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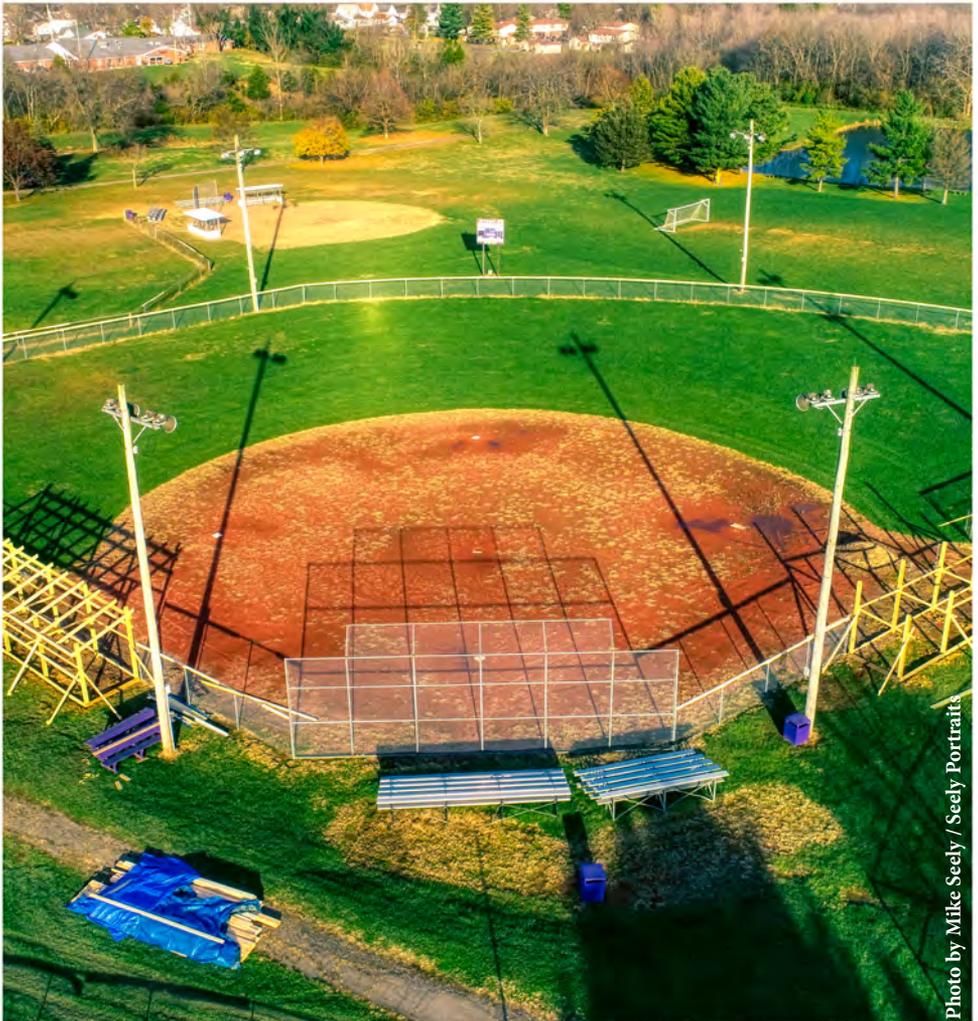


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EDITORIAL

SPRINGTIME!!!

IT'S COMING, FOLKS! IT ALWAYS DOES!

by *Janny Brizius*

The Winter of 2018/19 was "Slow out of the gate", but no one can say she didn't finish strong!" However, Spring is coming. Indeed, we have "The Promise of Spring!"

A very long time ago Alexander Pope said, "Hope springs eternal".

Today Janny says, "Spring hopes eternally".

I do believe the two words are synonymous. Paul, in his letter to the people of Corinth listed hope as one of "three things that abide" (Faith, Hope, and Love) and indeed, if as he says, "love is the greatest", hope isn't far behind! God, in His wisdom, every year gives us the gift of HOPE and its name is "Springtime"!

