is named after Pete for his love for food and his talented craftsmanship. La Casa Bella Party Center was added to the far end of the center with a separate entrance to host formal as well as informal events. The atmosphere is perfect for any event. La Casa Bella has been Oakwood Village's best kept secret.

Throughout the years Pete also worked for Brunswick Corporation while operating and maintaining his own centers. In the early 60's to the late 80's, he would install lanes & machines for existing centers as well as new centers in Ohio and the NE region. During this time, he also owned 2 other centers, Roseland Lanes 2 in Streetsboro, Ohio and Roseland Lanes 3 in Ravenna, Ohio. Their love for the sport and generating new and old customers and friends continues on to this day.

Pete & Rose were selected as the recipient of the 2008 Golden Pin Award for Center Administration. This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon them by their peers and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

Our Family goal is to fulfill my parents' dream of keeping Roseland a "Family Operated Recreation Center" where you are "only a stranger but once." Whether this will be your first or a repeat visit to Roseland Lanes, we sincerely hope you will enjoy our hospitality as well as our service and good cheer.



GCUSBC (Greater Cleveland United States Bowling Congress) Crystal Pin shaped wine decantor



Perfect "900" Series (only 17 in the whole world)

Our first 300 bowled in April 1968 Pat Vanni

- 1961 16 lane center
- 1969 28 lane center
- 1973 38 lane center
- 1981 synthetic lanes added to all 38 lanes
- 1988 added automatic scoring
- 1992 bowler express added and new automatic scoring
- Complete remodelization of the center & added 12 lanes to make 50 lanes, new
- 1995 Framework Scoring, La Casa Bella Party Center, Papa Pete's Pizza, The Rose Room and New Anvilane Lanes.
- 1997 Thunderally "Rock and Bowl" surround sound music & lights added.
- 2003 Entrances remodeled and made larger.
- Our lounge once called Laura-Ann Lounge was remodeled and added on to. It is now called
- 2004 "Pete's Pub" and features a large screen TV, 7 additional TV's, a Billiard Table, 3 Dart Boards, Mega Touch Maxx ITS and 2005 Golden Tee ITS.
- Remodeled Bowling Circles, Added round table ball racks, All 50 lanes Vector Plus Scoring with
- 2008 Flat Screen monitors. 12 Flat screen TV's between every four lane scoring monitors.

90 Years Young, 70 Years of Marriage and 55 Years in Business (Roseland Bowling Lanes)



Celebrating 90 years young,
70 years of Marriage
55 years in Business

Peter Louis Scimone



Peter Scimone was born August 26, 1925 in "Little Italy" in Cleveland, Ohio where he grew up. He is the second of four children. He went to Thomas Edison Trade High school and worked as a laborer for his Dad's construction Company doing home remodeling and building homes.

Rosalie Radicella, was born December 30, 1921 and grew up in Meadville, PA. She was the oldest of five children. At the age of 21, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio to work at a foundry and at St. Alexis Hospital as a Nurses' Aide. When our Mom first moved to Cleveland, she moved in with my dad's neighbor who introduced them. It was love at first sight even though Rosalie was four years older. They dated for three years, got engaged & married on September 1, 1945 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Eleven months later, they had their first born. They have four living children, Anthony Scimone 69, Laretta Bradford 67 (Bill), Anna Marie Slaby 64 (Chuck), John Scimone 53 (Karen) and two baby angels, Denise & Sandra. Happily celebrating 70 years of marriage, they are the ultimate example of the meaning of love & marriage.

After marriage, Peter & Rosalie owned & operated Admiral Construction Company, building homes, businesses, churches, convents and remodeling. They raised their children in Walton Hills, Ohio. Together, in August of 1961, they opened Roseland Lanes in Oakwood Village, Ohio. This land, once a farm, was built over the years by Pete, into a 50 lane family recreation center. Throughout the years Pete also worked for Brunswick Corporation while operating and maintaining his own centers. In the early 60's to the late 80's, he would install lanes and machines for existing centers as well as new centers in Ohio and the NE region. During this time, he also owned 2 other centers, Roseland Lanes 2 in Streetsboro, Ohio and Roseland Lanes 3 in Ravenna, Ohio. His love for the sport and generating new and old customers and friends continues on to this day. In 2016, Roseland Lanes will be celebrating 55 years in business.

Pete & Rosalie's favorite hobbies are helping others, cooking and baking and loves sharing his food to family & friends.

Beginning in 1968 and over the years they were blessed with eleven grandchildren. Today they have sixteen Great Grandchildren with number seventeen due on September 27, 2015.

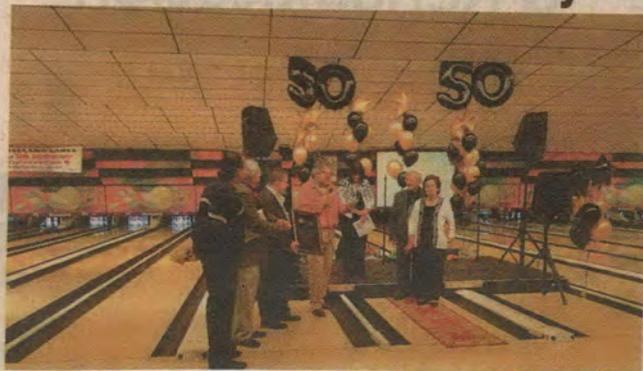
In late August, there will be a celebration of the year for 150+ family and close friends held in their La Casa Bella Party Center located behind Roseland Lanes.

One Successful, Amazing Man his family loves and are so proud of. Happy 90th Birthday Peter Scimone! Happy 70th Anniversary Peter & Rosalie Scimone! May you have many more Blessed Years filled with Love, Good Health & Happiness!

Pete and Rose Scimone
Alexander Road
Residents 1961-



La Casa Bella Party Center





Community Day 2015

Brian Spitznagel the 2015 Home Days Hero of Walton Hills' Softball Victory Over the Babes of 1916



Brian & Kathy Spitznagel
A hero's loving reward for hitting the winning home run!

It was the bottom of the 7th inning with a tense game's score tied at 19 to 19. The Babes had just scored 3 runs at the top of the 7th to tie the game when everyone's eyes were fixed on the next hitter, **Brian Spitznagel**. During the game Brian played in right field on a hot and blistering day! Everyone was thirsty, but no one realized that the one who had the greatest thirst for victory was at bat. This was not going to be a "Casey at the Bat" moment where Casey swung and missed striking out. No! No! No! A new legend was about to begin!

Phil Bordonaro, a Walton Hills resident and the Babes outstanding ace pitcher, was on the mound. He had struck out players and was just as determined to win the game. Everyone was tense at that final moment when the first batter coming to the plate was Brian Spitznagel. He slashed at the ball and it wizzed right by **Mike Blades** whose pig tail went waving from the gust of wind of Brian's blast. All you could hear was run Brian, run! And run he did! As he rounded 2nd base you could see the dust flying off of his buzzing fleet feet. Run Brian run and win the game! Around 3rd he hustled and flew to home plate with a winning run-off home run! His wife Kathy gave him a hero's rewarding kiss! **Oh what a memorable moment!**

Spotlight on

Jack Ulman

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

A big part of Jack Ulman's life has been spent on or in the water. He started sailing when he was five years old and has enjoyed this activity for decades. He (or his family) has always owned a boat until recently. He just sold his 36 foot sail boat which he kept at the Edgewater Yacht Club. His first boat was a wooden canoe that had a canvas stretch, was jib rigged and had two sails and a rudder. His love of the water has also provided him with an ideal exercise medium. He swims or does water aerobics almost every day to keep fit. He is a member of Silver Sneakers, the nation's leading exercise program for active older adults. He can work out at participating fitness centers around the country. So we know that Jack loves the water – let's find out more about him!

Jack was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in the neighborhood of Woodland Avenue and Shaker Boulevard. He graduated from John Adams High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English at Ohio University. He later earned a master's degree in Counseling Psychology at Kent State University and became a licensed professional counselor.

Jack was an English teacher and a counselor in the Bedford School System for 32 years. He retired in 1999. He worked as a photo journalist for more than 30 years, mostly with the Bedford Times Register and the Maple Heights Press (two papers that are no longer being printed). In addition, he was a wedding photographer for more than 40 years, retiring in 2012. Jack also enjoyed working as a presiding judge for the local elections for a number of years.

Jack is a firm believer in giving back, either through service organizations, churches, museums or any organization that will benefit society. He was past president of the Walton Hills Men's Club,

and was very happy with all of the good that the organization was able to do for the community. He is a covenant group leader at his church, the First Unitarian Church in Shaker Heights, where he has served for the past 30 years. He currently is the leader of their men's group. He assists the Christ Child Society as a volunteer photographer. He enjoys photographing their various luncheons and dinners and especially visits with Santa Claus. Last year he photographed 300 visits of children with Santa and recently took 150 pictures at a retirement party for the choir

director at his church. He also volunteers as a photographer for any deserving organization, and is more than happy to do so.

For the last 15 years, Jack has volunteered a couple of days a week at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a docent, giving tours and lectures on music and exhibits. He is an avid Elvis Presley fan and wears a large Elvis belt buckle to the delight of Rock Hall visitors. He has read many books on Elvis, and has even met Peter Gurainick, the author who has done most of the research and writing on Elvis.

Jack moved into his home on Spanghurst Drive 36 years ago. Walton Hills' large lots and privacy attracted him to the village. He loves the community and appreciates the very personal attention that he receives from the government employees and officials. He is pleased to say that there has never been a time when he has called the Village Hall with an issue and has not received prompt, polite and thorough treatment. He believes that the services offered in the village are incredible and unsurpassed, including the senior citizens' activities, luncheons, trips, and clubs.

What's in Jack's future? A lot of traveling and picture taking! He just returned from a trip to Fargo, North Dakota and will be heading to a vegetarian workshop in the fall in the Berkshire Mountains. He enjoys the warmth and sunshine of Florida in the winter. He has been in a long term relationship for more than 25 years and he and his special lady will enjoy their golden years visiting interesting places, on the water or on land, with many photographs to remember their memorable times together!

Get to Know Jack:

Favorite Movie – Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?

Television Show – Game of Thrones

Actor – Marlon Brando

Actress – Meryl Streep

Food – Rice and Beans

Singer – Elvis Presley

Song – Heartbreak Hotel

Vacation Destination – Florida

Sports Team – All Ohio State teams



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Bereavements

Andrew Johnston of Brenda Lee Drive passed away in June. Our condolences to **Margaret Johnston**, his wife of 56 years. Our sympathy also to their children, **Kevin Johnston** and **Cheryl** and **Anthony Moscato**. Johnston was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran and founder and president of C & K Services Inc.



Our condolences to **Anthony "Tom" Meljac** on the passing of his wife, **Elizabeth "Betty" Meljac**. Betty passed away at age 75, in late July. The Meljac family are long-time Shaner Drive residents. Our sympathy also to their children, **Mark** and **Shari Meljac** and **Denise** and **Dr. Michael Talkar**.



Dorothy Dooner of Carmany Drive passed away in late July, at age 88. Her husband, **Ed Dooner**, died in 2008. Our sympathy to their children, **Edward, Jr.** and **Rosemarie Dooner** and **David Dooner**. The Dooners moved into the village in 1981. They were active members of Walton Hills Lake. For years, Dorothy enjoyed caring for the flowers she planted around the Lake property, while her husband swam his regimen of daily laps. Also, for many years, Dorothy was a Red Coat Volunteer at Playhouse Square Theaters.



Our condolences to **Tom** and **Jane Nowicki** of Egbert Road on the passing of Tom's mother, **Theresa "Edie" Nowicki**. Theresa passed away peacefully in her Garfield Heights home in late July at age 94, seven weeks after her husband, **Barney Nowicki**, died. Nowicki family members tell us they miss her, but they are comforted by knowing their mom, dad and brother David are once again together.



Our sympathy to **Tim** and **Kathleen Price** of Chestnut Drive, and their children **Candace**, **Sarah** and **Valerie**, on the passing of Tim's mother, **Barbara Price**, who was a Seven Hills resident. Barbara, who died at age 84, had been one of 18 children.

Congratulations to **Regan Everiss**, recently graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Ohio University. She was a recipient of a Bedford Rotary Scholarship and an Ohio University Gateway Scholarship. While at OU, Regan was selected for membership in Sigma Alpha Lambda and Order of Omega honor societies. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and served as its Vice President, as well as Vice President of Order of Omega. This spring she was named Outstanding Sorority Member at Ohio University. In August, Regan began studies at Northern Ohio Audiology Consortium, pursuing a Doctorate of Audiology. Regan is the daughter of **Elizabeth Everiss** of Alexander Road and **Keith Everiss**.



September 14 marks the **30th Anniversary** for **Celeste** and **Thomas Podgurski**, of Alexander Road.
Happy Anniversary!

POTPOURRI

Bereavements

Margaret "Marge" Allen of McLellan Drive, passed away on August 19th, while convalescing at Walton Manor after a hospitalization.

Margaret, wife to **William J.** (deceased) is survived by her son, former Village Councilman and Village Council President **William L. (Patricia)** of Walton Road, **Thomas H. (Tammy)** of Sagamore Hills, and **Michael S. (Kathy)** of Dellwood Drive. She leaves behind nine grandchildren including **Jennifer Allen** of Alexander Road and **William ("Billy") Allen** of McLellan Drive, and 19 great-grandchildren that include **Johnny, William ("Little Billy"), Landon** and three great-great grandchildren. **Margaret** was the sister of **Betty Duris, Joseph Lenkey** (deceased) and **Mary Kuderna** (deceased).



Margaret was a 34-year employee of the Bedford City School District where she retired as the "from-scratch" Cafeteria Manager of Carylwood Elementary. She was always known for "doctoring" up the menu with her own homemade touches, for all of the students and teachers to enjoy. The Carylwood crew was always very lucky - sixty hand-prepared turkeys with homemade stuffing and side dishes were the norm, not the exception, each Thanksgiving and Christmas. After retirement, it was not uncommon for **Marge** to encounter former students who remembered her cooking very fondly.

