

# THE VILLAGE LOG

Maple Syrup 1982

CAESAR'S CREEK  
PIONEER VILLAGE  
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## 1982 TO BE DIFFERENT

The 1982 summer program of the Village will be very much different from that of previous years, changed in scope, content and overall approach.

Planned are thematic "Gatherings", which will be held on four Sundays with the music festival weekend's being one of five consecutive Sundays. These events will be the "Gatherings for a Month of Sundays" at the Village.

The Gatherings will be held in place of the spring festival previously scheduled the third Sunday in May.

Suggested by Miriam Lukens and adopted by the board of trustees after considerable discussion, the Gatherings will be held June 6, June 13, June 27, and July 4, with the music festival's retaining its same date of the third weekend in June, the 19th and 20th.

The themes of the Gatherings are as follows: June 6, Pioneer Foods; June 13, Tools and Textiles; June 27, Tunes, Toys and Tales; and July 4, An Old-fashioned Fourth. Crafts people each Sunday will be oriented toward the theme. For the Gatherings, the donation price at the gate will be one dollar per adult and fifty cents for children under twelve.

The June 6 Gathering will set the trend for the rest. In and around the buildings and Green will be various types of food of the Pioneers, showing methods of preparing food as would have been found in a pioneer household: Churning, baking, making hominy, rendering,

fireplace cooking, as well as other crafts. Barbecued chicken will be served. Featured will be a bread baking contest (baked previously and brought in), with judges' selecting the best bread baker.

On June 13, the theme of Tools and Textiles will set up the use of and displays of pioneer tools and equipment, plus weaving, spinning, quilt making, and other textile crafts. Ham and bean dinners will be served, and there will be a judged baked cookie contest. Other assorted craftsmen will be on the grounds as well.

June 19 and 20 will see the fourth annual Traditional American Folk Music Festival, with the same high quality music and musical groups as have been performing in the past. A gate donation of three dollars per adult, children under 12, free, will be set, the same as in past years. Food will be served from the kitchen.

June 27 will be toy makers, gospel singing groups and storytellers entertaining around the Village, with various other crafts people and kitchen food. A judged baked fruit pie contest is planned.

The last Gathering, July 4, will feature speeches, games, contests, craftsmen and food, with an atmosphere of an old-fashioned Fourth of July. There will be a cake walk and a judged baked cake contest.

At all the Gatherings there will be musicians on the grounds and on the stage. Also, rides and food are planned. This is an ambitious and exciting program incorporating something for everyone and something new each week.

The fall harvest festival, Pioneer Days, will still remain a two-day affair, held the third weekend in September, as previously.

## RECORD BUDGET ADOPTED

The largest budget yet was developed recently at a special budget meeting and submitted to the trustees for approval.

The projected income of \$74,250 (plus present capital on hand) will hopefully cover a total expense of \$92,650, for operation of the festivals, gatherings, erection of two buildings, completion of two more structures, plus maintenance and operation of Village work.

## LUKENS NAMED TREASURER

Miriam Lukens has accepted the position of Treasurer of the Village, starting with January, 1982. Jane Spargur, Treasurer since organization of the Village, resigned at the end of 1981.

Jane passed the books to Miriam over Christmas season, having handled them from the time the treasury had grown from \$6.57 until at times it covered \$30,000. Jane figured that she had accounted for nearly half a million dollars!

## MAPLE SYRUP TIME HERE

Maple syrup time is here again! The Village plans to tap and boil under the direction of Homer Marsh. About the same size of operation is planned as in the past. A tentative date of the first Sunday in March has been set for the pancake supper.

## VILLAGE INVOLVED IN HIKES

The Village will host the Boy Scouts of Troop 40, Waynesville, who will serve the food for the hikers of the park's second annual Valentine's Hike. The Scouts will use the barbecue building and Village tables to serve the hikers.

The Village will mark the halfway point for the hikers, who will be able to eat at the picnic area and then elect to hike the other half of the trail or turn to cars to return home.

On a hike of another sort, the Volksmarchers of Dayton will, later in the month, hold a "Volksmarch", which is a type of para-military hike, along a pre-assigned route and terminate at the Village, where food and beverages will be served.

## JEFFERIS MEMBERSHIP HEAD

Ethyl Jefferis, a resident of Lebanon, has accepted the job of Membership Chairman for the Village for 1982. She succeeds Mirlam Lukens, who is the new Treasurer.

Ms. Jefferis has traveled extensively, but now wishes to remain at home for the present and has had previous experience working in organizations similar to Pioneer Village.

A hearty welcome, Ethyl!

## ELECTION MEETING MARCH 2

March 2 will be an important Village meeting, since it will be the annual Election Meeting. Trustees and Officers will be elected. All members of the Village should try to attend -- St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Waynesville, at 7:30 p.m.

A slate of trustees for the year 1982 will be submitted by the nominating committee. In addition to the slate, nominations from the floor may be submitted.

Please help the Village by attending the annual meeting.

## VILLAGE LOSES DEWITT PLECKER

Members of the Village are saddened by the death of DeWitt Plecker, who was a Village member and an enthusiastic supporter of the activities.

He leaves Eleanor, his wife, as survivor along with children. Eleanor has served in various capacities in the Village, at one time as trustee and another as Publicity Chairperson. The Pleckers reside in Bellbrook.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations to the Village in memory of DeWitt. A memorial fund has been established, and Eleanor has suggested the possibility of adding a tree to the orchard as Dee loved living things.

## TOWNE MALL SHOW HELD

The Village just completed another mall show, this time in the Towne Mall near Middletown. Attendance and sales were down some from the Beechmont Mall show last fall.

The Village booth was well manned, and Ed Simpkins, Debbie Kopp and Ralph Kanko played both Saturday and Sunday. Andy Kopp organized and painted signs advertising the Village's summer program and summer flyers were passed out.

## VILLAGE TO TRY IT ALONE

The Village has decided to sponsor the music festival by itself this year, without the partnership of the Mountain Dulcimer club as in the past three years.

Trustees feel that enough experience has been gained to handle the affair, particularly since Ed Simpkins the organizer of the festival is now a trustee, and Debbie Kopp, central coordinator of past festivals, has consented to chair it again.

Aside from all the work (and profits), little else will change. The dates, admissions, places, programs and players will be essentially unchanged.

The festival is held the third weekend in June.

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