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 newsletter, 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, Jerome Monigold, Joe Von Allmen, Alfred and Jacqueline Stewart, Joe Van Allmen, Appleton, Wi. Alfred and Jacqueline Stewart, Freeport Mr. And Mrs. Bret Rogers, Cedarville Aiden H. Clump family, Springfield, Il. Mr. Bob Bear, Portage, Mi.

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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.
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.

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.

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 Scuito, Cedarville
Doug and Martha Martin, Freeport
Wendell and Judith Kurr, Freeport
Jere and Joyce Murphy, Cedarville
Richard and Althea Hormung, Cedarville
Dr. Roger and Jane Goodspeed, Cedarville
Mark Smith, Bettendorf, Ia.
Steven and Connie Sorn, Freeport
Gwen Beirmeister, Muskego, Wi.
Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Dammann, Lena
Leroy and Gayle Wilson, Cedarville
Paul and Ruth Schwartz, Cedarville
Gene, John and Mary Reed, Cedarville
Mary Moring, Cedarville

Ron Beam, Cedarville
Bill and Shirley Pick, Cedarville
Vernon and Winifred Macomber, Lena
Tim and Kitt 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
Carolyn J. Lamia, Shawno, Wi.
Delbert and Hulone Scheider, Freeport
Tom Garman, Freeport
Dick and Judy Wolfe, Cedarville
Jim and Sharon Barmore, Cedarville
Shirley Schwartz, Cloverdale, Or.
Glen and Bernice Dietmeier, Cedarville
Joel and Bev Scheider, Cedarville
Dr. Rose Binns, Cedarville
Merle and Ladona Wardlow, Freeport
Patricia Walty, Wichita, Ks.
Karl Ericson, Tuscon, Az
Joe and Rose Noeske, Cedarville
Wendy and Hal Gilpin, Mundelein, Ill.
Jean Joyce, Lena
Wallace and Dorothy Hutchison, Freeport
Bill and Ann Tully, Cedarville
Neal and Julie Schneider, Cedarville
Harlan and Judy Corrie, Cedarville
Paul E. Fry, Washington, D.C.

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Dave and Charlotte Kaiser, Cedarville
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 Ernold
- Bertha Jones
- Celia Hartman
- Carrie Utt
- Alvin Utt
- Loyd Bike
- William Lied
- Elsia 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
- 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 pulleys 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 sparkling 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.

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 interpreted; more research Addams Festival must be must be done; member expanded.

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