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PIONEER VILLAGE

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Maple Syrup Closes 1986

HOUSEMOTHERS NOW IN FASHION

At a recent Village meeting, the idea of someone responsible for seeing that particular buildings could get regular attention without incidentally falling prey to some hazard, was advanced and discussed at some length.

As the result, a concept of house mothers or more correctly, building mothers, was adopted. It was decided that each Village building could have a "House Mother" assigned to it to see that it was kept in good condition, needed repairs were called to the attention of the Trustees, and that repairs were brought to the attention of those in a position to make them.

It was stressed that the "House Mothers" need not be responsible for the actual repairs, just bringing them to the attention of those who could make them. In this way a particular building could have a person to care for it and be aware of its needs and necessities.

So the following list of buildings go with the house mother accompanying it. Each person volunteered for the building, usually due to some personal association with it.

The Lukens house: Miriam Lukens.
The Elam House: Edna Marsh, Helen Wall, and Katherine Butterworth. The Mills house: Burnet Butterworth. The Hatfield House: Jim Merrick and Sharon Cunningham. The Storer building (the blacksmith building): George Wall.
The Furnas House and various associated small farm buildings: Don Richards.
The Collett House: Becky Siva. The Larriess House (the store) Annafrances Middle. The Githens House: Kat Spray.
The Bullskin Inn: Linda Lee. The Lukens barn: Joe Worley. The Harkrader barn: Jary Breeze. The kitchen: the food committee. The Highway House: The black powder rangers. The Herb Garden and Herb Shed: Mic Richards. The furnace shed used for boiling off sorghum and syrup: Homer Marsh. The smoke house: Frank Crabtree.

Those buildings not fortunate enough to find a volunteer to look after it, and still in need of a house mother are the Toll house, the school house, the

Hawkins house, the Meeting house, the Head shed, the storage shed, the stage, the barbecue building, and two soon to be erected buildings, the spring house and the garage building for the caretakers residence.

The long list of Village restored buildings are too extensive to be reviewed each meeting, but whenever a house mother feels that some attention needs to be spent on his or her building, the issue should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

QUILTING CLUB BEING ORGANIZED

A quilting club is being organized at Pioneer Village according to Becky Siva who is spearheading the organization and the first meeting. The first stitch will be cast Sunday, May 4 from 11 AM till whenever the sewing stops.

Becky says to bring a rocking or a lawn chair, something to work on like a quilting project, knitting, crocheting a brown bag lunch, for starters.

She says to ask any needle pusher, but quilting can be habit forming, so caution must be taken before starting. Anyone wishing to learn the art of quilting should come.

HATFIELD RESIGNS TREASURER'S JOB

Thelma Hatfield, Trustee and Treasurer of the Village for the last two years, recently resigned both positions due to pressing personal responsibilities, and the trustees accepted her action with deep regret.

Thelma, a charter member of the Village and one of the most loyal supporters at one time or another has been trustee, treasurer and secretary as well as unofficial positions of cook, cement block chipper, stuffed animal displayer, gate house keeper, school seminar member, and even during the memorable winter of '78, host to Village meetings, when no warm public building could be found in which to hold meetings.

She indicates that she will continue with as much support as possible, but could not continue with a job as demanding as those she had been holding.

For most of the past thirteen years, she has typed and edited the Village Log, which has recently been assumed by others.

JEFF DAVIS RIFLES ACTIVE AT VILLAGE

A civil war confederate reenactment group known as the Jeff Davis rifles, camped at the Village over the weekend of March 22 and 23 to hold an annual muster and drill and plan for the coming year.

The Jeff Davis Rifles are renowned for their authenticity in dress, weaponry, camp life and all other aspects of carefully researched soldier's life. They are regarded as the most authentic of all such civil war groups.

Unfortunately the soldiers life of the present era is no more free from the ravages of weather than it was in the time of the 1880's. That particular weekend turned out to be well below freezing, making camping out in tents on frozen ground perhaps a bit too authentic for modern man! The Rifles commended two houses from the Village and stayed in them in front of comfort-giving fireplaces! The Collett house and the Furnas house, it is reported, were very well used and appreciated!

