Three Civil War Trips Set by Dammann Tours

Lena’s Dr. Gordon Dammann, a member of the Cedarville Historical Society, has set three tours for Civil War enthusiasts.

On March 27 there will be a bus trip from Lena to Kenosha to visit the city’s Civil War Museum where state-of-the-art museum technology will introduce you to the social, political and economic influences that contributed to the Civil War.

The $50 day also includes a program on a Civil War nurse from Galesburg and a roast beef and chicken buffet lunch.

On May 26 a bus will leave the Kenosha Public Museum to visit the Milwaukee Soldiers Home and Forest Home Cemetery, two of the city’s links to the Civil War. The $60 day, hosted by Douglas Dammann, curator of the Kenosha Civil War Museum, and Lance Herdegen, history professor at Carroll University, also includes a German themed lunch at Milwaukee’s famed Mader’s Restaurant.

On October 14 the Dammanns will lead an eight day tour of Civil War battlefields at Gettysburg, Antietam, Monocacy and Manassas. The $1,200 tour includes most meals, lodging, transportation, guides, museums and a pre-party.

For more information write Dammann Tours, Inc., Box 754, Lena, Il. 61048 or e-mail g.dammann@mchsi.com

Mary Reed Retires from Board of Cedarville Area Historical Society after more than 15 years service.

Carol Meyers joins board of the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Films Chosen for June and July Free Friday Night Museum Movies

Nine films — including several comedies, a musical, a John Wayne classic and a mystery — have been selected for this season’s free outdoor Friday night movies at the Cedarville Museum.

The showings, under the direction of Sue and Steve Myers, are held on the museum grounds with a large screen hung on the north wall of the two-story building. Selected shorts precede the main film. Fresh pop corn, soft drinks, coffee and candy are available at 1950 prices. Viewers bring their own lawn chairs.

The series opens at dusk on Friday, June 4, with the 1963 comedy “Summer Magic” starring Dorothy McGuire, Hayley Mills and Burl Ives. On Friday, June 11, by “The Quiet Man” starring John Wayne, Barry Fitzgerald, Victor McLaglen and Maureen O’Hara. This 1952 movie set in 1930 Ireland was directed by John Ford.

On Friday, June 18, the film fare returns to lightness with the 1954 movie “The Egg and I” starring Caladette Colbert and Fred McMuray. Based on Betty McDonald’s book, it tells the story of a young married couple who become chicken farmers. This movie was the foundation for the spin-off of Ma and Pa Kettle.

It’s a comedy-mystery on Friday, June 25, with “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken” starring Don Knotts and Joan Staley. This is one of the four films made by Knotts immediately after leaving the Andy Griffith TV Show after the 1964-65 season.

On Friday, July 2, a military movie of sorts will light up the museum screen when Bud Abbott and Lou Costello appear in “Foreign Legion”, a 77 minute laugh-a-thon filmed in 1950. There’s even a role for Patricia Medina, better known for her appearances in several swash-buckling adventures starring Errol Flynn. (Turn to page 7)
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Friday Movies
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You can only beat Abbott and Costello by following them on Friday, July 9, with Bob Hope, Gale Sondergaard, Martha Raye, Alan Mowbray and Andy Devine in “Never Say Die”. The plot is predictable but very funny slapstick.

Lou and Bud return on Friday, July 16, with the 1951 film “Comin’ Round the Mountain.” The hilarious, almost impossible plot also stars Dorothy Shay — known better for her singing style — and Ida Moore.

On Friday, July 23, the historical society will present the two-hour film “You Can’t Take It With You” with Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Mary Forbes and Edward Arnold.

This 1938 movie was the winner of two Academy Awards, “Best Picture” and “Best Director.”

The season’s final film will be on Friday, July 30, with the showing of “Calamity Jane” starring Doris Day, Howard Keel and Gale Robbins. The 1953 film won an Academy Award for “Best Original Song” with “Secret Love.”

New Book for Knight

Louise Knight, author of several books on Jane Addams and a member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, will have a new full life Addams biography available in September.

Titled “Jane Addams: Spirit in Action”, the book will be published by W. W. Norton.

Russell Korth Is Recognized
For 40 Years Service to Village

Russell Korth was honored February 15 for forty years service to the Cedarville Cemetery Association as president and sexton. He will remain a member of the association board, a position he first assumed on May 14, 1969.

He was presented with an inscribed plaque at a dinner to commemorate his long tenure in a difficult and time-consuming position.

Korth was appointed president and sexton on November 7, 1969. He officially stepped down on the last day of 2009.

Bill Pick is now cemetery sexton and board secretary and Larry Pals is president. Len Cummins is treasurer.

During the dinner, Pick commented that many things had changed since 1969, especially the costs of operating Cedarville Cemetery.

“In 1969 two lots cost $50; today the cost is $400. Opening and closing a gravesite was $80 in 1971; it is now $600,” he said.
The ninth annual February lunch held by the Cedarville Area Historical Society drew a record 128 persons, 64 of whom are pictured on these four pages.

Traditionally staged on professional football’s Super Bowl Sunday, the lunch was attended by 113 adults and 15 children who enjoyed unlimited chili, noodle soup, potato soup, sandwiches, lemonade, coffee and two dozen different homemade desserts.

Earlier in the day, the historical society held a short annual meeting where Cedarville’s Carol Meyers was elected to the board to replace the retiring Mary Reed. (See photos of Reed and Meyers on page 8.)