Who Is Tim Lybarger? What Is His Connection To Mister Rogers?

We're so glad you asked! Tim established

the "Neighborhood Archive" – an online collection of "all things Mister Rogers." With the Neighborhood Archive growing in popularity since 2008, Tim has formed a working relationship with Fred Rogers Productions (Pittsburgh, PA), the non-profit company established by Fred Rogers in 1971. Continuing to pursue his research and collection of memorabilia from the career of Fred Rogers, Tim's Neighborhood Archive led to his involvement as co-author of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: A Visual History. Additionally, Tim has provided commentary for television specials as The Untold Story:



The Karate Kid (REEELZ, 2022) and has written articles for publications including LINK magazine and mental floss.

Tim is a product of Southern Illinois – born and raised in Salem. Following his graduation from high school, he attended Eastern Illinois University attaining a Bachelor's Degree in History Education and a Master's Degree in School Counseling. Currently, Tim is employed at Mahomet-Seymour High School and celebrates daily life with his wife and five children. In his personal life, Tim is an avid fan of the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs, the 2018 Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles, and the New York Knicks. He enjoys music from all genres, a good book, and a hot cup of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

Ultimately, Tim's priority in life has become his faith and relationship with Jesus.

Come meet Tim on The Square in Louisville on Sept. 15 (events starting at 5 p.m.) and see what he has to share about Mister Rogers. Additionally, tune in to WNOI The Revue on Sept. 13 for which Tim will be a guest. (sponsored by Clay County Genealogical Society) *Next week: The Mister Rogers Presentation Summary.*

Go Behind The Scenes Of

Mister Roger's Neighborhood This amazing presentation is based on 15 years of researching Mr. Fred Rogers and collecting Neighbor-



hood memorabilia. Tim will share with us information about Fred's upbringing, his family history, the broad spectrum of his 50-plus year career, and the importance of his legacy and timeless message of peace, love, and self-value.

Included in this storied history will be recounts of first-hand interactions with Fred Rogers, clips from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and pieces from Tim's collection of both historical and nostalgic value.

Please plan to join the Clay County Genealogical Society for the Mister Rogers program as well as other activities planned for the evening of Sept. 15. Tim will also be a guest on WNOI The Revue on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.

Next Week: The story of a friendship which became the basis for the film, A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (Mister Rogers'

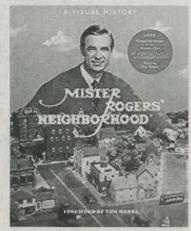
Neighborhood: A Visual History co-authored by Tim Lybarger)

Getting to Know Our Television Neighbor

Tim Lybarger, the speaker for the Clay County Genealogical Society program on Sept. 15, 6 p.m., coauthored the book pictured in this week's promotion, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: A Visual History.

The foreword for this book was written by Tom Hanks, who portrayed Mr. Fred Rogers in the feature film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (a movie we will watch at 7 p.m. on The Square after Tim's presentation).

Tom Hanks is quoted as saying, "Fred Rogers knew where his ministry was, in the few feet on the



other side of the TV screen. His congregation was the children." The book also contains A Neighborly Chat with Tom Junod, the reporter assigned to write a story about Fred Rogers for Esquire magazine. The story of the friendship that developed between these two men is the basis for the movie that we will watch. There is so much more to learn about Fred Rogers! Hope to see you on the square on Sept. 15. Next week: Other Activities Planned for the Evening of Sept. 15 on The Square!

"Won't You Be Our Neighbor?"

CCGS Mister Rogers Schedule of Events--Sept. 15

<u>5 p.m.</u> The Fair Lady Food Truck featuring assorted flavors of shakeups, mini donuts, pretzels, nachos and cheese (25% of all sales and tips donated to the CCGS)

Krazy Sno Kone Factory featuring sno cones as well as candies

North Clay FFA featuring pork burgers and chips

*Stop-by and pick up; carry-outs available for all food stands, even if you are not staying for the program, which we hope you will! Tim will be well worth the visit.

6 p.m. Tim Lybarger presents the CCGS program, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" in which Tim will take a look at Fred Rogers' upbringing, his career, and the importance of his legacy.

7 p.m. Movie on the Square, A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

*Rain cancels ONLY the movie. We will have some chairs set out, but you might want your own lawn chair.

Other events: Kids' Korner (games, face-painting, etc.) in the pocket park from 5-7 p.m. Raffles for baskets of Mister Rogers memorabilia. Mister Rogers Look-Alike contests (adult and children) – get out your blue shoes, trousers, and sweater.

Next week: Final Invitation and Last-Minute Details. Tim will be the guest on WNOI Radio, The ReVue, on Sept. 13. Tune in!