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needed at each step along the way.) Of course many residents are able to spend the rest of their lives in their own Bristol Village home, but it is nice

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Editorial

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by Janny Brizius

Christmas is a memory time
Memories that “burn and bless”
Our thoughts return to times now passed
and old time happiness.



My childhood Christmas memories include, at random:

A fresh-cut Cedar from our farm –

Sometime my brothers, Bob and Winks, in order to get a perfectly shaped tree, would cut the top out of a bigger tree, and this disturbed my mother a lot. However, she could never stay mad at her boys for very long, and of course, they never did anything wrong ever in the eyes of my Daddy, Doc Judkins.

That cedar tree then graced the living room and was covered in icicles. Because I liked to see the icicles hanging straight, not just tossed at the tree, one Christmas my mother had mentioned to Lee Stultz, our friend and helper at the house, to please put the icicles on the tree straight because that was important to Janny. I have no idea why he was decorating the tree. When we returned from whatever it was that kept us from decorating the tree ourselves we found Lee with a ruler measuring every icicle and its space on the boughs to make sure it was perfectly straight! I think that was all he had time to accomplish all day, but it was simply beautiful!

As a child, I never believed in Santa Claus, but on occasion, I wished that I did. I remember being in my bed one Christmas Eve and wondering if I could be wrong and listening very carefully for the possible sound of Santa’s sleigh and the reindeer hooves!

Boonie and my first Christmas as a married couple was at the cabin, which was our first home. Yes, we had a Cedar tree, and I wrapped sycamore balls in tin foil for ornaments. Also Boonie had bought a box of assorted stuff at an auction, and it contained a couple of dozen tiny Christmas balls. I still have a few of those remaining balls that show up on our tree some 63 years later. We also made a paper chain that we put on the tree and also a few for around the rafters! I still remember the beautiful blue plaid skirt and blue blouse that Boonie bought me for Christmas that first year. (He always has had good taste in clothing.) WHAT A LOVELY CHRISTMAS MEMORY!

However, Christmas is not just for memories. Now it is time for us to be making new special times for ourselves and our families. We can never replicate times gone by. They were for then. Now we should be creating beautiful new memories for the future, and of course remembering the one occurrence that never changes; the birth of our LORD, JESUS CHRIST who came to show us how to live by giving us His Commandment: “LOVE ONE ANOTHER”. May this be our number one Christmas memory and goal!

FOLKS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

Featuring Jim Eichenlaub of Printex Same Day Printing

This is a gamble, and a challenge, but I think my odds are pretty good!

First of all you folks need to know that Jim Eichenlaub, the production person at Printex in Waverly, and I, are fairly far apart in thinking on many issues. Through the years, however, as we have worked together to bring you this quarterly magazine, we have somehow found an understanding. (He really sometimes has to read my mind to accomplish what we set out to do!)



One time as I was proofing the magazine, I read an article and there was a part of it that I knew I had not written! I challenged him on it. Although I would have said the same thing, I knew I never wrote it! He sheepishly replied, "I didn't think you'd mind".

This issue I am typing mostly with one finger due to a broken wrist, but I'm gambling that he will read my one-finger typing and figure out what I mean. IT'S A CHALLENGE, AND I'M BETTING ON HIM! 'cause Jim Eichenlaub and Printex know how to "Make things Happen!"

YET ANOTHER HOLIDAY TRADITION!

THANKSGIVING AT THE CABIN!

The Thanksgiving dinner is over, the table cleared, and NOW WHAT? More football? Not in these parts! A visit to Christmas at the Cabin on Thanksgiving evening has come to be a part of area families' holiday celebrations.

Christmas at the Cabin will be found at the end of a torch-lit driveway just off of Cave Road, which is off of US Route 50, midway between Hillsboro and Chillicothe. For better directions from your neck of the woods call (937) 304-0818 Join the celebration!

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SANTA COMES TO THE CABIN!

Santa's annual visit to the Cabin is going to be on December 9th this year. Santa comes to Christmas at the Cabin every year to have his picture taken with area kiddies. He plans to be there from 2pm 'til 5pm. A cute little Santa's helper from Brit's Snapshots will take the pictures and print them the same day! It is early enough in the month that you can have them to use for your Christmas card or for Christmas gifts. And Get this!!! You can choose what you want to pay for the print – well for the first one. If you want more prints, Brit will need to cover her cost a least. Aaand while you wait for your print, you'll have some time to enjoy the cabin and shop a bit perhaps!



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A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE? PRETTY CLOSE TO IT.



by Dave Shoemaker

Hard to believe this happened 5-years ago . . .

The best Christmas present I ever received came to me this week, and it was completely unexpected. Actually, it all started a couple weeks ago when, for some reason, some of my students thought it would be a good idea for me to have a bullhorn. OK, I may have mentioned I always wanted one, and the kids began imagining the havoc I could cause with such a device in the classroom and school in general.

By the way, if you're reading this with a quizzical look on your face you never had me as a teacher. If you did you're nodding your head approvingly.

Anyway, one of the kids put a couple bucks in a jar and proclaimed it was the "Mr. Shoe Bullhorn Fund". At one point we even checked them out on the internet and found the Thunder Power 1200, a big-time player in the bullhorn game if there ever was one. This baby was designed for "the military and large crowd control" and could be heard 2,000 yards away. Bingo.

Well, even I understood the ethical questions raised by having my students collect money to buy me a device of such ear-shattering destruction, so I proposed an idea. Let's keep collecting money, and if the students could come up with \$100.00 we'd give it to a needy family and I'd buy the bullhorn out of pocket.