Marge enjoyed crocheting and made a multitude of blankets and various items for her family. **Marge** and her sister **Mary** would make weekly journeys - with her lucky trinkets and Bingo bag - to her favorite local Bingo parlors. Throughout her life and even in her later years, she would take great pleasure in sitting on the floor, playing Legos and games and sharing popsicles with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren (and neighborhood kids). Her door was always open for everyone. **Marge** was a life-long member of St. Mary's Church in Bedford - baptized there, married there and her funeral mass was celebrated there. She prayed her rosary several times everyday and prayed for all of her family members and friends. **Marge's** love of cooking continued well past her retirement as she enjoyed cooking and baking for her family, passing down old family recipes and tips that only a fabulous Hungarian cook would know. She had the Food Network on the television most all the time, as she enjoyed learning new recipes and jotting them down on scraps of paper, wanting to try new things. She took great pleasure in hosting large meals for her family and friends - it was never a chore for her. She'd often laugh about forgetting a side dish warming in the oven, only discovering it again after the meal was finished. **Marge** loved her family deeply and she will be greatly missed.

Charles Balog of Egbert Road passed away in early September at age 63. Our sympathy to his sisters and brothers - **Deborah Minichbauer (Robert), Clark Balog, Cynthia Muni (Joseph)** and **Andrea Breedlove (Terry)**. He was the son of **Charles and Pearl Balog**. A memorial service will be held for **Charles** at a later date.

Henry Mroczka of North Meadowpark Drive passed away in August at age 66. Our condolences to his brothers and sisters, **Frank, Joseph and Frances Mroczka**. **Henry**, who served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War, will be interred at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Oh. **Henry** lived in the house his parents, **Henry and Josephine Mroczka**, built in the 1960s.

Linnie P. Komorowski, age 83 of Alexander Road, loving wife of **Arthur**, has passed away. **Linnie** is the dearest mom of **Arthur Jr. (Susan), Janice Stafford (Michael), Tim (Judy)** and **Georgie** (deceased) and dear grandma of **Arte, Lauren, Erin, Rob, Joe, Jason, Jeffrey (Molin), Sean, Tim Jr., Jill, Janna, Claudia** (deceased). A celebration of her life and memorial mass will be announced at a later date. Family suggests contributions to **Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Assn., 2500 E. 22, Cleveland 44115**

2015 Posthumous Citizen Award to the family of David S. Knapp

The Citizens' League was proud to present the 2015 posthumous Citizen of the Year award to Christine Knapp in honor of her husband, the late **David S. Knapp**. David and Christine raised their children, Heather and Michael, here in the Village, and their family has now grown – blessed with grandchildren Joshua, Evan and Hannah, along with Heather's husband, Mike Fifik.



David grew up in this area, and after graduating from Bedford High School, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. After the Knapps were married, they settled in Walton Hills in 1976.

As an energetic Community Activist, **David's** gentle guidance and tireless leadership made a lasting impact in the Village and much further beyond. **David** was an important member of many Village boards and committees; he also served a term on the Walton Hills Council from 2002 thru 2005, and served as President pro-tem of Council. He held many community volunteer offices and was a strong supporting member of The Men's Club, Walton Hills Lake, and also the Citizens League.

In his professional life, **David** had a long career working with labor union agencies. He served as Executive Director of the United Labor Agency of Cleveland from 1994 to 1998 and as apprenticeship administrator for the International Painters and Allied Trades District Council 6 – he organized and managed training programs. **David** also was Regional Chairman of Ohio's School to Work Campaign and served as Chair of the Governors Community Service Council and was a member of the Ohio State Film Commission. He was on the Democratic Party Central Committee and a Trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Bedford. **David's** star still shines brightly over Playhouse Square where he was a driving force in the very beginning of the rehabilitation of the area. He served for 23 years as a board member of the Playhouse Square Foundation.

Congratulations to the Knapp family.

Citizen of the Year 2015 - Bob Romanowski



The Citizens League announced the recognition of the 2015 Citizen of the Year, honoring one of our very special residents who has unselfishly given of his time and talents for the enrichment of our community - **Bob Romanowski**.

Bob's wife, Barbara, along with their children and grandchildren have shared in his generous, wise, warm and nurturing ways.

Bob served as President of the Walton Hills Lake Club in 2002 & 2003. As a result of his vision and effort he created an agreement between the Village administrators and the Lake Board that compensated the Lake for certain services that would be provided to all residents in the Village, including swimming for the Parker Program. This also enabled the Lake Park to make its membership fees affordable.

Bob served as President of the Citizens League thru 2013. **Bob** continued the Candidate Night program each election season by contacting all those running for office, from school board to federal candidates, to invite them to speak and answer questions. These forums were very professionally conducted, closely monitored and as a result were very well received by all who attended and participated. As President of the Citizens League, **Bob** made sure that all regularly scheduled programs were of substance and value to our residents. **Bob** also spent untold hours planning and working on the annual classic Car Show with other League members. They produced fantastic shows that would attract around 200 cars. The car shows required sponsors, trophies, entertainment, food, gifts and raffles – all of which **Bob** was able to procure & organize.

Along with these endeavors, **Bob** was a faithful volunteer as a delivery driver for the Owl.

Bob collects funding for Holiday food baskets for families in our Village Benevolent Program and if there are children in those families, he and Barb would see to it that there are toys and gifts for the kids under the tree.

Congratulations to **Bob**.

Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

August 25, 2015, Special Committee of the Whole Meeting: The meeting consisted almost entirely of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

September 1, 2015, Special Council Meeting: The Special Council Meeting was necessary to pass two Resolutions pertaining to the Joint Economic Development District. Res. No. 2015-23 authorizes the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a District Income Tax Collection and Distribution Agreement. Res. No. 2015-24 establishes an Agency Fund known as the "Village of Walton Hills-Sagamore Hills Township JEDD Agency Fund". These Resolutions allow the Village to collect income tax money in the Joint Economic Development District and put the revenue into a JEDD fund from which the funds are distributed as needed. Council members thanked the Mayor for the good job he did to help create the JEDD and bring needed tax revenue to the Village. Mayor Hurst thanked everyone for the group effort.

September 1, 2015, COW Meeting: Mayor Hurst reported that there was a meeting of the JEDD Board on August 26. Mayor Hurst will be the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board. With the passage of the two resolutions mentioned above it should be possible to start collecting tax revenue in October. **Mayor Hurst said** he has been trying for over two years to find a social worker or service to help seniors and special needs residents. He thinks Valley View may have found the best solution. They have an agreement with Associates in Lifestyle Management (ALM) to provide counseling services to seniors in need. ALM is a sole proprietorship run by Kathleen Kapusta who is a social worker and also a Councilwoman in Independence. She has a staff of 11 licensed social workers and has contracts with other neighboring communities – Seven Hills, Cuyahoga Heights and Independence, for example. There was a discussion of the issue which will be continued at the next COW. Mayor Hurst will invite Ms. Kapusta to attend. **Village Engineer** Joe Gigliotti was at the meeting to answer questions about proposals to fix 4 different drainage problems in the Village. One of the projects will be fixing the drainage and flooding problem behind the Village Hall. He also spoke about the Alexander Rd. repairs between Northfield Rd. and the bridge over 271. This is a joint project with Oakwood Village. Oakwood is in charge of the project since they have the largest portion of the work to be done. The concrete median at the intersection of Northfield and Alexander Rds. will be removed. The left turn lane will be extended to Independence Drive so that cars can leave that business area and more easily get into the left turn lane for Northfield Rd. Sensors will be put into the road to control the traffic lights at Alexander/Northfield Rds. Mayor Hurst hopes to eventually have some of the telephone poles at that intersection moved so that extra turn lanes can be added. This would be expensive (about one million dollars per pole) and could be paid for with OPWC grants and other grants. Improving traffic flow will likely help attract potential developers for the Ford property. **The Mayor reported** that there has been a problem with certain un-named persons collecting trash or scrap and putting it in their front yards. The Village dealt with one individual for two years and finally resolved the problem by taking 9 truckloads of trash out of his yard and putting \$6,000 on his tax duplicate. That person is out collecting trash again. The Mayor would like Council to consider passing a Scavenging Ordinance to prevent similar situations. Councilwoman Mary Brenner-Miller asked how that would affect some people who do repurpose usable items left out for garbage collection. Mayor Hurst said they could receive a warning and be issued a ticket if there was a repeat offence. Councilman Brian Spitznagel suggested there should be distinctions made between someone who does this consistently and someone who picks up a bicycle one time. Solicitor

Blair Melling will prepare a draft of the legislation. It will be discussed further at the next COW. **The issue of a bed tax** was discussed. The Mayor would like to have a 3% bed tax on the books before the Ford property is redeveloped in case a hotel would be built there. **Street Commissioner** Dan Stucky recommended renewing the senior/handicapped snowplowing contract with Sharpscapes, Inc. at the same price. Council agreed. **Mayor Hurst informed** Council that a new State law, HB 5, mandates municipal tax law changes. The goal is to make the tax code uniform across the State. (HB 5 does not affect local tax rates.) Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo explained some of the changes. The details are beyond the scope of this article. Most of the changes apply to businesses. Mr. Nogalo is working with four other communities – Lakewood, Euclid, Stow, and Cuyahoga Falls. Walton Hills will share the cost of a tax attorney to help rewrite each community's tax laws.

September 8, 2015, COW Meeting: The issue of hiring a Social Worker to assist Villagers in need was addressed again. Unfortunately, Ms. Kathleen Kapusta of ALM was unable to attend. There was an extensive discussion of various ways to help residents learn about all the programs that would be available to assist them with their specific situations. It was agreed that it was worth trying Ms. Kapusta service. It would cost \$75 per hour and be billed to the Village on an as needed basis. Costs would be capped at \$5,000 per year. The goal is to help keep residents of all ages in their homes safely. Recreation and Community Life Director Carol Stanoszek would coordinate the program. **The proposed Scavenging Ordinance** will be discussed further in October. **The Alexander Rd. repair** project has been calculated to cost about \$370,000 for the portion of the road work in Walton Hills. That amount will be paid to Oakwood since they are in charge paying the total cost of the project. It was reported that the large drains under the railroad bridge were blocked. They will be cleared out and repaired. **Council went into an Executive Session** to discuss possible litigation, personnel and purchase or sale of property.

September 15, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: One motion was passed to renew the contract with Sharpscapes, Inc. for snowplowing for winter 2015-2016. Two Ordinances and five Resolutions were passed. **Ord. No. 2015-3** amends the Village of Walton Hills Board of Tax Review. These changes are mandated by the State of Ohio. **Ord. No. 2015-4** establishes Chapter 893 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills providing for an excise tax on lodging (bed tax of 3%). **Res. No. 2015-25** accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. This is required to be done annually and confirms the current inside millage of 0.3 mills which goes to the Police Pension Fund. (This is not a tax increase.) **Res. No. 2015-26** confirms Council's appointment of two members to the Board of Tax Review in the Village of Walton Hills. Mary Alice Moran and Art Ward were appointed. **Res. No. 2015-27** authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Associates in Lifestyle Management (ALM) to provide social work services to the residents of the Village. **Res. No. 2015-28** authorizes the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to pay Oakwood Village an amount not to exceed \$370,000 for repairs and/or improvements to Alexander Rd. **Res. No. 2015-29** waives the bid requirement of C. O. 230.06 and authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Toaz Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$27,350 for various repairs to Village property. This refers to drainage problems behind Village Hall.

The man behind the vision...

This is a story about a father's love for his family and his desire to open a business with his sons. Lou Morganti Sr. had watched his sons Louis Jr. and Richie working their entire lives for other people. Louie Jr. is a talented mechanic. Richie is an aerospace engineer. Both sons are successful in their fields. Lou Sr. always enjoyed working on his cars with his sons. Those were the best and most enjoyable times for Lou and the boys. Lou Sr. is a collector of cars. He has 7 classics in his collection.

This past March 2015, Lou Sr. was at the IX center and bought an old 1956 Ford pickup truck at the auction. It looks like the truck that was used on the TV show "Sanford and Son". Many of Lou's friends were wondering why he bought this ratty looking old truck considering every one of the 7 cars in Lou's collection is pristine and top shelf. People were curious and for some time Lou would be asked "Why did you buy that ratty looking truck"? Lou's response was "Because I have a vision." At this point in time Lou had a vision. He knew he would be opening a shop with his sons but not all of the pieces of the puzzle were in place. With this in mind he had the 56 Red Ford truck lettered in the style that was used in the "Sanford and Son" TV series. It read Morganti and Sons, OLD TIME AUTO SERVICE.

Lou Sr. or 'Uncle Louie' is a local celebrity in the world of television commercials. Many of you probably remember Lou from the Lifestyle Furniture commercials. "Uncle Louie" with his famous chain saw. Well "Uncle Louie" is back!! He's back with his famous chain saw at Old Time Auto Service where "WE WORK ON EVERYTHING....almost" is his motto. As a matter of fact "Uncle Louis" has a few ideas percolating for his commercials on the drawing board right now. Stay tuned to your televisions for his new commercials.

Back to the story of how "Old Time Auto Service" was born... Lou kept his ideas quietly to himself and continued to pursue his vision. With God's help he found a location at an affordable rate. He made the design in the 50's style featuring decorum and artifacts from the 50's. Being an old car collector Lou was right at home turning his passion into a business with his sons. Soon this became a family affair as everyone helped to turn Lou's vision into reality. It's a dream come true!!!

Lou's philosophy is "WE WORK ON EVERYTHING...almost". "Old to New". This is a top shelf facility featuring 3 restrooms, 2 offices and 4 bays, along with honed top shelf service from expert ace mechanics. It's like a car hospital that's immaculate and back to the 50's style. Your car comes in sick. Your car goes home fixed.

Lou Morganti has been a resident of Walton Hills for 45 years. He is an avid car collector enthusiast and most of the time you can see him driving around the area in his Silver Bullet..1951 Chevy Fleet line Fastback...But if you see an old ratty looking Red 1956 Ford pickup truck on the streets don't think of "Sanford and Son"-it's probably Lou or one of his sons doing something for 'OLD TIME AUTO SERVICE'

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Village Pancake Breakfast -

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Bereavements

John DiBlasi, passed away at age 83. **John** is the beloved husband of the late **Mildred** and loving father of **John, Jr. (Debbie)**, **Michelle Wysocki (Bob)** of Spanghurst Drive, **Shari Dutton (John)** and **Tammy Schroeder (Steve)** of Walton Road. **John** is grandfather to 11 and great-grandfather of 4; he served in the U.S. Air Force.



