

Historical Society Has Publications That Satisfy the Tastes of Everyone

A major role of the Cedarville Area Historical Society is to make available books relative to the history of Cedarville and Stephenson County. At this time the society has several such publications.

Generous Spirit by Paul Fry is a fascinating biography of Mr. Fry's Aunt Mary Fry, a Cedarville woman, who was "adopted" by the second Mrs. John Addams. Mary spent virtually all of her life with members of the Addams family. The book contains unusual glimpses of Jane Addams that you will find nowhere else. Cost of the book is \$19 plus \$4 shipping and handling.

LeRoy Wilson, Cedarville resident, has penned several dozen articles about the village in the 1930's for the historical society newsletter. They are now available as Volume I and II under the title *Seems Like Only Yesterday*. Each book costs \$9 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

The late Ron Beam in 1967 wrote an insightful book about Jane Addams and her early life in Cedarville. Called *Jane Addams: Early Influences*, the book was updated in 2006 by Paul Fry, an Addams family authority and is available for \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

Published in 1976, a book simply called

Cedarville, sells for \$5 plus \$3 mailing and handling. The large sized pages contain a brief history of the village and wonderful sketches by local artists of historic houses and buildings in the village. The sketches alone are priceless.

In addition, the society has twenty different note cards with Cedarville scenes by local artists.

To order the books or to receive a sheet with pictures of the note card scenes, write to the address below or call 815-563-4485.

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



Historical Society Evening Programs, Exhibits, Special Events Set for 2008

Five Tuesday evening programs, three new museum exhibits and four special events are scheduled for the 2008 season by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Although the opening of the Cedarville Museum is not until May 1, the season kicks off with the Sunday, February 3, historical society annual meeting and soup, chili and sandwich lunch to be held starting at 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Community Center on West Washington Street. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults; \$2 for children twelve and under.

The other special events for the season include the Monday, May 26, Memorial Day parade and picnic which is traditionally co-sponsored by the Cedarville American Legion; the Saturday, September 20, Jane Addams Festival and picnic held at the museum and on the Jane Addams Trail; and the Tuesday evening

December 16, Christmas Sing-A-Long at the museum.

The first of the five Tuesday evening programs at the museum — all starting at 7:30 p.m. — will feature Suzy Beggin on June 17 who will spin the story of sheep, wool, weaving and the woolen mill industry in Stephenson County. Her pre-

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Society Annual Meeting, Lunch Sunday, Feb. 3

The annual meeting of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and the annual soup, chili and sandwich lunch will be held Sunday, February 3, in the Cedarville Community Center on West Washington Street. Both events start at 11 a.m.

The lunch cost, payable at the door, is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

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sentation will include demonstrations of work involved in the process that turns raw wool into a fine garment. Mrs. Beggin is the former director of the Stephenson County Historical Society and an authority on the raising of sheep and the use of the animal's products.

Vickie and Don Franz, Civil War historians, will appear July 22 to relate highlights of the famous battles in which Stephenson County men fought. The couple has made numerous talks in the area.

On August 26, Cedarville's Bobbie Edler will entertain with American and ethnic folk songs and selections that showcase her talents on the accordion. Mrs. Edler began classical study of that instrument at age nine and soon was performing her own arrangements of jazz and show tunes around her native Iowa. She has performed for various groups in the Stephenson County area.

Jane Goodspeed, Cedarville resident, on September 23 will suddenly be transformed into Marcet Haldeman-Julius, niece of Jane Addams. Mrs. Goodspeed began working on this presentation more than a year ago and has honed it to perfection.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14 and 15, the Cedarville Area Historical Society Players, members of the society

assembled for this one event, will present a semi-original musical of their interpretation of events in Cedarville's history. Society Musical Director Carole Bertram will lead from the pit on the museum's 1906 upright piano.

Each of the five programs will feature an intermission and an after-event social hour with free refreshments. Admission is \$2 for society members and \$3 for non-society members for the first four programs. Admission to the October musical is \$5.

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Cedarville's Bobbie Edler on the accordion on August 26



Cedarville's Jane Goodspeed and Marcet Haldeman-Julius, on September 23

More Members

Alfred and Jacqueline Stewart, Aden H. Clump, Bob Bear;

Tom and Charlene Gaard, Gene Brander family, Lucy Carver, Dale and Iliana Kaiser, Galen and Carole Bertram, Nelson O. Ottenhausen, Bruce and Christine Baldwin, Marian Franzen, Bonnie Fox, Harvey Ilgen;

Bill and Linda Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Apfelbach, Jane Galt, John Kryder, Michael and Keli Clump, Bill and Ann Tully, Nevin Kryder, Sharon and Rein Neem, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Confer;

