

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

SEPTEMBER 2011

*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## *Jane Addams Festival September 24*

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will stage the eighth annual Jane Addams Festival Saturday, September 24. This year's event marks the 151st birthday of the Nobel Peace Prize winner and founder of Chicago's Hull-House who was born in Cedarville.

The day's events will include a 5K run or walk on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville with trophies and medals in fourteen categories plus games for all ages, a picnic lunch, festival t-shirts and a free museum tour.

All events except the run or walk will take place at the Cedarville Museum on top of the Second Street hill west of Mill Street.

The 5K run or walk will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Wes Block Trail Head south of US Rt. 20 bypass and end at Cedarville Road with awards to be presented approximately at 11 a.m. at the museum. Pre-registration is \$15; registration at 8:30 a.m. on race/walk day is \$18. All registrants receive a festival t-shirt.

There will be fourteen age and gender groups in the 5K run. The overall fastest male and female will receive a trophy. First second and third place finishers in the fourteen groups will receive medals.

The games for all ages will start at 11 a.m. at the museum. There is no registration or cost.

The \$2 picnic lunch, consisting of a hot dog on a bun, chips, lemonade or ice tea and a dessert will also be available at 11 a.m. The free tour of the museum will be available throughout the festival.

A pre-registration form for the 5K run or walk is in this newsletter on pages 2 and 3. Free copies of the newsletter are also available at the museum, the Cedarville post office, community center, Cedarville Mobile convenience store, Reed's Service, Hair It Is! on Rt. 26. south of the village, Barkau's North and South, Famous Fossils Winery, east of the village on Cedarville Road, Kent Bank on Fairview Road and Rt. 26 and the Cedarville churches..

## 5 K Run/Walk Course Information

The Jane Addams Festival 5K Run or Walk will take place Saturday, September 24, on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville. It will start at the Wes Block Trail Head south of U.S. Rt. 20 and end at Cedarville Rd. There is parking at the starting point and car access to the trail from the east at the finish line. The run and walk will take place regardless of weather. **Separate male and female age groups are 12 and under, 13 – 19, 20 – 29, 30 – 39, 40 – 49, 50 – 59, 60 & up and walkers.**

### Race Day

Late registration at the starting line is at 8:30 a.m. The runners will start at 9:30 a.m., the walkers a few minutes later. There will be water on the route and fruit at the finish line.

### Awards

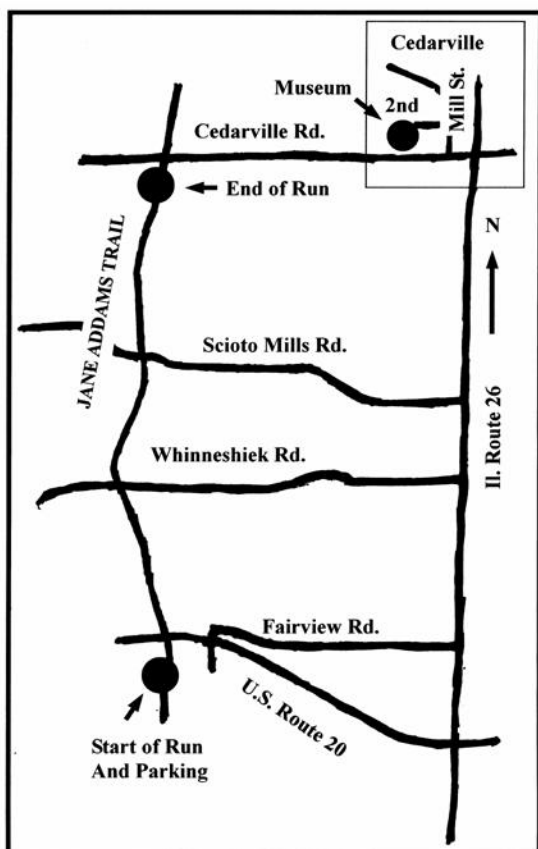
Awards will be presented about 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Museum on top of the Second Street hill just west of Mill Street. (See map) Trophies will go to the first overall male and female winners of the run. Medals will go to the top three male and female finishers in the seven age groups. Run and walk participants can join other Jane Addams Festival participants at the museum in games designed for all ages, a cake walk a free tour of the museum and a \$2 lunch.

