

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

July 2021

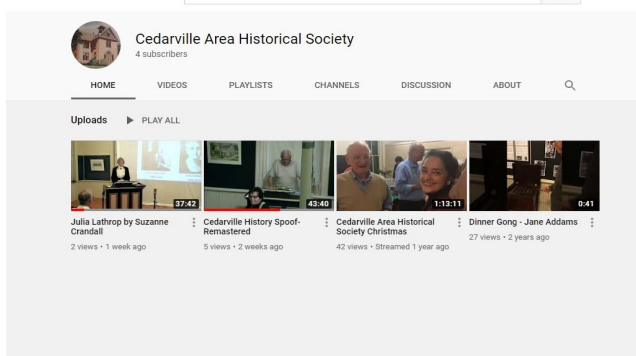
*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## Museum Updates

- **Cedarville Native, 97, Passes** - Story on page 3
- **Museum is Open**— We ask that visitors call us (phone number on back page) prior to the visit and reserve a time. We will also have a Ring doorbell available at the entrance for those who stop by on the “spur of the moment”. The doorbell allows you to communicate with our remote staff member who will meet you at the museum. Of course, a reservation will ensure a staff member will be available so please try to use the reservation option.
- **Next Program** — Jane Addams and Susan B. Anthony portrayed by members of The Woman of Courage and Commitment, Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 PM - available “live-stream” or “in-person”. See page 2 for details.
- **Virtual Museum Tour Added to Website**— Now you can get a tour of many of our exhibits from the “Exhibits” page on our website [www.cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org](http://www.cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org)
- **New Exhibit FINISHED**— A new exhibit concentrating on the art work, poetry and life of Lois Fink (Wyka), native of Cedarville is complete. Visit the museum this weekend and see it for yourself.
- **Museum Exhibits Now Include QR Code** - QR code signs are now on many of our exhibits that provide the visitor a recorded video overview of the exhibit. Simply scan the QR code display with your smart phone or tablet to watch. The museum will have tablets available for visitors if they do not have a smart phone or tablet.

## 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 Exciting Programs

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 at the door.

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 Deb Pausz 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 writ-

ing 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](http://www.cedarvilleareahistoricalociety.org) and follow the link. A donation link will be provided.



## First Program— Lincoln Conspiracy a Huge Success

On Tuesday, June 15, Don Franz of Freeport, a longtime friend and board member of CAHS, and a well-known Civil War expert, described the circumstances surrounding the Lincoln assassination, and the trial and execution of the Lincoln conspirators.

A well represented audience of both in-person and live-stream members enjoyed an excellent presentation by Mr. Franz and were not disappointed in the least.

"Thank you" to Don and we hope to have him back in the near future to talk about other interesting subjects relating to the Civil War.



Congratulations from board member, Galen Bertram



Live streaming in action-board member, Steve Myers



Don during his presentation



Don answers questions following presentation



Don and board member, Andy Dvorak pose for a photo



Enjoying great food and conversation

Photos by board member Lisa Goodwin

# Cedarville Native, 97, Passes

By Jim Bade - President Emeritus

Florence LaBorde Evans, 97, Cedarville native, died June 18 in her Freeport home.

Mrs. Evans was born on a farm east of Cedarville in 1923 the daughter of Charles and Ida (Zurbriggen) LaBorde. She married Donald Evans in October, 1941. He died in 1989.



Mrs. Evans first attended Champion Hill School which was located between Alfokey and Dakota and then Orangeville High School. She was graduated from Freeport High School.

