

Museum Open Through October

The Cedarville Museum opened Saturday, April 29, for the six month 2017 season. Hours will be from 1 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 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 three dozen local historical paintings.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE May 2017

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Memorial Day Parade, Picnic May 29

The Cedarville Memorial Day parade will start at 10 a.m. Monday May 29, 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 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 Cedarville Museum where the historical Society will offer a \$7 picnic lunch starting at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. If there is a parade rainout, the cemetery ceremony will be conducted in the museum's second floor meeting room at 10 a.m. A one button elevator is available for handicapped visitors.

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 2017 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 members and \$3 for non-members over 12.

Among this year's volunteers at this time are:

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

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

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

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

and Jim and Bonnie Bade.

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

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

The second floor research center is open whenever the museum is open.

A simple one button elevator is available to handicapped visitors wanting to visit the second floor.

Hartman Trio Opens Music Series June 20

Freeport's John Hartman Trio will perform at the Cedarville Museum June 18 with traditional country songs made popular by artists such as Hank Williams and Patsy Cline. Sign up for tickets for all 2017 programs on next page.

Three Live Music Programs in 2017

Tuesday, June 20 — Freeport's John Hartman and his trio will entertain with traditional country songs made popular by artists such as Hank Williams and Patsy Cline,

Tuesday, July 18 — special treat when 16 members of the 50 voice Freeport Choral Society perform a selection of popular

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Tuesday, Sept. 19 — An unusual group of five musicians called "Swing Billy RFD" will play "vintage honky tonk to western swing."

Programs start at 7:30 pm. in museum.

TICKET ORDER

	<u>Number of Tickets</u>
<i>Tuesday, June 20, John Hartman Trio Traditional country and folk</i>	\$12 _____
<i>Tuesday, July 18, Freeport Choral Society An evening of popular music by 16 great voices</i>	\$12 _____
<i>Tuesday, September 19, Swing Billy RFD Vintage honky tonk and western swing</i>	\$12 _____
<i>One ticket for all three programs above</i>	\$33 _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED

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Address _____

City, state, zip _____

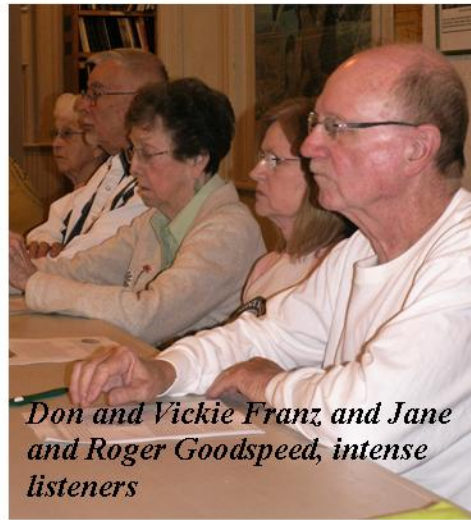
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Make payment to CAHS, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL. 61013. For information call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or e-mail bonniebade@comcast.net.



Friends, Lisa Goodwin and Narcissa Engle

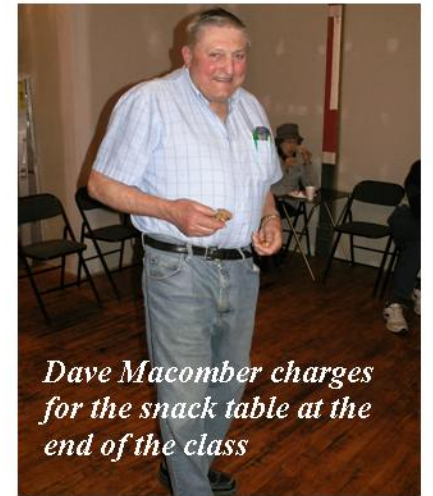
Nineteen adult students on April 25 completed the four Cedarville history classes offered by the historical society and Highland Community College. The 90 minute classes focused on the coming of the railroad, the John Addams family, the life of village residents in 1917 and the impact of the 1918-19 Spanish Flu.



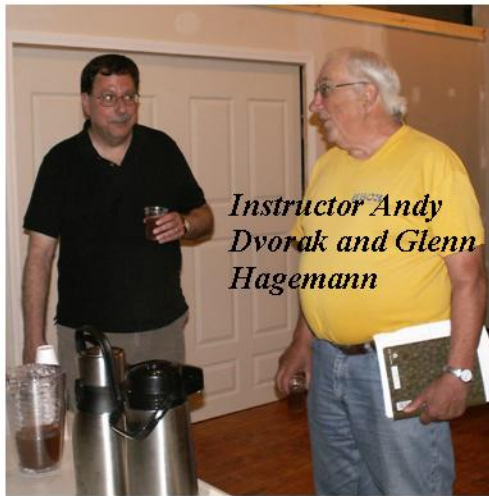
Don and Vickie Franz, and Jane and Roger Goodspeed, intense listeners



