5K Run/Walk on Trail September 24

The Cedarville Area Historical Society thirteenth Jane Addams 5K run or walk on the Jane Addams Trail two miles west of Cedarville will be Saturday morning September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

The run offers participants an opportunity to win a trophy or medal in fourteen age/gender categories.

The event will start at the Wes Block Trail Head south of US Rt. 20 and end at Cedarville Road. Pre registration is $19. Registration at 8:30 a.m. on the race/walk day is $20. All registrants will receive a two color festival t-shirt.

The overall fastest male and female will receive a trophy. First, second and third place finishers in the fourteen groups will receive medals.

Runners earning a trophy or medal will claim their awards at the Cedarville Museum shortly after the race. All participants and onlookers are invited to the museum for a free picnic lunch that will include hot dogs.

An early registration form will be found on page 7 of this newsletter. For additional information, call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485.
Now Here's a Story for Junior Detectives

By Jim Bade
CAHS President

While perusing the files of old newspapers in the Freeport Library, Ladona Wardlow, historical society researcher, came across the following "poem" about Cedarville probably written about 1920, the World War I period. No author was given.

Ladona thought the writing style resembled that of Eleanor McClurkin, author of a 1959 poem honoring the 1909 students at Cedarville School. McClurkin, housebound much of her life, died the year after penning the school verse.

Are there any readers with an opinion about Miss McClurkin's authorship? Or any suggestion of a different author?

CEDARVILLE

There is a town called Cedarville.
We'd like you to read it, if you will.
But, please refuse if you think best.
For we want your conscience to have a rest.

Everything is monotonous the whole day long.
All that can be heard is a bird's sweet song.
Most all the day there is squalling of hogs.
And at night can be heard the barking of dogs.

It has people of almost every sort.
From a country ruben to a tin-horn sport.
The girls are most lovely, carefree and gay.
And of its old ladies we have nothing to say.

The old men surely are tough old scouts.
But of its old maids we serenely have doubts.
All of its children can be seen at school.
While most of the young men play at pool.

Few are the knuckers hanging around.
And women who gossip are seldom found.

1894—1960
Photo taken 1910

Eleanor McClurkin

Miss Eleanor McClurkin died Feb. 7, in a hospital at Waukegan after an extended illness.
Her father, the Rev. Albert McClurkin, a Presbyterian minister, at one time served the Cedarville and Dakota areas.

Miss McClurkin was born in Port Huron, Mich., April 27, 1894.
She was the founder and first president of the Illinois Chapter of the National Shut-In Society.
She had been afflicted with arthritis for many years.
Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Albert (Albeta) Hall, Woodstock, and Mrs. Willet (Jean) Downey, Alde.
Service was held Wednesday in Alde with internment there.
A memorial fund for Illinois Crippled Children's Society has been established.

But somehow the people practically hear
Of all that happens far and near.
The men are up in the early morn.
The chickens are always singing, "more corn."
In the houses can be heard the clatter of plates.
While the women are happily baking pancakes.

Then, at the close of a perfect day,
Wagons, laden with new-mown hay,
Come down the street with rattle and thump,
Their steeds sprightly stepping, they hit a bump.

The townspeople start their cars with an awful roar
And back from garage with half of the door
Don't you think this enough for one town to do?
Just one more stanza and then we are thru.

Now we will leave you but they surly will say:
Never mind, it will amount to something some day.
We know you can and hope you will.
This little town of ours — Cedarville.

The verses written in 1959 by Eleanor McClurkin.

SCHOOLMATES

Do you remember lessons in the school house on the hill
In the pleasant tree-lined streets of little Cedarville?
Those song-fests, spell downs and examinations too,
The ball games at recess, sometimes a scrap or two?
Spring's tumbling waters bringing strange things down the creek.
Where near forgotten grave stones, plant specimens we'd seek?
That Lincoln centennial we held in Woodman Hall
With speeches, songs and stories performed by one and all?
We shared our joys and sorrows, our laughter and our tears.
Memories which linger all through the years.
The absent ones join in thoughts from far and near.
Think of us and have great fun schoolmates of yester year!

Looking for a Place
For a Special Event
Or Tour of History?

If you belong to a group looking for a place to hold a special event, why not consider the Cedarville Museum?

If you are an individual looking for a place to celebrate a birthday, a reunion or other social event, why not consider the Cedarville Museum?

The museum's second floor meeting room can accommodate upwards of fifty people, is air conditioned or heated and is accessible for physically handicapped persons via a simple one button elevator.

Call Jim Bade 815-563-4485 for information.
CAHS Member Dorothy Dornink, 94, Dies

Dorothy Ellen (Angle) Dornink, 94, of Galva died Sunday, July 17 at Seminary Manor in Galesburg following a brief illness.

She was born in Dakota on April 2, 1922, the daughter of William “Ray” and Helen (Swaney) Angle.

Dorothy and her only sibling, William “Bill” Angle, who died seven months ago at age 90, were longtime members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society. Their grandfather Luther Angle was a Civil War veteran.

Dorothy was graduated from Dakota High School in 1939 and attended Northern Illinois Teachers College from 1939 to 1942. There she earned a degree in education. She taught school in the Dakota area from 1942 to 1945.

She married Sheldon Dornink in January 1944. The couple had six children and lived in a variety of communities including Dakota, Roseville, Urna and Galva.

Besides the historical society, she was a member of the Farm bureau Extension and Galva United Methodist Church. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and was a member of the UMW Circle.

She enjoyed gardening, an extension of her appreciation of nature learned from a childhood of growing up on a dairy farm.

Over the years she traveled with her husband to Mexico, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Brazil. She and Sheldon were also longtime winter residents of Padre Island, Texas.

Besides her brother, Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter Karen Jean in 1983 and her husband in 2009.

She is survived by three daughters, Colleen Faherty of Avoca, Wi., Melody Huette of Tiffin, Ia. and Lynn Dornink of Reading, Mi.; two sons, Alan of Lebanon, Tn. and Robert of Galesburg, Ii.; eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Burial was in Dakota Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Galva first United Methodist Church. Private condolences can be left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Recordings of Four Programs Available

CDs of this year’s four Cedarville Museum live music programs are available for $12 each including shipping.

To order or for more information, call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485.
Join the Jane Addams Birthday Run and Walk on September 24

The Jane Addams 150th Birthday celebration 5K Run or Walk will be Saturday, September 24, on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville. Sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society, the event will start at the West Block Trail Head south of U.S. Rt. 20 Bypass and end at Cedarville Road. There is parking at the starting and ending points. The event will take place regardless of weather. Runners will compete for awards in the separate male and female age groups of 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and up.

Food
There will be free refreshments served at the museum at the time of the awards ceremony.

For more information contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or bonniebade@comcast.net

Race Day
Late registration at the starting line is 8:30 a.m. Runners start at 9:30 a.m.; walkers a few minutes later. There will be water on the trail, fruit at the end and food at the museum.

Awards
Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Museum. (See map) Trophies will go to the first overall male and female winners of the run. Medals will go to the top three male and female finishers in the seven age groups. All walk or run participants get a special Jane Addams t-shirt.

Registration/Fees
The fee is $20 for those who register by September 23. Those registering on September 24 will pay $25. The fee offsets the society’s cost the t-shirts, trophies and medals. The registration form is on the next page of this newsletter.
A few minutes after 2 p.m. on August 13, fifty guests witnessed the wedding of Scott Cooley to Christina Love on the lawn of the Cedarville Museum.