

## 38 Volunteers to Open Museum Doors

Thirty eight Cedarville Museum volunteers have signed up to greet visitors to the museum during the six month 2009 museum season.

All thirty eight attended an April orientation session to learn more about the new exhibits and the historical society programs.

The volunteers are: Paul Fry, Joel and Beverly Scheider, Carol Meyers, Charlotte Kaiser, Hulone Scheider, Rose Binns, Tait Weigel, Lorraine Stabenow, Ramona Kryder, Moira Knowlton, Ruth Wardlow, Carolyn Weaver, Carolyn Ward.

Also, Dorcas Kuhlemeyer, Gayle Wilson,

Frank Rutter, Dottie Emo, Shirley Pick, Judy Corrie, Art Levrington, Kathy Glaze, Sharon Barmore, Jean Joyce.

And, Debbie Maize, Ladona Wardlow, Jim and Bonnie Bade, Narcissa Engle, Galen and Carole Bertram, Mary Reed, Bobbie Edler, Gina Cole, Peg Schoonhoven, Ann and Bill Tully and Jane Goodspeed.

For many of the volunteers this will be the fifth year they have helped visitors enjoy the museum in the former 1889 school. Some can even trace their service to the years when a much smaller Cedarville museum was located in the nineteenth century village hall and jail on Cherry Street.



*Through the generosity of Rodney Nelson, Rockford, Il., the Cedarville Area Historical Society has received the complete World War I army uniform of Cedarville's Charles T. Kryder. Mr. Nelson is the nephew of the late Mr. Kryder. Receipt of the seven piece uniform, including Mr. Kryder's helmet and gas mask, permitted the Cedarville Museum to build a new exhibit for the 2009 season. The Nelson donation also included a copy of the history of the Third Division, the unit in which Mr. Kryder served.*

## ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

MAY 2009

Cedarville Area Historical Society



## Memorial Day Parade, Picnic May 25

The Cedarville Memorial Day parade will step off at approximately 10 a.m. Monday, May 25, from in front of the telephone switch building on Mill Street just south of Second Street.

As in the past the parade has been organized by Cedarville's American Legion Post 1224. Traditionally the spectators — always numbering more than the parade marchers — become participants in the procession once it has started.

The marchers will stop at the Cedar Creek bridge for a prayer, the casting of flowers into the creek and a rifle salute. Then the procession will walk to Cedarville Cemetery on Red Oak Road.

The ceremony at the cemetery will include the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Lucas Evans, a Lena high school senior, who has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

The traditional Cedarville Historical Society picnic on the museum grounds will start about 11:30 a.m. rain or shine.



*Museum volunteer Harlan Corrie puts finishing touch on Red Oak exhibit.*

*Museum Open May 2—October 31  
Weekends 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.*

## June, July Free Museum Films Set

The 1964 musical “Mary Poppins” starring Julie Andrews will open the Friday night series of free outdoor movie classics to be presented at the Cedarville Museum..

The all-family hit will be shown starting at dusk on Friday, June 5. There is no charge to see any of the shows that will be projected against a screen on the north wall of the museum building.. Various refreshments will be available at a reasonable price.

This Cedarville Area Historical Society project is a throw-back to the free street movies that were common during the 1930’s and early 1940’s.

The nine films scheduled for the two months and their dates are:

“Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein:”, June 12; “You Can’t Take It With You with Jean Arthur and Jimmy Stewart”, June 19; “The Three Musketeers” with Gene Kelly and Lana Turner, June 26;

“Yankee Doodle Dandy” with James Cagney, July 3; “Hans Christian Andersen” with Danny Kaye, July 10; “My Man Godfrey” with William Powell and Carole Lombard, July 17; “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” with Howard Keel and Jane Powell, July 24; and “Duck Soup” with the Marx Brothers, July 31.

Those who attend the performances can either sit on the grass or bring lawn chairs. It is expected that special short subjects will be shown prior to the main feature so optimum darkness will be available for the movie.

The performance will be canceled in the event of rain. If that becomes necessary, a sign will be placed at the intersection of Mill Street and the Second Street hill leading to the museum the day of the scheduled performance.

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The historical society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U. S. government and as such has been designated as eligible to receive tax deductible gifts under the IRS tax code regulation 501 ( c ) ( 3 ).



***Buena Vista School at the intersection of Red Oak Road and McConnell Road as part of a residence in April 2009.***

teacher. We were in school from 9 o’clock until 4 p.m. There was a fifteen minute recess in the forenoon, one hour lunch period and a fifteen minute recess in the afternoon. Most of the children, as well as the teacher, brought their lunches.