Robert and Shirley Alley, Don and Vickie Franz, Elwood Wardlow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rutter, Thomas A. Huber, Bruce and Kathryn Helm, Betty Kraft-Hartman, Donna Dougherty, Joan Potter, Ruth Wardlow;

Rebecca Wardlow-Welsch, V. Mark Lotta, Linda L. Miller, the Beggins, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris, W. W. Wolfe, Mr. and Ms. Steve Kryder; Verla Law,

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edler, Gus Petrakis, Ivan and Dorothy Lasso, John and Crystal Carl, Ken and Marcet Bliss, Irene M. Ilgen; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Meinert,

Larry and Nellie Herbig, Karl and Betty Trester, Joseph and Rose Noeske, Ms. Pat Stukenberg, Greg Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hazen.



Ninety years ago this was a familiar face in Cedarville. Do you recognize him? Answer next month.

Cedarville: The Oil Capital of the World?

The Civil War was still raging, but there was oil fever in Cedarville.

Freeport 1864 newspapers and later Tilden's 1880 history reported there were surface indications in a small brook running through Section six, Lancaster Township, one mile east of Cedarville that oil was lurking deep in the ground.

A company was formed, an engine obtained and a hole six inches in diameter was drilled into the earth for more than 800 feet but no oil was found.

The venture was abandoned in 1865, thus ending the village's dream of oil riches.

Society Membership Grows to 140

For the third straight year, membership in the Cedarville Area Historical Society has increased. The current 140 individual and family memberships represent an estimated 350 adults and children. Two thirds live in or near Cedarville; the rest live in seventeen states.

Some receive recognition during the year in the pages of the newsletter, but many do not. To remedy that situation, here they are. And the entire board thanks them for their support.

Ray Cronau, Norman and Shirley Wagner, Duane and Ruth Smith, Patrick M. Quinn, Mrs. Stephen West, Jim and Gina Cole, Pete and Beverly Hasselhorst, Mary L. Bryan, Evelyn A. Messinger, Leonard and Gwen Cummins;

Narcissa Engle, Jeff Kurtz family, Doug and Martha Martin, Wendell and Judith Kurr, Debbie Maize, Lorraine Stabenow, Richard and Althea Hornung, Roger and Jane Goodspeed, Mark S. Smith, Arthur and Janice Leverington;

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Jean Joyce, Wallace and Dorothy Hutchison, Ron Stabenow, Neal and Julie Scheider, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Paul E. Fry, Kenneth and Pamela Rosmann, Dave and Charlotte Kaiser, Dennis and Susan Bokemeier, Rick, Diane and Brooke Kahly;

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Mildred Popov Katz, Virginia Hough, Kathleen and Justin Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Youel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Capes, Miriam Schlueter, Carol S. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Murphy, Sheldon and Dorothy Dornink, Jennifer and Stephen Davis;

Sue and Steve Myers, Gary and Diane Hagemann, Moira Knowlton, Dan and Peggy Dixon, Steve and Kathleen Glaze, Joe von Allmen, Bret and Denise Rogers,



Don and Vickie Franz on July 22 will bring to life Civil War battles fought by county men



Suzy Beggin, here dressed in 19th century attire, will spin the story of sheep, wool and weaving June 17



Carole Bertram, music director for the Oct. 14 and 15 Cedarville history musical

This year the Cedarville Museum will feature a different physical layout, three new exhibits and redesigned permanent exhibits.

One new exhibit will tell the story of Stephenson County's military participation in the Civil War. The display will be an updated version of the one that first appeared five years ago and it will tie into the Franz July 22 Tuesday evening talk.

The second new exhibit will feature information on Marcet Haldeman-Julius, niece of Jane Addams, and will be related to Jane Goodspeed's September 23 talk on Marcet.

This year's museum art gallery exhibit will highlight the work of the late Rosalee Rockman, long-time Freeport art teacher and Cedarville resident. Rosalee worked in several mediums and therefore the exhibit will be found not only in the museum south room but also in the north room. A catalog of the exhibit will be available at no cost.

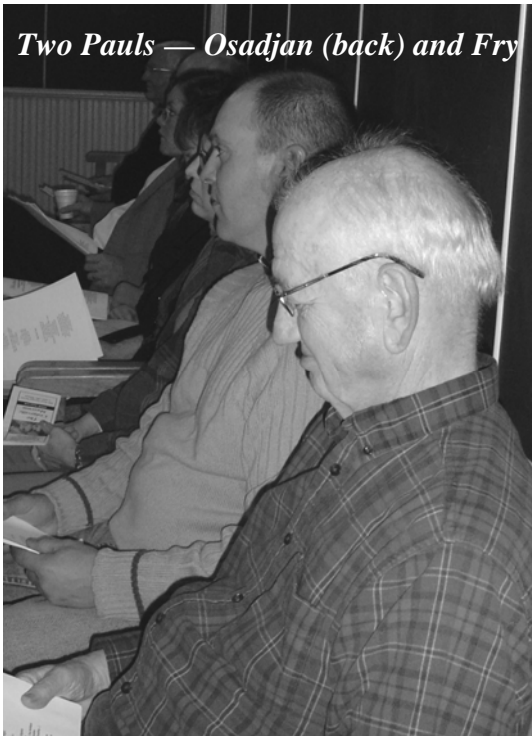
This year people will have their first op-

