

Museum Open Through October

The Cedarville Museum opened Sunday, May 1, for the six month 2016 season. Hours will be from 01 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is free for historical society members and \$3 for adult non-members.

The two rooms on the first floor feature a dozen exhibits illustrated by more than 150 photographs. Stairs or a one button elevator will bring visitors to the second floor where they can use the research library or view the more than two dozen local historical paintings.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

May 2016

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Memorial Day Parade, Picnic May 30

The Cedarville Memorial Day parade will start at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, 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 11224 under the command of Steve Myers. Traditionally, the spectators — always numbering many more than the official 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 a bouquet of flowers into the creek and a rifle salute. The flowers are a special

tribute to the village's naval war dead.

The procession will then go to the Cedarville Cemetery on Red Oak Road where there will be a ceremony that traditionally includes the reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, a patriotic song, a prayer and the reading of the names of veterans buried there. Currently the number is more than 150, the oldest dating from the War of 1812..

After the cemetery ceremony, the public is invited to the grounds of the Cedarville Museum where the Cedarville Area Historical Society will offer a picnic lunch starting at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. The museum will be open for free tours.

Society Volunteers to Staff Museum

More than two dozen members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society volunteered to assist visitors to the Cedarville Museum during the 2016 season.

Most of these are veterans in the hosting scene, having served in the same capacity for many years. They know about the exhibits and the season's special events.

The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during the May through October season. Admission is free for historical society member and \$3 for non-members over 12.

This year's volunteers are:

Paul Fry, Carol Meyers, Delbert Scheider, Rose Binns, Tait Weigel, Ramona Kryder, Frank Rutter and Harlan and Judy Corrie;

Also, Janice and Art Leverington, Jim and Sharon Barmore, Ladona Wardlow, Galen and Carole Bertram and bobbie and Dan Edler;

Also, Ingrid and Don Heilman, Neal Scheider, Ruth Smith, Bob and Miriam Schlueter, Kelly and Dale Prewie and Moira Knowlton;

Also Mary Reed, Narcissa Engle, Dave and Karen Macomber, Vickie and Don Franz, Bill and Shirley Pick and Lisa and Pat Goodwin;

Also, Ruth Wardlow, Kathleen and Steve Glaze and Jane and Roger Goodspeed.

Narcissa Engle, vice president of the historical society, for many years has been responsible for enlisting the services of the volunteers.

Besides the normal six month summer hours, the museum is also available for group tours at pre-arranged hours by calling Jim Bade at 815-563-4485. The LeRoy Wilson Theater room on the second floor of the museum is also available for group special events.

Casey Brothers Opens Music Programs May 24

The sounds of Irish folk music will fill the LeRoy Wilson Theater on Tuesday evening, May 24, when the four member Casey Brothers band leads off the museum's four live music programs.

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. Individual programs are \$8; a season ticket is \$30. Free refreshments follow each program. Order tickets on the next page.

The Irish music will be followed by bluegrass on June 21; barbershop harmony on July 19; a string quartet on August 16.

A one-button elevator to the second floor theater is available for visitors who are physically handicapped.

TICKET ORDER

	<u>Number of tickets</u>
Tuesday, May 24, Casey Brothers <i>Irish melodies that everyone loves</i>	\$8 _____
Tuesday, June 21, Styles Junction <i>Bluegrass like you never heard before</i>	\$8 _____
Tuesday, July 19, Generations <i>Sweet male barbershop melodies</i>	\$8 _____
Tuesday, August 16, Brandom Lamm String Quartette <i>Something a little different for you to savor</i>	\$8 _____
<u>One ticket for all four programs above</u>	\$30 _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

All tickets are transferable without penalty from one person to another person if you cannot attend a program.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone or e-mail _____

Make payment to Cedarville Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013. For more information call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or e-mail bonniebade@comcast.net.

Jane Addams Children's Book Awards Announced

Winners of the 2016 Jane Addams Children's Book Awards were announced May 1 at the Cedarville Museum by the Jane Addams Peace Association.

The awards will be formally presented October 21 in New York City, national headquarters of the association. Last year's awards were also first announced in Cedarville, birthplace of Miss Addams who had a particular concern for the welfare of children when she founded Chicago's Hull-House in 1889.

New Shoes by Susan Lynn Meyer is the winner in the books for younger readers category and *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1955 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery as told to Elspeth Leacock and Susan Buckley is the winner in the books for older readers category.

Four other books were given "honor" designation in the two categories..

Since 1953, the awards annually acknowledge books published in the U.S. during the previous year that excel in literary and visual artistry and address themes or topics that engage children in thinking about peace, justice, world community and/or the struggle for equality for all.