Fern Conte, of Alexander Road, passed away in mid September at age 92. Her husband of 32 years, **Harry Conte** passed away several years ago. Our sympathy to their children, **Linda** and **Thomas Drake**, **Harry** and **Catherine Conte** and **Fern** and **Michael Miele** and eight grandchildren.



Ed Werden, of Jefferson Drive, passed away in late September at age 80. His wife, **Sandra Werden**, died two years ago, in June. Our condolences to their children, **Wells** and **Karen Werden** of Livonia Michigan and **Wendy** and **Donald Werden** of Tucson Arizona, and two grandchildren. The Werdens moved into the Village in 2001.

A few weeks before he died, **Ed** wrote the following passage: "What a great place to live, even if you live alone. After a long illness, you need a ride home from rehab. No siblings, children live out of town, who do you call? A neighbor of course. You get home and are in need of supplies; your neighbor goes shopping for you. Who collected you mail? That friendly guy two houses down. Who provided an evening meal? You guessed it. Who looked after your home while you were gone? Our loyal safety forces. These folks are your lifeline!

"Now, how can **you** be a good neighbor? Your neighbor has a cranky old mower that won't perform. You have a very good mower not being used. Now she uses the mower to keep our neighborhood looking terrific. One neighbor helping another. You can be that kind of neighbor too.

"This is Walton Hills, the 'best location in the nation.' I know because this is my story. This is my neighborhood. I am here to stay."



Pancake Breakfast - Mark Your Calendar!

When? Sunday, November 8th 9 am - 12:30 pm

Who? The Village of Walton Hills and the Walton Hills Women's Club are hosting

Where? The Village Community Room.

Why? Help us Salute our Veterans.

Menu: Homemade breakfast of **pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit, milk, tea and coffee** awaits you.

This event is for Everyone in the Village, so come, meet and chat with your neighbors!

Cost: Breakfast for all Veterans is FREE. For the rest of the community, the suggested donation is **\$5.00** each, **\$3.00** for children ages 3-12. There is a **\$14.00** cap for all the members of an immediate family, and Breakfast is **FREE** for children ages 2 and under.



Congratulations, Mantua Mfg. Co. on Northfield Road, in Walton Hills

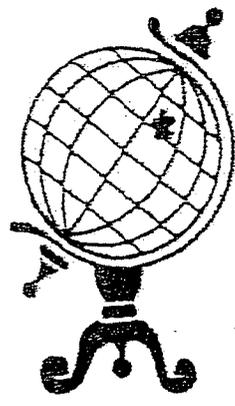
The September 10th issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, printed a large feature article about the adjustable bed market. Sales of adjustable beds has become one of the hottest products in the U.S. furniture industry.

Many people are purchasing these "hospital-style" beds for their bedrooms. They have anti-snoring features, reduce back pain, and are a "convenient perch for binge watching or working on a laptop."

David Jaffe, president of the privately-owned **Mantua Mfg. Co.** is quoted as saying that sales of Rize-brand adjustable beds made by his company have more than doubled for each of the past several years, and will do so again this year. "We feel like we've not even scratched the surface of potential demand."



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Walton Hills Owl



The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

Located in the Village Hall Community Room is open

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4th 2015

1:00 pm – 3 pm and 7:00 – 8:30 pm

How We Became Known as "Walton Hills"



The Village of Walton Hills is named for the Walton family.

It's true that in 1835, the Abner Waltons bought acreage, and settled along a dirt road in our section of Bedford Township. A year later, Cuyahoga County dedicated the road, naming it Walton Road. A few years later, Abner's brother, Benjamin Walton, and his family settled along Walton Road. As years went by, family members continued to buy acreage, build homesteads and farm much of the land along Walton Road, from its north end at Egbert Road southward toward Sagamore Road.

...But, we could have been named "Little Egypt." Years before 1835, farm families settled along Egypt Road. They named their community "Little Egypt." Not only was our Village not called Little Egypt, in 1907 when Egypt Road was merged with Dunham Road, Egypt Road lost its name.

...We could have been called "Alexander." Two years before the Waltons arrived here, in 1833 the Andrew Alexander family settled on Alexander Road. Alexander family members accumulated over 230 acres of farmland along both sides of Alexander Road, between Canal Road and Dunham Road. They marketed their crops, raised farm animals for their monetary value, became quite prosperous, and had a road named for them.

We are probably named "Walton Hills" because in the 1940s, when our local leaders started to work together to push for incorporation of our Village, they all had ties to the Walton Road area of Bedford Township, and they knew the Bedford Township trustees and City of Bedford Leaders. It was probably our local leaders of the 1940s who chose to name the newly-created southwest section of Bedford Township "The Village of Walton Hills."

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POTPOURRI, *continued*



Congratulations, to Dan and Christine Pocek of Walton Road
Their home was featured in the Dream Homes section of the September 20th issue of the *Plain Dealer*. **Dan** and **Christine** moved into their new house on Walton Road in January of 2014. Their house was selected as one of twelve Dream Homes in northeast Ohio for the NARI Remodeled Homes Tour of September 2015. The lower level of the Pocek home, custom-designed by Kitchens by LoGrasso – a NARI contractor, has several unique features; walking into the basement feels like an extension of the first floor, and opens outside to view the densely wooded back yard.

Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

September 22, 2015, Special Council Meeting: A special meeting had to be called to meet a deadline for applying for an OWPC grant. The funds, if granted, would be used to improve the intersection at Alexander and Northfield Rds. Solicitor Blair Melling explained that the notice to apply for this grant comes with a very short window of opportunity, thus the need for a special meeting. Resolution No. 2015-30, authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant for the funding of capital infrastructure, was passed.

October 6, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: This meeting was almost entirely devoted to an Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending litigation, purchase or sale of real estate and economic development.

October 13, 2015, Public Meeting on Infrastructure followed by the regular COW Meeting: The Village is applying for a \$150,000 Federal Community Development Block Grant. It is necessary to hold a public meeting to allow residents to voice opinions on the grant application. There were no comments from the public. The grant will be used for improvements in the business district around Krick Rd. if approved. Last year the application was not approved, but the Village has qualified to apply every year for 10 years starting in 2014. **When the COW meeting** commenced, the first topic was House Bill 5, the new State law that changes O.R.C. 718 to make tax law more uniform across the State. Finance Director Vic Nogalo and attorney Terry Seeberger, Solicitor for the Village of Navarre, gave a lengthy presentation of many of the details in the new bill. The old Village tax ordinances in Chapter 890 will continue to be in effect for years prior to 2016. A whole new Village Chapter 891 will be written to comply with the new State law. The new tax laws will take effect in 2016 and will not be retroactive. The new code will be put on First Reading at the Council meeting on October 20. **Mayor Hurst reported** that a settlement had been reached in a lawsuit filed by Marie Santoli. It will be voted on next week. **The ordinance to regulate scavenging** will be on First Reading at the next Council meeting. **The Council went** into Executive Session to discuss personnel. No further business was discussed.

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Council Highlights

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October 20, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: The first part of the Council meeting was devoted to the presentation of the award for completion of the Ready Cuyahoga County Certification Program. It is a significant achievement for the Village Safety Forces to receive this award. They had to train for at least 6 months to meet County requirements. It means they are prepared to protect the community from natural and man-made disasters. **Two ordinances** had First Readings: **Ord. 2015-5**, the anti-scavenging law, and **Ord 2015-6**, which contains the new municipal income tax laws mandated by the State of Ohio. One ordinance and three resolutions were passed. **Ord. No. 2015-7** repeals and replaces Chapter 260 of the Village Codifies Ordinances. This relates to employment positions, wages and other compensation. **Res. No. 2015-31** authorizes the Mayor to resolve the appeal filed by Marie Santoli in response to the finding of the U.S. District Court in favor of the Village. Ms. Santoli will be paid \$25,000 by the Village insurance company. Council decided it was wise to pay this settlement amount because it probably would be less than the cost of further litigation. **No. 20 Res 15-32** authorizes the Mayor and Village Engineer to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. **Res. No. 2015-33** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Parma Heights, Ohio for tax administration services. One change in Chapter 260 in Ord. No. 2015-7 allows the Mayor to share this service and other services with another government entity with the consent of the employee, appropriate compensation for the cost of the employee, and Council's approval so long as it does not cause detriment to the Village or Village Services (260.19 Shared Services). **A motion was** passed to not have a COW meeting on Election Day, Nov. 3.

November 10, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky was excused from the meeting. Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo and Mr. Terry Seeberger presented revisions to the proposed Village legislation to address the income tax law changes required by the State of Ohio. After their comments, Councilman Brian Spitznagel asked a long list of questions. He clarified some issues, suggested some changes, and pointed out a number of typographical errors. Mr. Seeberger, Mr. Nogalo, and Solicitor Blair Melling discussed the suggestion at length and will make some changes. **Mayor Kevin Hurst** said there will be a lot consolidation and a lot split of property belonging to First Energy on Northfield Rd. After the lot split, the Village will buy a 2.65 acre lot for \$5,000. **There was a discussion** of utilizing a Community Reinvestment Area provision to grant NPK 50% property tax abatement. If the tax reduction is 50% or lower the Bedford School system does not have to be reimbursed for the loss of tax revenue. This simplifies the process of giving a business incentives to remain and grow in a community. NPK intends to expand its operations in Walton Hills. It will provide an additional \$25,000 per year in income tax revenue. **Mayor Hurst provided** Council with drafts of the current status of the 2015 budget and the proposed 2016 budget. Council will review these drafts and discuss the budgets in detail at the December COW meetings. The 2016 budget may include a 2% raise for employees and a

13% increase in the cost of health insurance. The Police Department will be negotiating a separate contract soon. The Mayor gave Council a long list of items that he believes should be completed in the near future if not next year. Council will decide which items to include in the 2016 budget. One project would be to try to make sure the bathrooms at Young Park are less vulnerable to vandalism. He would like to put roll up doors on the Concession stand to keep animals and vandals out of the hall way between the food service area and the bathrooms. He reported that there has been a lot of damage. **Ms. Katie Iaconis**, the Assistant Fiscal Officer, told Council about proposed debt consolidation. The Village will be paying down about \$50,000 in past road debt (Alexander and Dunham intersection improvements) and debt for police cars and service department vehicles. They will issue new lower debt notes while adding new debt-- \$600,000 for the Sagamore Rd. reconstruction and \$300,000 for the current Alexander Rd. repairs. That brings the total debt to be voted on next week to about \$1,275,000. These are notes that the Village will actually buy and owe to itself. This practice saves money for the Village. **The Mayor passed out a draft** of a possible ordinance to allow chickens to be raised in the Village. It contains some very detailed regulations. Council hopes to study this and discuss this subject more in December.

November 17, 2015, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky was excused from the meeting. The anti-scavenging ordinance (**Ord. No. 2015-5**) had a second reading. Residents can still comment until final passage in December. **Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo** passed out the corrected version of the new Village income tax laws. No major changes were made and Council decided to pass the amended legislation (**Ord. No. 2015-6**) rather than have a second reading. Timely passage was important in order to coordinate the new tax law with the new Joint Economic Development District law. The State mandated tax law changes had to be done by January 1, 2016. **Ord. No. 2015-8, 9, 10, 11, and 12** provide for the issuance of \$1,275,000 in debt for the projects mentioned above. **Resolution No. 2015-34** expresses Village support for the "Lights out for Hunger" program. **Res. No. 2015-35** approves the lot consolidation and the lot split at 7401 Northfield Rd. confirming the action of the Village Planning Commission on October 29, 2015. This resolution refers to 6 small lots owned by First Energy. They will be combined into one lot which will then be split into two lots. One lot will be available to NPK for its expansion. **Res. No. 2015-36** terminates the Job Creation Incentive Grant with NPK Construction Equipment. This incentive program was passed in 2008. Due to the economic downturn at that time, the job goals were never met and the grants were never given. It was necessary to terminate the unused agreement to make way for a new Community Redevelopment Area incentive program which will be passed at a later date. **Solicitor Blair Melling** announced that he is going to be helping Walton Hills restructure the law department. He will be reducing his hours and helping out for some time while a new Solicitor is selected.

Spotlight on

Julius S. Kerekes

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

When you ask Julius S. Kerekes about his life, he simply replies in his quiet, soft-spoken voice, "God has blessed me with the most wonderful life." That soft-spoken voice may not have been so quiet during one of the most horrendous times in history, World War II; more on his military service a bit later.

First, let's meet Julius Kerekes who also goes by the nicknames Jay and Jack. Julius is 93 years young, born on January 23, 1922 in Bedford. Julius graduated from Bedford High School in 1939 where he studied typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, all of which helped him while he served in the US Army under General George S. Patton; again we'll dive into his time in the military soon.

After high school, Julius attended the Dyke Business College for one year before joining the Dougherty Lumber Company in 1940. While there, Julius worked as a secretary to the wholesale manager and did counter and telephone sales. In 1942 Julius was drafted into the US Army. After his military service, Julius returned to Dougherty Lumber Company in 1945 and met his wife of 68 years, Grace. Julius says that meeting Grace was "one of the greatest highlights of my life."

Another highlight of his life was serving in the army during World War II. When he was drafted, Julius joined the 69th Medical Regiment in Camp Maxey, Texas. In 1943 Julius was sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio where he trained to become a member of the Third Army headquarters staff, which gathered information on both Ally and Axis Forces during the European invasions of World War II.

On March 13, 1944 Julius, along with the other members of the Third Army, boarded three ships and headed overseas to Europe. Julius traveled on the French



liner "Ile De France" which had to zigzag through the waters to avoid the German submarines. The "Ile De France" successfully landed in Scotland where Julius and the other members of the Third Army headquarters staff traveled to Knutsford, England by train.

The headquarters for the Third Army was located on the second floor of an English mansion called Peover Hall and that's where Julius first met General Patton. There was a ballroom on the first floor of Peover Hall known as the "War Room." The "War Room" had several maps pinpointing where American and Allied Forces were and where German Forces were located. The G-3 Operations Section posted the American forces and the G-2 Intelligence Section, Julius's section, posted the German Forces. Since he was the highest ranked enlisted man in the G-2, Julius supervised the men posting information on German Forces, meaning Julius was around General Patton a lot. Julius says during that time he witnessed a number of tactical decisions.

