

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

MAY 2013

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Opens Saturday May 4

The Cedarville Museum will open the 2013 season at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4. It will maintain the 1 to 4 p.m. hours Saturday and Sunday through October 27

The two room first floor exhibit area will have ten local exhibits, three that are new. One new exhibit will be a display of more than a dozen pieces of clothing worn during the past two centuries by Cedarville area residents. Information

about and photos of the owner of the clothing is part of the exhibit.

The second new exhibit is an in-depth study of legendary John Henke and his Blue Room saloon that flourished in Scioto Mills until Henke's death at the age of 85 in 1981. There are new photos of the current state of the inside of the building that housed the former drinking

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Memorial Day Parade, Picnic May 27

The Cedarville Memorial Day parade will step off at 10 a.m. Monday May 27, from in front of the telephone switch building on Mill Street, just south of Second Street.

The parade will be led by Cedarville's American Legion Post 1224 under the command of Steve Myers. 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. The procession will then go to the Cedarville Cemetery on Red Oak Road. There will then be a ceremony including the reading of the names of all veterans buried there.

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

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hole a few miles south of Cedarville, thanks to Rex Sides, Scioto Mills resident and new owner of the property who has an intense interest in local history.

Also, new is an exhibit of 19 trivets recently donated to the Cedarville Area Historical Society by former Cedarville resident Anita Lausch. They were collected over many years by her late husband. A trivet is the stand on which late nineteenth century and early twentieth century pressing irons rested when not being used. Most trivets were cast iron or bronze and featured fancy designs.

Mrs. Lausch also donated almost one hundred old pressing irons that will be exhibited at a later time.

Holdover exhibits feature a recreated section of the Cedarville Cemetery where 36 Jane Addams relatives are buried near the famous village native; Cedarville area World War II veterans; the county's Civil War role; Cedarville School; Jane Addams life in Cedarville and Chicago's Hull-House; the origin of early Cedarville settlers; and area stone projectiles.

In the museum's second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater are original paintings of Cedarville scenes. There are also four very large murals depicting Cedarville history as interpreted by local artists Roger Goodspeed, Duane Smith, Harlan Corrie and Dan Edler. The second floor



Rex Sides, new owner of the Blue Room property, stands in former first floor bedroom of John Henke.

can be reached by physically handicapped persons via the elevator installed last year.

The theater will also be the site of five Tuesday evening programs sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society, the first being May 14 when Gordon Dammann will narrate the American Civil War 1862 bloody battle at Antietam, Md. (See separate story in this month's newsletter for details on the five programs..)

Other events to be sponsored this year by the historical society include the Memorial Day parade (May 27), the Jane Addams Festival and 5K run and walk on the Jane Addams Trail (Sept. 21) and the annual Christmas sing-along (Dec. 10).

Friday Night Movies a Laugh-a-thon

If you want a chuckle or a belly laugh, attend the eight free Friday night outdoor movies that will be shown on the grounds of the Cedarville Museum during June and July.

Movie hostess Sue Myers has lined up the following:

June 7: *Blackbeard's Ghost* with Peter Ustinov, Dean Jones, Suzanne Pleshette

June 14: *Man's Favorite Sport* (1964) with Rock Hudson, Paula Prentiss

June 21: *No Time for Sergeants* (1958) with Andy Griffith, Don Knotts

June 28: *The Cat and the Canary* (1939) with Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard

July 5: *Murder He Says* with Fred MacMurray, Marjorie Main, Helen Walker

July 12: *Yours, Mine and Ours* (1968) with Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda

July 19: *It Happened to Jane* (1959) with Doris Day, Jack Lemmon, Ernie Kovac

July 26: *Rock-A-By Baby* (1958) with Jerry Lewis, Marilyn Maxwell

Movies start at dusk. No cancellations. The show goes on inside the museum in the event of rain.

Refreshments available during the show and intermission. Bring your lawn chair.



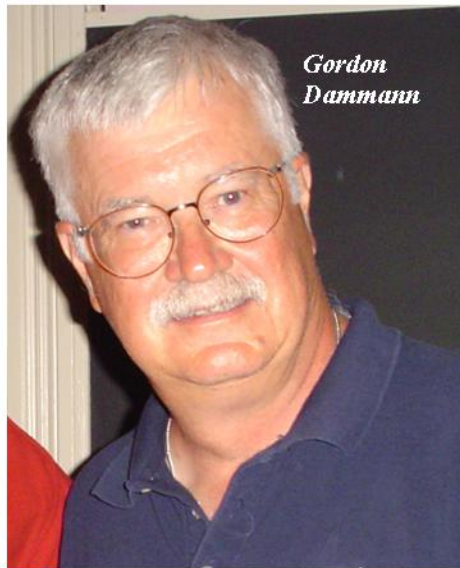
CAHS board members Dale Prieve, left, and Steve Myers finish restoration of the museum's first floor exhibit areas which were impacted when the elevator was installed in the 1889 building late last year.

Two Civil War Talks Open Programs

Gordon Dammann, Lena resident and noted authority on Civil War medicine, will open the Tuesday evening programs of the Cedarville Area Historical Society with a May 14 power point presentation of the bloody 1862 battle at Antietam, Md.

As founder and president of the Civil War Museum of Medicine in Fredrick, Md., and a licensed guide at the Antietam battlefield, Dammann is exceptionally qualified to discuss the subject.

The audience will be given a guided tour of the one day battle that resulted in 23,000 casualties. The advent of battlefield medicine, especially medical evacuation, will be highlighted.



