

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

**AUGUST 2014**

*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## *1890s Village Hall, Jail to Get Facelift*



### **Steve Simpson to Speak August 19 at Museum**

Steve Simpson, earth science instructor at Highland Community College, will recreate Stephenson County before humans arrived when he speaks Tuesday, August 19, at the Cedarville Museum.

The 7:30 p.m. program will be in the museum's second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater. Admission is \$7 for those not already holding tickets for the event. An elevator is available for visitors who are physically handicapped.

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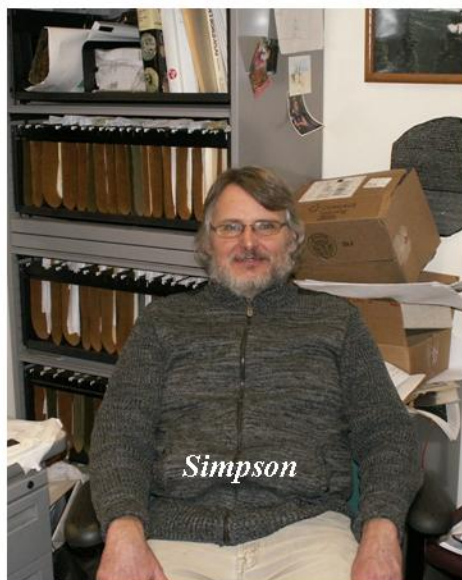
The nineteenth century West Cherry Street building that served as Cedarville's village hall and jail for many years and its 1976 addition will get a major facelift this summer.

The Cedarville Area Historical Society board at its July meeting voted to spend \$5,500 to replace with metal the entire roof of the three section building. Currently, the roof of the 1890 structure is metal; the roof of the 1976 addition is shingled. The historical society bought the building from the village several years ago for one dollar.

Funds for the roof and replacement of fascia boards will come from a \$10,000 bequest by the late Cathryn Hartman Lydon who died in 2013. Bader Construction Co., Freeport, will do the work.

Besides replacing the roof, the board plans to repaint the building's exterior and to make minor repairs to the exterior and interior of the building. Much of this work will be done by volunteers.

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*Simpson*

## Simpson to Speak

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Simpson's talk will include the forces responsible for the current appearance of the county and the forms of life that preceded man.

Free refreshments will be served after the talk.

57-year-old Simpson spent three years after high school traveling in the wilderness of Canada and Alaska where he developed a deep interest in geology. He earned a bachelors degree in geology from the University of Montana in 1983 and a masters in 1985. After several earlier teaching positions, he came to Highland in 1987.

## Building Facelift

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That part of the structure built in 1890 is on a 26 foot lot purchased by the village for \$25 from members of the John Wright family. Wright was an original partner with John Henney, founder of Cedarville's successful Henney Buggy Co. which by 1890 had already moved to Freeport. The lot was part of the former buggy company site on the northeast corner of Mill and Cherry streets.

The original building was intended to be a village meeting place, but it also contained two jail cells. It is believed that before 1890 the village occupied space above the former Henney plant, paying \$2 a month. An 1890 warrant indicates the village paid John Oswalt \$148 for his part in the construction. Perhaps he was the general contractor.

The 1976 addition was built as part of the United States bicentennial celebration.

Attached to the 1890 building is a small lean-to that served as a home for the village's first fire fighting equipment, a pumper pulled by several men.

After the building was no longer being used by the village, it was rented by the Cedarville Area Historical Society as a museum, a role it played until the current museum, the former 1889 village school opened a dozen years ago.



*Cole as Douglass*

## Cole's Stirring Presentation Of Douglass Wows Audience

Freeport historian Steve Cole had the Cedarville Museum audience mesmerized with his July 15 interpretation of Frederick Douglass's pre-Civil War speech in the old Stephenson County courthouse in which he attacked federal government legislation that he claimed permitted slavery to be extended into Kansas and Nebraska. Douglass had been invited to speak by local abolitionists Oscar Taylor, Dexter Knowlton and John Addams.