About a month prior to the Invasion of Normandy (June 6, 1944), General Patton was assigned the job of preparing a fictitious Allied Forces alternate invasion of France. Julius said that General Patton gathered a group of officers in the "War Room" to discuss the plan and needed someone with stenographic ability to record the meeting. That's when Julius was called upon by his boss, G-2 Colonel Oscar Koch. When asked what it was like working with General Patton, Julius

replied, "I was shaking in my boots as General Patton dictated a summary of the proposed operations." On December 24, 1944 Julius was awarded with the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service which was pinned on his lapel by General Patton.

After the war, Julius returned to the United States and married Grace in August 1947. The couple built their home on Spanghurst Drive in 1948; it was the first house on the street! Julius and Grace were blessed with a daughter, son and grandson. Also in 1948, Julius began working for WEWS-TV5. During his forty years working in television, Julius held several positions, including national sales manager for 13 years. When channel 5's parent company Scripps-Howard Broadcasting moved its headquarters from New York to Cleveland, Julius became the executive assistant to the president of Scripps-Howard. Julius retired in 1988.

Julius and his wife Grace have been active in Walton Hills and the surrounding communities throughout their lives. Julius is a lifelong member of St. Mary Church in Bedford, he's a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club (Grace was a charter member of the Women's Club), the 50-Plus Club, and the Bedford Historical Society. The couple spent several years vacationing at their cottage on the Ottawa River in Quebec and in San Diego, California. Julius and his wife Grace were also avid square dancers! In 2006 Julius was inducted into the Bedford High School Alumni Hall of Fame and in 2009 Julius was pleased to participate in a WWII Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, DC to visit war museums and Arlington National Cemetery. Julius has had a remarkable life and said he wouldn't change anything about it. He has a lot of stories to tell, so if you see him around the village, be sure to ask him to tell you one!

POTPOURRI

Bereavements

Thomas Reming of Alexander Road passed away in October, at age 66. Our condolences to his wife, Karen Reming and their daughter, Kelly Reming, who lives in Ravenna and will soon complete her coursework for a Degree in Nursing.

Tom served in the U. S. Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War with the 1st Aviation Unit in the 116th Assault Helicopter Company, in Cu-Chi and then Chu-Lai, Vietnam. He was a life-long member of the V.F.W. **Tom** followed his mother's advice, "You fight for your country and you don't divorce your wife." **Tom** and Karen were married for 42 years.

He was noted for his expertise as a successful negotiator. After being a marketing manager for two major roofing companies, **Tom** decided to go into business for himself. He was the founder and manager of Reming Roofing, Inc. for the next 15 years.

Tom served two terms as President of the Walton Hills Men's Club. He was a Past-President of C.S.I., Construction Specifiers Institute, an organization of Engineers and Architects. **Tom** was a Girls' Softball and Fastball Coach for the Walton Hills Recreation Department, and then a coach for the Emerald Necklace League.

He won many ribbons in competitions for his creative, hand-carved wooden duck decoys. **Tom** also loved to golf and work on the eight acres of land that he and Karen own along Alexander Road.



Our sympathy to Celeste and Thomas Podgurski of Alexander Road on the passing of Celeste's mother, **Dorothy Cimino**, age 90 years old. **Dorothy** is also the beloved wife of the late Salvatore and cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Bandiera, and caring sister of the late Christine Barry, Gasper "Peppi" Bandiera and Joseph Bandiera. **Dorothy** lived with Celeste and Thomas for past the few years. "She felt she was very blessed to be able to live with us for her last years, and we were glad to have her with us," states Celeste. "My mom loved living in Walton Hills, she kept commenting to us that the houses and yards are kept so neat and clean."



Our condolences to the Wareham family of Dellwood Drive on the passing of **Peggy Wareham**, wife of John Wareham. **Peggy** passed away at age 51, after many years of debilitating, poor health. Our sympathy to John Wareham who now lives in Maple Heights. Like his sisters and brother, John grew up in the Village of Walton Hills. Our sympathies go out to John's parents, Lloyd and Marie Wareham, and his siblings Jean Woodall (Rick) of Macedonia, Bill Wareham of Hudson, Karen Moore (Jack) of Carlisle Ohio and Mary Figler (Dr. Richard) of Solon.



Our sympathies to the family of Steve Crooks, of Chestnut Drive on the passing of Steve's father **Myron J. Crooks**. **Myron** passed away October 1st at the age of 78. **Myron** is the beloved husband of Virginia and loving father of Jeff (Roberta) and Steve (Misty). **Myron** is the cherished grandfather of Taylor, Tara, Phillip, Charleen and Christina and dear brother of Richard (deceased). **Myron** was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.



Thank You

"Thanks, from the bottom of our hearts, to the Villagers of Walton Hills who either sent a card, provided food, made a call, or attended **Tom's** services. We appreciate the quick response from the Emergency Squad of Oakwood Village. Thank you, also, to the members of the Walton Hills Women's Club who provided the delicious lunch after **Tom's** funeral, and those who gave their time serving it." Sincerely, Karen and Kelly Reming

POTPOURRI, continued

Guess Who?

Many of us know who **Paul Pojman** (left) is. He is a cantor at St. Mary's. And we know **Choeli Ingold** (middle); she is the music director at St. Mary's.

But do you recognize the handsome young man on the right?

Hint 1: *He is a senior at Muskingum College.*

Hint 2: *He once sang with the Singing Angels.*

Hint 3: *He used to sing the National Anthem at the Memorial Day function at the Village Hall and Citizens' League's Car Shows.*

Hint 4: *When he is home on break, our neighborhood is honored to hear him singing in the yard.*

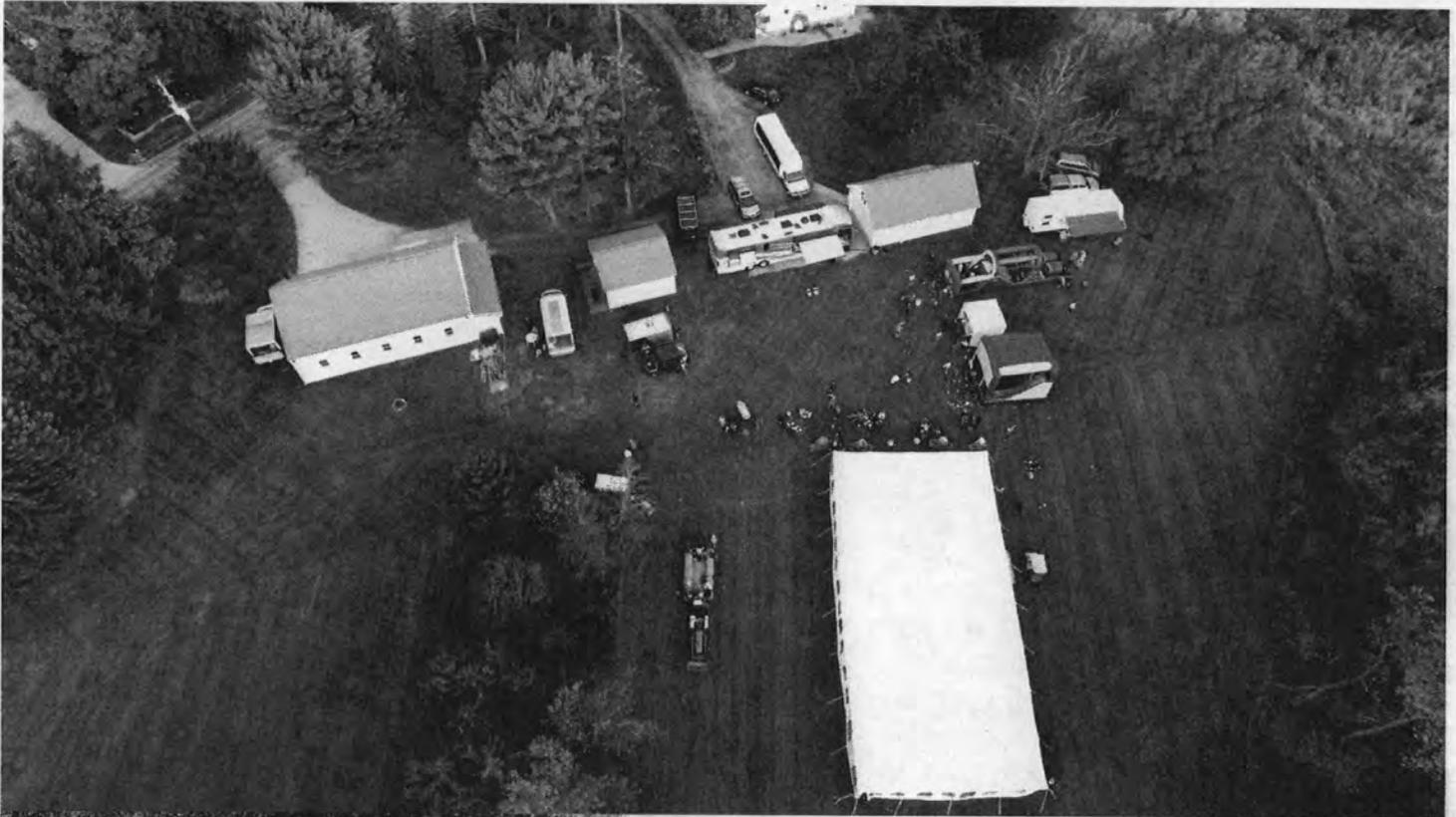
Hint 5: *His mom is **Cindy** and his dad is **John**.*

If you have not guessed, he is **John Webb**, of Carmany Dr. He has grown into a fine young man and is very successful in his music studies. Continued good wishes to you in all that you do, **John!**

**POTPOURRI, continued**Welcome New Residents!

Sarah Dairymple of 19409 Sagamore Road
and

Jerome Mazuchowski and **Laura Lynn Miller** of 7451 Morningside Drive



Photos from the Fall Harvest
 Celebration given Oct. 10
 by the Joe Klukan family

7350
 Dunham Road acreage



CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Our membership & guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Spennatos for our Christmas party.

The night started out with cocktails and music.



A toast was made honoring our recently departed past President. Bob Romanowski.

During dinner, we were visited by Santa Claus himself who stopped in to deliver some candy canes and warm holiday wishes!



After dinner, a multitude of door prizes were given and many party-goers participated in challenging party games to win additional prizes.



As the night wrapped up, each guest was generously given gifts of chocolate, wine and cookies and was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year by the Board Members!



A Few Scenes from Community Day... 2015



Walton Hills Veterans from All Wars



Adler, George (Navy)
 Allen, William L (Navy)
 Allen, William J (Army)
 Ananea, Benjamin J. (Marines)
 Ananea, Michael (Navy)
 Annett, Daniel W. (Air Force)
 Assad, Todd (Air Force)
 Atkinson, Leroy (Army)
 Barber, Carl W.
 Barnes, C.J. (Air Force)
 Begg, Josiah
 (Air Force Active National Guard)
 Bell, John
 Bills, John A. (Army)
 Blair, James P. (Army)
 Bobowicz, William John (Army)
 Bokshon, Robert J. (Army)
 Bolling, Jacob (Army)
 Bosway, Bill (Naval Air Reserves)
 Brenner, Leonard G. (Army)
 Brenner, Raymond J. (Army)
 Brown, Ronald
 Bruitz III, Jack (Air Force)
 Buhrow, Mark (Navy)
 Butwina, Mathew (Army)
 Cashman, Tom (Army)
 Ceccardi, Leroy (Marines)
 Charsanko, Richard (Army)
 Chesnik, Albert T. (Army)
 Cifani, Remo E. (Marines)
 Cinburek, Charles J.
 (Army Air Corps)
 Clements, Robert (Army Air Force)
 Collins, William R. (Army)
 Collise, John
 Conelly, Ludwig S.
 (OH Natl. Guard, Army)
 Cook, Richard (Army)
 Cotter, Donald (Navy)
 Croft, Thomas J. (Army)
 D'Amico, Nick (Marine Corps)
 Daniels, Jim (Army)
 Davis, James H.
 Deak, William A. (Navy)
 Demyar, Michael (Army)
 DiCarlo, Russell
 Dill, Carl (Army)
 Dimarco, Frank (Marines)

Dowling, Dick (Army)
 Eckert, Ed
 Elam, David (Air Force)
 Elam, Jack (Army)
 Falcon, William
 Fazio, Sam
 Fecko, Thomas A. (Navy)
 Fiore, Thomas (Navy)
 First, Robert J.
 Folton, Ernest A. (Air Force)
 Frank, Charles (Army)
 Fuhrmeyer, Andy (Air Force)
 Fuhrmeyer, Roger (Navy)
 Gazdik, Joseph D. (Army)
 Zisimos, Giatis (Air Force)
 Gibbons, Dennis J. (Army)
 Gigliotti, Victor (Army)
 Giordano, Joe (Marines)
 Grams, Raymond (Army)
 Gray, Gilbert (Army)
 Green, James W. (Navy)
 Greenwood, William (Army)
 Gulajski, Ronald S.
 Gunya, Ronald F.
 Hackbart, Perry (Army Air Force)
 Hallaran, Thomas (Navy)
 Hanslik, Norman (Army)
 Harris, Richard (Army Air Force)
 Leonhardt, Sr., Donald J. (Army)
 Hegedus, Frank
 Hejl, Andrew (Army)
 Heiman, Don (Army)
 Hopkins, Dick (Army Air Force)
 Horwath, Frank (Marines)
 Hrabak, George
 Ignaut, John J.
 Jablonski, Paul M. (Marines)
 Jajola, Joseph
 Jatsek, John L. (Army)
 Jecman, Ken (Marines)
 Johnson, Phillip I.
 (Army Air Corps)
 Juran, Carl
 Kainsinger, Robert G. (Air Force)
 Kaiser, David (Marines)

