

The Village Log
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village
P.O. Box 652
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Waynesville, Ohio 45068

Trustees meeting 1st Tuesday of the month. Membership meeting 3rd Tuesday any member may attend both meetings. Membership meetings start at 7:00 P.M. unless stated differently

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Editor's Corner

The Village has been a lively place this summer. The Gospel Festival saw lots of music on the gazebo and some talented singers even came by the Hawkins House to sing with the hammered dulcimer, cello and marimbula. What fun and neat memories we made.

The Village was pleased to play host to the Old Northwest Territory Primitive Rendezvous. What a wonderful way to connect with our pioneer forefathers.

The village members have also been reaching out to the community of Wilmington participating in their "Reflection of Time" Civil War event. Our village cooks were busy making beans and cornbread...Yum!

For our music lovers, we are looking forward to filling the village with musicians celebrating our musical heritage and carrying on the tradition of the ole tyme music. So mark your calendars for **The Ole Tyme Music Festival, August 3, 2013 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm** for musical fun! Make sure to bring your acoustic instruments. We'll have a slow jam for everyone to join in the fun! Do you like playing under a shady tree or the porch of an historic building? Well, the village is a wonderful place to bring friends and family to sit, play and recreate our musical heritage.

Of course if you haven't learned an instrument yet, our stages will be host to some down home entertainment. Plus no visit to Pioneer Village would be complete without a visit to our village kitchen to see what vittles Lois and her friendly kitchen staff have cooked up for your enjoyment. See you all soon!

Patty Frazee

Spotlight on the Carr Mill

An interesting event occurred a couple of years ago during an event week. Two young college students came on a quest to find a mill stone that had been dug up during an archaeological excavation of Caesar's Creek lake during August and September of 1977. They inquired if I knew its present whereabouts. They were on a mission to examine the stone and see if it had been imported from France or if it was indeed made from a stone quarried here in the United States. This stone type was indeed special because it made fine flour as opposed to very coarse flour.

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Spotlight on the Carr Mill (continued)

As circumstances would have it, there happened to be a village member visiting the Hawkins House at that moment in time, that knew exactly where the stones could be found. It seems the mill stone is currently residing in the Lukens barn. I am happy to report the ladies did get the opportunity to study the stones, but it did leave me with a lot of questions in my own mind. Where was this mill about which I knew nothing?

As so often happens, when I was researching an entirely different article, my reference librarian, came across a book that she believed would be of interest to me. It was titled, **Archaeological Excavations in Caesar's Creek Lake, Ohio** by Thomas J. Cinadr and David S. Brose. Cinadr and Brose were working for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Mills are vastly important to a community. It means crops can be made into flour and wood can be cut into boards. For a woman, a mill in the neighborhood saved her countless hours of back breaking work turning the grain into flour for use in her kitchen.

So where was this mystery mill? According to Dr Brose, "The site is located in Massie Township, Warren County, along Caesar's Creek , south of the Middletown-Carter Road." "The (mill) race was constructed in 1815 along a bend of Caesar's Creek approximately 9.4km upstream from its confluence with the Little Miami River."

"The site consists of a millrace, approximately 3000 feet in length, and its associate structures." "A minimum of four milling structures were constructed along the race during the period of its use in the 19th century."

It seems Levi Lukens built a sawmill and a grist mill along the race, so his Elizabeth was able to have the benefit of fine flour for her bread and crust. For the curious a mill race is a water way dug from the water source to the mill.

I recommend this book as there is so much in it then space allows here. It covers a lot of the history beneath our feet at Caesar's Creek including Mr Heighway's mil, which was constructed in 1803 in Waynesville.

View facing south, test units 3, 6, and 10, showing millstone in relation to the southern portion of the mill.



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The Wonderful World of Contra Dance

By Daniela Goetze-Lambes

We've all been there. It's your first time at a historical ball and you're eager to learn, but as you look across the dance floor, you quickly realize something: you have no idea what to do. Well, here's your crash course.

It may come as a surprise to you (or not), but a vast majority of the dances held in the 18th and 19th century were not for fun. These soirees were an opportunity for important, rich business men to meet and network, all while sending their sons through the speed dating arena. Land and business owners would be talking with other important business men trying to form company relationships and maybe even a merger. That's where the children come in.

While father was trying to negotiate with another business owner, his son was trying to take the other business owner's daughter for a whirl around the dance floor. If the young couple hit it off, courtship may possibly begin. Courtship leads to marriage, and with it, a merger.

However, a gentleman does not just steal a lady off her seat and whisk her away. There is etiquette and protocol to be followed. A gentleman would ask a lady for a dance, and often she would have a card, listing which song they would dance together on. If a young man saw a radiant young woman sitting for a song, he may ask her to dance and she must say yes, provided the dance hasn't already been claimed by another man. If she must say no, she must give a good reason (perhaps a twisted ankle or a dizzy spell) and must not accept any other offers to dance except to the man the dance is promised to.

After the song ends, the only polite thing for a young man to do is to thank his lady for the dance, and offer her a stroll or a drink of water. If she declines, he should kindly walk her back to her seat and thank her once again. At this point, she should politely smile and nod without another word.

