Merry Christmas! Don’t miss the beautiful lights on the Bedford Commons!

Thermo Fisher Expands Operations in Oakwood
by Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor of Oakwood Village

Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. the world leader in serving science, with revenues of $12 billion and main offices in Waltham, Massachusetts, has chosen to incorporate a new business group and product line at its Oakwood site. Already the Village’s largest employer, Thermo Fisher is spending $670,000.00 to retrofit its Oakwood site so as to add 33 new employees with an average annual salary of $71,000.00. Thermo’s mission is to enable their customers to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer.

The Oakwood site houses the Radiation, Measurement and Security Instruments business unit of the Electronics Division of Thermo Fisher Scientific. Here they design, manufacture and service radiation devices and contamination monitors that are used at U.S. ports, borders and at major public gatherings for national security purposes.

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Glenwillow Ready for the Holidays!
by Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor of Glenwillow

It is hard to believe that 2012 is almost over. We have been working hard on many projects and activities all year. You have no doubt seen all the construction projects around town which will significantly enhance our community. The numerous activities such as the improved holiday decorations with new lights and banners the Summer Concert Series, improvements to the Donald N. Payne Recreation Complex, and the dedication of the John D. Brown Recreational Trail, all help make Glenwillow a great place to live.

With the Holidays just around the corner, the Glenwillow Police Dept. will be participating again this year with the Shop With A Cop Program. For every $150.00 raised, one child will have the opportunity to go on a shopping “spree” with police, and participate in other fun activities. This program has been a great success in the past and we hope to raise enough money again this year. This has been a wonderful experience not only for the children, but for the officers involved. This program is funded through a raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. The Grand Prize is a 50” color flat-screen TV; 2nd Prize is an iPod and 3rd Prize is $100.00 in cash. The drawing will be held on December 20th. The winner need not be present. To purchase raffle tickets for this praiseworthy holiday event, please contact the Police Dept. at 440-232-8787.

On Sunday, Dec. 9 between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm, the Oakwood Fire Department will be hosting Santa Claus on a fire truck to surprise our children and grandchildren with a delivery of a small gift. To register for this special occasion, purchase a gift for your child, wrap it up and drop it off at Village Hall with the name and address marked on the package. You will be contacted by one of Santa’s helpers with an approximate time Santa will be delivering on your street. Last day to drop off gifts is Tuesday, December 4th. For more information, please contact Lori or Pat at Village Hall at 440-232-8787. Many “thanks” to the Oakwood Fire Department for making this event possible.

On behalf of all of Village Council, our staff and I, wish you the best for the coming holiday season and a prosperous new year in 2013.

NEORSD Storm Water Fees 2013
Kevin Hurst, Mayor/Safety/Economic Director of Walton Hills

Recently you received a letter delivered from the NEORSD regarding the upcoming storm water fee starting in 2013. There have been many discussions about these fees that will take effect in 2013. If you take the time to reference the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District web-site (neorsd.org/stormwater) you will see the history of this issue and how long this has been discussed.

We offer the following information to assist our residents with this storm water fee.

1) Residents, who are currently enrolled in the Homestead for their water and sewer bill, are automatically enrolled in the program.

Warm Hearted Americans Acts of Kindness
Nina Turner, Ohio Senator District 25

Whew, we are free at last. Free from the barrage of campaign commercials, robo calls, and knocks at the door seeking to sell us on the merits of one candidate or issue over another. We are free, if only for a brief moment, from the grind of political pageantry to reflect on our family, our community and our future. We are free to focus on discovery, renewal, and the spirit of humanity. This spirit was on display in the days after, and the weeks since, Hurricane Sandy delivered a punishing blow to New York City and devastated much of the East Coast.

Many storm victims lost nearly everything, yet despite this maelstrom of misfortune they continued to count their blessings and press forward. Their courage and faith provided the motivating foundation that is intrinsic to our community. The numerous activities such as the improved holiday decorations with new lights and banners the Summer Concert Series, improvements to the Donald N. Payne Recreation Complex, and the dedication of the John D. Brown Recreational Trail, all help make Glenwillow a great place to live.

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The Glenn Hills Community celebrates the holidays with a Starry Night at the Glen Hills Community Center on December 8th from 5:30 to 8:30. For more information, call 440-228-0200.

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Walton Hills Mayor
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Just A Buck
By Gloria Terlosky, Walton Hills Councilwoman

I must admit I have an addiction to Dollar Stores. I love to shop for trinkets and then organize a party around them. I guess I really have two addictions, Dollar Stores and Parties. Over the years I have had numerous theme parties in my so called Basement Party Room, such as, Ground Hog Day, Halloween, Hobo, Mardi Gras, Ladies Night, Egg Party, Gypsy, Cowboys & Indians, Fall Fests, Christmas, New Years, Poker, Senior Olympics, Birthday, Ice Cream Social, the list goes on, but I guess you get my drift.

My friends homes are filled with the trinkets they win at my parties. It makes me feel good when I go to their homes and see some trinket of mine sitting on an end table adding some festive cheer to their room, and then remembering the laughter and fun we had playing games and sharing good food in the warmth of friendship.

When I start to get a craving and a need to throw a party, my first stop is a little store on Rockside Road in the Midtown Plaza in Parma, Ohio called Just A Buck. You can find fun stocking stuffers, and party items for all seasons as well as numerous household cleaning products and other items for use in your home. It is not your typical store, for one thing, it is the cleanest store I have ever been in, the shelves are always neatly stocked, and it is very bright and welcoming inside and the music that is playing as you shop makes you want to sing along, and I do. I even caught myself doing the Two Step as I walked down the aisles.

And the best thing is the conversation that is always being bantered around between the sales staff and the patrons.

