

**ECHOES OF
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November-December
2024**

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Updates

The Cedarville Area Historical Society's 2024 season has ended and we thank all of you who attended the programs either in person or via the FaceBook Live presentation. In addition to historic programs that were presented by many of our local historians, the museum was also used for one of Highland Community College's Lifelong Learning Programs-Metal Detecting Basics. On October 7th, they conducted one of their Lifelong Learning classes at the museum. The Class, Metal Detecting Basics was conducted by Instructor Dale Anderson and included how to assemble and use your metal detector. They have many wonderful programs and we urge you to check them out.

The CAHS Board will be meeting at the museum on November 12th to review existing exhibits and assess where and what we can do to enhance existing displays and determine what new displays can be added for 2025. If you have any suggestions for new displays please feel free to reach out to us. Also if you have any local memorabilia that you would like to donate to the museum, contact us. We would really love to add some additional items to our displays. We are looking for photos, books, and any other items that were used by the students while attending the school. We are also excited that we will be adding two new pieces to our LeRoy Wilson Theater for next spring. We recently received a donation of two Rosalee Rockman paintings (thank you Ron) that will be available for viewing in the spring. On a sad note longtime Cedarville resident and CAHS member, Karen Macomber passed away on September 18th, following a long battle with cancer and Parkinson's. Our condolences to her husband Dave and their entire family. Karen's presence in the community will be sorely missed.

Save the Date: Chili/Soup Luncheon— February 9th, 2025 11:00-1:00

Facebook Postings and Comments Who Knew? Did you know that there is a song about Jane Addams? Well neither did we. The song is sung by Henhouse Prowlers, a Chicago Bluegrass group and is titled The Departure. Its available on YouTube, just type in Henhouse Prowlers, Jane Addams and you will find it. Facebook post of a photo of Charles Donald Fink (born February 17, 1892, Died March 22,1941) generated the following comment: Dave Dimmick said—"Lived back in the lane where I grew up. His wife made good cookies". A photo of Bill Angle and Carolyn generated a comment from Tait Weigel: "One day when I was sitting with the museum, he stopped to visit with me. I pretty much listened to his stories two hours which I came home and told Phil was one of the most interesting visits I've enjoyed. He grew up best friends with our close friend Joe Hutchison. It was a lovely romance being heard from his point of view and detail. He died not long after. He wore bib overalls that day. He was a romantic person and a good story teller. Carolyn was a darling woman". It are comments like these that keep history alive, thank you Tait

2025 Membership

Dear Cedarville Area Historical Society members and friends,

This year has gone by way too quickly, we hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have and were able to visit the museum. This year we enjoyed seeing both familiar and new faces at our annual Soup and Chili Luncheon as well as the annual Memorial Day Celebration. Throughout the summer we also had 4 very interesting programs about Memorial Day in Cedarville, homes and businesses in the village, Reed's service station and other local gas stations, and lastly the program on Lost Lake. We live in an area with a rich history and are proud to be able to make what we know available to all. Many of us grew up in Cedarville and the surrounding area and were surprised at all our little village has had to offer throughout the years. We wish to thank our treasurer, Galen Bertram for his great idea of requesting members send us their memories of growing up in Cedarville. Also, a big thank you to all the members who have submitted them. Its nice to hear how things have changed yet how some-things remain the same. Please continue to send your stories so we can include them in future newsletters. Everyone has a story to tell, and we would like to preserve these stories of our history for future generations. This year, sadly we lost a couple of our long-time members and historians; Jim Bade, President Emeritus and Paul Fry. Also, Jane Goodspeed, who was one of the original 7 people who founded the CAHS back on June 6th, 1975. They had a wealth of information regarding Cedarville, its history, people and the surrounding area. They were instrumental in gathering and preserving the history as well as sharing what they knew. We are forever grateful for their contributions to the museum/historical society and documenting of Cedarville history. Fall is the time of year when things slow down and we again ask for your support of the Cedarville Area Historical Society for the upcoming year by renewing your membership. If you are not a member please consider joining. Our dues remain the same as they have been and are only \$15 per year for individuals and \$25 per year for families. As always, if you would like to contribute extra, it is more than welcome and very appreciated. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue bringing forth programs, tours, and special events as well as the general maintenance and upkeep of the museum and historical society. Thru your generous donations we've been able to replace the roof, install an elevator as well as complete many other projects and on-going maintenance to our historic building. To continue your support, we ask that you make payment in October – November 2024. You may pay by check to CAHS for your dues and any additional contribution you would like to include. Please mail the payment to CAHS, 1212 Stewart Ave, Freeport, IL 61032. You may also pay on our website, cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org with a major credit card. Cedarville Area Historical Society is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. We are always open to your ideas on what you would like to see at the museum, please let us know and we will see if they can be incorporated. Lately we've been featuring many articles and stories on our FaceBook page and appreciate the comments and additional information this has garnered. Please continue to send us information and/or questions and we will do our best to address all inquiries and comments. Physically this year we were able to add tv monitors to several exhibits, so you can see and hear a narrative. We are also in the process of revamping the library to make it more user-friendly. This winter we plan to review/reorganize some existing exhibits and hopefully make room to add more from our archives. All of this is made possible by your dues and generous donations, we deeply appreciate it and thank you. We look forward to seeing you at the first event of the new year, The Soup & Chili Luncheon to be held on February 9, 2025 from 11 – 1pm.