Only a week ago as this is being typed, Cave Holler, where I live, was a field of ice and snow, yet yesterday I saw daffodils popping their heads out of the ground! Yes, the daffodils also know that Spring is coming! Who will question the daffodils? or even Janny for that matter (who indeed was born on March 21, the traditional first day of Spring). It was destined that I would be "ever hopeful". However, thank you, Lord, for my gift of the other two greats as well. I surely do HOPE you folks all agree!)

Spring time is coming, folks. ENJOY, and please remember also to say "Thanks" to you know who for your gift of HOPE



Spring

FESTIVALS ABOUND!

It's Festival Heaven in these parts for those of you folks who love festivals. Three big ones are:

The Festival of Bells, Early July in Hillsboro;

The Greene Countrie Towne Festival, third weekend in July in Greenfield;

and The Fall Festival of Leaves, third full weekend in October in Bainbridge.

All three have web pages, I believe, and there you can find out details I do not have space for here. ENJOY!!!

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Thanks! Janny Brizius, Editor.

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FOLKS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

FEATURING MALACHI PULLIAM

by Janny Brizius

You can take the kid out of Paint Valley, but you can't take Paint Valley out of the kid! Or out of the grown-up either. (I, also, know that from my own personal experience.)

I went to interview that “kid” today in preparation for this article. As he walked into the Paint Valley High School conference room, this handsome young man, Malachi Pulliam, now all grown up and a faculty member there simply exuded happiness! He was back at the place he loves!

Malachi had “slid through” High School, graduating with honors and walking away with the Merrill Scholarship, as well as several other scholarships. (His tuition for four years at Ohio State was fully covered!) However, he was soon to find out that his “sliding through” high school had done him a disservice as he had never had to learn how to study! His “smarts” served him well again though, as he set about to master the process... literally, as he now holds a Master's Degree from Ohio State in School Counselling.

Malachi knew that he wanted to return to his roots and be a help to other area kids to be more prepared than he had been. It was his dream to teach at his beloved Paint Valley, but he said he never in a million years thought he could do it by the age of 25! Malachi also holds a Bachelors Degree from Ohio State in Special Education, and in addition to his school counselor position he is teaching several Science Classes at the Middle School. I asked him how Special ED worked for kids at that level, and he said, “They are all just a part of the regular class, though they may need some extra help along the way” which is where his special training comes in. (Lucky kids!)

Malachi's responsibilities at Paint Valley also involve some coaching, (Well, they may as well get their money's worth out of him, right?) “KI” as most folks refer to him, had played basketball and had run track as a student, and now is pleased to be coaching alongside his own old coach, Bobby Williams, in the basketball program at his alma mater. He will also be helping out in the coaching department with some other sports, as well, he says, and again he smiles, the smile lighting up the entire room!

Dreams can come true, but you have to MAKE IT HAPPEN! KI knows how to do that!



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A visit to www.longsretreat.com should fill you in on all that I've not had space for here. You will love Long's Retreat-whether you spend a day there or an extended vacation!

BOAT RACES RETURN TO ROCKY FORK!

Following a brief hiatus, the boat races returned last Summer to Rocky Fork Lake. This year's races will happen on July 20 and 21, so mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

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ACTIVITIES GALORE AT OUR AREA STATE PARKS!

We are so blessed in this tri-county area to have four major State Parks: Rocky Fork Lake State Park in Highland County; Paint Creek Lake State Park, located in both Highland and Ross counties; Pike Lake State Park in Pike County; and Tar Hollow State Park, which is so large it actually is in three counties (Ross, Hocking, and Vinton). All have wonderful recreation facilities, and we are so fortunate to have these available to us as residents and to you folks who are visiting our area. In preparation for this Spring publication of the Happenings in the Hills I messaged the park offices and requested a calendar of their events. The same day they returned the same. Now I do not know whether to say fortunately or unfortunately, it is too large for me to print!) It would take up half of this magazine!)

However, if i could do it, so can you. I just googled “Event Calendar for Paint Creek Lake State Park, Rocky Fork Lake State Park, and Pike Lake State Park”, So what I got back did not even include the events at Tar Hollow! Of course, to me the main event at Tar Hollow is our “CAMP” which is held August 4-10 at their resident camping area a fabulous facility in itself! (See CAMP article).