For you see, this is a special store, staffed by special individuals who have challenges, some mentally and some physically. They are very friendly and take pride in their job and their store.

They are great people, with great pride and great big smiles to match.

I always find something there, not just the material things I came in for but knowing that I am sharing and helping in their independence to be productive working members of society. I feel emotionally lighter as I drive home. You can not buy that kind of feeling, not even for Just A Buck.

So take a drive out to Parma, stop in at the store, I guarantee you will find something to your liking for Just A Buck and maybe even something more.

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Proceeds from the Holly Ball provide college scholarships to Bedford City School District students, grants to teachers for classroom projects and programs, cultural programs in art, music, and the performing arts, and other activities to enrich the overall learning experience of Bedford District students.

Tickets for the Holly Ball sell quickly. For reservations, ticket information, or to become a sponsor or donate an item for the silent auction, call 440-439-4777.
Sequestration and the IDEA

Q. What is sequestration? (Pronounced se″kwes-tra´shun)
A. Sequestration is a fiscal policy procedure adopted by Congress to deal with the federal budget deficit. It first appeared in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Deficit Reduction Act of 1985. Simply put, sequestration is the cancelation of budgetary resources — an “automatic” form of spending cutback.

Q. Why is sequestration important now?
A. The Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) established a 12 member Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (or “super committee”) charged with reducing the deficit by an additional $1.2 - $1.5 trillion over ten years. The BCA also included a sequestration hammer should the super committee fail, a provision intended to “force” the super committee to act. Despite the threat of sequestration, the super committee failed. Announcing its inability to reach an agreement on November 21, 2011, the members of the bipartisan committee stated that “after months of hard work and intense deliberations, we have come to the conclusion today that it will not be possible to make any bipartisan agreement available to the public before the committee’s deadline.”

So, as established in the BCA, sequestration was triggered when the super committee failed to reach an agreement. Sequestration generates automatic cuts for each of nine years, FY 13-21, totaling $1.2 trillion. Without Congressional action to prevent sequestration, the first round of cuts will take place Jan. 2, 2013. The 2013 cuts apply to “discretionary” spending and are divided between reductions to defense ($500 billion) and non-defense ($700 billion).

Q. What must occur in order to avoid sequestration?
A. Sequestration can only be avoided if Congress passes legislation that undoes the legal requirement in the BCA and that President Obama will sign before January 2, 2013. While advocacy efforts to prevent sequestration are beginning to spring up, the strongest efforts focus on preventing the deep cuts to defense spending.

Q. Can the Executive Branch reconfigure sequestration cuts?
A. No. The cuts are automatic, across-the-board reductions to all discretionary programs unless exempted by the BCA. A list of exempt programs is available here.) The Executive Branch will have no authority or ability to redistribute the cuts.

Q. What impact will sequestration have on federal education programs and specifically, for funds provided to states and local school districts to support special education services?
A. Under sequestration, education funding will be subject to cuts ranging from 9.1% (in 2013) to 5.3% (in 2021) according to the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities. The reduction in FY 2013 would be by $4.1 billion. These cuts would be distributed across the various education programs based on current funding levels.

The Education Department cuts in FY 2013 will be distributed as shown in the above chart. These cuts would be subject to the BCA’s automatic cuts at the same rate as all other discretionary programs based on current funding levels. The Education Department cuts in FY 2013 will be distributed as shown in the above chart.

Under sequestration, federal funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act will be reduced by $1,053,600,000 in 2013, or 28 percent of the total reduction to education programs.

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A. A $1.1 billion reduction in IDEA federal funds in 2013 will put the federal contribution toward the cost of special education back to its 2005 level. Equally important, federal funds for IDEA have never come close to the amount authorized by IDEA, often referred to as “Full Funding.”

The chart to the right details IDEA federal funding over the past decade, along with the impact of both sequestration and the House Budget Plan. This sharp decline in IDEA federal funding will force school districts to either reduce services beyond what is needed to provide a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities or supplement the shortfall with local funds—something unlikely to happen given continuing effects of the recession and the “lag time” between economic recovery in general and the effects, particularly in revenue, felt by state and local governments.

Close to 15,000 special education teachers could lose their jobs under sequestration. The result would mean higher student-teacher ratios (aka class size), as well as fewer support personnel such as aides who provide valuable and necessary assistance to skilled special educators.

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(S.E.A.L.E.) Southeast Area Drug Task Force arrests
Male for drug trafficking in Garfield Heights.

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I'm going to tell you a story about Bessie. Both Bessie and the story are made-up, but the underlying facts have been gleaned from cases that I have handled over the years. The danger is real.

Bessie is 84 years old and lives alone. She doesn't drive anymore and relies on church friends and her niece to take her to the bank, store and medical appointments. Also, Bessie's eyesight is poor and it is often difficult for her to write checks and balance her checkbook.

Bessie's niece Becky suggested that Bessie sign a power-of-attorney document allowing Becky to handle her aunt's financial affairs. Becky found a power-of-attorney document online, filled it out for Bessie, and they took it to a notary public down the street where Bessie signed it, essentially giving Becky the ability to write checks, make withdrawals and conduct financial transactions of her aunt's behalf.

Bessie wasn't a wealthy woman, but she still had most of the proceeds from her late husband's life insurance policy in a savings account. She gave her checkbook and account information to her niece together with all of her monthly bills, so Becky could pay the bills for her. Becky was very good at using the computer, so she said she would pay the bills online. Bessie trusted her niece and didn't give the matter a second thought. A few months after signing the power-of-attorney document, a friend drove Bessie to the bank so she could withdraw some cash for Christmas shopping.

