

Have We Got Hostas!

Even the boss has to work. For six days in June, Historical Society President Jim Bade (right) thinned the large number of hostas growing in his yard and transplanted them at the museum under the watchful eye of his wife, Bonnie (lower right). In all more than 50 plants were placed on both sides of the east main door or along the 180 foot long fence on the east property line. There will be no more landscape work until the fall.



Bonnie (right) adjusts the hostas flanking the steps leading to the east door of the museum. More than three dozen plants (above) line the fence along the museum east property line.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE JULY 2007

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Gary Raetz, the Wellings to Speak July 24 on Rock Run Area Germans

Gary Raetz, president of the Rock Run Country Historical Society, and Ron and Lavonne Welling, Rock Run Township residents, will speak at the Cedarville Museum Tuesday, July 24, on the first mass German movement to the Rock Run area. The program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 for members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and \$3 for non-members and they can be purchased at the museum on weekends, at the Jane Addams Community Center in Cedarville, at the door or by calling 815-563-4485. This will be the second of five Tuesday evening programs to be presented by the historical society.



The program will include a DVD segment by Raetz on the founding and early history of the German settlement at Epleyanna. The Wellings will speak about the German influences that long remained in the northeastern Stephenson County townships of Rock Run and Dakota.

The DVD by Raetz shows old pictures of the village of Epleyanna and the church that fifteen families from Lippe-Detmold

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Cedarville Lions Club, Kent Bank, Members Contribute to Society

The Cedarville Lions Club, Kent Bank and several individuals in June contributed money and historical artifacts to the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

The Lions Club through its weekly bingo activities contributed two thirds of the \$1,100 needed to purchase the six large trees planted in May on the museum grounds. Kent Bank, Freeport, contributed funds to the historical society's program account. Both organizations have supported the society in the past.

Artifact contributors were: Norman Kaiser, old books; William Angle, historic newspaper articles; Moira Knowlton, abstract of her property on Mill Street, Cedarville; Betty Cummins, a copy of the 1940-41 Cedarville School year book; Jane Goodspeed, memoirs of her family's life on Cedarville's Pine Hill and Clarence Burlingame, old photographs.

Society Receives Grant

The Illinois 4-H Foundation has awarded the Lena Live Wires \$235 to pay for material to be used to scrape and repaint the Cedarville Museum fire escape and the playground equipment.

The work will be done this summer by members of the Lena group under the direction of Nathan Myers, a member.



Fred Peska, right, Cedarville Lions Club president, and Art Leverington, club bingo chairman.

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The historical society is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

The following poem was written by historical society member Marian "Cel" Fransen to honor her friend Mary Ellyn Mau, Cedarville area historian, who died February 14, 2007, just ten days short of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Ted Mau was the oldest member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and always a ready source of information. She was a direct descendant of Cedarville pioneers Josiah and Maria Clingman, who came to Cedarville in 1837.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY MAU

*On Fisher Road near McConnell
In a red brick house on the hill,
The lawn was so beautiful
I can see it still.*

*In this red brick house called Riverwood
Lived a lovely lady so small and trim.
She was a delight to all who knew her
And she had a lot of vigor and vim.*

*A stylish lady always with a smile,
She always looked proper and prim.
She wore hats to frame her face
With never a hair out of place.*

*She attended church on Sundays
With her hat and high heeled shoes.
My how we admired her.
Her age she never showed.*

*We will cherish her memory always,
The lovely lady of Riverwood Mary Mau*

NO !!!

*LeRoy Wilson
is not gone.
He's just taking
a rest this month
from his stories
about Cedarville in
the 30's and 40's.*

*However: For a
copy of the article
he read at the Me-
morial Day cere-
mony, call 815-
563-4485 or write
the historical soci-
ety and a copy will
be sent to you.*

Raetz, Wellings to Speak July 24

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in Germany started upon their 1847 arrival in the United States. The settlement was along the Rock Run Creek between Davis and Rock City, one mile north of present day Highway 75.

