

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

January- February 2023

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Celebrate Cedarville

Many Cedarville residents or visitors will immediately recognize this building. Reed's Garage, located at the corner of Rte 26 and Cedarville Road was opened in August 1948 by Donald Reed. Donald's son Gene went to work for him at the station from June 1949 to December 1951. At that time Gene entered the Air Force returning to the station in January 1956 where he worked with his Dad until January 1, 1967. Gene then bought the business from Donald. Tradition carried on and Gene's son John began working for his Dad in August of 1974, junior year in high school. John is now the proprietor of Reed's Garage and can be found at the building either at the front desk or back in the garage working on a vehicle. In a recent meeting with John, he shared many stories of the station, including the addition of the second door/stall in the 50's. Included in his stories was the fact that often times executives of Sinclair would come visit the garage and approve (AND pay for) things such as new floors or painting of walls). John also recalled that they had many customers who would come to the garage on Sundays (yep open seven days a week) to pick up the newspaper and perhaps a candy bar available at the front counter. Also it was like the local watering hole, where tales and current events were shared. I am hoping to get John to share more tales of the garage and some of the great Cedarville sport stories that he knows

A little family history: Donald Reed(b.2-03-1906/d. May 1973) and his wife Ruth Lucille Rote Reed (b. 7-15-1910/d. 11-17-2002) were married and had two children, a daughter Donna Reed Untersee (b.3-10-1929/d.12-17-2016) and a son Gene Reed (b. 12-19-1931/d.12-09-2020) who married Mary Kaiser Reed (b. 8-18-1931/d.10-21-2016) on December 19th, 1953. They had a son John (b.9-2-1958) and a daughter Kathleen (b.11-10-1954/d.5-07-1993)



Reeds garage as it appeared back in the late 40's and early 50's. Below is the garage as it appears today. What differences do you see between the two photos



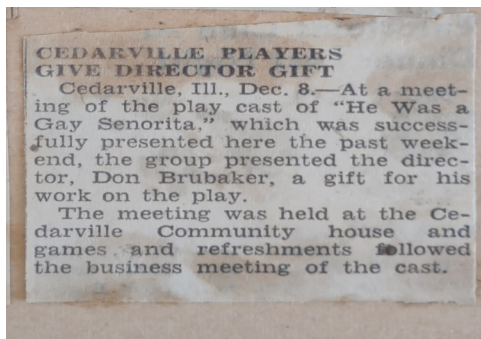
Cedarville Players

In our last newsletter we looked at the history and the start up of The Cedarville Players in 1948. Their first production for the community was Bolts and Nuts. The organization moved quickly into their second production , "He Was A Gay Seniorita." This production was presented to the public on December 2,3, and 4, 1948 at the Cedarville Community House. The cast in this presentation was: Norman Voss, Virgil Dietmeier, Homer Fehr, Lucile Fehr, Glen Hutchinson, Theo Mae Frank, Donna Lou Reed, Lorraine Fry, DoLores Fink, Anna Marie Zipse, Dick Oulthain and Don Brubaker. Don Brubaker did double duty in this production playing both the role of Dr. Forsythe and taking on the directing duties of the production.

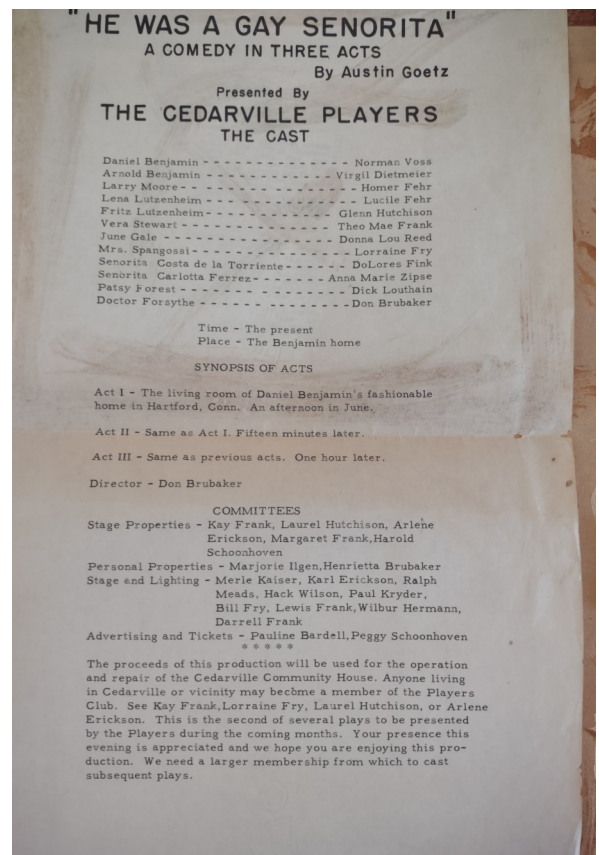
Other members of the community who played behind the scene roles and contributed to the success of the production were: Kay Frank, Laurel Hutchison, Arlene Erickson, Margaret Frank, Harold Schoonhoven, Marjorie Illgen, Henrietta Brubaker, Merle Kaiser, Karl Erickson, Ralph Meads, Hack Wilson, Paul Kryder, Bill Fry, Lewis Frank, Wilbur Hermann, Darrell Frank, Pauline Bardell and Peggy Schoonhoven.