Members Memories Carolyn Engle Larnia

When I read in our last newsletter where Mr. Bertram invited members to share stories of being connected to Cedarville, I couldn't resist. I loved growing up in Cedarville and have lots of fond memories of my childhood there.

I'm Carolyn Engle Larnia and I moved to Cedarville in 1950 when I was 7 years old to the property that was a nursery owned by a Mr Strohacker (not sure of the spelling). It was across the cow/corn field from the Cedarville school. My family at that time consisted of Mom (Narcissa) and Dad (Dick Engle), sisters Theresa and Patsy. Youngest sister Miriam, came along some years later.

I started school as a second grader. My teacher was Mrs. Goecke. There were three grades in her room at that time-1st, 2nd and 3rd. She was a wonderful teacher. Attended school there through the 6th grade when it was decided to bus the 7th and 8th grade kids to Freeport. I fondly remember Chris Bertram, Galen's grandfather, as the janitor at the school. He would let us ring the school bell sometimes. I had a favorite desk in the 2nd grade and he made sure it went with me into the 3rd and 4th grades. Such a fine gentleman he was.

Some of my favorite memories are recess time, playing tag, kick the can, red light-green light, hide and seek, and others with Cedarville kids. There were times of bike riding, jumping rope, playing jacks, roller skating. My sisters and I would hike down to the Cedar Creek on occasion and look for frogs etc. We had many good friends in Cedarville and I remember so many of them fondly. Chuck Hutchison and his family lived down the hill from our house. He was, as a baby, the survivor of a tornado that claimed the life of his mother. His dad remarried and they had two girls. I had two best friends: Nancy Fransen and Larna Zipse. Nancy and I are Facebook friends along with Gary Wagner who was a year older than I, and with Chuck.

Some other fond memories are of the outdoor movies, events at the Community Hall at Christmas and Halloween, Old Settlers' Day festivities., Memorial Day parades and other occasions that I can't remember offhand. I was in Girl Scouts with Mrs. Ewing as our leader and in 4-H with Mrs Annamarie Zipse as our leader.

Bear's grocery store was a favorite place to go for a treat of some kind. If I remember right, the owners were Flossie and Glen Bear. In the summer time my sisters and I would crawl under the barbed-wire fence and cross the field to the school to play on the playground equipment-merry-go-round, slide, swings, trapeze, teeter-totters. Fun times!

There are many more memories too numerous to go into. Just know that I'm very proud of our small community and the wonderful museum we have where its history is being displayed, especial about our "claim to fame" lady, Jane Addams. There will always be a special place in my heart for Cedarville and its memories. Made me very happy that my Mother was part of the museum and enjoyed her years being involved as a member and board member

August Program John Reed—Cedarville's Gas Stations



John is always very interactive with the audience



The building on the left is Reed's Garage

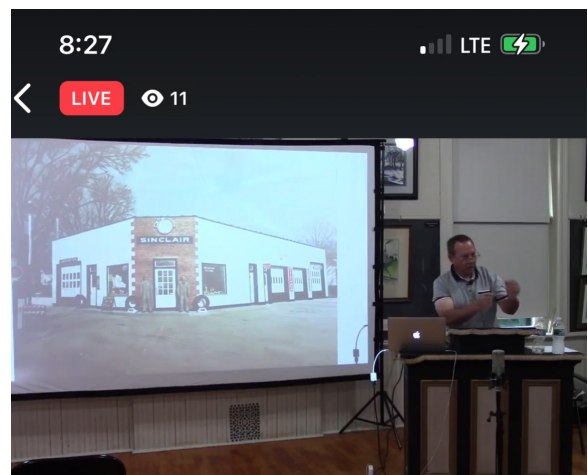


Top: Media Desk set up for Facebook live broadcasts.



