Free Friday Night Movies Open June 3

The 2016 season of free Friday night outdoor movies at the Cedarville Museum starts at dusk on June 3 with the film “Father Was A Fullback.” The nine week season ends on July 29 with the Broadway blockbuster “Annie.”

June 3: “Father Was a fullback”
June 10: “The Ugly Dachshund” with Dean Jones, Susanne Pleshette
June 17: With Six You Get Eggroll” with Doris Day, Brian Keith

The full schedule:

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ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE
JUNE 2016
Cedarville Area Historical Society

Bluegrass Music at Museum June 21

The five piece bluegrass band “Styles Junction” will perform Tuesday evening, June 21, at the Cedarville Museum. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by free refreshments furnished by historical society volunteers.

The band, the second of four musical groups that will play under the sponsorship of the historical society this year, last appeared at the museum in 2012.

Tickets for this performance, which is open to historical society members and the public, will be available at the door for $8 each. Season tickets will be honored.

The program will be held in the museum’s second floor, air conditioned LeRoy Wilson Theater. A one button elevator is available for handicapped visitors.
Irish Folk Band Returns to Museum With Another Hit Program To Open The CAHS 2016 Live Music Season

“Casey Brothers: —from left Wes Fisher, Mike Rardon, Mike Schirger and Bill Mitchell.

Wes Fisher in a plaintive Irish folk song

Marjorie Phillips and Delbert Schelder

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Mike Rardon: “The chocolate cake looks very good.”

Galen Bertram ponders Bill Mitchell’s explanation of something.

Tickets for Remaining 3 Music Programs

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Individual tickets $8. Send check to Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville IL 61013 or call Jim Bade 815-563-4485

Friday Outdoor Movies

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June 24: “Never A Dull Moment” with Dick Van Dyke

July 1: “The Trouble With Angels”

July 8: “Hot Lead, Cold Feet with Don Knotts

July 15: “The Glass Bottom Boat” with Doris Day

July 22: “The Scoutmaster”

July 29: “Annie”

Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn, soft drinks, candy, coffee available for 50 cents. Museum bathrooms will be open.

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Cedarville Honors Village Veterans With Memorial Day Ceremonies

Photos by Emily Myers, Jim Bade
A Story for Those Who Believe in Serendipity

By Jim Bade
CAHS President

Serendipity: “The faculty of making fortunate and unexpected discoveries by accident”

The six 3 by 5 inch snapshots Freeport’s Merle and Ladona Wardlow dropped on my desk were unexciting. Taken in 1959 on Flagstaff Hill in Freeport’s Krape Park, each photo had 15 or 20 old people gathered for a Cedarville School reunion memory souvenir.

I was ready to say “no thanks” when I remembered reading a former student’s poem that cited a major 1909 school event. That year Cedarville students and parents organized a public meeting to mark Abraham Lincoln’s 100th birthday and to raise funds for a Lincoln memorial. Sure enough: That poem by 1909 senior Eleanor McClurkin was written for the 1959 reunion, a 50 year anniversary.

The 1909 meeting in the Knights of the Globe Hall on 135 Harrison Street (formerly the Evangelical Church) drew a large audience that sang hymns, heard several dozen students recite poems and deliver short, prepared talks and listened to three Civil War veterans. Principal O.A. Fackler was instructed to collect funds for the Lincoln memorial, a life size cast of the President’s bust now on exhibit in the museum. The cost of the cast (made in Boston) is unknown. The complete story of the 1909 meeting and the memorial is available free at the museum. At that meeting, McClurkin read a paper related to the death of Lincoln’s mother. The Lincoln bust, assigned to the school’s attic for many years, was recovered by the historical society 15 years ago during restoration of the school building.

Fackler left Cedarville the next year for another position, but he returned fifty years later for the reunion. A news story mentions he made the apple wood gavel used by 1959 reunion president Ralph Phillips. Fackler died in 1976 at the age of 91.

(Photograph of Cedarville School 1909-1910 students is on page eight of the newsletter.)

Other than the six photographs of the 1959 reunion with everyone identified by Jessie Kryder Wardlow, we have very little knowledge of the event. Are there missing photographs? Who took the pictures? Since she is not identified in any of the photos, do McClurkin? We have the poem by McClurkin that clearly mentions the 1909 Lincoln program. Obviously she was very much interested in the history of the school.

The brief July 16, 1959, newspaper article indicates the reunion was annual, but not when the event started. Also, it was decided the next reunion would be the Saturday evening following the Fourth of July in 1960. Research failed to uncover any mention of a reunion in 1960. Perhaps there was none or it was thought not important enough to report.

One thing is certain. Eleanor McClurkin would not have attended the reunion. She died, unmarried, February 7, 1960, at the age of 65.

Her poem was offered at the 1959 reunion, but she probably was not there to read it or to take photographs. Her obituary read: “She was founder and first president of the Illinois Chapter of the National Slit-In Society. She had been afflicted with arthritis for many years.”

June 6, 1910

Of the 108 students pictured in the 1909-1910 Cedarville School photo, only ten are identified in the six existing photographs taken at the 1959 school reunion. They are: Edna Phillips Meyers, Jessie Kryder Wardlow, Alice Phillips Kahley, Helen Barber, Barbara Winchell Cramer, Helen Frank Kryder, Hiram Kryder, Ralph Phillips, Ermina Phillips Kaiser and Rose Phillips. O. A. Fackler, school principal in 1909, is in several reunion photos, but he left the district before the June 1910 photo was taken. Total attendance at the reunion is unknown. However, thirty-two persons are identified, most of them several times, in the six photos. The twenty-one other than the eleven listed above are assumed to be related to a 1909-1910 student or students from another year. They are: Ina Steayer Bordner, Willie Meyers, Charlie Kryder, Elwood Wardlow, Frank Yeagle, Nettie Kryder, Orville Kahley, Margaret Kryder Nelson, Weaber Meyers, Nellie Meyers, Hallie Moses Fink, Mary Moses Yeagle, Rosemary Wardlow, Bertha Smith Cromley, Eva Howarth, Helen Bear Stiffler, Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Florence Moses Fink, Donald Fink, Thelma Graham and Rodney Nelson.

We all change along with the years. Here are three photos of Jessie Kryder Wardlow whose possessions included the six snapshots of the 1959 reunion. Jessie was born in 1895 and died in ______. Merle Wardlow, Freeport, one of her sons, shared the photos with the Cedarville Area Historical Society.