## Registration / Fees

The fee is \$15 for those who register by Sept. 24. Those registering on Sept. 24, will pay \$18. The fee includes a t-shirt for all participants.

**The registration form and a check or money order made out to the Cedarville Area Historical Society should be mailed to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013**

For information contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or [bonniebade@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebade@comcast.net).



5K RUN / WALK REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RACE DAY AGE \_\_\_\_\_ WALKER? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE CIRCLE ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE

MALE FEMALE SML MED LRG X-LRG XX-LRG PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME \_\_\_\_\_

WALKER: I hereby waive and release any and all claims of damages or injuries I may incur as a result of my participation in this contest. This waiver covers the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Jane Addams Trail Commission and other sponsors of the event.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ (PARENT IF UNDER 18)



*Dan Edler, mural artist, pauses for a cool lemonade*



*Roger Goodspeed, mural artist studies Edler's mural*



*Harlan Corrie, mural artist finds some quiet time*



*Hulone Scheider and Gayle Wilson*



*Mural artist Duane Smith chats with Pam and Ken Rosmann owners of Cedarville's Famous Fossil Winery*

## Double Dedication

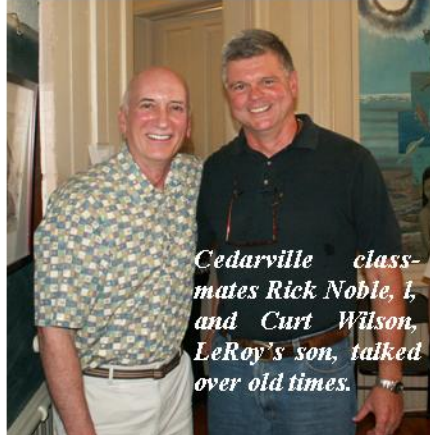
More than 70 people were at the museum Sunday, August 21, to dedicate the second floor north room as the LeRoy Wilson Theater and the room's four historical murals created by four Cedarville-area artists.



*Gene and Karen Brander, LeRoy's daughter*



*Sharon Barmore, Diane Hageman and Bonnie Bade table tended*



*Cedarville classmates Rick Noble, I, and Curt Wilson, LeRoy's son, talked over old times.*



*Twelve members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Rockford visited Cedarville August 10 for a tour of the Cedarville Museum, the grounds of the Addams homestead and the area of the Addams family burials in the Cedarville Cemetery. Jim Bade, CAHS president conducted the two hour tour.*

## Lena Historical Society Quilt Exhibit Opens

The Lena Area Historical Society quilt exhibit, part of the Northern Illinois Quilt Fest, is open through September.

The museum is open weekends 1 to 4 p.m. through September. Call Gary Price at 815-369-4135 for group tours.

Labeled "Peace Together: The Importance of Women's Social Groups Created Through Quilting" explores the social aspects of quilting during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Exhibit cost: \$4 for adults, \$2 children 12 and under. At 2 p.m. Sunday, September 11, the museum will host a "Quilt Turning." Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2 children 12 and under.

## October 8 Cemetery Walk

If you want to learn more about the personal life of Cedarville residents buried in the oldest part of the Cedarville Cemetery sign up for the Saturday, October 8, walk with comments by Jim Bade, CAHS president.

Call 815-563-4485 to sign up for the one hour walk. The cost is \$15. Limited to twenty persons.

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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).*



← With 92 guests Carole Bertram and Carol Meyers were busy serving food.  
→ Doug Dammann was eager to answer questions after his presentation.



Andrew Drye and Sue Myers, front, and Harlan and Judy Corrie, back, were among the early arrivals and settled in seats up front.



### Doug Dammann

Doug Dammann, director of the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, Wi., drew a capacity crowd with his August 4 program on the role of Illinois and Wisconsin in the Civil War.



← Part of audience in LeRoy Wilson Theater

### Joyce Salter Johnson

Freeport native and author Joyce Salter Johnson (right) captivated the audience August 18 with her talk about the first African-American settlers in Stephenson County. She included excerpts from her two recently published books on the subject.



Above: Salter-Johnson explains passages from her book while historical society treasurer Galen Bertram waits with his question.

