



Title page of the "Freeport Waltz", sheet music owned by Ken and Iva Clingman, Freeport.

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Historical Society Saves Manuscript

The Cedarville Area Historical Society this month came to the rescue of a nineteenth century Stephenson County music manuscript that was disintegrating.

The only-known copy of the piano version of the "Freeport Waltz" — written and published in 1878 by the daughter of a prominent Freeport family — was frayed at the edges and on the verge of crumbling. A society member was able to make a full size electronic scan of the four page song so that more copies can be printed.

The fragile sheet music is owned by Kenneth and Iva Clingman of Freeport. The couple has close connections to Cedarville in that Ken is descended from the Clingmans and Finks, both well-known families in the village.

The waltz was written by Lena Krohn, daughter of Jacob Krohn who was twice mayor of Freeport, was a prominent banker with Cedarville's John Addams and who served on the Freeport school board.

The music was published by F. W. Brainerd of Freeport. In the 1877 Freeport city directory, Brainerd is listed as a partner with John S. Fifield. The two men were "practical watchmakers and jewelers and dealers in jewelery, watches, clocks, silverware and musical instruments" at 139 Stephenson St.

However, the music was printed in Philadelphia by J. W. Pepper, engraver and printer.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE MAY 2004



Cedarville Area Historical Society

Memorial Day Parade, Picnic Monday, May 31

Cedarville's traditional Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 31, will start at 10 a.m. with parade participants stepping off from in front of the telephone switching building on North Mill Street.

It will conclude with the 11:30 a.m. picnic lunch on the grounds of the 1889 village school building at the top of the hill on Second Street.

After leaving the starting point, the parade, including curbside onlookers, will stop at the bridge over Cedar Creek for a prayer by Methodist Pastor Katie Mapes, the casting of flowers into the water and a rifle salute. The ceremony is to honor the naval dead of the village. The parade will then proceed to the Cedarville Cemetery for memorial services.

At the cemetery, Leroy Wilson will give the opening remarks. This will be followed by the reading of Presi-



Scene from 2003 cemetery ceremony

School Bathroom Drive at \$18,600

The Cedarville Area Historical Society fund raising campaign to install first floor bathrooms in the 1889 Cedarville School has reached \$18,600.

"I hope to get started on the construction of these bathrooms by the time of the Memorial Day picnic," said Jim Bade, society president.

The installation of handicapped accessible bathrooms in the building is part of the society's program to turn the two-story, brick structure into a local mu-

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seum and meeting place for historical society members. Only the first floor will be utilized in the immediate future. Currently the society uses the nineteenth century village jail on Cherry Street as a museum. Because the building is filled with artifacts, documents and displays, there is not even enough room to hold meetings for the nine member board.



1889 Cedarville School

The bathrooms, although simple in design, are much more complex and expensive than residential bathrooms because of government requirements related to materials and handicapped accessibility. Also, all existing plumbing infrastructure must be replaced because of age and condition.

The plan to install the bathrooms is the latest in a series of projects by the historical society to make the old school building useable. In December of 2003 a septic system was installed and two years ago 33 new windows were completed.

The \$27,000 original cost of the bathrooms has been trimmed to \$26,000 because demolition of the old bathrooms will be done by the historical society under the direction of Board Member Dave Kaiser.

Once the bathrooms are functioning in conjunction with the septic and water systems, the society will turn its attention to a heating and cooling plant for the first floor and electrical outlets and lighting on the same floor. Proposals from contractors for this work total \$12,000.

Contributors to the campaign are

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Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Gettysburg Address by Jim Bade, president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

The short address will be followed by the Jeremy Monigold leading the audience in singing several traditional American songs. Song sheets will be provided.

At this point Pastor Mapes will lead the assemblage in prayer. Then Tom Garman will read the honor roll of veterans buried in the cemetery. This will be followed by a salute by the American Legion rifle squad.

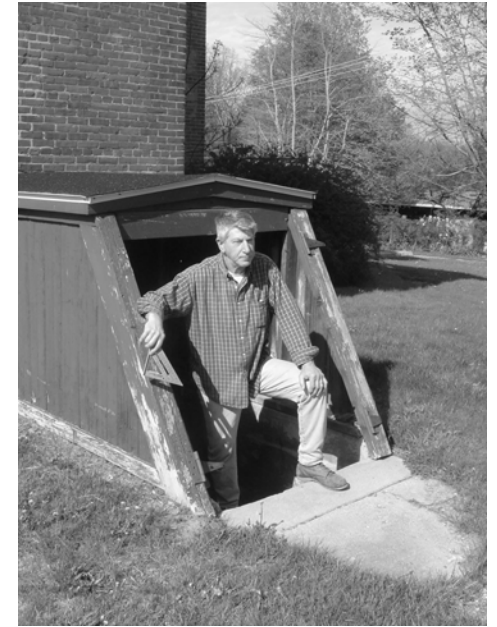
The ceremony will be concluded with the playing of taps by Bill Emo.

Leaving the cemetery ceremony, the crowd will move to the grounds of the 1889 school on Second Street. There the historical society will host a lunch featuring traditional picnic foods topped off with desserts by Cedarville residents.

There is no specific cost for the lunch; however, appropriate donations will be accepted.

This year's picnic will be on the south side of the school because the north side is still torn up due to the construction of the new septic system.

As a special feature, the Girl Scouts of Troop 4, Green Hills Council, will conduct children's games in the open area on the west side of the parking lot. Children will also be able to use the playground equipment on the east side of the school.



Dave Kaiser, historical society board member, prepares to seal basement entrance to school near picnic area to prevent injuries.



Playground at old school will be available for children at the Memorial Day picnic.

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Or support restoration of the old school

Amount to be pledged toward this project:

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This pledged need not be paid until June 30, 2004.

Museum Opens with Village Photo Exhibit and New Face



Harlan prepares new sign.

Judy prepares new board.

Jim prepares for painting.

The museum of the Cedarville Area Historical Society started off the 2004 six month season with a new exhibit and a new face.

Thanks to the work of Harlan and Judy Corrie, society members, the walls of the museum in the old village jail on Cherry Street now boast a photo exhibit featuring Cedarville residents and scenes of the past. And the cedar board front of the building has a new coat of exterior paint through the efforts of Jim Bade, society president.

The museum will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the months of May through October. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome. Besides the

exhibit, the museum has a permanent collection of Jane Addams material and local history books that are for sale. Nobel prize winner Addams was born in Cedarville.

When viewing the exhibit, visitors will receive a brochure that identifies people and scenes in the photos. Visitors are invited to add to the identifications.

Historical society volunteers are at the museum during the weekend hours. They are Carol Meyers, Moira Fenwick, Jean Joyce, Jim and Bonnie Bade, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Paul and Ramona Kryder, Hulone Scheider, Ron Beam, Sylvia Crouse, Lorraine Stabenow, Rose Binns, Narcissa Engle and Dennis and Susan Bokemeier. More volunteers are needed.