

**ECHOES OF
CEDARVILLE
August September
2023**

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Updates

Our 2023 programs continue:

August 8th at 7:30 Bill Pick, Cedarville Cemetery Sexton will be presenting a program on the history of the Cedarville Cemetery and will also be providing some history on the Cedar Creek Bridge and Rt 26 Bridge. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to learn about the area in which they live. Please join us and bring along your friends and neighbors.

September 12th at 7:30 Andy Dvorak, currently a director on the Cedarville Area Historical Society, presents Marcet Haldeman-Julius. She was the daughter of Alice and Henry Haldeman. Alice was Jane Addams sister, thereby making Marcet the niece of Jane Addams. Marcet was a very colorful lady and Andy is going to share some of her stories.

October 17th at 7:30 John Reed presents Cedarville and its role in sports not only in Cedarville but the surrounding area. John's father, Gene played a very big role in Cedarville's sports activities and John has continued his father's legacy. John is the owner of Reed's garage and is also involved in local sports as a referee.

If there are any specific programs that you would be interested in, please let us know. In fact if you have a topic/topics that you would be interested in presenting, we would love to hear from you. Local history, music, arts, any topics that you believe would be of interest to our membership and community.

We welcome any stories/memories for inclusion in our future newsletters. Email your submission to: info@cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org . Or mail to Wendy Bade, 5747 W Wagner, Lena IL 61048

Member Submissions

In recent months we have been lucky to have some of our members share their memories with us. One of the articles that generated considerable response was the article we wrote about the 1944 tornado. Below is a response we received from John Holman, who at the time was better known as Jack. I am sure that many of you remember that day in June and am also sure that you will recognize some of the names that John mentions in his letter.

“At that time my parents lived in the house now occupied by Jim and Sharon Barmore. I was 6 years old at the time and I remember being in our back yard with my mother, she was very concerned, looking at the sky, it was yellowish and very still. I remember her saying “there must be a bad storm very near-by”, little did we know there was a very damaging tornado just a few miles to the north of Cedarville.

My uncle was Harold Folgate, his father Ray Folgate lived on the farm on Buckeye Road, about a mile east of Rt 25. The damage was quite severe. The barn had collapsed on several livestock, and I remember there was pieces of wood and steel driven into large trees most of which were shredded off.

I’m told that all the family that was in the house, went into the upstairs bathroom and every window in the house was blown out except the bathroom window. The house was and still is a large square brick home and it was actually shifted on the foundation to some degree. The house is not far from the Hutchison farm which was just further east and on Henderson Road. The devastation was incredible. I have seen many pictures of it since.”

Since we published our original article earlier this year we have had a couple of additional factshared with us about the tornado of June 22nd, 1944:

.Three people were killed in that tornado: Mrs. Glenn Hutchison, Thomas Cummings, and Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Adams. Seven persons will killed in Southern Wisconsin

.Most of the herd of prize Holsteins belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Angle was destroyed

.Mr. Angle rescued his wife from under the refrigerator which was under a fallen roof

.There were 21 homes and 66 barns destroyed in Illinois primarily in Cedarville, Afolkey, Dakota and Winslow areas

June Program -Ukulele Express 815

Our evenings joint donation to Stephenson RAMP was \$200



July Program—Women of Courage and Commitment



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1212 S. Stewart Ave, Freeport IL 61032

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Return Service Requested

Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)

Museum is always available by appointment

During non-open hours you can utilize the Ring doorbell and we will do our best meet you at the museum

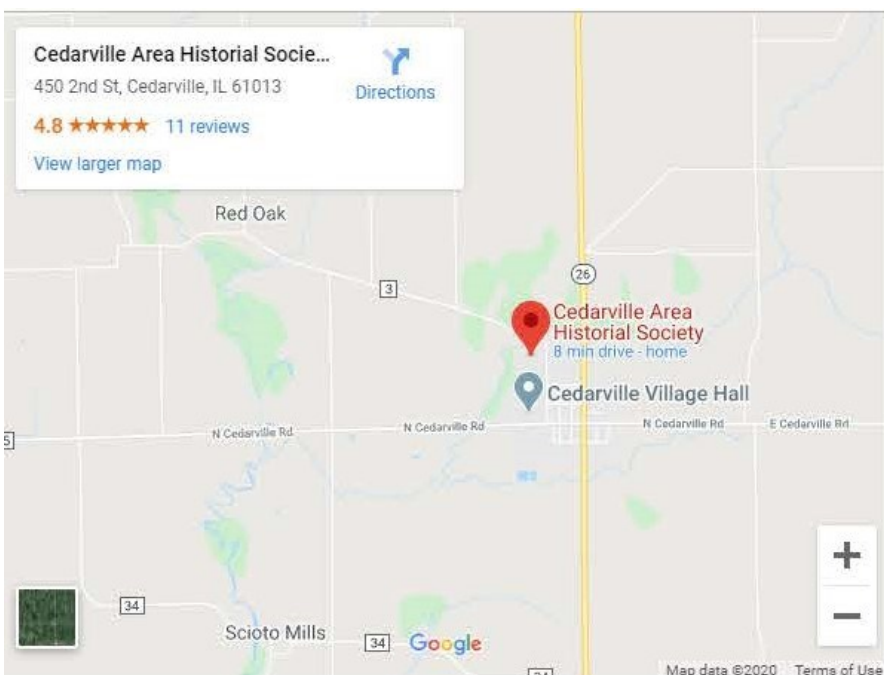
Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

Call or text 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve or email info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

We Would Love to Share Your Stories

Email us your stories or antidotes about Cedarville or the Cedarville area. We will present them in following newsletters. Email them to info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

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



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