A national committee of thirteen persons make the final decision on the awards but they are guided by comments of regional reading and discussion groups of all ages who have read the nominated books. Susan Freiss of Wisconsin and Beth McGowan of Illinois, members of the national committee, attended the Cedarville meeting.



Beth McGowan, Jane Addams Peace Association member, opened the May 1 meeting.



Susan Freiss, also a member of the peace association, explained the program.



Posters identifying some of the books.



It was a grand night Tuesday, April 26, when the eighteen students in the Cedarville history class completed the fourth and final session in the intense study of several subjects related to the birth and life of the village. The course was a cooperative effort of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and Highland Community College. All graduating classes deserve a class picture and so here it is. Back row, from left: Narcissa Engle, Paul Fry (guest for last class), Mary Reed, Roger Goodspeed, Jane Goodspeed, Dave Macomber, Don Franz, Vickie Franz, Bonnie Bade, Lisa Goodwin. Front row, from left: Nancy Price, Gary Price, Ladona Wardlow, Ruth Smith, Duane Smith, Delbert Scheider, Jim Bade (instructor), Karen Macomber, Andy Dvorak (instructor). Tom Scheider was absent because he had to finish planting his corn, according to his father, Delbert.

Free Friday Night Movies Start June 3

The 2016 season of free Friday night outdoor movies at the Cedarville Museum starts at dusk on June 3 with the film "Father Was A Fullback." The nine week season ends on July 29 with the Broadway blockbuster "Annie"



Doris Day in two movies

The full schedule:

June 3: "Father Was A Fullback"

June 10: "The Ugly Dachshund" with Dean Jones, Suzanne Pleshette

June 17: "With Six You Get Eggroll": with Doris Day, Brian Keith

June 24: "Never A Dull Moment" with Dick Van Dyke

July 1: "The Trouble With Angels"

July 8: "Hot Lead, Cold Feet" with Don Knotts

July 15: "The Glass Bottom Boat" with Doris Day

July 22: "The Scoutmaster"

July 29: "Annie"

Popcorn, soft drinks, candy and coffee is available for fifty cents. The museum bathrooms will be open. In the event of inclement weather, the movies will be shown inside the museum. Visitors are advised to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

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Help, Help Sports Fans!

The historical society needs the help of its members in identifying any of the baseball players in these photographs.

The top two photographs are identical except the players are in a different pose. The pictures were taken on the east steps of the Cedarville School, now the museum.

On the back of the top photo there is the penciled name "Wagner." This photograph was given to the society by Melody Heidenreich of Stockton. Note the shirts have different names on them — Cedarville, FHS and Monroe KOA.

The middle and bottom photos were contributed by Joyce Confer, a CAHS member living in the state of Oregon. She identified the man on the far left in the back row in the top two photos as Lloyd Confer, her father-in-law. She also identified the man standing on the far right in the bottom photo as Lloyd Confer. Lloyd was born in 1883 and died in 1965. Given those dates, perhaps these photographs were taken between 1900 and 1920.

What's that uniform insignia in the bottom picture?

Marcet Bliss, John Addams Descendant Dies

Marcet Bliss, a loyal and active member of the historical society and a direct descendant of the family of Cedarville's Jane Addams, passed away in Florida where she lived.

News of Mrs. Bliss's October death from cancer was received recently by the society through an e-mail from her daughter.

The 70-year-old Mrs. Bliss was the great grand daughter of Sarah Alice Addams Haldeman, a sister to Jane. She is survived by her husband, Ken, and a daughter Kimberly Bliss Fields.

Marcet Haldeman-Julius DeLoach was married to



From left: Mrs. Bliss, her husband, Ken, CAHS vice president Narcissa Engle and then board member Mary Reed in 2007.

Kenneth William Bliss in 1968. She earned a masters degree in speech pathology and after one year in that profession she spent the next 29 years as a guidance counselor in a Florida middle school and a high school.

In her e-mail to the historical society, the daughter of Mrs. Bliss commented: "For 30 years, my



Marcet writing to Wilmette students in 2015.

mother worked to encourage students and to help them plan for college or a vocation. When kids showed up with no shoes or no jacket, she always went out and got one for them. Everyone in Lake County, Florida, for almost two generations knew Mrs. Bliss and over the years her kindness and generosity had a big impact on a lot of local families."

Later in life Mrs. Bliss became involved in the appraisal of antiques. Starting with a small downtown antique booth, she developed her new interest into a full time business. In 2015 she was chair of the Central Florida chapter of the International Society of Appraisers.

In the spring of 2015, a Wilmette, Il., grade school teacher asked the historical society to find someone to respond to questions her students had about Jane Addams.

Mrs. Bliss and Paul Fry, another CAHS member and the only surviving pallbearer at Jane Addam's 1935 funeral, unhesitatingly accepted the challenge and wrote individual letters to the more than twenty students.