



The Pioneer Press

Barberville
Pioneer Settlement's
Newsletter
Happy New Year 2019

From the Director's Desk

A RED LETTER DAY

A realistic question we are often asked is why the school was built here. To most people Barberville seems pretty much to be in the middle of nowhere. However in 1919 it was considered to be in the middle of somewhere that was important. Important enough to have its own **red letter day**!

In June of 1919 the Volusia County School Board reached the decision, Barberville was chosen as the location for the new Central High School. At the time students above the eighth grade from the rural areas of Clifton, Barberville, Winona and surrounding communities were being transported to classes held in a grammar school auditorium in Pierson. County officials and citizens recognized and agreed there was a need for a Senior High School for the benefit of advancing education in this large rural area. The predicament was where to build it.



Both Seville and Pierson wanted the school located in their town. Each had proposed to donate up to 20 acres and one even offered \$5,000 cash as well to be used for the school's furnishings and equipment. But the Board's final decision was made based on the needs of the residents at that time.



The Deland News reported on Wednesday, June 11, 1919 that "Considering the distance that will necessarily be traveled by those pupils to be served, Barberville was found to be the nearest to the center of the territory with respect to the pupils. It was therefore ordered that the proposition of the Barberville people, 5 acres of land to be donated, and the old school site to be converted into an additional 5 acres adjoining was accepted." It wasn't mentioned in the article that the property was being donated by Samuel E. Lemmon (also a member of the school board). However that is the history that has been passed down for generations according to local residents.

The Central High School, Barberville FLA was organized in October of 1919 and classes began in temporary quarters using an old school building and a nearby church. On March 3rd, 1920 the announcement was made that the new school

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was complete and that the dedication ceremony was scheduled for the following Friday, March 12th. It was declared to be a **red letter day** in the north end of the county! And that it was!

A **red letter day** is a day that is pleasantly noteworthy or memorable; is any day of special significance or opportunity. Its roots date back to the Roman Republic (509–27 BC) as important days are indicated in red ink on a calendar

Described in the newspaper as “One of the most important celebrations in the history of the north end of the county because it was a culmination of several years of the most earnest effort on the part of county officials and citizens interested in higher education. The building is modern in every respect and contains seven large well ventilated class rooms... and toilet rooms. The building is heated with hot air, electrically lighted by the use of an Alamo plant (known today as a generator) and sanitary drinking fountains.”

People from nearly every district in the county arrived at the new modern school for the formal dedication. The celebration was organized by descendants of some of our familiar local pioneer families like the Underhill’s, Lemmon’s and Clifton’s and included musical entertainment by The Deland Band, a basket dinner and speeches made by several notable dignitaries.

Speakers included the President of Florida University, Dr. W. N. Sheats and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. W. S. Cawthon in addition to several others. Among them was Volusia County School Board Chairman V. W. Gould, as in the article it states “who in an interesting manner presented the school to the citizens and bid them to use it for the advancement of education and the blessing of mankind.”

For 100 years with the exception of about seven years (1969-1976) when the school was used for surplus storage, the building’s purpose has been for the advancement of education and the blessing of mankind. From 1919 through today the Central High School listed on the National Register of Historical Places continues to serve as a site for learning and historic preservation.

Our vision is to see that it serves that purpose for another hundred years. Only with your help is it possible. It is easy, fun and affordable for you to support us into the next one hundred years through your continued memberships, contributions and with special events like our Roaring Twenties Party which is fast approaching!

I am so looking forward to this event celebrating the school’s 100th anniversary! We have been planning this party for years and have a ton of fun, great food, 1920’s music and other entertainment planned for your enjoyment. We even have the local Sheriff and his deputies lined up to come out and raid our speakeasy. (Make sure you bring bail money!)

My hope is to raise about \$5,000.00 with this event to supplement our ongoing Building Campaign Fund. This money is set aside to be used for building preservation and infrastructure improvements throughout our campus and believe me there is never enough for that! If you cannot make the party please consider to at least support our efforts with a \$29 Cameo Appearance. Details can be found on the next page .

I am so excited to make January 19, 2019 another **red letter day** in Barberville! Hope you can be here!



PS. We also have some really nice looking 2019 Wall Calendars to commemorate the 100 year old building featuring great black and white pictures of different aspects of the schoolhouse. These are available on-line or in person at the Bridge House or Country Store and are Buy One Get One Free while supplies last!





DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS?

Advanced ticket purchases are highly recommended!

ROARING TWENTIES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

There are a limited number of tickets available for our **100th Anniversary** celebration of the **Barberville Central High School**. **The Roaring Twenties comes to life on Saturday, January 19th, 2019** as Volusia County Sheriff's Officers reenact a raid on the Speakeasy at the Pioneer Settlement and arrest some of its most prominent guests and place them in jail where they will have to raise bail. Along with the 1920's music activities include a 1920's Costume Contest with cash prizes, dance demonstrations and lessons, a Silent Raffle, a Cake Walk and other games, heavy hors d' oeuvres and a beer & wine cash bar. Tickets are available to the public on a first come first serve basis. Tickets are \$45 per person and include heavy hors d' oeuvres, two drink tickets, one game ticket and a whole lot of fun!

Can't make the date? You can still show your support with a *Cameo Appearance* and be our guest in Spirit! For a contribution of \$29 we will place one of these 3-foot tall cutout silhouettes with your name or business name on our Phantom Guest's Wall.

Many Thanks to the following for their support....

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To order tickets or to show your support with a *Cameo Appearance* go to our website or give us a call to place your order over the phone. (386) 749-2959

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News & Announcements

Board Member Opportunities — Those interested in joining our Board of Directors are encouraged to send a letter of interest along with a resume to directors@pioneersettlement.org. Our Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Settlement at 7pm. Directors are expected to attend all meetings, hold a minimum annual level of a Patron membership and contribute to the annual fees for Directors & Officers Insurance.

Our **new volunteers arrived in October** and very promptly acclimated to the scene. We tried hard not to throw them into the fire too quickly but with the Jamboree event upon us and a full schedule of field trips it was difficult not to. Each of them have been a great blessing to us and with their own individual talents they have made such a positive impact that we are already dreading the day in April when they will leave. Thank you to — **Joanna and Jonathan Demarest, Richard and Rhonda McCutcheon, John and Lucy Rasmussen, Page Harris and Bob Pavlechko** — we hope that all of you will return again next year. Also a great big shout out to **Lyle Behnke** for his continued support — we are giving him the title of Lifetime Work Camper!

If you are one of our **beloved volunteers, demonstrators or musicians** we encourage you to join our new group on Facebook. This is a closed group which means that unless you join and become an approved member you cannot read or see our posts. The group name is **Barberville Pioneer Settlement Demonstrators, Volunteers and Team Members**. It is a great way for us to share ideas and Settlement related information with a large group at once.

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BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT



Experience the joy of creating your very own hand made pottery pieces.

**Beginners Session — Learn the basics of Hand Building and Wheel Throwing
with Cheri Haring**

2/23—3/23 9am—Noon • Saturdays • 4 weeks

Class dates are Feb 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, and 23rd (no class on 3/16)

Each student will complete several pieces. Classes will cover clay handling skills, surface decoration techniques and combination of forms.

Emphasis will be on throwing skills, developing cylinder, bowl, plate, lid, foot and pedestal ideas.



*Tuition is for all 4 weeks and includes all materials, firing
and admission fees to the Settlement. \$169*

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or email**

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Thank you!

Thank you Richard Hagstrom Ferneries for the generous donation again this year of the Leland Cypress garlands and wreaths! Each year we look forward to sharing the beauty of your craftsmanship with all of our visitors throughout the Christmas season. Your contribution enhances our ambience for all to enjoy. Your continued support and generosity are very much appreciated.

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For Membership info visit our
website or give us a call.*



**Join us at Barberville Pioneer Settlement's
2nd Annual Wedding & Events Showcase
February 24, 2019 11am to 3pm**

We need your old Christmas Cards! One of the lessons during our Old Fashioned Traditions Program (when the children visit England at the Cabin) is the history of the Christmas Card. For their hands on craft we provide a recycled card that they string with yarn and keep as an ornament. **Our Christmas card supply has really dwindled** so please pass the word and send us any cards you no longer need.

We once again will welcome **Buckler's Shows** as they bring the **3rd Annual Strawberry Fest** to our facility on March 16th & 17th. This event is **not a members free event** as it is not our show. Please do not confuse it with our Spring Frolic which happens the first week-end of April. At the Strawberry Fest we will be selling strawberry shortcake in our outside kitchen as a fundraiser.