Cast of the 2nd Cedarville Player's production which He Was A Gay Seniorita



Article calling out the fact that the cast gave a gift to their producer, Don Brubaker.



Playbill for He Was A Gay Seniorita

We would love to identify all of the people in the cast photo. The entire cast of twelve are included in the photo. If you can identify any of the cast, we would appreciate you sending us an email providing us with the cast members name and their position in the photo or call Wendy at 224-639-3436 with the information. We don't want to lose this valuable information

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21st Annual Chili/Soup/Sandwich Luncheon
Kick Off Football Sunday



Sunday, February 12th, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cedarville Museum at 450 2nd Street, Cedarville Illinois

Dine In or Carry Out

Your Choice of Soup (Chili, Chicken Noodle, and TBD)
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Veggies
Dessert-

Adults \$6.00 Children (under 12) \$2.00 Cash or Check

We look forward to starting off the New Year with our 21st annual Chili Luncheon. This luncheon is a fantastic day of football and getting together with your friends after a "long winter's nap". You are welcome to join us and dine in or feel free to stop by and do a to go order. We will be offering pies again this year and will be taking orders the week of February 5th. If you want to place an order please call Wendy between February 5th and 7th and place your order (remember your Valentine). I will be on vacation until the 4th of February) so I won't be able to answer your calls until the 5th. Call 224-639-3436 to place your order.

Pies: \$15– Apple, Blueberry, Peach, Cherry

Pies: \$19-Pecan, Apple Crisp, Blueberry Crisp, Peach Crisp, Cherry Crisp

In addition to the luncheon, CAHS members will receive a copy of the organization's annual report and will be asked to confirm our board members for the upcoming year.

Thank you to Cindy at the village for including information about our upcoming Chili

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We Would Love to Share Your Stories

Email us your stories or antidotes or photos about Cedarville or the Cedarville area.

We will present them in future newsletters. Email them to us at:

info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

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

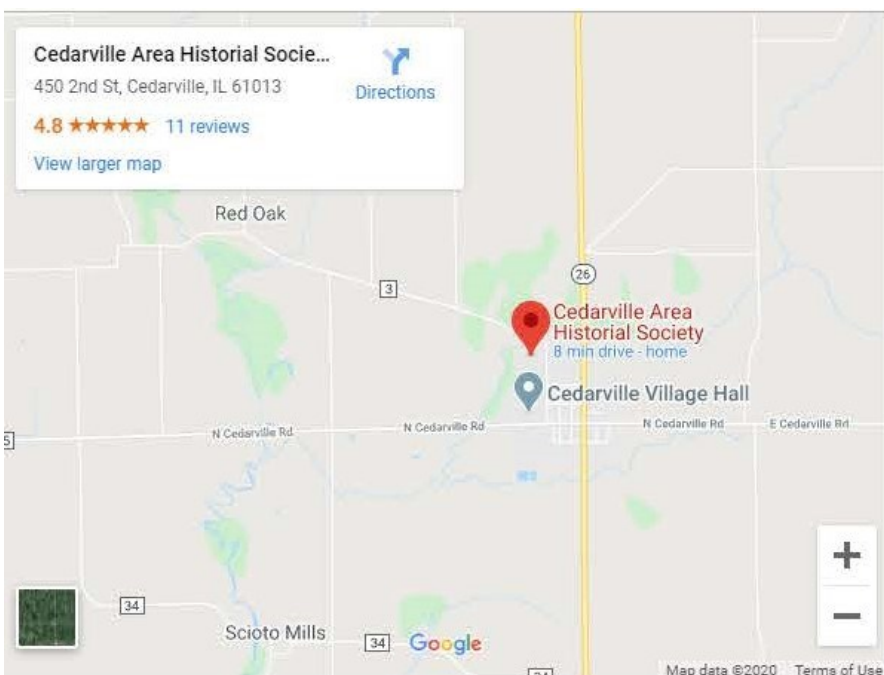
Museum is always available by appointment

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

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



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