

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

2017 Year in Review



2017 was a year of growth and change for the Village. We had some people leave the Village and welcomed a lot of new faces. Some of these new faces we hope to see a lot more of in 2018. The year saw the Smoke House get taken down to its foundation and the reconstruction start once again with it about half way done now with the plan to finish it in early 2018 so it can start smoking meats once again. We also saw a few of the Cabins going through a bit of a transformation as they started to get a coating of Linseed Oil on the logs (something which had not happened for many years) and a new coat of paint. This is something which will continue in the Village when the weather warms up once again in 2018. We saw a few new signs and flower beds pop up around the Village adding to the overall beauty. A few new events also made their way to the Village and will be making a come back in 2018 (yes, Paranormal will be back but not until the weather warms up). The Village has continued to grow by leaps and bounds and become more financially stable and we look to continue this trend in 2018. We did have the Tractor go down yet again but this did lead to us buying a new zero turn mower which will guarantee we can keep ahead of the mowing and keeping the Village looking amazing.

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Welcome to the Newsletter. We are going to make this at least an every other month publication if not an every month publication (still deciding on the exact course of action but probably every month March-October). Our goal is to keep everyone informed and up to date with what is going on at the Village and make sure everyone feels involved and part of the Village. As part of the new Newsletter, we will also keep everyone informed of the upcoming events and the upcoming Meetings (2018 Meeting Schedule has not been set yet but the meetings do tend to happen the weekend before we have an event).

Upcoming Events:

January 26th & 27th – Polar Bear Public Paranormal (7 pm to 2 am)

March 17th & 18th – Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch (9 am – 2 pm)

April 21st – Habitat for History (8 am – 5 pm)

May 5th & May 6th – Vintage Base Ball (9 am – 7 pm)

A Look Ahead to 2018

2018 will continue to be a year of growth for the Village in terms of the Village itself and our membership. We are planning on bringing back one event which has left the Village for a few years (Village Unplugged) and expanding one that was added last year (Vintage Base Ball which will now be a full weekend festival).

We are planning on engaging our members a lot more than we have in the past and this newsletter is a beginning to that. We also have a Facebook page (facebook.com/CCpioneervillage) for those who are not aware, and the website (www.caesarscreekpioneervillage.com) is a great way to keep up to date about what is going on at the Village (Facebook is the best spot since it is the easiest to keep updated).

The Village is going to continue to grow. We plan on opening the Smoke House once again in 2018 and seeing a couple of Eagle Scout Projects take shape (Kiln rebuilt, and Cemetery resurrected from the overgrowth and weeds). We are also planning on starting to rebuild the Highway Cabin with a projected goal of it once again being open in 2019 (It has been many years since it has welcomed guests). There are going to be many small projects going on along with these larger projects and we are always looking for volunteers who want to pitch in and help.

We are striving to make our events as big as they once were and to bring in the level of funds that we need to maintain the village and to grow it so our visitors have a memorable experience every time they come to the Village. This means there will be a few changes going on but all changes are made with the success and preservation of the Village kept in mind. The Village will celebrate its 44th birthday this year and we want to be sure it is around for many more celebrations.

Our mantra for 2018 is to remember that the Pioneer Village is one big family. We are all there to see the Village succeed and that takes us all remembering that we are a family. Our ultimate goal is to see the Village thrive and succeed so it will be around for many generations to come to enjoy.

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Maple Syrup

The Maple Syrup season will be upon us before we know it and we are asking for volunteers to help us out this season. The one thing about doing Maple tapping is that it is all weather dependent so it is tough for us to say exactly when we will start tapping, when we will be collecting or even when the season will end. We will keep everyone updated to the best of our abilities through Facebook (the best option to know what is going on), the Website, and email. What we can say is the few guidelines that we go by every year:

1. The season won't start until the weather gets cold and stays cold for a while. The trees need to go into their "winter mode" for lack of a better term to recover from the previous year of growing. Kind of think of it like they need to go to sleep in order to recover.
2. Once we do tap, our ideal conditions are at night it gets below freezing and the next day it is sunny and warm with at least a 10 degree increase in temperature.
3. Some guidelines of when we wouldn't be collecting: If the day is windy, if the day is extremely cloudy, if we did not have the change in temperature that we needed
4. This year we are going to be drawing off from the trees and cooking it right away. We will use the storage container to store if we pull off more than we can fit in our pans.
5. The season will be over when the temperatures get warmer and stay warmer. Basically, the trees tell us when they are done. The sap will start to get cloudy coming directly out of the tree and buds will start to appear on the trees

