

The Bedford Bee.

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Upcoming Events:

December 10, 2011 Saturday Noon to 4:00pm. **Annual Holiday Open House** The 1874 Town Hall Museum and 1882 Railroad Depot Museum will be open. Stop by to see special exhibits, enjoy holiday music and sample tasty baked goods with coffee or hot chocolate. There will be special activities for children.

January 5, 2012 Thursday 7:00pm (note the earlier start time) **Lyceum- 'Airmail Plane Crashes in Oakwood!' - a history of the US Postal Service.** On May 29, 1930 pilot Samuel Samson crashed onto the Drake Farm. Member Tom Ramsay will tell the tale and discuss all the ways that mail has been delivered by the postal service. He will bring his collection of postal memorabilia. Oakwood Golden Age Center 23035 Broadway in Oakwood Village. (Across from Wendy's Restaurant)

February 2, 2012 Thursday 7:00 pm (note earlier start time) **Lyceum- No Conveniences-Life as a Mountain man.** Before our settlers arrived with wagons of provisions and furniture to make a home, our area was visited by traders and trappers. These early mountain men had to be self-sufficient and resourceful to survive. Grover Weed will tell us about life as a mountain man. This evening's program is a joint meeting with Southeast Public Library. Southeast Library meeting room 70 Columbus Rd. Southeast Library will have a special section of non-fiction and fiction books about primitive living prior to the program. There will also be a display at the library.

March 1, 2012 Thursday 7:00pm **Lyceum- The Housewife's Guide to a Clean House.** Members Barbara McDaniel and Helen Pratt discuss cleaning and food preparation from earlier times. 'Beating the rug' 'airing the room' 'rendering the fat'- all part of the housewife's duties. Remember cleaning the wallpaper? Share your earliest memory of spring housecleaning. Bedford Hts. Community Center, 5615 Perkins Road.

March 3, 2010 Saturday Annual Reverse Raffle

From the president

I hope you have had a chance to visit the *Firefighting Exhibit* and *Dressed for Tea Exhibit*. The exhibits and public programs like the Lyceum series, Open Houses and Special events are all services we offer to the public. We hope you take advantage of them and tell your neighbors and friends about them too. These services could not be possible without your input, volunteer hours and financial donations. Our members can take pride that they support our communities and visitors through the Bedford Historical Society. Plans for the Annual Reverse Raffle are underway. We need your help selling tickets. More information will be available December. Thank you for your continued support. Bob Schroeter, Sr.

Membership Updates

We welcome 3 new Life Members- Sue Garland, and Jeff and Reggie Taussig.

Jeff and Reggie received their life memberships as a surprise gift from mom, Shirley. Reggie has been digitizing the cemetery records so that we have a more efficient finding aid. Susan Garland volunteers at the museum and helps at the Lyceum programs. She also tackles the weeds on the grounds.

Yearly memberships expire on December 31st of each year. Your prompt renewal is appreciated.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a sheet that converts to an envelope for your dues. You will need scissors and tape to seal the edges and flap. Thank you,

Marge Keene, membership secretary



Christmas in Bedford Falls Festival December 10th.

2011-2012 Lyceum Series

The November 3rd Lyceum “Firefighting Then and Now” was the subject of our November Lyceum. A panel of retired and current firefighters discussed the comparison of equipment and technique and recounts their memorable fires. There was a Fire House Chili Dinner prior to the program.

Our thanks to member Larry Graceffo and family at La Gra Jewelers for underwriting the cost of dinner for the guest panelists.

Our October Lyceum was a magical evening thanks to the talent of three Bedford high graduates. Tony Harwood, Terry Kurtz and Ron Martin Jr. (left to right in the photo), read excerpts of letters written by Bedford resident Milo Barnum during the Civil War. The rapid style reading presented a glimpse of life of this soldier in the 103rd OVI.