We always played pump-pump-pull away, drop the handkerchief and many other games we made up. Some of the children liked to stay after four o’clock to clean the blackboards and the erasers so they would be ready for use the next morning.

Eighth grade examinations and graduation exercises were held in Freeport. The county superintendent that many former pupils will remember was Cyrus Stover Grove. To my best recollection there was no school nurse.

In order to raise money to buy extra items for the school, we sometimes had a basket social. The women and girls de-

corated baskets and put lunches for two people in them. The men and boys would bid on them. The highest bidder got the basket of his choice and could eat with his favorite girl — he hoped. Sometimes the boys found out which basket a certain girl brought and would bid only on that one. Now and then there would be an ice cream social to make money. Oh, yes, we had a school play which we took to the Red Oak School one night. That was a big event! At the end of the school year there was a family picnic in Wohlford’s timber west of Buena Vista with ice cream, etc. What a treat in those days!

In 1953 the good old Bueny School was closed and the pupils were taken to the Orangeville School by bus. Twenty years ago a former student, Martha Busjahn, bought the schoolhouse, remodeled it and lives there now. Our good old Bueny schoolhouse still stands and looks real good!

## *The Days of Good Old 'Bueny' School*

*By Flossie Zweifel Bear*

*(Flossie Bear, deceased, mother of Peggy Schoonhoven and co-owner in the 1930's with her husband Glen Bear of the general store on Cedarville's Cherry Street, attended the Buena Vista School on McConnell Rd. This 1979 article was written when she was in a nursing home.)*

On March 30, 1850, one fourth mile east of the village of Buena Vista, a school district was organized. Tom Wohlford, who owned much of the farm land in that area, gave the land for the school. A substantial stone building was erected. A small building was put up in which wood and coal were stored. Outdoor toilets were constructed — one for the girls and another for the boys. A well was dug to provide water.

The schoolroom was heated by a pot belly stove. Two separate closets were built for the girls' and boys' wraps. On a bench stood the usual water pail and dipper. The teacher's desk and chair were in the front of the room. In the 1900's a world map was put on the wall above the blackboard.

Early school trustees were Henry Ault, A. W. Lucas, J. H. Addams and John Montelius, treasurer. They held most of their meetings in the Buena Vista store.

Between 1905 and 1911 Buena Vista

School had five teachers. Two from Orangeville, Mr. Garns and Mr. Jacob Klontz, walked down the railroad track every day, weather permitting. Miss Alma Kruse came from Freeport on the train to Buena Vista and then walked from the depot to the school. She had to build the fire in the old pot belly stove since teachers were required to do the janitor work. When the weather was bad, she spent the night in the Adam Zweifel home. In the morning Mr. Zweifel took her to school in the bobsled. Miss Mabel Stoll, another teacher, lived between Red Oak and Buena Vista and walked to school. Mr. Ed Snyder taught our school one year. In the spring on Friday afternoons he took us to the woods to pick wild flowers. We had to cross a creek on a couple of boards. That creek looked like a river to the younger children.

One very strict man kept a big switch above the world map to be used if needed. When he snapped his fingers and pointed to the map, we knew that he meant business! School was really taught "to the tune of a hickory stick". Our parents said if we got a spanking at school, we would get another at home. There were usually thirty to thirty five pupils enrolled.

Subjects we had were: reading, writing, arithmetic, language, spelling, geography, history and physiology. All of these subjects and grades were taught by one

*Front row, l to r. Clarence Kryder, Henry Taft, John Christen, Frank Smith. Second row, far right Charles Kryder.*

