

Collett outdoor Over THE VILLAGE LOG Kitchen Head Shop

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KITCHEN NEEDS WORKERS

Mildred Crane, who will be in charge of the Village kitchen for the fall festival, is scheduling weekend BAKE-ATHONS FOR August 22, 29, and September 10. The first will prepare fried pies and pie crust; the second is for ginger snaps; and the last, bake sugar cookies and chip cookies.

Mildred wishes volunteers to bring their own rolling pins, and to come anytime after 10 a.m. Drinks will be furnished and "brown bags" will be supplied by workers themselves.

It will take about 35 to run the kitchen for the fall festival and they will be organized into shifts. Call 932-3836 to sign up for a shift, or sign up on the schedule on the kitchen door at the Village. Please offer your help!

GATHERINGS REPORT MADE

In a final report that covered the four Gatherings through the month of June and ending on July 4th, Miriam Lukens, treasurer, provided statistics to show that the Gatherings provided about the same amount as the music festival, both reaching just above the six thousand dollar mark.

Although not quite all bills have been paid, the results are now clear. Miriam felt that the Gatherings totaled what a good single spring festival would have netted. Each gathering brought less funds and had smaller attendance.

An additional inventory of food will be applied to the fall food to be served.

MEMBERS TO ATTEND DRAMA

Members of the Village at the last meeting decided to attend an episode of the new and interesting outdoor drama, "Blue Jacket," which has been playing near Xenia this summer. A group trip is scheduled for the 26th of August. Anyone interested in joining in this activity may call Jane Spargur, 897-7491.

The price of the tickets is six dollars, and reservations are required. Reservations must be phoned in no later than August 23. The drama starts at 8 p.m. Since members and friends will come from several directions, no attempt will be made to go as a group, but the reservations will be for a group block of seats.

COOLER MOVED TO VILLAGE

The used cooler for food recently purchased from the former Sherwood Market in Lebanon was moved to the Village from the Lebanon site and assembled inside the cooler building by Dave Hastell, Jim Merrick and Terry Lawson.

The cooler, which measures about 7½ feet square and 8 feet high, will be reconnected by Dave, who works in refrigeration, and by Ed Simpkins, who has wired the building and unit.

Glynn Marsh donated a front door for the Gate house which he acquired in a sale he recently attended.

Donald Haines has donated a door to be used for the rear side of the building.

Such contributions to the Village are much appreciated. If any reader knows of some available limestone rocks, please let us know.

Both slabs have been poured for the two additional service buildings slated for completion this summer. Paul and John Crane did the cement work. Framing will be handled by Bob Head and Homer Marsh for the cooler addition and by Bob Head for the maintenance shop.

The cooler building is immediately behind and attached to the kitchen, and the maintenance building is to be built to the left and somewhat behind the barn.

The cooler building will house the cooler and the two deep freezers and special pie cooling equipment for the kitchen. It is approximately 12 feet square and will have an outside entrance and one into the back of the kitchen.

The maintenance building is 26 feet wide and 40 feet long and will have doors at both ends, with small, high windows.

PROGRESS ON GATE HOUSE

Work at the Gate house has been going on at a steady, if slow, pace. During the past weeks the doors and windows have been framed hardware cloth tacked in between the logs, and a second floor laid.

Immediate future plans call for outside mudding, foundation work, and completion of the roof shakes.

TRUSTEE DONATES REFRIGERATOR

Ed Simpkins has donated a good, used refrigerator for the Hatfield house kitchen. This will be used by caretakers and for meetings until a caretaker comes.

Wall Bake Oven

COLLETT HOUSE ACQUIRED

Over the weekend of July 30 to Aug. 2, the Collett log house was uncovered, dismantled and brought in to the Village and stored. This two-room story-and-a-half, half dovetail building was the first to be erected by the Collett family when they came to the area in about 1805, and has been in the family ever since. The building is the gift of McKay Collett, present land owner, who also helped support the cost of the move by assuming the cost of the machinery and extra labor.

Trustees have decided to erect it between the general store and the Furnas house and use it for craft demonstrations. The barn, which had been a local blacksmith shop, was burned at the site as were additions and porches.

The house stood at the corner of St. Rt. 73 and Collett Road.

WALL BUILDS OUTDOOR BAKE OVEN

George Wall is building the outdoor bake oven, a project that the Village has been needing for years. Fire bricks given by an anonymous donor and old bricks from the Vesta Ewing residence are being used for the project.

...AND THAT IS NO BULL

Over the past several weeks the Village has been the site of the great buffalo saga. One of the buffalo kept on the San Margale farm east of Lebanon was butchered and the hide and head were offered to the Village. The Richards picked them up and took them to the taxidermists in Springboro, but were advised that the hide was not suitable for tanning but the head should be mounted.

Trustees decided to have the mount made. The head and horns (minus the skin) are stored in a Village deepfreeze. Then the lock on that building was destroyed and the building broken into. Whatever the motive of the thief, the buffalo head was still there when the break-in was discovered.

Debbie Kopp will boil off the flesh from the head during the fall festival in a large kettle as one of the demonstrations. This activity, a first for the Village, will be known as "buffalo head boiling."

UTILITY SLED BEING BUILT

Homer Marsh has built a small, sturdy sled for use around the furnace shed in maple syrup and sorghum making times.

NEW SIGN ON OREGONIA ROAD

For several years visitors have bemoaned the fact that Pioneer Village was hard to find, due to its location down a side road out of sight. No more, for travelers on Oregonia Road now are directed down Pioneer Village Road by a large and attractive sign built and painted by Andy Kopp, which has been set at the corner of Pioneer Village and Oregonia Roads.

Since the erection of the sign, numbers of visitors to the Village have increased considerably.

HOST LETTERS SENT OUT

A host and hostess program similar to that of last summer has been instituted again this year. Letters of scheduling have been sent out. It is hoped that volunteers will resolve conflicts in the scheduling, since the Village has no office, phone, director or secretary.

PIANO DONATION WANTED

The Trustees would like to receive the donation of a good used piano that can be placed and used in the Meeting House. Please phone 897-6546.

THE VILLAGE NEEDS HOSTS AND HOSTESSES ON WEEKENDS

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