

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

**MARCH 2016**

*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## *Society 2016 Event Schedule Complete*

For the first time in its history, the Cedarville Area Historical Society will start its activities in the middle of spring rather than waiting for the traditional beginning of May.

On March 15, 29, April 12 and April 26 the society in partnership with Highland Community College will conduct four hour-long Cedarville history classes at 7:30 p.m. in the museum. An application form for the classes, open to society members and the public, is on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Saturday, May 1: The museum opens weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the six month season.

Tuesday, May 24: Casey Brothers performs popular Irish and Scottish folk songs at the museum. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day parade starting at 10 a.m. on Mill Street in front of the telephone building and continuing to the Cedarville Cemetery. Historical society 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. picnic lunch at museum following cemetery ceremony.

June and July: Fridays at dusk. Free movies outdoors at museum. Inside in event of inclement weather. Pop corn, soft drinks, candy, coffee available for 50 cents. Bring your own lawn chair. Bathrooms will be available. Movie schedule to be announced later.

Tuesday, June 21: Five member Styles Junction band at the museum with toe-tapping bluegrass music. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19: The male quartette Generations at the museum. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16: String quartette at the museum lead by Brandon Lamm, director of the Freeport High School Orchestra. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24: Celebration of Jane Addams 156th birthday. Morning 5K run/walk on Jane Addams Trail.

Saturday, October 30: Museum closes at 4:00 p.m. for the season.

Tuesday, December 13: Christmas party  
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## 2016 Schedule (from page 1)

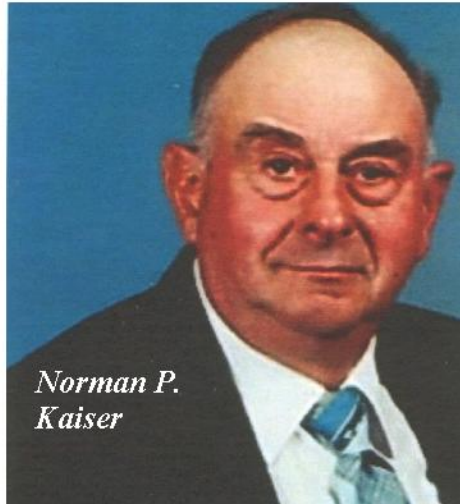
at the museum. Sing-along, food, entertainment. Free to all. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m.

All Tuesday evening events are in the second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater. This room is climate controlled. Free refreshments are served by members of the historical society after each event. A one button elevator to the second floor is available for physically handicapped museum visitors.

A \$30 ticket covers all four evening music programs. \$8 for a single ticket. All music tickets are transferable from one person to another without penalty. A ticket order form for music program tickets is on page 7 of this newsletter.

For additional information about the schedule, call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or e-mail [bonniebade@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebade@comcast.net).

***A brochure with this schedule is included in the March newsletter that is mailed to society members. Others can print the brochure from the society's website. Copies are also available at the Cedarville post office and other locations in the Cedarville area. Cedarville history class registration deadline is March 8.***



*Norman P.  
Kaiser*

Norman P. Kaiser, 87, of Scioto Mills, passed away in his home January 21. Born January 28, 1928, he was the son of Leo and Ermina Phillips Kaiser.

He was a farmer for most of his life and a welder/machinist for Mac's Machine Shop for more than 35 years.

In 1956 he married Janet McLain. She and a daughter Rebecca survive him. A son Randall preceded him in death.

He is also survived by two grand children, two step-grand children, four great step-grandchildren, a niece, nephew and brother-in-law.

A member of the Park Hills Evangelical Free Church for more than 45 years, he served as a Sunday school teacher/superintendent as well as a general board member and youth leader.

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## The Tax Man Commeth Even in 1858

*By Jim Bade  
President, CAHS*

Hidden among other publications on the "oversize book" shelf in the museum research library, I discovered a gem — the 1858 Buckeye township personal property assessment book. How and when the historical society acquired the book, I do not know. Certainly before my 15 year tenure as president began.

On its pages of fading but readable hand written entries are the names of 435 alphabetically arranged township taxpayers — most of the them presumably the heads of households — and the personal property they are being taxed for and how much they paid that year into their individual road and school districts.

The book tells a lot about the makeup of Buckeye that year as recorded by Assessor Paul W. Rockey.

For example: In the township there were 676 horses with an assessed value (not market value) of \$25,361. That's an average \$37.52 per animal. State Sen. John Addams, the father of Jane Addams, had the most — 12 assessed at \$400. By comparison, the horse population in Buckeye in 1871 was estimated at 800, about a half a horse for each of the 1,761 persons then living in the township.

Other livestock taxed in 1858: There were 1,992 cattle with an assessed value of \$14,343 or \$7.20 per head. Interestingly, the column listing the number of cattle was labeled "NEAT CATTLE." I took this to be a typographical error,

meaning that milk cows were excluded as taxable property. Maybe one of our farm members has a different reading of this. Anyway, in 1871 it was estimated there were 2,033 cattle in Buckeye. If this is an accurate figure, not much of an increase. And did it include only beefers.

Mules were lonely creatures in 1858. There were only three, all belonging to John Bright Clingman, brother of my wife's great great grandfather. There assessed value was \$20 each, only slightly less than that of a horse. By 1871 the population of this four footer had grown to an estimated 13.

