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Cedar Lake Museum Receives Funding for Exhibit Redesign

Cedar Lake Historical Association among recipients of IHS's Heritage Support Grants

CEDAR LAKE, Indiana – During an unprecedented year of challenges, a local history museum is being recognized for its work preserving Calumet region history. The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) is awarding the Cedar Lake Historical Association (CLHA) with a grant of \$47,600.

The funding comes from the latest round of IHS's Heritage Support Grants, made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Operating from the 100-year old former Lassen's Resort hotel, CLHA will use its award to reinterpret several exhibit rooms within its museum, located at 7408 Constitution Avenue in Cedar Lake. The museum has already begun the transformation in presenting the relevance of Cedar Lake history.

"We had so many exciting projects and events planned for 2020 that we watched slip away due to the pandemic this year. This grant is a welcome boost to our spirits," says Julie Zasada, executive director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. "Several volunteers devoted hundreds of hours jump-starting the redesign this winter. Now, with the award, we will be undertaking a professionally-guided exhibit renovation that will breathe new life into how we share the fascinating story of Cedar Lake."

The museum is housed in a building constructed in 1895 by the Armour Bros., who used it as a boarding house for ice farming employees who cut and harvested ice on the lake. During the winter of 1919, the entire building was moved over the frozen lake, where it was expanded and remodeled into the Lassen's Resort hotel.

"When visitors learn how the museum was moved from the west shore to the east shore of Cedar Lake, they always gasp at the prospect of such an undertaking. As we reinterpret seven of our exhibit rooms, many more stories of Cedar Lake, from its glacial formation to the resort era to the innovative industries that operated here, will come to life in an experiential new way," explained Zasada. "But history-minded adventurers shouldn't wait until next year to see the finished project. We've already begun the transformation and encourage guests to experience a taste of what's to come right now!"

The Cedar Lake Historical Association Museum is open Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Private tours are also available by appointment. For more information, call **219-390-9423** or visit **www.cedarlakehistory.org**