The teller was surprised to see Bessie because she hadn't been in for a while. When Bessie tried to withdraw $1,000 from her checking account, the teller said, "I'm sorry Bessie, there is only about $150.00 in that account." Bessie was surprised. She had always kept several thousand dollars in her checking account. She made a note to talk to Becky about that. She instead withdrew the money from her savings account, and then almost as an afterthought she asked, "What is the balance in my savings account?" The teller told her, and again Bessie was shocked. Over $50,000 dollars had been removed. Bessie asked for copies of her bank statements, and with the help of her friend, discovered that while all of her bills were being paid, there were also substantial cash withdrawals from her accounts being made on a weekly basis.

Bessie immediately confronted Becky, who tearfully confessed that she had lost her job a few months back and that she needed the money to pay her own bills and her son's private school tuition and she didn't think Bessie would mind. After all, Becky reasoned, she was Bessie's only heir and would probably eventually inherit the money anyway. In fact, in her will Bessie had left half of her assets to Becky and the rest to her church. Becky asked Bessie to sign an "attorney in fact" document, which would allow her to save Bessie's money, give herself gifts, and transfer the money to her own account. Becky also gave Bessie's home and other assets to her niece.

In this scenario, Bessie did give Becky her consent to manage her money and pay her bills, but Bessie didn't give Becky the authority to take Bessie's money for her own purposes. Ohio Revised Code section 213.02 states in part: (1) No person, with purpose to deprive the owner of property or services, shall knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services in any of the following ways: (1) Without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent; (2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent; (3) By deception." Whoever does this is guilty of theft. And if the victim is age 65 or older, the degree of the crime, and the punishment for the crime, increases.

What can older adults do to protect themselves from people like Becky? A power of attorney is a very useful tool to allow a trusted relative or friend to help manage finances and pay bills, when failing health or eyesight make it difficult to do on your own. However, it is important that both parties clearly understand the powers and responsibilities. It is never a bad idea to talk to an attorney before signing a power-of-attorney document. A power of attorney can be a very useful tool to allow a trusted relative or friend to help manage finances and pay bills, when failing health or eyesight make it difficult to do on your own. However, it is important that both parties clearly understand the powers and responsibilities. It is never a bad idea to talk to an attorney before signing a power-of-attorney document. A power of attorney can be a very useful tool to allow a trusted relative or friend to help manage finances and pay bills, when failing health or eyesight make it difficult to do on your own. However, it is important that both parties clearly understand the powers and responsibilities. It is never a bad idea to talk to an attorney before signing a power-of-attorney document.
The Power of “Syzygy”
Lashing Together To Achieve Results

During a meeting the other day, a group of us were discussing the leadership characteristics that have proven most successful in nurturing enduring customer relationships and generating sustained revenue growth.

We reviewed how the more effective “growth-oriented” leaders are outward looking – they have a vision and a passion for their business. They deeply value the customer relationships that have enabled their growth, and have a clear, comprehensive perspective of the distinctive-strategic value that they produce for their customers.

These leaders manage their businesses in accordance with core principles that define how they expect their personnel to behave when working with customers and each other to produce value and grow revenue. They understand that operating under core values builds a culture for the organization that is customer-centric, employee-oriented, passionate about service, committed to keeping promises, and focused on achieving results.

As we dug deeper into this leadership style, we agreed that these leaders are actively engaged with their customers and their personnel. They communicate frequently and productively, sharing expectations, knowledge, suggestions and encouragement. And they solicit feedback, listening “deeply” for comments and suggestions that can help guide decision-making and strengthen relationships.

But the dialogue came to abrupt stop when someone mentioned that great leaders demand “syzygy.” We all looked at each other. “Is that real word? What does it mean?”

Syzygy is derived from the Greek word “syzygos” meaning yoked together. Great leaders require that their personnel lash themselves together to achieve shared goals, supported by the necessary training and tools. These organizations expect associates to demonstrate a significant bonding with one another in service to customers and to each other, committing themselves to collaboration, perseverance and dedication as if sharing a common yoke. The military has refined this strategy to its highest level, and now business leaders are increasingly leveraging the power of “syzygy” to produce sustained growth.

Could “syzygy” strengthen your business?

How would you begin to move your organization in this direction?

BEDFORD ARTS & CULTURE CONTINUES FREE CONCERT SERIES

Bedford Arts & Culture will be hosting its third installment of FriDates, “Christmas In Brass” presented by the University Brass Quintet at 7:30 pm, December 14th, at the Old Church On The Square, 750 Broadway Avenue in historic Bedford. The program of holiday music will include sacred to traditional, baroque to classical favorites, highlighting Bach and Mozart.

The University Brass Quintet was formed in 1987 at Cleveland State University. Its members have performed in regional orchestras including the Akron, Canton, and Youngstown Symphonies as well as the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra.

Through a partnership with the Federation Of Musicians, all concerts are open to the public with no admission fee. Tickets are not required, however, seating is limited and will be first come, first served.

FriDates is an opportunity to bring quality entertainment for enjoyment to all in the community,” said City of Bedford’s Vice-Mayor Stan Koci.

The Southeast YMCA is coordinating their “Parents Night Out” program with the FriDates concerts, providing babysitting services for parents to enjoy a night out. On Fridays, from 6 to 9:45 pm, games crafts and swimming will be offered at the YMCA on Northfield Road. For more information, contact Mike Dinkeldein at 216-581-7157.

The concert series continues in 2013, featuring the Bluewater String Quartet – Bach & Blues on April 19. The Old Church is an historic building and requires assistance for those with physical limitations. For more information on the series, phone 440-232-1600 or visit www.bedfordoh.gov.
Enjoy a performance of “The Nutcracker Ballet” with your child!