Coffee and talk for Bill Pick and Marjorie Phillips



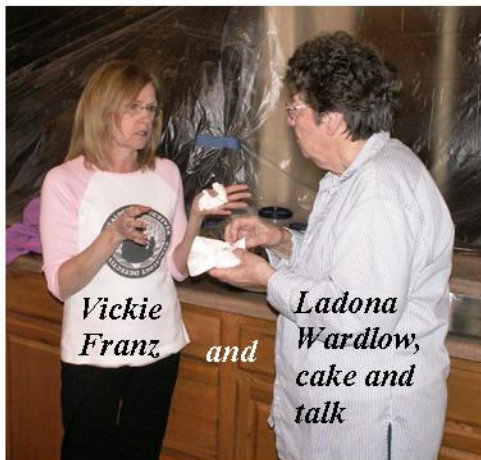
Dave Macomber charges for the snack table at the end of the class



Instructor Andy Dvorak and Glenn Hagemann



Don Franz after the class explains his views to Dan Barmore



Vickie Franz and Ladona Wardlow, cake and talk



The class From left, top: Paul Fry, Narcissa Engle, Ladona Wardlow, Lisa Goodwin, Dan Barmore, Bob Eckert, Bill Pick, Dave Macomber; bottom: Glenn Hagemann, Marjorie Phillips, Roger Goodspeed, Jane Goodspeed, Vickie Franz, Don Franz, Bonnie Bade, Karen Macomber. Delbert and Tom Scheider and George Suess were unable to attend the last class.

A Century Ago in Cedarville: Part One

By Jim Bade
CAHS President

People like you and me living everyday lives are essential parts of what we call history.

That was the thrust of the April 25 class attended by the nineteen students enrolled in the four part local history program conducted by the Cedarville Historical Society and Highland Community College.

Thus, a logical subject for the class: What were Isaiah and Sarah and their children doing in Cedarville a century ago, a year that saw the United States drawn into World War I? I will explore that question through a series of newsletter articles over the next several months.

Most classes have a textbook, but there is no textbook called "Cedarville 1917" So with research by Ladona Wardlow, the historical society created a text CD containing copies of almost 300 articles chronologically arranged that appeared that year in the Freeport Journal Standard. Particular attention was paid to the weekly "Cedarville neighborhood" columns with their often mundane comings and goings of individuals. Each student received a copy of the CD.

After examining the local columns, it was apparent to me they were truly local. There was only rare evidence of any impact of national or international news on the content of the columns. When I did find any link, it was usually tied to a local name. In these newsletter articles, I will interject non-local headlines and stories where they coincide with the dates of the local events. So, on with the lives of Isaiah and Sarah in Cedarville.

I learned from FJS that 1917 started out very cold, but that didn't stop one grand New Year's eve party. Headline: *Banquet at Cedarville.*

"The members of the Good Fellowship club tendered a banquet to their husbands and families New Year's night at the home of J. L. Ulrich on Mt. Hope avenue. The home was artistically decorated in the national colors which is their emblem. The guests came pouring in until 50 had gathered. At 8 o'clock they were called to the dining room where a four course dinner was served consisting of oysters, pickles, celery, bread, butter, cold beef, coffee, fruit salad, cake, apples, after dinner mints. The evening was then spent in various ways among them the peanut race in which Mrs. H. Sheets carried off the honors."

Big crowd, considering Cedarville's population was under 300. The Good Fellowship Club, formed the year before, was the forerunner of the Cedarville Women's Club, which no longer exists. Nor does Mt. Hope avenue, according to Cindy Lloyd, village clerk. By the way, fresh water oysters were a favorite Midwest dish at that time. I don't know the nature of the peanut race. With a spoon, perhaps?

The next day the FJS reported that President Woodrow Wilson would address congress that night and that "congress welcomed auspiciously today its first woman member, Miss Jeanette Rankin" from Montana. Her first spoken statement contained just twenty-two words: "I was elected on the republican ticket and shall abide by the decision of the republican party in all that I do."

In the next three weekly Cedarville columns we learned that "Samuel Frank is getting about again, Miss Grace Richart has returned from the west, Fred Wagner's little boy, Gerald, is sick with pneumonia and little Ella Hutmacher was operated on last week for palatale trouble" (Something pertaining to the palate.)

On January 10 the columnist reported that "Raoul Taft, our mail carrier, is again attending to duties

after undergoing an operation at the Globe hospital in Freeport." I recall seeing photos of Raoul, a big man, only as the bass drum player in the Cedarville band, not as a mailman.

