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JUNE FESTIVAL A BIG ONE

The June festival promises to be outstanding among public activities to be put on this year and maybe for several years as plans now developing bear out as they are hoped.

Many activities, much food, noise and excitement, music and things to do and see for everyone are in the works. The June festival, originally one featuring music and some crafts, will be several major themes all rolled up into one this year.

First of all, due to the extremely hot weather so common in July, the July activities have been cancelled and moved up to the June one. The civil war reenactment will be in June instead of July. That combined with the music which will be expanded, and the pioneer food taste treats, which has become increasingly popular, together with selected crafts, gospel music and rides will make for a full day for the relatively small price of two dollars admission.

The full two days of civil war battles, skirmishes, encampments, the ladies' dress competition, musters, will take place as usual. On the grounds will be at least a dozen different pioneer tastetreats ranging from fry bread to turnip stew, all for a quarter apiece, plus the usual menu from the Village kitchen. Two full days of music on the stage under the trees, around the grounds, plus gospel music in the Meeting House, will also be taking place. In addition, crafts, rides, and other activities will be going on.

Park the car, dock the boat, desert the campsite- pioneer Village will be the place to see.

According to Miriam Lukens, Chairperson, this June festival, June 17 and 18, will offer something for everyone!

HAWKINS HOUSE TO BE FEATURED

The Old Machinery Club will feature the Hawkins house on their souvenir button they issue each summer during their Old Machinery Days, this year August 18, 19 and 20.

SUMMER DAY CAMP SCHEDULED

Children from the second through the fifth grade may come to the Village for a week this summer to learn the fine art of pioneering.

Organized by Lesa Chenoweth, the Village's newest Trustee, the summer day camp will run through the week of June 12 to 16, from 9 in the morning till noon. The cost per child will be \$40. Parents bringing their children will have an option of driving home to return to pick up their child or going to the beach or the dock, boating, fishing, to the Visitor's Center, hiking, to Waynesville to "antique" or many of the other recreational opportunities in the area. Who can resist dropping the kids off and then having to enjoy oneself for the next three hours?

By the time this newsletter is out the school enrollment period will be over, but it is hoped that at least twenty initial enrollees will send the day school off to a good start.

Lesla will be helped by several mothers who will be on the grounds all week and also by craftsmen and other volunteers who will provide the curriculum, a new set of activities for each day. Some of each day will be routine such as putting up the flag, feeding the animals, and so on, but each day will also bring a "pioneer" activity to do.

Pioneer cooking, washing clothes (the old fashioned way), use of herbs, games and school activities, wagon rides, hikes, music, and so on will be included. No food will be served, but pioneer cooking in a fireplace will be one of the activities.

Application forms were circulated before the May festival and also handed out then.

GATEHOUSE MONEY STOLEN

The theft of a day's proceeds at the tollhouse and the damage of the collection box were recently reported by Jim Merrick the Caretaker. The wooden collection box under the

counter on which sat the little log house whose chimney admission donations were dropped was broken into, the counter top pried up and the cabinet damaged. The money (whatever was there) was missing.

This is the first time that such a thing has happened, and remarkable at that, since an almost honor system has been working successfully there for many years. At the same time vandalism, thefts of car contents at the boat launch were reported, so it was felt that the Village was just one of the victims of what the park rangers feel was a locally generated spree. Or at least locally committed.

Charley Collins welded together a stout metal container and this was fastened securely to the floor of the tollhouse and the counter was repaired, so it is felt that now such thievery will be much more difficult. If anything is taken from Charley's box, much of the building will go along too! It is thought that the deed was done on a Sunday afternoon during daylight.

SCHOOL DAYS SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

Nearly 1400 students ranging from kindergarten through eighth grade and coming from areas of north Dayton, Cincinnati and Indiana as well as local schools participated in the spring student "school days" seminars.

Ample craftsmen were on hand and the weather was cool but nice. The green was crowded with children playing games, the food area with picnickers, and the trail to the lake got a workout. Everyone went home tired, happy and a little muddy. The craftsmen went home hoarse.

OLYMPICS TRIED AGAIN

The pioneer olympics were tried again at the May planting festival with more success than the previous year. Several young men tried with the winning time of one minute fifteen seconds (incredible) scored by Doug Howl who took a winner's plaque. Jay Collins set the pace and helped with the events.

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Watch for the Village's float in the Waynesville Country Fair parade

LAMBS NOW NUMBER FOUR

The lamb crop this spring has been unusually good, and the results can be seen gamboling on the Village green in playful display. Maybell gave birth to twins and April and Samantha each bore a single lamb, giving four. Dru Gilliland kept them through the winter in his barn at which they were born and then brought to the Village some weeks later. He saw that they were docked, vaccinated, and arrived in playful healthfulness. Plans are to keep the three ewes, sell the buck lamb, give Samantha away (she is becoming grouchy) and Lesa Chenoweth has agreed to take the other two older ewes.

The two goats which habitually were into everything (especially the flowers and herbs), have been "farmed" out to a local farmer.

MAY FESTIVAL GOOD, BUT...

The first public activity of the year, the planting festival, held May 20 and 21, was typical in many ways, not the least an anxious wait on the weather as threatening skies finally gave way to an almost perfect day for Sunday. The next day it was back to rain again repeating what had been the weather for the week before.

Saturday the crowds were small and the Village almost deserted. Sunday was what could be described

as a "small but good" group.

The grounds were in good shape and left that way after it was over and the few craftsmen good. All of the buildings were open and occupied and there was much activity with farm machinery, the olympics, music and food. About the only complaints heard were from the craftsmen who felt it was a "looking" crowd.

WE NEED A GOOD REPLACEMENT

Elva Adams, retired curator of the Warren County museum and the accessionist for the Village has resigned due to the fact that she has moved and no longer has the room to keep the records, and now lives some distance away and feels someone closer and more in touch with the activities of the Village should take over.

What is an accessionist? A person who keeps track of gifts and acknowledges them, verifies them and keeps a list of them on file. Her records are in a small box and the work is light and only occasional. Elva has developed all the necessary forms and materials, and has been doing an excellent job. The Village needs someone to take over her volunteer work.

The Village moves forward with the commitment of volunteers on many fronts. Elva's was one of them, the unsung heroes and heroines that keep things on even keel and functioning. The Village needs someone to take important job. Here is a way to

help that can be done in your own home and be a member of the team that keeps us operating. Give Don Richards a call at 897 6546 if you can help with this position.

ETHEL JEFFERIS LISTS MEMBERS

Ethel, our Membership Chairperson, reports that new members are enrolling. They are: D. L. Browning of Morrow, Michael Griffin of Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quart and Ann Freeze of Dayton. Also Bud and Lois Moore of Dayton, Jimmy Biggs of Waynesville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of Clarksville, James Hurst Jr. of Goshen and Eric Archdeacon also of Waynesville.

These members are welcomed as are Mr. and Mrs. Jergens of Cincinnati and Evelyn Melville of North Pole, Alaska who donated \$40 beyond her year's dues.

TELEPHONE IN NEW PLACE

Feeling that the phone arrangement was awkward and that the one should be removed from the kitchen, a new phone was recently put in the General Store and the one that had been in the kitchen placed in the Lukens barn.

This gives a phone arrangement of one on either side of the Village, totally under the control of the Village. The two are on a different line than that of the caretakers, with the local reach into most of Dayton south,