

THE VILLAGE LOG

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Bob Sampson Recognition Dinner Held

On November 12th thirtyfive friends gathered at the Der Duetchler Restaurant and Banquet Center in Waynesville for a great family style banquet in honor of Bob Sampson, wife Barbara and their sons who have worked at the Ole Tyme Music Festival managing the stage for 18 years or so. There were many testimonials and stories to tell on Bob and we got to hear how he became a big screen movie star. If you missed it, ask Bob the next time you see him. And a thank you to Linda Lee for putting this great evening of entertainment and camaraderie together.

On a sadder note. We are sorry to have to inform you that Bob's father recently passes away at the age of 101. His dad had been a strong supporter of the Village and had been to every one of our Music Festivals up until this past June. We offer our deepest condolences to the family. He will be missed by all who love old mountain music and clogging.

Haunted Village Walk and Hay Ride

The Haunted Village Walk and Hay Ride were big successes again this year. In fact, this event chaired by Carolyn Slattery was the years largest source of income for the Village again. We continue to be known as one of the best in the greater Dayton-Cincinnati region. A big thank you to Carolyn and all of the volunteers who came out to make this event happen. Being at night, in the cold wet weather of October spread over two weekends, it is certainly one of the trying events to participate in. But for those of us who have participated, it surely has been a great bonding experience. While there is always too much to do, it is really exhilarating to see a line of 200 people waiting to go through the Village.

This year the Haunted Village Walk started with a gypsy fortune teller mesmerizing the guests, then on to a pioneer wake for a boy killed when he got kicked by a mule. That mule must have really kicked him hard because the delayed reaction continually jolted him right out of his coffin. The Harkrader Barn was haunted by various pioneer spirits that chased the visitors to the indian village and past the burial grounds right through the dark cave of doom. But not to fear, everyone came out at the boiling shed where the gulls were cooking bar-b-que. But what were they bar-b-queuing? Across the first wooden foot bridge to see a ghost pop up out of the grass and fly around in the trees. Then on to the saloon with the funniest bar girls you have ever seen. And those civil war soldiers from the field hospital sure could have used a little cheering up at that saloon. The herb shed was again the favorite place for the witches to have a boiling caldron. Then back into the woods to see the ruins of the kiln with the grim reaper flying across the sky in front of us. Then to the morgue to see all those customers that didn't make it through the Village. Where did that person come from to fill the empty slab. Then on to the Lukens Barn to see that grumpy old man who didn't want anyone around his barn. Better get across the second bridge before the

old guy gets up and starts to follow us. Oh no! Is this fire or fog or trolls under the bridge. Well it is all three. So lets get past the wagon train before the indians come back. Is that the Judge trying the person who stole his horse. He sure is in a hanging mood. Well we can just slip away from the hanging here in this house with Lizzy Borden and her ax. Wow, some of the visitors made it through the Haunted Village Walk alive.

Schedule of Events

If you would like to inform our readership of a upcoming event, please send the news letter editor the event information along with the name and phone number of someone we can contact for additional details. AS our 25th anniversary is approaching and brochure preparations must be started months before the brochures are printed for the year, we would like to know about all events six month in advance. If you know of any event not on our list, please let us know about it.

January/March	Tapping of the Sugar Bush
March 2	Maple Syrup Brunch
April 19	Green Up Day
April 26 & 27	Time Line
May 8, 9, 15, & 16	School Days
May 17 & 18	Fair on Caesar's Creek
June 28 & 29	Ole Tyme Music Festival
July 19 & 20	The Way It Was
August 16 & 17	Pioneer Family Farm Days
September 20 & 21	Harvest Festival
October 17, 18, 24 & 25	Haunted Village Walk

Caesars Creek Pioneer Village Trustee Elections

Elections for Caesars Creek Pioneer Village Board of Trustees will be held during the March 11, 1997 meeting. The nominating committee would be happy to know of anyone who would like to run for one of the three year terms we will be filling. The nominating committee for this year includes Don Richards, (513) 897-6546; Miriam Lukens, (513) 932-2752; and Greg Knapik, (513) 376-4486. If you would like to know more about being a trustee, give one of us a call. Trustee positions to be filled this year are the positions currently filled by Max Bailey, Burnett Buterworth, and Carrie MacDougall. Other trustees are Frank Crabtree, Bart Redman, and Mark Helpinstine with terms ending in 1999. Sharon Kingan, Don Richards, and Greg Knapik fill terms expiring in 1998. Come out and cast your vote for Village Trustees.