The program will also contain stories of these Germans who maintained church summer schools until the early 1900's when they were closed as the people real-

ized they could not continue to have their "little Germany" in the United States because their children wanted to be Americans. Church services continued at least once a month until World War II. The cemetery was once the largest in Stephenson County outside of Freeport.

The Cedarville Museum is comfortably air conditioned and lighted. Refreshments are served before and after each program.



The finishing touches are being put on the Rosabelle Cronau Research Center on the second floor of the Cedarville Museum. It should be ready for use in about thirty days.

The historical society's collection of books related to Cedarville area history is being moved from storage and placed on the seven foot by ten foot oak bookcase and there is now a sturdy drop leaf oak table and two comfortable chairs for researchers to use. Two oak four drawer filing cabinets have been purchased, but need to be assembled.

When completed, the research center will house all of the society's books, photographs, documents, videos, CD's and DVD's. It will have computerized files.

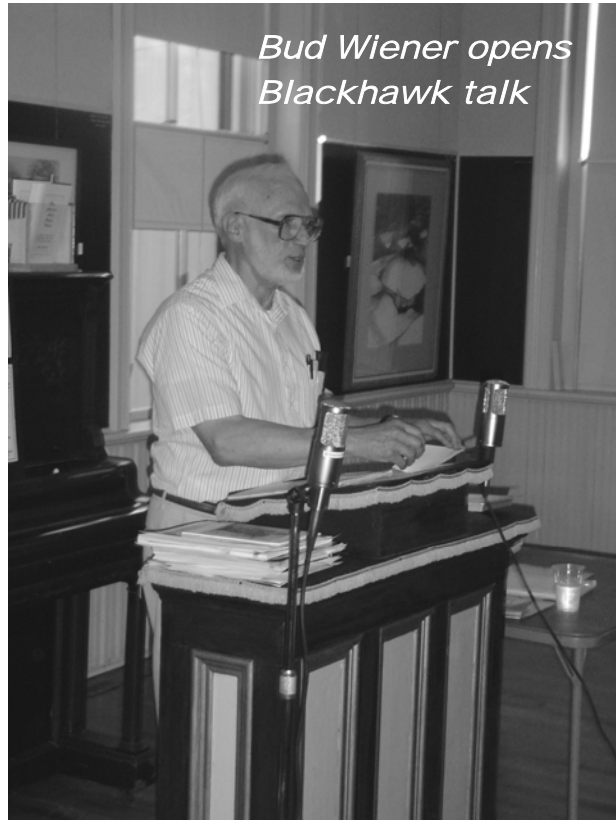
Phase Two of Cemetery Restoration Underway

Restoration of Cedarville Cemetery monuments representing another thirteen members of the pioneer Clingman family is expected to be completed by the first week of July. Last year work was completed on a dozen Clingman stones.

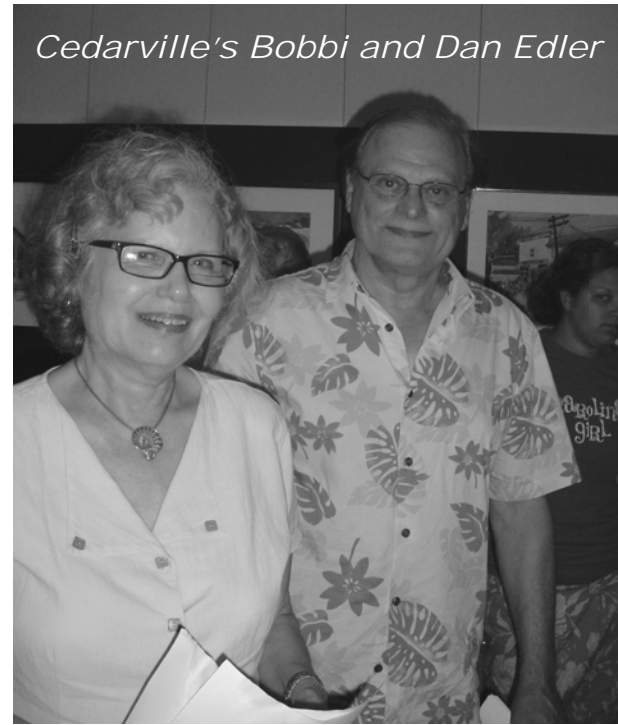
The work is being paid for by family members under a program sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Later this summer, monuments belonging to persons related to the Angles and Bells, also pioneer families, will be restored through funds contributed by family members.