A special production of the holiday favorite, “The Nutcracker Ballet,” will be presented at Pulse Dance Studio this month. The show is created especially for children and will be performed by the students and faculty of Pulse Dance Studio. Come be entertained by dancing sugar plums, candy canes, and much more on the following dates!

- Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at the studio located at 704 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, Ohio. General admission for the public is $10 or $15 for a parent & child combination ticket. Call Jenni at 440-232-3202 or email jenni.hankey@gmail.com for more information.

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**Bedford High School Varsity Basketball Schedule 2012-2013**

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With Thermo’s recent purchase of TREK Diagnostic Systems to serve the pharmaceutical and laboratory market as part of its Microbiology division, 33 Chemists, Software Engineers, Marketing, Sales, Service Technicians and Administrators will be relocated to Oakwood Village.

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Basil L. Galati

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Homestead storm water fee. There is no further action required at this time by the resident.

2) The Homestead storm water fee will be $2.03 per month, or $6.09 per quarter. This Homestead storm water fee is a flat fee regardless of which storm water “Tier” is assigned to your property.

3) Residents will need to renew the Homestead fee application prior to April 1st of each year in order to continue to receive the Homestead fee discount.

4) Residents who are not enrolled in the Homestead fee, but feel that they may qualify, can fill out a Homestead fee application from the city of Cleveland. The application should be submitted to the mailing address at the bottom of the application. Residents should keep a copy of the completed application for themselves. The application is also available on-line at: http://www.clevelandwater.com/Resident/Documents/2012DPU-HomesteadForm.pdf

5) Residents who would like to seek financial assistance with their water and sewer bills can contact the Cleveland Housing Network. They will determine your eligibility requirements for financial assistance, as well as to what application to submit.

6) Individual residents can receive credit on their storm water fee by installing and/or maintaining certain storm water control measures. Complete details on these items and associated credits can be found in the manual on-line at: http://www.neorsd.org/I_Library.php?a=download_file&LIBRARY_RECORD_ID=5666

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Bedford Resident
Bearcat Wrestling
by Coach Adam Hoon

Here it is, the season is upon us. I can see the end results of last season so vividly in my mind. Watching just how close many of our team members were to reaching the State Tournament but falling short. The goal this year is simply to be "On The Board". This is a reference to the team point standings board down in Columbus during the State Tournament. We did not meet our goal(s) last year so it is a necessity to do so this year.

Bedford Wrestling has a storied past that may never be matched due to the dynamics of the sport these days. However, the bottom line is that it is an individual sport and the team succeeds when each member does their part. If every wrestler meets (or hopefully exceeds) their expectations then Bedford will once again be in the conversation of "Wrestling Power Houses". Excellence breeds winning and consistent winning will produce champions year after year. We must practice "excellence" in everything that we do in order to expect "winning".

This year we will have an entire team returning along with some new additions so the expectations are high. The effort must meet or go beyond those expectations in order to be successful. We have had a productive summer and fall, it is time to show what we can do.

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Wrestling
2012-13 Schedule
12/6 @ Rootstown w/ Woodridge 5:30pm
12/8 JV MATCH NIGHT 4:30pm (H)
12/13 vs. COLLINWOOD, SHAW & BENEDICTINE 5pm (H)
12/21 @ Baldwin-Wallace JV Tournament
1/5 @ Olmsted Falls w/ Sandusky Perkins & Willoughby South 10am
1/12 13TH ANNUAL JOE SEARCY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT 10am
1/19 @ Willoughby South 6pm
1/21 @ Ron Alexander JV Memorial 9am
1/23 @ State Duals (TBD)
1/25-26 @ Austintown Fitch Tournament 4pm
2/2 @ L.E.L. Tournament (Local) 10am
2/8 vs. St. Edwards (Green) 5pm
2/9 @ Orange Duals 10am
2/9 @ Shaker JV Tournament
2/15-16 @ SECTIONALS (@ N.Royalton)
2/22-23 @ DISTRICTS (@ Mentor)
2/28-3 @ STATE TOURNAMENT (@ Cbus)
Rotary Club of Solon Leads Food Bank Drive in Solon

The Rotary Club of Solon, working together with the Cleveland Food Bank, the Solon Senior Center and the Solon Area Interfaith League, successfully launched a monthly mobile food pantry in Solon. The Rotary Club is providing funding for the mobile pantry; the Solon Senior Center is providing logistical support, and the members of the Interfaith League and the Rotary Club are supplying volunteers to staff the monthly food distributions.

Distributions are hosted on the 4th Tuesdays of each month (except December) at the Church of the Resurrection in Solon, as part of a program offered by the Cleveland Food Bank to bring food — by the truckload — to areas under served by existing food pantries. Other mobile food pantries are currently operating monthly in Warrensville Heights and Parma, among other locations.

Visitors must meet income requirements (eligibility is restricted to 200% of the poverty level); approximately 9% of the Solon population falls within these limits. The first distribution assisted 36 families in need with supplies of breads, cereals, canned goods, frozen foods, and potatoes and onions, with leftover food supplied to a number of local charitable organizations for further distribution. Rotary Club of Solon service projects chairman Jim Hyde noted “nobody in this country should go hungry.” The Rotary Club is funding the pantry for the next year.
Thank you for an exceptional year. Myself, along with my staff have enjoyed an exciting year full of growth and my patients are a big part of the reason it has gone so well.

As the dentist, boss, I feel very fortunate to have an exceptional, hardworking team helping me every day. There’s an even wider base to my gratitude, however. Bedford, the community and its wonderful people have been very good to my health care office and me. Additionally, Joe Mestnik is a special community gift. Every month he puts together the specifically applicable to read all his editorials. His mission is to help all of Bedford starting with our schools and its residents. I am grateful for him. It’s all because I “care” about my team and patients. This past year in my office, we broadened our services by placing implants, straightening teeth with invisible, clear braces. Our Cadillac of water machines offers another route to getting my team, my patients and their families healthier and gum treatments with a laser and a gel medication to help heal inflamed gums.

