

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE OCTOBER 2011

Cedarville Area Historical Society



First Wedding Ceremony at Museum!!

For the first time in its 122 year history, the 1889 Cedarville School — now the village museum — on Sunday, September 4, opened its doors to wedding guests rather than students.

At 1 p.m. under warm blue skies more than 150 people of all ages filled the white folding chairs arranged in a semi-circle on the east lawn of the museum to hear Betsy Vondran and Greg Gilpin exchange their vows. The parents of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Vondran of Rockton and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Gilpin of Elizabeth, were in the front row.

Many of the couple's other relatives live in Stephenson County and were in attendance.

For Betsy, who chose the wedding site, it was a bit of a homecoming because, she said, for many years the former school building was the scene of family reunions. Greg also has ties to the building: his grandfather is president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and Museum.

The wedding ceremony began when the first participants left the building through the museum's east double doors and descended the concrete steps toward the rose arbor that on Sunday served as the altar. The wedding party crossed 75 feet of lawn that as late as the 1960s served as the school's playground area. The ceremony ended as the wedding party returned to the building through the same east doors.

Although no records are known to exist, one museum board member commented that probably no other Illinois museum of Cedarville's small size has ever hosted a wedding.

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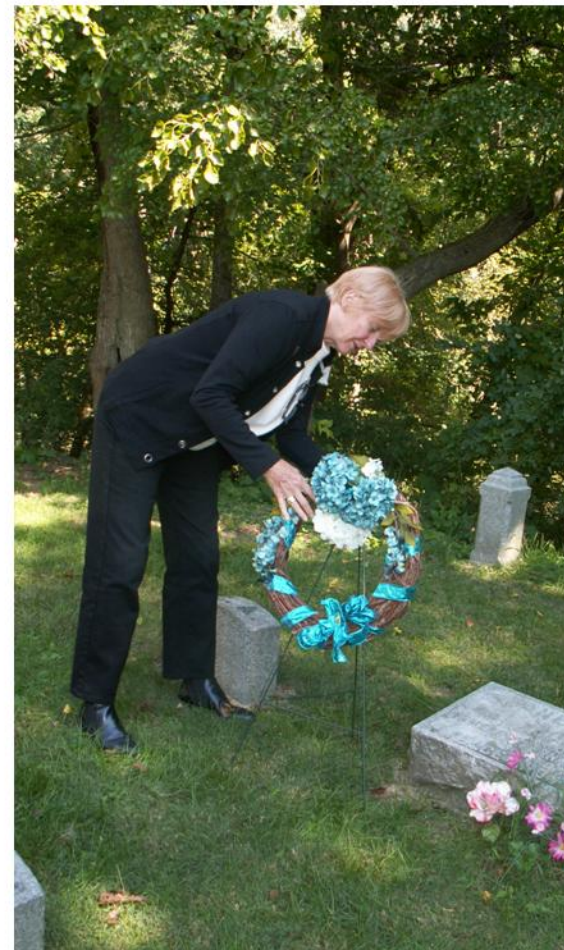
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Above: A self-guided tour of the museum was the first order of business. These women are studying the photos of the life of Jane Addams. Below: Who can resist a buffet of delicious food?



Above: Prior to the laying of a wreath on the grave of Jane Addams, the women studied the monuments of other Addams family members. Below: There was plenty of time for the attendees to socialize in the recently restored LeRoy Wilson Theater.



Museum Welcomes 45 State AAUW Members

Forty five Illinois members of the American Association of University Women gathered Saturday, September 17, at the Cedarville Museum to celebrate the 151st birthday of Cedarville's Jane Addams, a charter member of the AAUW Chicago branch.

The women participated in a self-guided tour of the museum and a 45 minute discussion about Miss Addams, led by CAHS President Jim Bade and Paul Fry, and enjoyed a birthday cake and buffet lunch prepared by Cedarville's Mr. and Mrs. Don Heilman. Fry is the last surviving pallbearer of the 1935 Jane Addams funeral.

Later the women drove to the Cedarville Cemetery and placed a wreath on the grave of Miss Addams and sang "America The Beautiful."

The AAUW was founded in 1881 by a group of women college graduates to promote equal opportunities and increase educational prospects for women. Today it is a national organization of 100,000 men and women. The September 17 attendees included women from Springfield, Rockford, Elgin, Crystal Lake, Aurora and Hinsdale areas.