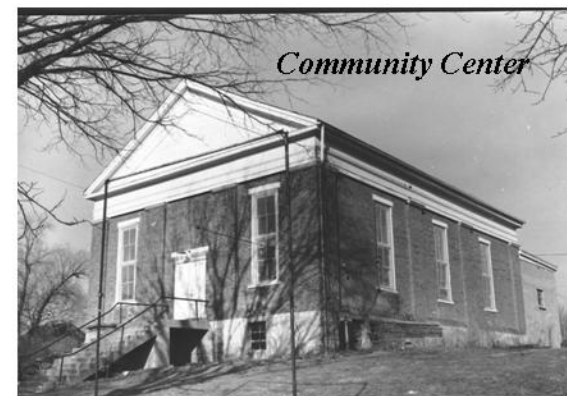


Sadly, Dakota's 19-year-old Luella Blanche Bowers died of unknown causes. Today, an exhibit featuring her fine clothing is in the Cedarville Museum.

As a sign of the times, the FJS news columns reported the death of Cedarville's Civil War veteran Henry Hockman, 76, and the demise of the Lena GAR because there were not enough living Civil War veterans in the area. Good news: A nonprofit association took over the former German Reformed and Lutheran Church building on Cedar Street for use as a community center.

The month ended on a very happy note with the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner Clingman and the marriage of their grandson Harry C. Fink to Miss Lou Luebke. Harry was the son of Clinton Fink, premier musician of the village.

Nationally, during the middle of the month, western hero and showman "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Adm. George Dewey, victor over the Spanish navy in the 1900 battle of Manila, died. Also, the U.S. paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.



If January was a cold month in Cedarville, February started out even colder. The FJS reported an overnight low on February 3 of fourteen below zero. It was seven below at 7:30 the next morning

After a long period of illness, Charles P. Garrison, 70, once the superintendent of the Stephenson County poor farm, died at his country home near Cedarville. Another sad note: Prof. Blouch, principal of Cedarville's school, lost his father who was living in Pennsylvania. During the absence of the principal, his wife took over his school responsibilities.

A happier event: Miss Flossie Wait, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wait of Red Oak, was married on February 6 to Charles Zipsie Jr., son of Charles Zipsie Sr. The bride wore a gown of gold-beaded silk tulle over white satin.

Within a few days on either side of Lincoln's birthday, Rev. James MacGowan, Cedarville's Presbyterian minister, made two talks. A Sunday sermon was titled "Did Christ Ever Sanction War Under Any Conditions?" An evening presentation was "a timely and scholarly address" called "A Message From Washington." Did Rev. MacGowan's thoughts reflect what was on the minds of his church members?

In February there were the predictable comments in the Cedarville neighborhood columns.

"Albert Wolfe has lately moved into the old Cromley residence in the north part of town."

"Mrs. M. E. Ulrich is on the sick list."

"Mr. Ed Fink spent a few days in Freeport last week."

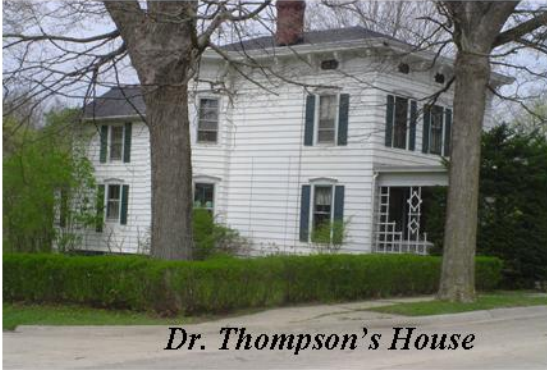
"Mrs. S. C. Thompson had the pleasure of planning, successfully, a birthday surprise and dinner for Miss Tena Schrader who was spending a few days at the Thompson home. The surprise took place on Saturday of last week. A jolly good time

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was had. The women, besides visiting, laughing and eating, did some sewing too.”

Mrs. Thompson, the former Ida Bucher, was the wife of Dr. S. C. Thompson. They lived on the northwest corner of Mill and Oak streets.



Another surprise party was held the same week when the Modern Woodmen of America honored H. Scott and family. The get together was staged in Strohm's Hall on the second floor of the building on the northeast corner of Mill and Cherry streets. Oysters and cream were served.

In the world outside of Cedarville, the pace of the war in Europe picked up in February. More merchant ships were sunk by the German navy. U.S. President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany on February 3 when the US liner Housatonic was sunk by German submarines.

Weather in the Cedarville area was relatively calm during the first part of March 1917, but in the middle of the month a strong sleet storm hit the area. Telephone and telegraph service was seriously interfered with when wind snapped off many heavily burdened poles.

There was good news for Cedarville farmer Charles Foss who was named dairy editor of The Prairie Farmer magazine. There was bad news for Stephenson County men who learned they

might be among the 369 called to serve in the army if a military draft became necessary. On the other hand, President Wilson said he had no intention of taking action that would bring war with Germany.

Beyond the United States the Russian revolution broke out. Inside the United States the Supreme Court upheld the eight hour work day for railroad employees.

In Cedarville the local news columns continued their endless recitations of every day activities of every day people making history.

“L.C. Smith and wife are getting ready to move into the Polly Foss property which they bought some time ago. Little Paul Hutmacher has been very sick with pneumonia we are informed.”

(Next newsletter issue will take up the story with April 1917 and the U.S. entry into World War I)

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