

The Village Log

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village

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We are a finalist in The 2015 Best of Warren County Awards

Voters may cast their ballots (one per email address) Monday, March 7 through Sunday,
March 20 at:

<http://www.ohioslargestplayground.com/about/contests/best-of-warren-county>
This link will not be live until March 7th.

Vote For us.



800-791-4FUN

www.Ohioslargestplayground.com

New Beginnings

Editors corner

I must confess, I have been hibernating like an old brown bear. But like the brown bear, with the first hint of sunny weather I start prowling around to see what the warm weather would reveal and what changes have come about since my long winter nap. So with my husband in tow, camera in hand, we took off for Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village to see what there was to see. Upon arriving at the village, it was fairly buzzing with activity. Dead trees were being cut down. In the center of the green, the men had their heads together sorting out what to do about some broken water valves. Old man winter has not been kind to the pipes!

Meanwhile, Lois was in the kitchen fixing up some vittles for the hard working people. There was a fire laid in the hearth of the Bullsken waiting for the dinner bell. The table was ready

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for those to partake of the midday repast.

There were some really nice surprises to see around the village. I had visited Wartinger Park in Beavercreek, Ohio back in 2012 and much admired the way each house had a little roofed structure to store their firewood. While having a casual conversation with one of our village members about how much that I really liked those structures for storing wood, I mentioned that we had even taken pictures of how they were put together in hopes that someday I would have one for the Hawkins House. Imagine my surprise when I found out I was actually talking to the man who had built them! It is a small world and on this winter day my wish had come true, for I and the other villagers now have a little covered structure for our firewood. Yeah, thank-you!

Do come out and see all the new changes at the village! There are new paths to follow, new walking bridges to cross and new signs to follow. All these showcase our wonderful historic buildings waiting for you to come and plunge into history.

Patty Frazee



Maple Syrup Time

With the January thaw came the first run of sap. Our syrup makers got busy and boiled and bottled the first fruits of the season. On March 19-20 Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village will be serving up a heaping helping of hospitality as we host our annual Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch from 9 am- 2-pm. Then to add to the day's fun, take a tour of the Sugar Camp. Tours run from 10:00 am to 1 pm . New



this year, the Hawkins House will be open for a hearth cooking demonstration. A tasty way to kick off the season at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village



Meet our New Caretaker

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village would like to welcome Mitchell E. Alexander as our new Caretaker. I asked Mitchell how he had become aware of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village events, he said that he had driven up from Tennessee when he saw one of our event signs and he was curious(so the signs do work). His first ever event was "The Village Unplugged" where he enjoyed learning about the instruments, dances and music of the past.

His actual first encounter with Pioneer Village was on a long ago winter day. As he surveyed the log buildings, he told me he felt touched by how rough the living truly was for these pioneers. But he left the village having no idea how to contact people or how the village was setup.

Mitchell has a healthy respect for the skills that our forefathers acquired and desires to pass those skills on to visitors. He comes well equipped for this task as he was the Army's Senior Instructor in Survival School, a benefit he brings to us from his military days.

Other than smoke signal, pony express and telegraph you can reach Mitchell by email at rangertm4@msn.com or cell phone 931-241-2716 do leave a message and a return number and he will return your call.



A Message from our New President

Brenda Muselin

Dearest Pioneer Village Member,

How busy and productive the past year has been. Volunteers have brought much pride to the Village with their hard work. Here are just a few of the improvements to be seen.

- * A Pioneer Cemetery was established surrounded by a rock wall with wooden grave markers.
- * The Sorghum Mill is ready for harvest time with a new motor and wiring. The roof has been shored up with new post.
- * The Lukens House has a new roof.
- * The Bull Skin Tavern has a new roof.
- * Historic logs were donated to the Village following a Franklin Log house fire. Volunteers cleared debris from the Franklin site and moved the logs to our site.
- * All the existing logs to be used for repairs have been measured, tagged and moved to a single area.
- * The electric shed was cleared and a new gate and fencing were put up.
- * The School House has undergone an almost complete renovation.
- * The kiln was restored with a stone walkway (still under construction) from the



road to the kiln.

* There is also a stone walkway to the woodshop past the Blacksmith Shop and the candle maker.

* The floor from the General Store has been removed and the contents of the store have been moved. Many nails have been removed from boards to replace the floor (still in progress).

* And so much more to come...Do come and check out our projects in progress. So you can see that everyone has been dedicated to keeping and improving Pioneer Village. The volunteers have given many hours of their time and sometimes their own funds to maintain our little village. (An interesting note, the Franklin fire site took close to 800 volunteer hours to rescue the usable logs).

Even with all the hard work from the volunteers, our Village is in danger of losing some of our buildings if we do not raise an estimated \$250,000 to restore and repair them.

The Lukens Barn needs \$50,000 just to keep it from falling down. An additional \$50,000 to repair the barn to its past usefulness is required. The barn had been roped off to prevent anyone from getting too close but has since been shored up to give us additional time before it collapses.

The Toll House has logs rotting at its foundation. We could lose the whole wall and this would render it useless to our family and visitors. After a winter of harsh weather it has been determined to close the Toll House for the safety of the House Parents and Public. We need \$50,000 to repair the damage.

The Hawking House has rotten logs between its saddlebag sections. The Napoleon Harriss House (General Store) has a water problem under the floor. The site needs grading so the water may be diverted away from under the building before the replacement of the floor. (Volunteers may defer some of the cost).

