

# The Bedford Bee.

BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Up Coming Events

August 14, 2004-Annual Flea Market on the Square

September 9, 2004 8:00pm- Lyceum "A Brief History of Scottish Immigration" (see article)

September 16 & 17, 2004- Building Doctors Seminar- They are here! Bedford Historical Society hosts this popular event for area building owners. (See article) Sign up soon.

October 2, 2004, 1:00 - 5:00- Opening Celebration of the new Town Hall Building Addition. (See article)

October 7, 2004, 8:00pm- Lyceum "The Underground Railroad in Northeast Ohio" Debra Laveck, a leading authority on the UGRR visits Bedford for this interesting program.

October 29, 2004 Noon -A Fall Luncheon and Program (See flyer)

November 4, 2004 8:00pm- Lyceum "Sister Nurses of the U.S. Civil War"; Sister Mary Denis Maher, PhD presents her research on nursing practices during the American Civil War.

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**This issue of the Bee is being sent earlier than usual because of important dates. Thank you.**

## ~~~~~ **Town Hall Building Addition**

Join us as we dedicate the new addition to the Town Hall Museum. Finally, after years of saving and fund raising, after months of construction and weeks of setting up exhibits, the Town Hall Building Addition will be officially opened on Saturday October 2, 2004. The opening ceremony will commence at 2:00pm with brief comments and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Activities are planned throughout the afternoon. At 3:00pm A ceremonial Masonic Cornerstone Laying Ceremony will be performed by Masonic Lodge #213. The Museum will be open for tours. Meet the three artists who have been painting three murals for the new second floor lobby. A commemorative program will be available at the event. Refreshments will be served. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate this exciting time in the life of *your* Bedford Historical Society.

## **School Pictures Tell the Story**

Archivist, Joyce Maruna, spends many hours organizing our large collection of information. She noted in Bedford High School yearbooks that students in the early books were almost all slim & trim. As she progressed through the years, more and more students struggled with obesity. Each subsequent year gives indication that over eating is increasing at a regular rate.

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Check out our new web site:  
[bedfordohiohistory.org](http://bedfordohiohistory.org).

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From Joanne Rose....

*Jim Rose was basketball coach at Bedford High School from 1956 -1972. His teams won eight Greater Cleveland Championships and runners-up four times in those 16 years. Jim recently was elected to Miami University's Cradle of Coaches. He shares some of his coaching philosophies.*

#### Coaching Techniques

"In teaching shooting, I would climb a step ladder and lay two basketballs on the rim. The balls will support each other from falling through as they extend a fraction of an inch beyond the diameter of the rim. The coaching point is that if two balls will almost go through at one time, then we certainly can get one ball to go through by itself.

Another coaching point was related to clock management. I would time a player as he dribbled the ball the length of the court. Usually this was about four to five seconds. This gave the players a benchmark when we would gain ball possession as a quarter was winding down. Many times teams hurry too much in desperation."

#### The Amount -of-Air in the Ball Trick

"We played at Maple Heights in 1966. We both had great teams, but Maple had more height than our team. Prior to starting, I checked the game ball for the amount of air by dropping it from a certain height. It should bounce back to a certain height. I found it did not come up as high as it should have...meaning it was low on air. My protest was honored and we used a Bedford ball that was properly inflated and we won the game by two points. It is an old, old trick that the teams with height don't want to see long rebounds. They prefer the rebound to be close to the backboard so they can funnel the ball back into the hoop. A ball with less air will do this for them.

#### The Over-flow Crowds

"In 1957 we played Willoughby in a winner-take-all championship game at Bedford High School. If you remember that old gym down on Columbus Road had about four rows of bleachers on the first floor and a couple of more rows on the balcony—with people on the balcony standing behind. Added to this situation were the rounded corners of the balcony that were used as a defense by any player trying to shoot a basket from the corner. Seating was limited to those who came early to claim a seat. It was standing room only. People even stood on ladders in the balcony to see the contest. At a point the fire department closed the gates and did not let anyone else in. Many people were still outside wanting to see this exciting game. The athletic director filled the gym corridor with fans, people who got in free but couldn't enter the gym. Some of the overflow crowd went to the corner drug store and our A.D., Tom Watson, sent them quarterly reports. We won 60 -58!

