

The Williamsburg Villager

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A Trip Down Main Street

“Step Back in time”

In past issues we have done detailed histories of the Boone’s Lick Trail and its importance to the history of this part of Callaway County. Now let us focus on some historic buildings on Main Street Williamsburg, which is the actual Boone’s Lick Trail.

Going North past Crane’s Store is a four-way stop. Go left and you are on the trail. Before you go left, the oldest house will be on your right at the four-way. It was built in the early 1830’s. It is now owned by locals, Jan and Steve Gray, who have turned the house into a beautiful Inn, the Gray Ghost Trail Inn.

Once you turn the corner you see the Nine Mile Presbyterian Church. The first church was located just west of the town by the water tower. The old church burnt down in 1926, which was relocated to its current location in 1927.

Directly across the gravel from the church is the building known as the Annex, which was the Williamsburg Bank. Inside there is a hump in the floor, under the carpet where the old trap door was located. That was where the Bank Vault used to be stored. The bank was in business from 1904-1934.

The McMahan Inn is located to the north of the Annex. It was built in 1833, and the date can actually be found in one of the original logs. This building was owned and lived in by Joe and Marlene Crane (the third generation of Crane’s Store owners). They kept the front of the house with the original logs, in the original condition.

To the West of the McMahan Inn was the home Joe and his older brother Bill were raised in. Just next door to them was the home of their grandmother. Her home was known as Mother’s House.

Further down on the left is the Williamsburg Community Center. It was originally the Methodist Church, built in 1854. They now hold the local 4-H, and other community meetings.

Across the road is the old Williamsburg School House, which was closed in 1962. Two houses west of the school is the home of Velma Carr El-Frink. She had been the postmaster of Williamsburg for 50 years.

These buildings and many more show just a glimpse into the history of Callaway County and the Boone’s Lick Trail. Take a trip down memory lane on the beautiful Boone’s Lick Trail.

News of the Village

- Birthdays and anniversaries this month are; Carolyn B., Tyler E. – 36, Randy W. – 60, Mason – 14, Zadie – 39, Carry S. – 45, Curt H. – 38, Kara W. – 34, Reggie – 62, Steve M. – 65, Heather Bennie, Henry Eckert, Lisa H. – 53, Kathy S., Sue Stuart, Randy Davis, Daniel Jenkins, Howard W. – 82, Blake H. – 16, Private Joker – 33, Peaches – 28, Chuck – 49, Ray and Nancy Stuart – 61, Harry L. – 77, Brook – 14, Jake Brown, Dakota Plummer, Andrew P. – 51, Dennis Bennie, Jennifer – 43, Karen Brooks, Shawn M. – 20, Sherrie T. – 51, Nathan Davis, Jimmy – 48, Fred L. – 87, Derek Z. – 29, and Shirley Eckert.
- Last month Fulton High School held its Career Day and none other than Mike Alden honored them with his words of wisdom. Good luck to all who took his words to heart in their coming future.
- LENT IS HERE!!! Marlene's will be serving their fish sandwiches on Fridays, and Crane's Store will have cheese sandwiches for \$1.
- Reminder Crane's has their limited time only Shamrock stocking hats and shirts. Get them while they last.
- March 3rd, is North Callaway High School's, Trivia Night for Project Graduation. If you can, come join the fun and win some of the great prizes.
- March 12th, is daylight savings time so remember to set your clocks!
- March 17th, is good ole St. Patrick's Day. We will be serving Corn Beef and Cabbage.
- Williamsburg Elementary annual school carnival will be held on March 18th, from 4-8pm. There will be several items to auction off. Hope to see you there!
- **COMING SOON!!** Williamsburg annual garage sale; late March, early April. Watch for posters at Crane's Store or Lynda's Townhouse Treasures.

Joe's Corner



Log Cabin Doll House

This log cabin dollhouse was made by John Peters and furnished by his daughter, Joan Peters.

The décor, curtains, tablecloths, bed clothes, and corner fireplace were made by Joan's mother, Ethel Peters.

Some local contributions were:

- Carpet – Bernice Crane
- Watercolor paintings – Susie Wimmer
- Thelma Henning made the oval rugs
- Eunice Niemeyer and Joe Crane's Aunt Cannie Tate also contributed some of the smaller items.

Joan Peters has donated this piece of Williamsburg history to the museum. Thank you, Joan, we will take good care of it!!

Recipe of the Month

Marinated Brisket

By Georgena Huhman

3 Lbs. Beef Brisket

½ Cub Catsup

½ Tbsp Vinegar

1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil

1 Tbsp Liquid Smoke, optional

1 Small Onion

2 Tsp Chili Powder

1 Tsp Salt

1 Tsp Pepper

A Pinch of Basil

A Pinch of Oregano

Let the beef sit overnight in the combined marinade ingredients. Remove from the marinade and roast on a grill or place in an oven bag and bake for three hours at 300 degrees. Remove from grill and pour marinade over the roast. Let sit about 30 minutes before slicing. Thicken your marinade for a sauce.

65 Years and Counting

Earl and Pat O'Rourke met in Fulton in 1947. Earl was attending Westminster College and Pat was a Fulton High School student. Four and a half years later they began their engagement. They were married in 1952, while Earl had a 10 day leave from the Navy.

Earl not only had to ask Pat's mother for her blessing, but also her college. She was attending William Woods which was an all-girls college and the students were not allowed to be married.

After the leave was up the couple were separated for seven months, while Earl was stationed off the coast of Korea. Once he returned home they began their life together moving across the country, wherever Earl was posted.

If you are wishing to know more about this great couple, look up the February 5th, edition of the Fulton Sun.

Smile-A-While

Confessions of a Master Gardener

Time to get the tiller out

Oops! Forgot to drain the gas

There's some vines I should pull up

Prob'ly it's too late by now

Maybe I should make a plan

Also it would be so nice

If I ever find the hoe

To think that this will e'er get done

So if this year is like the rest

I'll depend for my garden stuff

From where it quit last fall

I know the thing will stall

Oh Yeah, That's my tomaters

To dig up last year's taters

For every plant and seed

To deal with every weed

All I need is gumption

Is really a rash assumption

In spite of all my Labors

On kind and generous neighbors.

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This month's was by the March, 2016 Missouri Chigger.

Favorite Sayings:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the rain fall softly upon your fields. And the sun shine warm upon your face.

Top of the mornin' to you.....(and the rest of the day to 'me self!)

May there always be work for you to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine on your windowpane.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

May the wind at your back not be from the cabbage and corned beef that you eat today!

Everyone's at least a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

When Irish eyes are smiling... they are probably up to something.

Williamsburg Willy sez..... (by M. Crane)



March winds blow high hopes for some of us guys !!

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