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OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL PROMISES A QUALITY SHOW

What is now promising to be the biggest and best of the yearly festivals, the "Old Time" Traditional Early American Music Festival, is scheduled for June 18 and 19, two days, from 10 till 5, on Village grounds.

According to Debbie Kopp, Chairperson, continuous and quality music is promised, workshops are planned, and music craft sales will be available.

Admission donation at the gate is three dollars per person with children under twelve admitted free, each day. A two-day donation can be made, saving a dollar.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE....

The Spring Planting Festival, with hours of planning, dozens of craftsmen, many responsibilities, hundreds of dollars' worth of preparation, and great care in grounds grooming fell to the damp demons of the rain god. The two-day affair was essentially rained out.

Although Saturday was a mainly rainless day, the forecasts were dire and the crowd was light. Rain pounded steadily all Saturday night and by Sunday morning, water was standing everywhere. Many craftsmen went home.

Mud and ruts. But by mid-afternoon, the sun was shining and a number of visitors then came and had a good time, no parking donation.

Trustees called a special meeting to plan to try the following weekend. However the weather was again wet and dreary. Everyone was left anticipating the Music Festival in June.

BIRTHDAY PARTY OUTSTANDING

The tenth birthday party for Pioneer Village was a success for everyone but the weatherman. Linda Lee had prepared tables and chairs in the barn, and more than a hundred people stacked their plates high with food from a groaning table. A walking tour of the Village followed. The evening finished off with a square dance in the maintenance building. The group sang happy birthday, reminisced, and watched the rain through the open doors.

Guests included Senator and Mrs. Cooper Snyder, Senator Richard Finan, Mayor Edith Lukens, ODNR representatives Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warren and Mary Fisk, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson, Village trustees and officers, and Chief Ranger Debbie Chenoweth from the Corps of Engineers. Debbie presented a framed certificate of Appreciation from the Corps to the group.

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Helen Wall, Kathryn Butterworth and Edna Marsh are on a committee to secure furnishings for the Elam house. The committee has drawn up a list of desired items and would appreciate as many donations or long-term loans as possible. Although the list is too long to include here, it consists of everyday utensils, furniture and tools that would have been found in a self-sufficient frontier household of the early 1800's. Simple utilitarian objects constitute most of the list.

Donations of course are tax-deductible, and Alva Adams will record your donation in Village records and send you an acknowledgment.

CETA PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 6

This summer the Village will once again have several young people working on the grounds under the arrangement with the Warren County manpower office under the Comprehensive and Education Training Act.

The four or five young people and an older supervisor will work 32 hours a week on a four day, eight-hour arrangement, on grounds maintenance and general odd jobs that need to be done around the area. Jim Merrick as caretaker, will be their contact person. Employed so far are Dawn Evans of Oregonia, Larry Ferguson Kim Younker and Davy Miller of Waynesville. A fifth person may be added to the list.

CETA people have been employed in the past, but for several years the Village has used members of the Ohio Youth Corps. However, this group was discontinued due to lack of funding, and last year no summer people were on the grounds.

The CETA people will work June, July and August.

KOPP AND HEAD ON THE MEND

Two Village members who have been on the sick list are now reported to be recuperating.

Andy Kopp was in the hospital recently for double pneumonia and is now recovering slowly at home.

Robert Head, who suffered from a near heart attack as he was working on the maintenance building last summer, has been recovering over the winter. He hopes to have his strength back this summer as soon as (if ever!) we have warm weather.

SIMPKINSES NAMED MANAGERS

The Village food managers for the summer are Jim and Becky Simpkins, residents of Lebanon and employees in the banking industry there. Their Pioneer Village work is a second income venture.

Named by the food committee before the spring festival, they are scheduling their food service five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday. A pioneer menu and short-order snacks will be served at contemporary prices. According to Becky, the starting up, ordering of inventory, and devising a routine have been quite demanding. Food signs will be placed along roads leading into the Village as well as one leading from the lake to the food area.

Visitors are invited to use the food service on a regular and daily basis, a feature unique and new this year.

MEMBERS RECEIVE BADGES

Trustee Tim Hill has designed and constructed small wooden badges for identification for members who are in the public eye at the Village. The badges have the person's name and the organization name etched on the front and can be pinned on clothing.

The Village has needed such identification badges for some time.

HASTELL TO KEEP GROUNDS

David Hastell has been given a contract to provide mowing on the Village grounds for the summer, working through the fall festival.

David has long been associated with the Village on a volunteer basis and was last summer instrumental in bringing in the Eyeman house from the Washington Courthouse area. He has helped in construction, School Days, festivals, and many other days.

~~TOLL HOUSE TO BE REBUILT~~
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Work has been going on steadily on the toll house, which now has its inside chinking and inside fill of mud complete and the north side complete on the outside.

During spring festival, outside mud was put in by Becky Apostelos and Becky Silva, who attracted much attention with their demonstration work.

The chimney for the toll house has been contracted to a local stone mason, Don Taylor of Clinton County.

Mr. Taylor came to purchase a lawn tractor the Village had for sale at Collett's Hardware, because it was too small to cut the grass the Village now has. A trade-off of a lawn tractor and extra cash to Mr. Taylor for a chimney at the Village was struck.

AHEAD A HEAD HANGS HIGH

Readers may be interested in the next (but not the last) chapter in the great buffalo head saga.

The last episode had the skull taken to the Springboro Taxidermy, where the hide had been in waiting. The two were reunited into a whole lot of head.

The mysterious alchemy performed there on such unlikely partners produced a product that is stupefying and stupendous.

The Jacksons brought it to the spring festival and hung it on the outside of the Hawkins house. It caught the eye of passers-by and glowered over lesser attractions. It was marvelous.

The great black wooley object with the baleful yellow stare caught every one's attention and literally presided over the days. It was taken down on Sunday and hung over the fireplace in the Country store, where it will remain until it can be located in a special place of honor in the Village Inn.

TWO DAYS OF LIVE MUSIC FOR \$5! WHO CAN BEAT SUCH A DEAL?

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