The next Lyceum is January 5th at 7:00pm. We will meet at the Oakwood Golden Age Center, 23035 Broadway. Member Tom Ramsay shares the history of the U.S. Postal Service.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our President Bob Schroeter Sr, on being named 2011 Bedford Citizen of the Year. A well-deserved recognition. Vice President Kay Gary presented Bob with a citation from the society during the ceremony.

What is New at the Museum?

Two special exhibits remain in place at the Town Hall Museum – ‘*Firefighting in Bedford Township Communities*’ and ‘*Dressed for Tea*’ are still installed on the third and second floors.

Also on the second floor is a reproduction *Civil War cot quilt*. The pattern was used by the Northern Ohio Ladies Aid Society. Member Oriann Crow researched the history of the pattern and made the quilt.

One of the first floor cases features a complete *19th century amputation kit*. The kit is complete with scalpels, saws and tourniquet. While the thought of amputation is a bit gruesome, it was a lifesaving procedure when infection and broken bones would have caused death. The kit belonged to Dr. Elijah Copeland, a southern Ohio physician who served in the Civil War. Dr. Copeland’s son, Thomas was also a physician. His grandson was Bedford physician, Dr. Harold Thomas Copeland. Three generations of physicians in service to the public.

Limited Hours for a few weeks

Last chance to purchase Museum Store items for the holidays is December 22nd. The museum will be closed for the holidays. The museum may be closed through January so please call in advance of your visit. Trustees are considering this measure to conserve the high operating costs during part of the winter season. Staff will continue to answer phone and email inquiries. If you need information you can e- mail or leave a phone message and we will return your call. It won’t be warm enough to offer tours during the time we are closed. Because of this, the *Dressed for Tea* and *Firefighting in Bedford Township* exhibits will remain in place through the end of February. We’ll see you at the Lyceum programs.



Happy Holidays to all of our Members!



Two Good Lookin' Members!

The McAdoo twins, Muriel Sponseller and Eunice

Christenson visited the Town Hall Museum recently to donate some family treasures. They hold up matching dresses that they wore as six year olds. It was fun to reminisce with them.

Egbert Road Work

The following article describes road improvements on Egbert Road. Jay Dowman worked on the project 100 years ago and wrote about it in his journal.

‘At the first knoll at railroad cut 18 inch all over road and leave trench below that. Just the collars from there to Welles’s. There we cut a foot all over road, 100 foot long maybe a little more, and trench below that. Collars from that rise top of hill there we cut trench for about 100 ft. then we build collars to the corner on the Walton road. We get dirt at this point for collars to the foot of hill on the face of hill with trench for 100 or more ft. then built collars to the foot of the hill north of Walton’s. We cut a trench at the top of both hills then each side of Hansel’s but a foot all over at culver orchard and a trench besides cut a trench in front of Walton’s house and a foot all over the road at the top of hill at Walton’s barn and make fill below the cut –at the barn is about 100 ft. get what dirt we can in bank on west side of road for hill in hollow and just collars up the other hill by culvers the cuts for road bed or to be ten feet wide and the road bed is to be 20 ft. between ditches.

Salute!

Our gratitude to members Mary Sleeman, Linda Sleeman, Lester Pratt, Rich Kiovisky , Betsy Lee and Alma Rhine who taught classes at the Fall Old Ways School. We had students in letter press printing, knitting and crocheting and quilting.

Dunham House Painting Raffle

Artist Michael McEnroe’s beautiful painting of the Hezekiah Dunham House was won by Joseph A. Michalek Jr. The proceeds of the raffle benefitted the Sedlon Garden Project. Joe’s Mom Vickie wrote Sedlon Sayings, the Poetry of Richard Sedlon last year. Proceeds from the sales of the book benefit the garden also.

Masonry Update

The masonry project continues to be stalled while we wait for the electric company to relocate nearby high power lines. With winter knocking at the door, the project probably won’t be completed until next spring.

Donations continue to be received toward the amount needed to complete the project. The company has been patient with us.

