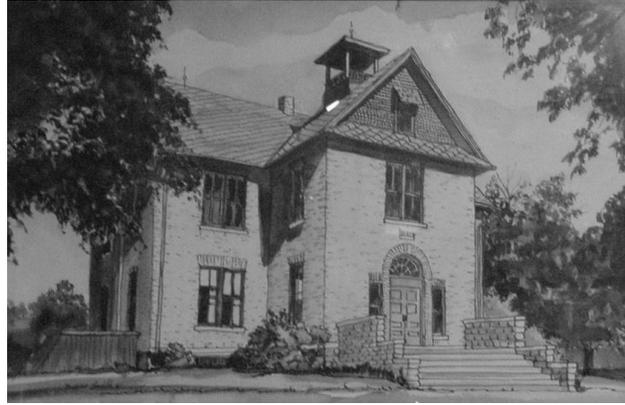


# **ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE**

## **November-December 2025**

***Cedarville Area Historical Soci-***



## **Museum Updates**

Our 2025 season is coming to an end and we are thrilled to share with you that this has been one of our busiest years. Our partnership with other Stephenson County Museums helped to bring an awareness within our community about not just our organization but our other partners as well. We were thrilled to welcome more guests to the museum each Saturday afternoon this summer and to have television and print exposure throughout the county and beyond.

### **Upcoming Cedarville Area Historical Society Events**

- November 8th– Fundraiser-Wrapping Gifts at the Holiday Shopping Expo @ Jane Addams Community Center
- December 2nd– Back by popular demand our Holiday Potluck Dinner-7:00pm (we hope that you will bring a dish to pass)
- February 8th, 2026– Save the Date for our annual Chili and Soup Luncheon

We hope that you have enjoyed many of our offerings as much as we have enjoyed presenting them. Of course one of our favorite events continues to be our Annual Chili and Soup Luncheon. We love being able to see our friends and neighbors after our “long winter’s nap”. In partnership with the Cedarville American Legion our annual Memorial Day Program continues to draw many local residents and visitors to the community.

Our Tuesday night programs including: History of The Freeport Tabernacle Building with Joe Kanosky, Dr Andy Dvorak presented a look at Addams-Lincoln with a focus on social impact, John Reed shared a look at The Old Settlers Picnics and Reunions (1869-1959), a video remake of 100 Years of Cedarville History as told in a comedic spoof, and finally a review of the buildings of Cedarville and surrounding communities. New this year was the introduction of a Birthday/Tea party honoring Jane Addams’ 165th birthday. We were so excited to see all age groups and generations attend our party and the hats that many of them designed and wore. Our thanks to each of you who attended one or more of the events. We encourage you to bring guests when you attend as that will help us get the word out about our building and organization.

We live in an area that is rich in history and we are proud to be able to present much of that history in our displays and newsletters. This year we worked (with your help) on expanding a couple of our displays including an expansion of our Civil War Display to include all military involvements. In working on this display we learned so much about many of our residents and their roles in the different wars that we have decided to continue to expand that display. We also expanded our school display and continue to try and secure additional school photos and other school related memorabilia. We have identified that another display expansion and revitalization that we will focus on for 2026 is the Jane Addams room.

Fall is the time of year when things slow down a bit for us and we again ask for your support of the Cedarville Area Historical Society for the upcoming year by renewing your membership. If you are not a member please consider becoming a member. Our dues remain at \$15 per year for individual membership and \$25 per year for families. As always, if you would like to contribute extra, it is more than welcome and very much appreciated. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue offering programs, tours, displays and special events as well as the general maintenance and upkeep of the museum and historical society. Thru your generous donations we’ve been able to maintain and keep up with the required maintenance needed for a 150+ year old building. We are always open to your ideas on what you would like to see at the museum, please let us know and we will try to incorporate your ideas into our work scope. Our thanks for your continued support.

## September and October Events and Programs



**Jane Addams Tea Party**



**Above: Viewing of the Original Cedarville Historical Spoof.**



**Above: Community gathering to share and learn about the Cedarville and surrounding buildings and residents, Right: Winners of the Passport to the Past baskets. These winners visited all 10 Stephenson County museums this summer.**

# 2026 Membership Offer

The Cedarville Area Historical Society invites you to become a member of the society. If you accept our invitation, please fill out the form below and mail your check to CAHS, 1212 South Stewart Ave., Freeport, Illinois 61032. Individual membership is \$15 and a family membership is \$25. If you prefer, go to <https://cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org> and click on the Membership link, to pay your dues and/or contribute on-line. Your January through December membership entitles you to receive a copy of our newsletters and other communications, and free admission to the museum. Most importantly, you will be supporting the ongoing work and mission of the historical society.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USPS ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Members have the option to receive newsletters and other communications by EMAIL or by USPS. The EMAIL option is preferred. Newsletters received by EMAIL arrive faster and all pictures are in color. The pictures in our newsletter that arrive by USPS are in black and white. In addition, the EMAIL option saves the society the cost of printing and mailing documents.

I want to receive newsletters and communications by: **EMAIL (preferred)** \_\_\_\_\_ **USPS** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL (\$15)** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAMILY (\$25)** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER IN FAMILY** \_\_\_\_\_

The historical society has been very fortunate through the financial support of our generous members. We have never borrowed to make improvements. Unfortunately, yearly dues and income from events do not cover our operating expenses, such as heating, lighting, insurance and maintenance. Please consider a special financial donation, above and beyond your yearly dues, to help the society continue our mission of collecting, preserving, displaying, and interpreting the history of the Cedarville area. Contributions to the society are tax deductible as the society is a 501 (c) (3) organization recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

I am enclosing an additional contribution of \_\_\_\_\_. These funds are to be used for ongoing operational expenses and/or museum restoration projects.

**Thank you, and welcome to the Cedarville Area Historical Society!**

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Postage

***Return Service Requested***

Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (June, July and August)

Museum is also available by appointment

During non-open hours you can utilize the Ring doorbell and we will do our best to respond and meet you at the museum

Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

Call or text 224-639-3436 or 815-847-9127 to reserve or email: [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org) to make arrangements



**REMEMBER:** If during your household cleaning you come across items (photos, postcards, apparel, school items, military, historic retail items, etc.) that have significance to the history of our surrounding community and you are thinking of throwing them out STOP. Those items may be of historic importance to our community and we would love to have them for current/future displays. We thank those who have recently donated items to be used in current or future displays. Give us a call (224-639-3436) or email us at [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org).

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