portunity to use the Rosabelle Cronau Research Center on the museum's second floor. The research center is the home of the historical society's collection of letters, photographs, documents, books and electronically recorded material related to the history of the Cedarville area. The center will be open weekends 1 to 4 p.m. May through October or by appointment by calling 815-563-4485 at other times.

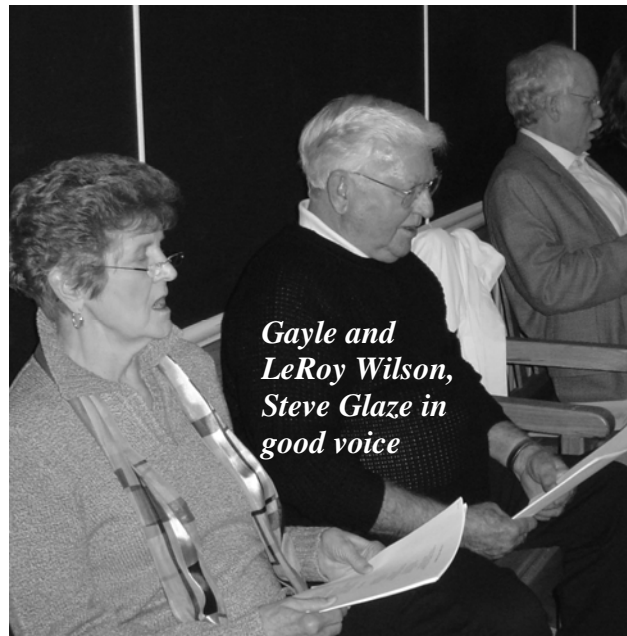
We Need Your Help

The museum has a collection of art work done by Rosalee Rockman but more pieces are needed if the museum is to present a comprehensive exhibit of her production. If you have pieces done by her and would loan them to the museum for six months, call 815-563-4485.

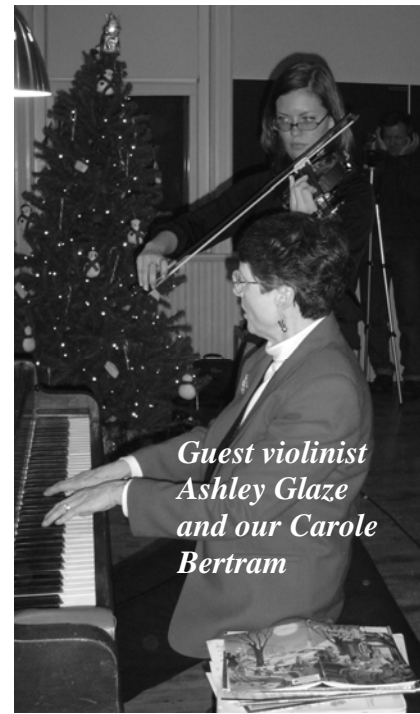
It's not Broadway or even off-Broadway, but the historical society is looking for a dozen people willing to tackle roles in the October historical musical. Some singing ability would be a plus, but Walter Huston and Rex Harrison couldn't carry a tune and were hits. If you want to have fun and help the historical society, call 815-563-4485.