When the season is in full swing, we will be collecting sap twice a day and we will forewarn you, it is not easy work. We collect everything by hand and if you collect from every tree, you will be on average walking 5-6 miles (and don't forget you will be carrying at least one 5 gallon bucket which will increasingly get heavier the more sap you put into it). While it can be hard work, the experience is definitely worth it and one that the whole family can enjoy. We will not have set hours for collecting or set days. If you would like to volunteer to help us collect, please contact us through the village email address admin@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com. We will also need some help when we do tap the trees although the actual tapping process will be done by the expert tappers. If you are interested in learning how to cook, we are also willing to let you watch but we do like every one of our cooks to have at least one year of experience before cooking by themselves.

Current House Parents:

Cabins:

Bullskin Inn:

Lois and John Boyd

Collett Cabin:

<currently vacant>

Elam Cabin:

Mel Yearick and Mac McCarty

Friends Meeting House:

<currently vacant>

Furnas Cabin:

<currently vacant>

General Store:

<currently vacant>

Githens Cabin:

<currently vacant>

Hatfield Cabin (Caretaker Cabin):

Mitchell Alexander

Hawkins House:

(Right Side) Patty and Bob Frazee

(Left Side)

<currently vacant>

Heighway Cabin:

<currently vacant>

Lukens Cabin:

Dave and Gloria Rissel

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Mills-Taylor Cabin:

Emily and Israel McIntosh

Schoolhouse:

Randy Conover

Toll House:

<currently vacant>

Zoar Cabin:

Linda Lee

Other Buildings:

Bailey Gazebo:

<currently vacant>

Barbeque Shack:

<currently vacant>

Blacksmith Shop:

Scott Bidwell

Breeze Building (Restrooms):

<currently vacant>

Elam Smokehouse:

In charge of rebuild Drew Browne & Robert Browne

Harkrader Barn:

<currently vacant>

Lacy Springhouse:

<currently vacant>

Lukens Barn:

<currently vacant>

Meeting House Shed:

<currently vacant>

2018 Events:

The following is the Event Schedule for 2018 and the Chairperson/Contact Person for the Event. If you do not see a Chairperson listed and you are interested in being a chairperson for the event, please send an email to the Pioneer Village Email Address (admin@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com).

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Chairperson:</u>
03/17 & 03/18	Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch	Lois Boyd & Drew Browne
04/07 & 04/08	Civil War Training Camp	Jeff McIntire
04/21	Habitat for History	Linda Lee
05/05 & 05/06	Vintage Base Ball Festival	Drew Browne
05/26 & 05/27	Spring Gathering & Rifle Frolic	
05/09	Village Unplugged Music Festival	Drew Browne/Travis Luncan
07/16 – 07/20	Pioneer Day Camp	
08/18 & 08/19	Marching Through Time	
08/25	Cabins & Chrome	Allie Jarvis & Drew Browne
09/08 & 09/09	Civil War at the Pioneer Village	Allie Jarvis
10/20 & 10/21	Harvest Festival	
10/27	Village Trick or Treat	
11/17	Fireside Chat	Jeff McIntire
12/01	Candlelight Walk	
<u>Other Events – No Set Dates</u>		
	Public Paranormal	Drew Browne

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Houseparents

We are currently taking applications for anyone who wants to be a House Parent in 2018 for any of the cabins/buildings. If you have interest in being a House Parent or an assistant House Parent, please submit your name and the cabin you are interested in by email to the House Parent Committee (send an email to the general email for the Village: admin@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com) or submit your request to Emily McIntosh or Drew Browne. The House Parent Meeting is currently scheduled for March 10th, 2018 where all of the House Parents will be decided, and the House Parent Contract will need to be signed.

Basics of being a House Parent:

1. You are responsible for the upkeep of the cabin you are House Parent for. This means that you either need to do the maintenance yourself or arrange to have it done. This includes maintenance of the cabin and the area surrounding the building.
2. Being a House Parent means that you are Caretaker of a particular building. That building is still the property of the Village and you are being tasked with the maintenance of the building and representing it during events.
3. House Parents must attend and have their buildings open for both days of an event or arrange to have the building open and represented.
4. House Parents must attend Membership Meetings so they will always be informed of what is happening in the Village
5. House Parents have to help with the General Maintenance of the Village after an event before tending to their own cabin. No House Parent or Assistant House Parent should leave after an event until the Village is cleaned up (trash placed in dumpster, kitchen cleaned, restrooms cleaned).