To complete the 1858 stock list, there were 648 sheep and 110 hogs, each assessed at \$1. By 1871 the estimated number of sheep was 1,553, hogs 3,465.

The number of dogs in the township was not counted in 1858, but in 1871 it was estimated at 210. How do you estimate the number of dogs roaming a township?

Other items that were assessed in 1858 included carriages and wagons (321 with a tax value of \$8,373), watches and clocks (320 with a value of \$2.06 each) and financial instruments. One particular column struck me: "PIANOS." There were none recorded in Buckeye or maybe they were not taxed.

Total assessed value in 1858: \$88,401.

How was the 1858 count made? Did someone go from household to household and count? Or was this an instance of "self reporting" like our income tax?

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be 16 years of age or older to register for classes.**

Your Social Security number is requested for the records system at HCC, compliance with federal and state reporting requirements, and tax purposes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (include area code) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

Are you Hispanic or Latino  
(Or are you of Spanish Origin?)

- Yes Hispanic or Latino  
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Are you from one or more of the following racial groups?  
(Select all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Choose Not to Respond

Please identify your primary racial/ethnic group  
(Select One)

- American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Hispanic or Latino  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Choose Not to Respond

Are you in the United States on a Visa - Nonresident Alien?

- Yes in the United States on a Visa.  
Provide Home Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not in the United States on a Visa

Highest Degree Earned Year \_\_\_\_\_

- Associate's  
 Bachelor's  
 Doctorate

High School Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

GED \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Fees are refundable when a course is canceled by the College. Fees are refundable to the student whose written request for withdrawal has been received by the Office of Admissions and Records prior to the registration deadline.

Course ID	Course Title	Cost
6939	The Real History of Cedarville	\$45

**Method of payment:**

- Full payment by check (check # \_\_\_\_\_) Make checks payable to Highland Community College.

Mail registration with check to: Attn. Admissions, Highland Community College, 2998 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, IL 61032

- Full payment by credit card (Highland will call you for credit card number to process over phone). Preferred phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost for classes **\$45**

As consideration for being permitted by Highland Community College, the State of Illinois ("State"), the County of Stephenson (the "County"), and any lessor of Highland Community College premises ("Lessor"), to participate in Lifelong Learning courses and use Highland Community College premises and facilities, I (the undersigned) forever release the College, the State, the County, the Lessor, any Highland Community College affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives (collectively "Releasees") from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage, related to (i) my participation in these activities, (ii) the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, by any Releasee, or (iii) the condition of the premises where these activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activities.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Cedarville's Donald Capes Dies at 85

Donald F. Capes, 85, a member of the Cedarville Historical Society and longtime resident of Cedarville, died January 29 in Freeport Memorial Hospital.

Born October 10, 1930, in Oregon, Il., the son of Floyd and Edith Capes, he was married to Dorothy Wagner in 1955 in Oregon.

He was a 1948 graduate of Oregon High School. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University.

He was a counselor and speech therapist at Highland Community College for 25 years, retiring in 1994.

### *Kaiser*

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His membership also included the Cedarville Area Historical Society, lifetime member Masonic Excelsior Lodge #97, the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Freeport Commandery #7, High Twelve and Gideons International.

He was a charter member of the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club and a lifetime member of the NRA. He spent 40 years as a volunteer fireman for the Cedarville Fire Department and the Freeport Rural Fire Department.

Mr. Kaiser was buried in Grandview Cemetery.

He was a member of the Oregon Church of God and the National Rifle Association. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing and was actively involved in the restoration of the Oregon depot.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, several in-laws and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following funeral services in the Oregon Church of God, he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris.

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#### **Also on Facebook**

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*Sharon Barmore, Secretary*  
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*Dale Priewe, Director*  
*Carol Meyers, Director*  
*Don Franz, Director*  
*Moira Knowlton, Director*

*The society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and has been designated as eligible for tax deductible gifts under IRS tax code regulation 501 (c)*

### TICKET ORDER

#### Number of tickets

Tuesday, May 24, Casey Brothers  
*Irish melodies that everyone loves* \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, June 21, Styles Junction  
*Bluegrass like you never heard before* \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, July 19, Generations  
*Sweet male barbershop melodies* \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, August 16, Brandom Lamm String Quartette  
*Something a little different for you to savor* \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

One ticket for all four programs above \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

*All tickets are transferable without penalty from one person to another person if you cannot attend a program.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make payment to Cedarville Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 336, Cedarville, Il. 61013. For more information call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or e-mail [bonniebade@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebade@comcast.net).



*Ruth Oswalt, Judy and Harlan Corrie were among the first to arrive, first to eat.*



*Shirley Pick, Lorraine Stabenow, Bill Pick in line for one of the five homemade soups*



*Ralph and Marty Holsinger*

**Good weather, food and company brought out more than ninety to enjoy the 15th society lunch and annual meeting on February 7.**



*Jean Joyce and her brother Paul Fry, probably our oldest members*



*L: Sue Miller and Pat Joly, Cedarville  
R: Sue Myers and Sarah Prieue with last of homemade pies they sold to benefit the Freeport YMCA swim team*