John's audience had many question as well as provided insight regarding some of the stations

Right: From Facebook live streaming. Reed's Garage when it was a Sinclair. Note that this photo shows that there were 11 people watching from their homes



September Program Andy Dvorak—Lost Lake



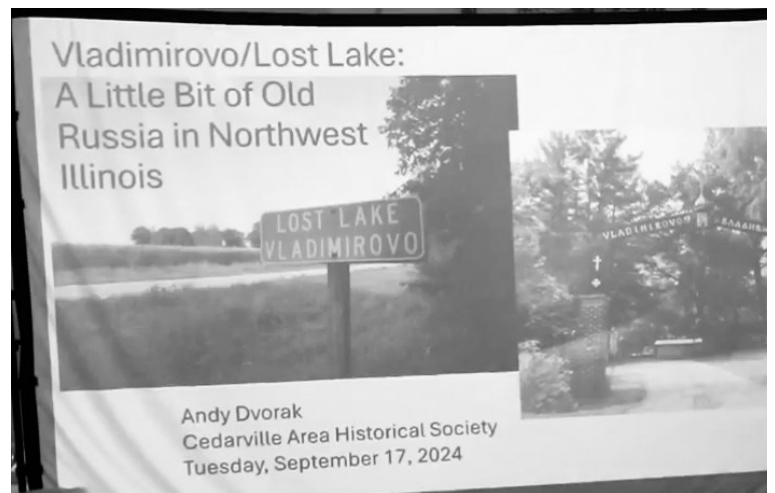
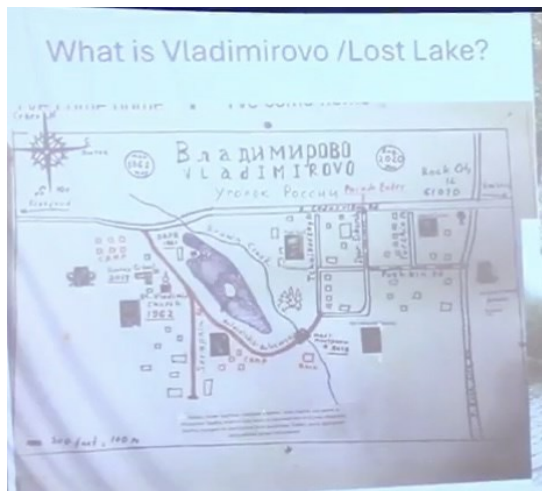
Top: President Steve Myers kicks off the program
Bottom: Our presenters are always very animated



Top: Andy's presentation included the history of the early Russian Settlers
Bottom: The conversation continued while refreshments were being consumed



Bottom photos depict the layout of the lake and its property and the entrance



Memorial Day Memories

Going through boxes or files here at the museum results in the unearthing of many memories, or as we refer to it here at the museum...Going Down The Rabbit Hole. Well we found quite a few pictures that were recently donated to the museum that included many photos of past Memorial Day Parades and felt that we would share them with you. If these photos generate Cedarville memories we would love to hear from you about those memories. Also if you recognize anyone in the photos, please reach out and share that information so that we can include it in our files



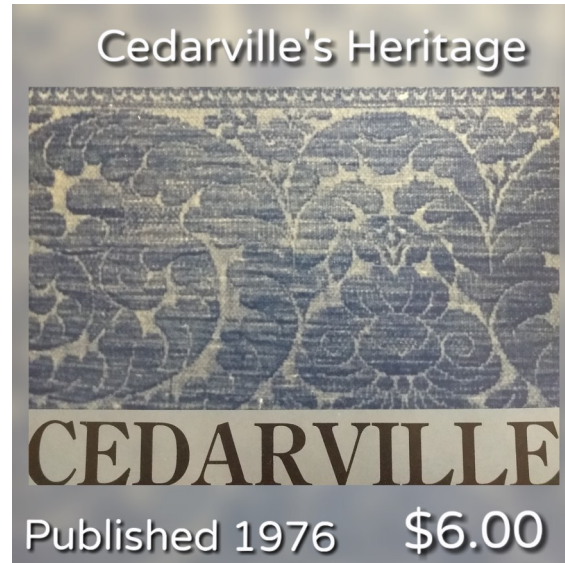
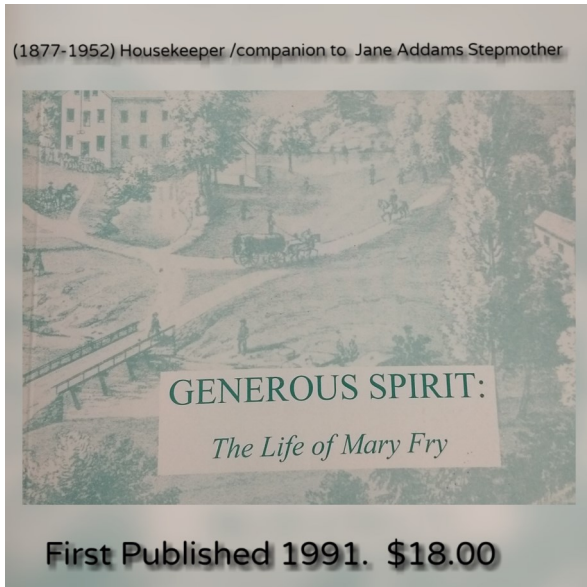
Top: 1953: Paul Kryder is 2nd from left

