



*Ray Cronau on his trusty mower*

## **Ray Cronau —All Around Volunteer**

Cedarville's Ray Cronau is one of those historical society volunteers who keeps the wheels rolling and the news flowing.

For the second year Ray has been responsible for keeping the half acre of grass surrounding the Cedarville Museum looking trim.

On an average of three times a month during the grass growing season, Ray can be seen on his riding mower speeding around the museum grounds. Not content to just cut the grass, Ray also goes over the thick areas a second time and collects the clippings.

And once a month ten times a year, Ray addresses, stamps, stuffs and seals the 140 plus envelopes that contain the membership newsletters.

## **Bokemeiers Donate Artifacts to Society**

The Cedarville Area Historical Society is happy to receive several village artifacts from Dennis and Susan Bokemeier.

Included in the gifts was a copy of James Weber Linn's biography of Jane Addams. This book once belonged to Margaret Frank, well-known Cedarville historian and former president of the historical society.

The society was also given the opportunity to scan the 1878 entry and signature of Jane Addams which is contained in the nineteenth century autograph book of Miss Laura Rezner, one of Dennis's aunts.

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## **Cedarville's Jane Goodspeed to Bring Addams Niece to Life September 23**

Jane Goodspeed will become Marcet Haldeman-Julius, many-faceted niece of Jane Addams, when the Cedarville Area Historical Society on Tuesday, Sept. 23, presents its fourth evening program.

The 7:30 p.m. performance will be in the Cedarville Museum on the top of the Second Street hill in the village

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$2 for members of the historical society and \$3 for non members. Refreshments will be served after the show.

Marcet, the daughter of Sarah Alice Addams and her husband and step-brother Henry (Harry) Haldeman, was born in  
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## **Jane Addams Festival September 20**

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will present the fifth annual Jane Addams Festival on Saturday, September 20. The event honors the September birth of the Nobel peace prize winner and founder of Chicago's Hull-House who was born in Cedarville in 1860.

The events will include a 5K run and walk on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville, a not-too-serious mixed horseshoe tournament, games for everyone, a picnic lunch, festival T shirts, a museum tour and trophies and medals.

All events except the run and walk will take place at the Cedarville Museum located on top of the Second Street hill west of Mill Street.

The 5K run and walk will start at 9:30 a.m. at the trail head just south of Rt. 20 Bypass.  
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## Jane Goodspeed To Become Marcet

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1877 and died in 1941. During her life, she was an actress, world traveler, newspaper writer, book author, bank executive, wife, mother and publisher. In all these roles she was “colorful.”

The title of Mrs. Goodspeed’s program is “Once Upon a Time”, the title of a fairy tale written in 1916 by Marcet that is set in Cedarville’s Cedar Creek Valley.

As a child, Marcet often visited her step-grandmother Anna Haldeman Addams at the Addams homestead in Cedarville. Her book is dedicated to her grandmother from whom she heard tales of life along Cedar Creek. Admired by the young people in her family, Marcet loved to dress in costume as she related her stories. “Once Upon a Time” tells the adventures of Faith and Freedom in the grotto “where the cedars grow.” Mrs. Goodspeed knows the setting for the story well since she lives near many of the places mentioned in the book. She will take her listeners along on this tale of fantasy.

Jane and her family came to Pine Hill on the edge of Cedarville in 1971. She was instrumental in starting the Cedarville Area Historical Society and served as president for several years. Her interest



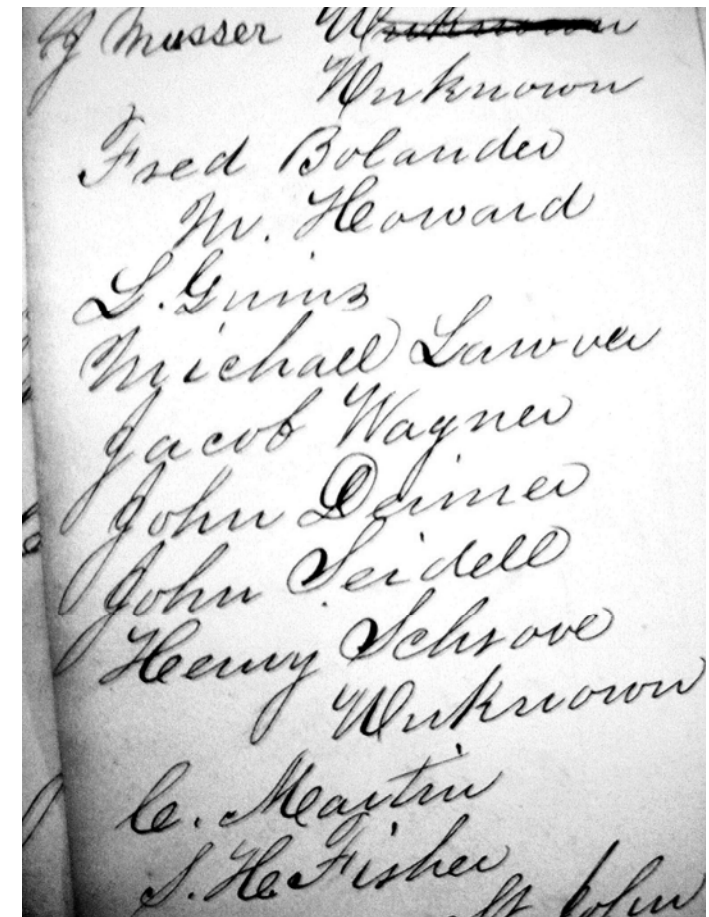
continues as she and her husband, Roger, participate in many society events. Roger, a retired doctor, is the artist who has created several of the scenes used on the society’s popular note cards.

