

The Bedford Bee.

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Upcoming Events:

May 1, 2011 2:00 – 5:00 pm *Annual Open House* (Details inside)

May 5, 2011 7:00pm *Annual Dinner* 8:00pm (Details inside)

May 11th 7:30pm- *Docent Training*

May 16th – 20th- Bedford City School and Twinsburg City School tours- can you help? Call the museum.

June 10, 11 & 12 *Annual Strawberry Festival* (see flyer)

June 11; *Car Show*; Cars are in place for viewing by 4:00 and stay until sundown.

June 12th Sunday at Noon: *The Re-Dedication of the Civil War Monument*. (Details inside) 1:00-5:00 *Fire Department demonstrations* in museum lot.

July 15, 2011 10:00am; *Field trip to the 1826 Frazee House*. (Details inside)

August 13, 2011 9:00 -4:00; *Annual Flea Market*

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*From the president...*

This is the end of my term as President but I will continue to stay involved in the Bedford Historical Society. It is in my DNA. I will continue to chair the Strawberry Festival, come see me there - it is always a great time.

Our wonderful building has masonry issues that are causing water to enter the building. Thanks to all of you who have sent donations we have raised \$26,000 - we still need \$25,000 to reach the amount needed to get this necessary work done.

Don't forget the Annual Dinner. The program will be fascinating. See you at the Museum, Annual Dinner and Strawberry Festival. See, I'm not really going anywhere  
Betsy Squire Lee

**This issue of the Bee is being mailed early. A report about the Annual Dinner and Program will be in the next issue. The Annual Report will be available after May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## New Treasurer

Trustees appointed member Helen Hurtuk to complete the term of Treasurer Leigh Hamilton. Time constraints prevented Leigh from continuing the duties of treasurer. *We thank Leigh for her efforts this past year.* Helen is a long time member who has had experience in bookkeeping. We thank her for volunteering to serve as treasurer. A reminder that all members are eligible to serve as a Trustee or officer. Trustees serve a three-year term and are eligible to serve a second three-year term. Officers are elected by the Trustees at their first meeting after the Annual Dinner. Please talk to a Trustee or call the office if you would be interested in serving. The Bedford Historical Society has been very fortunate to have people step forward and help us serve our communities by being a Trustee.



## 1898 Logistics

A new term in this age of transportation is 'logistics'. Mr. George Burrows recently donated two documents to the society showing the 'logistics' from 1898. Mrs. Eliza Borrows purchased a sewing machine from the Standard Sewing Machine Company on Cedar Avenue in Cleveland. Before purchasing the machine, she paid a visit to the 1882 Depot to pay for transporting it to Bedford Township. The Cleveland, Canton & Southern Railroad charged 25 cents to carry the 100 pound machine. It arrived on car number 10006 and was delivered on April 30, 1898. The reconditioned Singer sewing machine cost \$18.

*Our thanks to Mr. Burrows for his donation.*

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Congratulations to Paul Pojman on becoming a life member of the Bedford Historical Society.

Docent Training

Docents are invited to attend a short training session on *Monday May 11th at 7:30pm* to review safety procedures and discuss the new exhibits for the upcoming season.

From Joyce Maruna...

The Diary of Charles Dowman

Ed note: this is the second in a series from the diary of farmer Charles Dowman. The Dowman farm was located in Bedford Township, the portion now known as Oakwood.

Charles Dowman's terse and to-the-point diary rarely had more than four lines of writing each day, yet his life story is quite clear. His main sources of income were the growing of food for his family and his livestock, and for selling to others for the same purpose. He spent many hours building and maintaining roads which bordered his farm and other roads in Bedford Township. This was perhaps the largest source of employment in the township and involved digging, hauling slag, grading, crushing stone and spreading it out. It was a constant need and required hard labor. His pasture land was often used by families and businesses who needed to give their livestock, including teams of horses, a rest and so became another source of income. All of these activities, including daily reports of the weather, are duly noted in the diary.



Museum Update

Dressed for Tea-The second floor has an exhibit about Tea and the dresses that were worn to these occasions. Fourteen dresses from the society's collection are on view dating from the late 1800s to the 1950s. These are examples of dresses that would have been chosen for an afternoon tea. Barbara McDaniel, Brenda Junkin, Dorothy Mulh, Chris Sweet and Helen Pratt have set beautiful tables with heirlooms from their collections.



Area fire departments are helping to develop a *History of Firefighting* in the communities that made up Bedford Township. There will be photos of spectacular fires, a comparison of fire fighting equipment from the past, a memorial to fallen firefighters, activities for kids and demonstrations of modern equipment on Sunday June 12th 1:00pm – 5:00pm in the parking lot between the church and museum during the Strawberry Festival. Firefighters will also be on the 3rd floor at the exhibit. The exhibits will run through January 2012.

