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OF THE SOLDIER

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OF HISTORICAL
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ERING

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MEETING

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JUNE 8
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MEETING

From the Administrator....

It was a cool, dark night at around 10 o'clock when I found myself walking back to the Harris House where I had left my dog, Beatrice. I was stopped in my tracks by a hauntingly beautiful sound. Inside the house a man was singing an old song. All I could hear was a light breeze blowing through the leaves that had refused to let go last fall and the muted sound of a solitary voice. When he reached a chorus, four other men joined in. I stood there in awe listening to sounds that once filled all of these empty structures at one time. For one brief moment the Village was alive. It didn't matter that the other buildings were empty; perhaps they were also listening and reminiscing of days past that no one alive today can bare witness to. This is, for all intensive purposes, Living History at its best. On extremely rare occasions, a living history enthusiast might find themselves in such a situation where they seem to have arrived back in time for just a moment. We call this projection, and I sincerely hope that all Village members will have the opportunity to experience it.

I realize that most Village members are unable to visit our Village as much as they like. In fact, out of the 300+ members only around 30 are able to be very active with another 40 or so that can help out from time to time. I consider the Village lucky to have so many active members. This is truly impressive.

What about the remaining 230 members who are "inactive"? We have members like Evelyn Melville who live in North Pole Alaska. Obviously she can't just pop in for all of our festivals. Billy Howard recently gave up the Mills House because he is unable to keep up the pace being a house parent requires. In an organization such as this everyone who joins does



Ameritech Pioneers help chink the Hawkins House at the 1998 Green Up Day.

so for their own unique reasons. As well, each member contributes what they are able or compelled to give. In some cases, members don't know what they can give even if they want to do more. It is a downfall of the organization to fail to let everyone know what they can do. Well, here is the opportunity for every member to help the Village with our fund raising campaign.

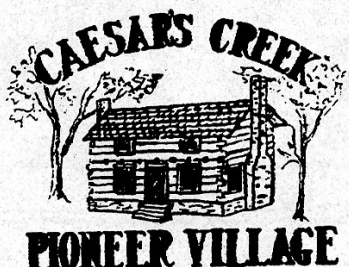
Recently we asked the trustees to write testimonials about the Village. This is simple. We should all stop and ask ourselves what things about Pioneer Village are truly important to each of us as individuals. Jot down your thoughts and send them to me. We will compile all the responses and use them to help sell Pioneer Village to potential donors. This is something everyone can do to benefit the Village.

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 or handwritten clearly. Please include
 your name and an evening telephone
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission and purpose of the Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Association, a non-profit organization, are as follows:

1. To preserve, restore, and maintain the historic structures of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village. (Preservation Function)
2. To foster, educate and promote a deeper understanding of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and its significance to the history of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier during its settlement from 1793-1812. This shall be done by means of research, exhibits, interpretive programs, primitive farming and any other appropriate educational techniques. Also included in this function is a provision for special events that will educate the public. However, these events will not change the permanent historic site. (Education Function)
3. To establish and maintain collections of objects, furnishings, books, documents and illustrations relating to the history of the settling of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier from 1793-1812. (Collection Function)

1999 Event Schedule

February 28	Maple Syrup Brunch
April 17	Greenup Day
May 1-2	The Forces of Montcalm and Wolf, School of the Soldier
May 6, 7, 13, 14	School Days
May 15, 16	The Fair at Caesar's Creek
June 26, 27	Old Tyme Music Festival
July 10, 11	Statehood Days
August 14, 15	International Dulcimer Gathering
September 18, 19	Celtic Festival
October 15, 16, 22, 23	Halloween Walk and Hayride
**December 4	Christmas Candlelight Tour

**(please note that the Time Line Event in April has been cancelled and the Christmas Candlelight Tour has been scheduled for 1999)

For scheduled times and/or volunteer information, call

Kevin at (513) 897 - 1120

School Days

Don Richards

School Days, or more correctly called seminars for school children about early Ohio settlement days, will be held on May 6, 7, 13, and 14, 1999, at Pioneer Village from when ever time school busses and other modes of transportation arrive until noon. As in years past, local volunteers knowledgeable about aspects of early Ohio life will station themselves at various locations at the Village where they will speak and demonstrate to class-sized groups of students about their particular expertise. Such subjects as old tools, the use of herbs, candle making, the blacksmith shop, the natural fauna and flora of the region, life in a settler's cabin, pioneer music, carving and whittling, colonial flags and banners, the pioneer school, colonial firearms, and others may be among the subjects the seminar leaders speak about as well as others.

Students may bring their pic-

nic lunches and eat on the grounds and it is expected that the Village store will be open. The Village restrooms will be open and the Village green or commons will be open for games and recreational activities. The cost for a student is \$2.00, and teachers and other supervisory adults are free. A hiking path to the lake is available and the nature center across from the Village may be open. A short orientation will be given each group upon arrival. The program is open to all educational institutions whether public, private, kindergarten through high school and home schooling. Seminar leaders attempt to gauge their presentations to the level of comprehension of each particular group. Admission fees will be collected upon arrival from class teachers.

Most of the activities will be of an outdoor nature, and no building will be heated. It is recommended that warm clothing be worn in case the

day is chilly or wet. Such wraps can be stored on busses if not needed. It is wiser to take off a jacket if the day is warm than be cold because one was not brought.