*Cole and Judy Corrie*



*Cole and Dave Macomber*



*Want some coffee? Diana and Dan Nye ask*



*Family gathering for after-talk snacks: Hulone, Tom and Delbert Scheider*



## *Get Your Seats for Carl Cole's Three Concerts of American Popular Songs on Museum's Upright Piano*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 "Ragtime to Riches"**

The program will focus on early American music including spirituals, marches, cakewalks, Dixieland, ragtime and swing by composers such as Wallace Willis, John Phillip Sousa, Scott Joplin, "Howard & Emerson", "Fats" Waller and George Gershwin. Songs will include "Walk With Me, Lord", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Closer Walk With Thee", "Saints Go Marching in", "Hello, My Baby", "Maple Leaf Rag", "Blue Skies", "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Sin To Tell A Lie", "Summertime" and "I've Got Rhythm".

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 "As Time Goes By"**

The program will focus on songs that carried us through the "ages" of American music with compositions about time, seasons and places from Broadway show tunes and movie songs written by Herman Hupfeld, Harold Arlen, Jerry Herman, Sammy Fain and Jerome Kern. There will be selections from *Casablanca*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Hello Dolly*, *Mame*, *Stormy Weather*, *I'll Be Seeing You* and *Roberta*. Songs will include "As Time Goes By", "Somewhere Over The Rainbow", "Stormy Weather", "Hello Dolly" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes".

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 "The Cole Facts"**

The final program will share more show tunes as well as specific music from Cole Porter and Nat King Cole, thus the "Cole Facts". Songs will include "Night and Day", "Let's Do It", "I've Got You Under My Skin", "You Do Something To Me", "I Get A Kick Out Of You", "Let's Fly Away", "Straighten Up And Fly right", "Unforgettable", "Sweet Lorraine", "When I Fall In Love", "Smile", "Paper Moon", "The Very Thought Of You" and "L.O.V.E.".

**\$22 TICKET COVERS ALL 3 PROGRAMS/NO SINGLE PROGRAM TICKETS**

**ONLY 19 TICKETS AVAILABLE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to Cedarville Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013. For more information call Jim Bade 815-563-4485 or 815-275-0876.



*Clint Fink and family members on porch ca. 1900*



*2014 photo showing collapsing front porch*



*Left: Old porch is removed. Right: Off with the old roof; on with the new.*



*Rotting asphalt shingles and original wood shakes were removed*

## *New Life Coming To Former Home Of Village Pioneer*

The long-empty family home of Cedarville pioneer Clinton Fink (1862—1946) is coming back to life. Abandoned for almost a decade after the death of his widowed daughter Bethel Penticoff, the onestately two story frame house on the southeast corner of Cedar and Cherry streets, is being restored by the current owner. Fink, a blacksmith like his father, was an avid musician and is often credited with starting the first village band.



# Join the Jane Addams Birthday Run and Walk on September 20

The 11th annual Jane Addams 154th Birthday celebration 5K Run or Walk will be Saturday, September 20, on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville. Sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society, the event will start at the Wes Block Trail Head south of U.S. Rt. 20 Bypass and end at Cedarville Road. There is parking at the starting and ending points. The event will take place regardless of weather. **Runners will compete for awards in the separate male and female age groups of 12 and under, 13—19, 20—29, 30—39, 40—49, 50—59, 60 and up.**

## Race Day

Late registration at the starting line is 8:30 a.m. Runners start at 9:30 a.m.; walkers a few minutes later. There will be water on the trail, fruit at the end and food at the museum.

## Awards

Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Museum. (See map) Trophies will go to the first overall male and female winners of the run. Medals will go to the top three male and female finishers in the seven age groups. All walk or run participants get a special Jane Addams t-shirt.