Kalman, Sr., Robert (Navy)
 Kalman, Jr., Robert (Navy)
 Kapla, David (Naval Reserves)
 Kara, Julius
 Kato, Kenneth R.
 Kelly, Garen (Marines)
 Kerekcs, Julius S. (Army)
 Kibler, Ken (Naval Reserves)
 Kieliszek, Chester J.
 Delmar, Kirk (Army)
 Kirk, Roy (Air Force)
 Kirschnick, Norman L. (Army)
 Klukan, Dennis (Navy)
 Klukan, Ron (Army)
 Knapp, David S. (Coast Guard)
 Kobys, Walter
 Koester, Holly (Army)
 Kohn, Ed G. (Army)
 Kolis, Joseph
 Kolis, Raymond A. (Air Force)
 Komorowski, Arthur F.
 Kopinsky, Edward D. (Army)
 Kovar, Alan R. (Air Force)
 Kozak, Terry J.
 Krakowski, Thomas (Army)
 Kuchta, Michael (Air Force)
 Kuchta, Raymond G. (Army)
 Lautanen, George H.
 Lavrencik, Joseph (Army)
 Leonhardt, Sr., Donald J. (Army)
 Lerchbacher, Frank F. (Army)
 Levanduski, Ray
 Linville, Denny (Army)
 Liscoe, Al (Marines)
 Liscoe, Jack (Coast Guard)
 Liscoe, Sr., Michael (Army)
 Liscoe, Jr., Michael (Army)
 Liscoe, Ray (Army)
 Lynch, James A. (Army)
 Madej, Leonard (Army)
 Madej, Richard (Army)
 Maggio, Nick (Army Air Force)
 Maggio, Sr., Ralph (Army)
 Maggio, Jr., Ralph (Army)
 Maire, Joseph G. (Army)
 Mancini, Ronald (Army)
 Maras, James C. (Army)
 Mardigian, Jerome (Marines)

Marino, Joseph P. (Army)
 Marshall, William (Army)
 Matia, Eugene (Navy)
 Mazzone, Joe
 Mazzone, Tom
 McDonald, John (Naval Reserves)
 McLean, David (National Guard)
 McLean, Robert (Navy)
 McNamee, Charles (Air Force)
 McRitchie, Dale (Army)
 Meda, Arthur M. (National Guard)
 Menti, Frank (Air Force)
 Miavitz, Jr., Fred (Army)
 Miller, Earl
 (Army Engineers Corps)
 Minichbauer, James G.
 (Army Air Corps)
 Mone, Russell W. (Navy)
 Moore, W. Glenn
 Mroz, George (Army) **MOROZ**
 Neading, Andrew (Navy)
 Neilsen, Jr., Frederick (Army)
 Niro, Kyle (Marines)
 Noeth, Dewitt (Army)
 Ochwat, Allan J.
 Orenski, Eugene H. (Navy)
 Organiscak, Brian P. (Marines)
 Organiscak, Jr., Francis (Marines)
 Organiscak, Sr. Francis W. (Army)
 Oriti, Joseph A.
 Ottaviano, Faye (Army)
 Ottaviano, George (Army)
 Pace, Benjamin (Army)
 Palgut, Alan L. (Army)
 Palgut, Joseph (Army)
 Palgut, Kenneth J. (Marines)
 Palik, David (Army)
 Pankratz, Alfred R.
 Pekar, Joseph C. (Navy)
 Petranek, Steve C. (Army)
 Phillips, David (Army)
 Picada, Joseph
 Pike, Charles Patton (Coast Guard)
 Pliske, Donald B. (Army)
 Pollock, Edward J.
 Ponikvar, Robert (Army, Army Reserves, OH National Guard)
 Pracejus, Walter J. (Coast Guard)

Provance, Kenneth H.
 Rada, Jr., John J. (Army Reserves)
 Ramsey, Bill (Coast Guard)
 Reboudo, Joseph
 (Army OH Natl Guard)
 Reming, Thomas W. (Army)
 Renau, Hubert F. (Army)
 Reynolds, Paul S. (Army)
 Ricco, Michael (Army)
 Richer, Edward (Navy)
 Richer, Ronald (Navy)
 Riddles, Gary (Navy)
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The 'Hospital Bed' Gets a Makeover

Sales of adjustable beds get a lift as retailers promote USB ports, anti-snoring features

By James R. Hagerty

What was once known as the hospital bed has become one of the hottest products in the U.S. furniture industry.

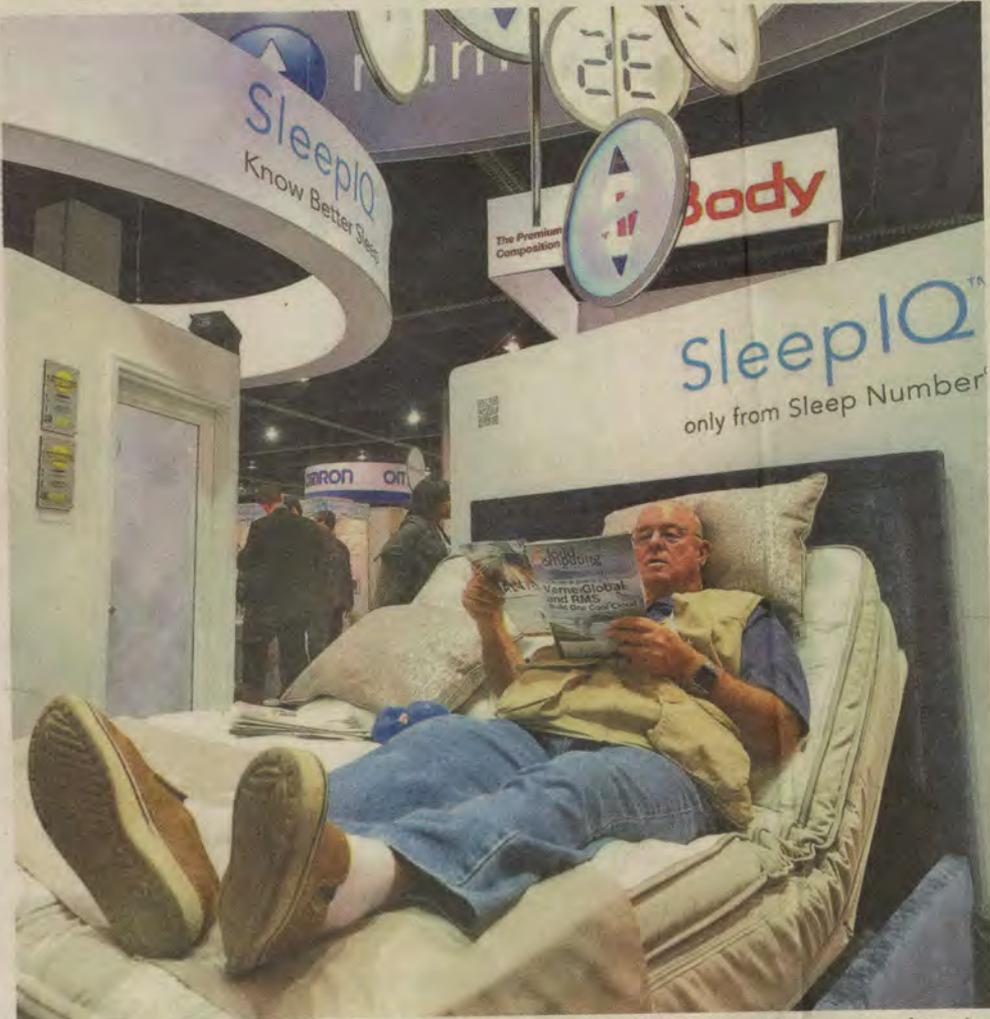
Bed makers have stripped off guard rails, spiffed up styling and attached such features as remote controls, USB ports and massage, along with the basic ability to raise or lower the head and foot of the bed. Companies such as **Select Comfort Corp.** and **Ergomotion Inc.** promise benefits including reduced back pain and snoring, plus a convenient perch for binge watching or working on a laptop.

Urian Cofer, who manages a cellphone and laptop repair shop in Grand Rapids, Mich., expected to spend around \$2,000 on a king-size bed when he went shopping recently. A salesperson at Art Van PureSleep, a bedding retail chain, persuaded him to splurge \$3,800 for a mattress, adjustable base and accessories. Mr. Cofer said he sleeps better with his head raised slightly and he likes the tilt for reading or watching television.

"The mattress is becoming the recliner for the bedroom," said Jerry Epperson, a partner at Mann, Armistead & Epperson Ltd., a Richmond, Va., investment bank specializing in the furniture industry.

The International Sleep Products Association, a U.S. trade group, estimates that wholesale shipments of adjustable bases sold via mattress companies in the U.S. rose 36% last year, compared with about 2% growth for the overall residential furniture market. Adjustables now account for at least 5% of the bed market, it said. Most are made in China or Taiwan.

Traditional bases for queen beds can sell for as little as \$100 to \$200. Queen-size adjustables start around \$600 and mostly sell for \$800 to \$1,800. Some people spend \$10,000 to \$12,000 for deluxe mattress-and-bed sets. So retailers have a strong incentive to promote adjustable beds.



Bed makers have been spiffing up styling for adjustable beds, which include features like massage and remotes.

"There used to be literally just one adjustable bed on the floor, and it was way in the back, and the sales assistant wasn't even sure if it worked," said Jay Thompson, head of the adjustable-bed business at **Leggett & Platt Inc.**, which makes bed bases and furniture parts. Now retailers feature them prominently.

Michigan-based Art Van PureSleep, which has 38 stores across the Midwest, puts adjustable bases under all the beds displayed on its shop floors. David Van Elslander, its president, said about 30% of mattresses the chain sells are sold with an adjustable base, up from less than 10% a few years ago.

At **Select Comfort**, which makes upscale bedding sold through its Sleep Number stores, average revenue per mattress sold was \$3,671 last year, up

from \$2,424 in 2010. That is largely because more people are choosing pricier flexible bases, said Chief Executive Shelly Ibach.

Minneapolis-based **Select Comfort** started in 1987 as a maker of beds marketed via informercials to older people with back pain. Now, with 467 stores across the U.S., it also targets people age 30 to 54 with household incomes over \$75,000. This year it introduced children's beds, starting at about \$800, or \$1,100 for those with a head-lifting function.

Some **Select Comfort** television ads tout an anti-snore function: If your bedmate is snoring, you can press a button and elevate his or her head by six or seven degrees. That tends to "interrupt" mild snoring, said Ms. Ibach, and is more polite than an elbow to the ribs. "We like to say

we save marriages," she said.

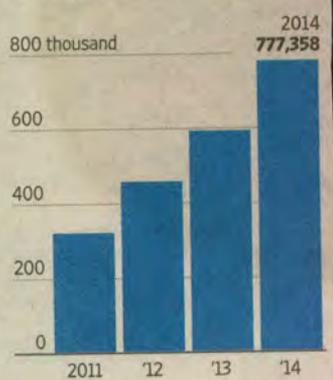
Elevating the head could help relieve mild sleep apnea or snoring in some cases, though it is far from a cure-all, said Dr. Amy Atkeson, assistant professor at Columbia University Medical Center in New York. Lying with the head elevated can increase pressure on the tail bone and would be uncomfortable for some people.

One downside is that adjustable beds, with moving parts and electronics, have more potential for glitches than traditional ones. Patricia Gillingham, a retired nurse who lives in Green Valley, Ariz., said she used the remote control to try to flatten out her Tempur-Pedic adjustable bed last year. Rather than going flat, the head and foot both kept rising into a U shape.

"I ended up with a bed that

Power Nap

Shipments of adjustable bed bases by mattress makers to U.S. retailers



Source: International Sleep Products Association
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was reminiscent of a taco shell," she said. A furniture store employee later came out and showed her how to reboot the controls under the bed. As she gets older, she said, "there's going to come a time when I'm not going to be able to crawl under the bed and reboot the stupid thing."

A spokesman for **Tempur Sealy International Inc.**, maker of Tempur-Pedic beds, said problems with them are infrequent. He added: "When they do occur, we work hard to correct them as quickly as possible."

People in the industry say sales growth for adjustables is bound to slow from the recent torrid pace but should stay strong.

David Jaffe, president of privately owned Mantua Mfg. Co. in Walton Hills, Ohio, said sales of Rize-brand adjustable beds by his company in the U.S. have more than doubled for each of the past several years and will do so again this year. "We don't feel like we've even scratched the surface" of potential demand, he said.

One challenge is persuading people to pay several thousand dollars for a mattress and adjustable base.

Martin Rawls-Meehan, chief executive Ascion LLC of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., which makes Reverie adjustable beds and mattresses, has his pitch honed: "Why is OK good enough? You're talking about something you're going to spend a third of your life on."

Dear Mr. Edward Smolkowicz,

*Thank you so very much for the gorgeous Christmas Lights display each year.
It is the most beautiful one in all of Walton Hills!*

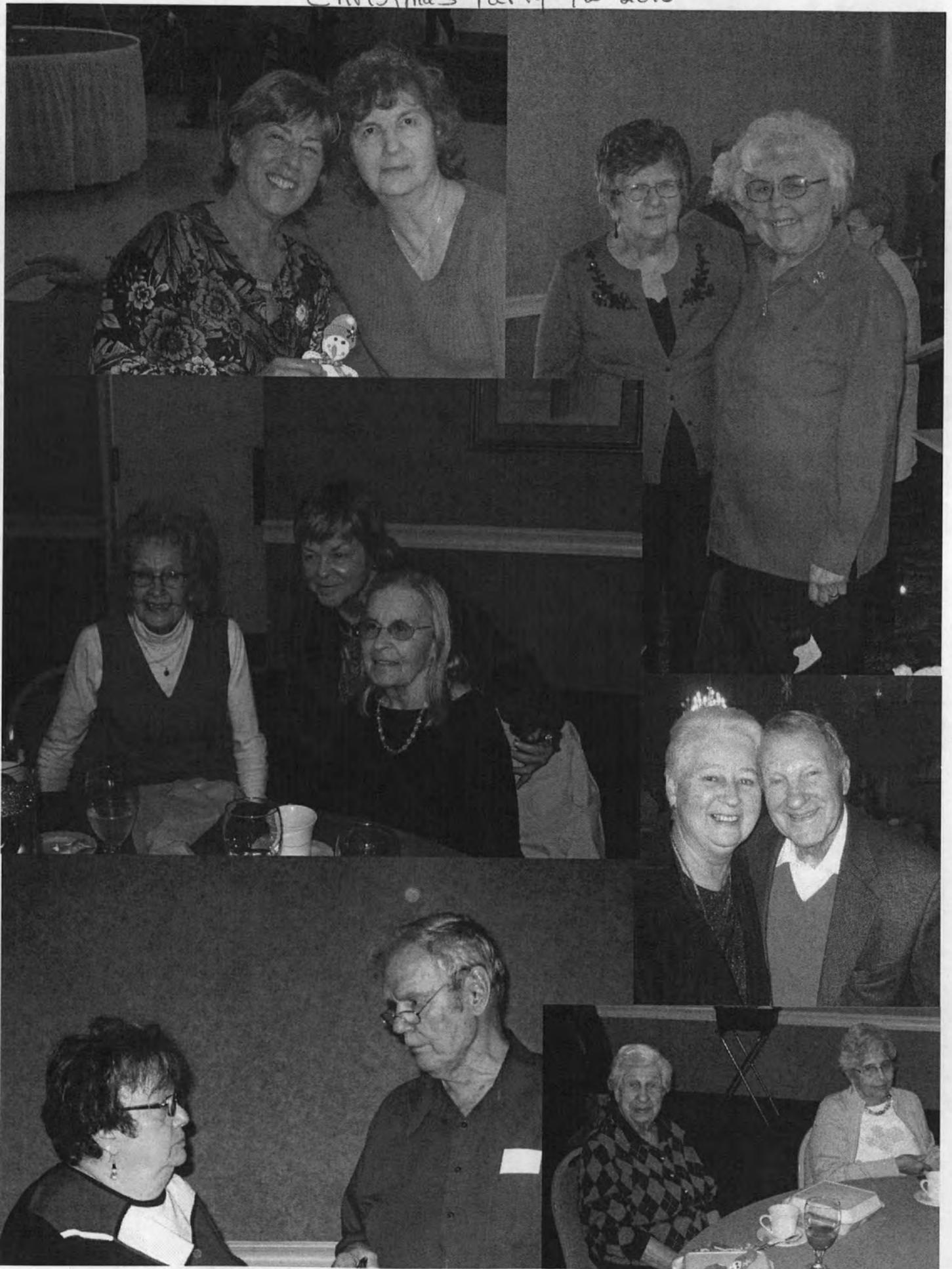
Your handiwork makes me smile every time I drive by McLellan and Jefferson Drives.