But ladies beware! If you should feel the need to "pluck a rose" or "smell the hollyhocks" you mustn't walk about on your own. A woman should be escorted everywhere by a trusted gentleman (whether your father, brother, father's business partner, or whoever) at all times. Now that you know the basics of etiquette, go and have a ball!

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From the Kitchen by Lois Boyd



Thanks to all who have been helping in the kitchen this year. I really appreciate you !!!! The big stove/oven has been put back into service and man have we been giving it a workout!!! Our next event is the Ole 'Time Music Festival, which will be on Saturday, August 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. I am planning on having as many of the food service areas open as possible. The BBQ pit will be cooking chicken quarters and corn on the cob. The outdoor oven will be running with fresh baked soft pretzels, cinnamon rolls, apple dumplings, and fresh baked yeast rolls being served up with bbq pulled turkey. And, yes, there will be ice cream for those hot apple dumplings !!!

The kitchen will be serving the hamburgers, hot dogs, smoked sausages, fresh cut fries and sweet potatoes fries, nachos and cheese, loaded nachos supreme, chicken and homemade noodles, for starters. We will also be opening the sweet shop for selling those YUMMY sweet treats!!! SOOOOOO, please, please please, members and friends, BAKE, BAKE, BAKE and bring your sweet specialties to the kitchen at the village Friday, August 2, anytime after 2:00 p.m. up until 8:00 p.m. I will be at the kitchen baking also. Have your baked goodies covered and labeled. I will be happy to portion pack them and price them if you need me to. Cookies, candies, cakes, pies, cobblers, brownies, etc., BRING IT ON! Come out Saturday August 3, and visit the Ole' Time Music Festival !!!! Help us out in the kitchen areas, in the cabins, or just come visit YOUR village and catch up with friends, set around and enjoy the music, enjoy the food, enjoy the cabins!!!! Questions??????? Please call" Lois at 937-269- 7376 THANKS and hope to see you there!



The population of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village swelled as members of the Old Northwest Territory Primitive Rendezvous set up their lodges on June 21, 2013. It was loads of fun to step back in time and enjoy all the activities of the past. There was archery to spinning wool. There were crafters with their wares to sell. The most fun of all was meeting all the neat people! I found the rendezvousers eager to share their knowledge and many went out of their way to be helpful! What a wonderful tribute to our pioneering forefathers. Do hurry back!

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Gospel Festival



THANK-YOU TO THE MANY
MUSICIANS THAT MADE THE
GOSPEL FESTIVAL SO SPECIAL!

Notes From Around the Village

THE SATURDAY BEFORE
AN EVENT IS A WORKDAY.

THE NEXT WORKDAY IS
AT 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY
JULY 27, 2013 SEE YA
THERE!

A REALLY GOOD IDEA!

THERE IS NOW A PROJECT BOARD
POSTED ON THE BACK PORCH OF
THE CARETAKERS HOUSE. IT
WILL BE UPDATED THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK TO REFLECT WHAT
NEEDS TO BE DONE. CHECK THIS
REALLY GOOD IDEA OUT AND
HELP MAKE THE LIST OF "TO
DO'S" SHRINK!

EYE ON RESTORATION

THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE
IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR
RESTORATION INCLUDE THE
TOLL HOUSE, THE
HEIGHWAY CABIN AND THE
LUKENS BARN.

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**Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village
Membership Application**

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 _____ Contact # _____

City, state, zip _____

Email address: _____

(Circle one) Individual Membership Family Membership

\$25.00

\$35.00

Payment types: Check , Money Order , Cash

Any amount over the membership will be considered a donation

Donation amount (if any) _____

Would you like newsletter by email? Yes No

would you like to volunteer ? Please circle where you might have an interest:

Kitchen , gate , music , time period crafts , building maintenance , grounds/gardening , electric , grant writing ,
phone calls , office work , baked goods , tours , CCPV representative at different locations.

Mail to: CCPV
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Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village 2013 Schedule of Events 501(c)3

August 3 Ole Tyme Music Festival

Enjoy sounds of the past: banjos, hammered dulcimers and guitars while enjoying the activities of the village.

Hours 10 -10

Aug 24-25 Native American Gathering

Enjoy the beauty of the dancers, flutes and drums as several Nations come together.

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Hours: Sat 10 AM - 7 PM Sun 10 AM - 6 PM

Contact Debbie 937-509-6513

Sept 28-29 Civil War Encampment

Learn about the life of a soldier during the Civil War. Battles, a ladies tea, demonstrations, an evening ball and children's activities are a few of the events.

Contact Cathy 937-238-6312

October 10, 17 & 24 Ghost Walk

Enjoy a candlelight dinner as ghost stories are shared. After dinner enjoy a guided tour of our "haunted" buildings. 6-9 PM. \$30 per person—no one under 16. Limited spaces. RSVP required.

Contact DD 937-488-2023

October 19-20 Harvest Festival

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 26th Pioneer Trick or Treat

Children may treat around the village and families can enjoy a treat in the Bullskin Inn. *FREE admission

Hours 3-6 PM

November 2&3 Fall Gathering Rendezvous

Come visit a camp as you visit with the families of the village during the early 1800s in Ohio.

Contact Art 937-488-2023

December 7 * Candlelight Walk

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

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