The Village is most fortunate that we have people willing to volunteer to be care-



taker. The caretaker's house at this point is not insulated which makes it extremely expensive to heat. So insulating the building would decrease the overhead cost and allow the monies to be used on preservation of our buildings.

On a positive note we are very fortunate to have the logs needed to do the repairs due to the kindness of our community donating logs to the Village. Replacement logs would have been a major expense.

Most restoration needing to be done at this time, needs professional attention, as the repairs are beyond the skill sets of our current members and volunteers.

- * We miss using the Lukens Barn for school programs and for crafters to set up.

- * The Toll House has served us well in the past as a General store, admission gate and museum. Can we really let the building go?

- * We want to continue the period cooking and the playing of the Dedication Band in the Hawkins House. Also, for future generations we wish to maintain the connection that this building has to the Underground Railroad.

- * Our General Store was a strong funding resource for our Village. It is urgent to get it up and running again.

Do you have any ideas for fund raising? Do you know someone who would do a fund raiser for us or would be willing to donate to save the buildings for the future generations?

Can the Village expect your support by donating to the repair of our buildings? Every donation is greatly needed whether it is big or small.

Donations may be sent to: Pioneer Village, P.O. Box 652, Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

Thank you for your continued support of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Board of Trustees

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Pioneer Village
501(c)3 2016 Schedule of Events
Event hours: Sat. & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM
Cost: Adult \$5; Youth-under 18 Free
* (Exceptions noted on times and cost)
Prices are subject to change without notice.



March 19 & 20 Maple Syrup & Pancake Brunch*

Try our homemade maple syrup with pancakes,
sausage and beverage.

•Hours: 9 AM-2 PM Cost* check web site

Tours of the Sugar Camp 10 AM-1 PM

April 16 Habitat for History

Help as we work to preserve and restore the village buildings
and grounds. Work available for all ages.

Bring your family and friends. Hours 8-5 - join us for a few hours or all day.

April 30 - May 1 Civil War Union Training Camp

Learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War
as you take part in the training. Ladies, join the Soldiers' Aid
Society while attending the afternoon tea. Enjoy demonstrations
and activities for all ages. Stay for the Soldiers' dance @ 4pm
on Saturday

May 21 & 22 Spring Gathering & Rifle Frolic

Step back in time and join the Village as we welcome the pioneers
and traders who have come to trade and replenish their
supplies from the winter

June 25 & 26 Native American Gathering

Learn the history of our great country from the Ancestors of
those who were here before us

July 23 The Village Unplugged*

Gates open at noon.

Enjoy the sweet sounds of artists around the
Village. Bring your instrument and sit and jam a spell.
A variety of sounds for the music lover in everyone

August 27 Cabins & Chrome

Cars, trucks, bikes and cabins, what could be more fun.
Registration 3:30-4:40 Hours 5-9 Free Admission to viewers

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Sept. 17 Faces of History

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and delight as interesting people from the 18th and 19th century come to life before your eyes. Hours 3-8, tavern open from 5:30 - 6:30 for dinner. Reservation only. Cost \$10 each

Sept 24-25 War Between the States

Watch as the battle unfolds before your very eyes as brothers, cousins, uncles and friends take sides to stand up for what they believe.

October 15-16 Harvest Festival & Gathering

Celebrate the harvest as the village is preparing for winter. Take part in the activities of the early 1800s.

Bring a bag of individually wrapped Treat candy and get FREE admission for one.

October 22th Pioneer Trick or Treat*

Children may treat around the village and families can enjoy a treat in the Bullsken Inn.*FREE admission Hours 3-6 PM

December 3 * Candlelight Walk*4—8pm

Celebrate with us Ohio's first Christmas in 1803. Dress warm!

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Directions

*Columbus: 71S to exit 45 (St Rt 73) Right (3.9 miles) left on Oregonia Rd (1.1 miles) Right on Pioneer Village Rd.

*Dayton: 75S to exit 38 (St Rt 73) toward Springboro, Waynesville(12 miles). After you cross St Rt 42, 1st road on right-Clarksville Rd. to stop sign (3.9 miles). Left on Oregonia Rd. (1.4 miles) left onto Pioneer Village Rd
Cincinnati: 71N to Wilmington Rd. exit 36 go right.

Take 1st left-OliveBranch. Go straight onto Murray to stop sign. Right onto Oregonia Rd. (2.8 miles) Left onto Pioneer Village Rd

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Membership Application

New: _____ Renewal: _____

please print all information**

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Minor Children listed on membership (anyone over the age of 18. unless permanently disabled, needs to be on a separate membership) _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

(Circle one):

Individual Membership \$25.00 Family Membership \$35.00

Payment types: Check . Money Order, Cash

Any amount over the membership will be considered a donation. Donation amount (if any):

All Member applicants must submit to a back ground check. Membership may be denied if anything is found.

Would you like newsletter by email? Yes No

Would you like you receive information on work parties and participate in them? Yes No

Would you be willing to make phone calls, write letters and emails? Yes No

Would you like to become a docent (a person, who acts as a guide,)? Yes No

May we list your contact information in a membership directory? Yes No

(Please circle the ones you are able to help out in)

Kitchen, Gate, Period Crafts and Games, Building Maintenance, Ground/Gardening, Grant writing, Provide Bake goods, conduct tours of the Village, Represent CCPV off site.

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village association cannot guarantee a cabin

1. You get a bimonthly newsletter
2. You get a discount at the village store.

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