

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

DECEMBER 2019

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Christmas Party December 10

The annual Cedarville Museum free Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 10. Members of the historical society and the public are invited to participate in the celebration.

A general social hour will open the program at 6 p.m. This will be followed by

a glass of wine provided by Famous Fossil Winery, free food and music by Cedarville's ever popular accordionist Bobbie Edler. Bobbie will then lead the audience in favorite Christmas songs.

The evening is also expected to include several holiday games.



*Bobbie
Edler*

Naturally, a Christmas party would not be complete if it didn't include Don Franz, our very own Santa Klaus, who is reportedly as famous as TV's "Masked Singer."



Don Franz



***Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019
It was not a pleasant day!***

Oh for the taste of Cedar Creek Ice

(If the thought of more snowy, icy days in the coming months makes you yearn for an early, early Spring, perhaps this short, light hearted few words from the late LeRoy Wilson will cheer you.)

In the early 1930s when I was a small child in Cedarville, there were few if any refrigerators in the village.

Strohm's store on the corner of Mill and Cherry streets operated an ice house along with their general store. The structure that housed the ice no longer exists. It was adjacent to the east side of the

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During the winter months, the ice was cut from Cedar Creek and hauled to the storage area by horse teams and bob sleds. It was stacked in the ice house much like hay was placed in a hay mow. They used heavy rope and pullies and dragged the ice into place. Tons of saw dust was used to cover each layer of ice as the house was filled.

During the hot summer days of July, my grandmother would send



*But, it could have been this ...
December 29, 2007*

me to Strohm's with my coaster wagon to get ice for our ice box. We always had to take a bunch of old throw rugs along to put over the ice to reduce melting on the way home.

The store clerk would open the ice house, chip off a 50 pound chunk, then use a bucket of water to rinse off the sawdust. Lo and behold, a cake of clear sparkling ice would appear.

We kids would scramble for the small chunks of ice that flowed when the

when the chipping began. These delicious pieces we sucked on all the way home.

I think we paid ten or fifteen cents for a large chunk of ice.

This was ice right off Cedar Creek. No one got sick. I guess we were immune to those things back then. I do remember cows stood in the creek during summer to get cool and do their thing.

That was good ice.

*LeRoy Wilson
1926—2008*



***Cedarville Historical
Society
Free Holiday Party
and Potluck***

Tuesday, December 10

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour with
Food, Drink and Games**

**7:00 p.m. Holiday music
by Bobbie Edler
(*Sing along at end of her program*)**

Cedarville Area Historical Society changes mailing address

The mailing address for the CAHS (P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, Illinois 61013) is being changed to CAHS (1212 S. Stewart Ave. Freeport, Illinois 61032) effectively immediately. This change will eliminate the need for the Treasurer of CAHS to make frequent trips from Freeport to Cedarville to collect the mail and will result in faster processing of the mail. US mail that is currently on its way to the former PO box address and any inadvertently sent in the future will be forwarded by USPS to the new Freeport address for the next 12 months.

Please make this change to your address book. If you have not yet renewed your membership for next year, please do so by sending your renewal form and check to the new CAHS 1212 S. Stewart Ave. Freeport, Illinois 61032 address.

Thank you, CAHS Board