Scientific research shows a connection between gum disease and serious health concerns. The infection in gum tissues cause localized inflammation that damage the gums, causing bacteria to enter the blood stream through small open sores, that spread the bacteria throughout the body. A new gum treatment called PerioProtect, is a new addition to gum treatment in my office. It’s a technique that you use at home to help manage the mouth bacteria. A medication gel that I prescribe in placed into the infected gums with a custom-formed prescription tray. Patients with dental insurance, remember, if you have any remaining benefits, be sure to use them before the end of the year. Insurance companies don’t save those benefits for next year.

My office has a quarterly raffle for patients that send me referrals, who want to have a healthy mouth for a lifetime. I appreciate the referrals always. Call to office to learn more about my patient referral program.

Thank you for an exceptional year! Gratitude is plentiful for the privilege of keeping you with a winning smile for this year and for the years in the future as well.

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What is a GRANT?

by Denny Linville, Councilman Walton Hills

GRANT, to confer or bestow as a privilege, charter, etc.; That which is granted, as a piece of property, a sum of money or a special power or privilege.

Prior to a time about 12 years ago politics were present in Walton Hills, but they were imperceptible and always just kept under the surface enough, to almost be invisible. The only election I can recall where they were more noticeable at that particular juncture in our history was the election for Mayor of Harry Mackney and Bill Bosway, both gentlemen now deceased. Even then the run by these two persons was almost unnoticeable. As I write today, this is not the case. There are “urkets” out there somewhere waiting to pounce on every sin, perceived and real committed by our present Mayor, Kevin Hurst.

Take the idea of the village getting “FREE”, grants for money for a lot of capital projects due to Mayor Hurst’s tenure of 11 years to present day. He has worked quite hard at seeking out sources of free money for our infrastructure, as anyone to probably ever occupy the office of Mayor. As in past administrations he designates “FREE MONEY” as grants, the only exception being where we need to establish interest free small government loans. I cannot recall this method of counting “FREE MONEY” as grants to ever be questioned prior to his taking office. It seems that Mr. Hurst is going to be questioned about everything, up to and including the designation of “GRANTS”. This is called looking in the mouth of a free horse.

But, enough politics we primarily want to attempt to examine one of the biggest capital undertakings to ever happen in Walton Hills. Take the case of Egbert Road, with respect to our NEW water lines and re-surfacing from Durham Road to our old Village line at Shawnee Golf Course, with Bedford. In a previous article I put forth the idea that “anonymous letter writers” got it wrong, for almost $2,000,000 in grants applied for and received by Mayor Hurst and his administration with respect to capital budget offsets. This statement or “looking for a gift horse in the mouth” came under question at the last C.O.W. Meeting by a representative of the O.W.L.

I’m in mind that there were two separate projects and thus were bid out separately, according to the Ohio Revised Code. Yes, Egbert Road is complete and was done on time and we now have first rate water lines (the old water lines dated back almost 50 years) and a first rate paving job that will last for years to come. Prior to the departure of Mayor Anselmi the Village made a deal with the Cleveland Division of Water (COW) to turn over our water lines to that entity for the payment (FREE MONEY) on the care and upkeep (engineering cost was also included in Water Line work) of said water lines. A minor part of this was to declare that we would not poach business from Cleveland proper without a tax share. Running congruent to this was constant breaking of watermain throughout Walton Hills, but in particular on Egbert Road (Sagamore Road is also problematic).

The residents on Egbert are not going to question how it was paid for, after innumerable breakdowns of the system and invasion of dirty water into their kitchens. On top of the more than two million dollars already received, accounted for and paid out there is still considerable “FREE MONEY” to come to cover engineering.

On the re-surface of Egbert Road the administration on the advice of Mr. Don Sheehy, Village Engineer, knew it was a county road. Taking this cue we applied for issue 1 funding for resurfacing by an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application. It was at the beginning January 2012 that the County notified Walton Hills we would be eligible for resurface funds in 2013, for Egbert Road. The County had created a new policy to address resurfacing of County roads that were in poor condition, thus the County made a commitment to Walton Hills that they would help us with a much needed re-surface for Egbert. We did request that Cuyahoga County agree to continue the commitment to 2012 and they complied and finished approximately $885,000 (FREE MONEY) and this covered a large portion of the total cost.

To wrap up and not bore you or make you dizzy with numbers a recount of the project would show the construction cost for the water main was $1,345,000.00 and the pavement reconstruction cost approximated $1,100,000.00. Put these two numbers together and you get an overall reconstruction cost of $2,450,000.00. Three different fund sources covered the cost of the entire project. There was also design and construction cost covered. The three sources were for funds, were City of Cleveland, Division of Water, Cuyahoga County DPW, and OPWC or County.

You can see the finish product by simply driving down Egbert Road. There also engineering photos on file where you can witness the various operations that happened in this project. For this there is a lot of people to receive credit and perhaps the greatest is Mayor Hurst for insisting that more work be done in securing funds. Our Village Engineer was instrumental in helping track the funds and know where they were located. Our Fiscal Office under Mr. Nogalo gave great support on the financial numbers and finally, the Village Council fully supported the Mayor in what he was striving to achieve.

Take a ride down Egbert and see how nice it looks and it is a little bit wider too.

Politics is not a good location or a vocation for anyone lazy, thin-skinned or lacking a sense of humor.

