

THE VILLAGE LOG

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PIONEER VILLAGE

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PIONEER FOOD AND MUSIC NEXT

The Village's next public activity set for June 18 and 19 will again feature two items that are always visitor pleasers- food and music, or in this case, Pioneer music of the traditional folk type and frontier food of the basic and "home made" variety.

Last year's June festival featured both these items and they seemed to please, so they are on the menu (!) again. Miriam Lukens who is in charge of this festival stresses that the foods are not fancy, but rather the type that maybe Ohio has passed by as convenience food and packaged produce have become more common than home cookin'.

Such delectable culinary treats as pumpkin soup, turnip hash, hominy and sausage and other dishes out of the past will be available for tasting- for a small fee each. In the days of Ohio's frontier whatever grew and could be preserved locally was the bill of fare, and perhaps more variety within a limited number of food types was the rule rather than a vast choice of imported and out-of-season foods such as we are accustomed to today.

The musical offerings for this festival will feature not only traditional American folk music, but contests in the use of traditional American instruments as well. Miriam says that fiddling contests, banjo and dulcimer contests are planned.

As usual food will be served from the kitchen and there will be craftsmen on the grounds as well. Admission for both days is set at \$2 per adult and 50¢ for children 12 or under. Babies carried in are free.

All proceeds continue to go for preservation of Ohio's heritage.

TWO NEW GEESE GRACE PEN

Mrs. and Mr. John Engle have given two new geese to the Village to replace the two that were killed by stray dogs last winter. Their names are Spot and Little Bit, and they are a grey (the goose) and a white (the gander) one similar to the pair that were given by the Engles before.

They have been placed in the Plecker orchard where a plastic swimming pool of water is provided for them and enough grass to last for the summer.

STORE ADDITION GOING WELL

The addition to the rear of the store, being built by Allen Ireton and his Alco construction company has progressed to the point that the walls and roof are about complete.

The total amount of display and sales space will be about tripled in comparison with the amount of space in the original building. A porch has been constructed along the west side of the new addition to conform to the existing porch with a door and windows leading to it. The original rear door of the store now leads to the second room which is the new part.

Beverly Lee the Storekeeper is very pleased with all the new room and plans an increase in inventory to fill it. A large display table built several years ago will again be brought to the store and put into service. The interior plan of use has not been fully designed yet.

NEW ANIMAL STAYS WITH GEESE

The Village is the home of a second goat, a very small brown and white one, the gift of a friend of Becky Siva's. It has been put in the orchard with the two new geese, so it now appears that the one new goat thinks he is a goose and the other goat (Teddy) who stays with the sheep, thinks he is a sheep!

CIVIL WAR PLANNING HELD

Personnel from the Army of the Cumberland were at the Village recently to plan for the civil war reenactment which will be held July 16 and 17. Two camps, one for each side, drills, battles, dress inspections, specialized services personnel, the ladies' dress competition, the ball Saturday evening, catered breakfasts, field mess meals in the evening, armament, powder storage, camping organization, signs and registration was discussed. It appears that the affair will be bigger, better and more carefully planned this year than ever before.

NEW STORE HOURS SET FOR SUMMER

Beverly Lee, storekeeper says the store will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM for the summer, beginning as soon as schools are out. With the new enlarged space and better display area, she has ordered more inventory and is stocking items from the craftsmen's stocks that patronize the Village at festival times.

VOLUNTEER MEETING ATTENDED

Don Richards attended a meeting of Carlisle high school seniors recently who were interested in working as volunteers through a new program the school was providing seniors. He said that the interest was rather low-key and not many were aware that the Village existed.

SCHOOLDAYS SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

Nearly a thousand children turned out for the three-day school seminars held in early May at the Village, with craftsmen and historical specialists on the premises to talk to them. From all accounts it was a full and satisfactory experience for all.

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BY-LAWS REVISION UNDERWAY

The Trustees held a meeting on April 12 to update and revise by-laws according to present need. The by-laws had never had a thorough updating, and were starting to need it. As a result of their efforts the following changes were recommended and will be read and voted on at the July 5 meeting. As a complete printing on them are impractical here, readers should refer to a copy of the by-laws for complete understanding.

Article I; no change. Article II; no change. Article III; substitute the word "sustaining" for "charter", omit Sec. C, reletter the subsequent sections logically and increase family membership to \$15, not effective immediately. Article IV, substitute "sustaining" for "charter", delete "or in individual" from the second sentence, delete the entire sentence starting with "Each individual..". Article V; Sec. A, add the sentence, "Yearly election of trustees by the members shall take place at this time with thirty days prior written notice to the membership."

Article VI no change. Article VII, add Sec. H following G to read, "A trustee must attend fifty percent of all meetings." Article VIII, was revised to read following "a vice-president, from their number, a second vice-president, and they then shall

appoint "a secretary and treasurer, and corresponding secretary from their membership." Article IX, no change, Article X no change, Article XI changed to read, "two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the members, provided thirty days written notice of the proposed change be given to the membership in the notice of the meeting.*"

"THE WAY IT WAS" GOOD START

The first public activity of the season, "The Way It Was", or what was formerly the May festival or the spring planting, inaugurated the 1988 season for Pioneer Village in a very pleasant and enjoyable manner to most agreeable weather and a small but interested crowd.

Nice weather, a nice group of visitors, good craftsmen and a good start for the summer resulted in a good festival.

A change of cooks in the kitchen- Barbara Lee and Michelle Ghearing enabled the kitchen to function smoothly and enough help around the grounds and in the buildings kept the festival interesting. Musicians on the stage provided music for the entire two days thanks to Bob Sampson, the Holliday boys, the two Mikes and others. Their enthusiasm then ran deep into the night before the lights were finally turned out and the grounds returned to the crickets.

It was hoped that enough money would be generated to pay for the year's insurance, but at least the proceeds of the spring went a long way toward paying that bill which is one of the year's largest.

MUSEUM PROVIDES STORE PARTS

The Warren County museum recently gave several large frames and a book shelf to the Village. The frames will be used as shelving in the new store addition, and the shelf will provide sales space there also.

Several other gifts have also been given: Fred Grauman gave a wheelbarrow and a two-man cross-cut saw, Roy McDonald acquired a small furnace and kettle which is to be part of the herb garden complex, Clarence Harnish gave a set of ladder jacks, and an additional bench for the grounds.

RIVERFEST ATTENDANCE OVER

Pioneer Village operated a hand-out and information booth and sold a few items as well at the last Dayton Riverfest held at Triangle Park over the memorial day weekend.

A commodious tent was provided which housed not only the Village's booth but Mary Nelson's basket sales, Dave Lawrence's cane crafts and the Harnish's scrimshaw sales. Many visitors made the tent a popular spot.