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FOUR GATHERINGS ON SUNDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY 4, PLUS MUSIC FESTIVAL, HIGHLIGHT P.V. SUMMER

June 1982 is to be a month of Sundays, plus July 4. Each Sunday holds a special interest and activity as the Gatherings at the Village unfold for the entertainment and information to the visitors who attend.

The Gatherings replace the former Spring Planting festival, as various themes replace the general craft, food, music and rides that formerly were juxtapositioned on the same day.

Rather than replacing the activities of that one day, the Gatherings attempt to separate into themes the outstanding aspects of the former festival. June 6 will feature pioneer foods and include other crafts. There will be parched corn, hominy, butter churning, herb cooking and herb use for cooking, pies, cookies, and other early desserts from the kitchen. The smokehouse will show hams and shoulders in it, curing. The new barbecue building will serve chicken barbecued in the new pit, and the kitchen will feature a pioneer menu of ham and beans.

Among special events for that day will be a cow chip throwing contest, ring toss and a contest table of home made bread brought in for judging.

The second Gathering, on June 13, will feature the theme of the implements of the sexes of the frontier: That of textiles and tools. Various aspects of hand textile manufacture will be featured by ladies of the Village and the members of the weavers' guild in and around the Githens house.

Spinning, weaving, looming, tatting, quilting (on all Sundays), quilting, sewing, and rag rug making will be demonstrated, as well as a display of quilts from early pioneer households.

Old tools, blacksmithing, woodworking, will be featured for the men. There will be other crafts as well. A special addition will be the use of an old washing machine in a clothes washing demonstration. Early farm tools will be on display in the barn loft.

This Gathering will see a horseshoe pitching contest, a penny mound for the kids, guided nature hikes by the Village naturalist, and other activities. Food will again be served at the Village kitchen. The contest for home-baked goods this week will be that of cookies.

The Village broom maker, George Wall, will be making brooms in his shed near the Meeting House.

The weekend of June 19 and 20 will set the fourth Traditional American Folk Music Festival, similar to the ones in previous years but expanded to include more musicians and greater variety. The stage will be filled with musical activity. There will be informal and impromptu groups around the Village in the mood of an old-fashioned get-together, which to many of the musicians who travel great distances, it is.

Music crafts will be featured, and workshops will be scheduled Saturday. Instruments will be for sale. This festival will include a Xylophone maker and player. A "free night" Friday, as usual,

will see the open stage for those who wish to perform on their own. The stage will be filled all of Saturday evening and starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, lasting till 5. Gospel singing in the Meeting house will held from 10 a.m. till 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to this audience-participation activity.

June 27, the third Fathering, holds the theme of Tales, Toys and Tunes, and the three will go on at the same time. Toymakers will be at the Village, making and displaying early American toys. In the Lukens house will be Storytellers. The Storyteller League has scheduled six storytellers from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in one-hour segments: Marjorie Pappas at 11, Ellen Duell at noon, Jean Liggett at 1, Helen Leukhard at 2, Sharon Luster at 3, and Patricia Dempsey at 4.

The tune part of the day will be supplied by Gospel singers singing in the Meeting House.

Many other crafts will be featured in and around the Village green. Home-baked fruit pies will be the feature of the baked goods judging contest. Marble playing and a marble contest will be conducted. Dolls and doll collections will also be featured.

The final Gathering, on the Fourth of July, will be on the theme of "An Old-Fashioned Fourth" and again food will be served in the kitchen, craftsmen will be in the shops, and there will be rides around the green. Contests open to all will include: Sack race, tug-of-

war, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, egg throw, dizzy izzy (you've got to see it to believe it), barrel race and others.

Both candidates for the Presidential election of 1836 will be on hand to speak: Senator Buzz Lukens as Martin van Buren, and Warren County Commissioner George Terwilliger as William Henry (Tippecanoe and Tyler too) Harrison. Warren County Commissioner Robert Turner will speak as Thomas Corwin, candidate for Ohio Governor from this area of the state.

The judged home-baked contest for this Gathering will be cakes, and there will be a cake walk for prizes.

This Gathering will see many black powder people on the grounds and several regiments from the most recent war (the one for Independence) will be represented.

A parade is being planned for this day, with the participants' marching around the Village green.

Admission donations for the Gatherings will be \$1 per adult and 50¢ per child under 12. Admission to the Folk Music Festival will be \$3 per adult, children under 12 free or \$5 for a two-day pass.

The entries for the baking contests will become the

property of the Village to be sold for restoration funding. Deadlines for entry is 1 p.m. on the Sundays.

Gathering hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Music Festival times are 10 a.m. to midnight for Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 for Sunday.

The Month of Sundays promises to be one of many interests and activities, with the flavor of the early Ohio days and the fun of frontier frolics all rolled into one. Funds generated will go into restoration activities that are so evident as one walks about the growing Village.

In September will arrive the two-day harvest festival, the 18th and 19th. As in past years, the Village's cane pressed into juice and boiled into molasses will be the featured activity.

~~DATE HOUSE FOR MEMBERSHIP~~

The June Gatherings will initiate the Gate house, although unfinished, to be open for the membership and information table.

During the past weekends workers have sided both gable ends with poplar from the old Ron Thatcher house. Stairs from the Ewing residence have been erected in the corner. The closet beneath the stairs has been sided with paneling from the Harvey house. 2016

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT

School Days, the on-site children's seminars at the Village, held April 29 and 30, were again successful, being blessed with good craftsmen, willing and kind guides, nice weather and donators all along.

Miriam Lukens, Chair person, wishes to thank all members and others, who contributed to the project. Preparation of grounds and buildings was accomplished by Linda Lee, Terry Lawson and Becky Apostelos. Guides were Frances King, Terry Lawson, Mildred Deeth, Evelyn Hatfield, Dottie Hawke, Marge Wisht, Carolyn Ellington, Sally Lacy Betty Cleveland, Barbara Workman and Wanda Hodson.

Exhibitors were: Burnett Butterworth, Martha Martin, David Hastell, Annabelle Ireton, Carol Purnell, Ralph Giehls, Judy Ireton, Morene Stickrod, Kat Spray, Marilyn Koog, and George Wall. Items for noon refreshments were furnished by Tina Simpkins, Thelma Hatfield, Marjorie Callender and Ethyl Jefferis.

NARSG CINOKETES FEBCE

Honer Marsh has partially built the paling fence in front of the caretaker house and will finish by June 1. David Hastell assisted.

COME TO THE MONTH OF SUNDAYS!

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