### Kudos to Cemetery Assn.

If you have visited the Cedarville Cemetery lately, you must have noticed that the cemetery association has restored fifteen monuments that were broken, toppled or partially buried.

The Cedarville Area Historical Society wants to thank Bill Pick and his crew for their work and we know we can look forward to more restoration work by them in the near future.

*Sample of names found on pages of 1859 county tax records book. Many of these names can be found in Stephenson County today.*



there is a separate listing for Cedarville. Other settled areas that we no longer hear of are also included — Huron, New Pennsylvania, Louisa.

Historical society records indicate the book was given to the society by Arthur Brubaker. It is not known at this time whether he gave the second volume with the other eight townships, but it has not

been found in our archives.

Interestingly, the earliest copy of a county plat book in the Freeport Library is from 1859. And it is a poor photocopy.

Scanning and enhancing of the society book must wait until we have the proper equipment to handle such large pages.

# 1859 Book of Stephenson County Tax Records Found in Archives

By *Jim Bade*

It's big, it's heavy and it's jammed with fascinating information about half of Stephenson County in 1859.

I'm talking about the record book of the county tax assessor from that year that has turned up in the archives of the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Measuring eleven inches by fourteen inches and with several hundred pages, the book names the owners of every property in eight townships, locates the property and states the valuation of the property and the tax for that year. In

addition it gives the amount of tax money each taxing district received from individual properties. Both rural and non-rural land is included in the book.

The eight townships are Buckeye, Erin, Kent, West Point, Waddams, Rock Grove, Oneco and Winslow.

The leather cover of the book is in bad shape, but you can still read the year 1859 and the words **Erin (to) Winslow** on its spine. The quality of the ink handwriting on each page ranges from fair to good. There are blank pages between individual townships and subdivided areas within the townships. For example,



*Leather  
bound  
copy of  
1859  
township  
tax records*

# Jane Addams Festival September 20

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Registration for those who do not pre-register will be there at 8:30 a.m. The event ends at Cedarville Road with awards to be presented approximately at 11 a.m. at the museum. Transportation to the museum will be available at the finish line.

Pre-registration is \$15; late registration is \$18. All registrants will receive a festival T-shirt.

There will be seven age groups in the 5K run. The overall fastest male and female will receive a trophy. The first, second and third place finishers in the seven age groups in both sexes will receive medals.

The horseshoe tournament will start at the museum at 8:30 a.m. Each team will consist of a man and woman and the cost is \$15 for each. Both will receive a T-shirt.

The competition will be friendly but serious and regular horseshoes will be used. The two members of the winning team will receive a trophy. Cindy Lloyd and Nate Dale, winners the past two years, are expected to return to defend their title.

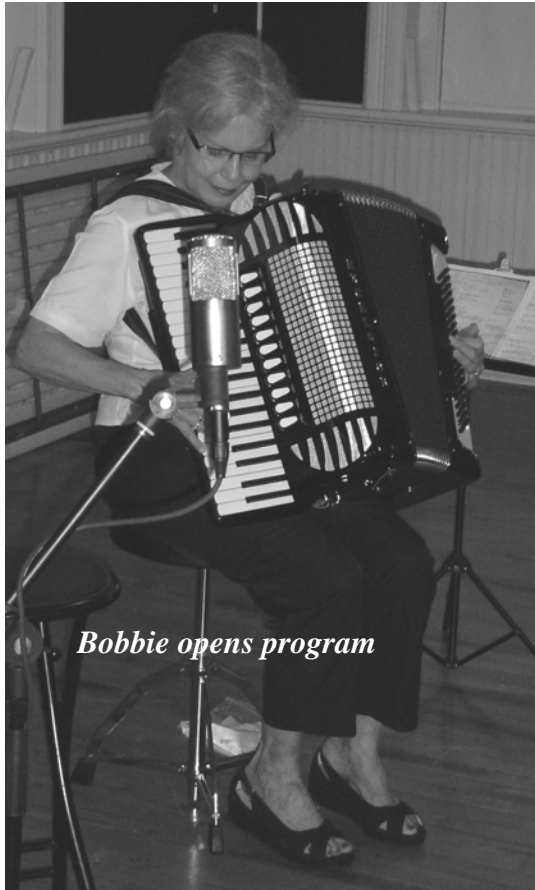
The games for children and adults will start at 10 a.m. There is no registration or cost and participants need only to show up at the museum.