Warren County Support for CCPV

We have been informed the Warren County will again provide funding to help support operation of the Caesars Creek Pioneer Village. We appreciate the Commissioners recognition of the role the Village plays in Warren County and their financial support to help maintain this historic site and the programs presented here. We thank the Commissioners for their support.

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Sugar Bush Tapping & Maple Syrup Brunch Approach

We have already started tapping the sugar maples. As always, we hope for freezing cold nights and warm sunny afternoons to make the maple sap flow sweet and plentiful. Frank Crabtree will again be our Sap Master and Linda Lee our Maple Mistress. We will be making syrup several weekends leading up to the big weekend of March 1 and 2. That weekend the sap will be boiling down for sure to highlight the Sunday Brunch from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Fare for the day will include pancakes with Pioneer Village Maple Syrup, sausage, coffee, milk, and hot chocolate.

The Sunday Brunch will need a lot of participation to serve our members and guests. If you are available, we will be starting to gather around 10:00 am to prepare for the day's activities. So don't be shy. Just show up. Everyone is invited to come out and help. If you need any information on the daily gathering of the sap, call the Village at (513) 897-1120 or the State Park office (513) 897-3055.

We continue the Adopt-A-Tree program. For your \$20.00 donation, you may pick a sugar maple that we are tapping for your very own, receive a pint of Caesar's Creep Pioneer Village Maple Syrup, and one complementary brunch on March 2. The pints of maple syrup will be available for pick up at the Country Store starting Saturday and any day the store is open thereafter throughout any of the festival. See the adoption application on the last page to start your adoption proceedings.

Green-Up Day Coming Soon

There are many things to be done at Green-Up day. The trails need to be cleared of fallen debris. Limbs over growing the paths need to be trimmed back. There are cracks in the cabins that need filled with chinking. There is lots of trash that has collected in the ravines around the village that needs to be removed to the dumpster. There are plenty of chores for anyone wishing to work.

Many of you already know of things that you want to accomplish that day. We should have a lot of help available to help with any projects you could use a hand with. So don't hesitate to let it be known that you could use a helping hand from one of the unoccupied volunteers. We want to keep everyone gainfully employed improving the Village.

1996 School Days

Caesar's Creek Village will be hosting student craft seminars popularly known as "School Days", this year on May 8, 9, 15 and 16, 1997. Arrival time for students is usually around 9:00 and activities last until noon or 1:00 p.m. With the large number of students already registered to attend it may last a little longer than usual. Currently we have three of the four days almost full. The cost for each student will again be two dollars (\$2) with teachers and room mothers accompanying the classes free. Busses should park on the grass overflow parking area immediately south of the Village, but may unload at the front parking area. This front area is usually too congested for both parking and unloading.

A brief orientation talk will be given at the [front] parking lot after unloading. The students visiting should remain with their class group at all times, should not cross or be on the drive in front of the Village (Pioneer Village Road), and not go to the lake or into the woods on trails unless accompanied by adults. After orientation, groups are free to go to the various craft stations as they choose since schedules have proved to be difficult and wasteful of time. Some crafts persons take longer at their stations than others. If a group is occupied at a craft site, a group looking for a site should find one unoccupied and go directly to that one. A group waiting for a group to finish at a craft site should wait quietly, since craftpersons' voices are not using amplification. Craft sites will have prominent numbers displayed which will also be cued to maps of the village which will be given to each group.

Groups usually bring picnic lunches which may be left on the buses until lunch time. Since the Village's picnic tables and pavilion space is limited, groups may picnic wherever they choose. Uneaten picnic lunches and other items of discard should be placed in the blue dumpster. After lunch, groups may use the center green for games or take a trail to the lake. The Village has no food service but candy and sodas are stocked at the country store. Each group should picnic together.

Craftpersons are all volunteers and are donating their time to this program. They usually leave at noon, so it would not be advisable to eat first and then try to find a craft station, as the Craftpersons may be gone. It is never certain what crafts will be available to visit, but there should be eight or so sites. Usually herbs, the meeting house, indian lore, the Caesar Creek park naturalist, the blacksmith shop, old tools discussions, the village school, the settler's cabin, the textile house, a log house showing cabin life, candle making, fireplace cooking, broom making, the village store, and the toll house, are included. Modern restrooms are next to the front parking lot. The caretaker's house (center rear) is off limits.

Late spring weather is unpredictable and often wet and/or cold. It is much easier to take off a garment than to be cold because one was not brought. None of the building are heated and most sessions will be outside.