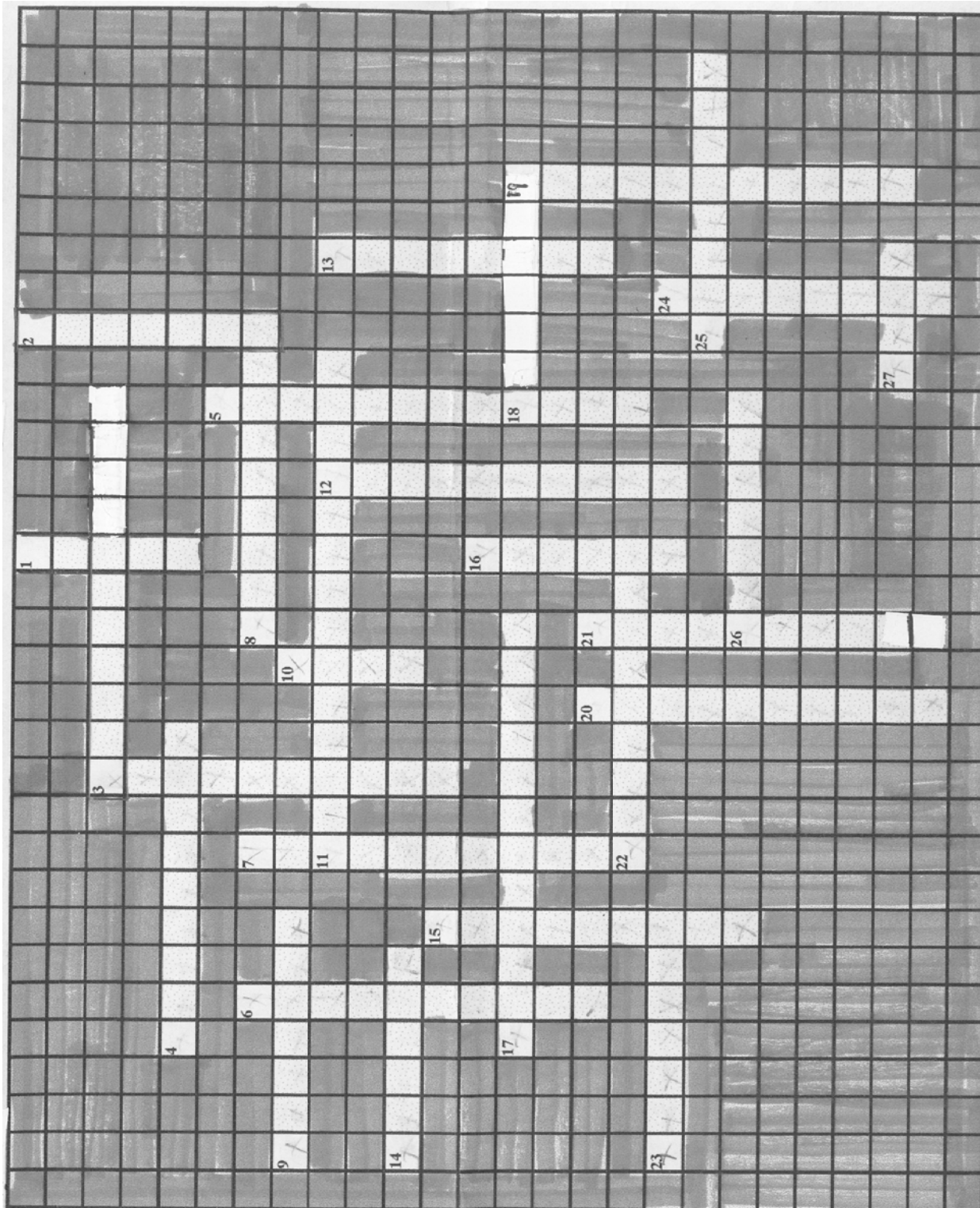


*Memorial Day parade just before WWII*



*The Orangeville High School Marching Band steps out*

TOP



## DOWN

1. Walked during the 5K run
2. Made lovingly by some of our members
3. Grocery store was located here (2 words)
6. Needed to keep the historical society strong
- 7 Sponsored by donations
10. Played during Memorial Day tribute
12. Jane Addams birth place
13. Located at the top of the hill
15. Founded by Jane Addams (2 words)
16. Walked over on the way to the cemetery
19. Home of the historical society (2 words)
20. Founder of Hull House (2 words)
21. An event played in September (2 words)
24. We celebrate Jane's in September

## ACROSS

3. A day honored in May (2 words)
4. Produced grain (2 words)
8. Early settlers in Cedarville
9. Thrown by the Girl Scouts
11. 16th president of the U. S. (2 words)
14. A new outdoor event for summer 2009
17. Luncheon held in February (3 words)
18. Town just outside Cedarville (2 words, plural)
22. Event during the Christmas holidays (2 words)
25. Many of the community's inhabitants participated (2 words)
26. This is housed in the museum
27. Carried during the parade

This month's puzzle is much harder than last month's. The first five correct answers will receive an audio CD of last year's Bobbie Edler—Jerry Hastings great program of accordion and banjo music. Check the box on page 2 for entry submission addresses.

There were a lot of entries in last month's WORDSEARCH puzzle. Comments indicated the hardest word to find was CLINGMANS, probably because it was written right to left and on a diagonal. Yes, we know that LeRoy Wilson's name was spelled LeRoe. Sorry about that, but it didn't seem to stump anyone.

The names of the first five persons who submitted correct entries and who will receive the 22 page illustrated book of Cedarville history are: Althea Hornung, Mary Reed and Dan Dixon of Cedarville; Marlene McIntyre, Rockford; and Marilyn Youel, Richfield, Mn.

Thanks

Jim Bade, President, Cedarville Area Historical Society