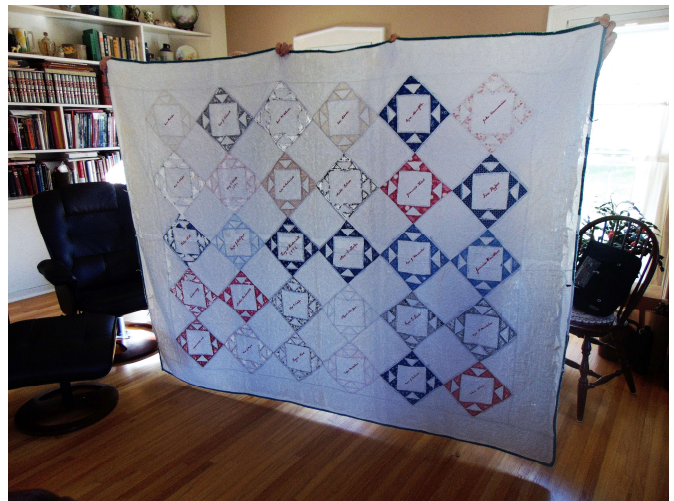
In 2013 she donated to the Cedarville Museum the well preserved and highly decorated LaBorde "friendship quilt" containing the embroidered names of thirty Stephenson County residents. The quilt is currently on display at the museum immediately to the right of the parking lot door.

Mrs. Evans and her late husband worked together in the family business, Evans Electric in Freeport.

She was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and the YWCA. She was a den mother and girl scout and brownie leader. She also volunteered at Malcolm Eton Enterprises and was a Pink Lady at FHN. She loved gardening and crafts and was an avid golfer with

her late husband.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Valentine of Tallahassee, Fl., brother-in-law Russell Kundert and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Donald, daughters, Patricia K. and Kathy Lou, grandson, Raphael, and brothers, Jack, Robert and Richard LaBorde, and sister, Alfreda Rusk.



Quilt on display at museum



***Cedarville Area Historical Society***  
1212 S. Stewart Ave, Freeport IL 61032

Postage

***Return Service Requested***

**Museum Hours (May – October)**

**Saturday 1-4 PM**

**Sunday 1-4 PM**

**Please call in advance so we can ensure staff is available.**

**You can also utilize the Ring doorbell and we will try to have a staff member there in minutes**

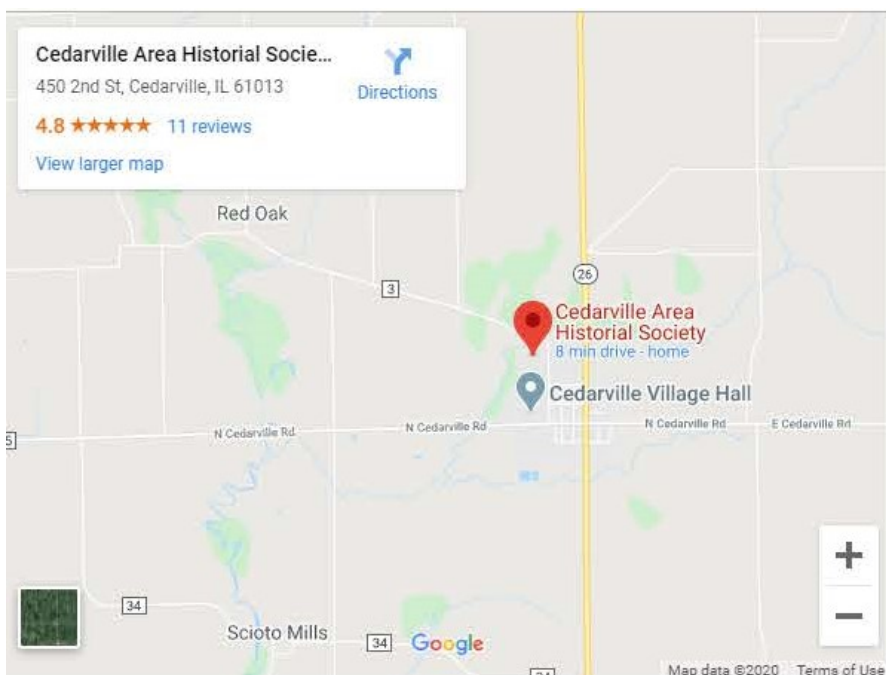
Private tours are available by appointment.

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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