Lucasville Area Bicentennial Celebration List of Events 2019

June 28 Bicentennial Festival Begins
4-8 pm Quilt Show-Methodist Church
*Time Change
7-8 pm Scioto River Anthology-Cemetery
4-10 pm Vendors & Artisans
4-10 pm Food & Drink Vendors
6-10 pm Acoustic Guitar - Reflections Porch

12:3 pm KIWANIS Children’s
Activities North St
12:30 pm Josh Stewart Band Concert
12-4 pm Quilt Show-Methodist Church *Time Change
1-3 pm Audrey’s Attic (Garage) open
3 pm Festival Officially Ends- Vendors remain
6 pm Valley Alumni Banquet

June 29 Bicentennial Festival Continues
8:30 am 5K Bicentennial Run
(Dreamboat Fitness)
8 am Parade Staging Area (See Directions)
9 am Vendors & Artisans- Gathering Place
9 am Vintage Car & Tractor Show-
Beside Church
10 am Parade Begins
(See Registration for Route)
11:30 am Program West St and North
12 noon Bean Dinner American
Legion Cabin

June 30 Community Church Service
4 pm Valley Middle School

July 13 Historic Home and Garden Tour
11 am Tour Begins at asonic Lodge
1 pm Lunch at the Masonic Lodge

August 7 Founder’s Day at the Fair
4-8 New Building North of Antique Building
Proclamations & Poverty String Band
200th Birthday Cake

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Bicentennial Parade Route
June 29, 2019

Line up 8-10 am Valley Middle School. Parade moves at 10 am. 2.5 miles. Disbands after the West St/Scoits St. intersection. You will be directed to either go left to the 51/2" Bank or go straight down the hill on Beechwood I on and Save a bit where there are several ways to go back onto Route 73.

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John Lucas - Founder of Lucasville

By Beth Normand, SVV Chapter News Chairman

From the Ohio Historical Marker found in the Lucasville Cemetery (placed in conjunction with the Lucasville Historical Society) it is known that John Lucas (1788-1825) was born the son of William and Susannah Barnes Lucas. The family arrived in Scioto County about 1802 having relocated from Virginia. Susannah Lucas died Mary 4, 1809 and William died July 2, 1814; they are buried in the old section of the Lucasville Cemetery.

John Lucas (1788-1825) is believed to have had three children:

Mary Emeline Lucas (Craighill) 1816-1891, Robert (1817-1898) and Sarah Eleanor (1826-1906). John was married to Mary Lucas; he is interred in Lucasville Cemetery.

There is much to be proud of regarding this very prestigious family.

According to the “History of Lower Scioto Co., Ohio,” “In the spring of 1812, Gov. Meigs issued a call for volunteers to turn out in defense of the frontiers from the depredations of the Indians....Meigs called for two regiments of volunteers.” Scioto County sent out two companies one of which was commanded by Captain John Lucas.

Cpt. John Lucas is recognized as the Founder of Lucasville. His brother, Robert, was also a Captain during the War of 1812, and a two-term Governor of Ohio. Their father, William Lucas, was a Revolutionary War Captain. Other siblings of John, and Robert, are thought to be: Joseph (1771-1808), Susannah Lucas Buckles (1773-1833), William (1773-?), Samuel (1775-1813), Rebecca Lucas Reed (1778-?) and Lavisa Lucas Steenbergen (1783-1865) and Abigail Lucas Cramer (1791-1842).

Mary Crist, (member of the Scioto Valley Volunteers (SVV) Chapter, United States Daughters of the War of 1812) completed the application process seeking approval from the 1812 Ohio Society to place a War of 1812 bronze marker on Cpt. John Lucas’ gravesite. Having received approval, the marker has been purchased by the SVV Chapter through fundraising and donations.

In conjunction with the Lucasville Bicentennial Celebration, the SVV will be conducting a grave marking ceremony at the Lucasville Cemetery on June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. The SVV is seeking living descendants of Cpt. John Lucas for the purpose of recognizing them. If you are, or know of any living descendants of John Lucas, you are urged to contact SVV President Gail Swick at rswick86819@roadrunner.com.
Grave Marking Ceremony

By Frank R. Thompson

The Lucas family holds great distinction in the annals of United States military service. T.K. Cartmell, historian and author of Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants, says, “The Lucas name is prominently mentioned in every war period from the Indian massacres to and through the Civil War.”

The records of the 55th Regiment of Virginia Militia, Berkeley County, after the Revolution through the War of 1812- years 1795-1815- are replete with changes of officer assignments. They include the names of William Lucas, Edward Lucas, Robert Lucas, Joseph Lucas, William Lucas Jr., and Edward Lucas Jr. The older men were veterans of the Indian wars and the Revolution. And, this year special respect will be bestowed in the memory of John Lucas, War of 1812 veteran and founder of Lucasville.

Honoring the Bicentennial of Lucasville, Ohio, the Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter of The Daughters of the War of 1812 commemorated the service of Captain John Lucas with a Grave Marking Ceremony on June 22 at the historic Lucasville Cemetery. Captain Lucas...
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rests there in the earliest section of the grounds with many other original residents of the town. The free public ceremony will be a formal recognition of John Lucas and his dedication to his country.

