

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



Free Friday Night Movies Start June 7



The 2019 season of free Friday night outdoor movies opens at the Cedarville Museum on June 7. The first film will be "His Girl Friday", the 1940 production starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.

As in the past, popcorn, soft drinks, coffee and selections of candy will be offered in the museum for 50 cents each. On the left board member Sharon Barnmore checks out the popcorn machine.

Movie viewers should bring their lawn chairs. The films will be shown inside the museum in the event of bad weather. The movies are the project of board vice president Steve Myers.

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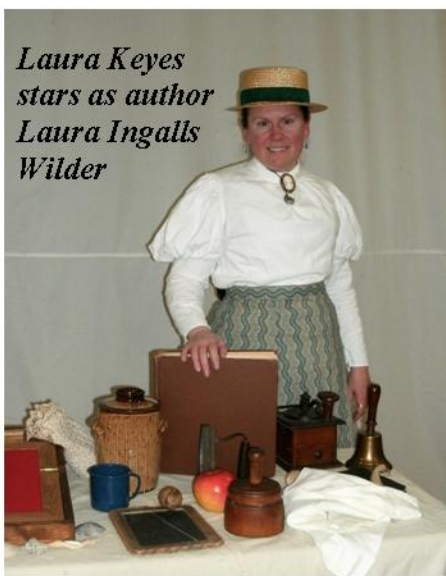


Obviously an important discussion among Sue Myers, Jean Homan and Ladona Wardlow.



CAHS vice president Steve Myers and Karen Macomber

Laura Ingalls Wilder Performance a Hit



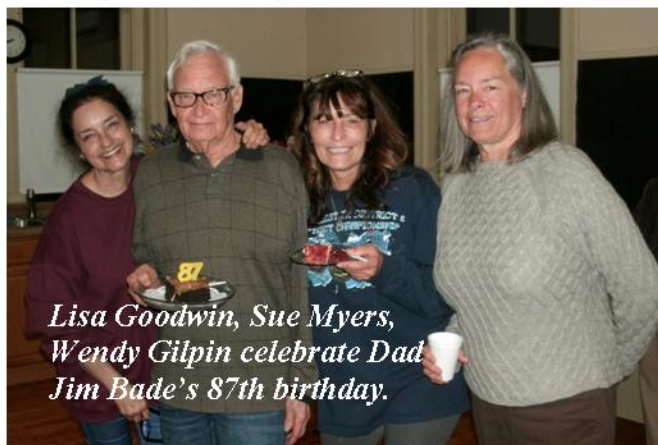
Laura Keyes stars as author Laura Ingalls Wilder



The Lena Visel girls Joanna, Rebekah, Hannah and mother Amy with CAHS president Jim Bade



Janet Kaiser explains the situation to her daughter Becky (seated) and Marjorie Phillips.



Lisa Goodwin, Sue Myers, Wendy Gilpin celebrate Dad Jim Bade's 87th birthday.

The House That Musician Clint Built Sings No More

How likely is it that a man who started out as a teenage blacksmith will become a well known musician for three quarters of his life? Not very likely, but it happened to Cedarville's Clinton Fink.

Born in 1862 at the beginning of the U.S. Civil War, Clinton worked in his father's blacksmith shop on Mill and Cherry streets starting in 1878. Within a few years after that he was well known as a superb musician and the reputation continued until his death in 1946.

In 1889 Clint was married to the former Laura Clingman, daughter of Civil War veteran John Turner Clingman and his wife Sarah. Laura died in 1939.

The couple had six children, five sons and one daughter. They were Willard, George, Harry, Merrill, Fred and Bethel.

Clint was known as an instrumentalist — primarily he played the coronet — but he also sang in a male quartet. A January 30, 1917, Freeport newspaper article reported that he sang with William and Charles Frank and Prof. G. L. Blouch, then the school principal, at a ceremony honoring recently deceased Civil War veteran Henry Hockman.

Although some of Clint's boys played in the their father's bands, only one went on to pursue a professional music career. That was Harry who left Cedarville and moved to Chicago in his later life and played with several society dance bands, one with the imposing name of "Husk O'Hare's Peacock Strutters of Chicago."

Willard became an excellent photographer. Indeed, the historical society has a large collection of pictures he took early in the twentieth century.

Perhaps the best known of his sons to older members of the current generation is Fred, a minister in the Evangelical denomination. Fred died in 1992 at the age of 86.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING: *The upscale house Clinton Fink built in the early 1890s on the northeast corner of Cherry and Cedar Streets was only rubble in a few hours in April 2019. Vacant for many years, the two story frame structure was last lived in by Bethel Penticoff, Fink's only daughter. It is believed the owners of the property will build on the lot.*

Fink, who died in 1946 at the age of 83, was trained by his father in the late nineteenth century to be a blacksmith, but he is usually remembered as an excellent musician who organized and directed the Cedar Cliff Band and who was an active musician for sixty years.



