

# **ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE**

**MAY 2020**

*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



*The Museum is temporarily closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.  
We will email and post on Facebook with updates.*

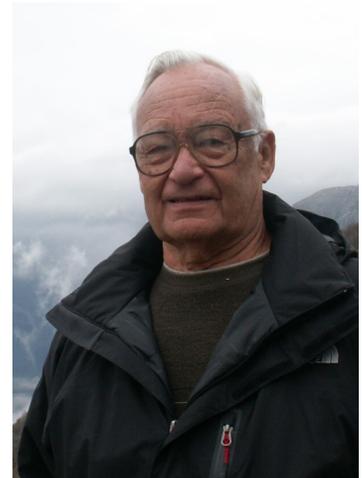
## *Museum Updates*

### **Jim Bade Retires as CAHS President**

Jim bade has announced his retirement as the president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society effective January 1, 2020. He has been the president for 16 years. He will still be active as “President Emeritus” helping and consulting the board as needed (and we will need him).

Jim will enjoy his retirement researching his family history. He just finished writing his biography, “I Speak for the Common Man”. Copies will be available by request.

The board along with all society members express deep appreciation for Jim’s service and commitment for these many years and we wish him peace and rest for his future. Actually, we are giving him a few months to get this retirement stuff out of his system so we can put him back to work.



### **Updated Board**

The members of the CAHS unanimously voted to re-elect board members, Galen Bertram and Don Franz for another three years. At the February board meeting the board chose and voted the offices for 2020. The board is as follows:

Steve Myers, President

Lisa Goodwin, Vice President

Galen Bertram, Treasurer

Sharon Barmore, Secretary

Andy Dvorak, Director

Carol Meyers, Director

Don Franz, Director

Moirra Knowlton, Director

Jim Bade, President Emeritus

### **Programs available on Youtube**

In honor of the “stay at home” order for Illinois, the CAHS will be making available many programs from the last 16 years on Youtube. We plan to start with our very own Cedarville spoof starring our own Society members. We hope to add one program per week. Please go to Youtube and search “Cedarville Area

# Spring Programs Delayed Until Fall

Due to the coronavirus, the history related evening programs for the Spring months have been delayed until the fall. We are in the process of scheduling for sometime in September. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed. For those with tickets, please hold them until the fall program. We will provide names of current ticket holders in a future newsletter and provide an updated sign up form for those still wish to sign up. Below are reviews of the four programs.

George Buss of Freeport, known nationally for his painstakingly accurate portrayals of Abraham Lincoln, will appear in character to discuss his long friendship and political collaboration with John H. Addams, Jane Addams' father. Mr. Addams served several terms in the Illinois Legislature and played a major role in bringing one of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates to Freeport in 1858.



Don Franz of Freeport, a longtime friend and board member of CAHS, and a well-known Civil War expert, will describe the circumstances surrounding the Lincoln assassination, and the trial and execution of the Lincoln conspirators. Don has hinted that he has discovered a Cedarville connection to these events which he will reveal in his presentation.

Members of The Women of Courage and Commitment will present two short programs of two influential women in history, Jane Addams, played by Emily Painter and Susan B Anthony portrayed by Cathie Elsbree. These women will bring these influential women to life as they share their stories. Shown is Cathy Elsbree as Susan B Anthony.



Susie Dvorak of Freeport, who has done extensive research on the history of the Stephenson County Fair and is writing a book about the

subject (recently she has been given the honor of being "Fair Historian" of the Stephenson County Fair), will describe how and why the Fair came to Cedarville in 1951 for the only time in its history.

Free refreshments will be served after each program. An elevator is available for handicapped visitors.

## Stay tuned

### We Want Your Stories

Email us your stories or anecdotes about Cedarville or the Cedarville area. We will present them in following newsletters.

# Memorial Day Then and Now

By LeRoy Wilson, May 2005

When I was growing up, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day. It was a very meaningful day in my life and it still is. My earliest recollection of Memorial Day in Cedarville had services held in what was called the Temple. The Temple stood where the E.C.C. Annex is now located. It was an impressive building. It had formerly been the Presbyterian Church. Early on the morning of Memorial Day, ladies of the village would pick lilacs. My grandma always used copper wash tubs. She filled those with the flowers. They were arranged in the Temple early before the service. They gave the entire sanctuary a wonderful smell. Later these flowers were used to decorate the graves of the veterans. All the children had poems to recite and songs to sing. It wasn't a case of will you children do this? It was you children will do this.



