

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



Society Lunch, Annual Meeting Feb. 1

The Cedarville Area Historical Society annual meeting and the society's traditional chili/soup/sandwich lunch will be Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 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 2014 financial statement prepared by Galen Bertram, society treasurer, and a ballot to elect three members to the board of directors for three year terms.

Lena 4-H standard flavor home made pies again will be \$10 at the lunch. You can order any special flavor at 815-563-4485 and pick it up at the lunch.

On January 31, 2015, the terms of Narcissa Engle, Steve Myers and Moira Knowlton will expire. They are eligible to seek re-election; however, any member of the historical society can ask that his or her name be included on the ballot.

Board members Sharon Barmore, Jim Bade and Carol Meyers have one year remaining on their three year terms.

Galen Bertram, Dale Prieue and Don Franz have two years remaining on their terms.

The nine member board will re-organize on the first board meeting in February 2015 to elect officers from that body. At the present time, Jim Bade is president, Narcissa Engle is vice president, Galen Bertram is treasurer and Sharon Barmore is secretary.

Adult lunch tickets will be \$6 at the door, an increase of \$1 from last year, the first increase since the inception of the event. Tickets for children under 12 will remain at \$2.

Steve Cole/Douglass Wows Baltimore

(It pays to trod the stage of the LeRoy Wilson Theater in the Cedarville Museum. Within days after speaking before a Cedarville Area Historical Society audience as abolitionist Frederick Douglass, Freeport's Steve Cole was invited by the Baltimore, Md., museum to perform in that city. Cole's report follows.)



Steve Cole as Frederick Douglass is greeted on a street in Baltimore, Md.

"I'm sending out a great big thank you to the Cedarville Museum family for its warm welcome of myself and Mr. Douglass. I appreciate your response to Rob Reyes and the Baltimore Museum. It was a real pleasure for me to go and walk where Frederick Douglass walked.

"Douglass escaped from Baltimore, Md., in 1838, and returned there to speak after Maryland abolished slavery in 1864.

"There is a lot of very interesting history in Baltimore. I was able to 'see' some of it on my trip. When I arrived in Baltimore, I *(was taken)* on a whirlwind tour around the city to see where the Quaker meeting houses were, the underground railroad sites, where Frederick Douglass labored and where he escaped.

"Saturday afternoon we went to Gettysburg where they were having the annual Luminary Ceremony. There must have been nearly a thousand re-enactors. On that day Frederick Douglass was at Gettysburg.

"On Sunday I spoke to a group of high

school seniors as Douglass for the Urban League. I also spoke from the pulpit at Sharps Street Church, a church Douglass attended.

"Thanks again. It was your due diligence that made this trip a possibility."

("No problem, Steve. It was a pleasure to act as your agent. By the way: For those who missed Cole's Cedarville Museum performance, as Frederick Douglass, a DVD is available for \$10 from the historical society. Editor)

Oops! The Editor's Mistake

In last month's issue of the society newsletter, the name of Ruth Wardlow was omitted from the list of volunteers who served as a guide during the six month season of the Cedarville Museum. For shame, for shame. Ruth has been a volunteer for many years and a very good one. The editor apologizes for the omission.

"News" Was Never Sparse in Village

By Jim Bade
CAHS President

Today Cedarville residents go to the post office six days a week at 11 a.m. to swap village news and to complain about the weather no matter what it is. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries that need was met by the weekly news columns.

Here's some items from Freeport's 1888 columns:

Freeport Daily Bulletin, January 10: *"James Benson is hauling brick to erect himself a residence."* The brick was from the former store on the John Adams property. Benson died before his Mill street house was completed. And: *"William Vose, Sr. is failing fast. Mrs. John Shaefer is no better."* Not very encouraging to their friends.

A February 21 Bulletin item: *"The youngest son of Lewis Fry was severely burned on Saturday night by his bed falling against the stove pipe. He suffered severe pains until the proper medicines were applied."* I wonder if Paul Fry on Cedarville's Mill Street knows about this incident involving his grandfather's son?

Today we have legislators who procrastinate over a simple problem. Cedarville officials did not hesitate in April of 1888 as this Bulletin article indicates:

"Christian Rea of Cedarville, a young

man about 27 years of age, was married on Saturday evening to Miss Eliza E. Smith, a spinster of some 36 years. The marriage was performed at Cedarville under the auspices of Sheriff Timms, who had first arrested Christian, charged with being the paternal ancestor of Lizzie's unborn child. This mode of settling the affair was considered the most satisfactory way all around and so the knot was quickly tied"

I wonder if the marriage lasted?

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Almost 100 Attend Christmas Party

Good weather, great food, wonderful companions, a visit from Santa Claus and a glass of fine wine from Cedarville's Famous Fossil Winery set the stage for a successful December 9 historical society Christmas party and sing-along. The eight large tables in the museum's second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater were imaginatively decorated by society members. The wide variety of foods, also provided by members, surpassed the best of past years. Carole Bertram at the keyboard led enthusiastic renditions of familiar Christmas carols. And the guests will always remember the performance of Santa Claus (AKA board member Don Franz) as he passed out candy and lumps of coal to the good and bad boys and girls. And the party was international. A day before the event CAHS president Jim Bade got an e-mail from member Stephen Phillips of Versailles, France, wishing Cedarville residents peace and joy at Christmas time.

Poor Moira Knowlton: A lump of coal from Santa's bag of gifts brought a stream of tears to her face





Bill Angle



*Michael &
Rose Binns*



*Diana &
Dan Nye*



Mr. & Mrs. William Ingram

Dee Blomberg



Cristina Love



Paul Fry



*Jim &
Sharon
Barmore*



*Harlan &
Judy Corrie*



*Ken and Pam
Rosmann*



Jane and Roger Goodspeed



*John Hess
and
Mary Meyers*



*Ruth Oswald
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*Moiria
Knowlton*



*Juanita &
Bob Wachlin*



Dan & Bobbie Edler



Mary Reed



*Dwayne &
Carol
Robieson*



*Ladona &
Merrill Wardlow*



*Narcissa
Engle*



*Diane
Matter*



*Ruth
Smith*

Hulone Scheider, 84, Dies; One of Earliest Members of Society

Hulone Scheider, 84, of rural Cedarville and one of the earliest members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, died December 12 at the Freeport Rehab and Health Care Center in Freeport.

Born May 16, 1930, in Gibson City, Il., she was the daughter of Theodore and Laura Hammer. She married Delbert Scheider on June 7, 1953.

Hulone began her teaching career in Springfield, Il. She then taught kindergarten and fifth grade in Cedarville, until teaching in Lena for 25 years. While in Cedarville she often served as assistant principal when Principal Don Morris was absent from the building.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since 1954. Besides the church and historical society, she was a member of the Lutheran Church Women, the retired Teachers Association, the Stephenson County Home Extension, the Lena Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Piece Corp Quilters Club.

Hulone is survived by her husband, a son Tom (Mary) Scheider of the Freeport area; a daughter Joyce (Jon) Scholl) of Cooksville, Il.; four grandchildren; a great granddaughter; and two brothers,



Hulone Scheider at the August 2011 dedication of the LeRoy Wilson Theater on the second floor of the Cedarville Museum.

Donald Hammer of Anchor, Il., and Wayne Hammer of Fairbury, Il. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Hulone were held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena, Il. Burial was in the Cedarville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Good Shepherd Church and Highland Community College Foundation.