#### The Clipboard

"I would make chalk marks on the gym floor during time-outs. Jean Jorgensen, our home economics teacher and a

great Bearcat fan, always presented to me during lunch time of a game day, a new piece of white chalk with green ribbon tied on it. Great school spirit, we thought."

### **Strawberry Festival Success!**

Our thanks to Betsy Lee and her many volunteers who made this year's Strawberry Festival a success. Our special thanks to VFW Post 1082 for operating the Instant Bingo tent. And thanks to the Bedford Lion's Club for operating the wheel of fortune in an effort to raise more money. This year we netted app. \$9,000.

### **Notes from the Students**

School tours have ended for the year. Our school tours included the Dunham House, the Town Hall Museum, The Old Baptist Church, the Square and the two Railroad Depots. The students also tried some hands on activities and had a quick snack. Some of the classes then proceeded to Viaduct Park to view the old mill sites and see the Great Falls of Tinkers Creek. It was a full schedule.

Here are some comments from the student's 'thank-you' letters:

*"Thank you for showing us the Bedford Historical Museum. I loved it when you showed us the church and museum. You are really nice..."*

*"I really liked the house you showed us. I also really liked when you showed us the statues. But my favorite thing of all was the activities. It was really fun and cool. P.S. Thanks again!"*

*"It was awesome. I liked learning about the good old days."*

*"I had a good time learning about people who died."*

*"I hope we do this next year."*

*"I liked learning about the museum and the painting of Richard since we have the same name." (ed .note: artist Richard Sedlon)*

*"I enjoyed my trip to the Historical Museum. My friend Richard liked it too since he saw his name there. We even liked the statues."*

*"My most favorite part was when we did the activities. This was the best field trip ever!"*

*"Thank you for teaching me stuff at the Historical Museum. Now I know stuff that I did not know because now this stuff is in my head and so is your teaching. What a great field trip!"*

## Building Doctors are Here!

September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the Building Doctors are coming to Bedford Ohio. Hosted by the Bedford Historical Society, the program is free and open to the public *but registration is required.*

The two 'Doctors' assigned to our seminar are Judith L. Kitchen and Mark Epstein. Ms Kitchen is the author of the popular selling book *Old-Building Owner's Manual* and *Caring for Your Old House*. Mr. Epstein heads the Resource Protection and Review Department of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

This popular program is part of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and is funded in part by a grant from the Dept. of the Interior. We were joined in our effort to obtain the Building Doctor's Program by the following sponsors: Doty & Miller Architects, Lake Front Floor Covering and the Bedford Community Development Corporation.

**CALL 1 800 499-2470 TO REGISTER OR SEND IN THE REGISTRATION FORM**

Yes, there are doctors who still make house calls - the **Building Doctors**. Our free Building Doctor Clinic is coming to a community near you.

If you own an older building, or are involved in the care and maintenance of one, you won't want to miss our informative two-hour seminar on caring for older buildings, including ways to recognize and solve such common old-building problems as • peeling paint or flaking plaster • wet basements • deteriorating masonry • energy conservation • additions • and many other topics.

Our Building Doctors are experts on old-building maintenance and repairs, building a new addition that fits in with the old, and bringing an older building back to life without sacrificing the features that make it appealing.

### Schedule a visit from the Building Doctor.

If your building has problems that you aren't sure how to solve, and it's within five miles of one of the communities where a clinic will be held, register for a visit from one of our Building Doctors.

The Building Doctors visit all kinds of buildings built before 1950 - schools, churches, factories, stores, offices, and homes - to examine problems and prescribe cures. The consultations are free, but the number is limited, so register early. You'll be contacted in advance to set up an appointment. Check the clinic schedule on the following page to see when consultations are available.

The Building Doctor is a program of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, a part of the Ohio Historical Society.

**Our free Building Doctor Clinic is coming to a community near you.**

▼ Our Building Doctor Clinics are free, but you must register in advance. To register for an upcoming clinic, fill out this form and return it to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, 567 East Hudson Street, Columbus, Ohio 43211-1030, or FAX (614) 298-2037.

Please return one copy of this form for each registrant. To register by phone, call toll free 1-800-499-2470. Be sure you indicate the clinic you want to attend. Your registration must be received no later than one week before the clinic.

Registrations for the seminar will not be confirmed in advance, so please keep the remainder of this brochure as a reminder of your clinic date and location.