Civil War Memorial

One of the activities planned for the Strawberry Festival is the rededication of the Civil War Memorial. Lynn Jones has planned the event for Sunday June 12th at Noon. The Honorable Mayor Dan Pocek will say a few words, the Fife & Drum Corps will play, Reinactors from the OVI --- will fire their rifles and Mr. Abraham Lincoln will be present.

Maple Heights Picnic

We have been asked to spread the word about the annual picnic of Maple Heights Friends. It is scheduled for Sunday June 12, 2011 in Valley View Woods Park Pavilion B, 11:00am – dark. It is a 'bring- your- own' picnic and a side dish or dessert to share. Call Al Bennett 216 447-0019 for more information.

Field Trip

We are off on a local field trip on July 15, 2011, 10:00am. Join us for a private tour of the Frazee House on Canal Road. Our National Park guide will tell the history of the family and explain the recent restoration of the house. After the tour, we will travel a half mile to the Canal Visitors Center for a box lunch picnic. The Canal Center will also be open for a tour. Enjoy a summer day in our historic Cuyahoga Valley National Park. If you would like to carpool please meet at 9:30 at the museum; non-carpoolers will meet at the Frazee House (parking is limited in the lot and along Canal Road). Cost is \$4.00 payable in advance to Bedford Historical Society. To register, call Lynn Jones 330 467-4338 or the museum office 440 232-0796 by July 1.

Book Availability



Dr. Bissland, our speaker at the Annual Dinner, has written a book entitled *Blood, Tears and Glory-How Ohioans Won the Civil War*. It is available at book stores, on line and at the library. With the renewed interest in the Civil War, it offers an interesting perspective.

Annual Flea Market

Save the date- Saturday August 13th 9-4; it's the Annual Flea Market. To rent a table call Chris Sweet 440 439-7470. Can you donate something special for the Gift Shop table? Call the museum-440 232-0796.

Yesterday's Report Card

Mrs. Shirley Nowak donated a report card from Bedford Public Schools. The 1891 document shows the Village Union School which was built in 1873. The high school student named Ward Bohan was a good student according to his grades. His conduct, or deportment as it was called then, was admirable with a 95% rating. William Clark taught high school during those years. We have other records that tell us Mr. Clark was a man of large stature who controlled his classroom with a strong hand. Clifton Hubbell was the superintendent. We know Hubbell and his wife were active in the Disciple Church and other community affairs. They raised two sons, Harrison and Charles Edward known as Ned. Both sons graduated from Case School of Law. They both built homes in Bedford and became active in community affairs.

Note the fancy type fonts which were popular at that time. We see a lot of this style in Bedford documents but not as much from other areas. The printer must have accommodated the preference of our Bedford residents.

Our thanks to Mrs. Nowak for donating this piece of history.

**BEDFORD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Report of
Ward Bohan

for *13* weeks ending *Dec. 4* 1891.

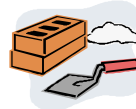
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Class Standing: Minimum, 0; Maximum, 100. %

Drawing, - - - <i>70</i>	Physical Geography, - - - <i>66</i>
Reading, - - - <i>75</i>	Botany, - - - <i>89</i>
Spelling, - - - <i>96</i>	Outlines of History, - - -
Writing, - - - <i>80</i>	Chemistry, - - -
Number, - - -	Civil Government, - - - <i>86</i>
Arithmetic, - - - <i>87 1/2</i>	Geometry, - - - <i>93</i>
Geography, - - - <i>92 1/2</i>	Rhetoric, - - - <i>85</i>
Language, - - - <i>90</i>	Geology, - - -
Steps in Science, - - - <i>92</i>	Physics, - - -
U. S. History, - - - <i>100</i>	English Literature, - - - <i>95</i>
Physiology, - - - <i>84</i>	Political Economy, - - -
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W. B. Clark Teacher.

C. D. HUBBELL, SUPERINTENDENT.



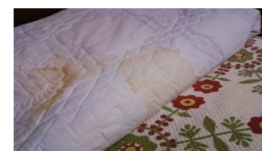
Salute!

Our gratitude to the following for helping with the masonry restoration project:

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| Mary Helen Bouchard | June Brott |
| Leigh Hamilton | Louise Soltis |
| John Dennis | Evelyn Albrecht |
| Ronald & Susan Martin | Wallace Murray |
| Joyce Tuskes | Ted Bartleheim |
| Barbara Hoffman | Doris Shriver |
| Roger Fuhrmeyer | Robert Skillicorn |
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Home |
| Wesley Titterington | Josephine Jedinak |
| | Vern & Carol Cooper |

~ Each donation gets us closer to the goal~

Update: We have chosen a contractor to do the work. The company is well qualified to do the fragile masonry repair and additional work required to strengthen the exterior. We have not raised enough funds to start the work. We are still hopeful that the project can be completed this summer or fall.