On June 25, the husband and wife team of Don and Vickie Franz, Freeport residents, will relate the experiences of the common Civil War soldier and play several war tunes on period instruments.

The program will also feature a display of many Civil War artifacts in their collection.

Both programs will start at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater located in the Cedarville Museum. Admission to each program is \$3. Free refreshments will follow both programs.

An elevator is available to transport physically handicapped visitors to the second floor.



Three Live Music Nights End Season

The Freeport Historical Jazz Band on July 30, will open the 2013 "Sounds of America" series of three music and history programs sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

The second program on August 27 will feature guitarist and folk song singer Dan Baldwin of Brodhead, Wi.

The final program on September 24 will highlight the talents of members of the River City Sound Chorus, a Rockford women's barbershop harmony group.

Each 45 minute performance will include historical comments about the music. Refreshments will follow each program.

All three programs are on a Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LeRoy Wilson Theater, second floor, Cedarville Museum. An elevator is available for the use of physically handicapped visitors.

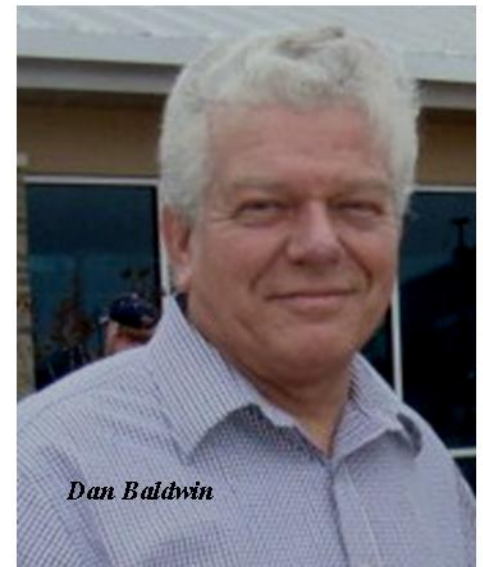
A ticket for all three programs is \$22 and can be obtained by writing the Cedarville Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, Il. 61013 or calling 815-563-4485. No single program tickets will be sold. Only 80 tickets are available.

The seven-piece jazz group, led by Bill Petersen, band director at Freeport High School, consists of clarinet, sax, trumpet, trombone, bass, banjo and drums.

The band's program will concentrate on

American jazz from the first 30 years of the twentieth century.

Baldwin, who got his first guitar when he was nine years old, will perform many songs recorded or written by John Denver, James Taylor, Jim Croce, Simon and Garfunkel, Don McLean, Bobby Goldsboro and Peter, Paul and Mary.



Commenting on his program selections, Baldwin said he really enjoys doing songs from the 1960s and 1970s, often called the "protest" period.

Rockford's River City Sound Chorus is an outstanding group of women who are well-known in the northern Illinois area for their blending of voices in barbershop harmony.



Three New Exhibits at the Museum

More than a dozen pieces of clothing worn by persons associated with the Cedarville area during the past 140 years make up one of the three new exhibits in the Cedarville Museum. Pictured above are children's clothes reportedly worn by Thomas Hutchison Rutherford (left), Hazel Ingalls, who died at age nine in 1904 (center) and William Frank (right). Below, standing next to the bust of Abraham Lincoln, is the typical uniform of a Cedarville teacher in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Above on the right page, are dresses worn by Blanche Luella Bowers, Dakota farm girl, who died in 1917 at the age of 19. Below on the same page is a silk robe that belonged to Marcet Haldeman-Julius, niece of Cedarville's Jane Adams (left), a beautiful blue jacket, worn by Ruby Allemen, who was a cook at the Cedar Inn south of Cedarville from 1985 until 2010 (center) and the

uniform worn by the late Vernon Macomber, Damascus, when he sang in a barber shop quartet (right). A second new exhibit contains nineteen trivets donated to the historical society by former Cedarville resident Anita Lausch. They were collected by her late husband. A photo of one of the three boards displaying the trivets is seen at the far left of the left page. Trivets were originally used as stands for pressing irons when the irons were not in use. Today they are collected or used as decorations. Finally, the large photo on the left page is a new exhibit that reflects on the legendary John Henke and his legendary Blue Room saloon in Scioto Mills.



Forty Volunteer As Museum Hosts

Forty members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society have volunteered to assist visitors to the Cedarville Museum when it opens for the 2013 season on Saturday, May 4.

Each one has offered to be a museum host for two weekend afternoons during the May through October museum season. Before taking on the responsibility, each volunteer will attend a one hour orientation and training session.

During that meeting, the volunteers will learn about the three new exhibits, the five Tuesday evening programs, the historical society special events, the use of the research library and the various publications that are produced by the historical society.

The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during the season. Admission is free to historical society members and \$3 for none-members over 12.

The volunteers are:

Paul Fry, Carol Meyers, Charlotte Kaiser, Hulone and Delbert Scheider, Rose Binns, Tait Weigel, Lorraine Stabeow and Ramona Kryder.

Also: Frank Rutter, Dottie Emo, Judy Corrie, Janice and Art Levrington, Sharon Barmore, Jean Joyce and Ladona

Wardlow.

Also: Jim and Bonnie Bade, Galen and Carole Bertram, Bobbie and Dan and Bobbie Edler, Ann and Bill Tuly, Ingrid and Don Heilman, Bill Angle and Neal Scheider.

Also: Ruth Smith, Bob and Miriam Schlueter, Kelly and Dale Prieue, Moira Knowlton, Sue and Steve Myers, Diane and Gary Hagemann and Mary Reed.

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