Our gratitude for these recent donations which have been received since the last newsletter:

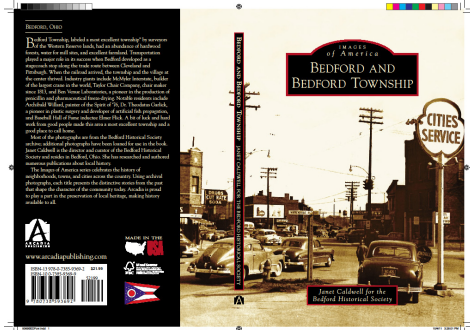
- Susan Garland
- Robert Strachan-in memory of Louise Strachan
- Margaret Wise--in memory of John "Jack" Wise

A complete listing of all donors will be printed at the end of the project.



2011 Christmas Card

This year’s Christmas card is taken from the society’s archives. The vintage snowy scene shows Disciple Hill with the white clapboard Disciple Church at the top. The pond on the Hillhaven estate is in the foreground. The 4” x 5” cards are printed in black & white on white stationary stock. The inside offers a holiday greeting and quotes a wintry line from a 19th century poem. A pack of 15 cards is priced at \$10 plus tax. They may be purchased at the museum store or ordered by mail with \$3 for shipping and handling.



Book Update

No date on the release of the pictorial book *Bedford and Bedford Township*. We will notify members as soon as we receive word of the release date. Our thanks to everyone who supplied a story or photograph for inclusion. Not all of the submissions were accepted but we got as many in as possible in order to tell the story of our township. The publisher selected a cover image showing the busy intersection of Broadway at Center, Columbus and Powers roads. Milan Duris took the photograph in the early 1950s and gave it to Al Silbaugh who loaned it for the book. It is a fitting tribute to our former police chief Milan Duris and will be a good remembrance for many who passed by the intersection.

Century Plaque

Congratulations to Gina, our Chamber of Commerce secretary. Gina's home is the newest listing on the society's Century Plaque program. Gina received the gift of the bronze plaque and historic background on her home as a birthday surprise from her uncle and aunt.

New Routing when Visiting

Members and visitors to the museums have new logistics on the Square. The railroad has permanently closed the pedestrian right-of-way on South Park Street. This presents a problem for people who park in the municipal lots and walk to events at the Square. It will be especially difficult at night such as the Tree Lighting, our evening programs or when the hall is rented in the evening. You may want to park along Broadway rather than walk to North Park. If you are bringing visitors to see the Depot

Museum, call us on your cell phone and we'll come to you.



Obituaries-

Edward M. Beesley; member Ed Beesley passed away in early July 2011. Ed loved history especially trains and was a model train collector. He is survived by his children Anne Coogan and John Beesley and loving grandchildren,

Fred W. Crow, Sr; Fred Crow passed away on September 17, 2011. Fred had a keen interest in the Civil War and visited many historic sites with his wife Oriann. Fred served his country in the US Navy and Army. He is survived by Oriann (Kaneen), his children Fred W. (Elaine) Crow, Jr., Karen Crow and Kelley Crow; dear step-father of Lori (Raymond) Schilling and Kelly (Richard) Bacha and loving grandchildren.

Mariam J. Mills; Mariam (nee: Golling) Mills died on September 28, 2011. She was a graduate of Bedford High class of 1935. Mariam was active in many organizations in Bedford and Walton Hills. She was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm 'Mac' Mills and a son Mac D. Mills. She leaves loving children Kathleen Mills (Lee Grawunde) and Mary Beth Smerglia. She will be missed by her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Roy W. Danback; Roy Danback passed away in Englewood Florida on March 3, 2011. He had been living there in retirement. He is survived by his children Brenda. Danback Glendene Werman and Madeena Kellums. He leaves loving grandchildren and great grandchildren. For several years, Roy had an exciting career in show business as a clown.



The society's archives have a flyer from Roy Danback's clown days; Roy worked with the Atomic Twins and had a trick mule and a 'funny

Ford'. The sign on the car read 'Please pay as you enter, thank God as you leave.'

We smile when we read it.