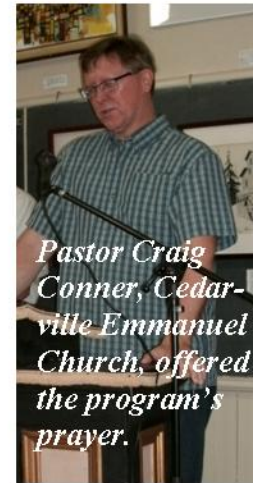
Parking lot parade



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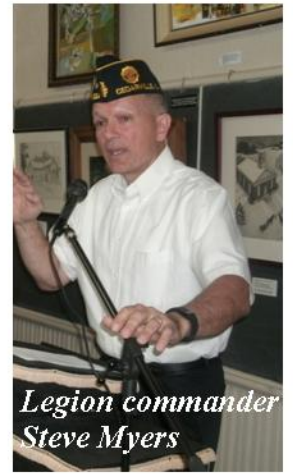
Brats and dogs courtesy Wendy Gilpin



Pastor Craig Conner, Cedarville Emmanuel Church, offered the program's prayer.



Bill Pick read the names of 179 veterans buried in Cedarville Cemetery, the earliest from the War of 1812.



Legion commander Steve Myers



(l) Jacob Priewe, Freeport, student at Loras College, Dubuque, recites Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; (r) Don Franz, CAHS board member, reads GAR Gen. John A. Logan's 1868 order creating Decoration (Memorial) Day; (below) room-filled crowd was attentive. (All photos in newsletter by Lisa Goodwin)



It may have rained on our parade, but Cedarville's Memorial Day program honoring village veterans and the picnic lunch was a great success in the museum.



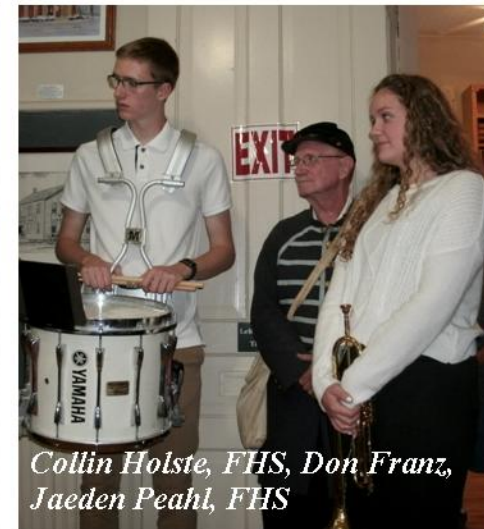
There was plenty of food for everyone



Pat Goodwin led the audience in song



Meet a neighbor over the table.



Collin Holste, FHS, Don Franz, Jaeden Pahl, FHS



Ruth Oswalt tended the popular dessert table

Museum Receives Two More Pieces of History

The Cedarville Museum's collection of local historical artifacts grew larger this month with the gift of two articles related to well-known Cedarville residents.

Duane Smith, former Cedarville resident, presented the museum with an 1880 style top hat once worn by Dr. Smith Thompson. Several years ago Smith lived in the house Thompson built on the northwest corner of Mill and Oak streets.

A little research of the band inside the hat showed that it had been sold to Dr. Thompson by Milo D. Chamberlin who had a retail clothing business on the corner of Stephenson and Chicago streets in Freeport. A native of the state of New York, Chamberlin moved to Freeport in 1853. He died in 1895.

The second item received by the museum was a very large framed 1910 Cedarville high school diploma issued to Hazel Winchell. At that time the local school had a two year high school program. The diploma was signed by Francis Washington Clingman, board president, George Kryder, secretary, and Fletcher McDonald, new principal at the school.

The diploma came from CAHS member Rick Kahly, a grandson of Logan and Hazel Winchell Kahly. Ironically, last year the museum received a large 1910 class photograph featuring Hazel from Freeport's Lois Thrasher, a daughter of Logan and Hazel. It was presented by Lois's daughter, Pamela, obviously Rick's cousin. Hazel's parents were Frank and Mary Potts Winchell



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Steve Myers greets early comers Judy and Harlan Corrie

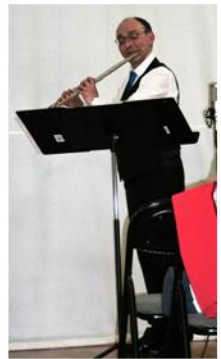
Stavrou and Saint Cyr Fill Museum with Music



Seventy five minutes of non-stop melodies



Stavrou



Saint Cyr



Nan Mosher, Jane and Roger Goodspeed

May 14 Art Round Table Sparks Lively Debate



Jim Bade and artists Duane Smith, Harlan Corrie, Roger Goodspeed, Dan Edler and Pam Barton.



Obviously Roger wants to make a point



No doubt, a full house

Caswell Quartet Gets A Standing Ovation

Sellout Crowd on May 28



Annaliesa, Laura, Ella and Hannah Caswell



CAHS V.P. Steve Myers talks to Dan and Beth, parents of Caswell girls.



Carol Meyers, right, hostess for the evening, made sure there was plenty of food for the audience.



Annaliesa, Laura and Ella were all ears.



Accordianist Bobbie Edler, right, reminds listener that she and John Waelti will play at the museum on July 16.