John Bailey

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Cleveland Museum of Art Announces $10 Million Gift from The George Gund Foundation and Gund Family

The museum’s 1971 addition designed by Marcel Breuer to be named Gund Family Pavilion. The Cleveland Museum of Art today announced a significant gift from The George Gund Foundation and Gund Family in support of the museum’s renovation and expansion project. The $5 million gift was approved by the trustees of The George Gund Foundation during their board meeting on Thursday, November 8. The Gund family committed an additional $5 million to the project. These gifts bring their total commitment to The Campaign for the Cleveland Museum of Art to $20 million. In honor of these major gifts, the museum’s 1971 addition will be named The Gund Family Pavilion.

“I am thrilled to announce this generous gift to the Cleveland Museum of Art from Family and Gund Foundation,” said R. Steven Kestner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Cleveland Museum of Art. “We appreciate the continued support of the Gund family and all of those who have made this project possible. Their philanthropic spirit will ensure the museum’s place as the cultural heart of Cleveland for this generation and the next.”

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My name is Gary. I became a patient at Bedford Chiropractic & Rehabilitation on April 25th 2001 after my fifth year round accident. My liability in my neck was not real, my lower back was always in pain, and I was experiencing headaches. The doctor explained to me what was going on with my situation, and what he planned to do correct it, and I was more than ready. We started treatment 3x a week, then 5x a week, eventually minimizing to 2x a week, the fewer times the better. One of my biggest tools was using the 400 watt laser 2/2, if you ever used that end you know your neck has to be able to turn. Now I can do this with ease. I would like to thank Bedford Chiropractic & Rehabilitation service, and rehabilitation team. I would recommend Bedford Chiropractic & Rehabilitation to anyone in need.

Thunders Again...”

Gary T

Name: Theodore M

Illness or type of disability: 1. Extreme pain in the right hip 2. Extreme pain in the lower back, and pain in the right leg

Length of Illness and Severity: Accidental fall down multiple steps in feather, which caused severe pain and problems standing.

Medications taken and amount from these: 2 legs in my regular doctor’s therapy, 1 leg in my physical therapy.

Foods to avoid: I was taking too many med. as a child, and that was the worst pain I’ve ever been in.

What progress have you made since you started spinal decompression care: I violated Dr. Armin’s advice twice after therapy began, April 11th, and my first accident. I began to get worse for a week. I made all my decisions, and was back up at 60% and shortly after 100%.

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Comments: I couldn’t believe how down to earth the whole office is, how concerned everyone is about your recovery.

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CITY OF BEDFORD MAKING ITS ANNUAL DONATION TO BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS

The City of Bedford annually makes donations of $900-$950 to Meals on Wheels to help provide meals for the elderly. The money is collected throughout the year on Fridays when city employees are encouraged to “dress down” for a donation of $1. The money is then placed into a pool, and a check is delivered to the Meals on Wheels organization on October. This year, a donation of $950 was made by the city and $900 was made by the fire department.

Meals on Wheels is America’s oldest and largest national organization composed of and representing local, community-based Senior Nutrition Programs in all 50 states, as well as U.S. Territories. In total, there are over 5,000 local Senior Nutrition Programs in the country, providing over one million meals to seniors in need each day. Since 1976, the Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) has worked to arm local Senior Nutrition Programs with the resources, tools and information they need to provide meals while positively impacting the lives of all seniors who are facing the threat of hunger.

“The City of Bedford has been participating in the ‘dress down’ Fridays program for over 15 years, and have collectively donated over $14,000 to Meals on Wheels,” said City Manager Hank Angelo. “The opportunity to help those in need is a mission of the city, and Meals on Wheels helps us to accomplish that by providing the elderly with meals.”

The city has been participating in the “dress down” Fridays program for over 15 years, and have collectively donated over $14,000 to Meals on Wheels. Employees at City Hall, police clerical workers and police dispatchers all participate, equaling approximately 30 employees per week.

“We are always looking for creative ways to raise money for those in need,” said Mayor Angelo. “Participating ‘dress down’ days has allowed us to collaborate with Meals on Wheels to give back to seniors that need it most, and we are committed to continually looking into additional opportunities that allow for the city to make a positive impact.”

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Our topics will include things like learning about goal setting, sugar alternatives, how protein plays a role in the diabetic diet, DNA expression, digestion and gut health, finding fitness goals that are realistic and fun, food and mood, making more plant strong choices, and much more.

The ideal plan is to go 2 – 3 meetings per month for our Tuesday night meetings. This means that you will get 12 meetings in between January and the end of April. Imagine how amazing you will feel by spring.

If you have already done a Health History with me, then you are golden. If not, please visit my website and fill out a health history form so we can have a free consultation. The cost of the program is $400.00 for the entire 12 meetings. This includes any handouts, recipes, cooking demonstrations or books I may have you borrow. The only “catch” is that I MUST have at least 4 people to make this a “go”. Please let me know if you are interested by December 10th. Payment will be collected on the night of the first meeting.

The dates I have planned are: January 8, 22 & 29
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Is Your Student doing well?
Communication is the Key
By Phil Stevens, Vice President, Bedford School Board

This is the second year that our Bedford Board of Education has actively engaged in communication with our community residence. Communication, and Communication with the Board of Education has been our slogan and has work well as one of our Board of Education set goals. We as board members take community engagement seriously. That’s why you can find two board members once a month on Saturday’s from 9am-11am at The Bedford Falls Cafe’ 720 Broadway Ave. downtown Bedford. The following dates are the list of meetings throughout the year:
Dec. 15

These meetings are designed to allow board members to meet with their constituents form the four communities the district serves to discuss matters of education as it relates to the Bedford City School District.