Sincerely,

Patty Allen



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50+ Club Christmas Party
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Bereavements



Our condolences to **Barbara** and the entire **Romanowski** family on the death of **Robert "Bob" Romanowski**. **Bob** passed away on November 29th at the age 73. **Bob** is the loving father of **Thomas (Danielle)**, **Janet** (deceased) and three others and stepfather of **Dorothy Petrow (John)** and **Richard Pijor (Sheryl)**. **Bob** is the dearest grandfather of **Joseph, James, Kristin, Anthony, Zachary, Samantha** and six others, and brother of **Carl (Nancy)** and **Esther**, uncle of **Amy** and **Matthew**. **Bob** was a member and past President of the Walton Hills Citizens League, the Walton Hills Lake Club and the Nifty-Fifties Car Club. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Bedford and **Bob** was interred at Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg.

In 2015, **Bob** was recognized by the Citizens' League as Citizen of the Year. He was honored as someone who unselfishly gave his time and talents for the enrichment of his community. **Barbara**, along with their children and grandchildren have shared in his generous, wise, warm and nurturing ways.

Bob served as President of the Walton Hills Lake Club in 2002 and 2003. As President, he initiated and was instrumental in obtaining a non-profit designation that saved the Lake Club thousands of dollars in taxes annually.

Bob also served as President of the Citizens' League through 2013. During his years in Citizens' League, **Bob** continued the Candidate Night program each election season and spent untold hours planning and working on the past Classic Car Shows. For many years, he collected and recycled various metals and donated these funds to the MetroHealth Burn Unit. Many, many years ago, on behalf of the Citizens' League, **Bob** and **Barb** initiated the practice of collecting funds for holiday food baskets for families and gifts for children in need in our village.

Along with these endeavors, **Bob** was a faithful volunteer as a delivery driver for the Owl.

Bob will be greatly missed by many, including the residents and organizations that he volunteered for.



Sokol Sunday Dinners at the Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44127 On **January 24, 2016** dinner (**Pork Steak, Dumplings and Sauerkraut, Coffee & Dessert**) will be served from 1PM to 2:30pm. The cost for dinner is **\$13.00** and any questions can be directed to **Olga Nemecek at 216-447-0264**.



In Concert: John Webb of Walton Hills, Jan. 3 at 1:00PM

Please join us at **St. Mary's** in Bedford for an ideal close to the Christmas Season! **John Webb**, Walton Hills native and former student of St. Mary's school, will perform a recital of well-known Christmas tunes, classical repertoire, and some of Broadway's finest showstoppers!! The recital will begin at 1:00 p.m in the church. Soprano **Coeli Ingold** of Walton Hills, who is Director of Music at St. Mary's, will also join John in a few duets that you are sure to recognize and love, including "All I Ask" from **Phantom of the Opera**.

A free will offering will be taken to aid John in furthering his musical studies as he ventures on to grad school to pursue a career in the performing arts. **St. Mary's** is located at 340 Union Street in Bedford. Please call the office at (440) 359-8205 for more information.



Spotlight on

Charron Cox

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Some people make it their life's mission to serve others, and that is exactly what Charron Cox has done. From serving the community while working for the phone company, to helping patients decipher their medical bills and to donating to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, Charron just wants to help others.

Before we learn about her service in the community, let's learn a little bit more about Charron. She was born on December 23rd in Cleveland and raised in the Hough Neighborhood. Charron said that growing up in a diverse community, attending several schools, and being around the famous Harlem Globetrotters has helped shape the woman she is today. Charron's father was the traveling manager of the Globetrotters and she said, "We were always exposed to different cultures, different people. It was a really happy environment!" She is also very proud that her father played professional baseball in the Negro Leagues. He was with the Cleveland Buckeyes in 1945 when they won the Negro League World Series.

In school, Charron was in the Major Work Program, a gifted education program that gave her the opportunity to attend a variety of schools outside of the area and prepared her for the working world. After graduating from East High, she worked for the Ohio Bell Telephone Company which was owned by AT&T. It later became known as Ameritech, then SBC and is now AT&T again. Charron recalls telling her parents that she would only work at the phone company for 6 months, but she felt that it was such an exceptional place to work that she ended up staying there for 32 years before retiring from the company. However, after retirement she stayed with SBC for an additional five years doing consulting work. The telephone company paid for her college education. Charron attended the annex of Capitol University



located in Cleveland while she was still working at the telephone company. She graduated with honors and earned a degree in business management and communications.

Charron said she had several unique opportunities working in the telecommunications industry, including introducing the additional 888 toll-free services across the United States. The industry had to introduce 888 because they were running out of numbers. Charron received several awards for her work. Another unique memory from working at the phone company is that Charron remembers meeting John F. Kennedy Jr. on a plane to Martha's Vineyard. She was on her way to give a phone company presentation. Charron said he was so handsome, charming, polite and courteous!

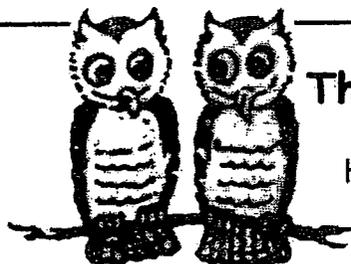
Charron is currently working for the Cleveland Clinic in its customer service department. She helps patients understand their medical bills, which often times is confusing. Charron interacts with patients and explains to them what all of the terminology means. "I feel that I can help people and that makes me feel good." She continues, "Many people are sick, they don't understand their bills and it's frustrating for them. So, I enjoy this because I feel like I'm helping."

Charron spends a lot of time working in the community, but she doesn't forget about spending time with Joe, her husband of 43 years. She said Joe is a

wonderful person and she couldn't have asked for anyone better! They have one son, Joseph. Charron and Joe have lived in Walton Hills for 13 years. Charron feels that Walton Hills residents are wonderful, nice people who do a lot for others in need, which is right up her alley! She gave the example of when Hurricane Katrina happened and several of the victims from New Orleans were relocated to Ohio. Charron organized a donation drive along with residents and close friends Judy Annett and Maddie Timm, who took over 100 boxes of items to help the victims.

Charron has done a lot in the village. She was a member of the Southeast Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for several years and she was the secretary and trustee of the Walton Hills Lake. Charron took part in the police department's first Senior Citizens' Academy. While riding along with an officer, she was in a high speed car chase! She recounts: "We came upon somebody, he told him to pull over and he didn't! We didn't catch him. He was going around 100 mph. You could hear me say, 'Oh my God! My husband is going to kill me if I get killed!'"

Even after her car chase experience, Charron said that she's been very blessed and very fortunate. She loves her church, Destiny, which is located in the Chamberlin Middle School in Twinsburg. The church is looking to purchase The Edge, a sporting complex, on Route 82. Why would the church buy a sporting complex? If you ask Charron, the answer is simple, "Our thought process is you can reach out to the young people that way. I love that. I love people, I always have loved people." So, if you're young or old or somewhere in-between, no matter your age, if you need help, Charron is only a phone call away. She would love to help you!



The Story about the *Walton Hills Owl* "Owls"

Have you ever wondered why two perched Owls are on the Banner of the *Owl*?
Or, who chose the name *Walton Hills Owl*?
Here's the scoop.

Back in early 1957, the *Walton Hills Owl* was the inspiration of DeWitt and Margarete Noeth. They were considering calling their publication the *Walton Hills Owl*, using the motto "The Whoo Whoo of Walton Hills," and including a drawing of an owl on its banner.

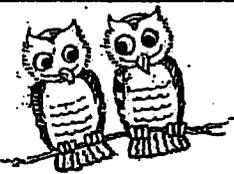
Margarete Noeth asked Betty Walton if she had any pictures of owls. Betty couldn't find any appropriate pictures, but as an avid ceramic crafter, she looked through her ceramic molds, and found a few owl molds, including one of two owls sitting on a perch. She baked samples of owls in her kiln, painted them in natural colors, and within days showed them to Margarete. The one they liked best was of two owls on a perch. Margarete and Betty then asked a friend to draw sketches from the ceramic owls. You know which sketch they chose for the banner of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

The ceramic owls that were used to compose the *Owl* banner are on display in a showcase at the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center, in the Village Community Room.

DeWitt and Margarete Noeth, who lived at 17456 South Meadowpark Drive, were the Editors of the *Owl* until 1965, when they moved from the Village.

Betty Walton was a volunteer police dispatcher from 1952-1960, Clerk of Council in 1951, then a Village secretary until 1974. During her childhood years she lived in a farmhouse at 7095 Walton Road. Betty and her husband, Walton Hills Police Chief Sterling Walton, lived in the house they built for themselves at 7215 Walton Road.

We have no record of the name of the Villager whose sketch has been part of the banner for the past 59 years.



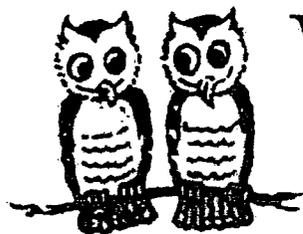
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Bereavements



Ronald J. Roch, of Rashell Drive, passed away in mid December, at age 79, after dealing with Parkinson's Disease for ten years. Our condolences to his wife, **Mary Elizabeth**, to whom he was married for 53 years. Our thoughts also go out to their children, **Gary (Renae)** of Twinsburg, **Robert (Jessica)** of Dunham Rd, **Michael (Carolyn)** of Auburn, and **Christopher (Krista)** of Peninsula, and to their nine grandchildren.

The **Roch** family moved to Walton Hills from Bedford over 30 years ago. The three older boys graduated from Bedford High School and their youngest from Chanel High School. "**Ronald** enjoyed being with and interacting with his children," said Mary. He also like to read and watch sports. He volunteered at the Jennings center in Garfield Heights. He and Mary were lifetime members of St. Martin of Tours parish

Mr. Roch served in the U.S. Army and later worked for the Clevite/Morgan-Matroc Company for 40 years. He was the President of its Bedford, Ohio Matroc-Piezo division.



Carl A. Juran of Alexander road passed away in early January. He was 83 years old. Our sympathy to his wife **Barbara** and their children **Robert (Michele)** of Independence and **Joanne (Richard Dreier)** of Bedford and their three grandchildren, **Elizabeth, Emily and Colin**,

About 30 years ago, **Carl** and **Barbara** moved into Walton Hills from Bedford to care for **Carl's** mother **Alma**, upon the passing of her husband, **Carl's** father, **Adolph**.

Carl served in the Air force during the Korean war, and was an Oho Bell retiree. He was an avid gardener, growing all the plants in his 150' x 150' garden from seed



Christine M. Butwina of Spanghurst Drive passed away in January at age 88. **Christine**, her late husband **Matthew**, and their family moved into the village in 1963. Our condolences to their children **Kathy (John Bennett)**, **Jack, Randy (Kellie)**, **Barry (Nancy)**, **Wendy Rostankowski** and **Tammy Manelski**, and to their 13 grandchildren, their 11 great-grandchildren and to her sister Patricia Pidala of Egbert Road.

Christine was a seamstress and created doll clothes and wedding gowns in addition to altering clothes. She quilted and was a fine arts painter. Over the years, her artwork was displayed in local exhibits and can be found in the homes of family members and others who appreciated her work. Each year **Christine** sent out hand-made Christmas cards - she even had parts of her 2016 Christmas cards pre-cut and ready for assembly.



Former resident **Pamela "Pam" (Bosell) Giglio** passed away in mid-January, at age 58, at home and with her family. **Pam** grew up in the village, on Shaner Drive. Her parents, **Jim and Betty Bosell**, preceded her in death. **Pam** was a nurse at MetroHealth Medical Center for many years. Our sympathy to her husband **Bill Giglio**, and her children, **Matt Giglio** and **Rick and Sara Giglio**.

Spotlight on

Jane Nowicki

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

If you've visited the Walton Hills Village Hall through the years, you probably know Jane Nowicki. She has been a friendly face in Walton Hills, both living and working here, for many years. As Jane prepares for the next chapter of her life, retirement, we're going to take a look back at her past and ahead to her life after retirement.

Jane was born one minute before June, her identical twin sister, on January 26, 1956 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Cleveland. She spent the first year of her life living in Little Italy before her family moved to the west side, first to Brook Park and then to Parma Heights. In 1974, Jane graduated from Valley Forge High School. After high school, she attended and graduated from Cleveland State University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. Jane said she remembers becoming interested in television, radio and communications when she was a young girl. Jane's uncle gave her a reel-to-reel tape recorder and she and her sisters recorded their own productions at home. She put her degree to use at Cleveland State; she worked in the Audio-Visual Department and as a typesetter for the school's publication, the *Cleveland State Cauldron*.

