# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



## "Inspiration" Barbershop Four August 20

The "Inspiration" barbershop quartet, one of the favorite foursomes of Cedarville Museum music audiences, will return to the museum stage on Tuesday evening August 20.

The music of these four men covers a wide range from new versions of old time songs to today's popular melodies.

The 7:30 p.m. program will be the fourth

and the last in this year's summer live music schedule. The cost is \$10 per person with complimentary refreshments served during the social hour.

For reservations call Jim Bade, CAHS society president at 815-563-4485.

A simple elevator to the second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater is available for visitors who are handicapped.



The Inspiration barbershop quartet: From left: Bart Macomber (baritone), Carl Heintz (bass), Nathan Hyland (lead) and Jerry Hyland (tenor)



Cristina (1) and Adriana (r) study the mixed Addams-Haldeman family chart.



Wall of chronological photos tells the story of the public life of Miss Addams.



Kay joins the two women to study a copy of a new Cedarville history manuscript to be published shortly by the historical society



CAHS President Jim Bade identifies Jane Addams in 1872 Cedarville School photo.

#### South American Visitor Tours Cedarville Museum

Adriana Szterensus, accountant for a major video gaming applications company in Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited the Cedarville museum in July accompanied by her cousin Cristina Szterensus, Spanish and English instructor at Highland Community College, and Kay Ostberg, English and philosophy instructor and curator of the Jane Addams Display Wall at Highland. Adrianna's primary purpose was to learn more about Cedarville-born Jane Addams, founder of Chicago's Hull-House. The trio also visited the Addams grave site in the cemetery.



A chance to view a model of the Hull-House complex at its greatest expansion.

## Recordings of Strings, Accordions Ready

CD recordings of the May 28 live music program featuring the Stockton Caswell Sisters string quartet and the July 20 program with the accordion duo of Cedarville's Bobbie Edler and Monroe's John Waelti are now available from the Cedarville historical society.

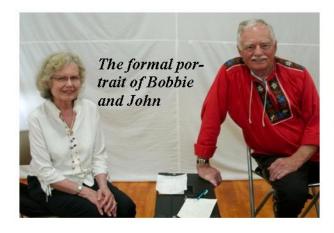
The cost is \$10 per CD plus \$3 mailing cost. It is expected the DVD recordings of the string quartet will be available later.

Similar recordings are available for most of the previous programs presented by CAHS.

All recordings are under the direction of Steve Myers, vice president of the historical society

















### **Full House for Accordion Duo**

The accordion twosome of Bobbie Edler, Cedarville resident, and John Waelti, Monroe, Wi., native, drew a full house to the Cedarville Museum Tuesday night, July 16. The hour long program of favorites and new pieces rated a standing ovation at the end of the performance. Originally scheduled for last year, but postponed because of injuries to Bobbie, the show was well worth waiting for. Following the program, the performers joined their followers in the social hour.

Lisa Goodwin Photos











The northeast corner of the museum sports the new exhibit on the 1910 Cedarville graduation class and the 1909 full size bust of President Abraham Lincoln.



## Museum Exhibit Highlights 1910 Graduation Class

Thanks to three important donations the museum has created an exciting exhibit featuring the Cedarville School 1910 high school graduation class.

A large framed, identified picture of the eleven member class was received from Lois Thrasher, Freeport, daughter of graduate Hazel Winchell. CAHS member Rick Kahley, rural Cedarville, grandson of Hazel, contributed Hazel's framed graduation certificate.

Kristin Rydholm contributed a piece of unusual art created by Eleanor McClurkin, class valedictorian. Eleanor developed extremely aggressive arthritis to all parts of her body, but until her 1961 death she turned out greeting cards using cut up cancelled postage stamps.

A sample of her work is exhibited with the nearby Abraham Lincoln bust because the class was heavily involved in acquiring the bust. Their major effort was a February 12, 1909, program honoring the President on his 100th birthday.

The exhibit also includes a large photograph dated June 6, 1910, of all 108 students attending the school at that time. Amazingly, all except one of the students in the photograph are identified.



Mel Welch, Red Oak, a member and weekend host of the historical society, examines the Laborde Family friendship quilt that is now on display at the Cedarville Museum. The quilt, a contribution of former Cedarville resident Florence LaBorde Evans, displays the names of thirty late nineteenth century-early twentieth century friends and relatives of the LaBorde family during that time period. A free booklet with biographical information of the individuals on the quilt is available. Research on the quilt was done by Ladona Wardlow

# Peggy Reynolds, Cedarville, Dies at 101

Peggy Iris Reynolds, 101, died June 23. She was the mother of Kathleen Glaze of Cedarville.

Peggy was born in Santa Cruz, Calif., to Henry and Charlotte Poole.

She attended junior college in Hollister, Calif., where she met her future husband Max Reynolds. The couple married in 1939, a union that lasted more than 67 years until her husband died.

The couple left California in 1943 and moved to Smithshire, Il., where her husband farmed family land.

#### Becky Weber, 64, Former Cedarville Resident, Dies

Becky "Tootie" Weber, 64, Freeport, died May 1. She was the daughter of Robert and Pat (Zimmerman) Bratley, former Cedarville area residents who are both deceased.

Prior to her death Becky was employed at Lynn Meyer Builders and Menards.

She is survived by her fiancé Dave Kerr and children Sara Satterfield, Jeremy Weber and Amy Licht. She is also survived by six grandchildren and brothers and sisters Vic (Steve) Gorham, Rod Bratley, Joe (Donna) Bratley and Mark Bratley.

The couple had four daughters: Linda, Carole, Kathleen and Diana, all who survive her. Also surviving are 11 grand-children, 21 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

Peggy was extremely active in the United Methodist Church. She and her husband were avid golfers, winning many tournaments. At the age of 89 she began drawing and was known for her portraits.

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