City of Bedford Pays Tribute to Veterans

On Sunday, November 11, the City of Bedford paid tribute to those that gave their lives for their country. The ceremony began at 11:00 am at Veteran’s Park in downtown Bedford. Mayor Dan Pocek joined Commander Willy Adams as he laid a wreath in memory of the men and women that lost their lives serving in the armed forces. Chaplin Don Wisniewski said a prayer, and the ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps”, a reminder to all in the audience of the sacrifices made.

VFW Post 1082 dedicated a mural painting by Bedford artist Silvia Heller as a permanent addition to Veteran’s Park, located on Broadway in downtown Bedford. A place of memorial for all Bedford citizens that served can also be viewed at Bedford Commons, 750 Broadway.

The City of Bedford is well entrenched in the history of service in the United States armed forces. “Mr. Marine”, Leland Sanford Diamond, was born in Bedford and received numerous awards for his service, including victory medals for World War I and World War II. During the Civil War, 208 men from Bedford Township served General Grant’s army, with 43 losing their lives on the battlefields and in hospitals during that time. A Civil War Monument was dedicated in 1886, and still currently stands at the center of the Bedford Public Square.

On the ceremony itself, Mayor Pocek was quoted as saying: “It’s important to pay tribute to those that served as members of our armed forces. Looking at the mural, the wreath that was laid and all of the service men and women that hail from Bedford makes me not only proud to be an American, but proud to call this city my home.”
Study the above photo for a few moments and see if you can find one of the rarest of all occurrences in any sport. In fact, in all of my years of playing and coaching, I have never encountered this. Go ahead and look, I’ll wait. The men in blue are the Junior Varsity squad playing in their home stadium in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. You may have noticed only two fans are supporting the home team; rare, but not unheard of. The vantage point of this photo lets you look at the sideline bench of the home team. Look closely again and you’ll see that there is not one extra player waiting to be put in the game. Every member of this team was in the game. Eleven men going both ways.

Actually, they started with twelve, but their running back blew out a knee in the first quarter. While he was being attended to, I called our team to the sideline. “Listen fellas,” I said, “you are going to win this game by a huge margin. I don’t want any showboating out there. No gloating. No getting in their faces. Humility, gentlemen. I want you to win with dignity and humility.” And they did. I was very proud of our boys.

As we crossed the field shaking hands with the other team and coaches at the end of the game, I saw a lady standing off to the side in Warrensville garb.

I walked over to her and offered my hand. “Are you the AD?”

“I’m the acting AD.”

“Well, tell your boys that we’re proud of them. That was a gutsy performance.”

“Why don’t you tell them yourself?” She said as she nodded to the home team gathering in their end zone.

“I’ll be glad to, If you walk over with me and tell the coaches that you asked me to speak to the team.”

She agreed and we walked across the field to a small clump of boys each on one knee; heads hung low. None of the four coaches had begun the obligatory post game talk with the team (I think they were trying to figure out what to say). As we arrived in the end zone, the acting AD told the group that she had asked me to speak to them and then stood back.

The coaches eyed me suspiciously. After all, they had blue shirts with “W’s, and I wore a green one with a big “B.” I introduced myself and started. “Fellas, I just wanted to say that that team over there,” I motioned with my eyebrows, “is proud of how y…” I stopped. They weren’t looking at me. They were staring at the ground in front of them.

I raised my voice for emphasis “Fellas, look at me.” They did. And now that their faces were visible, so were their tears. Several boys had ribbons of tears leaving clean streaks through the mud on their cheeks.

“You know what, guys?” I said speaking fast and loud in hopes of holding their attention. “Half of your team quit after the fifth game of the season. Some of your teammates quit this week. But you didn’t. You showed up. You played every snap of this game. You went both ways. You didn’t have a chance to win, but you played hard until the last second of the game. Guys, long after your knees give out, you’ll still be playing in the game of life. There will be many times in your life when the odds will be stacked against you. There will come a day when things will seem completely hopeless. On that day, you will hear a little voice in your head telling you that it’s time to quit, but you won’t. You proved that today. I want you to remember what happened here today, gentlemen. Remember this day years from now when things look hopeless. Twenty years from now, that team over there will have forgotten the score of this game. You know what they won’t forget? They won’t forget that eleven men refused to quit. So, hold your heads high, gentlemen. Those guys over there are proud of you. Your coaches are proud of you and I am too.”

When I turned to leave, the formerly brusque coaches in blue shirts with “W’s shook my hand warmly and thanked me. I walked back to our guys thanking the Lord that I had the chance to be the “Coach of Character Development” for more than one team that day.

This happened on a Saturday about a month ago. The next day I preached a sermon that I had worked on for several hours to a congregation thirty times larger than the Warrensville Heights junior varsity football team. Funny, I can’t remember a thing about that sermon.
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Walton Hills Year End Summary
by Kevin Hurst, Mayor of Walton Hills

This is a reflection on the positive direction that the Village of Walton Hills has been traveling for the last two years. Your elected officials have been very proactive in supporting Administration operations, direction and vision for the future. Below are the many different projects, programs and some of the many possibilities that await Walton Hills.

• Walton Hills is dispatching for safety services with another community
• Reduced from 36 full-time employees to 24 full-time employees
• We have re-tooled all our department operation and cost
• Hosted an Automotive Coalition Conference with 81 participates (Federal, State and County attendees)
• Received recognition for The Walton Hills Ford Plant.
• Traveled to Columbus Ohio (State Capitol) to lobby for the Ford Plant.
• Traveled to Washington D.C. to promote the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant
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South Pointe Hospital Names 2012 Community Service Awards Honorees

Cleveland Clinic’s Marymount and South Pointe hospitals hosted their 2012 Community Service Awards honoring five individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to improving our communities. The awards luncheon was held on Monday, Nov. 12, at Catered Elegance in Bedford.