## LeRoy Spawns More School Memories

*(The late LeRoy Wilson's pen generated many historical society newsletter articles recounting his memories of Cedarville School. Following are the memories of Rick Noble who attended the school a generation later and who was a classmate of LeRoy's son Curt. Editor)*

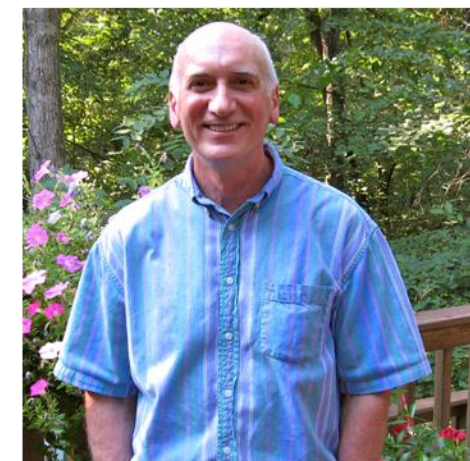
What I remember most are the smells of that old schoolhouse. In the fall, at the beginning of the school year, it was the aroma of floor wax and Pinesol, subtly mixed with smoke from smoldering neighborhood leaf piles — perfectly legal back then. In the winter it was fuel oil, fresh pencil shavings and the clean steam generated from countless wet mittens and scarves draped over enormous, scalding-to-the-touch radiators. And in the spring it was newly mown grass from the Battlefield, the wormy smell after a heavy rain and a faint antiseptic tinge from that mysterious reddish liquid used to disinfect our communal Flutophone mouthpieces.

When I tell people that my grammar school was built in the 1800s, had four rooms, a “cloak” room, no gymnasium, no café-vendeterium, allowed snowball fights (as long as you were in the Battlefield) and warned students not to lick the pump handle in the dead of winter, they either assume I’m much older than they guessed or I’ve watched too much TV. Both are probably true.

My memories of those days haven’t

dimmed in 50 years and I’m proud to be one of the last generations of students to attend Cedarville School. All things considered, it could be regarded as a progressive school these days. The administration staff was lean — one principal, one janitor. The third/fourth and fifth/sixth grades each shared a room and were taught by the same school teacher who would gage your learning style the first year and help you navigate through the next. She, and it was always a she, would assign reading or a quiz to one side of the room while teaching the other. As a student, you couldn’t help but get a preview of the next grade or a review of your last.

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Rick currently lives in Oregon, Wi., with his wife of 27 years, Chris. They have two grown daughters, Cassandra and Stephanie.

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because the teachers cared, because parents valued education and, I believe, because we shared classrooms. We were taught the *four R's* at Cedarville: Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Respect. They stressed the fundamentals and we boys learned, and it was always us boys, that horsing around meant a protracted stint in the cloak room. No medication in those days, just public humiliation and banishment to a lonely, dark room crammed with other kid's coats that reeked of stale cigarette smoke. (Everyone's folks smoked. At Christmas, parents often exchanged festively decorated cartons of cigarettes as gifts.)

Several years ago I stopped by the old schoolhouse to reminisce and was surprised to learn it was being converted into a museum. It smelled of fresh paint and plaster, which was oddly disappointing. But as I climbed the fire escape to search for my name, scratched into the red brick façade a half century ago, the wind picked up and I heard an old familiar sound, the sound of Venetian blinds fluttering in the breeze, and then the scent of newly mown grass suddenly filled the air. And I was a kid again with my whole life stretching out before me.

So, thanks to all you volunteers for saving Cedarville School from the same fate as the Community House. Please continue to revere and preserve the historic landmarks in that great little town. And, I sure hope there's a statue of limitations for defacing school property.



*Gary Raetz, at 2007 historical society program on German migration to Stephenson County.*

## **Gary Raetz Dies; Rock Run Historical Society Founder**

Gary Raetz, 74, founder and for 17 years president of the Rock Run Country Historical Society, died August 6 following knee replacement surgery.

Raetz was also a long-time member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and a society program speaker in 2007.

Born in Dakota, Raetz taught history and social studies at Dakota High School for 30 years. He was a world traveler and used his movies and slides to teach his students over the years.

Surviving him are five sisters and a brother-in-law. Two sisters and his parents preceded him in death.