

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE NOVEMBER 2018

Cedarville Area Historical Society



November 14 Party for Museum Hosts

It's that time of the year for the board of the Cedarville Area Historical Society to say "thank you" to the members of the society who volunteered their weekend afternoons this year during May through October to assist visitors to the museum.

On Tuesday evening of November 14 more than three dozen individuals who filled that role will meet in the museum

to be recognized. The party complete with refreshments, will also give the volunteers the opportunity to personally meet Lisa Goodwin, the newest board member and successor to the late Narcissa Engle who for years was responsible for organizing the volunteers.

The names of this year's volunteers will be found on page two of this newsletter.



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Free fun, food, music by Inspiration Quartet, Page 2*

Museum Hosts Invited to November Party

Following is a list of CAHS members who volunteered to serve as Cedarville Museum hosts or hostesses during the months of May through October 2018.

Carol and Dennis Meyers, Rose and Mike Binns, Tait Weigel, Ramona Kryder, Frank Rutter, Judy and Harlan Corrie, Janice and Art Levrington, Sharon and Jim Barmore

Ladona and Merrill Wardlow, Jim and Bonnie Bade, Galen and Carole Bertram, Bobbie and Dan Edler, Bob and Miriam Schlueter, Theresa Morris, Kelly and Dale Prewie, Moira Knowlton

Kathleen and Steve Glaze, Karen and Dave Macomber, Pat and Lisa Goodwin, Don and Vickie Franz, Jane and Roger Goodspeed, Wendy and Hal Gilpin, Dee Blomberg, Dave Marcum, Dorrie and Mel Welch, Bill and Shirley Pick,



*Lisa Goodwin
CAHS Board Member
Volunteer Coordinator*

Al and Bonnie Scheider, Dan and Diana Nye, Ruth Wardlow, Lorraine Stabenow.

Cedarville Museum Christmas Party Dec. 11

The annual Cedarville Museum free Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 11. Members of the historical society and the general public are invited to participate in the celebration.

A general social hour will open the program at 6 p.m. This will be followed by a glass of wine provided by Famous Fossil Winery, food and then entertainment by the Inspiration Quartet with the voices of Bart Macomber, Carl Heintz, Nathan

and Jerry Hyland. The quartet will also lead the audience in a half dozen favorite Christmas songs. This same group presented a holiday program several years ago.

The evening is also expected to include several holiday games.

The board of the historical society wants to thank everyone who has worked to make this a successful celebration.



Historical Society Needs An Assist From Its Members

There are times when the historical society will not accept an artifact because it does not meet the society's criteria. The above flare pistol is not locally related. The owner of the flare pistol has approved the sale of the artifact with the proceeds to go to the historical society for its purposes. Is there a society member who can provide the society with information about this particular artifact?

Roger Goodspeed Artist Studio Show November 3, 4

Freeport artist Roger Goodspeed on Saturday, November 3, and Sunday, November 5, will showcase his new and previous works in his studio at 1727 Church Street, Freeport.

The hours of the exhibit will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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The society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and has been designated as eligible for tax deductible gifts under IRS tax code regulation 501 (c)(3).

Museum Receives Gift of Friendship Quilt

The Cedarville Museum recently received a large family "Friendship Quilt" through the generosity of Florence LaBorde Evans, now living in Freeport but originally a member of a pioneer Cedarville family. The quilt, with many entries made in the last decade of the nineteenth century, was given during a visit to Mrs. Evans by Galen Bertram, treasurer of the historical society. Research on the 30 names stitched on the quilt has resulted in information on most of them. However, several names have proved illusive and Ladona Wardlow, the society's chief researcher, would like help on several, especially numbers 5, 7, 9 and 26 in the list to the right. Ladona said she would also appreciate information on any of the people on the list. When sufficient information on the persons represented on the quilt is available, it will be published in the newsletter.