Carol Heisler photo

Upper left: Ellen O'Hara of the Hinsdale—Oak Brook Branch of the AAUW places a wreath on the grave of Jane Addams.

Lower left: Following the wreath-laying ceremony, the women sang "America the Beautiful", the same song performed by Cedarville school children at the time of the burial of Jane Addams.



Off and running (walking) at 8th annual Jane Addams 5K



Wendy Gilpin registers late commers



A good show needs good publicity: Bobbie Edler

Right: How can you resist playing in the hay when it means finding a lot of good candy? The kids had fun at the museum.



Fastest time and fastest male runner was Chad Damin. Time: 20:04 min.



Second fastest time went to Wayne Jacowski. Time: 22:38.



Third fastest: Todd Pfister. Time 22:46



Fourth and oldest runner. Tyger Johnson, 77, 22:59

Good Weather, Good Fun, Good Folks At September 24 Jane Addams Festival

Whether you were an early morning runner or walker on the Jane Addams Trail or a visitor to the Cedarville Museum, you were in for a treat during the eighth annual Jane Addams Festival. This year the Cedarville Area Historical Society event celebrated the 151st birthday of Miss Addams, a native of Cedarville who founded Chicago's Hull-House and was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. If you missed this year, make sure you plan to attend next September.



Fifth fastest and fastest female runner was Angie Damin. Time: 24:05



Youngest: Sarah Prieve, 8. Time: 45:19



Forever friends, Helen Myers, Emily Myers. Time: 34:04



Chad and Angie Damin receive their trophies.

The ever-popular cake walk for those who have a sweet tooth. Anyone can try this if they visit the museum during the Jane Addams Festival.



Cedarville Cemetery Walk Saturday, Oct. 8

Want to learn more about nineteenth and early twentieth century Cedarville area residents buried in the Cedarville Cemetery?

Then join Jim Bade, president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, on Saturday, October 8, for a walk through the oldest part of the burial ground.

Starting time at the cemetery on Red Oak Road is 9 a.m. The cost is \$15 and the tour is limited to 20 persons. Call 815-563-4485 for reservations.

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Ferne M. Ottenhausen

Historical Society Member Ferne M. Ottenhausen Dies

Funeral services for Ferne M. Ottenhausen, 89, of Freeport were held Friday, September 30, at St. John United Church of Christ. She was buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport.

A longtime member of the CAHS, Mrs. Ottenhausen died September 23 in Freeport Memorial Hospital.

She was married in 1942 to August "Augie" Ottenhausen. He died in 2006.

She is survived by two nephews, a great-nephew, a great-grand nephew and great-grand niece and a sister-in-law. A brother, Robert, preceded her in death.

Museum Closes Oct. 30, But Historical Society Activities Go On, On, On

The doors of the Cedarville Museum will close for the 2011 season at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 30, but the work of its parent organization—the Cedarville Area Historical Society — never stops.

The nine member society board of directors will continue to meet the second Tuesday evening of every month to guide the future of the society and the museum.

Board members are Jim Bade, Narcissa Engle, Galen Bertram, Sharon Barmore, Carol Meyers, Steve Myers, Diane Hagemann, Diane Tepper and Dale Priewe. If you have any suggestions or thoughts for 2012, feel free to contact one of them.

Although the museum will not re-open until May 1 of 2012, every effort will be made to honor special requests for groups that would like to view the exhibits and for persons who would like to make use of the research center. Call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485.

In 2011 the museum made its facilities available for use for special purposes. For example, the museum was the scene of an outdoor wedding attended by more than 150 and was host to a meeting and catered lunch by 45 members of the American Association of University Women. Call Jim Bade for more information about 2012 possibilities.



Joyce Lee Goodson Murphy

Former Cedarville Resident Joyce Lee Murphy Dies

Joyce Lee Goodson Murphy died at her Freeport home September 24 with her four children — Beth, Peggy, Marilee and Conrad — at her side.

Her husband, Jere Murphy Sr.; her son, Jere Murphy Jr.; and her grandson, Ian Murphy-Mitchard preceded her in death.

She leaves behind eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren and "special sons of her heart" Guy Mitchard and John Beatty.

Her ashes will be placed with her husbands in Huntsville, Al.



Some of 150 at the ceremony



Father and daughter



The first married kiss

150 join couple in museum wedding ceremony

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Officially they are now Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gilpin



The new family

The newlyweds and their parents: From left: Hal and Wendy Gilpin of Elizabeth, Greg and Betsy and Cindy and Larry Vondran of Rockton.