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Caesars Creek Pioneer Village Trustee Elections

Elections for Caesars Creek Pioneer Village Trustees were held during the March 5, 1996 meeting. The nominations committee Nominated Miriam Lukens, Frank Crabtree, and Charlotte Wilkie. Steve Burnett and Greg Knapik were nominated from the floor. Miriam Lukens, Frank Crabtree, and Charlotte Wilkie were elected to fill three year terms as trustees ending in 1999. The other trustees are Max Bailey and Burnett Buterworth with terms expiring in 1997; and Donnie Thomas, Sharon Kingan, and Don Richards with terms expiring in 1998.

The Trustees voted to elect Sharon Kingan and Don Richards to the positions of president and vice president respectively. Congratulations to our Trustees.

Correction on Warren County Commissioners Vote to Support CCPV

While indeed the Warren County Commissioners voted to support operation of the Caesars Creek Pioneer Village with \$10,000, I reported a Commissioner Smith that no one had ever heard of. I apologize to Commissioner Pat Arnold South for the mistake.

Tourism Assistance Grant Received

The Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for enhancement of festivals. As result of this grant, you will be seeing the phrase "Funded in part by by the Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc." on many of our advertising and informational publication in the future. Those publications will include the Village Log starting with this issue. During the research for this grant, it was estimated that 50,000 people visited the Pioneer Village last year based on the state parks auto counter across Pioneer Village Road. We hope to significantly increase that number this year. There will be lots of things to do in Warren County in the next two years as we have the 25th anniversary of the Caesars Creek Pioneer Village and the Waynesville Bicentennial. There are many visitors to the are that have never visited the Village and we plan to draw many of these visitors to the Village. A big thank you to the Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. for their assistance in increasing participation at the Village.

Furnishings Needed

We have many old artifacts and photographs that we would like to display. If you know of any old (wood) store display cases or counters that we could obtain, let us know. They are tax deductible as a contribution to the Pioneer Village and we can arrange to have them picked up and delivered to the Village. Write or call the Village at (513) 897-1120 with your finds. Thanks.

Schedule of Events

We would like to include all events open to the public in our calendar of events. If you would like to inform our readership of a upcoming event, please send the news letter editor the event information along with the name and phone number of someone we can contact for additional details. AS our 25 anniversary is approaching and brochure preparations must be started months before the brochures are printed for the year we would like to know about all events six month in advance. If you know of any event not on our list, please let us know about it.

April 20	Green-UP Day
May 9 & 10, 16 & 17	School Days
June 21, 22, & 23	Ol'e Tyme Music Festival
July 20 & 21	The Way It Was
August 17 & 18	Pioneer Family Farm Days
September 21 & 22	Fall Harvest Festival
October 11 & 12, 18 & 19	Haunted Village Walk
January/March 1997	Tapping of the Sugar Bush
March 2 1997	Maple Syrup Brunch

Green-Up Day Next Major Event

There are so many things to be done at Green-Up day that it is hard to know were to start. The major effort for the day will be to take down the old fence around the green. It has serve us well for years with little upkeep. But now the fence has uniformly deteriorated to the point that it must be replaced. It will take a lot of effort to take the old fence down and cut it up into fire wood for the cabins. There are pot holes to be filled with gravel from the hard winter. The trails need to be cleared of fallen debris and limbs over growing the paths need to be trimmed back. There are piles of wood that need to have nails pulled and the boards stacked neatly in the shed for future restoration work. There are cracks in the cabins that need so insulation stuffed into the cracks in preparation for chinking. There are several garden plots that need to be weeded and prepared for spring planting. We have many antique pieces of equipment stored in the barns that could use hours of cleaning to remove years of collected dust. There are lots of discarded pieces of trash that have collected in the ravines around the village that spoil the views that need to be removed to the dumpster. There are plenty of chores for anyone wishing to work.

We will provide the expendables for the clean up, but we would ask that you bring your own favorite tool for your personal use to do the job right. A hammer, pruning shears, putty knife, screw driver, shovel, weeder, etc. If you have a pickup, we may send you out to pick up some supplies like fire wood, fence posts, or coal for the forge. This is not all that needs to be done, but if I don't stop, I'll fill the entire Village Log with ideas. And we all know that many of you already know of things that need to be done that you want to accomplish that day. We should have a lot of help available to help with any project you may need assistance with. So don't hesitate to let it known that you could use a helping hand from some of the unoccupied volunteers. We want to keep everyone gainfully employed improving the village.

IN LOVING MEMORY KATHRYN WILSON BUTTERWORTH

The following eulogy was presented by Miriam Lukens.

