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**The wonder and magic of Christmas
through the eyes of a child.**

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YOU ARE AT HOME AT BRISTOL VILLAGE

One of the nation's finest retirement villages is located in Waverly, Ohio.

Residents of Bristol Village live in their own homes within this delightful retirement community. The village provides a wealth of activities for the resi-



dents! Whew, a visit to the facility could wear you out seeing all that is going on!

Limited assistance is available to the residents in their own homes, but should it be necessary for them to have further help in living, Bristol Village has a Continuum of Care Plan. Please visit the Bristol Village web page where

this plan is explained in detail. www.bristolvillage.com (Just the help

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

to know that further assistance is available if and when needed.

Everyone should know about Bristol Village!... (folks considering retirement themselves, as well as people concerned for their older loved ones.)

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Editorial

THE HOLIDAY ARE UPON US!

**Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah!!!
Family time!**



Thanksgiving

From the very first Thanksgiving on, this annual harvest feast has always been a time for families to gather together. The Pilgrim families gathered with the Indian families to make peace with one another and to give thanks. So we, too, this one time a year do the same thing.



Christmas

Surely all of us know the origin of Christmas; the celebration of Jesus Christ's day of birth. It is with awe and wonder that we think of this little family, sheltered from the cold in a stable! Though many came to see this special family, it is the arrival of the Magi, laden with gifts, from which our main focus of Christmas comes, as we, too give gifts to our family and loved ones.



Kwanzaa

In our African American culture, Kwanzaa is a holiday celebrating family. Gift-giving is an important part of Kwanzaa but even more-so is the family togetherness of a shared heritage.



Hanukkah

Certainly a family time in our Jewish families' lives, as they celebrate a miraculous time in their heritage.

So there is the common link that makes the holidays so important to all of us;

FAMILY!

Our American families give thanks for God's gifts to us at Thanksgiving. Most American families celebrate our Way-Shower, Jesus Christ's miraculous birth. Our African American families also celebrate their heritage, culture and community. Our Jewish families gather together each night for eight days celebrating a miraculous time in their heritage.

Nearly all involve gift-giving of some sort

We all love the holidays so much because the holiday times are Family Times!

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN!

OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 22ND

The authentic old log cabin on Cave Road, west of Bainbridge is completing its 36th year as a delightful Christmas shop. Featuring the hand crafted work of 50 artisans, chances are you'll be able to find that "special" gift you are looking for at a price you'll like! They even have some nice items for just 25 or 50 cents! And then there are beautiful creations for up to around \$75.00, but not one of them is overpriced. Janny, the lady who lovingly tend the cabin, will not accept an artisan if she feels his or her items are overpriced. This year the cabin is featuring many new artisans, and folks are really liking their wares.

The Cabin in is located on the Cave Road, 4 miles west of Bainbridge, just off of US Route 50 and midway between Hillsboro and Chillicothe. It will continue to be open daily except Mondays through December 22nd. (Tuesday -Saturday from 10am-5pm, Sundays from 1pm-5pm and on Thanksgiving evening from 4pm-9pm.

The artisans are continually restocking the cabin with their beautiful creations so the Cabin will remain fully stocked right up through the last day. Call (937) 304-0818 for specific directions from your neck of the woods or to let the Cabin folks know that you intend to bring a large group. (Often clubs will schedule their December meeting to be at the Cabin) You could even try to see if you could arrange an after hours time for your club to meet there. (Call the above number. If it is possible they will make special arrangements.)



BOONIE'S BACK & BETTER THAN EVER!

After a couple of years of failing health that caused Boonie the Magician to curtail many of his activities, He is now back to work and as good as ever!

From corporate events down to birthday parties, he can do them all, and your folks will be amazed at his magic and just plain amused by Boonie, himself!

Call (937)-304-0818 to check his availability for your next special event!