Bottom Left: 1952 Paul Kryder, Soldier in front row, second from left



Above: 1952 Paul Kryder, in uniform, 2nd from the tree

This book, written by Paul Fry. Paul was an industrious researcher when writing this book. He tells the story he unearthed of his aunt's life with great care. Drawing on family memories, Mary's reminiscences and Fry and Addams family letters, including Jane Addams's correspondence, to piece together the year-by-year chronology of Trips, visits, crises, disputes and affections, and delightful days. Mary went to live with Jane's stepmother, Anna Haldeman Addams in 1889 when she was twelve and lived with her in a sort of granddaughter/companion/servant role. This role continued until Anna Addams death in 1919. This book is available for \$10.00 and \$8.00 shipping and handling. If interested please email us at: info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org



Cedarville's Heritage was published in 1976, as a project of the Cedarville Bi-Centennial Commission. It was compiled as a memorial to its pioneers and their descendants and to acquaint newcomers of Cedarville's place in the history and development of Northern Illinois. Members of the commission who contributed to the publication were: Duane Smith, Ronald Beam, Rosalee Rockman, Grace Bright, Margaret Frank, Ruth Gaar and Clyde Kaiser. This book is available for \$6.00 and \$4.00 shipping and handling. If interested please email us at: info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

In September, CAHS member Larna Zipsy visited the museum. Larna attended the school from 1949-1955. Her parents were Romaine and Anna Marie Zipsy (often times spelled Zipse or Zipsie). Larna brought some of her Freeport High School classmates with her. Larna has recently moved back to the area and is living in Monroe. Welcome Home Larna!



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Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (June, July and August)

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

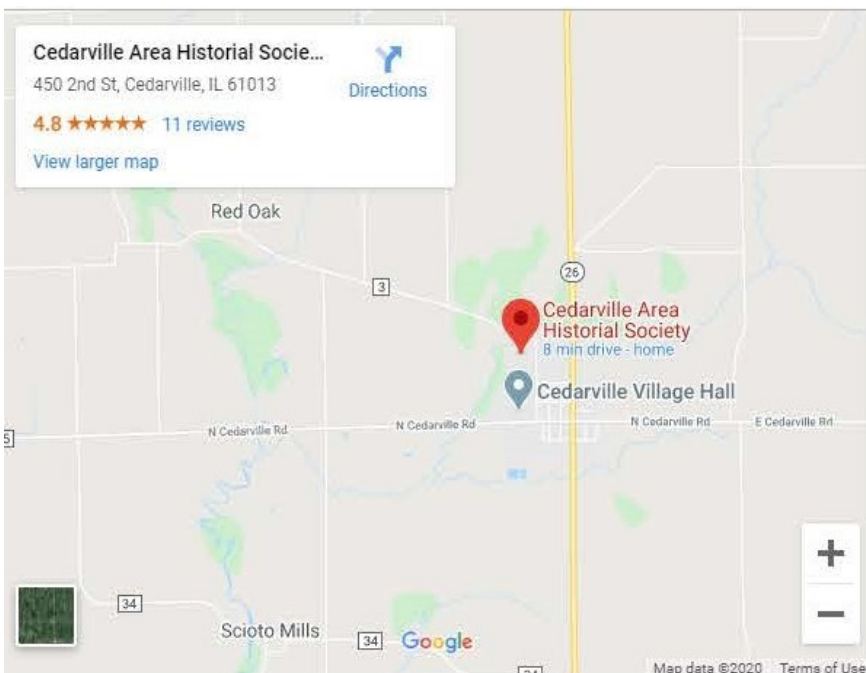
Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

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 are also very interested in how you, as a member are connected to Cedarville and to our Cedarville Area Historical Society. We will present them in following newsletters. Email them to: info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

We thank those of you who have submitted your renewals and would also like to thank those of you who have made additional donations to CAHS



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