Outdoor Work Goes On Despite Rain and Heat

In August it was hot and it rained a lot, but outdoor work continued around the Cedarville Museum.

The final touches were put on the arbor on the east property line by Steve Myers, historical society board member. A few days later two climbing yellow rose bushes were planted.

Several young friends of the museum grabbed brushes and applied a second coat of clear sealer to the 175 foot long fence, also on the east property line.

Finally, several more young people started scraping the peeling paint from the playground equipment. Fresh paint will be applied thanks to a grant for materials from the Illinois 4-H organization.

Albert and Bonnie Scheider Team Up For Piano, Quiz Show September 11

Albert Scheider and his wife, Bonnie, will present an old time piano musical and fun quiz about school subjects at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Cedarville Museum.

Tickets for the event are $2 for members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and $3 for non-members. They are available at the museum on weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Cedarville Community Center or by calling 815-563-4485.

Mr. Scheider is an Orangeville piano teacher, his wife a retired school teacher.

Jane Addams Festival September 15

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will present the fourth annual Jane Addams Festival on Saturday, September 15. The event honors the September birth of the Nobel peace prize winner and founder of Chicago’s Hull-House who was born in Cedarville in 1860.

The events will include a 5K run and walk on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville; a mixed horseshoe tournament; games for young children, a picnic lunch; festival T shirts, a museum tour and trophies and medals.

All events except the run and walk will take place at the Cedarville Museum located on top of the Second Street hill west of Mill Street.

The 5K run and walk will start at 9:30 a.m. at the trail head just south of Rt. 20 Bypass.
Mr. Scheider will perform on the museum’s 1906 upright piano.

Mr. Scheider has taught piano twenty years. He is also pianist and organist each Sunday at the Red Oak United Methodist Church and the Richland Free Methodist Church on Richland Road.

Mrs. Scheider taught 32 years before retiring, 30 of those years in the same fourth grade classroom.

In addition to the program, it is expected that Mrs. Scheider will display her large collection of miniature school houses and related items.

Audio CD’s of Year’s First Three Programs Are Now Available

Audio CD’s of the June, July and August Tuesday evening programs of the Cedarville Area Historical Society are now available for $9 plus $3 for mailing.

June’s program featured Morris “Bud” Wiener in a lecture about Chief Black Hawk and the impact of the Black Hawk War on Stephenson County.

In July Gary Raetz, president of Rock Run Country Historical Society, and Ron Welling spoke on the German migration to Epleyanna in Stephenson County.

The August audience heard Paul Fry, Dorcas Edwards Kuhlemeyer and Peggy Miller Schoonhoven tell of their experiences during the May 1935 funeral of Cedarville’s Jane Addams.

The CD’s are at the museum or may be ordered by calling 815-563-4485.

Dick Wolfe’s Donate Articles

The Cedarville Area Historical Society this month received numerous artifacts related to the Henney family from Dick and Judy Wolfe of Cedarville. Of particular interest were two 19th century hymnals belonging to Jacob Henney.

Mrs. Wolfe is a descendant of the Henneys.

LeRoy and Bib

he and my stepmother got home from work. They took me to a doctor in Orangeville. The doctor looked at the leg and was upset that they didn’t get me to him sooner. Some swelling had set in and with such little flesh over the shin bone he was having trouble trying to pull the wound shut. He kept tearing the sutures through the flesh. I remember my stepmother had to throw up.

The doctor finally got me stitched shut and I was told to favor the leg for a week.

I still carry the scar and over the years whenever I bump my shin it’s always on the tender scar area.

I think the moral of this story is “don’t fool around after school, get home and do your chores.” If you do horse around after school, be sure the friend you’re with knows how to milk a cow.

Your Abstract Needed

If you have an abstract of your property, the Cedarville Area Historical Society would like to electronically scan it so it is preserved for the future.

Bring it to the historical society. Within a week the abstract will be scanned and recorded as photographic images on a CD that will be given to you. The original abstract will be returned to you.