FOLKS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

featuring

ROBERT “SHAG” TRENT

by Janny Brizius

I am making some really cool friends in my old age & Folks are getting to know them, too, by way of their partnering with me to make the Happenings in the Hills an interesting publication. Meet my newest and coolest of all – “Shag”.

I met Shag last Christmas when my great nephew, Jake Judkins, paid me a holiday visit. Boonie, when they walked in the door remarked, “Do you always travel with your body guard?” The man visiting along with Jake towered above all in the the room, and the rest of his body matched his height. Shag and I hit it off right away, and soon thereafter he was messaging me on the computer, calling me “Aunt Janice.” He was messaging me from Alaska!



Shag learned to hunt and fish from his Father

It turns out that Shag grew up living next door to Jake in Greenfield. He and Jake and John (Jake’s brother) are “brothers”, if indeed by separate parents.

Shag was close with both of his parents, but it was his father who would turn out to be possibly the bigger of the two influences in his life as he took Shag hunting and fishing from a very early age on. Shag lost his father at age 17, but this influence remains to this very day!

Shag’s entrepreneurial skills showed up early on. At age 8, he was selling nightcrawlers for 50 cents a dozen, and actually cultivating them for the sales. By age 10, he started making spinners, utilizing squirrels’ tails, shiny beads, and hooks. He packaged them in baseball card wrappers, then by using a hole punch in the top of the wrapper, he was able to display his product, hanging on nails placed around the family garage. His business was born! He soon expanded to sell crayfish, hellgrammites, and other critters. At age 10, Shag also got into trapping. Every morning he would run his traps and process the capture, all before he went to school! To add to his cash-flow, he also began delivering pizza while in high school. He also worked on a family farm, and while he was doing this his aunt learned about the Home Building Institute in Michigan, and it was with her urging that he attended there and actually got an advanced degree from The Institute. His degree got him a job building homes in Michigan. One of his clients, a landscaper, liked his work so much that he hired him himself to build waterfalls, brick walkways, retaining walls, etc.

He found time somehow to become a Bible School Teacher, get married, and have a daughter – all by the age of 23! His marriage did not last, but the love for his daughter survives, and as I write this he is anxiously anticipating her arrival for Thanksgiving. His affiliation with the landscaper did not last either, and after the break-up with his wife and his boss, all close to the same time, Shag, with virtually no money in his pocket, took off. He fell back on his fly-tying skills, eventually making so many he had to start wholesaling them to bait shops all over Michigan – all the while also fishing, and as folks saw the results of his fishing, he began a guide business, taking people on fishing trips in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. As that business took off he accumulated enough money to buy his own store, “Shag’s TBN Outfitters”. However, he eventually sold this business so that he could be a bigger part in his daughter’s life in Florida. This decision took Shag back to his hunting and fishing guide business, leading excursions in Florida, Ohio, Michigan and Alaska!



Fishing with his daughter

I asked Shag with all of his travels and places he’s lived, “Where is Home?” Without a blink, he answered, “OHHH Here!”

Though Shag is living his life-long dream (perhaps any little boy’s dream) it has not been as easy as I’ve made it sound. His life has been plagued with serious disappointments, though as we talked it became clearer and clearer to me that his life has been greatly directed by “The Man Upstairs.” His difficulties have only made



Shag with a couple of very happy clients after a recent hunt.

him stronger and ready for the next opportunity. He is in much demand as a speaker at Hunting and Fishing Expos, especially in Ohio and Michigan.

Shag hunts and fishes for a living full time, including in Alaska, and the Caribbean. He is looking forward to

his next trip to Alaska next Spring when he will be learning to take folks on hunting trips for Grizzly Bears, Black Bears, Caribou, and Moose.

Wow, what a life – I told you he’s cool!

Contact Shag at (616) 458-0922 if you'd like to book a trip with him.

YOU KNOW HOW I KNOW WHAT SPARKY WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS? BECAUSE HE TOLD ME.

By Dave Shoemaker

Seriously. He told me.