- Top left across - Antique Cedarville Quilt (1890's)
- 1- Mrs. Painter
 - 2- Mrs. J. Schrock
 - 3- Mrs. W. Laborde (WILBER)
 - 4- Ada LaBorde
 - 5 Anya Kenilfle ??
 - 6 Julia Hermsmeier
 - 7- Anna C. Schafer
 - 8- Lucy E. Schelp 1896
 - 9- ~~Lucy~~ H. Rubendall (HARRY RAN COUNTRY CLUB)
 - 10 Mabel Laborde
 - 11- Jennie Lied
 - 12- Ida Pyfer
 - 13- Lula Lied ?
 - 14- Anna J. Crotzer ?
 - 15- Lucy A. Rubendall 1892
 - 16- Mrs. E. Schelp ?
 - 17- Mrs. J. Windecker ~~2~~ — LUCY LABORDE SISTER - IN 1890
 - 18- Jennie Beidler ?
 - 19- Susan Neff
 - 20- Nettie Rubendall — RELATED TO LULA LABORDE
 - 21- Mrs. F. Schelp
 - 22- Maud Schaffner
 - 23- Mrs. E. Lied
 - 24- Mrs. P. Windecker
 - 25- Dora Hermsmeier
 - 26- Mrs. J. Wagner — HAD 18 KIDS
 - 27- Lizzie Lied
 - 28- Elfie? Windecker — CONNECT
 - 29- Mrs. J. LaBorde (JACK) — EILEEN LIVES IN MINNIE
 - 30- Elsie Schelp — LIVES IN MINNESOTA



This photograph of Florence LaBorde Evans was taken in 2013 by Jim Bade, president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society. At that time she was 90 years old. She was born in 1923 on the Addams family farm east of Cedarville. Her parents were Charles and Ida LaBorde. She attended Champion Hills School. The origin of the quilt is unknown. Florence said she received the quilt from the husband of her sister Sally. According to Florence, her mother had the quilt between the spring and mattress of a bed. Florence gave the quilt to Galen Bertram for the historical society's archives.



The three dolls (no names are known) measure from 12 inches to 20 inches in length. The heads are porcelain and the facial characteristics of the three are amazingly similar.

Century Old Dolls Now in Museum

Three dolls probably made in Germany around 1910 and once played with by two Cedarville sisters have been donated to the Cedarville Area Historical Society



By Laura Kubik of Freeport. The girls were the daughters of Rev. John William Michael and his wife, Minta, great grandparents of Laura, who previously gave Minta's small sewing rocker to the society. Rev. Michael served the Evangelical Church in the Cedarville area from the 1880s to 1927.

The girls, Ada, born in 1897, and Alice, born in 1899, were obviously careful "mothers" to the dolls because they are still in good condition.

In 1922 Ada married Rev. Floyd Mertz, once a minister in Forreston. He died in 1965. It is believed the couple had five children. Ada died in 1975.

Alice never married. She was an ele-

mentary school teacher in Streator and Forreston, retiring in 1961. She died in 1990 in Freeport.

Rev. Michael, the father of the girls, who was born in 1855, died in 1931 of an apparent heart attack while he was a passenger in a car being driven by Alice. Reportedly he was returning from central Illinois where he had presided at a funeral for a friend. His wife died in 1935 at the age of 65. Both are buried in Carroll County, Il.

Besides the two girls Rev. Michael and his wife had a son Harry who was born in 1895 and lived only seven months.

The photograph below shows the parents standing beside the cemetery monument for the son. The date of the photograph is unknown.



Rev. Michael was for many years the minister of this church on the west side of Harrison Street in Cedarville. The structure burned down in 1948. A residence is now on the site.

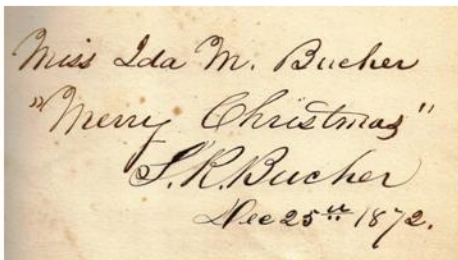


Alice, 13, Rev. John Michael, Ada, 15, and Minta Michael in 1912 photograph.

CAHS Gets Signed Bucher Family Book

The Cedarville Area Historical Society has received an 1872 Christmas present book dedicated by pioneer village doctor S. Rex Bucher to his 19-year-old daughter Ida May.

The book was given to the society by Freeport resident Duane Smith who once



lived in the Cedarville house occupied by Ida May after her 1879 marriage to Dr. Smith Thompson, at one time Dr. Bucher's assistant. Dr. Bucher died at age 47, three years after dedicating the book



Ida Bucher's 1871 Mill Street home

The book, published in 1871, is titled "Winter Poems" by favorite American poets.

Ida and her husband had two sons. One, Fred, became a doctor.



The other, Ethol, became a pharmacist.

After a three month illness, Ida died in her home in 1922 at the age of 66. She was buried in Cedarville.

Her husband's health began to fail two years before his death and he also died in the Mill Street home in 1933 at the age of 83. He too was buried in the Cedarville Cemetery.



Ida's 1880's Mill Street home