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Cedarville Area Historical Society

Historical Society Annual Meeting, Lunch February 6

The annual meeting of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and the society's traditional chili/soup/sandwich lunch will be held Sunday, February 6, in the Cedarville Community Center on Washington Street.

The 11 a.m. annual meeting will be in one of the building's former classrooms and will include the election of nine members to the board of directors, a financial report and information regarding future plans of the society. Because most of the meeting's content is in this news letter, the meeting is expected to be short so attendees can quickly move to the building's gym where the lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and they will be available at the gym door.

The nine nominees for the society's board are Narcissa Engle, Ruth Smith, Moira Knowlton, Mary Reed, Denise Rogers, Dave Kaiser, Neal Scheider, Steve Myers and Jim Bade. All except Rogers and Myers are currently serving on the board. These two have been nominated to replace David Huber and Jeremy Monigold who have decided to give up their board positions but who have pledged to continue providing volunteer services to the historical society.

The newly elected board will hold its organizational meeting Tuesday, February 8. At that time members will draw lots to determine who will serve terms running from one to three years. The board will also elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from the board membership.

2004 Picture Of Finances Is Released

Ruth Smith, Cedarville Area Historical Society treasurer, has compiled the Society's 2004 year end financial report which will go to the board and members at the annual meeting.

The report shows a year-end balance of \$3,633 in the account used to pay operational expenses such as insurance, utilities, postage, programs and the newsletter. The amount is relatively high; however, Mrs. Smith said 90 per cent of 2005 dues have been paid so additional income is limited and several expenses are expected to increase.

The account that pays for renovation of the 1889 school is under \$300 and must be replenished before more work can be authorized, she said.



Steve Myers, historical society volunteer, cuts the first of 20 pieces of masonite hardboard that will become the new blackboards in both first floor rooms of the 1889 Cedarville school. The smooth side of each board will be finished with a special paint.



Steve and his wife, Sue, measure one of the hardboards before cutting. The couple mounted all 140 feet of the future blackboards in one day. After the special black paint is applied, wood trim will be added to frame each section of the boards.

Society Membership Tops 100

For the first time in its history, the membership of the Cedarville Area Historical Society exceeded 100 individuals or families by the end of 2004. The number was 65 at the beginning of the year. The members are:

Ray and Rose Cronau, Cedarville
 Norman and Shirley Wagner, Freeport
 Duane and Ruth Smith, Freeport
 Patrick M. Quinn, Northwestern University archivist, Evanston
 Mary Ellyn Mau, McConnell
 Jim and Gina Cole, Cedarville
 Pete and Beverly Haselhorst, Cedarville
 Mary Lynn Bryan, Duke University, Fayetteville, N.C.
 Evelyn Messinger, Cedarville
 Leonard and Gwen Cummins, Cedarville
 Dick and Narcissa Engle, Cedarville
 Tony and Sandy Sciutto, Cedarville
 Doug and Martha Martin, Freeport
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 Bill and Shirley Pick, Cedarville
 Vernon and Winifred Macomber, Lena
 Tim and Kitti McCarthy, Freeport
 Paul and Ramona Kryder, Freeport
 Joe Hutchison, Freeport
 Geoff Cox, Stockton
 Duane and Alice Scheider, Cedarville
 Jari Franklin, Chicago
 Bill and Dottie Emo, Cedarville
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 Delbert and Hulone Scheider, Freeport
 Tom Garman, Freeport
 Dick and Judy Wolfe, Cedarville
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 Shirley Schwartz, Cloverdale, Or.
 Glenn and Bernice Dietmeier, Cedarville
 Joel and Bev Scheider, Cedarville
 Dr. Rose Binns, Cedarville
 Merle and Ladona Wardlow, Freeport
 Patricia Welty, Wichita, Ks.
 Karl Ericson, Tuscon, Az
 Joe and Rose Noeske, Cedarville
 Wendy and Hal Gilpin, Mundelein, Il.
 Jean Joyce, Lena
 Wallace and Dorothy Hutchison, Freeport
 Bill and Ann Tully, Cedarville
 Neal and Julie Scheider, Cedarville
 Harlan and Judy Corrie, Cedarville
 Paul E. Fry, Washington, D.C..
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History & Art Program Off To Great Start

The Cedarville Area Historical Society program to sell color photographs and note cards depicting village history was highly successful during its first two months.

One hundred 8 by 10 photos and more than 600 note cards were purchased with gross sales reaching \$1,979 and net sales almost \$1,400.

The money will be used to help pay the electric and heating costs of the 1889 school once it is being operated as the historical society's museum.