Listen, I expect approximately 9-people who read this to believe me, and those are all dog-loving freaks such as myself. I could literally name the people right now who will respond and say as much. As for the rest of you, I know you'll think I'm batshit crazy, and I won't blame you a bit.

As anyone who lives alone with a dog can tell you, after awhile you begin treating your dog like a human. By the way, is that an oxymoron or what? You can't live alone if you have a dog. Anyway, most of the stuff is normal, like, "Do you want to go outside?" or "Do you want a treat?" You know, regular things you say to a dog.

However, when it's just you and the dog I think you sort of take your communication up a notch.

For instance, I've actually made the following comments to Sparky with a straight face:

"Stay here Spark. I'm going to go throw a load in the washer."

"Spark, can give me your thoughts on the European Debt Crisis?"

"Well, what did you think, Spark? Should I ask her out again?"

You know, stuff like that. I respect Spark's opinion, especially regarding that last one.

Keep this in mind as I recount my latest Sparky Experience. This morning I was in the bedroom getting dressed. The TV was on, a commercial came on that for some reason reminded me of Christmas. Just making conversation, I said, "Christmas is in a couple months Spark. What do you want this year?"

Sparky then looks at me, cocks his head, and runs over to a basket on the other side of the room where we keep his toys. Then he digs to the bottom and pulls something out. The next thing I see in front of me is this:



That's the snowman toy I gave Spark for Christmas last year. This actually happened. I just sat there with mouth open, looking at him.

Like I said, he told me what he wants for Christmas. I know there are a lot of people who scoff at us dog lovers and our stories of how smart our pooches are, but I'd like one of the skeptics to step up and explain this one. Did the word "Christmas" set off something in his brain? Had to, right? Somehow, he made the connection.

Now if you'll excuse me, I need to go do some Christmas shopping.

AN ANNUAL AREA TRADITION

A Family visit to Christmas at the Cabin on Thanksgiving evening!
This is ritual for many area families!

Thanksgiving feast is over, Table cleared, and Dishes at least stacked in the sink Now what? More football? NAAAH We're all going to Christmas at the Cabin! Surely families gathered round the hearth in a cabin much like this on the first Thanksgiving, right? And kids, be ready to pick out your very special 2016 Christmas ornament. I hear they have lots! The folks at Christmas at the Cabin will be waiting for you, starting at 4pm and continuing until 9pm.

Watch for the torch-lit driveway off of Cave Road.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FOLKS!



MIKE SEELY'S PHOTOGRAPHY



Our beautiful cover photo is again courtesy of Mike Seely of Seely Portraits in Greenfield. 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 to talk to him about any of the above.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Through December 22

Christmas at the Cabin
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(See ad)

Dec. 4

Greenfield Tour of Home & Baked
Steak Dinner-1:30-4:30
Tickets available at Community
Savings Bank and at Grain & Hay
on Day of Tour.

November 25

Greenfield Lions' Candy Shop opens

Dec. 11

“The Pipes of Christmas” -
Greenfield Historic Pipe organ
concerts at Greenfield Presbyterian
and Methodist churches and at
Greenfield McClain High School

November 18-20

Jingle Bell Weekend - Waverly
Lighted parade, Canal Park Lighting,
Craft show, Variety show much
more!

Dec. 17

Pics with Santa day at Christmas
at the Cabin
2pm through 5pm
7757 Cave Road

Dec. 3

Greenfield Christmas Parade
Sponsored by Greenfield Eagles

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



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!”

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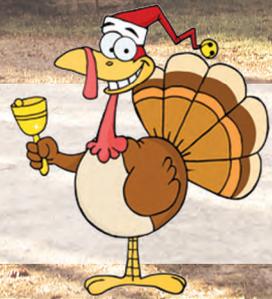


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Christmas at the Cabin

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from 4 – 9 p.m.



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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 17th** if you'd like a professionally done holiday picture that is affordable! Britts Snpshots 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.