We'd talked several times over the year about making good decisions and doing the right thing, and all things considered this was the right thing to do. We also talk regularly about how one good deed leads to another, karma, and how giving beats receiving any day of the week. Now, having said that, talk is cheap and although I think the students agreed in principle an up-close and personal example sure wouldn't hurt.

So to reiterate, forget the bullhorn, I'll take care of that, let's just raise some money for someone who needs it.

The kids were in.

And so it was agreed upon, and slowly but surely the money started coming. And coming. And coming. It came from piggy banks, change drawers, car ashtrays, maybe even mom's purse, who knows. One student, Hammer, even brought in his giant baby bottle bank in which to store the loot.

After a week the kids were hounding me to do a count, so we poured it onto a table and added it up. I was pretty sure we were close to our \$100.00 goal but I wasn't sure.

Shows what I know. We had almost \$200.00! I was stunned. We'd doubled our

goal amount! I was so proud I took a picture of the money and posted it on Facebook, mainly to show what great kids I had in class.

What happened next took things to another level. Soon, under my photo appeared a message from former student and old friend Mike Miller, who told me he was impressed with my students and that he'd match what the kids raised! Later that day, when another PV alumni, Larry McGuire, told me he'd kick in \$200 I sensed something special was happening. When the kids learned that somebody was going to match what they raised a light went on in their heads and it was ON.

Somehow, somehow, the kids kept bringing in money. As word got out into the community others began contributing, mostly from former students but some from people simply touched by what our 5th graders were doing and wanted to help them. We had donations from the community ranging from \$10 to \$325, and my students ended up bringing in \$625.00 all on their own!

Then, out of nowhere, a donation of \$500.00 from 5th grade parent Brett Purdum of Purdum Logging. One kid told me he was "flabbergasted."

So was I.

So, our total as of 3:00 PM on Friday, December 20th? Over \$2,000.00.

I took the cash and coins to the bank and switched them out for larger bills, and after a quick trip to Walmart I had gift cards to give to the families in need of a helping hand. All I can say is, I wish every one of my students could have experienced what I did upon handing over those cards. I explained what my kids had done before springing the surprise. At that point there were a lot of gasps, jaw's dropping, screams, tears, and even one mother who fell to her knees, prayed, and thanked God for the Paint Valley 5th Grade.

I'm not sure if I've ever felt better, but I know I've never been prouder of a group of students.

I told them that, 10-years from now, they won't remember what they received for Christmas when they were in 5th Grade. But they will never, ever, forget the good they did for some families that needed a little help that Christmas.

And here's the best part – my students are completely aware that all of this happened because of them. They learned that by doing something good and right can lead to other, even better things, and that giving is better than receiving.

And you know what? You can't put a price on that.

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The delightful Christmas shop, "Christmas at the Cabin", continues to be a part of our area holiday enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. Featuring hand crafted wares of both local crafters and artisans from across the USA, the cabin is stuffed with beautiful holiday decorations and ornaments and gift items for nearly everyone on your shopping list. Located on the Cave Road, just off of US 50, the cabin is open daily, except Mondays, though December 17th. (Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 AM through 5 PM, Sundays from 1 PM through 5 PM and on Thanksgiving night from 4 PM till 9 PM.

Some folks say hey haven't had their Christmas till they've made a visit out to Christmas at the Cabin.

For more information visit www.magicwaterstheatre.com



OUR GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION

Thanks to Dave Shoemaker for another entertaining article in this issue of the "Happenings in the Hills". Dave is well known in this area to many reading this because of his years of teaching and coaching at both Greenfield McClain and at Paint Valley. He is a clever writer, and do not be surprised to see his words again in future issues of the Happenings. I am happy to have him as part of my "Happenings team!"

Mike Seely, of Seely Portraits of Greenfield, has again provided us with a great cover photo for the Happenings. You may see more of his beautiful photography at his web page: www.seelyportraits.com. Mike does drone photos of area farms and businesses and he makes himself available when possible to photograph your next big event, too. Of course, he does portrait photos by appointment at his studio on Jefferson Street in Greenfield. Call (937) 981-3013.

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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

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Daily except Mondays through December 17th
www.magicwaterstheatre.com |
| Dec. 2 | Greenfield Christmas Parade
6:00 pm, Greenfield |
| Dec.3 | Greenfield Tour of Homes 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Optional Lunch at Grain & Hay Building
from 11:30-1:30 pm |
| Dec.9 | Pics with Santa a Christmas at the Cabin
2pm-5pm (937) 304-0818 |

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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Send Us Your News!



Happenings in the Hills is published four times a year...Spring edition in February, Summer edition in June, Fall edition in September, and Winter edition in November. To have news of your upcoming events listed, please send the information at least one month prior to the next upcoming edition's printing date. We will do our best to include it for you.

Thanks! Janny Brizius, Editor.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

From all of us at Happenings in the Hills!

Pictures with Santa

AT CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN!

Photos will be taken from 2pm – 5pm



Fast becoming an annual event, "Pics with Santa" will happen again this year. Bring the kiddies on **December 9th** if you'd like a professionally done holiday picture that is affordable! Britts Snapshots will take and provide you with your picture for what ever you'd like to pay her.

Christmas at the Cabin is at 7757 Cave Road just off of US Route 50, midway between Hillsboro and Chillicothe and 4 miles west of Babinbridge. Call (937) 304-0818 for more information.

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