## Registration/Fees

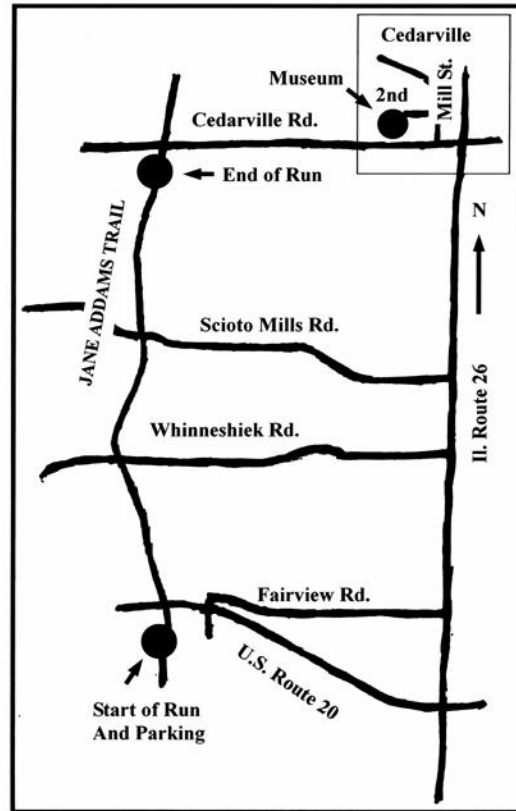
The fee is \$15 for those who register by September 15. Those registering on September 20 will pay \$18. The fee offsets the society's cost of the t-shirts, trophies and medals. **The registration form is on the next page of this newsletter.**

**The registration form and a check or money order made out to the Cedarville Area Historical Society should be mailed to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville, Il. 61013.**

## Food

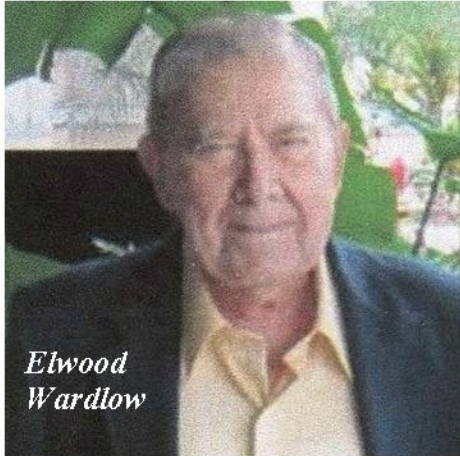
There will be a \$3 picnic lunch served at the museum at the time of the awards ceremony.

For more information contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or [bonniebade@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebade@comcast.net)



### 5K RUN / WALK REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RACE DAY AGE \_\_\_\_\_ WALKER? \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 CIRCLE ONE CIRCLE ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE HOME  
 MALE FEMALE SML MED LRG X-LRG XX-LRG PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAIVER: I hereby waive and release any and all claims of damages or injuries I may incur as a result of my participation in this contest. This waiver covers the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Jane Addams Trail Commission and other sponsors of the event.  
 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ (PARENT IF UNDER 18)



*Elwood  
Wardlow*

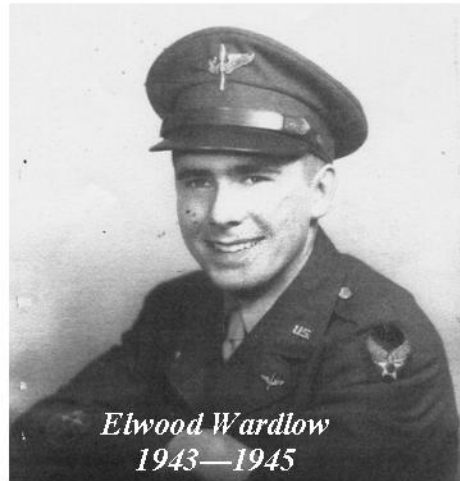
### ***Elwood Wardlow, 90, Dies***

Elwood “Woody” Wardlow, 90, a member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, died June 28 in Sarasota, Fl.

Woody was a newspaper editor and journalism teacher for 41 years. He and his wife of 64 years, Rosemary, retired to Sarasota in 1990. He spent his career at newspapers and schools in Illinois, New York and Virginia.

Born in Freeport, Il., he was graduated from Freeport High School in 1941, worked as a supervisor at MicroSwitch for two years and then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter Ann, several grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and his brother Merle. A daughter Jane died in 2010. His ashes will be interred in the Sarasota National Cemetery for Veterans.



*Elwood Wardlow  
1943—1945*

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