A copy of the House Parent Guidelines/Agreement is available upon request. If you would like to see a copy of the agreement, just send an email and we will gladly provide it for you.

Outdoor Oven:

Lois Boyd

Outdoor Stage:

<currently vacant>

Scale Barn:

<currently vacant>

Sugar Shack:

<currently vacant>

The Head Shed:

Grounds Maintenance Crew

The Herb Garden Shed:

<currently vacant>

Village Kitchen:

Lois Boyd

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Committees:

Grounds Committee:

Drew Browne
Robert Browne
Aaron Sanning

House Parent Committee:

Emily McIntosh
Drew Browne

The General Store

Currently the General Store has no Store Keeper. We are looking for someone who is interested in running the General Store and by this, we mean willing to be at every event to have the store open and also a desire to have the store open on days that we don't have an event.

Our original vision for the General Store was to be open during every event generating income for the Village but also being open at other times when the rest of the Village is not open. Creating a place that people can come in and buy merchandise, and also a place for people to interact with someone and learn about the Village. The Store Keeper acting as an important PR avenue when the Village does not have an event occurring. There is a great number of people who come through the Village on a regular basis especially during the summer months and the General Store being open gives them someone to talk with along with purchase items that will encourage them to come back during our events.

We are also going to be adding a lot more merchandise to the back of the store for 2018. Currently most of what is back there is left over from when the Store was open years ago and we need to update it with more desirable merchandise for our visitors. We have a few ideas already but are definitely open to other suggestions from people and you can feel free to send any suggestions to the village email address (admin@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com) .

The General Store is also going to be going through a few improvements during the year with us looking into getting a wood burning stove once again hooked up and working in the back of the store to provide heat for that part of the building.

The Village Log

Volume 42, Issue 1

January 2018

Update on Things going on at the Village

Currently the following tasks are being worked on or are in the plans of being worked on if you would like to help out with any of the tasks, feel free to send an email to be included on any work days we plan this winter (yes, we continue to work at the Village during the winter months):

- Restoring electricity added back to the Stage
- Setting up the Sugar Shack for Maple Season
- Kitchen updates
- Restroom (Breeze building) updates
- Roof repair on Harkrader Barn
- Meeting House inspection (attic inspection for mold, etc.. along with checking the structural supports underneath the building)
- Meeting House roof work
- Cleaning of the Toll House in anticipation of opening it up again next year (it is currently structurally sound but still needs repairs done)
- Water line repair from the common green towards General Store (may need new water line run but has to be inspected first)
- Drinking Fountain installed outside of the Restrooms (Breeze building)
- Roof Repairs where needed (some of the metal roofs are coming loose, BBQ Shack for one)
- Winterizing the Village (completed on the weekend of 12/16 & 12/17)
- Updates of any more signs needed around the Village
- Rebuilding Mollie's pen
- Finish painting the buildings (has to wait for warmer weather)
- Finish applying Linseed Oil to the buildings (has to wait for warmer weather)
- Finish rebuilding the Smoke House (has to wait for warmer weather)
- Rebuilding the Highway Cabin (has to wait for warmer weather)

The Village Log

Meetings

The Meetings schedule is still being finalized for 2018. The plan is to have this set at the January Board meeting. Once the Membership Meeting Schedule is finalized, it will be posted on the Website and also on Facebook.

One reminder is that every Membership Meeting is also a Work Day for the Village to help us prepare for the next event. These are the scheduled work days (other work days will pop up from time to time with as much notification as possible and will be posted on Facebook, in lieu of not having access to Facebook you can also request an email be sent to you).

All Membership Meetings occur at the Bullskin Inn unless otherwise indicated at 11:00 AM. The Official Meeting Schedule will also be included in the next Newsletter.

Contact Information

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Contact</u>
General Questions:	admin@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Membership Questions:	membership@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Maple Syrup Inquiries:	maple@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Grounds Inquiries:	grounds@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Events Inquiries:	events@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Wedding Inquiries:	weddings@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com
Scouts:	scouting@caesarscreekpioneervillage.com