



## PICNIC IN THE PARK

The Gov. Morehead Park on Church Street was a lovely setting for the May 31<sup>st</sup> EPS event: **PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH CHARLIE POOLE.**

Honored historian and musician Kinney Rorrer presented an entertaining program detailing the life and music of Eden's most famous musician, the father of country music, Charlie Poole. Attendees brought their picnic suppers and sat under the shade trees for a delightful afternoon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 14th - we will host a fundraiser featuring **HEMGROWN MUSIC.** More details to follow.

In November, **BOB CARTER**, Rockingham County Historian, will give a talk on the history of Leaksville, Spray and Draper.

Sunday, December 6th – mark your calendars for our annual **CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES AND BAKE SALE!**

*More details to follow about these events and others!*

## Cemetery Committee

EPS has established a new committee especially for cleaning up historic cemeteries of the city. Many of the old cemeteries are terribly overgrown and it appears that private citizens must take the lead to improve and maintain them in the dignified manner they deserve.

Earlier this year, a group of EPS members and a concerned citizen cleaned up the Reynolds Cemetery off Stadium Drive and the neighbors donated a garden bench.

This Fall, the group plans to clean up the old Barnett Cemetery in Spray. Later on, they hope to work on the Old Spray Cemetery on Church Street. This is a much larger project and will probably be spread over a longer period of time.

Volunteers, as well as contributions for supplies, are needed for both of these cemeteries as well as for future projects.

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if you can help.

**BY ATTENDING THE MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETINGS,** you can be a part of the discussions and plans for the Governor Morehead Park, the Supervisor's House on Carroll Street, the Eden Historical Museum and upcoming events. **The meetings are held on the fourth Monday night of the month at 7:00 pm.**

Meetings are sometimes held at the Eden Historical Museum unless construction is underway. In that event, they are held at Leaksville United Methodist Church, 603 Henry St., in the Genesis Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Upcoming meeting dates are:**

**July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 28.**

For info call Phyllis at 627-1762.

**Please attend and bring along a friend!**

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Be sure to check out *Eden's Own Journal* to see the "Mystery Photographs" they are publishing for the museum. These are some of the photos from the **Francis Photography Collection** that have yet to be identified. Go to: [www.edensown.com](http://www.edensown.com)

More museum news on next page.



An initiative of the Eden Preservation Society

Congratulations to the museum which received an **Appearance Award** on April 27th from the **Eden Community Appearance Commission!** A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers and contributors who have made this possible!



## MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Some of the most recent items donated to the museum:

- Randy Cresenzo** donated a collection of **Civil War bullets** and other items.
- Ted Haapala** donated a **scanner** to be used in the Francis Photography Room.

*If you have items to donate, please call: 623-6393*

## MUSEUM RADIO SHOW

Listen to WLOE/WMYN (1490 AM) at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month to hear "The Museum Matters," hosted by Pat and Melissa Whitten.

## FRANCIS PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION UPDATE

A fundraising effort has been underway since May to raise the \$10,000 needed to properly archive and digitize this wonderful collection of over 100,000 photographs and negatives that had belonged to Harold Francis.

Community support for this project has been wonderful so far! We have raised over half of our goal, but it will be necessary to raise the remaining amount to be able to complete this project. Anyone contributing \$100 or more (by July 31st) will become a "Founding Friend" of the Museum.

If you can contribute, please make checks payable to "*Eden Preservation Society*" and in the "for" section, indicate: "*Museum Photography Collection.*"

**Remember, all contributions to the Eden Preservation Society and the Eden Historical Museum are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

## Photograph Albums

During the **Olde Leaksville Shopping District's Ladies Night Out** event on May 8, we had about a dozen albums full of photos from the **Harold Francis Photography Collection** available for people to browse through. Although many of the photos were unidentified, we asked that if anyone recognized a person or place that they let us know. Many people found photos of their own family members, friends, neighbors, and familiar scenes.

Although construction of the permanent exhibits is still underway, **the museum will be open during the afternoons of the Eden Farmer's Market** this Summer, from 3-6 pm, with the photo albums available for everyone to look through. Upcoming dates are: **July 3 & 17. August 7 & 21. September 4 & 18. October 2 & 16.** *We are also seeking volunteers to staff the museum these afternoons!* If you can help, call: Julie @623-3853.