



Pioneer Town News

FALL 2011

SURFACE CREEK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

Summertime At Pioneer Town



“Hello to our SCVHS members and friends. Tardy as I am, many, many ‘thank -you’s’ to all of our supporters and friends who made the 2011 Heritage Day celebration such a success. I do feel it was. A special thank you to those that gave their day to participate in doing their crafts and enactments, they were great and very appreciated. Without the help of those special people, Pioneer Town would not continue to hold it’s purpose. We do hope to see you in 2012.”

Betty J. Kendrick



Heritage Days
at Pioneer Town on our opening day. Betty Kendrick washing clothes. Photo courtesy of Verna Barr, DCI



“Night on the Town”
(l to r) Ray Thompson, interested onlookers and Jennie Day making homemade ice cream. Photo courtesy of Chuck Harrington. See story inside newsletter.



“Ice Cream Social”
Photo courtesy of Verna Barr, DCI

Still Coming.....

FALL SCHEDULE

COLOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

APPLEFEST/CAR SHOW, OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND (CAR SHOW OCTOBER 1ST ONLY)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, OCTOBER 18TH

LUMINARIES/CHRISTMAS CONCERT, DECEMBER 3RD

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Gael McCully

Dear Members and Potential Members and Supporters of Pioneer Town,

As fall approaches I look back on a successful summer season at Pioneer Town. It started a little rocky when the wild May wind displaced our flags the week before Memorial Day Weekend. Not a good time to not be flying the flags. You may have noticed they were not up that weekend. Thanks to Nancy Hovde, the DMEA cherry picker, and Chuck Harrington, the flags were once again flying high.

Our summer was full of enthusiastic visitors greeted by our great staff of Welcome Center Volunteers. Hats off to Gini Moseley for the coordination of the Welcome Center. **Heritage Day, Night On The Town** and the **Ice Cream Social** were memorable, thanks to the efforts of the coordinators of those events and scores of helpful volunteers. The Chapel Of The Cross and Stolte Shed hosted many weddings, anniversaries, memorials, parties, exercises classes and other gatherings, bringing in folks from across the state and the nation. We were home to at least one young doe and her little fawn. They were quite a sight to the early visitors and the openers and closers of Pioneer Town. All in all, a very busy, eventful, and wonderful summer.

Have you checked out our new web site yet? Yes, www.pioneertown.org has a new look, provided by Dick Brooks. Dick is a very busy guy. He is not only our computer guru, but he is also our Board Secretary, membership chairperson and opens and closes one day per week. Thanks Dick.

Have you noticed those projects being accomplished at Pioneer Town? Painting, repairing, trimming, replacing burned out bulbs and many other tasks are undertaken by the Tuesday Morning Crew. Our thanks to them for their work.

Another of our hard workers in the organization is leaving us. Sheryl Hoffmann has been coordinating the weddings in the Chapel Of The Cross and producing our newsletters, and this will be her last wedding season. We will miss Sheryl and wish her the best.

Thank you all for all you do.

Gael McCully

"Night on the Town" by Chuck and Jan Harrington

The 2011 Night on the Town event, held Tuesday evening, June 14, was well-attended with almost perfect weather. It was great fun seeing old friends and new visiting Pioneer Town's Main Street while enjoying refreshments from the saloon and also popcorn, peanuts, lemonade, and homemade ice cream. Chirp Roderick again provided her expertise on the honky-tonk piano. New this year was the Day family (Jon, Jennie and Tory) making ice cream, churned with an antique engine. Dick McGuire fascinated the kids with his leather work. The Scavenger Hunt, headed up by Janice Jones and Tory Day, was a hit. Paul Michaels, our new blacksmith from GJ, manned the Blacksmith Shop. (He returns every Tuesday to work on projects, so drop by to watch him, and to say hello!) Thanks go out to everyone involved, including Lyn Moseley and his saloon crew; Vicki and Ray Thompson with his popcorn machine; Sandy and Roger Carlson and Ron and Judy MacKendrick working the raffle tickets. Also many thanks to all who attended!

See you next year!

Heritage Trails CHS Student Project

updated by LaDonna Gunn

As a result of the grant awarded from the History® Channel, the SCVHS, Cedaredge Library, Town of Cedaredge, and 22 Colorado history students from Cedaredge High School worked on expanding the historic buildings included in the Heritage Trails. The students researched and wrote brief histories of ten buildings, including seven buildings on Main Street and three on Second Street. The students who researched Big John's Lumber learned that a lumber yard has been at that location since 1905, the Hairport building was originally the Surface Creek Champion, and the Country Market was once a theatre. Ms.

Jennifer Milburn, the Colorado history teacher, has continued to partner with the historical society, library, and town to involve her students in local history projects. The next step in the Heritage Trails project is to design a new walking tour brochure that includes the seven buildings from the original brochure completed by the Cedaredge Library teens in 2009. We hope to complete the project by next year's Heritage Days celebration.

The high school students involved in the project were: Dakota Baldoiser, Ashleigh Balisteri, Breanna Bigham, Daniel Butler, Madison Eckhart, Lacey Erickson, Christian Forkner, Annali Goetz, Sammi Henri, Heather Henson, Kayla Laird, Ashlee Love, Dylan McCain, Danial Nedrano, Katie O'Hern, Robyne Ortega, Bobby Patterson, Sterling Rose, Micaela Shaw, T.K. Ullery, Kyle Ward, and Alyssa Weeks.



Don't miss this year's Classic Car Show AppleFest not only brings our popular festival, we also have a great car show set up in the parking lot around the Chapel. Lots of really extraordinary cars and motorcycles for viewing - have a look at just a couple of last year's winners!



Chapel Chimes By Carol Gamble

The Chapel of the Cross at Pioneer Town had an exciting 2011 season with a total of 20 outstanding concerts. Each concert was well attended and we often had a full house! Keep in mind that the Chapel committee is always on the lookout for new performers. If you know anyone who would like to perform, please contact Sharon Clark at



Last Year's Outstanding -
Best Antique (above) and
Best Pick-up (below)
photo courtesy of Richard Udd



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How important is your membership and participation?

Over the years, there have been so many special people in our community that have given countless hours of volunteer time in creating Pioneer Town and the considerable effort it takes to continue the operation of the historic village. Their time has created something special and become a tradition in the community of Cedaredge. In addition, it has brought the historic culture of our community to our friends, neighbors, students and to scores of visitors that keep coming every year to experience the past, which is the foundation of what we know and appreciate today in our community.

Our membership dues, special events and the visitor fees are the primary funding sources for the continuing operation. A strong membership base is really the heart of it. So, staying involved, becoming a board member, attending special events, bringing in new members, and sharing the wonderful museums with your out-of-town visitors, families - especially the grandkids - all these things keep our heritage alive and honor those that have given so much in the past.

We are so grateful for your membership and participation. Volunteering is such a tremendous service. Contact any of the board members if you have time to volunteer. It's fun and fulfilling. And we have lots happening off-season in preparation for next year.

We appreciate your continuing contributions.