MAPLE SYRUP SEASON CLOSING FOR YEAR 2016

A season that started off rather slowly but continued with off and on weather and then ended up with some of the most favorable spring weather for maple syrup in years brought a successful season to a close.

About seventy five buckets were put on some fifty trees which ran well on most of the days and were boiled to eleven gallons of syrup for the season. Becky Siva and Stan Ireton pulled the spiles and cleaned up the buckets at the end of the season.

The highlight of the annual season was the pancake-with-real-maple syrup dinner served in the boiling shed on the afternoon of Sunday, March 9 to about fifty visitors, members, and guests. The weather was favorable for the pancake party, and everyone there seemed to welcome the spring rite of equal parts of mud, syrup, and coffee.

ELECTIONS FOR 1986 SHOW NO CHANGE

Elections were held in a March meeting for the three positions open for Village trustees. Nominated by the nominations committee composed of Joe Hatfield, Kathryn Butterworth, and Mic Richards were the three trustees already serving who were Annafrances Riddle, Stanley Ireton, and Joe Worley.

Since no nominations were made from the floor during the election, the ballot was declared elected by unanimous vote, installing the same three trustees for another three year term each.

Under constitutional revisions adopted last year specifying that trustees be elected for three year terms and only three trustees be elected yearly, the three will serve for three years.

The trustees now consist of George Hall, Don Richards, Thelma Hatfield, Burnet Butterworth, Frank Crabtree, Thelma Marsh, and the three just re-elected, Joe Worley, Annafrances Riddle, and Stan Ireton.

The trustees met briefly to elect officers, re-naming Don Richards as resident, Burnet Butterworth as Vice resident, and Kathryn Butterworth as secretary.

PAW TREES PURCHASED BY LUKENS

Miriam Lukens has purchased ten paw trees to be set out at the Village as soon as they arrive from the nursery from where she found them.

The Warren County Farm Council has authorized the planting of a memorial park in memory of Mrs. Corwin Nixon, who died this past winter.

BREEZE NAMED TO REPLACE HATFIELD

Gary Breeze, a resident of O'Neill Road, Waynesville, was recently named to replace Thelma Hatfield, trustee who recently resigned due to personal responsibilities.

Breeze has been instrumental in getting the Warren County Antique Farm Machinery Club to come to the Village and has been a leader in organizing the summer festival with that group at the Village. He has also been one of the most active workers on the Harkrader barn and has been named the "house mother" for that building.

He will replace Thelma for the remainder of her three-year term.

NEW BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE

A committee composed of Linda Lee, Thelma Hatfield, and Miriam Lukens have published a new Village brochure which replaces the old tri-fold one which has been in use for several past years.

The new brochure which is again printed in the brown tones used in the previous one is enlarged to include another panel of information plus an additional panel for membership application, a feature needed but separate on the previous ones.

The new brochure includes updated photographs, revised texts, and more information and can be secured from the Tollhouse as well as most trustees.

FUTURE MEETINGS SET FOR VILLAGE AGAIN

The remainder of the 1986 meetings will be held at the Village again, leaving the church location it has occupied all winter.

CUNNINGHAM NAMED AS NEW TREASURER

Sharon Cunningham has volunteered to assume the position as Village treasurer to replace the job held by Thelma Hatfield and given up due to her recent resignation.

Sharon is a landscape consultant and previous to that was manager for Grandm Gardens, a retail nursery store on route 48. She feels confident that the treasurer's books will present little difficulty for her.

The position of village treasurer has become increasingly important and central to the operation of the Village in the past few years due to its increasing complexity and amount of money being generated.

NEW RESIDENT COMES TO BARNYARD

A new sheep has taken up residence in the barnyard behind the corncrib, Jim Merrick spotted the newcomer just a few minutes after she was born!

Samantha the sheep has a new ewe and is herself a mother in the bargain as a new lamb was born early April 2, just missing April Fool's day and ending a lot of guessing about her pregnancy by both the ignorant and the experts.

So far the lamb which remains nameless, seems to be thriving on sheep's milk and doing well. She is the first Village livestock to be born on the Village grounds. Already she seems to be a star, as several rolls of film has been expended on her.

Mrs. Luthman, a well-known sheep raiser docked her tail and gave her immunizations.

Work Weekend April 12, 10 AM-2 at the Bullskin Inn

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