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HAUNTED HAYRIDE SCHEDULED NEXT



Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village
Haunted Village Hay Ride

For the second year now the members of the Old Machinery Club of Pioneer Village is hosting a hayride around the Village. But it is not just an ordinary hayride with blankets and songs and the swaying of a wagon full of straw. This hayride is a serious adventure into the unknown!

For the second year the Village is putting on a "haunted" hayride, with the riders given a treat of haunts and supernatural beings and scary sights and unworldly noises and who knows, the being under that blanket with you might just turn out to be a member of the undead or worse yet, the totally dead! Who can tell in the dark? Does your date really have cold clammy hands?

In the middle of the summer the Old Machinery Club planted about an acre of pumpkins which came up into a good crop despite the summer's dryness. Visitors to the hayride can buy a pumpkin and get the hayride thrown in free. The ride will consist of a trip around the Village where at specific spots there will be sights both unearthly and too real, designed to scare the riders of the farm wagons which will be furnished. All this will be around the silent (?) old buildings of the Village who doubtless remember when Hallowe'en was celebrated by such prosaic past-times as upsetting outhouses and such.

The nights chosen for this creative and entertaining evening of fun will be October 14 and 15 and 21 and 22 from 8 PM to 11 PM. If the haunting isn't too strenuous there will be haunts out on October 28 and 29 also at the same times.

SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN APPROACHES

The fall session of school days when schoolchildren by the busloads descend on the Village has been set for October 5, 6, and 7, mostly AM times due to school dismissal times of the visitors. Craftsmen and guides are being lined up for this event which is a highlight of the year for many children. Linda Lee needs additional

October 14-15, 21-22 & 28-29
8 - 11 p.m.

Adults \$2; Children 12 and under \$1
Free Pumpkin

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS LISTED

The Village is fortunate to have several new members join recently whose names are listed here. They are: Ronald Sarti from Centerville, Hamer and Lee Spears from South Charleston, Judy Kirschner from Wilmington and Wayne and Edie Lukens from Loveland.

Also Don and Cyndi Shaw residents from Xenia, Mr and Mrs Gerald Gruber from Eugene Oregon, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Peckham from Lebanon. Russell and Betty Burbage from Georgetown have joined recently as have Homer, Becky, Brad and Jamie Harper from Clarks ville.

Patrick Henry Ireland of Waynesville, Rev and Mrs Hoyt Owens from Moraine and Roy and Barbara Dixon from Loveland are also new members.

VILLAGE GETS QUOTE ON LOGS

Members of the Village recently were given price quotations from the Brewer Saw Mill in Clarks-ville for 20 oak logs at least 21 feet long with diameter of 18 inches at the small end. The mill estimated the cost of these transported to the Village so that they could be sawed into suitable logs would be approximately \$2700.

The 20 logs are those that will be needed to replace the bad ones on the Harkrader barn so it can be erected this winter.

Members also decided to once again approach the Mead Corporation to see if there was a chance for that Dayton firm to supply logs of this size from their Ohio woodlands.

RECYCLE YOUR REFUSE FOR US

Miriam Lukens reports that the recycling center across from the Otterbein Home will buy cans, bottles, newspapers, etc., and will pay the Village the worth of the material if the donors register it in the name of the Village. Just tell the personnel there you wish to have your refuse credited to Pioneer Village, and a check will soon be coming our way.

STORE CLOSED FOR SEASON

Beverly Lee, the Village store-keeper has announced that the Village store will be closed for the rest of the year. Much interior work needs to be done on the building, since the outside was completed this summer, but use prevented inside work.

Insulation, electric wiring, shelving, painting, interior wall construction and rearranging of merchandise need to be finished before the 1989 season.

NO HOMECOMING THIS YEAR

Last year marked the end of the annual attempt at a homecoming party at the Village. This event was usually held in the Head shed which was inconvenient to say the least, and near the end of October. The weather has been consistently foul at this time and there is now much more material stored in the Head shed.

Now there are haunted hayrides through October which would conflict. Possibly when the inn becomes operable, such activities will be started again and in a much better location.

WEDDING SET FOR NOVEMBER

Roy and Jean McDonald announced recently that their son and fiancée will get married in the Meeting house November 5. It will be



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Thanks for the great help given the Village by Don Thompson and Don Patton and crew in the cane field

HARVEST FESTIVAL A GOOD ONE

The fall harvest festival, now more than two weeks into the past, was a nip-and-tuck, beat the weather, but good days nevertheless, so familiar to many of the patrons and members of the Village. Again the festival days seemed to sandwich in between two sets of showers—those of the Friday before and those of the Monday after a pattern seemingly familiar by now.

An almost cloudburst marked Friday, and hurricane Gilbert advanced rain storms after. The sun shown hot for the two days in between and that was when the craftsmen were on the grounds and the visitors around the green.

Perhaps the outstanding attraction of the fall festival was the cane processing, but much hard work and planning went into that and thanks to Don Thompson who furnished men for the harvest field and Don Patton who supervised the evaporation furnace, everything worked together to produce molasses at the end.

By midsummer the extremely dry summer looked as if it had licked the Village's sorghum crop, but the late summer rains brought it forth and produced cane as tall or taller than any the Village had ever grown. This was in marked contrast to the previous summer when the dry weather came late and not early. This tall and juicy crop brought more molasses than usual and was turned into a good batch of molasses.

Other craftsmen on the grounds put on a good show, and the frontiersmen of the Heighway cabin kept things

lively down in the woods, so the two days proved entertaining for everyone. The food held out at the busy kitchen and even the pork barbecued sandwiches were sold out on Saturday. The two days netted the largest gate for the year (followed by the Old Machinery Days) and hopefully will keep the Village afloat financially through the lean days of winter.

OLD FURNITURE NEEDED

Do you have some old items of furniture in your attic or barn or basement that the Village can use? Several of the houses need furniture and money for such things is not available at the present time.

The trustees would like to put furniture in the Mills and the Lukens house this winter. Almost any item would be welcome, but ordinary kitchen items such as tables, chairs, cooking utensils, crocks, pans and so forth would be appropriate. The settler families seldom had fancy items, especially on the frontier, so most household items were things that they built themselves or got locally from neighbors who had an ability with carpenter tools.

If a specific description is in order, early American primitives would be the phrase. Many of these items appear humble indeed, especially with layers of paint or dirt or the wear and tear of living. Since our forefathers seldom threw anything away, much of their early discards may still be around.

The Village can get expert appraisals (after all, Waynesville is an antique center) and donors can be credited with contributions applicable to tax credits.

Please call Linda Lee at 897 2672 or Burnett Butterworth at 897 4218 or Don Richards 897 6546 if you feel you have some item or items the Village would be interested in.

WORLEY WORKS ON LUKENS HOUSE

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Joe Worley has been working each week on repairs to the Lukens house with results that one can really see. He is using a relatively new product called "Perma Chink" to repair deteriorating logs and cover cement chinking between them. The old house is really looking new again!

MORE MATERIAL GIVEN

Charles Perrine of Lebanon recently donated several items to the Village from the estate of Scott McClure, a prominent Warren County resident. They include a slip scoop, some buggy parts, double and single trees, a hand plow with a double shovel and other items.

FOOD SERVED FOR HAYRIDE

Late word as the Log goes to press (!) says that the haunted hayride will be all three weekends mentioned in October, the admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, and there will be hot dogs, cider, coffee, hot chocolate and cookies sold,