"Kathryn was a person who gave generously of herself all her life. As a mother, she reared three fine children. She was widowed for a time and then married Burnett Butterworth. She did her own housework and was a devoted wife. She chose teaching as a career, one which requires selflessness, an extraordinary amount of time and energy. For most women this would have been enough, but not for Kathryn.

Instead of enjoying her retirement, she became restless and dissatisfied with her life, so she called me to ask for help. I suggested she might like to try volunteering at either Pioneer Village or the Warren County Museum. I remember well the first meeting she and Burnett attended at Pioneer Village a year or so after we were organized, perhaps 1974 or 75. It was a summer meeting in our big old barn, an open air barn because it had no sides on it at the time. They have seldom missed a meeting after that first one.

It wasn't long before Kathryn became our recording secretary, a position she kept until her death. Mind you, we have two regular meetings almost every month because of the complexity of our project. Special and emergency meetings occur also every year. Kathryn seldom missed a meeting and her minutes needed few corrections. In addition to this monumental task, she assumed responsibility for the bake table at two festivals every year, phoning for donated foods setting up in the barn with Burnett's help, pricing the items and attending shop the two week-ends, with every day a big financial success. One more thing for the Village, she kept scrapbooks all this time.

In addition to all the above, Kathryn found time to volunteer at the Warren County Museum on Fridays. She had been faithful until lately. Mary Payne, Director of the Museum, and Dixon Maple, President of the County Historical Society, expressed concern because she hadn't been coming. They knew something had to be wrong. They also feel a great loss.

Both groups consider Kathryn to be irreplaceable. So how do you replace an invaluable person? That's what both Pioneer Village and the Museum are faced with. The answers are the same - you can't.

It's not only the work she did. When people dedicated to a project and who work as closely together as members at Pioneer Village and the Museum do, there come "family" feelings. We're concerned about each as "family", and the loss is almost as great as for a close member of your genealogical family. When she had to miss a couple of meeting at Pioneer Village this winter, there was such a void - we missed her presence.

As I first heard about her being in critical condition in the hospital, for some reason the first thing that came into my mind was her delightful laugh, contagious laugh, the laughter of someone who truly enjoys life. Many of us will miss her joyous laughter."

A Pioneer Village memorial service is planned for the Sunday, June 23, 1996 in the Meeting House. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to a memorial for Kathryn can send it to the Pioneer Village so designated.

Sugar Bush Tapping & Maple Syrup Making Draw Crowds

Despite the cold weather and snow on Saturday 2 March, a crowd with pre registered visitors and walk-ins participating in guided tours of the Sugar Bush. We thank Carol Fassig for conducting these guided tours. Sunday saw two of the cabins and the General Store open in addition to the maple shack and the Bullskin Inn for the maple syrup brunch. We sold lots of maple syrup, several adopt a trees and dozens of brunches. The Brunch attracted a steady stream of hungry customers keeping the Bullskin Inn tables relatively full most of the day.

Our Sap Master Frank Crabtree and Maple Mistress Linda Lee would like to thank all who came out to help tap the trees, collect the sap, boil the syrup, and retrieve the taps and buckets. They also wish to thank all who helped set up the Bullskin Inn, cook and serve the food, and clean the Inn. We had a good turn out of our faithful supporters, new members, and several prospective members to help make this a success.

A very special thanks go to Frank and Linda for their great efforts again this year to make the maple syrup festival a success. With plenty of syrup still available for sale, we have surpassed this years income goal for the maple syrup activities.

Wanted - Members for the Summer '96 Weekend Program

Members should be available on one Saturday or one Sunday afternoon during the Summer months to Give a 30-minute demonstration or building tour at 1:00 pm and repeating at 3:pm. Upcoming meetings include Saturday April 13 from noon to 2:00 pm with special emphasis on clothing styles for the period 1795 to 1860 and Saturday May 11 noon to 2:00 pm with special emphasis on on planning your presentation and needed supplies. The meetings will be held in the Bullskin Inn.

For further information, contact Glenda Warman at 897-3006 or Carol Fassig at 897-2437 in the upcoming weeks.

Fence Posts and Rails Needed

The village green and several small garden plots could use fencing. If you have any locust wood posts or rails that you would like to donate to the cause they would be appreciated. If you have any or know of any place we could purchase them at a reasonable price, give us a call at the village with the information. We would be happy to come pick them up.

