

THE VILLAGE LOG

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HAUNTED HAYRIDE PLANNED

The Old Farm Machinery Club is again planning to hold a haunted hayride this year, but on a shortened schedule. October 13 and 14 and 20 and 21 have been selected to use with the Village turned over to wagon rides through and around to see the ghostly sights set up for them. The pumpkin crop is good this year and will go as part of the offerings to the public that comes. Light refreshments will be available.

This activity has been extremely popular for the last two years and promises to again present a good time for the date or the kids or the family for one of the either Friday or Saturday nights listed. Not too many villages are given over to ghosts, goblins, cannibals and monsters with chain saws (at least around these parts) and all for a small fee and a good evening's worth of entertainment. The funds generated through the efforts of the volunteers who put on this goes entirely toward improvements in the Village and the build up of the facilities attached to the Old Machinery activities and the running of the August show, crops, equipment, etc.

INSURANCE MONEY TO BE RESERVED

At the last Trustee's meeting it was decided to take \$5000 from whatever money was raised from the 1989 proceeds and place it in a special fund to be used for insurance needs for 1990. This way the demands of insurance costs due usually about the first of June and usually before much money has been raised, can be met without borrowing from other funds such as has been the case for the past two years.

Whatever costs the Village creates before that time will either have to be eliminated through no expenditure or deferred until after insurance is paid. In other words, insurance comes first.

COLLINS NAMED TRUSTEE

Jackie Collins, a resident of the Clarksville area was voted in by the Village Trustees at the last special Trustee's meeting to become the replacement for Dru Gilliland who had resigned during the summer. Dru in turn had taken the place of Becky Siva who elected to not fulfill her term of office as she was elected for a three year term.

Jackie has been active in Village affairs for some time, has taken the job of accessionist for the Village, has been active in the Old Machinery club, and recently assumed the housemother job for the Head Shed.

This Trustee's position will be up for election at the annual membership meeting and election of officers meeting in March of this next year.

Both Jackie and her husband Charly have been active volunteers through this year and have held such diverse jobs as clerk in the store, done grounds maintenance work, and participated in the activities of the old machinery show.

INN WORK GOES ON

The restoration work at the Bullskin Inn has continued through the summer, with weekly progress after each Friday work session by members of the Friday crew.

Starting with the shell of a building as it was left by the construction crews a year ago, a sub floor for the second floor has been laid and a top floor is scheduled to begin. Windows and doors have been framed and a front door has been hung, donated by Stan Ireton. Doors and windows will be hung before winter weather sets in.

Joe Worley has completed an electrical connection to the building with a temporary box at the rear wall. The closet under the stairs is partly completed. A log along the rear wall has been added.

STITES SMOKEHOUSE BUILDING STARTS

A small auxiliary building that will stand to the rear and west of the Mills house near the orchard has been started. Don Richards set stone piers for it after Steve Foley laid out its dimensions and location. Foley will complete the building on the piers during the remainder of the year. Richards has commenced work on the Lacey springhouse.

The building will take its name from the logs that will be used in its construction- those of the log house that was moved in two years ago from the Zoar area on routes 22 and 3 in southern Warren county. Stites was a very early settler of the southern Ohio area, was the surveyor for the original settlement that grew into Cincinnati, and did much surveying up the Miami valley and is buried at the church yard to the rear of the church-turned-curio shop near the top of the Ft. Ancient hill.

The logs were salvaged by the members of the Old Machinery club and brought in and left beside the Mills house. Last winter several of them were used as replacement logs for the Mills house. The building has stood vacant, was vandalized and then burned at its original location, from where the logs were moved. Not enough logs were left for a large or even complete house but they are the only remaining artifacts of an important early person in Ohio's history.

The smokehouse is a way of marking Stites' presence with his house logs and will be known as the Stites smokehouse. It will also provide an appropriate building for the Mills complex.

NEW ADDRESS NOW IN EFFECT

The old address for the Village, Box 329, Waynesville has been changed to 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville. This change is in keeping with its real address and reflects the ability of the caretakers to collect mail for use.

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Haunted Hayride Oct. 13, 14, 20, 21 dark till 11 PM

LOW ATTENDANCE AT FESTIVAL

The fall harvest festival, now over as the last major public effort for the Village, suffered somewhat the same fate as most of the rest of the festivals of the 1989 season. That is, it got caught between low attendance and poor weather.

September 16 was dark, cloudy, with rain threatening (although it never did) and the attendance was low. On the following Sunday, the 17th, the weather was grand and the crowd much better but still small by previous year's standards. So the Village ended a season of festivals that struggled to keep up with previous standards and fell short. However the weekend was not a loss by any measure—good craftsmen, excellent food, lots going on, an enhanced black powder area with the addition of the Indian lodge, the maple syrup demonstration and music all day both days, due to Bob Sampson and our good and loyal musicians. The saw mill worked and the cane came off.

Several were well worth mentioning; the Purnells all the way from Michigan, the Kilstroms taking time out in their busy schedule, Jeff and Frank keeping the hearth fire going in the Heighway cabin, Jackie Collins enthusiastically running the cedar press amid a swarm of yellow jackets, Don Patton and his crew working in the cane field all

Sunday right up to the time that the mill broke, Roy on the gate and Jean running the loom. And Ann Freeze getting stung and having that free ride into town!

Although the season has perhaps been more difficult than many, the season ended up sweet and successful and a good climax for the year.

DIRT PILE DISAPPEARS

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A village landmark for the past ten or so years, the large dirt pile to the rear of the sorghum and maple syrup boiling area got smoothed down into some of the low spots in that area over the weekend of August 19th, during the Old Farm Machinery show.

According to Trustee Gary Breeze, in a conversation with Don Patton and some others, the subject of the pile came up and its inconvenience to the operation of the saw mill and the marshaling yard there.

Don, one of the original members of the Village and long a prime mover to get things done there, had one of the Don Thompson Construction Company's big track loaders brought out and in a hour or so the big dirt pile was just history.

Smoothing down the area with the dirt not only got rid of a eyesore, but it allowed the steam engine and other operating equip-

ment to sit level for belting to the sawmill. Who knows how much more earth could have been moved if it had not started to pour!

The pile of dirt was placed in that location (way back out of the way of things) years ago when the front parking lot was constructed. The dirt was replaced with gravel and stone base for the lot. But progress and growth brought the center of a busy area inevitably there and it eventually was in the way.

The Village is most appreciative of Don's efforts and Thompson's generosity.

ANOTHER HOUSEMOTHER NAMED

Maggie Engle, a resident of the Waynesville area and a worker in the herb garden, has volunteered to be the housemother for the Elim house. This leaves only several other buildings without housemothers.

The little Elim house welcomes a person to care for it and its furniture.

NEW MEMBERS LISTED

New members for the past month or so are: Aaron Craig from Cincinnati, Bob Shinkle of Goshen, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nelson, Stanwood, Michigan, and Roger, Dana and Sonny Pruitt of Trenton, Ohio.