

THE VILLAGE LOG

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BIRTHDAY DINNER SCHEDULED

Members of the Village, wishing to get together to celebrate current birthdays as well as that of the Village (its fifteenth) plan to gather for a dinner at the "Der Deutchler" restaurant in Waynesville (formally the 1776 Inn) at 6:30 PM April 23.

All members are invited, but asked to make your own reservations by phoning the restaurant or Linda Lee the Coordinator, (897 2672) at least a few days before the date above. And each person is responsible for their own order (from the menu) and their own bill.

This is a good time to take a break and look to the future, and think of the last fifteen busy, constructive years.

GENERAL STORE TO EXPAND

Plans are being developed to enlarge the General Store at the Village by adding an addition to the rear as wide as the present building and 24 feet long. A porch will be built along the west side to match the one presently there.

It is no secret that the store has been congested in recent years with expanded use and a limited amount of floor space. It is a popular spot for visitors who almost without exception pay a visit on their way around the green. The plans call for vertical siding with battens with board walls inside. The pitch of the roof will be perpendicular to the existing roof line.

So far several contractors have expressed an interest, but nothing has been finalized.

POPULAR LUMBER ORDERED

Enough popular lumber has been ordered from a Corwin, Ohio firm to enable the carpenter doing the trim work on the Hawkins house to finish that job.

TRUSTEE ELECTION COMPLETED

At the first meeting in March three trustees were elected to serve the Village for a period of three years. They were Burnett Butterworth, Frank Crabtree and Michelle Ghearing. Officers elected for the new year were the same as previously- Don Richards as President, Burnett Butterworth as Vice President, Kathryn Butterworth as Secretary and Sharon Merrick as Treasurer.

The nine trustees now serving the Village besides the three mentioned above are: Stanley Iretton, Gary Breeze, Annafrances Riddle, Don Richards, Becky Siva and Roy MacDonald.

Michelle replaced Edna Marsh who declined to run again.

TRUSTEE SERVED LONG AND WELL

At the recent election, a new Trustee was elected, Michelle Ghearing, to replace Edna Marsh who declined to run due to Homer's health and a decision of her own choosing.

Edna has served the Village about as well as anyone has or could, and the Village meetings will mark her absence with sadness after so many years of faithful attendance. She has truly been a dedicated and committed Trustee.

At the present time the writer is unsure when Edna became involved, but it was very soon after it was organized. Glynn, her son was an early organizer of the restoration efforts there and became president for several years soon after organization and she perhaps was drawn in by his enthusiasm. Homer, like Edna was also an early enthusiastic member, and many of the auxiliary buildings are due to his efforts. Both have contributed immensely to the success of the Village, serving as a Trustee in Edna's case, as craftsmen at festivals and school days, working to bring it to a success.

We thank her for her years of support and trusteeship.

OHIOPASS AD IN PLACE

The Village is participating in the OhioPass program this year. It is a booklet published by the state outlining tourist and other interesting activities of various non profit organizations such as the Village and profit ones as well, carrying coupons for a free pass to a festival. It is hoped that this approach will place the Village's offerings over a wider area and attract people to the festivals.

COMMITTEE MAKES PRESENTATIONS

A committee composed of Miriam Lukens, Burnett Butterworth and Don Richards have made several presentations to local banking businesses over the last few weeks to present to them the matching fund situation offered by the Idings Foundation for the raising of the Harkrader barn, to acquaint them with the Village's goals and achievements, and ask for financial assistance to meet the goal of \$2500 by May 1.

So far they have visited both Waynesville establishments and four in Lebanon. More are planned for the month of April. They report interest, support and some degree of commitment financially.

VILLAGE BARN SALE SET

The Village will hold its first barn sale April 9 and 10. As described in the last newsletter, any one who wishes to offer material for sale can bring it the Friday before (April 8) and it will be placed on a table around the green for anyone coming in to buy during the weekend.

No charge for entrance will be made and the Village will be entitled to 15% of the sales, or all if the donor wishes to give it all to the Village. This is an effort to augment funds toward operation and the barn fund. Your participation is welcome and encouraged.

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Getting rid of that stuff too much trouble? Try the Village barn sale.

SYRUP SEASON BEST IN YEARS

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The 1988 maple syrup season, over now that spring is in the air, was the best in recent times, with the weather cooperative (for a change) helping hands to do the many chores of the sugar bush, and a particularly good run of sap. It was the best season for syrup for many years. In fact, all the existing supply of wood was used up for the fire and more will have to be secured for the molasses making in the fall.

The Sunday pancakes and genuine maple syrup was served was a record crowd and good weather to boot and expenses of the food broke even with the donations made for it. Altogether over 18 gallons were made which is probably also a record.

Volunteers cleaned up the pans, pulled the spiles and washed and stored the buckets. The camp is ready for another year.

FESTIVAL MEETING HELD

A recent meeting to plan for the June pioneer food and traditional american music was held in Miriam Luken's house with several of the people who will assume major responsibilities in attendance.

Mike Ramsey, a newcomer to the Village, a Lebanon resident and a maker as well as a player of music was there to help in the planning and to be involved in organizing the music part of the

event. Miriam will again take the responsibility to organize the food part.

The pioneer food will consist as it did last June of pioneer dishes prepared by local cooks who will bring in dishes from which taste samples may be purchased for small amounts of money, a quarter of so, as desired. Miriam estimates that there will be about twenty different types of early American dishes on hand, mostly prepared at the homes of the cooks. Some food will be made on site such as hominy, butter, bread, and so forth. A menu of cornbread and beans and side dishes will also be available from the Village kitchen.

Mr. Ramsey hopes to revitalize the music part of the two day event with fiddlers contests, banjo contests and dulcimer contests as well as a full stage program, incidental music on the grounds and dancing groups. The contest winners will receive special plaques. Bob Sampson will continue to act as master of ceremonies and furnish amplification equipment.

INEXPENSIVE BROCHURE PLANNED

Due to the fact that the color brochure developed last year has become so popular and have gone so rapidly and cost so much, a new black-and-white one is being planned as an inexpensive giveaway.

MEETINGS TO MOVE TO VILLAGE

The twice monthly meetings of the Village to which all are invited, will move back to the Village for the first meeting in May, May 3. Meetings this winter have been held in Waynesville at the Village Restaurant due to the unheated meeting facilities at the Village.

The time for the summer meetings will be 7:30 PM the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

NEW MEMBERS LISTED

Recent new members as listed by Ethel Jefferis, Membership Chairperson are: Mike Sprauer, Loretta Duckro of Bellbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michener of Waynesville and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yockey of Morrow.

PARKING LOT AID REQUESTED

A letter has been sent to John Dobney, Ranger in charge of the Caesar's Creek park, asking aid from his equipment and personnel when it becomes available, to smooth and provide more gravel for the front parking lot.

Sometime this winter the park will have road construction equipment available, and they plan to spend some time at the Village.

A large load of gravel has been added to the drive and interior of the Storer shed which the Merricks are using for a car garage. This gravel was purchased with Village money.