

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

FEBRUARY 2017

*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## *Society Lunch, Annual Meeting Feb. 5*

The Cedarville Area Historical Society annual meeting and the society's traditional chili/soup/sandwich lunch will be Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, starting at 11 a.m. in the Jane Addams Community Center on West Washington Street in the village.

The meeting and lunch is open to society members and the general public. Society members will receive a copy of the 2016 financial statement and a ballot to elect three members to the board of directors for three year terms.

*Standard flavor home made pies by society volunteers again will be \$10 at the lunch. You can order any special flavor at 815-563-4485 and pick it up at the lunch. Proceeds will buy equipment for the museum's new mini-kitchen.*

On February 4, 2017, the terms of Galen Bertram, Dale Prieue and Don Franz will expire. They are eligible to seek reelection at the annual meeting and their names will be on the printed ballot. However, any member of the historical society can ask that his or her name be considered for director at the meeting.

At the present time there are six other members on the board besides those mentioned above. They are Sharon Barmore, Jim Bade, Carol Meyers, Steve Myers, Narcissa Engle and Moira Knowlton.

The full nine member board will reorganize at the first board meeting in February 2017 to elect officers for one year from this body. At the present time Bade is president, Engle is vice president, Bertram is treasurer and Barmore is secretary.

Adult lunch tickets will be \$6 at the door. Tickets for children under 12 will be \$2. A sixth kind of home made soup will be added to this year's selection.

## Another Elfreda Zimmerman Memory

By Jim Bade  
President, CAHS

Our January newsletter article on student memories of long-time Cedarville piano teacher Elfreda Zimmerman awakened the memory of Duane Smith, former village resident and art teacher who is now retired and living in Freeport.

In a letter to the editor, he wrote:

"I wasn't a (*piano*) student but do have a pleasant memory of Elfreda.

*"(My family) moved to Cedarville in 1962 from Freeport to our big old house at 200 North Mill Street. Across the street from us was the Methodist Church.*

*"Not long after we moved, the Methodists built their new church and put the old church up for sale.*

*(The congregation in the mid 1960s constructed a new church building on west Cedarville Road and the Mill Street church was sold and remodeled as a residence.)*

"It is my understanding that Elfreda had played the piano for the congregation every Sunday for many years and was very attached to the old church and its beautiful pine tree just outside the front door.

*(Actually Elfreda had a double attachment to the church. During the early years of her piano teaching, her student recitals were in the Reformed Church on Cedar Street, a block east of Mill Street. When that church was torn down to become a parking lot for the Evangelical Church in the 1960s, she moved her recitals to the Methodist Church.)*

"Elfreda heard that I was an art teacher and came to see me. She wondered if I could make a painting of the old church for her.

"I agreed to do it and made a small oil painting of the church with the big old pine tree .

"She was pleased with the painting and I was pleased to meet Elfreda and enjoyed her friendship for as long as she lived in her home on Cedar street.

"After she passed away (1985 at age 88),  
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**Must be 16 years of age or older to register for classes.**

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Fees are refundable when a course is canceled by the College. Fees are refundable to the student whose written request for withdrawal has been received by the Office of Admissions and Records prior to the registration deadline.

Course ID	Course Title	Cost
6996	History of Cedarville	\$45

**Method of payment:**

Full payment by check (check # \_\_\_\_\_) Make checks payable to Highland Community College.  
 Mail registration with check to: Attn. Admissions, Highland Community College, 2998 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, IL 61032  
 Full payment by credit card (Highland will call you for credit card number to process over phone). Preferred phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost for classes \$ **45**

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Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Opens for CAHS History Classes

Six members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society have already enrolled in the four local history classes being offered this spring by the society in partnership with Highland Community College.

The enrollment period for the thirty available seats closes in early March.

The hour long classes at the Cedarville Museum will be at 7:30 p.m. March 14 and 28 and April 11 and 25. They will be team taught by Andy Dvorak, history instructor at the college, and Jim Bade, president of the historical society.

**Session one** will concentrate on the coming of the railroad to Freeport in the 1850s and the northward line through what is now Scioto Mills, Red Oak and Buena Vista.

**Session two** will cover the 1844 arrival in Cedarville of the John Addams family until the 1881 death of John and Jane's graduation from Rockford Female Seminary.

**Session three** will be post 1881 Addams and the scattering of the John Addams family.

**Session four** will bring the student to Cedarville in the year 1917 and two worldwide tragedies — the "Great War" and the plague of the "Spanish Flu" that killed millions of people.

Attendees will receive printed information relative to the first session's content approximately ten days before the class. Printed information about the other sessions will be distributed at the end of the preceding class.

The cost to enroll is \$35 plus \$10 for the printed material or a total of \$45 payable to Highland

Community College. As a college faculty member, Dvorak will be paid. As a member of the historical society board, Bade can receive no compensation.

Bade commented: "I don't believe the historical society by itself could present four programs of this high quality at this very low cost."

"If you are interested in attending," Bade said, "contact me at [bonniebade@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebade@comcast.net) or 815-563-4485. Or fill out the application on pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter, write a \$45 check made out to the college and mail both to CAHS, P. O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL., 61013. I will see that it gets to the proper person."



*Dvorak*

*Bade*

Although the programs will be in the museum and many historical society members are expected to be among those who enroll, the sessions are open to the public. Last year the program had eighteen adult students. Already nine of those students have enrolled for this year's classes.

The classes will be in the museum's second floor meeting room. An elevator is available for those who are physically handicapped.

## Sixteenth Annual

**Chili-Soup-Sandwich-Dessert**

# LUNCH and ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 5  
11 a.m to 1 p.m.**

**Jane Addams Community Center  
430 West Washington  
Cedarville**

**Adults: \$6; Children under 12: \$2  
Tickets available at the door**

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## *Elfreda Zimmerman* (from page 3)

I often wondered what happened to the painting.

“Years later I ran into Mark Jacobs who now lives in the old Methodist church and he told me he had the painting. He had found it in an antique store. I am pleased that it is back in Cedarville where it belongs”

*(I visited Mark in his home and found the painting hinging in a well-lighted, first floor prominent place in the house.)*

When asked, Jacobs said he actually bought the painting about four years ago at an estate auction.

Duane concluded his letter:

“Elfreda was an important Cedarville personality that should not be forgotten. You could say she played that old piano with authority for you could hear those old hymns from across the street (*where Duane lived.*)

***Ninety six per cent of our membership renewals are in. For the first time, year end gifts by members have topped \$5,000. Thank you!!***

**CAHS Board of Directors**



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