We are now **accepting donations for our Silent Auction** at the Spring Frolic. We are attempting to **raise the quality** of the items that we accept into the silent auction. If you are thinking to donate an item please ask yourself if it is auction worthy or more of a yard sale type item. If you are not sure if an item is deemed as auction worthy please call ahead or email us a photo so we can help to determine that for you. **Clothing—unless it is vintage** and in good condition, will not be accepted. As with all donations and in accordance with our donation policy we reserve the right to retain, exhibit, loan, sell, or dispose of at our discretion the object in any way deemed best for the organization including the auction, sale or trade of any item.

Planning a wedding or an event? Then you must check out our **2nd Annual Wedding and Events Showcase** on Sunday, February 24th from 11am—3pm. See the ad on page 5

We would love your support!

Buy your Valentine's Day gifts at
smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.

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2019 Calendar of Special Events

- Jan. 19 **Centennial Celebration—Roaring Twenties Party**
100th Anniversary of the Central High School *Tickets Required*
- Jan. 26 **Annual Membership Meeting** *Members Only*
- Feb. 24 **Weddings & Events Showcase** *Free with pre-registration*
- Mar. 16&17 **Buckler's Strawberry Fest** *Admission fee is charged for members*
- April 6&7 **15th Annual Spring Frolic** *Members Free*
- June 8 **5th Celebration of Olde Florida** *Free Admission—Donations Encouraged*
- Sept. 14 **Fire & Ice Annual Open House - Chili Cook Off and Ice Cream Churn Off** *Free Admission—Donations Encouraged*
- Nov. 2&3 **43rd Annual Fall Country Jamboree** *Members Free*
- Dec. 8 **Florida Christmas Remembered & Second Saturdays** - *Members Free*

2019 Calendar of On-Going Events

First Saturdays Free Music Workshops & Jam—the first Saturday of every month—our renowned volunteer teachers offer Free Music Lessons with paid admission or membership.

Second Saturdays at the Settlement—Every Second Saturday features different living history demonstrations, workshops and exhibits

Fiber Arts Guild meets on the third Saturday

Rug Hookers meets on the fourth Saturday

Square Dancing - almost every Friday 6:30pm—Call to confirm

All dates subject to change—For full listing of events and the most up to date information visit our Facebook page or

www.pioneersettlement.org

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Isn't this class of eager young minds just calling out to you?

We are in great need of **field trip volunteers!** We offer flexible hours and free training and promise you will find it to be a rewarding experience.



You can help us keep the old traditions alive for our children and grandchildren.

Field trips are Monday – Friday 9am - 1pm. Once a week or once a month can be a big help! We can assist with period correct attire. Must be able to pass a background check. Contact us 386-749-2959 or events@pioneersettlement.org



Help is needed for Field Trips

We will train you

CONTACT LORI

386-749-2959 or

email

events@Pioneersettlement.org

Volunteer Salute

HO, HO, HO!

It's Connie and Joe!

This work camping couple began their volunteer career here in 2014.

When Connie first called she told the Director that the "search for the perfect couple was over."

This year they purchased a home, traded in the RV life, became full time residents and are still two of our beloved volunteers.

Connie loves working with the kids and doing field trips and Joe is usually at his happiest working out in the garden.

Thank you to both for their unparalleled dedication.



Joe Rozycki & Connie Campisi



Second Saturdays at the Settlement

Join us every Second Saturday for Living History Demonstrations and Workshops of the Traditional Arts, Crafts and Trades.

Programs and fees vary month to month see our website our Facebook page or call for details.

Exhibits and Demonstrations are included with admission.

Admission \$8 adults, \$7 for Seniors
\$4 for Children ages 6-12

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday January 26, 2pm—4pm

BARBERVILLE

PIONEER SETTLEMENT

**All members are encouraged to join us for our
Annual Meeting that will take place
at Two o'clock pm on Saturday, January 26th
in the auditorium of the Central High School, Barberville.**

Your feedback and input is important to us and to the future of the Settlement.

Please bring any ideas, thoughts or comments to share with the group.

Our new slate of officers for the upcoming 2-year term will be presented for voting.

A presentation of the Lura Bell Award will also take place and
refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!