The Village regards an important part of its mandate as of an educational nature for those interested in history and the understanding of Ohio's past. Since its organization in 1973, "school days" has been an ongoing and important part of its offerings and usually the earliest one of the summer season. For the rest of the year the public activities held there are of an entertainment nature, but this one is specifically for students and of an educational emphasis. Enrollment is limited to three hundred each day and reservations are taken until that number is reached. For further information call Don Richards, coordination, at 513 897 6546 or Kevin Hurt, Administrator at 513 897 1120.

HOUSE PARENTS

Bullskin Inn -
Don and Suzie Dunkelberger and Larry and Mary Ellen Burns

Collett House -
Mike Smith, Stan Wallace, and Shelley Pickrell

Elam House -
Ed and Rosanne Dorff

Friends Meeting House -
Jerry Zorns and Debbie Irons

Furnas House -
John Showalter

Githens House -
Roy and Jean McDonald and Greg and Pat Knapik

Harrias House
Country Store - open

Rhodes/Hatfield House -
Glen and Helen Rhoads

Hawkins House -
Right Side: Jan Campbell and Roy and Carolyn Clark
Left Side: Mic Richards

Highway Cabin -
Dan and Debbie Wilson and Gary Burch

Lukens House -
Rick Rhoades and Colleen Wegley

Caesar Creek Militia

During the time period 1793-1812 all able-bodied males were required to belong to a militia unit and to attend monthly musters. The musters were often no more than shooting matches and bouts of drinking, fighting, and gambling, but they were a fact of life on the frontier. An accurate and active rendition of the militia function will help to achieve our mission of educating visitors

about life on the Ohio frontier.

During the present time period we are faced with a litigious and anti-gun society, and any mishandling of firearms could lead to serious problems for the Village. The Village needs to establish rules and procedures to control this legal exposure. A Village militia can be used to

develop the necessary procedures, educate our members, and monitor firearms usage in the Village.

After some discussion of these issues the Village Trustees voted in favor of the creation of the Caesar's Creek Militia.

Mills-Taylor Saddlebag House -
Left Side: Mike Thompson
Right Side: Wayne Milton and Tom Riehle

Schoolhouse -
Charlotte Wilkie

Toll House -
Dan and Amy Martin

Blacksmith Shop -
Troy Williamson and Jack E. Bender

Elam Smokehouse -
Mike

Lacy Springhouse -
Don Richards

The Herb Garden Shed - Mic Richards

Village Kitchen -
Debbie Irons

Open:

Anderson Corn Crib, Bailey Gazebo, Barbecue Building, Harkrader Barn, Henpeck Coop, Lukens Barn, Maggie's Coop, Meeting House Shed, Outdoor Oven, Outdoor Stage, Sacles Building, Sorghum/Maple Syrup Buildings, Storer Shed, The Head Shed, Wood Storage Building, Zoar Building

Music Festival Biography - Joe Karns

The Music Festival Committee is happy to have Joe Karns back again this year to participate in the June Festival. Joe not only will be performing with the Fresh Cut Grass, but will be the MC for the Main Stage as he was last year. His jovial good nature always helps the stage performers to feel at home and he keeps the concert schedule moving.

Playing the upright bass and singing lead, Joe has always been the foundation of any band in which he has played. In addition to the Fresh Cut Grass, Joe has played with the Festival Grass, the Bluegrass Special, the Buck Run Music Co., and the Pony Express. Audiences all over Ohio and neighboring states have been treated to Joe's unique interpretation of many standard songs as well as his considerable catalog of original material.

Joe has experience in just about every facet of the music business. In addition to playing, singing, MCing, and writing, Joe has operated a talent agency, a



L to R: John Noftsgger - Guitar, Joe Karns - Bass, Bob Ferguson- Banjo

record company, and a booking agency. He has participated in a number of recording projects both as a performer and as the producer.

The Festival Committee feels fortunate to have a person with such a broad background in the music business helping us work towards making the Ole Tyme Music Festival a success.

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Wanted: Apprentice

Where: The Village Gift Shop

A request has been made for help in the Village Gift Shop. Amy and Dan Martin will teach you the ropes. The gift shop is open at each festival, beginning with The Fair on Caesar's Creek in May.

Call Amy Martin for information 937-438-8183.

Waiting List for House Parents

No one waiting in line!!

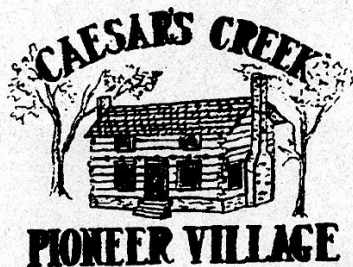
**** For corrections or to be added to the list, please contact Kevin at 513-897-4141.**

Village Membership

Please remember to send your Village Membership applications and renewals to Shelley Pickrell.

All checks should be made to Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village.
\$10.00 = 1 year membership.

Questions, email Shelley at :
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*Come join us for Green Up Day
on April 17, 1999.
Activities begin at 9:00 a.m.*

*Don't forget School Days on
May 6, 7, 13, and 14, 1999!
Come help with all the kiddies.*

*For any event:
Call 513-897-1120 to volunteer or for
more information.*

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