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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Membership Dues are due May 1. If you have not paid your dues, please send them now. We welcome new members and encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

DUES RATES:

Single: \$ 3.00
Family: \$ 5.00
Contributing: \$10.00
Sustaining: \$25.00
Life: \$100.00

Send dues to:

Ramona Green
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Meeting Schedule

The Pioneer Memorial Association of Fenton and Mundy Townships meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00P.M. at the Lake Fenton United Methodist Church (Mar.-Oct.)

From the Editor

It is time once again for the **Buffalo Dinner**. It will be held, **Saturday, Apr.28, 2001** at **Lake Fenton High School** at **6:00 P.M.** Mark your calendar now and get your tickets from Joyce or Ramona.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

May 14, 2001 is the Annual Election of Officers. If you are interested in serving as a trustee or as a member of the Board of Directors please contact Joyce Simmons.

NEWS FROM PRESIDENT JOYCE SIMMONS

2001 was a busy one for the Pioneer Memorial Association of Fenton and Mundy Townships.

- The **Buffalo Dinner** in April and **Pioneer Day** in September were well attended and we welcomed many first-time visitors.
- **Our profits were up** thanks to the dedicated volunteers and generous donations by association members and by community sponsors.
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- **Wilma Betts** received grant money from the **United Way** to make the Pioneer Museum and Pavilion more accessible for the handicapped. (**Thanks, Wilma** ; thanks to the United Way Foundation.)
- **VinceGauthier** completed the cement ramp up to the Pioneer Museum. He will complete the walkway to the Pavilion in 2000 to make access easier for everyone. (**Thanks, Vince.**)
Unfortunately, the doors to the Podunk House are too narrow to be wheelchair accessible.]

COMING UP IN 2000

- Our first fund raiser of the year is fast approaching. **May 13** is the date for our **Buffalo Dinner**. As usual, we depend upon our faithful volunteers to make this event a success. **Tickets** are available from Ramona Green and me. **Please call right away to reserve tickets for your family and friends.**
- Volunteers are needed to help **set-up** the tables and chairs in the gym at **3:00P.M. Sat., May 13.**
- Call Phyllis Yancy if you are able to donate pies and you have not been contacted yet

FOR PIONEER DAY 2000:

We have lots of ways in which volunteers can help: make phone calls, donate baked goods (especially pies), jams, jellies, brownies, pickles, cookies, etc.; help in the kitchen, at the gate; help with house tours, help out at the new "**Children's Booth**"*...

*,Donations for the Children's Booth are needed: stamps and stamp pads, markers and crayons, pencils, pens, drawing and tracing paper, beads, feathers, glue, buttons, scissors, cookie cutters, ribbons, lace, magnets, etc.
These items (new or used) can be dropped at my house by

September 1 so we can plan our activities. Donations of used children's books, **clean** stuffed animals or toys, qt. and gal. size baggies, small paper plates, aluminum pie tins, and balloons are also welcome. If you or your teenager would like to assist with our Children's Booth, let me know.

Items are also needed for the book sale, door prizes, the rummage sale (NO CLOTHING, please) and the produce stand.

Food donations can be brought on Pioneer Day from 8:30-10:00 a.m. All other donations can be dropped off at my house prior to Pioneer Day and are tax deductible.

***** Please remember to clearly mark items that you are donating for the sale .**

We also need **VENDORS & CRAFT PEOPLE**, as well as people **TO DISPLAY A HOBBY OR COLLECTION.**
Please call me to reserve a booth.

Remember to save your VG's Grocery Receipts

- We are a non-profit organization and we earn money for each receipt we turn in.
- What we earn here helps to defray the cost of mailing and publishing our newsletter so bring your receipts to the Buffalo Dinner or mail them to me.

As of this printing, our organization has earned over \$250 by participating in the VG's Community Support Program. (Thanks, VG's)

**PLEASE CALL ME
AT 810-629-7748
IF YOU CAN ASSIST
US IN ANY WAY
WITH OUR
PROJECTS.**

As you know we only have two fund raisers a year to help us maintain our Museum and Pioneer home. Encourage your family and friends to join us at the Buffalo Dinner and on Pioneer Day 2000.

SEE YOU April 9 !

FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue you will find information from President Joyce Simmons regarding the upcoming Buffalo Dinner as well as information about Pioneer Day 2001.

Also in this issue is a edited version of a 1968 story written by Clarence Miller, one of the founding fathers of the Pioneer Memorial Association. His story was originally printed in the Fenton Independent on June 27, 1968.

[Clarence's daughter, Jan Martin and her husband, Bob, are active member of the Pioneers now.]

I came across this article when browsing through a scrapbook owned by John and Irene

Judson. The scrapbook is a collection of photographs, newspaper clippings, momentos and handwritten notes dating back to the 1930's. This album was started by John's mother, Eula Carpenter Judson Becker and has been kept current by John and Irene. Eula's first husband, Robert Judson, was a fourth generation Judson and