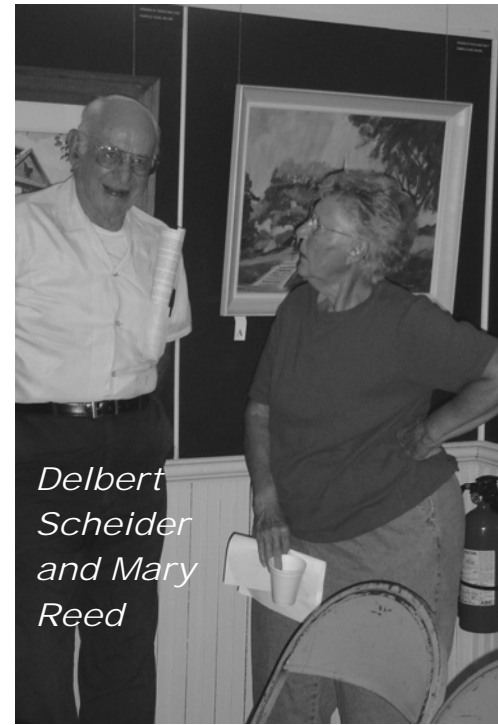




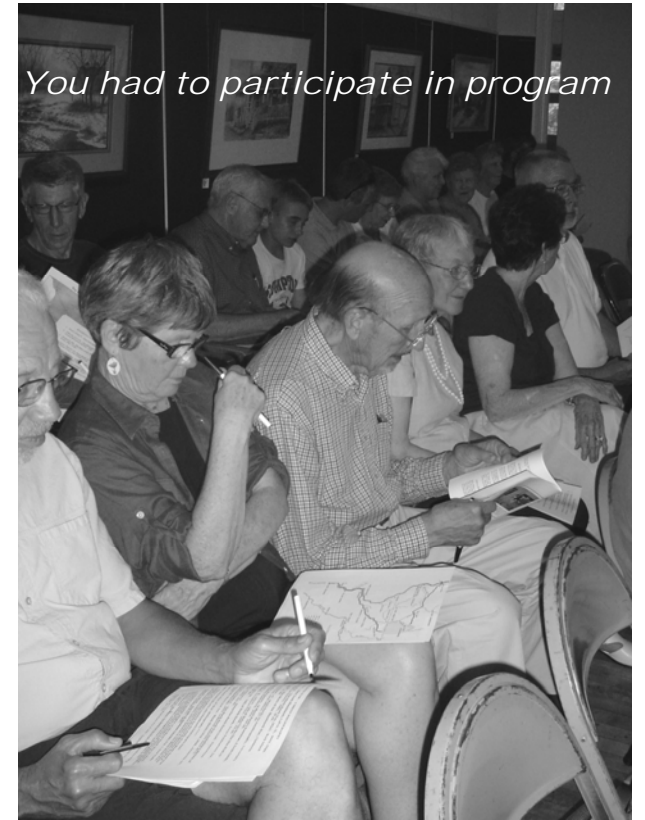
*Bud Wiener opens
Blackhawk talk*



Cedarville's Bobbi and Dan Edler



*Delbert
Scheider
and Mary
Reed*



You had to participate in program

A Full House for Blackhawk Program



Alfred and Jacqueline Stewart



They came early, stayed late



Wiener and Jane Goodspeed