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Upcoming Events

December 12, 2009 Saturday Noon – 4:00pm Christmas in Bedford Falls Festival. All the fun things and even more. The Town Hall Museum will be open with a new exhibit 'Christmas Remembered'. There will be Christmas settings from Victorian times to the 1960s throughout the building.

*January 7, 2010 Thursday 7:00pm (note the **earlier** start time) Lyceum. Dividing the Township*: Volunteers and staff have been researching the archives for details about the division of old Bedford Township. In 1951, the new communities of Bedford Hts., Oakwood and Walton Hills were born and the old township ceased to exist. Learn about the details of this division, who were the movers and shakers and who opposed the divide. This evening's program is held at the Community Center at 5615 Perkins Road, Bedford Hts. Ohio.

February 4, 2010 Thursday 7:30 pm Lyceum – Bits & Pieces-The Infant Years in the Village of Walton Hills.; Jean Kainsinger presents an evening about the early years of Walton Hills. We will hear how the new community developed and about the events that took place in the 1950s. Share your story about living in the new village. This evening's program is held at the Walton Hills Village Hall 7595 Walton Rd. at the corner of Walton Rd. and Alexander Rd. (enter parking lot off Alexander Rd.)

March 6, 2010 Saturday 6:30pm Annual Reverse Raffle (Details inside)



Thanks to the Popping Crew!

Our terrific poppers manning the popcorn machine on Wednesday evenings deserve a round of applause- Ron & Jeanette Rue, Lee & Barb Aldridge, Laura Flaisig, Dorothy Muhl, Alma & Jules Rhine, Amy, Matthew, Jeffrey and Irene Rhine, Theresa Chapman, Dot Schwende, Marge Keene. Thanks to Chris Sweet for obtaining the popcorn and to Frank Caldwell and Lester Pratt for helping move the equipment each Wednesday. And thanks to Lynn Jones for coordinating the volunteers each week.

From the President...

Here it is Fall and our Lyceum programs have begun. September on Sportsman's Park and October with Dr. Williams were wonderful. Check the schedule and don't miss the exciting programs this fall and winter. We are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce again this year for Christmas in Bedford Falls on December 12. This popular project began many years ago with Ellen Byers, Kay Parsons, Garnet Barker and me. The Chamber has run with the event and it has grown into a day that brings many people into Bedford for Santa, entertainment, shopping, eating at our restaurants and visiting our Museum. Just having a great day in Bedford. Enjoy all the great things going on at the Bedford Historical Society and in Bedford. See you at the events and at the Museum.

Your President,
Betsy Squire Lee

Please notify us of any change of address. New postal regulations are very restrictive and expensive. We have purged the membership list to include people who have left no forwarding addresses. It costs us additional money when the postal service sends a piece back or forwards it to the new address.

SUPPORT YOUR MUSEUM THROUGH THE MUSEUM STORE! Last day for purchases is December- 17. The museum will reopen on January 4



Update Cemetery Project

Thanks to your donations, the stone restorer worked at Bedford Cemetery for another week this September. This was his third visit with the priority to restore the most fragile stones and upright ‘tipplers’, the stones that



threaten to fall and break due to leaning.

Stones are divided into three main sections: marker, dye and base. The marker is the top portion with information etched in the stone, the dye is a middle section

which is raised above ground, and the base which lies on the ground as support. The photo above shows the dye being secured to the base after it has been leveled.

One of the rewards of stone restoration is the history that is revealed after being obscured for many years. An example is the stone below.

Amasa B. Cody was a young casualty of the American Civil War. The stone was broken and lay face down for many years. As it was worked on, an unknown hidden section of the stone was found buried below the other portion. The restorer found all of the parts, cleaned and fastened them together. We have now learned from the stone: his name, that he served in the 12th regiment OVI (Ohio Volunteer Infantry), that he was wounded in the battle before Vicksburg on December 28, 1862 and that he died on January 3, 1863. He was 21 years old. The buried portion reveals an added four lines, a gift to those of us who stop today to read the words etched in marble: “Thou hast not only been, A true soldier to your country, But also to the cause of Christ, ever to do his holy will.”



Santa and You?

Remember all those photos of Kids on Santa’s lap? Well, dig them out and let us borrow them! The Christmas crew is looking for vintage photos of the *annual trek to visit Santa*. If we can borrow yours, please bring them to the museum. We will place it on display for a few weeks.



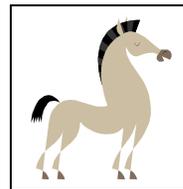
Lyceums on the Road

A reminder that the January, February and March Lyceum programs are on the road to our Township neighbors. All of the facilities are easily accessible and well lit. If you have doubts on any of the locations, please call the museum for details and directions. This series is an effort to reach the communities we serve. As members and friends who live in these communities, please make a special effort to attend and bring your neighbors. By sleigh or car, hope you get there!

Our gratitude to the Mayors and Councils of Bedford Hts., Walton Hills and Oakwood for opening their facilities for these programs.

Preservation and Saving Energy Costs

Members may want to check the National Trust’s guidelines on weatherization of homes. The informative online guide defines the importance of windows as part of a home’s distinctive features, the myths about replacement windows, tips for weatherization of existing windows. This will give home owners a balanced overview to help make the proper decision. Look under *weatherization* at their website: www.preservationnation.org



Dues are Due

No matter what time of year you originally joined, your dues are renewable at the beginning of each year. Member, Andy Jones says a good way to remember it is to think of a horse. No matter when a horse is born, all horses have a birthday on January 1st of each year!

Books Are Audited

The society uses an outside CPA for its yearly financial audit. The 2008 report is available at the Town Hall Museum for review anytime during hours. Thanks to Treasurer June Martin and to bookkeeper Laura Lee Klabik. They keep our finances in order.