Damage to an heirloom quilt from seeping water. Plastic has been positioned to protect it from further damage while we raise additional money for the project

Annual Dinner and Program

Thursday May 5, 2011

Dinner served at 7:00pm Program at 8:00pm

The War Nobody Knows How Ohio Won the Civil War

Dr. James Bissland, author of the bestselling book *'Blood, Tears and Glory- How Ohio Won the Civil War'*, discusses the strategic importance of Ohio and Ohioans to the outcome of the Civil War. Dr. Bissland is professor emeritus at Bowling Green University; he is currently an Ohio Humanities Scholar. His presentation is insightful and entertaining. The program is free and open to the public. We ask those attending *only the lecture* to call 440 232-0796 so that enough chairs will be available.



Funding for the program was made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council with support by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Please indicate your choice:

Baked Chicken ~ Boneless Breaded Pork Chops ~ Baked Salmon. Location: *La Casa Bella Party Center adjacent to Roseland Lanes 26383 Broadway (St RT 14) Oakwood Village Ohio.*

To attend the dinner and program, please send check for \$25 and menu choice to: The Bedford Historical Society PO Box 46282 Bedford OH 44146 To attend the program only, please call 440 232-0796

RSVP for dinner: April 27th. Your name will be at the door.

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*From the librarian Paul Pojman....*

### Recipe Book Cooks Up More Than Food

One of the commonly overlooked benefits of preserving an old magazine or locally-produced book is the advertising it often contains. The ads helped produce the book at the time. They provide a 'window into the past' for the reader. For example, *Favorite Recipes for the Housewife* is a 96-page recipe book published by the Order of the Eastern Star auxiliary in 1929. There are more than 120 ads from local individuals and businesses which helped to publish it. Some of the businesses include: Fouts Beauty Shoppe, Forbes Store, Glendale Market, Edwards Furniture, Charles Restaurant, Bedford Glens Park and Shady Point Filling Station. Industries that helped include: Marble Chair, Taylor Chair and Bailey-Walker China. Individuals that helped include familiar names: Lee, Burns, Spaulding, Didham, Lambert, Nyerges, Junkin, Copeland, Dengate, Carr, Johnson, Burlage, Janda and Hoopes. Some of the ads give addresses and describe products.

## Cemetery Rules

The society sent two super sleuths- Helen Batko and Helen Pratt to Bedford Cemetery to help decipher a stone tablet listing the rules of Bedford Cemetery. It dates to around 1860. Superintendent Scott Spencer cleaned the stone using methods learned from the restoration specialist. It is mounted in his office. We printed and framed the wording to hang beside the stone. The following is the translation as best as can be deciphered:

### Rules and Regulations for the Bedford Cemetery by the order of the trustees.

- 1<sup>st</sup> No vehicle shall be driven faster than a mule within the cemetery gates
- 2<sup>d</sup> All persons are forbidden to pick flowers or a branch, cut tree or shrub within the cemetery or plant any running vine, briar or forest trees
- 3<sup>d</sup> No horse or horses shall be left unattended by a driver within the gates
- 4<sup>th</sup> All persons are forbidden to write upon, cut, bruise break, discolor or otherwise deface or injure any stone or monument, fence or other structure within the cemetery
- 5<sup>th</sup> No body shall be allowed to remain in the vault more than 30 days.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Any person or persons who shall violate any one of the said rules or conditions there of shall be fined to any one not to be fined not less one dollar or more than five dollars.



*Marjorie (nee: Morris) Craft*; Long time member Marge Craft died on February 20, 2011. Marge was a member of Bedford High class of 1945 and was active in community events. She was the wife of Jessie who preceded her in death. She will be missed by her children J. Michael (Maryann) and Nancy (Sonny) Wilson. She was a beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her twin sister Margaret (Bill) Tench.

*Dorothy E. (nee: Brott) Long*; member Dorothy Long died on March 8, 2011. She was the wife of Richard R. Long who preceded her in death. Dorothy is survived by her son Richard A. and was the loving grandmother of Rachel L. Long. Dorothy and her husband were active members of the society when their health was strong.

*Shirley Ann McCune*; Member Shirley McCune died on February 22, 2011. She was the daughter of Beverly and the late Hershel, sister of Larry. Shirley was active in the community and will be missed by her many friends and family.