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MUSIC FESTIVAL A GOOD SHOW

The next festival, the Traditional American Folk Music Festival, set for June 15 and 16, will again feature "old time" instruments and music in keeping with the tradition set from the festival's early years on.

Under the leadership of Bob Sampson, the stage will be the location of a series of talented amateur and professional musicians both Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. till sometime near 10 p.m. on Saturday, and till 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Planned are workshops for Saturday, a hymn sing for Sunday at 11:00 a.m., crafts, food, and incidental and spontaneous music on the grounds most of the days.

VILLAGE RECEIVES GIFT TENT

A recent gift from the Foretravel Motorcade Club of America, Ohio chapter, gave the Village a very good 24 ft. by 24 ft. wall tent that they no longer needed, an addition that the Village in turn did need.

The tent had been used for motorhome rallies, but it became inconvenient for the group to keep track of it. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson of Centerville thought of the Village and brought the tent out after the Spring Fair.

Its first use will be to shelter musicians for the Music Festival, and after that it will probably be used for the Civil War Ball in July.

HELP NEEDED FOR SUMMER

Host and hostesses are still needed for the Toll house on weekends. A signup sheet has been mailed out, and those who wish to help the Village this way should return it with a date that they can spend a few hours to help the Village in this important job. Workers who have been there feel the return to the Village increases markedly with a host or hostess on duty.

FIRST SPRING FAIR A GOOD START

The Spring Fair was a success by any one's standards. It was a nip and tuck operation for a while, however, as Saturday was rainy and very poorly attended. Around three o'clock, the skies opened up for several hours of drenching rain.

Sunday dawned fair and bright, and the crowd was good and the day successful enough to compensate for Saturday. The crafts were good, the food outstanding, the music continuous and of high quality, and the grounds attractive although soggy. Raggety Ann sold colorful balloons on the fairgrounds both days.

The fair made its usual contribution to the restoration project. The gate realized \$1,392; the general store, \$705; the herb shed, \$110; the food service, \$1,565; the chicken barbeque, \$394; the membership booth \$20; the baked goods shop, \$530; the broom shop, \$7.50; the Tollhouse donations, \$29; and the craft percentage, \$378.

The volunteers were enthusiastic and kept all areas manned for both days. The camping areas were so wet that no one could use them. Heavier units camped on the gravel parking lot. A few ventured into the north area staying on high ground.

Jim Merrick managed the mowing in spite of four days of rain. Some ruts will mark the grounds the rest of the summer.

All in all, it was a nice affair incorporating the new fair aspects of more animals, children's games, and old fair atmosphere. Many persons appeared in pioneer costume on the grounds. Prizes were given for the most authentically dressed boy, girl, man, woman and family.

The Village hopes to build the fair increasingly each year. Many thanks to all who worked and participated to make this such a successful spring event.

MARSHES DONATE HEATER

Homer and Edna Marsh donated a new water heater to the Village, which has been installed in the kitchen, replacing the older, smaller one. This heater has a 52-gallon capacity, compared to the 30-gallon older one.

Also, several minor improvements to the kitch were made at the request of the Warren County Health Department. A hand wash basin was installed, covers for the fluorescent lights were put on and additional storage space was created.

SCHOOL DAYS SERVE MANY

School Days, the seminars for school children this spring, hosted about 1,000 children over a three-day period in weather that was marginal at best, and in cold, driving rain at worst.

Lunch was served for the craftsmen and other workers by Linda Lee and Thelma Hatfield.

An additional period of School Days is scheduled for the fall. Applications are now arriving from area schools.

FARM DISK BOUGHT RECENTLY

Recently George Wall saw a well-used field disk set out beside Center Road for sale. He and Burnett Butterworth investigated the disk and felt they could make enough repairs to make it useful for the limited work at the Village.

Don Richards then took his Jeep and the Village trailer and hauled it to the Village, along with a breaking plow and an old spring tooth harrow also in the roadside collection. The total price after a little negotiating, was \$30.00.

The plow will probably be sold and the harrow used for raw welding material. The disk will be repaired during the winter.

