

Camp Springs News

Delivering News to the Camp Springs Community



Camp Springs Initiative

June-July-August 2019

Summer Fun In Camp Springs

If you are looking for summer fun, there's some right in your backyard.

St. Joseph Parish in historic Camp Springs will hold its 89th Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, June 8th from 4 p.m. to midnight. Home-style fried chicken and roast beef dinners and carry-outs are served from 4–8 p.m. indoor and outside under the protection of the rustic parish community shelter. Activities include a \$1,500 major raffle, duck races, kids' games, poker, alcohol raffles, live entertainment, beer and refreshments and an outdoor grill. Military veterans offered special meal consideration and public acknowledgement during the event. *For carry-outs call 635-2491.*

St. John Lutheran will hold its **Vacation Bible School** from June 17-20 from 5:30-7:45. (dinner included). This year's theme is "Hero Central." All are welcome! *Contact the church office at 635-5013 for more information.*

Misty Ridge Farm offers a Pony Camp from June 17-21 and a Rodeo Camp From July 15-19. *For more information, call 781-5779 or visit www.mistryridgefarm.com.*

This year's **Backyards Farm Tour** will be held on July 20th from 9-3, rain or shine. It is sponsored by the Campbell County Conservation District.

Oakland United Methodist's Vacation Bible School will be July 22-26 from 6:30-9. The theme is Giddyup Junction and the picnic is on Friday, July 26. Bring a friend! *Contact the church office at 635-0042 for more information.*

Adopt-A-Highway Update

Camp Springs Initiative (CSI) has a contract with the highway department to pick up trash along a 2-mile stretch of Four Mile Pike twice a year. The last road clean-up was held on April 27th. Ten dedicated community members collected six trash bags full of refuse that day. If you are interested in helping, there will be another Adopt-A-Highway date in the fall. It will be announced in the *Camp Springs News*.

Meet Your Neighbor -- John Blenke

It's hard to say if John Blenke is a newcomer or an old-timer in Camp Springs. His family roots are planted deep in the Four Mile Valley, and about five years ago he learned of the existence of the Blenke house on Stonehouse Road. After retiring from a career in software engineering at the Kennedy Space Center and GTE, he pursued the dream of bringing the family homestead back into Blenke ownership. He was able to buy the home from the bank and settle into the walls where his ancestors had raised twelve children.

John Blenke attended St. Mary's grade school in Alexandria until his family moved to Maysville. There he met his wife Karen. After studying at UK, they moved to Florida, where they lived and raised three sons. After Karen passed away, John began to research his family, both online and by going abroad to visit relatives in Austria. When he was able to buy the Blenke house in Camp Springs, he left Florida for the homeplace.

The stone house needed much repair and John has found local tradesmen to work on the house. He is also an able carpenter and is working to cut windows frames and install windows in the barn he has built next to his house. If you notice the green shutters when you drive by his house, he made those, too, and they are fully functional shutters! Once the house was stabilized (it had an 8" lean when he bought it!) he had the façade restored to its original appearance, a new roof put on, and the stonework tuck pointed. Not only did John move to Camp Springs from Florida, but he brought his bees with him. From the five hives of bees which he tends behind his house, he is hoping for a good honey crop this year. His other project for 2019 is to work on his barn, which will give him space for wood-working projects.

John has connected with other German-Americans in the Kolping Society of Cincinnati, where he sings in the choir. Here in Camp Springs he particularly enjoys the sense of community, and has reconnected with many relatives and other friendly folks.

If you have an idea for a neighbor profile, please contact Nancy Enzweiler at jentsch@nku.edu.

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CSI Update

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If you are interested in serving on the board,
Please contact Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925.

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Upcoming Events

June

- June 8** — Summer Festival, St. Joseph Catholic Church,
dinners 4-8 p.m. call 635-2491
June 17-20 — Vacation Bible School, St. John Lutheran
Church, 5:30-7:45 (dinner included), call 635-5013
June 17-21 — Pony Camp, Misty Ridge Farm, call 781-5779
or visit www.mistyridgefarm.com

July

- July 15-19** — Rodeo Camp, Misty Ridge Farm, call 781-5779
or visit www.mistyridgefarm.com
July 20 — Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour, 9-3 p.m.
July 22-16 — Vacation Bible School, Oakland United
Methodist Church, 6:30-9, call 635-0042

Camp Springs News Deadline

Calendar submissions for the next issue of the
Camp Springs News are due to the editor at
635-2925 by August 16, 2019

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