

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

May 2021

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Updates

- **Museum is Open**– We ask that visitors call prior to the visit and reserve a time. We will also have a Ring doorbell available at the entrance. The doorbell allow you to communicate with our staff member and we will do our best to meet you at the museum. A reservation will ensure that a staff member will be available so please try to use the reservation option.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony/Picnic, May 31**– Details on page 2.
- **Summer Programs are a Go**- These programs will be available with “live-stream” and “in-person” with limited capacity. Please see page 2 for details.
- **Website Continues to Update**- Cedarville Area Historical Society recently released a new website. This new site features a “responsive format” which means it will look great and function well on any device. This site will also give us the ability to add more content like live streaming, blogs and separate pages for specific content. Some of the content we would like to add soon includes research library information, museum exhibits and searchable content.
www.cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org
- **New Exhibit Progressing**– A new exhibit concentrating on the art work, poetry and life of Lois Fink (Wyka), native of Cedarville will be ready for display soon.



Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 31st, 2021

Ceremony at the Cedarville Cemetery @ 11:00

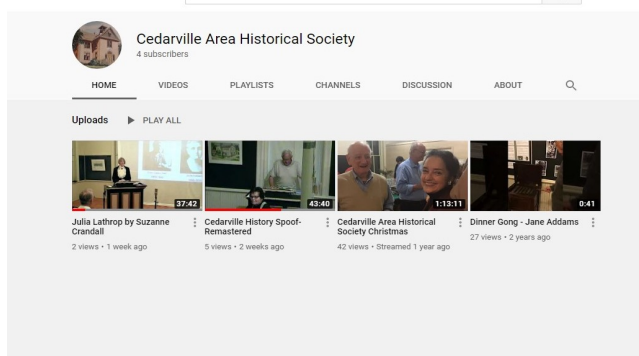
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Picnic Lunch @ Cedarville Museum @ 12:00

(\$7.00 per person -5 and under \$2.00)

(Brats, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs (choice of) and Chips, Dessert, Drink)
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Programs Available on YouTube



CAHS is making available many programs from the last 17 years. They will be posted on YouTube. We will post updates on the latest additions on Facebook.

Please go to Youtube and search “Cedarville Area Historical Society” to find us or click on the YouTube symbol on our home page.

“Like” our page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtNjKA5hA5R5ZSVO2bEGfBA> to get automatic upload updates.

Summer 2021 - Three Programs Will Proceed

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will present three outstanding history related evening programs for the summer months of 2021. All will be at the museum at 7:30 p.m. on a Tuesday evening. Audience can join in person or via livestream on our Facebook page. Tickets are \$10.

On Tuesday, June 15, 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.

On Tuesday, July 20, 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 Cathie Elsbree as Susan B Anthony.



On Tuesday, August 24, 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.

Don't miss this unique lineup of entertainment and education.

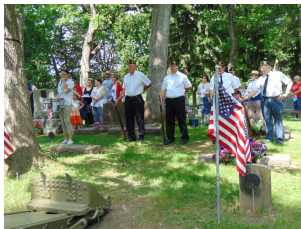
To watch "in-person" arrive at the museum on the date and time of the event. The entrance fee will be collected at the door. Please arrive early. Space is limited.

To watch via "Livestream" visit the CAHS Facebook page [Cedarville Area Historical Society - Home | Facebook](#) or website homepage www.cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org and follow the link. A donation link will be provided.

Cedarville Memorial Day Ceremony/Picnic, May 31

The Cedarville Memorial Day ceremony will start at 11 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Cedarville Cemetery on Red Oak Road.

Parking will be available at the cemetery entrance.



The ceremony will be led by Cedarville's American Legion Post 1224 and traditionally includes the reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, a patriotic song, a prayer and the reading of the names of veter-

ans buried there. Currently the number is more than 150, the oldest being George Washington Clingman dating from the War of 1812.

