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CABIN LOGS KEEP GOING UP 2016

Work continues on the Heighway cabin. For two consecutive weeks workers have raised logs to the tops of the doors and windows. All usable logs salvaged from the original site have been put in place.

Logs from the Dr. Van Harlingen gift will be utilized to finish the cabin walls.

Research is being carried on to rebuild the house as a cabin, which is its value historically and its position in the Village.

Settlers' cabins built before the frontier opened up to development, used only very primitive building techniques. They were not intended to last more than a few years. In 1793 the ax was about the only tool the builder had with him.

NEW FIELD DISKED AND PLANTED

The Antique Machinery Club has disked and planted both the sorghum field and the field behind it on the other side of the fence row of trees along the marina road.

Sorghum will be sowed on the field south of the fence row and the wheat plowed under in the spring. The field usually sowed to sorghum is to be a wheat crop next year.

HEAD SHED FOR NOVEMBER MEETINGS

The November meetings will move from the Lukens house to the Head Shed for better heating and lighting. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:30. All members are welcome to attend. When the weather gets too severe, meetings are held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Waynesville.

A TYPICALLY GOOD TIME

Pioneer Village hosted the third annual appreciation and Halloween party night for all those who through the summer participated in festivals, special events and other activities. The date was Saturday evening, October 26, with a supper, dance, weiner roast, bon fire and hay ride.

Using the picnic shelter as a central area and the path around the green as a hay ride arena, picnickers enjoyed entertainment by musicians, abundant food, and a ride on the trailer to celebrate the Halloween season.

The party to celebrate the end of a busy season was well attended.

Planned and prepared by Linda Lee, the decor was of the fall season, the food typically of the Village, and the participants had a typically good time.

Mic and Don Richards and other Village members assisted.

VILLAGE OFFERED USE OF COMPUTERS

Mic and Don Richards recently met with a new charter member, Roger Smith, in his offices north of the Dayton Mall, at his invitation, to learn how the Village might be able to use time and talents with his computers, word processors, and other modern office equipment.

Smith, who has become interested in the Village through his work on the Heighway house and black powder activities, owns a company associated with parts supplying for the air base. He has offered the use of his considerable computer capability free of charge to the Village.

The Richards feel that a start might be in using this equipment to facilitate addressing and mailing of the newsletter, thereby saving much time and energy for those who do that job.

RAIN STOPS SOME, SLOWS OTHERS

Rain postponed work on the Inn for two Saturdays as men and machines were assembled to do it. The joists need to be put in place and then the Village will contract the roof to be put on by a builder.

The weekend of the Volksmarsche, October 19 and 20, set aside for serving food to that group, was rainy, cold and dreary. The Inn work is now so high that it would be very dangerous with wet, slippery wood. A crew did, however, work on the Heighway house.

The Volksmarchers set up headquarters in the barn, walked the trails swathed in ponchos, and persisted for the weekend despite the rain.

BUILDING CANNOT BE MOVED

The Don Dunkin family has offered a little stone well house to the Village. By age this would be an excellent addition to the Village. However, an investigation by member Steve Foley resulted in the judgment that the building is too fragile for any type of move to the Village. It was built of mud mortar with rubble in between the inner and outer walls, typical of early stone construction in Ohio. Foley reported it would surely collapse if we attempted to move it.

FENCE PUT UP FOR TWO GOATS

Woven wire hog fencing has been strung inside the split rail barnyard fence to keep the two goats, Debbie and Teddy, corralled. Split rails alone could not contain these agile creatures. The two little pets walked over, under and through it!

Such a fence will also provide more protection for Samantha against stray dogs.

DR. VAN HARLINGEN LOGS HAULED

A group of men, Jeff Richards, Jerry Boyer, Roger Smith, Gary Howard, Don Richards, and Steve Foley, recently took the Richards Jeep and the Village trailer to Jack Road south of Lebanon to haul a load of logs stored there on property across from the George Van Harlingen residence.

Dr. Van Harlingen at one time brought in the logs to build a house but now has donated them to the Village.

The massive logs will be stored for future use as need demands, but presently they are being used as replacement logs for the Highway house.

STORAGE SHED STARTS AGAIN

The storage shed started during the summer by Jim Merrick, the CETA employees and George Wall and Burnett Butterworth has been put on a hold pattern for the past several months due to a multitude of other activities.

Metal roofing has been ordered and the overhang to the front will be roofed with wood shingles.

In the next few weeks, in time for winter weather, the building should be completed and ready to provide extra storage space.

COME TO THE PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting will be held in the Head Shed, at 2 p.m., Nov. 3, open to all members to plan for the coming year, 1986.

Dates for events will be set, plans for operating the Village will be discussed, and special activities will be scheduled.

Representatives from the Caesar's Creek Music Society, the Village blackpowder and mountain man group, and the Warren County Antique Machinery Club will be present, to assist in setting up an attractive and representative calendar. A Civil War representative may also be present.

Later on during January, a budget will be prepared by the Trustees to cover the calendar and events listed.

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again the Village is planning a Christmas party, set this year for 2 p.m., December 8, in the Meeting House.

This year music will be in charge of the Caesar's Creek Music Society, the pioneer music association organized through the Village.

The Waynesville Historical Society is participating with the party.

The format will follow that of former years, with a carol sing, special music, a feature reading, and dessert following.

Desserts are planned to be furnished by those attending, as in past years, with the Historical Society's and Village's beverage.

MALL SHOW NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

An early winter mall show has been set by the trustees at the Upper Valley Mall, Springfield, November 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Hours are 10 opening time until 9:00 p.m. closing time all five days except for Sunday when the mall closes at 5.

The Village features craftsmen demonstrating during the day and sales from tables set up from the Village store.

Volunteers are urgently needed for shifts on the forenoon, afternoon, and evenings starting around 5 p.m.

Volunteers handle the sales, meet the passers-by, answer questions about the Village, and bring the Village to the public.

SCHOOL DAYS BUSY AND FULL

School days, the fall session of craft demonstrations put on for groups of school children, was particularly well attended, with beautiful weather all three days and good demonstrations of early pioneer crafts.

Coordinated by Linda Lee, who also prepared a lunch for craftsmen in the kitchen, the advantage was beautiful fall atmosphere. For the past several years, spring school days have been rainy and disagreeable. Several hundred students attend each day, usually by field day buses.

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