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VILLAGE TO BECOME HAUNTED

Pioneer Village will become a haunted village on the weekends of October 16th and 17th and again on the 23 and 24th as ghosts, specters, all sorts of haunts and unworldly beings make their appearance in and around the buildings from 8 PM till midnight all four evenings.

Conceived by the members of the old machinery club, the idea of a haunted village will really be a haunted hayride, as visitors ride wagons that will be pulled through the Village, seeing sights no mortal should see along the way.

The haunted hayride will be free to those who purchase pumpkins from the old machinery club's pumpkin patch at 15¢ a pound, or for those who do not wish to buy a pumpkin, at \$2.00 a ride. The ride will be on hay wagons and will be around, in, and through the Village and its general area.

Funds generated by the haunted hayride will go to the operation of the old machinery club and the continuation of that branch's presentation of the antique farm machinery show and the construction of the Harkrader barn.

Parking will be in the festival parking lot south of the Village and tickets and pumpkin sales will be at the entrance gate area east of the Meeting House.

FOUNDATION PROPOSAL TURNED DOWN

Members learned recently that the proposal submitted to the Dayton Foundation for materials and money enough to complete the Lacy Springhouse had been turned down at a meeting of the Board of Directors of that organization.

The proposal had been submitted for building materials (wood and roofing, since the stone was available) and labor to complete the springhouse as well as run a line and place a hydrant for water from the existing tap at the kitchen.

More recently, another proposal has been submitted to the Iddings

Foundation for materials and labor to complete the roof of the Harkrader barn. No news of that has been received back yet.

VILLAGE HOMECOMING SET

The Village Homecoming, the evening party for all members, craftsmen, musicians and helpers throughout the year, has been set for October 24, Saturday, with a dinner of beef stew and cornbread with plenty of cider and pie around a bonfire. This is a party to show our appreciation to all who assisted and participated during the year. Linda Lee says that there will be musicians for music and free food. What else can you want?

In the past the evening has often been rainy, so if the weather is too bad the activities will be held in the Head Shed. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

HOMINY-CORN CROP HARVESTED

Don Richards reports that the corn patch planted near the Furnas house to "hickory king" corn, the large kernalled white variety has been picked and about a half bushel was the yield. Due to dry weather both when it was planted and during the summer when it was supposed to grow the weather was very dry, so there is probably about enough for next year's harvest festival time. He says that he will have to rely on yellow field corn again next year as he did this summer, using corn that Stan Ireton donated.

It appeared that the crows and the coons also harvested some of it before it was picked.

NEW DRIVEWAY SURFACE PUT ON

A dressing consisting of a layer of fine and crushed limestone road dressing was applied to the circular drive around the green recently, greatly improving that path for walking and in appearance as well. The application, arranged for by Stan Ireton arrived just in time for the harvest festival.

SAUERKRAUT BOOTH CONSTRUCTED

A neat, new and well constructed wooden booth has been built for the Village's entrance into the Sauerkraut festival in Waynesville, to be held along Main Street October 10 and 11.

The booth, drawn up by Joe Worley and built by Joe, Burnett Butterworth, Jack Bender and Stan Ireton measures ten feet square, has a wood floor, a roof if one is needed, lots of shelf space and will be painted a bright green by Michelle Ghearing. It is collapsable so it can be used and stored and put up again either for the sauerkraut festival or use on the Village's grounds during activities there.

Other plans for the Waynesville event are coming along as time and resources allow. For instance, Linda Lee recently bought five hundred pounds of hamburger as one of the ingredients for the famous Caesar's Creek Chili which will be the Village's contribution to the food along Main Street during the two days of the festival. That much hamburger seems like an excessive amount until the statistics of the festival are understood, which seems to indicate that great quantities of food is consumed and everyone runs out of food before the activities are over.

Workers will be needed to tend the booth Saturdays from 9 AM till 9 PM and on Sunday from 9 AM till 5 PM. Shifts will probably be three hours long. Volunteers are also needed to cook the chili at the Village, haul it to the booth, and set it up and take it down Sunday evening. Those who wish to work should phone Linda Lee at 897 2672.

LOGS TO BE SPRAYED THIS FALL

The logs of the various buildings in the Village will be sprayed with Thompson's Water Seal this fall in the continuous effort to preserve what are really very fragile buildings. This product is non-toxic and will help the logs shed water through the wet weather.

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Why not visit a haunted village instead of a haunted house this year?

FALL FESTIVAL CLIMAXES YEAR

The harvest festival, traditionally the largest one of the year and the original festival the Village undertook when it was organized proved to be once again the climax of the year and the top attendance getter for the series of public activities sponsored by the Village in 1987.

Greatly assisted by nearly perfect weather, enhanced by having the grounds in good shape, with many activities on the grounds, both Saturday and Sunday, the last festival of the year brought record crowds for 1987 and climaxed the year with the one to remember.

The musicians played almost inspired music, as Mike Dawson said, the crowd just stayed on and on and we played better than we should have just because the audience was so good. Bob Sampson kept the stage lively and varied, with many of the "old time regular" players back in front of the microphone.

The kitchen seldom was without a food line, and the people working in seldom had a chance to catch their breath. Dottie Hawke reported that everything was sold out, only a little corn bread left over.

The muzzle loader frontiersmen at the Heighway cabin brought that old building into its own this fall, with cooking (bean hole beans) sale of pumpkins and gourds, and an occasional gunfight breaking out in the woods.

The parking lot had so many cars

that people were wandering in other breaks in the fence line, entering without a fee.

The craftsmen were good and reported good sales. The familiar chug-chug of the grist mill kept the atmosphere genuine. The grounds were nearly spotless.

In retrospect 1987 has been a good year with essentially benign weather (although extremely hot a few times) and a good variety of interesting activities.

ORIGINAL BUILDERS ATTEND FESTIVAL

Furnas 2016
The Village was honored to have two builders of one of the log houses attend the festival held recently.

Well, they didn't exactly attend, but their portraits hung on one of the walls they built so long ago.

When "Bud" Seth Furnas heard of the harvest festival, and knowing of a Furnas reunion scheduled at the city of Troy for the same weekend, he unearthed the two portraits of Seth and Dinah (Kindly) Furnas that were in his possession, and brought them to the Village where they were hung in the Furnas house, a house they built and homesteaded in sometime about 1821. They were there for members of the Furnas family from across the United States to see as they visited the Village during the last festival.

Bud lives in the Centerville area and says that the name "Seth" originating with his ancestor has been passed down to many descendants since.

SAUERKRAUT BOOTH NEEDS HELPERS

The booth to sell Caesar's Creek Chili at the Waynesville Sauerkraut festival needs persons to dish out chili and pour out sassafrass tea on both days of the festival, October 10 and 11 in three hour shifts from 9 to 9 on Saturday and 9 to 5 on Sunday. Linda is taking care of the cooking and storage, but people to run the booth are in short supply.

Please phone her at 897 2672 to assume a shift. Each shift needs three persons (one to take money) 9 to noon, noon to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9.

FOUNDING MEMBER DIES RECENTLY

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The Village has recently received word from the Lukens family that Eli Lukens of a recent address in Toledo died in the middle part of September

Mr. Lukens was one of the original members of the Village, a charter member, and a past craftsman. He was a farmer in Allen County, retired to Waverly, Ohio for many years and recently resided in a retirement home in Toledo. He was a member of the Lukens family that built the Lukens house in about 1809.

SCHOOL DAYS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

The fall three-day session of school days, the student seminars with selected craftsmen at the Village, has only a few spaces left yet for pupils from schools, according to Linda Lee.