WHO HELPS? LOOK HERE BELOW!

From time to time we say that the Village has only a few people actively involved in the restoration activities, but "more" help on the festivals. For once, this is an attempt to list all those who gave of their time, energy and talents and resources to make the Spring Fair a success. You think only a few did the work? Look at this list:

Frank Crabtree, Mike and Mary Archer, Rick Stormont, Annafrances Riddle, Beverly Lee, Barbara Lee, Lucille Sears, Barry Lee, Don and Sharon McCoy, Paul and Marcella Carter, Roy Meadows, Jim Merrick, Milta Fryman, Mike Carr, Willis and Cathy Baker, Ted Cooper, William Dunn, James Fair, Burt Roosa, Curtis Noe, Troy and Leroy Holliday, Floyd Kennedy, Mic Richards, Sharon Maloney, Sharon Cunningham, Bob Sampson, those of the Simple Gifts, those of the Orange Blossom Express, Whitey Alexander and his group, the Sounds of a Heritage group, Carol, Calvin and Karen Purnell, Don Richards, Bob Jacobs, Thelma Hatfield, Betsy Bryant, Jeff Richards, Norman Minnich, Cindy Goodhue, Mat, Sandy and Rosie Fugett, Andy Churko, Linda Fenlon, Wanda Hodson, Don and Dottie Hawke, Barbara Oakes, Mr. & Mrs. William Kilian, Mr. & Mrs. Max Hartsock, Jim and Jane Wertz, Stan and AnnaBelle Ireton, Jackson Hedges,

Rod Richards, Pete Peterson, Jim Spargur, Victoria Richards, Al Wight, George and Helen Hall, Homer and Edna Marsh, Ethel Jefferts, Miriam Lukens, Mildred Deeth, Lucille Loehr, Miriam Satterthwaite, Marge Wight, Betty McCollom, Jane Spargur, Joe and Miriam Worley, Harold and Becky McFarland, Burnett and Kathryn Butterworth (Kathryn also wishes to thank all those who baked and sent in donations.) Linda Lee, Becky and Rachel Silva, Barbara Frasure, Doug and Pam Campbell, Calvin St. John, Kat Spray, Marilyn Koog, Chick Minnich, Cheryl Richards. Listing volunteers names is at the risk of making omissions. We are sorry if we have, and we appreciate the help of every single contributor.

NOT EXACTLY THE GOLDEN FLEECE

The shaggiest resident of the Village, Samantha the sheep, got shorn in time for the Spring Fair by Don Richards, who unearthed a pair of hand clippers and tackled the job. Villagers had been talking about getting her shorn, and the weather was getting warmer and the fleece longer.

Samantha has grown into a big, strong sheep and she did not wish to be shorn. On one of the hottest days so far this spring, Richards and the sheep spent a couple hours alternately sweating and struggling for breath, but both came out alive. Samantha appears more comfortable now.

The fleece was donated to the weavers who will use it for the Githens house spinning and weaving demonstrations.

PURNELLS GIVE BAYBERRIES

The Calvin Purnells are the donors of several bayberry bushes, which have been planted in front of the Furnas house. Carol, now of Michigan, used bayberry in candlenaking many years at the Village. The Purnells, sustaining members, came from Michigan to help at Spring Fair.

WE WOULDN'T KID ABOUT THIS

Dobby and Toddy, the newest residents of the Village are, without exaggeration, mischevious kids. These two diminutive goats are the gift of Waynesville teacher, Pam Steiner, who raised them past the weaning stage and brought them to the Village for the Spring Fair. These kids went over the fence, under it, through it, and on top of it -- and elsewhere! They now have dog collars and leashes. They should become favorite subjects of Village visitors.

CETA WORKERS SCHEDULED

Again this summer the Village will have CETA workers on the grounds. A request has been filed for 6 young people. Jim Merrick will serve as supervisor. According to literature received, workers will be there a 40-hour week, five days a week, starting about June 15. Grounds maintenance, fence building, chinking repair, and simple construction are on the CETA list.

COME VOLUNTEER SOME HOURS TO THE MUSIC FESTIVAL!

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