After the ceremony, the public is invited to the Cedarville Museum where the historical society will offer a \$7 picnic lunch starting at 12:00 a.m., rain or shine. If there is a parade rainout, the cemetery ceremony will be conducted in the museum at 10 a.m. followed by the lunch. Please follow our Facebook page for the most current updates.



A Rewrite of Cedarville History

By Jim Bade
President Emeritus

There's been a major change in the story of Cedarville and Jane Addams, the best known former resident of the village.

Last month's newsletter stated in the obituary for Delbert Schreider, 96, that he was the next to the last survivor of persons who attended the 1935 Cedarville funeral of Miss Addams. The other one was Paul Fry, also now 96 and living in Freeport, who was a pallbearer.

Schreider, then 10, was brought to the Cedarville cemetery by his Aunt Margaret Frank and his grandfather John Frank.

There is now another living claimant who as an infant attended the funeral. He is Dale Kaiser, son of the late Clyde Kaiser, well-known in the village as a meticulous Cedarville historian. Before he died, Clyde gave the historical society copies of all articles and notes he had written relative to the history of the village. Many of his articles have been reprinted by the society.

In a letter to the historical society Dale, now 89 and living in Greenwood, In., with his second wife of nineteen years, said he was three years old "and in the arms of his father" when he attended the event.



Capt. Dale Kaiser and wife Illiana

Dale is a retired captain in the U.S. Navy having served thirty plus years in the active and reserve components. The active duty was aboard a destroyer from 1954 to 1957.

He currently is a retired professor after

completing twenty two years of teaching graduate courses in school administration at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Il..

Now the question is: Are there any other persons who want to claim they attended the funeral held eighty six years ago?



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Postage

Return Service Requested

Museum Hours (May – October)

Saturday 1-4 PM

Sunday 1-4 PM

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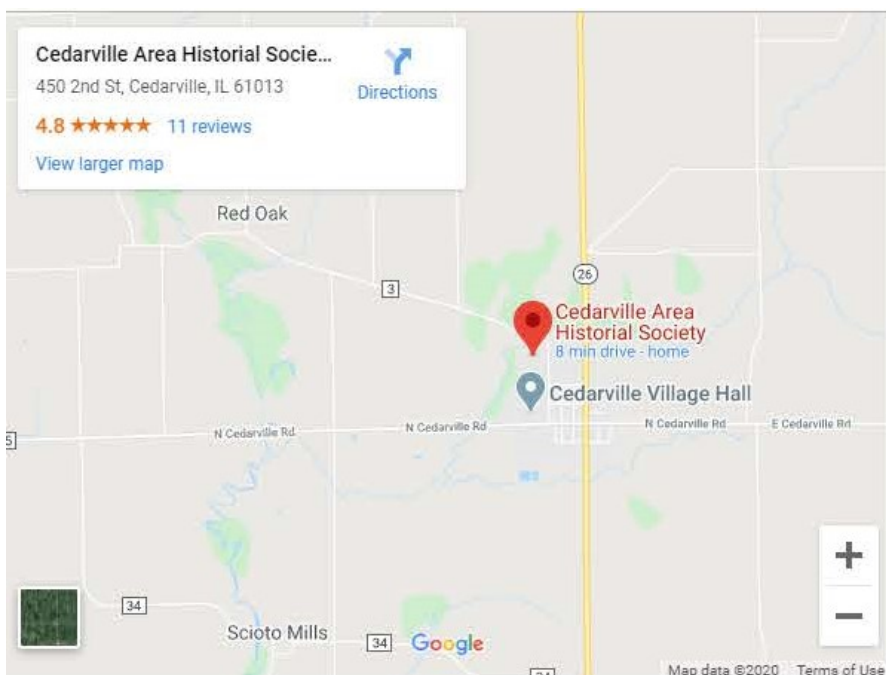
Private tours are available by appointment.

Call 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve

We Want Your Stories

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

***If you have not renewed your membership, please do so.
We need your support. Thank you.***



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