Genealogy for Everyone on June 17

Joe Ginger, Stephenson County Genealogy Society president, will offer tips to those searching their family history when he speaks Tuesday, June 17, at the Cedarville Museum. The 7:30 p.m. program is sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

The $7 admission ticket may be paid for at the door or can be obtained in advance by calling Jim Bade, president of the historical society, at 815-563-4485.

Ginger has been president of the genealogy society since 1999. Like so many genealogists, he entered the field when he wanted to learn more about his ancestors.

“Action was prompted when my son had an assignment in a class at Highland Community College to write a paper that included family history,” Ginger said. He added, “Genealogy has been a rewarding experience. Understanding the hardships my ancestors had to endure settling early Illinois really made me appreciate what we have today.”

Memorial Day Photos of Parade, Ceremony and Picnic Are Inside
Dr. Edward Finch, former executive director of the Stephenson County Historical Society and Museum, fascinated a Cedarville Museum audience on May 13 with his far-ranging discussion of the lives of Jacob and John Henney, Daniel Stover and W. T. Ravleigh, Stephenson County industrialists who helped shape the history of the area.

An audio recording of his talk is available for $12 by writing to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013.

Finch’s first book, the biography of Navy Capt. Edward L. Beach, Jr., was published in 2010. He is currently writing a novel and lecturing on military history.

June Free Movies
At the Museum

June 6: “Everythings Ducky” with Mickey Rooney and Buddy Hacket

June 13: “Francis the Talking Mule” with Donald O’Conner

June 20: “Sitting Pretty” with Clifton Webb

June 27: “The Reluctant Debutante” with Rex Harrison and Sandra Dee

Society Friends Donate Documents, and Photos

Three friends of the Cedarville Area Historical Society this month donated several photographs and historical documents to the society. Included was the excellent portrait of Jane Addams pictured above that was given by Janice Schrack.

The other two donors were Paul Fry and Dave Kaiser, both society members.

Fry’s gift included books written by Miss Addams and Fry’s original notes that he used to write a book related to the Addams family. The book is available through the historical society.

Kaiser’s gift included correspondence dealing with the Addams family.
Threat of rain fades away. Let the parade begin !!!!

Starting on Mill Street at 10 a.m., the ranks of the country's shortest but most enthusiastic Memorial Day parade was soon swollen by the sidewalk onlookers in the march to the Cedarville Cemetery.

At the Cedar Creek bridge Rev. Gene McIntosh of the Cedarville Baptist Church led the prayer for the village's navy veterans.

Rifle salute to Cedarville’s navy veterans.
It was a happy crowd at the cemetery.

Sam Welch of Red Oak read Pres. Abraham Lincoln’s 1862 Gettysburg Address.

Cedarville American Legion Cmrd. Steve Myers opened the ceremony.

The singing of “America The Beautiful” was led by Rev. McIntosh.

For some it was a peaceful moment.

For others it was just too much excitement.

Cemetery sexton Bill Pick reads the names of veterans buried in Cedarville Cemetery.

A final salute to Cedarville’s veterans.
And now, on to the food!

Choices, choices: Should it be water, coffee, pink lemonade, sugar free yellow lemonade?

Burgers and brats prepared by Cedarville caterers Don and Ingrid Heilman....

Cedarville Historical Society volunteers prepare the table for the sweet things.

A lot of customers but very fast service

....served piping hot with all the trimings.

Brother, sister team: Paul Fry, Jean Joyce