Jane started her first job at Waldenbooks during high school. It was located in the Southland Shopping Center in Middleburg Heights. She worked there during and after college. In total, Jane was there for ten years, six as a bookseller and then four years as assistant manager. She then became the manager of Waldenbooks at Southgate for a year before moving on to manage Waldenbooks at Summit Mall in Fairlawn. After seven years there, Jane was burned out on retail and decided it was time to move on to the next chapter in her life. She took a little over a year off, did some volunteer work, and considered her options. On March 14, 1994, Jane began work with the Village of Walton

Hills as assistant to Mayor Edward L. Thellmann.

Jane and her husband of 33 years, Tom, have lived in Walton Hills since 1983.

June's boyfriend set Jane and Tom up on a blind date in 1978. Tom, however, had a pretty good idea what his date would look like! They went to a Journey concert that evening and have been together ever since. She remembers driving through the village with Tom and seeing a "For Sale" sign in front of a house on Egbert Road; that was on a Friday. Jane called the realtor on Saturday, viewed the house on Sunday and then bought the house on Monday! She and Tom enjoy their home across from Bedford Reservation with their two cats. Jane said she loves living in Walton Hills because it is beautiful and peaceful and has an abundance of wildlife. She enjoys brisk walks through the Metroparks or biking on the Towpath or the Bike and Hike trail. She loves to cross country ski and is an avid swimmer. She swims every day in the summer at the Walton Hills Lake.

After retirement, Jane plans on doing a lot of traveling, especially to Florida, the western states and the national parks. Jane also plans on doing a lot of reading, volunteer work, and going to Progressive



Field to cheer on the Tribe! She is a devoted Indians fan and season ticket holder. She wants to thank Councilman Denny Linville for inviting her to be a partner in his season ticket package in the mid to late 1990s when the Tribe was at the top of their game! She has great memories of attending several playoff and World Series games. Jane's fandom goes back to the 1960s. She said she cried when the Indians traded Rocky Colavito for the second time! Jane also plans on brushing up on her gardening and culinary skills. She's a pescetarian, that's someone who is a vegetarian but also eats fish. Jane's going to have an adventurous retirement! We here at the Village of Walton Hills wish you a lot of good luck in your retirement Jane!

I have enjoyed my time at the Village Hall and am grateful for the opportunity to meet and assist many of our residents over the last twenty plus years. I am also thankful for the friendships I have made with my co-workers, and fondly remember Mayor Edward L. Thellmann, Business Manager Mike Derynar, Police Chief Joseph Barr and Officer Don Schulz who have all sadly passed away. Although it will be difficult to let go of my current routine and daily ritual, I am looking forward to embracing a new chapter in my life and I am excited about what lies ahead!
Jane Nowicki

Get to Know Jane

Favorite Movie	Field of Dreams, Rocky I and II
Favorite TV shows	Old sitcoms like The Golden Girls and The Andy Griffith Show
Favorite Actor	Tom Hanks
Favorite Food	Vegetarian pizza
Favorite Singers	John Denver, Dan Fogelberg, Cat Stevens
Favorite Songs	Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd, Rocky Mountain High by John Denver
Favorite Vacation Places	Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier National Park
Sports Team	Cleveland Indians

Spotlight on

Merry Anne Hilty

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village



Merry Anne Hilty has been in a classroom learning, or teaching for most of her life. Prior to her arrival in a classroom, however, Merry Anne arrived in Findlay,

Ohio on December 17, 1944. Her parents chose to spell her name "Merry" instead of "Mary" because she was born so close to Christmas. For anyone who knows Merry Anne, or was one of her many students, they know that she truly is a gift!

Merry Anne graduated from Findlay High School before attending Wittenberg University and the University of Findlay (then Findlay College), earning her Elementary Education and English degrees; from there, Merry Anne earned her Master's Degree in Education at Kent State University. After she graduated from college, Merry Anne's first teaching job was in Findlay teaching the third grade. She said she wanted to stay close to her hometown.

Merry Anne's husband Paul was also a teacher. They met in high school; Paul was a year older than Merry Anne. The couple was engaged for a year and half before getting married on June 25, 1967. Merry Anne said that marrying Paul was by far the best decision she ever made!

Both of Paul's parents were teachers in Findlay and Merry Anne's mother was also working in education there. Paul decided that he and Merry Anne needed to spread their own educational wings and move away from the Findlay area. He did his student teaching in the South Euclid School District, but Paul chose to accept a contract from the Bedford City School District because they offered him \$50 more a year to teach, so he signed on and never looked back! Merry Anne also got a

job teaching for the Bedford City Schools. She taught for 36 years before moving on to mentoring new teachers, tutoring Heskett students, and ultimately serving on the Bedford Board of Education. She recently retired from the Bedford BOE in December of 2015. She said she and her husband loved the school system. "We made life-long friends with other teachers and school personnel, as well as with former students, their parents, and other community members."

One of Merry Anne's fondest memories from being in education is being one of the original educators that got involved with "Power of the Pen." "Power of the Pen," or POP, is Ohio's educational enhancement program devoted to excellence in creative writing. POP has been around since the 1970s. It provides middle school aged students the chance to learn to write creatively and even enter writing competitions. Even though she's retired, Merry Anne continues to help out with POP when needed. She said she enjoys judging the writing competition.

Merry Anne is proud of all of her students, whether she taught them, mentored them, or whether they were just a friendly face in the hallways, and her students are appreciative of all that she's done for them! Some of Merry Anne's former students have become surgeons, NFL players, teachers, writers and editors of the Walton Hills Journal, and even an Academy Award (Oscar) winning actress. Merry Anne is proud of each and every one of them for what they've accomplished. Merry Anne said she wouldn't have traded her career for anything in the world. She loves kids, and she loves every student that she's ever interacted with. She still keeps in touch with many of them!

Even in retirement, Merry Anne continues to teach. She's involved with the

Hawthorne Valley Youth Council which teaches kids about how our government works. For example, the students learn how to write and argue cases, and then present them in front of Ohio Congress. Merry Anne is a member of the Bedford Schools Foundation which earns money for scholarships for teachers and students, the Women's Bedford Study Club, Hiram College's Women's Council and the Walton Hills Women's Club. Merry Anne is also very active in her church, Hope United Methodist in Bedford.

As a resident of Walton Hills since 2000, Merry Anne said that now that she's officially retired, she'll have more time to get involved with the many organizations in Walton Hills. She's wanted to do more with the Village in years past, but never had quite enough time!

Merry Anne loves the Village and loves living here. She said it's a very peaceful and beautiful place and the residents and employees of Walton Hills are all wonderful, helpful people. Not only does she enjoy the beauty of Walton Hills, but she enjoys traveling so she can enjoy the beauty other places have to offer. She has visited all 50 states and she loves going on cruises; two of her favorite cruises include Iceland and Iguazu Falls which is located at the tip of South America. She is looking forward to a cruise to Tahiti this spring.

Merry Anne said, "My life has been very blessed; I had the best husband in the world, I have two wonderful children (Tanya and David) who still look after me, and a wonderful grandson, Maddox, who is the highlight of our lives!" Merry Anne also said, "I have loved my career, and I love living in Walton Hills—so, what more can I say, I'm lucky!" Anyone who knows Merry Anne knows they're lucky for knowing her!

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Bereavements

Our condolences go out to the Soboslay family on the passing of both **Gerald** and his brother **Daniel**.

Gerald J. Soboslay age 83, of Stuble Lane, passed away on January 30, 2016. **Gerald** was the beloved husband of the late **Doris**. **Gerald** was a military veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Daniel T. Soboslay, age 84, of Rittman, formerly of Cleveland, died February 1, 2016. **Daniel** is the husband of **Okpae** (deceased). **Daniel** also served his country in the U.S. Marines during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

The men are survived by brother **Matthew (Helen) Soboslay** of Rittman, sister **Gertrude "Trudy" (Bob) Menart** of Euclid, and many nieces and nephews. They were preceded in death by parents **Bernard** and **Mary**, and brothers, **Arthur**, **Chester** and **Martin**.



Our condolences go out to **Frank (Franklin)** and **Karen Romito** of Egbert Road on the passing of **Frank's** brother, **William R. Romito**, age 88, on January 16, 2016. **William** was born in Bedford, graduated from Bedford High in 1945 and served in the U.S. Army from 1950-52. In addition to his parents, the late **Costantino** and **Elvira Romito**, **William** was preceded in death by 10 of his 21 siblings; **Elzilda**, **Gina**, **Albert**, **Luna** (late **Wellington**) **Bray**, **Stella Moen**, **Gilsole** (wife **Mary Rose**), **Arthur (Anna)**, **Edna** (late **Robert**) **Vincent**, **Jemma Martino** and **Pearl** (late **Warner**) **Schranz**. He is survived by **Lena**, **Ema** (late **Ray**) **Slaby**, **Roger**, **Richard**, **Virginia Liscoe**, **Eugenia** (late **Ned**) **Alestri**, **Frank (Karen)**, **Nancy** (late **Mike**) **Salvaggio**, **Jullanna** and **Jupiter (Diane)**, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Our condolences to **Lloyd** and **Marie Wareham** on the recent passing of their daughter-in-law **Peggy A. Wareham**, age 51, of Maple Heights, after a long illness. **Peggy** was the devoted wife of **John M. Wareham** and the cherished daughter of the late **Robert** and **Barbara Sanderson**, and aunt to many.

Frances Alexander of Walton Road died in early February. She was 98 years old. She was the widow of **Leo Alexander**. Our condolences to her children, **Mark** and **Kathy Alexander** and **Jeff** and **Shari Alexander** of Walton Road. We also extend our sympathy to **Frances's** sister and brother, **Rose Withrow** of Logan Drive, and **Sam Parasiliti**, who lives with **Jeff** and **Shari Alexander**.

Former Rotary Drive resident, **Shirley Taussig**, passed away in January at age 82, in her home in Hudson. She was the widow of **Dan Taussig**. The **Taussigs** moved into Walton Hills in 1951, living here for 40 years. For many years **Shirley** served on the Board of Trustees of the Bedford Historical Society. She and her husband were lifetime members of the organization. **Shirley** and **Dan** were passionate about supporting the efforts of curing cancer. They were the major donors for the construction of a new cancer facility in Cleveland. The Cleveland Clinic **Taussig Cancer Institute** is named in their honor. Our sympathy to their children, **Jeff** and **Reggie Taussig**, **Bob** and **Charlotte Taussig**, **Brian** and **Diana Taussig**, **Cindy Taussig**, and **Dan** and **Amy Taussig**.

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Bereavements

Mark Wilhelm of McLellan Drive died in February, at age 59. After one of our few snow storms this past winter, **Mark** was using his snow-blower to clear his driveway, didn't feel well, went into the house to rest. Shortly thereafter he passed away. Our condolences to his mother, **Jan Wilhelm**, and his daughter **Olivia Wilhelm** who live on McLellan Drive, and his sons **Edward** and **Matthew Wilhelm** who live in Brecksville.

Mark worked for the Walton Hills Service Department for 17 years, and was the Service Director from 1986-1998. As a youngster growing up in the Village, **Mark** was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout, and played baseball in the Village Softball League. He graduated from Bedford High School.



Ruth Doman passed away in February, at age 83. In October of 2014, **Ruth** and her husband, **Ernest Doman** (WW II Army veteran), moved from Strongsville to live with their son and daughter-in-law, **Steven** and **Kathie Doman** of Rotary Drive. Our condolences to **Ernest**, and their children **Steven** and **Kathie Doman**, and **David** and **Cynthia Doman**.

Although **Ruth** was a newcomer to the village, she joined the Women's Club Card-A-Rama

The Doman family wish to express their deep appreciation to the EMT squad for their diligence and compassion on the day when their help was needed, for the police escort in the funeral procession, and to everyone else who shared support and condolences with the family.



Longtime Dunham Road resident, **Leonard Hutson**, died at age 87. Our sympathy to his wife, **Dolores Hutson**, and his sons, **James** and **Steven Hutson**.

Len served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years, until his discharge in 1953. He was a member of the Macedonia Masonic Lodge, with the rank of Mason.



Betty Stasko passed away in early March. She was 90 years old. Her husband, **Michael Stasko**, died several years ago. Back in the late 1950s, **Michael** designed and built their home on Allen Drive. Our condolences to their children, **Susan** and **Dave Geither** and **Barbara** and **Mel Leibsla**.

Betty was a graduate of Fenn College, with dual majors of Math and Sociology. While at Fenn College she met her future husband, who was an Engineering student at the school. **Betty** was a librarian for the Cuyahoga County Library System, working at the Maple Heights Library. She was a Walton Hills Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was a long-time member of the Fifty-Plus Club, the Walton Hills Lake and was a staff member of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center until 2011, when she had to resign for health reasons.

Spotlight on

Dave Tapp

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Dave Tapp is a familiar face to a lot of residents in Walton Hills, and Oakwood Village for that matter. He's been a member of the Oakwood Village Fire Department since the early 1990s and in 2012 the OVFD became the primary fire department for the Village of Walton Hills. We'll tell you what sparked his interest in becoming a firefighter soon, but first let's find out a little bit more about Dave.

Dave was born in Cleveland on October 7, 1971. He has an older and a younger sister. Dave grew up in Solon and graduated from Solon High School in 1990. After high school, Dave attended Kent State University for two years majoring in architecture. Shortly after his second year at Kent State, Dave decided that college really wasn't for him so that's when he decided to take the Firefighter Civil Service Test. Dave said he's always enjoyed helping people so he thought the best way he'd be able to help others was by becoming a firefighter.

Dave joined the Oakwood Fire Department in May of 1994 while also working part-time at Koenig Sporting Goods store. In 2000, Dave joined the Pepper Pike Fire Department. He's currently working at both fire stations, full-time in Pepper Pike and part-time in Oakwood. Dave is a firefighter/paramedic at both departments, but he's also the Assistant Chief in Oakwood. Dave said he has about nine years before he can retire from Pepper Pike; after those nine years, Dave said he

expects he'll remain on board at the Oakwood Fire Department for a few more years. Dave has a lot of on-the-job responsibilities. He's a firefighter/paramedic for the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Task Force's (SEALE) SWAT Team and Bomb Unit. Dave is a certified fire instructor and he's also a fire inspector.