The picnic lunch will start at 11 a.m. An appropriate donation will be appreciated.

Extra festival T-shirts will be available at the museum to anyone for \$10.

Details of the festival and pre-registration forms for the 5K run and walk and horseshoe tournament are available in a separate brochure at the following locations: the Cedarville Museum, the Methodist, Baptist and EEC churches, the Cedarville Community Center on Washington Street, Hair It Is, Cedar Inn, Reed's Service and the Mobile Station in Cedarville on Rt. 26, the Cedarville post office, Lena Park District swimming pool and the Freeport Park District office on Burchard Street. Members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society will receive a copy of the brochure in the mail with this newsletter.

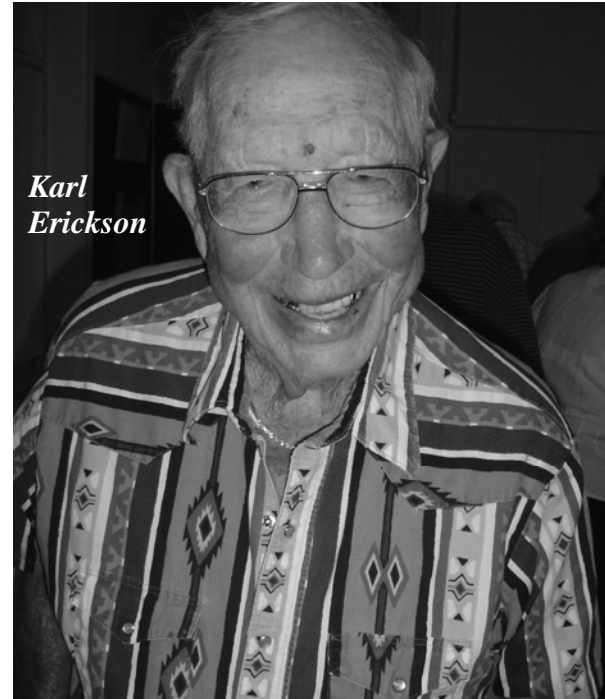
Registration forms are also available by calling 815-563-4485 or the Cedarville Museum 815-563-4202.