I would like to attend the following Building Doctor Clinic:

- Bath Township, April 22-23, 2004
- Springfield, May 13-14, 2004
- Ripley, June 3-4, 2004
- Akron, July 8-9, 2004
- Cambridge, August 19-20, 2004
- Bedford, September 16-17, 2004
- Bowling Green, October 21-22, 2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Telephone

I would like to schedule a free visit from the Building Doctor. I understand that I must attend the seminar in order to qualify for a consultation and that I'll be contacted during the week before my clinic if I am to receive a consultation. My building has the following problems:

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## The Stamp Collection Grows

The Museum's stamp collection continues to grow thanks to the many members who sent their raffle tickets in with commemorative stamps attached! The Pratt family recently corresponded with a collector in Alabama. The Alabama collector discussed our collection with a fellow collector; that gentleman donated several boxes in memory of his wife. The kindness of strangers...

## Lyceum to Start September 9th

You should find the Lyceum Program listing for 2004-05. Call the Museum if you need more programs for friends or if it is missing from this issue. A great series of programs has been lined up for this year. We hope you will support this fine educational series with your presence at the monthly meetings. Please spread the word to your friends and colleagues. As always, there is no charge for the series. Refreshments are served after the programs.

The *September program* kicks off in the sanctuary of the Old Church on the Square. The program is in memory of Marion Henderson, entitled: ' *A Brief Overview of Scottish Immigration* ' Learn about some of Bedford's early Scots and Scottish immigration patterns; then enjoy some tunes played on the Highland Bagpipes and Scottish harp. (There is a rumor that the old 1914 Moeller Pipe organ may spill out a Scottish tune too.)

## Wednesday Pop Corn Team

Our thanks to the many people who help pop popcorn. The following helped pop and serve: The Palinkas, The Bisslers, The Backos, The Sawastuks, The Rhines, Pat Bosway, Rita Heintel, Alma Heintz, Therese Chapman and Ralph Deevers. Thanks to Patti Sirna, Marilyn Zolata and Paula Mizesak for selling throughout the crowds; thanks to Lynn Jones for scheduling volunteers; to Frank Caldwell for scouring the popper; and thanks to Chris Sweet for ordering and hauling the 50lb bags of corn. (If Chris ever enters a weight lifting competition, our money is on her.)

## Flea Market August 14<sup>th</sup> 8am -3pm

Members and friends are asked to support the Annual Flea Market. Call Chris Sweet 440 439-7470 to rent a space. If you can donate items to the Museum's space, please drop them off at the museum the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Call the Museum 440 232-0796 or Lynn Jones 330 467-4338 for more information or to volunteer to help at our table. It's a fun event!

## From the Archives....

Excerpts from a WWII POW standardized letter form.

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NAME AND GRADE OF PRISONER OF WAR		PRISONER OF WAR NO.
ADDRESS		
VIA NEW YORK, N. Y.		

  

<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
MAIL TO EUROPE:	WRITE VERY CLEARLY BETWEEN THE LINES OR TYPE OR PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS.
MAIL TO FAR EAST:	LIMIT MAIL TO JAPAN TO 24 WORDS. TYPE OR BLOCK PRINT ONLY—DO NOT WRITE IN SCRIPT.
<i>Remember that Legible Mail can be handled Faster</i>	

  

**IMPORTANT:** This form may be used in writing to United States and allied prisoners of war, civilian internees, and to American or allied military internees in neutral countries. For prisoners in German hands the prisoner of war number should be stated clearly, if known. It must not be confused with the Army serial number.

W. D., P. M. G. Form 118  
1 December 1941

## Obituaries:

*Edward Langood, Sr.*; Mr. Langood was a strong supporter of the Bedford Historical Society. He became a member in 2000. When his health permitted, he would visit the museum and take note of what was needed to augment an exhibit. Days later, he would return with an interesting supplemental article or item to enhance the exhibit.

*Sandra Jeanne Swyrydenko (nee: Sleeman)*; Historical Society member, Sandra Swyrydenko passed away on May 2004. She was the wife of Walter; mother of Kathryn Robertson and Matthew and grandmother of Viktor. She was the sister of Linda, Robert and Gary. Sandra was the loving daughter of Paul (deceased) and Mary Sleeman. Sandra graduated from Bedford High and Ohio University. She taught school in the Parma School System.