The point of my article is: Take advantage of what we have! We are so lucky to have these wonderful State Parks available to all for swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, camping and all-around family fun!
Thank you Ohio!





SPRING HAPPENINGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



THERE'S LOTS HAPPENING ALL AROUND AND ALL YEAR LONG!

March 27 Annual radio-telethon to benefit Highland County Society for Children and Adults----Highland County

April 6 Ducky Derby, Pike County

April 25-29 Dogwood Festival, Pike County

May 4 Pike Lake Spring Wildflower Walk, Pike County



June 14-15 Waverly StreetFest, Pike County

July Festival of the Bells, Rumble in the Hills, Boat Races, and Greene Countrie Towne Festival, all three in Highland County

July/August Pike County Fair

August CAMP at Tar Hollow State Park, Ross County

Ross County Fair

September Highland County Fair

October "Christmas at the Cabin", near Bainbridge in Highland County



Bristol Village Fair, Waverly-Pike Co.

County History Day in Greenfield and Ghost Walk in Greenfield, Highland County

November JingleBell Festival, Waverly, Pike County



December Through December 8 Christmas at the Cabin

December 8 Tour of Homes Greenfield, Highland County

For specifics contact the Ross County Convention Visitors Bureau, Highland County Convention Visitors Bureau, or the Pike County Convention Visitors Bureau.

Information about your events will be listed in the next issue free of charge, if you send it to Happenings in the Hills, 7757 Cave Road, Bainbridge, Ohio 45612 or dbbjb@gmail.com

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CAMP - AUGUST 4-10

Thinking about a summer camp for your kids? How do you know it's a good one?

This is a very serious question. Kids who are in Scouting or 4-H always have good Summer Camp opportunities available to them. As youngsters, both my husband, Boonie, and I loved our camping experiences with both of these organizations. (Some of our young friends attended church camps, but usually shared with us that they were "pretty boring"). When as young marrieds, Age 21 and 22, we were presented the opportunity by our pastor, John W. Selvey, of the Gahanna Community Church, to begin a camping program for the youth of that church we jumped at the chance, thinking "We can take all of the fun and adventuresome parts of our camping programs we had experienced and just add on the spiritual element. That would only make it better, right?" Well, in the summer of 1956 we did make that happen! It was soon made available to the entire Gahanna community, and then it sort of just exploded as youngsters from all over Ohio – Yes across the nation and occasionally even beyond started attending our camp.

Sixty-four summers later this camp continues, though a second and a third generation of Brizius family are now at the helm. The camp, now called C.A.M.P. (Constructing Assured & Motivated People), has been updated to remain constantly relevant but is still also a very traditional camp. Now an accredited camp with the ACA (American Camping Association), through the years the camp has received a bevy of awards from Parents Magazine, Successful Meetings Magazine, several Governors of Ohio, and even from former President George H. W. Bush. However the Brizius all feel that the greatest "award" they receive year after year is their great volunteer staff (approximately 100 strong) that returns year after year to "pay back" for the years they spent as campers.

CAMP is open to any young person grades six (next Fall) through recent (2019) High School grads. It is always held during the first full week of August, that making this year's camp August 4-10, 2019. Held at the resident camp of Tar Hollow State Park, campers sleep in log cabins with counselors in the cabin. An array of classes are available from which campers may choose several for the week: sports, water-sports, boating, fishing, archery, crafts of many kinds, journalism, drama – over 20 in all. Plus each camper also attends a Trail Blazing class which is a discussion group with a spiritual basis. The camp is interdenominational and no church affiliation is required to attend, however it is very spiritually centered and gives the kids a full week of opportunities to discover God more fully in their lives by means of activities such as Morning Watch, Chapel, Vespers, and indeed just being away from their phones for a week in the woods.

CAMP has a web page www.sfacamp.org where parents and kids can get a good feel for CAMP and if they choose, can register right there! However do not wait too long! CAMP regularly fills up very fast! Anyone interested in learning more about CAMP can also feel free to call me at (937)-304-0818 or Tina Brizius, Camp Administrator, at (833) 732-2267.

Boonie and I are still very much a part of this camp which we started in 1956, and are proud to recommend it for your young people.



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