

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

August 2022

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Updates

\$20,000 Gift Opens Drive For New Museum Roof

A \$20,000 contribution kicked off the fund-raising drive for \$30,000 to re-shingle the Cedarville Historical Society Museum and repair the deteriorating roof and cupola.

The current roofing, thought to be more than 40 years old, leaks in many places posing a severe threat to priceless local historical artifacts, exhibits and museum equipment.

The opening gift was made by the Bade family consisting of Jim, Wendy Bade-Gilpin, Lisa Bade Goodwin, and Sue Bade Myers, all living in the Cedarville area. Jim is president emeritus of the historical society.

MAS Roofing of Freeport was selected for the job at an August 2nd meeting of the Historical Society board.

It is thought the two-story brick building dates back to 1855, only a few years after the school site was acquired. Brick as a building material in the Cedarville area first became available about 1850 when brick manufacturing started in Red Oak.

In the brief autobiography of Agnes Bennethum, future wife of Cedarville buggy maker John Henny, she tells of Cedarville Union troops training on the site during the Civil War. The current building is probably the result of an 1888 remodeling.

The roof fund raising campaign is reminiscent of the drive to install an elevator. A \$20,000 gift from Cedarville farmer Karl Erickson preceded early success. As a result, Cedarville is believed to be the only small multi-story museum in Illinois with an elevator.

The museum building has a checkered history. It continued to be used as a school until a new school was built on Washington Street. Then the village acquired the 1888 building. It was then used by various organizations. After years of use and lack of maintenance the building deteriorated. The village then sold the building for one dollar to the historical society with the proviso it was to be made usable to the public within five years. After a stuttering start, the society vigorously began the renewal procedure with the raising of \$26,000 to install new bathrooms.

WTTW Films Museum For Jane Addams Story

Chicago PBS television station WTTW spent August 2 filming scenes within the Cedarville history museum as part of the station's hour long program on village native Jane Addams.

Included in the film will be an interview with Paul Fry, now nearing 100 and the last surviving pall-bearer of the 1935 funeral of the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Also included will be some segments of Cedarville Area Historical Society President, Steve Myers commenting on various Addams Family items in the museum.

This recording is part of the popular series on PBS called "Chicago Stories" and will air in the spring of 2023.



Producer, Rachel Ruiz gives Paul some tips



Group photo after a successful recording (L-R) Sam, Ian, Paul, Rachel, Steve



Camera Lead, Sam Rong and Lighting Lead,



Crew gets Paul Fry ready for the next ses-



Associate Producer, Ian Bertorelli takes



Producer, Rachel Ruiz and Camera Lead,

An Evening of Music

Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

Alyssa Nelson

Harp Program



Tickets at the Door - \$7.00/Members

\$10.00/Non-Members

Refreshments Will Be Served

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Street*

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Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)

Museum is always available by appointment

During non-open hours you can utilize the Ring doorbell and we will do our best meet you at the museum

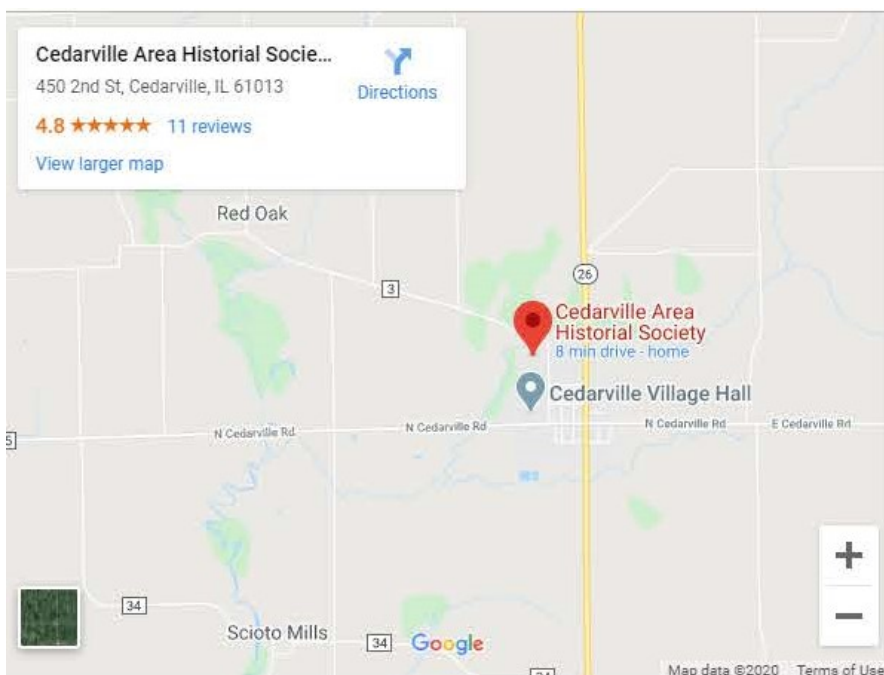
Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

Call or text 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve or email info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

We Would Love to Share Your Stories

Email us your stories or antidotes about Cedarville or the Cedarville area. We will present them in following newsletters. Email them to info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. We need your support. Thank you.



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