Dave and his wife Denise have been married for 12 years. His older sister introduced the couple to each other 22 years ago! Dave and Denise celebrate their anniversary on June 12th. The couple doesn't have any children, but their time is filled taking care of their Dalmatian, Tori. When asked if he ever takes Tori to the OVFD, Dave said the firehouse dog Barkley likes keeping it a "one dog building!" You won't see Tori visiting the OVFD anytime soon!

Dave has lived in Walton Hills for 14 months. He loves being outdoors enjoying nature, so this is the right place for him and his family! One of the other reasons Dave enjoys living in Walton Hills is that he's close to his Mom; she lives in Oakwood. He said it's a quick

drive to Mom's house if she ever needs anything (there's that enjoying helping others!).

Dave is a member of the Walton Hills Lake Club, although he said with work, he doesn't get many opportunities to enjoy his membership, but he does try every summer to take advantage of it! Dave volunteers with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and the Providence House which fights to end child abuse and neglect by protecting at-risk children, empowering and supporting families in crisis and building safer communities for every child. Dave's wife Denise is a board member for the Providence House.

When he's not working, volunteering, or helping his Mom with various projects, Dave enjoys vacationing in Las Vegas! From the hot weather, to the casinos and the nightlife, Dave loves everything there is to love about Las Vegas. He said the town never sleeps, which is great for him since he's used to not getting too much sleep as a firefighter! Dave has been traveling to Las Vegas at least twice a year since he was 21 years old!

From working for two fire departments and taking care of his dog, and traveling to Las Vegas frequently, and volunteering his time, Dave keeps busy! If you ever see him around Walton Hills, be sure to ask him about what it's like working as a firefighter/paramedic, or even about his many excursions to Las Vegas! He's sure to have a lot of stories to tell!



Get to know Dave

Favorites: **Movie:** Casino • **Show:** King of Queens • **Actor:** Kevin James • **Actress:** Jessica Alba

Food/Drink: Pepperoni w/extra cheese pizza; Coffee • **Singer/Group:** Elvis, Pitbull (rapper)

Song(s): Anything by Elvis and Pitbull • **Vacation:** Las Vegas • **Sports Team:** Pittsburgh Steelers, Cavs, Indians

Spotlight on

Mershona Parshall

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Mershona Parshall was born in Brooklyn, New York and she grew up in northern New Jersey. Growing up in the New York/New Jersey area, Mershona was able to immerse herself in the arts, which she credits to her dad. Mershona's father was into the opera, symphony, and the Broadway Theater; he passed his love of the arts down to his daughter. To this day, Mershona uses her own artistic talents to help her clients on a daily basis, more on that soon.

After graduating from Midland Park High School in New Jersey, Mershona headed south to Florida State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Mershona holds two masters degrees; she has a Master of Science in Social Administration and a Master of Arts in Art and Expressive Therapy.

After graduation from FSU, Mershona took a job in Minneapolis, Minnesota, working in a number of different theater organizations. Mershona said she worked a lot at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis doing costume special effects and working with fabrics; she also did her own art and had art shows. Working in Minneapolis jump-started her "first career" in the entertainment industry. After living in the north, Mershona moved out west to Santa Fe, New Mexico where she worked at the Santa Fe Opera for a couple of seasons before moving to Los Angeles, California. In L.A., Mershona had her own business where she created custom costumes



for theater, movies, Disney, the Ice Capades, and for musicians. While in California, Mershona decided she didn't want to spend the rest of her life working in the entertainment industry and that's when she went back to school and earned her master's degree in art and expressive therapy (which she uses today in her "second career").

Mershona loves the rich history and culture New Mexico has to offer, so she moved back to Santa Fe after living in Los Angeles. Mershona did art therapy for ten years in Santa Fe. Eventually, Mershona decided to move back east, but she didn't want to move back to the city. She has family in the Cleveland area, so she decided to move to northeast Ohio. In 2003, Mershona moved to Walton Hills. She said she loves the country, rural-feel of Walton Hills and how close it is to the

city and parks. She said it's a great small-knit community and she's glad she decided to live in Walton Hills.

When she's not at home enjoying beautiful Walton Hills, Mershona keeps busy working part-time at Luna Living Brain Energy Spa in Chagrin Falls and working part-time at her private practice. Mershona is an independently licensed clinical social worker-supervisor, a registered and board-certified art therapist and an advanced clinical hypnotherapist. At her private practice, Mershona does individual and family counseling, hypnosis, holographic memory resolution and neurofeedback which is a non-invasive method that trains the brain to function more efficiently. To learn more about Mershona's private practice, please visit her website www.mershona.com. She did her private practice solely for 13 years before working part-time at the Cleveland Clinic's Center for Integrative Medicine. She worked with the Cleveland Clinic for 3 ½ years before Luna Living offered her a position in its start-up.

Luna Living is a brain energy spa that treats chronic brain disease in a warm and compassionate atmosphere. Mershona is Director of Programs and uses her skills in traditional and non-traditional therapies such as art therapy, trauma resolution, hypnosis and neurofeedback to help clients with all types of symptoms including drug addiction, depression, and trauma.

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Mershona Parshall

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Many clients at Luna Living are former heroin addicts; heroin use is an epidemic that seems to be growing across Ohio. A lot of heroin users were, in the past, prescribed painkillers. Once the painkillers were gone, they began using heroin because of the similar effects it has on the human body and that it's easy to obtain on the streets. At Luna Living, clients go through a 10-day nutritionally assisted detox program that minimizes withdrawal symptoms and greatly reduces cravings. Counseling services are part of the program as well as 20 sessions of neurofeedback that further helps to support the brain to heal. Mershona said, "When your brain is hijacked by substances such as drugs and alcohol, what needs to happen is you first need to detox and reduce the cravings followed by therapies which help clients to maintain a remission (sober) lifestyle." Mershona wants the public to understand that Luna Living doesn't refer to the detox program as "going into treatment." The organization wants to destigmatize addiction and going into drug treatment programs. She said "Addiction is a brain disease, not a moral failing. The heroin epidemic

is hitting the suburbs and middle-class families; it's not just people in poverty becoming addicted to drugs. Painkillers that have been prescribed by doctors are a big cause of the problem."

There are a number of resources to help clients at Luna Living detox from heroin, opiates, and other drugs and alcohol. One of those resources is Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide (NAD). NAD is a coenzyme, made of niacin (B3) that is found in all living cells. In our body, NAD upregulates energy production, increasing the levels of neurotransmitters like serotonin and dopamine. Repeated drug and alcohol abuse affects these vital processes (definition found on www.lunaliving.org). NAD is nutritionally-based; it's not a chemical treatment. Mershona said the detox program offered at Luna Living restores and speeds up the healing of the brain.

NAD has been around awhile, but not readily used; Mershona said drug companies influenced choosing methadone (a chemical drug) instead of NAD to treat heroin addicts, "treating a drug with a drug." She went

on to say that NAD is re-emerging in the United States. When the CEO of Luna Living, Wendy Komac, observed people detoxing from really serious drug addiction in such a short period of time with NAD, Wendy said that we have to bring NAD to Ohio. Mershona said Luna Living might be the first facility to use NAD in the Midwest. To learn more about what the Luna Living Brain Energy Spa has to offer visit www.lunaliving.org.

Not only does Mershona use her skills locally to help others, she also uses them around the globe. Mershona is the director of a non-profit organization that works with the Shipibo Tribe in the Peruvian Amazon. Mershona travels to the area once or twice a year, something that she's been doing since the mid-2000s. In the past, she's worked with the tribe as a whole, but now Mershona primarily focuses her work there with the women and children of the tribe. Mershona spends most of her time helping others improve their lives whether it's here in Ohio or around the globe. Helping others keeps her extremely busy, but she wouldn't change any of it for the world!



Thank You Carol James Florist

Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week.

Please patronize this wonderful florist!
Their phone number is 440.786.1811.

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Bereavements

Eleanor Lautanen of Hicks Road passed away in March, at age 94. Our condolences to her husband of 73 years, **George Lautanen**. **George** and **Eleanor** have lived in the Village since 1962. Our sympathy to their children, **Janet Dickey** of Bedford, **Linda** and **Bobby Glover** of Dayton, and **Anna Lautanen** of Cleveland.

When the United States entered World War II, **Eleanor** joined the WAACs, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. **George**, who also served in the Army, and after his discharge attended Fenn College under the GI Bill, graduated with an engineering degree. During the early years of their marriage, **Eleanor** was head of alterations at David's Bride and Formal in Maple Heights. She also sewed costumes for a local theatre and "silks" for the jockeys at the local race track. In later years she was a chemistry lab assistant for Ferro Corporation in Walton Hills, retiring in 1986.

Eleanor was a longtime member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. A 60-year member of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights, where she taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir. As a volunteer with the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, **Eleanor** was a Court-Appointed Guardian for indigent elderly people who didn't have family members to look after them. She was also a volunteer at the Purrfect Place, Valley Save-a-Pet, Bedford.



Our condolences also go out to **James** and **Carol Chatal** of South Meadowpark Drive on the passing of **James'** brother, **Jack Edward Chatal**, age 81 of Independence, formerly of Bedford. **Jack** was the beloved husband and sweetheart of **Bernice**; loving father of **Jack K. (Kathy)**, **Judy Ciccarello (Joseph)**, **Michael (Paula Thomas)** and **Steven (Annie)**. He was the cherished "**Papa**" of **Eric (Lauren)**, **Jessica** and **Brandon Chatal (Hayley)**, **Alison Schillero (John)**, **Adam** and **Angelica Ciccarello, Christian (Rich)**, **Michael** and **Megan (Mike)**. **Jack** was great-grandfather of three and brother of **Gladys Bartos, James Chatal (Carol)** and **Eugene Chatal (deceased)**.

Our Condolences to **Jan Wilhelm** of McLellan Drive, on the passing of her son **Mark Bernard Wilhelm**, age 59. **Mark** was the loving father of **Olivia, Edward** and **Matthew** and the dearest son of **Janice (Jan)** and the late **Bernard Wilhelm**. **Mark** was the brother of **Steven (Debbie)** and **Dean (Bernadette)** and an uncle to **Eric (Melissa)**, **Caylin** and **Carly**.

Appreciation

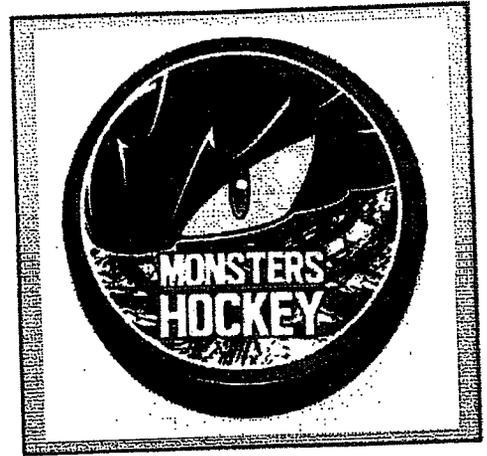
Jan Wilhelm and her family would like to extend their thanks to the Walton Hills Police Department and Rescue Squad for their prompt response on February 11, 2016, when **Mark Wilhelm**, **Jan's** son, passed away. Special thanks go out to "**Officer Pete**" and his colleagues for "**taking care of**" **Jan** until her family arrived. "**Thanks to all of you. Jan Wilhelm & Family**"



Potpourri, continued

Congratulations, Robert – a Lake Erie Monster!

Mary Sabol's 4-year old great-grandson, **Robert Gibson**, was a member of Cleveland's Lake Erie Monsters hockey team on Friday, March 18th. You may have seen him that day on Channel 8 or Channel 19, when he celebrated his "Special Make-A-Wish." He was a Cleveland Monster for the day. When the announcer called his name before the start of the game, he skated onto the rink with the team, was paid \$1.00 after he signed a contract with the Monsters, and received two Monster uniforms, ice skates, a hockey stick and a puck.

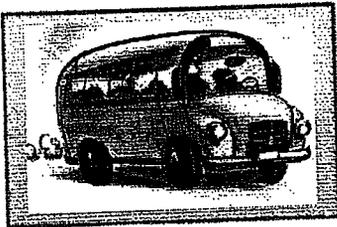


Robert is keenly interested in the game of Hockey.

He watches the Monsters on TV whenever their games are televised, and his parents, **Beth and Chris Gibson** of Brunswick, Ohio, have taken him to a hockey game.

Robert is doing well now, and his prognosis is very good. But, from the time of his birth he had kidney problems, has had 14 surgeries, and at the age of 2 he had a kidney transplant; a kidney was donated by his aunt.

Whooooo's Going Places?



The **St Barnabas 50+ Club** is going places! From the 17th to 19th of August they will be travelling to Lancaster, PA to see the Sight and Sound Theater's production of "**Samson**". You will stay at the **Heritage Hotel** (2 nights) and other stops on your journey include: breakfast buffet each morning at the hotel; upscale dinner at the **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**; tickets to **Eston & Kopit's** production of "**Phantom**"; a shopping opportunity at the **Kitchen Kettle Village**; and a chance to stop and experience the **Flight**

93 National Memorial. Please contact **Marie**, as soon as possible, at **330 467-9747**. The cost is \$444/person (based on double occupancy) and deposits due soon.

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The **St. Martin of Tours "Martineers"** are going places! On Wednesday, **May 18th** these folks will depart St. Martin of Tours Church (14600 Turney Road) at 9AM (returning at 6:30PM) and head for the **Presque Isle Downs & Casino** in Erie, PA. Cost is \$29/person and each traveler will received a \$20 gaming bonus (courtesy of the casino)! Contact **Dee Kriz** at **216-663-7258** or **216-952-7638** for more information/reservations.

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The "**Martineers**" will be at it again on **Thursday, June 9th** when they journey to the **Hartville Flea Market**. Departure is from St. Martin of Tours Church (14600 Turney Road) at 8AM (returning at 6PM). The day also includes a ride on the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**, shopping at the **Hartville Marketplace**, lunch at the **Hartville Kitchens**, and finally, more shopping at **Harry London Candies**. Cost is \$59/person. Contact **Dee Kriz** at **216-663-7258** or **216-952-7638** for more information/reservations.