Installation of the new fence will take lots of work with over 100 posts holes to be dug. We would prefer to do this with a tractor driven post whole digger. If anyone has a three point hitch post whole digger that we could borrow, we would greatly appreciate it. We have a tractor with the power take off to drive the digger. Give the Village or Don Richards a call if you can help us with a post hole digger.

1996 School Days

Once again Caesar's Creek Village will be hosting student craft seminars popularly known as "School Days", scheduled this year on May 9, 10, 16, and 17, 1996. Arrival time for students is as soon in the morning as busses can get to the Village and will last until noon. The cost for each student will again be two dollars (\$2) with teachers and room mothers accompanying the classes free. Busses should park on the grass overflow parking area immediately south of the Village, but may unload at the front parking area. This front area is usually too congested for both parking and unloading.

A brief orientation talk will be given at the [front] parking lot after unloading. The students visiting should remain with their class group at all times, should not cross or be on the drive in front of the Village (Pioneer Village Road), and not go to the lake or into the woods on trails unless accompanied by adults. After orientation, groups are free to go to the various craft stations as they choose since schedules have proved to be difficult and wasteful of time. Some crafts persons take longer at their stations than others. If a group is occupied at a craft site, a group looking for a site should find one unoccupied and go directly to that one. A group waiting for a group to finish at a craft site should wait quietly, since craftpersons' voices are not using amplification. Craft sites will have prominent numbers displayed which will also be cued to maps of the village which will be given to each group.

Groups usually bring picnic lunches which may be left on the buses until lunch time. Since the Village's picnic tables and pavilion is limited, groups may picnic wherever they choose. Uneaten picnic lunches and other items of discard should be placed in the blue dumpster at the side of the Lukens barn. After lunch, groups may use the center green for games or take a trail to the lake. The Village has no food service but candy is stocked at the store. [Sodas also available at the store.] Each group should picnic together.

Craftspersons are all volunteers and are donating their time to this program. They usually leave at noon, so it would not be not be advisable to eat first and then try to find a craft station, as the Craftpersons may be gone. It is never certain what crafts will be available to visit, but there should be eight or so sites. Usually herbs, the meeting house, indian lore, the Caesar Creek park naturalist, the blacksmith shop, old tools discussions, the village school, the settler's cabin, the textile house, a log house showing cabin life, candle making, fireplace cooking, broom making, the village store, and the toll house, are included. Modern restrooms are next to the front parking lot. The caretaker's house (center rear) is off limits.

Late spring weather is unpredictable and often wet and/or cold. It is much easier to take off a garment than to be cold because one was not brought. No building are heated and most sessions will be outside.

The Village may be reached by driving south from route 73 one mile east of Waynesville, right on Clarksville Road, left on Oregonia, and again at Pioneer Village Road. The capacity for each day is set at three hundred (300) students, and when that number is reached, that day will be closed. First come, first served. Reservations may be made by writing Don Richards, PO Box 1049, Waynesville, OH 45068, or by phoning (513) 897-1120. Volunteers wishing to help with School Days are also encouraged to contact Don.

Mic Richards Accepts position of House Mother

Mic Richards will be coordinating the efforts of those who have adopted buildings here at the Village this festival season. As you know from reading the Village Log, we would like to build up a volunteer staff of reenactors and docents to keep the historic structures open each weekend during the tourist season. We know that our primary adoptive parents can't be here every Saturday and Sunday May through September and we need some highly responsible docents to watch over these buildings if we are to have them open. If you would like to get involved as a reenactor or docent talk with Mic or someone who has adopted one of the building that you would like to work in.

Anyone who has adopted a building can talk with Mic Richards about the days they want to personally work the building, any furnishings the Village could help locate to make your reenactment more authentic, or any other suggestions you have for preserving and improving the historic character of the Village.

Have an Old Hardwood Tree You Would Like Cut Down?

We have a variety needs for good logs, beams, timbers, and lumber here at the Village. From replacing deteriorated logs in our cabins, building new out authentic buildings, building period furniture for in the cabins, or restoring the old wagons here at the village we need some good size tree trunks. We also have our own saw mill here at the village to saw the logs and demonstrate the fine art of turning trees into lumber. The wood too small for major project can be seasoned and effectively uses as firewood in the cabins during reenactments and for boiling down the maple syrup. So little will go to waste. If you have an old hardwood that you would like us to cut down, let us know and we will look the situation over and if it is within our capabilities, schedule a time and crew of volunteers to come do the job. Or if you are going to have the power company cut down a big old tree, maybe you could have them let the trunk and major branches in full lengths for us to pick up and bring back here to the Village for the Saw mill. We are always in the need for good fire wood as that is what the pioneers used and we would rather not have to pay top dollar for cordwood that you just gave away. We would like to have any hard wood such as white oak, red oak, maple, walnut, locust, hickory, or some others that I can't think of off hand. A beautifully restored wagon being pulled around the Village or in the Waynesville Bicentennial parade would look so good in natural white oak. And it would last for decades. So keep us in mind. Please.