South Pointe Hospital’s honorees were Tverner Collier and Dr. Paul Gasparro, who were recognized for their unsurpassed commitment to our Eastside communities. Program bios for the honorees are below and photos are attached. I’ve also attached the full program.

Bio: Tverner Collier
Tverner Collier is a fixture in his neighborhood and a well-regarded community activist since joining the Concerned Citizens of Southeast Cleveland in 1969. He shares his time and talents with a number of organizations focused on improving his community.

Mr. Collier has served on the Cleveland Citizen Police Review Board, John F. Kennedy Recreation Center Advisory Committee and has served as President of the Lee-Harvard Community Center for 12 years. As President, he organized street clubs and worked with residents, political officials and local government to improve the quality of life in his neighborhood. He developed fundraising projects including the Annual Pancake Breakfast to support programs related to housing, education and safety.

Currently, Mr. Collier serves as Chairman of the Housing/Zoning Code Enforcement Committee. He works with city inspectors, housing court officials and residents to ensure that properties are maintained and that violations are corrected. He has been recognized by Cleveland Housing Court for his advocacy as well as being a recipient of the City of Cleveland Council Lifetime Achievement Award for Civic Leadership.

Mr. Collier is a retiree of Alcoa after 36 years of service and now devotes his time to his community, family and church. He is an active member of Lee Road Baptist Church and the William E. Sanders Family Life Center.

Bio: Paul Gasparro
Paul Gasparro, PhD
Dr. Paul Gasparro serves as President of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Eastern Campus providing high-quality academic programs and services to more than 6,000 students. He is committed to increasing educational resources for youth and providing economic growth opportunities for local businesses. Dr. Gasparro leads a partnership program with the Warrensville Heights High School which provides tutoring services to at-risk students. The innovative program matches Tri-C and Warrensville Heights students to work together to strengthen academic performance. Under Dr. Gasparro’s tutelage, Tri-C has developed educational seminars for local businesses’ entrepreneurial and workforce development needs.

Prior to arriving at Tri-C, Dr. Gasparro served as vice president of academic affairs at Seminole State College. He earned a PhD from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Gasparro leads the United States Air Force for 23 years in a variety of leadership positions before retiring from active duty to begin his community college career. He is an active member of the Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lander Circle Kiwanis Club.
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You may have taken notice of the excavation now underway at the intersection of Columbus and Kimberly Roads. This location is the future home of Mother Teresa Commons, an affordable housing community for seniors. The development will consist of one, two-story building set on 3.3 acres of land. All of Mother Teresa Commons’ forty-four units consist of a one-bedroom apartment with over 650 square feet of living space. At least ten percent or five units will be handicapped accessible for tenants with mobility disabilities. The construction cycle is projected to be 12 months to completion.

Any Bedford Heights Senior 60 years of age or older who is interested in joining the Bedford Heights 60+ Club for 2013, may do so at any meeting beginning January 2, 2013. 60+ Club meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Meeting hours are 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and the cost of membership is only $15.00/year.

Rules for the Senior Snow Removal Program - % When accumulation of snow reaches three inches (3”) as determined by the Director of Public Works, the contractor will be notified to begin snow removal % Driveways will not be cleared more than once in a 24 hour period % Snow removal service only applies to actual snow fall. Snow removal vehicles will not be dispatched to remove drifting or windblown snow % Snow plow operators will remove snow up to the rear of the last vehicle left in the driveway. (In order to have your driveway completely cleard vehicles should be parked in a garage or removed from driveways.) % Snow plow operators are not required to inform the homeowner of their arrival to remove snow. Once driveway has been cleared, plow operators will not return in a 24 hour period unless authorized by the Director of Public Works % Snow plow operators will stay a safe distance away from garage doors, patio doors, etc. This will be at the discretion of the plow operator % Snow plow operators will not clear walkways to the home % Above all be patient. Be prepared to change or cancel appointments during inclement weather. Not everyone can be first to have their driveway cleared.

P.A.C.T. conducts Police sponsored youth meetings bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings at the Bedford Heights Community Center from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The meetings are a positive reinforcement of necessary life skills for our youth between the ages of 12-19. There are guest speakers who engage the group in open discussions about various topics that effect our youth including, but not limited to: education, career choices, future planning, drugs, sex, choices and consequences, laws pertaining to them, friends, school, peer pressure, bullying, respect for self and others, healthy life choices and so much more. Parents are welcome to sit in. For more information please contact Detective Payne at 440-786-3200 x266.

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City of Bedford Pays Tribute to Veterans

On Sunday, November 11, the City of Bedford paid tribute to those that gave their lives for their country. The ceremony began at 11:00 am at Veteran’s Park in downtown Bedford. Mayor Dan Pocek joined Commander Willy Adams as he laid a wreath in memory of the men and women that lost their lives serving in the armed forces. Chaplin Don Winiarski said a prayer, and the ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps”, a reminder to all in the audience of the sacrifices made.

VFW Post 1082 dedicated a mural painting by Bedford artist Silvia Heller as a permanent addition to Veteran’s Park, located on Broadway in downtown Bedford. A plaque of memoriam for all Bedford citizens that served can also be viewed at Bedford Commons, 750 Broadway.

The City of Bedford is well entrenched in the history of service in the United States armed forces. “Mr. Marine”, Leland Sanford Diamond, was born in Bedford and received numerous awards for his service, including victory medals for World War I and World War II. During the Civil War, 208 men from Bedford Township served General Grant’s army, with 43 losing their lives on the battlefields and in hospitals during that time. A Civil War Monument was dedicated in 1886, and still currently stands at the center of the Bedford Public Square.

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