The United States Daughters of 1812 is a non-profit, women's organization based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to serving the fraternal interests of women whose lineal ancestors served in the civil government, the army or the navy of the United States between 1784 and 1815. The members are committed to promoting patriotism, preserving and increasing knowledge of the history of the American people by the preservation of documents and relics, the marking of historic spots, the recording of family histories and traditions, and the celebration of patriotic anniversaries.

Recognized as one of the oldest cemeteries in southern Ohio, the Lucasville Cemetery has interred veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Captain John Lucas (1788-1825) platted the town of Lucasville in 1819, and he named the village in honor of his father and his mother, William Lucas and Susannah Barnes. His American family roots go far back to his Great-Great-Grandparents- Robert Lucas (1630-1704) and Elizabeth Cowgill (1630-1712) of Longbridge, Deverill, England- Quakers who immigrated to Falls Township, Pennsylvania, in 1679.

John's father, William Lucas (1742-1814), served in the French and Indian War under William Darke (later General) and became a first lieutenant in Captain William Morgan's company of volunteers that reinforced General George Washington in New Jersey in 1776.

John Lucas volunteered for service and commanded a regiment during the War of 1812. Upon the death of his father in 1814, John inherited much of his family's property in Scioto County, and it was on a portion of this land that he established the town of Lucasville on August 7, 1819. He and his wife, Mary Lucas, ran a tavern in Lucasville until his death in 1825.

It is little wonder that the name of John's brother, Robert Lucas, is indelibly impressed upon the pages of Ohio history. A strong, self-reliant personality made Robert Lucas one of the most esteemed public servants of his day. Also a veteran of the War of 1812, Robert became a Brigadier General in the Ohio Militia and later a two-term Governor of the State of Ohio.

But, it is John Lucas who exemplifies the Ohio roots of the storied family. John should be remembered as the man who platted and built the town that bears the Lucas name. In 1819, John Lucas fathered a community that continues to prosper and inspire area residents. 200 years have passed since he initiated his dream of settlement in the Scioto Valley, and during this long history Lucasville remains a thriving “Valley of Opportunity.”
Individuals take their photo taken in front of Brant's General Store.
Wood named Miss Lucasville Bicentennial

By Frank R. Thompson

The Miss Lucasville Bicentennial Queen Pageant was held June 1 at Valley High School. Before a large, enthusiastic crowd, Kathryn Wood was crowned Miss Lucasville Bicentennial. She will reign as Miss Bicentennial during Lucasville’s 200th Birthday Celebration, represent the community and share the joys of her hometown.

Among her numerous accomplishments, Kathryn has been a class officer, a Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation representative, a Believe Leadership delegate, an Ohio Model United Nations representative, and a “Never Too Young” Camp counselor.

The seven contestants in the pageant are all outstanding young ladies. They were Karrington Jarrells, Kellyn Mollette, Evelynn Phillips, Madison Thompson, Bailee Day, Kathryn Wood, and Alyssa Redoutey, who unfortunately was unable to participate due to a late illness. All of these Valley students had impressive credentials of school and community service.

Special recognition was bestowed upon Kellyn Mollette, Miss Congeniality; Evelynn Phillips, Best Written Essay; and Kathryn Wood, Most Original Costume.

The participants were judged on their introductions, historic costumes, brief historical orations, evening wear, and interview answers. The well-respected panel of pageant judges were Amy Glaze-Wells, Dana Romanello, and Mandy Merritt.

Elisabeth Bell, Pageant Director and Producer, provided her expertise, time, clarity of communication, and pure heart to make the event an inspiring success. After months of planning and preparation, Elisabeth managed the pageant with incredible
fashion and style. The Lucasville Area Historical Society, sponsor of the event, owes Elisabeth their deepest thanks for her outstanding dedication and hard work.

A large undertaking, the pageant employed the volunteer help of close to fifty dedicated individuals. Although too many people to thank by name, the historical society would be remiss not to mention its appreciation for the following helpers:

Pageant Appearances
Chaperone- Whitney Yates;
Pageant Moms- Hope Briggs, Becky Fetter, Julie Hickerson, Kathie Martin, Shannon Reuter, Lauren Wolford, and Sig Wolford;
Bicentennial Planning Committee Co-Chairs- Linda Howard-Scott and Lisa Spriggs; and Special Entertainment Personalities- Joyce Merritt and Shephard Soundworks (Tim Shephard and Marissa McCormick).

The money raised through various fundraisers that the community has supported funded the pageant. Both the contestants and the judges were treated to gift bags containing souvenirs and mementos of the Bicentennial Celebration.

Not to be forgotten was the wonderful tie-in to the Lucasville Sesquicentennial (1969) by Darlene Gahm, the Sesquicentennial Queen, who presented the awards to the contestants and put the Miss Lucasville sash on Queen Kathryn Wood. The historical society sends Darlene their sincere gratitude: “Thank you Darlene. You are still a lovely and gracious woman performing your community role with great dignity.”

Mrs. Sesquicentennial, Darlene Gahm and her husband, Roger.
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