

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE MAY 2011

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Opens Sunday, May 1

The Cedarville Museum will open the 2011 season at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1. It will maintain 1 to 4 p.m. hours each Saturday and Sunday through October 30.

This year the museum exhibit area was expanded to both downstairs rooms and features twelve exhibits instead of the usual seven. The restored second floor room holds the museum's collection of original art based on Cedarville themes.

The exhibits, all new, feature Cedarville area World War II veterans, the county's role in the Civil War, 100-year-old photos of Cedar Creek, the history of Cedarville Cemetery, village churches, Jane Addams, Hull-House, Cedarville School, the origin of early settlers, village architecture and area stone projectiles.

Admission is free to historical society members; \$3 to others over twelve.

Memorial Day Parade, Picnic May 30

The Cedarville Memorial Day parade will step off at approximately 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, 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 under the command of Steve Myers. This year members of the Cedarville Lions Club will be among the marchers. 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 participation by the American Legion and the Lions Club

The traditional Cedarville Historical Society picnic on the Cedarville Museum grounds will start about 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. The museum will be open for tours.

3 Dozen Volunteer As Museum Hosts

Narcissa Engle, vice president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, this year did her usual outstanding job of lining up society members to be hosts at the Cedarville Museum during the 2011 season.

Three dozen have agreed to be available to greet museum visitors on the afternoons of the 52 Saturdays and Sundays when the doors are open.

“Without the help of these members, we could not serve the public in a meaningful way,” said Jim Bade, CAHS president.



Narcissa Engle

The volunteers are: Paul Fry, Carol Meyers, Charlotte Kaiser, Hulone and Delbert Scheider, Rose Binns, Tait Weigel, Lorraine Stabenow and

Ramona Kryder, Ruth Wardlow, Frank Rutter, Dottie Emo, Judy Corrie, Art Levrington, Kathy Glaze and

Sharon Barmore, Jean Joyce, Ladona Wardlow, Jim and Bonnie Bade, Galen and Carole Bertram and

Mary Reed, Bobbie and Dan Edler, Ann and Bill Tully, Don Heilman, Bill and Carolyn Angle and

Neal Scheider, Ruth Smith, Miriam Schlueter, Theresa Morris and Dale Priewe.

The museum will be open every Saturday and Sunday between May 1 and October 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and children over 12. Historical society members are admitted free.

Oops! Sorry for the Goof

Some of you received the April newsletter stating that Joyce Salter Johnson would be the speaker on August 4 and Douglas Dammann would be the speaker on August 18. It should have been the other way around: Dammann on August 4 and Johnson on August 18. Sorry for the error.



Ruth Smith in her working mode at the 2010 February lunch sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Ruth Smith Steps Down After 20 Years on Board

Ruth Smith, formerly of Cedarville and now living in Freeport, has stepped down after twenty years as a director of the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

During that long period of service she has held the position of treasurer and most recently as secretary.

Although other board members know of her valued opinions that helped guide board actions over the years, the public saw her most as the person who was in charge of food service at numerous CAHS functions.

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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 503 (c) (3).



The entire north wall of the south room is devoted to Cedarville area World War II veterans and their experiences.



The east and south walls of the south room tell the story of Jane Addams and her work at Hull-House and throughout the world. Above is her early life in Cedarville.



Several years ago the University of Illinois purchased most of the buildings in the large Hull-House complex on the south side of Chicago. When the Hull-House Museum completed its renovation this year. The 1967 model of the complex was donated to Cedarville.

More Photos of New Exhibits Ready for Museum Opening



Three panels and two display cases in the center of the north room concisely tell of the exploits of Cedarville area men in the Civil War. To the left, the early battles; in the center Shiloh and Vicksburg; to the right, the final battles and a list of resource materials.

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Harlan Corrie and Moira Knowlton study WWII uniforms.



Moira and World War II exhibit that refers to her father Dexter Knowlton



Hull-House renovation exhibit



Harlan Corrie examines stone projectile exhibit.



Memories of Cedarville School

CAHS Receives \$2,250 in Gifts, Grants

The Cedarville Area Historical Society this month received \$2,250 from three different sources. Most of the funds will be used to cover expenses not expected when the historical society 2011 budget was adopted

The historical society was awarded a \$1,000 grant by the Cedarville Lions Club. Most of this money will be directly applied to pay for opaque shades on the windows of the recently restored second floor program room, for material used to craft tables for the Jane Addams and Hull-House exhibits and to purchase accent lighting for the World War II exhibit. The special shades are needed to protect the art work that will be hung in the room.

The Lions asked that the remaining 25 per cent of the grant be put aside for the eventual purchase of a riding lawnmower needed to cut the nearly half acre of grass around the museum. For the past several years the historical society has borrowed a machine.

An anonymous donor has contributed another \$1,000. The board will give strong consideration to using these funds toward the much needed repair and renovation of the former village hall and jail on Cherry Street, a property the society acquired from the village last year.

Kent Bank has contributed \$250 to the society to help defray the cost of the two

August evening programs sponsored by the historical society. The cost of providing the August 4 and August 18 talks by Douglas Dammann and Joyce Salter Johnson was not in the 2011 budget.

It's Time to Sign Up For Cemetery Walk

It's not too early to sign up for the one hour Saturday, morning, July 16, cemetery walk conducted by Jim Bade, CAHS president.

The 9 a.m. tour will concentrate on the oldest section of the Cedarville Cemetery. A booklet related to the walk will be available. The tour cost is \$15 and it is limited to 20 persons.

Call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485.

CAHS Needs Volunteers For June Brat Sale Duty

The Cedarville Area Historical Society needs volunteers to operate the Freeport Cubs food store brat stand on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11.

Profits from the two days will be retained by the society.

Members interested in working a three hour shift should contact Sue Myers at 815-238-4194.

Here Are the Dates For June, July Films

Sue and Steve Myers have set the dates for the June and July nine free Friday night outdoor movies at the Cedarville Museum. They are:

June 3 — “Swiss Family Robinson (1960) with John Mills and Dorothy McGuire;

June 10 — “The Long, Long Trailer” (1954) with Lucielle Ball and Dezi Arnez;

June 17 — “Brigadoon” (1954) with Gene Kelly;

June 24 — “Life With Father” (1947) with William Powell and Irene Dunn;

July 1 — “Widows Gap” with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello;

July 8 — “Those Men and Their Magnificent Flying Machines”;

July 15 — “The Bride Goes Wild” (1948) with June Allyson and John Albright;

July 22 — “Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House” (1948) with Cary Grant and Myrna Loy;

July 29 — “The Inspector General” (1949) with Danny Kaye.

The shows start at dusk on the north lawn of the museum. Bring your own lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the films will be shown in the second floor program room of the museum.

Fresh popcorn, lemonade, sodas and candy will be available for 50 cents.



Rev. Dr. William David Thompson

Rev. Dr. William David Thompson, 82, Drexel Hill, Pa., a member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and prominent authority on Cedarville’s pioneer Clingman family, died March 28.

He is survived by Linda B. Thompson, his wife of 42 years, three daughters, six grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Dr. Thompson was a graduate of Wheaton College, Northern Baptist Seminary and Northwestern University. He taught at Wheaton College, northern Baptist Seminary and was a visiting professor at Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

Active in numerous church bodies, he also served on the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the board of Singing City and co-founded the American Academy of Homiletics.