The Cedarville Museum needs cotton sheets and pillow cases to be used to protect paintings and other items when they are in storage. If you have used, clean sheets or pillow cases that can be used for this purpose, please bring them to the museum between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on a Saturday or Sunday or call 815-563-4485.

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After 70 Years, Bib Is Not Forgotten

By LeRoy Wilson

Last month, at a Cedarville Area Historical Society program on the funeral of Jane Addams, Peggy Schoonhoven was part of a panel discussion. She mentioned Bib Wolf, who now lives in Texas, and it triggered the following story for me.

Some seventy years ago, the then Peggy Miller and one of her friends, Bib and I were horsing around on the Cedarville school grounds after school was dismissed. Bib and I were showing off by seeing how far up a teeter totter we could run before it dropped to the ground. I was smaller and quicker on my feet than Bib and was doing better than he was.

I made a declaration that I was going to run all the way to the end. I backed off a good distance and raced for the teeter totter. The instant I got to the board Bib grabbed the high end and jerked it down. The low end came up about a foot off the ground and my shin cracked the sharp edge of the plank.

I pulled my pants leg up and there was my white shin bone showing. It didn’t bleed much, but it scared all of us.

They helped me hobble down the hill and took me to Mrs. Miley’s house. She was a nurse and lived on the north corner of Mill and Second streets. She looked at the leg and said, “Take him home.”

Bib and Peggy got me home, but my grandparents were gone. I was concerned that my chores weren’t getting done and grandpa would really chew me out. I sat in the house and Peg and Bib went to milk the cow for me. About a half hour later they came back to the house with no milk in the pail. They didn’t know how to milk a cow.

My dad lived in a neighboring house and (Turn to next page)

Jane Addams Festival September 15

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Registration for those who do not pre-register will be there at 8:30 a.m. The event ends at Cedarville Road with awards to be presented approximately at 11 a.m. at the museum. Transportation to the museum will be available at the finish line.

Pre-registration is $15, late registration is $18. All registrants will receive a festival T-shirt.

There will be seven age groups in the 5K run. The overall fastest male and female will receive a trophy. The first second and third place finishers in the seven age groups in both sexes will receive medals.

The horseshoe tournament will start at the museum at 9:30 a.m. Each team will consist of a man and woman and the cost will be $15 for each. Both will receive a T-shirt.

The competition will be friendly but serious and regular horseshoes will be used. The two members of the winning team will receive a trophy. Last year’s winners, Cindy Lloyd and Nate Dale, are expected to return to defend their title.

The children’s events will start at 10 a.m. There is no registration or cost and participants need only to show up at the museum.

The picnic lunch will start at 11 a.m. An appropriate donation will be appreciated.

Extra festival T-shirts will be available at the museum to anyone for $10.

Details of the festival and pre-registration forms for the 5K run and walk and horseshoe tournament are available in a separate brochure at the following locations: the Cedarville Museum, the Methodist, Baptist and EEC churches in Cedarville, the Cedarville Community Center on Washington Street, Hair It Is, Cedar Inn, Reed’s Service and the Mobile Station in Cedarville on Rt. 26, the Cedarville post office, Kent Bank on Illinois Rt. 26 and Fairview, Lena Park District swimming pool and the Freeport Park District office on Burchard Street. Members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society will receive a copy of the brochure in the mail with this newsletter.

Registration forms are also available by calling 815-563-4485.
Addams Funeral Program Draws Lively Audience

There was a lot of spirited give-and-take between the audience and the three members of the August 7 panel who recounted their experiences as participants in the May 1935 Cedarville funeral of Jane Addams. At least four persons in the large crowd had been in Cedarville that day and they added their comments to those of Paul Fry, one of two surviving pallbearers, and Dorcas Edwards Kuhlemeyer and Peggy Miller Schoonhoven, Cedarville students who participated in the cemetery ceremony and who filed past the closed casket at the Addams homestead. An audio CD of the program is available for $12 including mailing from the historical society, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013.