

# THE VILLAGE CRIER

THE CORUNNA HISTORICAL VILLAGE OF SHIAWASSEE County

Summer 2011

I am sending this Village Crier out to those of you who have been a member of the Friends of the Village in the past but have not rejoined the last few years or even for this year. We have a couple of expensive projects in the works for 2011 and 2012. As most of you know, the village does belong to the city of Corunna. However, operation of the village is funded through village tours, village events, weddings, and from Friends of the Village memberships, not from city money. We recently gave the historical commission \$10,000 to begin construction of an old time blacksmith shop. We have volunteers who will be working on the project, help from Second Chance Wood, and a general contractor to oversee the project. Unfortunately, Mother Nature's frequent downpours of rain have delayed the start of the project. We've not been able to get some of the heavy equipment into the area. All that wet weather also caused the cancelation of three school tours in the village which meant we lost close to \$600 in revenue there.

A second project that is planned is the construction of an old bicycle shop. We have been given the promise of a large collection of antique bicycles and related memorabilia if we can provide a building to house them.

Of course, we still have a reserved fund going for the Webster Davis-Kribs porch project. 10% of the total membership monies go into that fund from the Friends and also from the historical commission. The larger the membership the quicker our porch fund grows. Presently we have a little over \$7800 in that fund. We still have work to finish inside the Webster Davis-Kribs home with some woodworking projects as well as completing the bathroom. If you know of anyone willing to volunteer for those projects, give Judy Horton (743-4995) or Dick Waters (723-1204) a call.

**I'm asking if you would consider rejoining the Friends this year. Our greatest membership count since beginning the Friends in 2002 has been 68. This is not a great number considering how many people visit the village or even enjoy driving or walking through it. Our few volunteers work hard to keep the grounds looking beautiful and doing general upkeep of the buildings.**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** – The village will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00 p.m. Docents will be in the buildings to answer any questions you may have. Pop, water, hot dogs, sloppy joes, popcorn, cookies, and brownies will be available for purchase in the township hall along with homemade jams and other items.



New sugar maple planted in memory of Norma Green.



Split rail fencing around the southwest edge and south front of parking area of the village.

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** -- The village will be hosting a regional meeting of The Early American Industries Association whose members are collectors of antique tools. The public is invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch, demonstrations of ropemaking, tinsmithing, blacksmithing, a talk on barn building tools of old, a tour of a fascinating old machine shop, as well as a village tour.