Two Pauls — Osadjan (back) and Fry



*Gayle and
LeRoy Wilson,
Steve Glaze in
good voice*

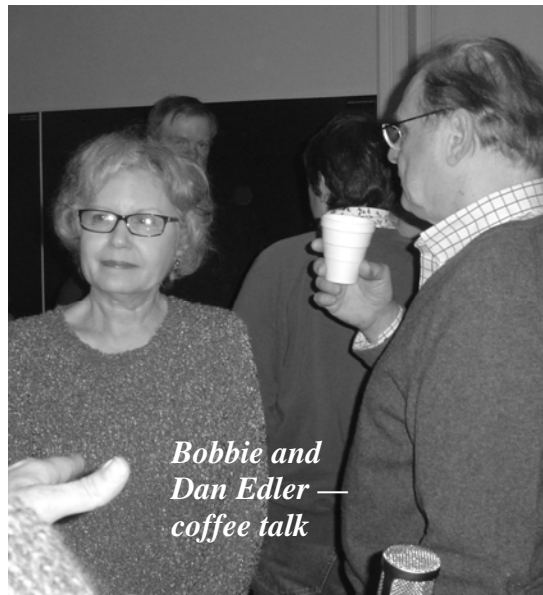


*Guest violinist
Ashley Glaze
and our Carole
Bertram*

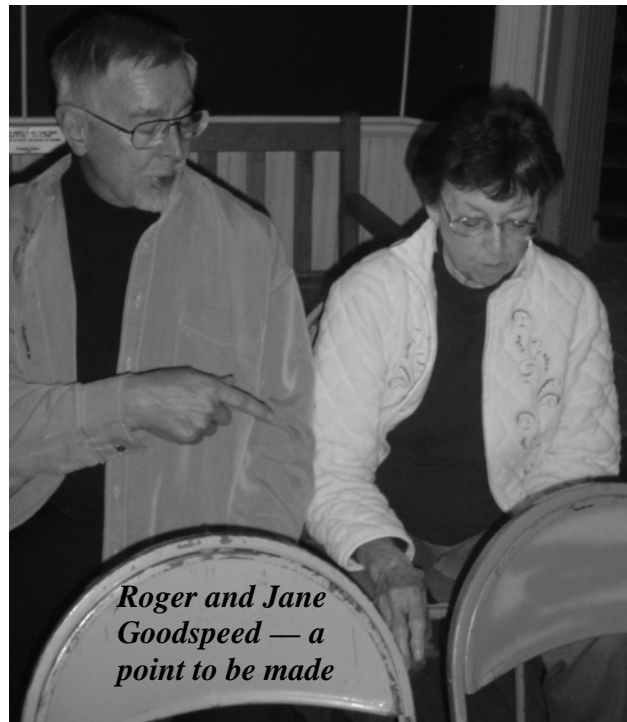


*Good food and song: Ruth and Duane Smith (back) and
Denise Rogers and children Xander, 5, and Della, 9*

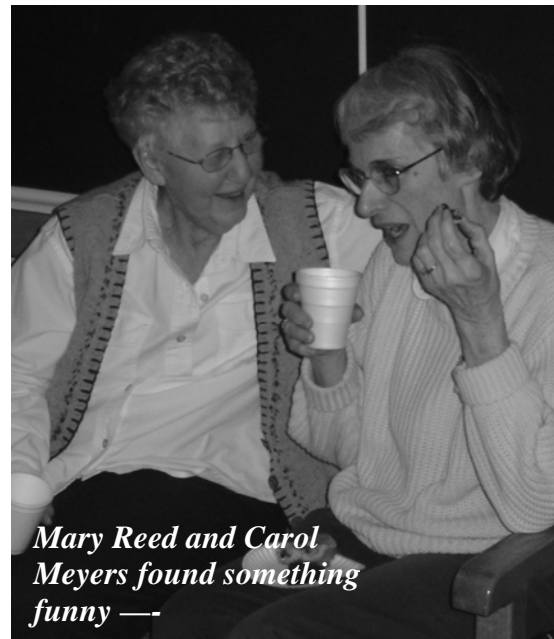
Great Time Christmas Caroling at the Museum December 18



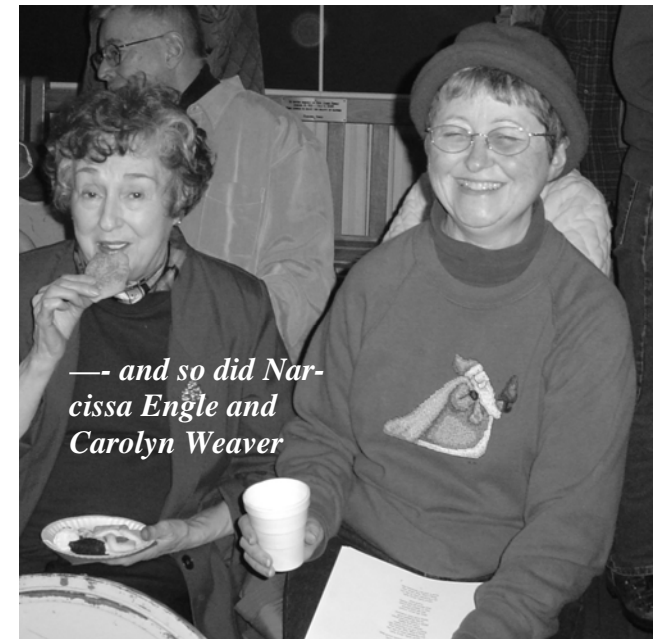
*Bobbie and
Dan Edler —
coffee talk*



*Roger and Jane
Goodspeed — a
point to be made*



*Mary Reed and Carol
Meyers found something
funny —*



*— and so did Nar-
cissa Engle and
Carolyn Weaver*