*Back row left to right: — ? Laborde, John Christen, George DeZell, Lloyd Hutmacher, Martin Hutmacher, Ray Bolender, Charles Kryder. Front row left to right: Clarence Kryder, Clarence Dwyer (?), Henry Taft, Howard Epley.*

To me the World War I vets were bigger than life. They always marched in their respective uniforms. My own experience was that after a few years out of the military our uniforms would no longer fit. These WW I guys kept trim. Some I can clearly remember were: Donald Fink, Lloyd Hutmacher, Charles Kryder, Henry Taft, Ray Bolender and Frank Smith. The last two were navy veterans. There were more, but those are the ones I remember from my childhood. The Cedarville American Legion Post 1224 was chartered March 18, 1953. From our formation, the Legion

has assumed the leadership in the observance of Memorial Day. Flags are placed on the graves of all veterans in the Cedarville Cemetery. On Memorial Day we marched into the church service as a unit. We marched in after all were seated. Alfrieda Zimmerman played selections of marches on the piano while we entered. No one could make a piano talk like Alfrieda. After an inspiration speaker, we would form up for the



*Memorial Day 1964 or 1965 in front of Methodist Church on Mill Street. Left to right: Gordon Kuhn, Wayne Nelson, Bob Monahan, Gerry Bawinkle and Dutch Lenz. These men were members of Cedarville American Legion Post 1224 which was chartered March 13, 1953.*

march to the cemetery. We have not changed our observance a great deal over the years. The church services and speeches have been eliminated. As the vets got older, we shortened the parade route. We also had bands. For many years the Dakota High School band played for us. Also fife and drum corps. We now use only a drummer. A muffled drum entering the cemetery is very solemn and impressive.

My thoughts each year turn back some sixty odd years to the friends and relatives who did not make it back. Our Legion post now is mainly veterans of World War II. Our ranks are thinning. We will be passing the torch before long. History says Cedarville has observed Memorial Day since Civil War days. It is my hope it will continue. The Cedarville Area Historical Society now adds its annual picnic and is working with us to perpetuate this important day. It's in good hands.

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**Museum Hours**

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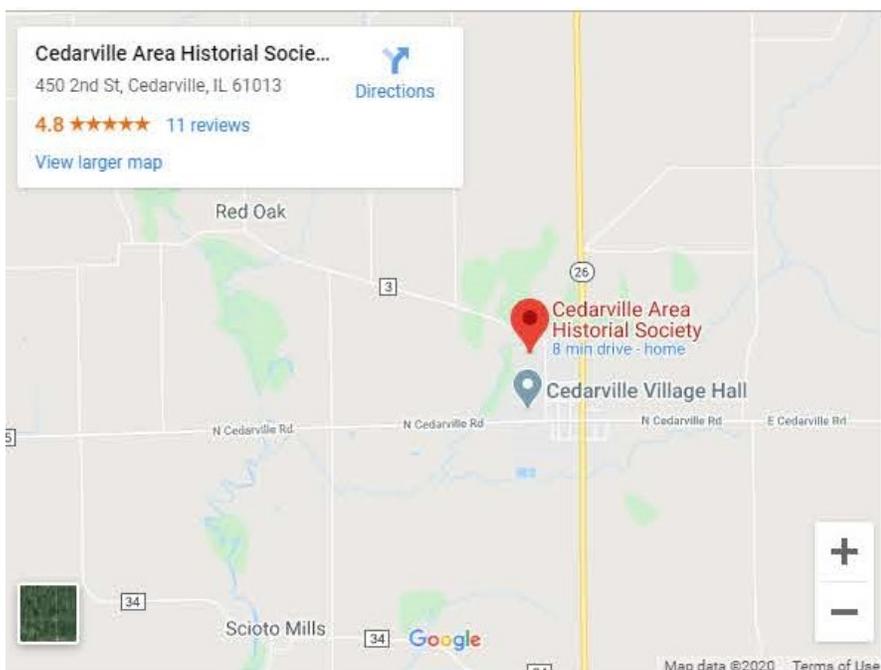
Saturday 1-4PM

Sunday 1-4PM

Or by appointment by calling

815-990-0417 or 815-563-4202

***The mailing address for the CAHS (PO Box 336, Cedarville, IL. 61013) is being changed to CAHS (1212 S. Stewart Av., Freeport, 61032) effective immediately. Mail addressed to Cedarville will be forwarded for the next 12 months. If you have not renewed your membership for next year, please do so immediately. Thank you. CAHS***



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