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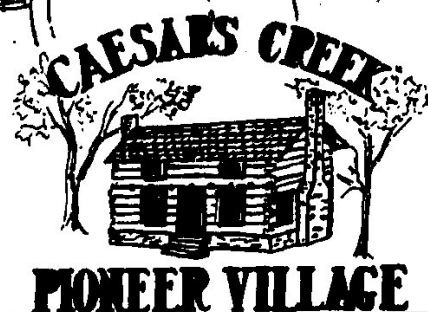
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PIONEER FOOD AND MUSIC COMING

The June public activity this year will follow along the same lines as before with some exciting new things added: Not only traditional American music, but traditional American food—food of the frontier, that is.

Old time foods will be prepared at the Village during the festival with an emphasis on tasting and talking about it,

rather than serving eating portions designed to satisfy an appetite. Appetites can be satisfied at the kitchen where the usual Village menu of corn bread ham and beans, cobbler and sausages will be featured.

Don't eat breakfast—come and sample one of the following which will all be somewhere on the grounds: hominy and hominy dishes, persimmon cookies and bread, fresh bread and butter, some with sorghum on biscuits, Indian pudding, gingerbread, whole wheat cakes, turnip stew and parsnip stew, pumpkin stew, sugar cookies and venison roasted over an open fire, rhubarb sauce, parched corn pretzels, barbecued pork (sandwiches) nut and honey cake, corn fritters, crack'lin bread, red flannel hash, leather britches, pop corn balls, graham (home-made) crackers, corn meal fresh ground, an edible wild plant display, herbs from the herb garden, sassafras and lemonade aid and more! The smoke house will be in action and someone ought to be cooking beanhole beans.

In addition there will be some of the usual crafts and then the music will also be on the stage both days.

In addition to all that there will be workshops both days in the Meeting House consisting of folk tales, story telling, banjo and dulcimer playing, ballads, gospel singing, the Welch Singing Society and the Honey Bee Squares (on Saturday).

Miriam Lukens, Chairperson of this extravaganza, who has spent much time and energy organizing it, urges you to come and get a taste of the frontier!

LARGE OLD STOVE OFFERED

The Cokers, who run an antique store in Waynesville, have offered a used (1900's) cook range to the Village for the taking from their shop. It is the large cast iron type with the water reservoir to the side popular in farm houses throughout the country years ago. It will take many men to move it.

BARN MATERIAL BROUGHT IN

Good used barn beams and other structural material from a demolished barn belonging to Dan Lovely just east of Springboro was salvaged by the Antique Farm Machinery Club and is now stored behind the Furnas house. It will go toward rebuilding the Harkrader barn's side corncrib.

FURNAS HOUSE GETS FARM GARDEN 2016

Taking time off during the spring school days, Don Richards put in a farm garden to the immediate right front of the Furnas house and capped it off with a log bird house constructed by Homer Marsh, putting it on a tall pole next to the garden.

He used a donated picket fence to enclose the garden, and then planted it with hickory king corn while he will use in making hominy.

When the corn gets knee high he will plant some old fashioned beans to climb on the corn and add some squash for color.

Richards says he hopes that someone will take over the garden in another year as their own special project.

FIRST "OPEN HOUSE" SUCCESSFUL

The first public event of the 1987 year went off very smoothly the third weekend of May, as the Village tried something to substitute for the usual spring fair or festival as in years of the past.

Much of the success may be due the nearly perfect weather, but much also is due to the hard work and dedication to a large number of volunteers who baked, mowed, cleaned, planted, and got

the grounds and buildings in tip top shape after a long winter of working on individual projects, with little care for public appearance. Things had been piled where convenient, and everything had to be put away once again.

So with food ordered once again and the grounds fresh from their first thorough mowing, a nice crowd of some fifteen hundred over the two days stopped off to visit Village and usher once again a season of public presentation that has become familiar to those who volunteer there.

Most of the changes was in the deliberate low-key aspect of the activities, with an attempt to emphasize quality instead of quantity; holding aspects of the way life would have been held in the buildings and around them. There was candle making in the Furnas house, quilts and music in the Meeting House, selected craftspersons around. The herb garden was in full bloom, and the Githens house busy as usual.

Spring festivals have over the past several years been plagued by bad weather, poor crowds, and some difficulties getting things organized. There had been serious discussion about abandoning it altogether. But the pressure of funding made another try advisable. And this year was a good one!

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NEW LAMB A REGULAR MEMBER

The 1987 lamb, Maybell, born in the latter part of March, is doing very well indeed and is gaining weight and stature faster than either of the other sheep.

Maybell, nearly as large as her year-old sister, stays with her flock and seldom ventures too far away from them. All three were popular members of the Village during the recent school days.

HEIGHWAY CABIN VERY POPULAR

The Thomas Heighway cabin, the only true cabin in the Village, has become one of the major attractions at the Village and seems to be a "must" visit for all who know about it.

The cabin, an attempt to portray a primitive dwelling of the frontier, has been set up to show as accurately as possible the way a settler family would have had to live until they prospered enough to get the time and resources to erect a more "modern" house in which to live.

An open fire pit in the center of the floor, a dirt floor, pole bunks along the walls, and puncheon furniture to use for sitting and eating, complete the inside furniture.

Described as the "oldest log structure in Ohio" the building can accurately be dated to

the middle 1790's, which puts it before almost all structures in the state and almost certainly before all existing log buildings at the present time.

Jeff Richards, Frank Crabtree and Linda Lee are working with interior furnishings.

SCHOOL BELL GETS NEW POST

The bell for the Village school, given in memory of Lawrence Riddle, one of the charter members of the Village, got a large and sturdy post in time for the school open house largely due to the efforts of Stan Ireton.

Ireton took the bell down and got it welded after it was broken taking it down, then put it up in a more stable manner. Don Richards found a big post to replace the small leaning one that had originally been put there.

SORGHUM GETS EARLY PLANTING

According to Gary Breeze, the crop of sorghum was planted earlier than usual, is up and looks good. It should be in top shape for the early harvest it must have for the fall festival in September.

The crop was planted by the members of the Caesar's Creek Antique Machinery club, the crop and farm part of the Village.

SCHOOL DAYS VERY SUCCESSFUL

Nearly a thousand school children were guided through the Village and had crafts and old techniques of a past era explained to them during the spring school days the first of the month.

The craftsmen were varied, authentic, and interesting according to their teachers. Most of them finished up their visit with a picnic on the grounds.

KITCHEN STOVE LEAVES COOKS COLD

Just the day before the spring open house and at a time when the cooks Dottie Hawke and her associates particularly needed the services of the Village electric stove, the oven conked out and Joe Worley who has become the Village electrician reported that it was essentially beyond repair. So with emergency on the minds of the operators, a used one was located in Lebanon, hauled out and put in. It was found to have a faulty burner, which since has been repaired, but did serve for the festival food preparation.

But there is no telling how long the replacement one will last- it is a 1940 model or thereabouts.

So if any member has a good used electric stove gracing the garage that they don't know what to do with, Pioneer Village can use it!