The Village may be reached by driving south from route 73 one mile east of Waynesville, right on Clarksville Road, left on Oregonia, and again at Pioneer Village Road. The capacity for each day is set at three hundred (300) students, and when that number is reached, that day will be closed. First come, first served. Reservations may be made by writing Don Richards, PO Box 1049, Waynesville, OH 45068, or by phoning (513) 897-1120. Volunteers wishing to help with School Days are also encouraged to contact Don.

Ol'e Tyme Music Festival Preparations Begin

The Ol'e Tyme Music Festival is scheduled for June 21, 22, & 23. This has been a very well attended event in the past and features nonstop music presented at multiple sites around the Village. We hope to see most of our old favorites back with us again this year and we can always squeeze in a few new groups. If you like to play, sing, or just listen to good old fashioned tunes played on a wide variety of instruments from hammered dulcimers, banjos, and guitars, to the restored Meeting House organ, this is the weekend for you.

If you would like to find out more about participating in the festival please contact Sharon Kingan or write to the Ol'e Time Music Festival Chairman care of the Village.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in any of our other festivals, please just rite to the festival chairperson at the Village address for us to send you information.

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village now has a Home Page

CCPV hits the Information Super Highway. Thanks to Shelley and Tom Pickrell the Village now has a home page on the internet. She did a fantastic job of putting the basic home page together with some hot links (no, not jimmy dean sausages) to our upcoming events. Shelley is looking for more information to flesh out this work of art. It really looks great. If you have internet access, give it a try at <http://atg.cincom.com/users/tpickrell/pv/ccpvtop.htm> Let your friends know about our home page too.

Next time you see Shelley, let her know how much you appreciate her and Tom's efforts. If you don't know Shelley, just look for the lady holding up a big ball of fluffy stuff with a spinning ball of yarn dangling from it. That's her. She is not only a whiz at building home pages, she's quite an accomplished spinner of yarn using the drop spindle. Shelley has literally captivate many of our guest at the festivals this past year with her spinning skills. Maybe that drop spindle spinning hypnotizes people, because they just can't seam to walk away while she is demonstrating. Thanks Shelley.

Time Line Event - Our Newest Festival

This year we will be holding a Time Line Event april 26 & 27 rather than a Rendezvous in the summer. Now I am no expert at explaining either Time Lines or Rendezvous, but here is what I know. The Rendezvous were a rather unorganized gathering of trappers, mountain men, and traders to meet after a long winter of trapping or what ever it was they did for the winter. They brought their goods and bartered, traded, or sold what they had for whatever it was that they needed to survive in the frontier. The traders then took the goods they had bought from the Rendezvousers back to civilization for the city folks to buy. This time of rendezvouses in the history of our Nation was rather short. Todays Rendezvouses commemorate and re-enact these frontier meeting in somewhat the same fashion as the mountain men would have gathered in their makeshift tent towns. On the other hand a Time Line Event covers a much longer period of our Nations history and the participants arrange their temporary living quarters and open air shops in a "line" starting with the earliest time period represented to the most recent time period represented. In so doing, as one walks through the Event, they get to see how life on the frontier changed with time. Our Time Line Event, will show Ohio's pioneer heritage from the time of the earliest pioneers, in the 1700s to after the Civil War in 1880. So think about coming out and being part of the history of Ohio for the period your are most interested. Pre-registration is required with merchants and blanket traders fees of \$20.00. All participants are required to be in Period Dress. For More information or registration call Mark Helpinstine, (513) 584-4514; Sharon Maloney Kingan, (513) 897-0549; or Julie Robinson & Charles Bayer, (513) 685-2810.

Fair at Caesar's Creek

Here is hoping we saved the best news for last. Yes we have a new festivals planned for May also. This being the Fair on Caesar's Creek. This is being sponsored by Somke and Fire News and is a juried festival. It appears that some of the larger gatherings of re-enactors at this time of year have out grown their previous locations and this nationally known magazine and some devoted local re-enactors with experience managing such events have joined together to bring this Fair together at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village. It promises to be the biggest event staged at the Village. If you would like to participate, get in contact with the Village for an application as this is a juried festival the weekend of 17 & 18 May.

ADOPT-A-TREE APPLICATION

Name: _____	Number of Trees _____
Address: _____	Times _____ \$20.00 per Tree
_____	Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Caesars Creek Pioneer Village Inc. and mail application and payment to the address below.

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