The sales program will continue during 2005, according to Jim Bade, president of the historical society. Information about the program can be obtained by calling him at 815-563-4485. Twelve scenes are available., Bade said.



Buckeye School in the year 1895

Historical Society Receives 110-year-old School Photo

Thanks to Marie Kahly, a Cedarville history aficionado, the historical society has an outstanding 1895 photo of Buckeye School.

What's more, she provided the names of the 29 students who were in attendance that year. They were:

Harvey Hartman, Earl Walter, Emma Ermold, Bertha Jones, Celia Hartman, Carrie Utt, Alvin Utt, Loyd

Utt, Alvin Utt, Loyd Bike, William Lied, Elsie Hartman, Nora Frank, Clement Parriott, Martha Utt, Beata Lied, Burleigh Kahley, Clarence Kahley, Walter Utt, Samuel Frank, Clarence Hoot, Helen Frazier, Pearl Bike, Kittie Parriott, Maude Hubler, Ross Utt, Elmer Hubler, Lillie Jones, Archie Frank, Orville Kahley and Earl Lied.

The teacher was Carrie A. Lanker.

Reader Fondly Remembers Days of Strohm's Ice House

(Editor's note: The following manuscript on yellow legal paper was slipped inside the editor's door while he was away. Would the author please claim ownership.)

In the early 1930s when I was a small child in Cedarville, there were few if any refrigerators in Cedarville.

Strohm's store operated an ice house along with their general store. The structure that housed the ice storage no longer exists. It was adjacent to the east side of the store.

During the winter months the ice was cut from Cedar Creek and hauled to the storage area by horse teams and bob sleds. It was stacked in the ice house much like hay was placed in a hay mow. They used heavy rope and pullies and drug the ice into place. Tons of saw dust was used to cover each layer of ice as the house was filled.

During the hot summer days of July my grandmother would send me to Strohm's with my coaster wagon to get ice for our ice box. We always had to take a bunch of old throw rugs along to put over the

ice to reduce melting on the way home.

The store clerk would open the ice house, chip off a 50 lb. chunk, then use a bucket of water to rinse off the saw dust. Low and behold a cake of clear sparking ice would appear. Us kids would scramble for the chunks of ice that fell when chipping began. These small pieces we sucked on on the way home.

I think we paid 10 or 15 cents for a large chunk of ice.

This was ice right off Cedar Creek. No one got sick. I guess we were immune to those things back then. I do remember cows stood in the creek during summer to get cool and do their thing.

That was good ice!

(Editor's note: Strohm's store was on the northeast corner of Mill and Cherry streets. The building, which is now used for residential purposes, housed the Henney Buggy Company late in the second half of the nineteenth century.)

Historical Society Celebrates Great 2004; Eyes Better 2005

(The following is the annual report of Jim Bade, president, Cedarville Area Historical Society.)

I am pleased to report the Cedarville Area Historical Society has concluded an outstanding year and I look forward to an even better 2005.

Great progress was made in the Society's plan to move the museum from the old jail on Cherry Street into the 1889 school, an event that should take place this year.



Judy and Harlan Corrie remove old tile from floor of basement room in 1889 school.

In 2004 a new septic system was completed, first floor handicapped accessible bathrooms were constructed, storm windows were installed on the first floor, new heating was provided on the first floor,

a new west side exterior door was installed and landscaping was started. This work was completed

with the more than \$30,000 that was raised through contributions plus historical society funds set aside for construction.

Although renovation of the 1889 school occupied much of the board's time and effort, other programs were not ignored.

David and Carmel Huber conducted three successful rummage sales that raised more than \$1,000.

The sale of note cards and historical photos netted \$1,400.

Membership grew from 65 to 103.

The Cherry Street museum was opened from May 1 through October 31.

For the third straight year, Durand School students visited the village to learn

about Jane Addams.

The Society conducted three well-attended community events — the annual February luncheon, Memorial Day services and picnic and the first Jane Addams Festival in September.

The Society scanned and filed dozens of historical photographs and documents.

Ten newsletters were printed and distributed to the membership and the public.

An inventory of the museum collection was started.

Although 2004 was a good year, much needs to be done in 2005.

The new bathrooms must be connected to the village water supply.

Work must continue on the 1889 school.

More material must be collected; preserved and



Cedarville's Darrell Baker replaces chalk holder beneath blackboard in first floor north room of 1889 school. He also repaired damaged floor boards and wainscoting.

interpreted; more research must be done; member programs must be initiated; more school children must be brought to the village; more members must be recruited; the Jane

Addams Festival must be expanded. The challenge to the historical society board is indeed great.