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ADDITIONAL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ED 2016

Trustees were pleased to learn recently that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources have both approved the addition of some requested land between the ravine on the side of the food service area and the Pioneer Village Road, for transfer to the Village lease.

The land will be used as a location for the newest building which probably will be used for an inn and administration and meeting facility.

The request was originally for some one-half acre, but the amount actually surveyed off was closer to five. Village land now runs about halfway down the road to the turnaround incorporating the one-half acre plus considerable brush, ravine and some level land along the road-side.

In addition to that, the crew surveyed the bounds of the Village, which had never been done, since the original bounds had been only set off by a convention and general description. Instead of the 17.5 acres within Village bounds prior to the survey, there now appear to be 40 to 50 acres. This incorporates almost as much ravine land as flat land in the Village proper.

The survey line goes west from the road, over three ridges, angles toward the lake, swings southwest and then makes a straight line to the corner of the west field, then back along the fence line to the Indian mound and back to the road.

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Over eighty sap buckets have been hung on the trees around the Village and in the vicinity of the sugar camp, again to catch the sap from the maple trees, to be boiled down into syrup for pancakes and some limited sale if there is enough.

Under the direction of Homer Marsh, the camp is set and operating. This year plastic tarps have been hung along the sides and a canvas one front, to provide much more protection and warmth. The rear section of the building has been sided in by Burnett Butterworth and Don Richards, to keep the wood dry.

Joe Coons has worked on the boiling pan and made a new one. Don Richards has donated his fathers pan also.

Pancakes and syrup are the order of the day on March 7 for members and guests. As this writing is not in time to serve as a notice, many phone calls have been made.

DEEP FREEZE PURCHASED K

At the past meeting the trustees voted to buy an additional deep freeze and put it in the barbecue building. Ed Simpkins purchased a used one for \$110 in the Middletown area. It is 20 cubic foot size.

VILLAGE CARD DESIGNED V

Andy Kopp has designed a card with the Gloria Herres Village logo background that is to be used as an identification card by Village members. The design was approved by trustees at the last meeting. Card order is now at the printers. Requests for a card have been received, especially at the Mall shows.

GATE HOUSE SHAKES ON 2016

Work has been commenced once again on the gate house.

Recently, Don Patton and Tom (home on leave from the Army) put on the roof shakes and framed in the gable ends. It is now ready for the first flooring, stairway and second flooring.

WORLEYS HANDLE PUBLICITY

Joe and Miriam Worley have again consented to handle the publicity for the Village for the summer activities as they have in the past two years.

The Worleys send release material to some 125 publications, newspapers, radio, and TV stations for each of the major festivals. For each of the Gatherings they will send out information weekly to the major daily newspapers in the area.

GATHERINGS MEETINGS GOING ON/ K

The summer's plans for public activities and operating funds for the Village appear to be developing smoothly as the committee planning for "Gatherings at the Village for a Month of Sundays" continues to meet and solve each hurdle.

Meeting several weeks ago at Martha Martin's house, the committee further defined the scope of each Sunday's theme and compiled lists of craftsmen to invite. Linda Lee has refined the lists until they contain about twenty craftsmen per day in addition to the general craftspeople who may also be on the grounds. Each Sunday has a food chairperson to organize the kitchen for that day and supervise the volunteers working there. The next meeting is at Richardses".

~~NEAREST BUILDING INITIATED~~ 2016

The barbecue building got its first use on Saturday, Feb. 13. It was the location for Scout Troop 40 of the Ft. Ancient District to cook bean soup and serve coffee and hot chocolate to the park's Winter Hikers.

The hiking trail came through the Village at about the halfway point, so the Scouts set up their field kitchen in the incompleated building and reported that it worked well. Much better than serving in the woods as they had done last year.

VILLAGE NOW HAS SCREEN ✓

A projector screen has been added to the Village equipment through the efforts of Joe Hatfield, who was instrumental in selecting and purchasing it.

For several years, both the projector and screen were borrowed from Joe. Then the Village bought a projector but continued to borrow the screen. The new screen completes the set for use in presenting the Village slide programs. This has continued to be a frequent activity of the Village since Glynn Marsh did the first one years ago in Trotwood, Ohio.

THINGS STILL GOING ON 2016

Some wintertime activity has been evident at the Village in spite of deep snow, below-freezing temperatures and biting winds.

During the past month, the corncrib has finally gotten a roof, done with old sheeting taken from the Fairchild barn years ago, piled in the weeds and almost forgotten.

Burnett Butterworth, Bob Head, George Wall and others have framed much of the door in the Taylor-Mills house, and Burnett has built doors.

Homer Marsh has designed pickets for the fence around the front of the Hatfield house (for privacy for the caretakers) and with help from others has them cut. The material is ready in the barn for fence building.

The Richardses put up the pipe for the heating stove in the Githens house and report it works well. Kat Spray has been doing some looming in the building on weekends.

Ed Simpkins has had printed the music flyers for the music festival and is now distributing them. Andy Kopp did the updating for the flyer.

Much ordering for the store has been done by Linda Lee and Matt Fugett.

DAYTON MALL SHOW SET E

The Village will hold a show in the Dayton Mall on March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as part of the appalachian-type shows that it has done at the Beechmont Mall and the Towne Mall this winter.

This show, the largest and final one for the season, will be the longest. Set-up will take place on Tuesday eveing, the 30th, at 9:15 p.m. and the exhibit will last until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Villagers are needed for set-up and daily participation, as well as Craft demonstrations.

As in the others, the Village booth will be both central and thematic. Again no charge will be levied for a spot for the Village, and no percentage of sales will be charged. In return the Village will act as the theme for the other exhibits. Bar B Q

SIMPKINS MAKES GRILL ✓

Ed Simpkins has fashioned a grill (complete with handles) on which to fry pancakes for the maple syrup weekend. In the past the grills have warped from the heat. The new grioo requires two people to lift, so heavy to avoid warping.

THE VILLAGE NEEDS HELP AT THE DAYTON MALL Mar. 31-April 5.

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