Corrections Continue

The "Printers Devil" was busy putting type into the wrong bins in the type setters case last month since we all know that the type setter never made a mistake. The Buckskin Inn has not yet materialized here at the Pioneer Village. The Bullskin Inn is however in fine shape. (The Printers Devil was the apprentice who's job it was to return individual letters, type, to the proper slots in the trays of various sizes of type after a job was printed in preparation for the type setter to compose the print job. The senior craftsmen always blamed the apprentice for the mistakes on printing jobs.)

Ol'e Tyme Music Festival Preparations Begin

The Ol'e Tyme Music Festival is scheduled for June 21, 22, & 23. This has been a very well attended event in the past and features nonstop music presented at multiple sites around the Village. We hope to see most of our old favorites back with us again this year and we can always squeeze in a few new groups. If you like to play, sing, or just listen to good old fashioned tunes played on a wide variety of instruments from hammered dulcimers, banjos, and guitars, to the restored Meeting House organ, this is the weekend for you. If you would like to find out more about participating in the festival please contact Sharon Kingan or write to the Ol'e Time Music Festival Chairman care of the Village.

June Festival Taste Treats - 1996

We are planning once again for the first festival of the year 1996. Ol'e Tyme Music Festival and Taste Treats, on June 21-23. Friday night, June 21 from 7-10 pm is devoted to music only, as is Saturday night from 7-10 pm. However, music, crafts, taste treats and special events will be, as always, from 10 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. And again we come to you, our members for donations of taste treats and for volunteers to assist with serving. Below is a list of pioneer foods we wish to serve. If you need recipes, please indicate on the return slip below.

Scrapple	Beanhole beans	Corn fritter batter
Turnip stew	Cabbage chowder	Hominy and sausage
Indian pudding	Bread pudding	Red flannel hash
Vinegar Pie	Pumpkin soup	Persimmon pudding and or cookies
Nut & honey cake	Gooseberry pie	
Home made bread (ww, rye, white, corn or batter)		
Cookies (oatmeal, ginger, or sugar)		

Your cooperation in years past has been super generous and has aided us in having increasingly successful June Festivals. You remember that all proceeds are used to preserve, maintain and operate our beloved village. As you may not be aware, our expenses have increased tremendously. Our need to preserve, and maintain our log and frame buildings is becoming more frequent. If you cannot provide a taste treat nor volunteer to help, perhaps you would like to send a money donation.

Please fill out the slop below and send it to me at 204 Northwood Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036-1344 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Miriam H. Lukens, Co-Chairman

I will make _____ and get it to the village Saturday ___, Sunday ___, June 22 or 23. I can help Saturday ___, Sunday ___ from 10am-1:30pm ___, 1:30pm-5pm ___. I will need a recipe ___. I am sending \$_____ in lieu of a food donation. I do ___, do not ___ have a camp stove to loan for both days. If you cannot reclaim it at the end of the festival, we will be responsible for returning it.

Signed _____
Many, many thanks for whatever you can do to help.

Proposed Change in Meeting Nights

It has been proposed that the regularly scheduled meetings of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Inc be moved from the first and third Tuesdays of each month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. There are a number of historical and civic organizations that meet on the either the first and/or third Tuesdays of the month and it is believed that a shift to the second and fourth tuesdays would allow for more participation. If you would like to express your feeling on this subject, but are unable to come to one of the next three meeting when this by laws change will be voted on, you are requested to vote by proxy using the following form mailed to the pioneer village marked for "Meeting Nights".

Are You in favor of changing the regularly scheduled meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays of each month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month? YES _____ NO _____
Members Signature: _____

Volksmarch and Hearth Cooking Class Held February 10

The Volksmarch attracted a very energetic group of walkers to CCPV and they enjoyed seeing the sugar maple sap being collected and boiled. The number of participants was remarkable. The sun was shining bright and the air was warm. It was too bad that the trails were so wet from several days of rain and poor drainage because of the ground being frozen solid just an inch or so deep. But no matter where you looked there were people walking around the village and the trails. They were also treated to hearth cooking in the Country Store. Hopefully we can take a larger part in the Volksmarch next year. The visitors who came from several states appeared to enjoy themselves and contributed substantially to Country Store sales that day.

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