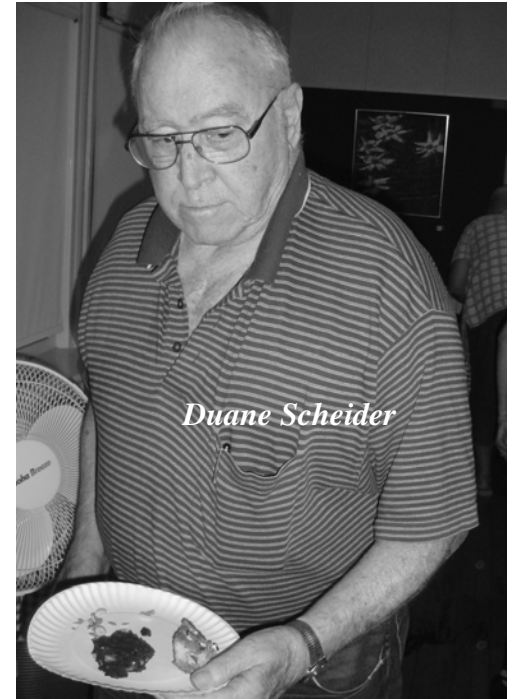
*Bobbie opens program*



*Jerry and Bobbie*

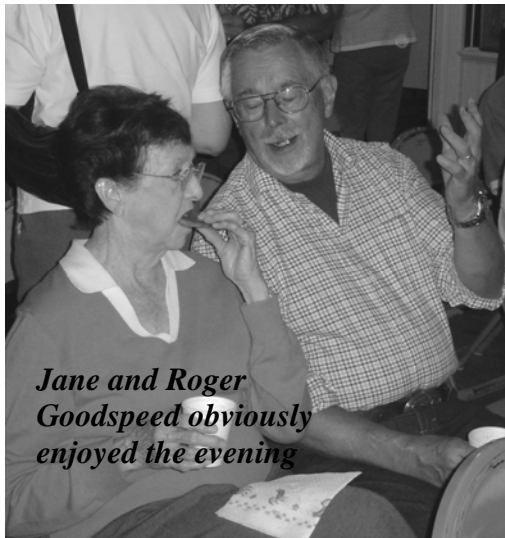


*Karl  
Erickson*

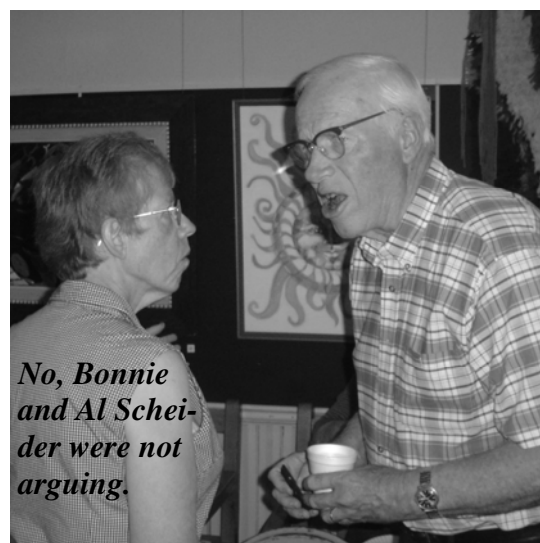


*Duane Scheider*

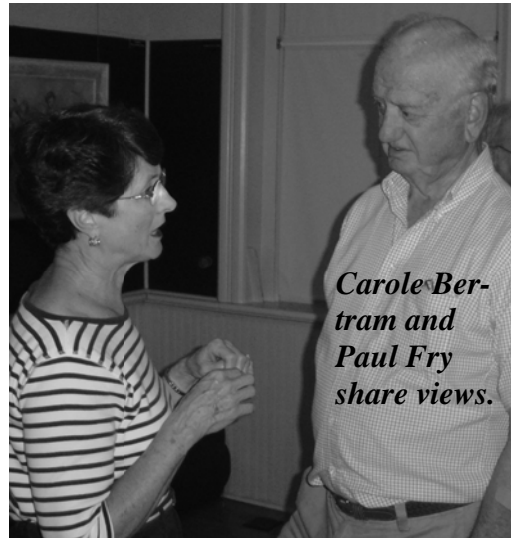
***Bobbie Edler, Jerry Hastings Wow Packed House at 3rd Cedarville Museum Program***



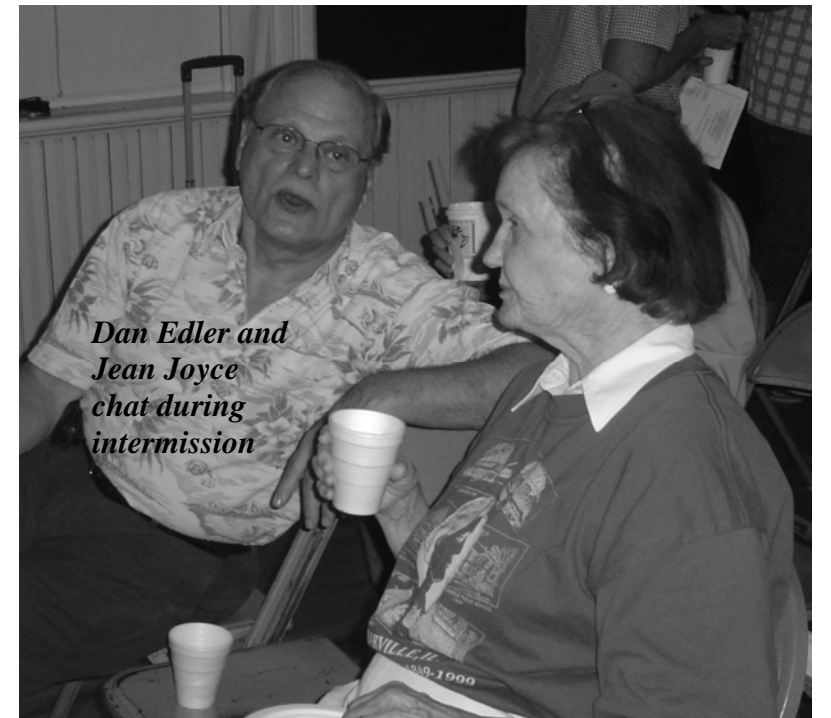
*Jane and Roger  
Goodspeed obviously  
enjoyed the evening*



*No, Bonnie  
and Al Schei-  
der were not  
arguing.*



*Carole Ber-  
tram and  
Paul Fry  
share views.*



*Dan Edler and  
Jean Joyce  
chat during  
intermission*