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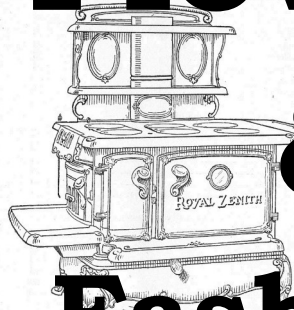
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NEWSLETTER OF THE

Interlaken Historical Society

FEATURING THE 2008

Plowing Day



& Old



Fashioned Fair

TO BE HELD AT THE

Historic Hunt Barn

AND

Persoon Dairy

ON

September 20, 2008

Department: Welcome

Welcome to Plowing Day and Old Fashioned Fair

The Trustees of the Interlaken Historical Society and our enthusiastic volunteers welcome you to our second Plowing Day and first Old Fashioned Fair. As we have researched material to be included in this special edition newsletter, we learned from one account that the Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Ulysses, Covert and Hector was organized in 1850. The Society held their first fair in that same year near the Village of Interlaken, then known as Farmerville. Premiums were awarded for the straightest row ploughed, the best yoke of oxen, best quality butter, best horse and buggy, best quality of spun flax and wool, best plate of ten pears, best display of vegetable, and the list goes on and on. Tents were used to house the exhibits of farm produce, fruits and animals. Our fair is an attempt to recreate, without competition, some of the pride in one's skills that must have been very evident at the early fairs.

Preparing for this event has created the opportunity to attend a number of events to talk with the owners and exhibitors of draft animals, early equipment such as Hit-N-Miss engines, steam traction engines and tractors from the first half of the 20th century. A common observation has been the enthusiasm that these folks bring to the show. Picture two rows of Hit-N-Miss engines of various horsepower all running at the same time with their owners, all covered with oil and grease, beaming at the end of each row.

We hope this demonstration of enthusiasm, along with a little history, is what you remember from your visit to the Interlaken Historical Society Plowing Day and Old Fashioned Fair. Thanks for coming.

Allan Buddle, President



Department: About the Special Edition

With the theme of this event being Plowing Day & Old Fashioned Fair, the organizing committee wanted to present the souvenir Special Edition Newsletter with the look and feel of an old fashioned Fair Premium booklet. Working with several copies of 100 year old fair booklets we were able to design and present the information much as you would find the departments and ads in those older booklets. Special thanks to the Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society of the Towns of Ulysses, Hector and Covert, Seneca County Cooperative Extension and members of the Plowing Day Committee for the use of model booklets.

Pictures from the 2005 Plowing Day are shown throughout the booklet. To give a flavor of area in 1894 merchants and farmers from the town of Covert are shown under the heading “Seneca County Business Directory.”

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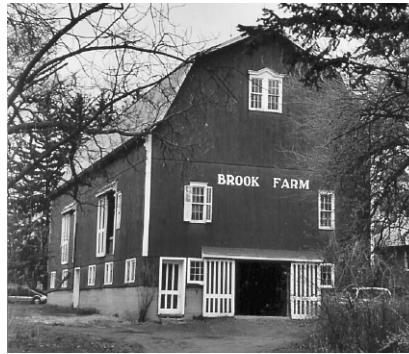
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Department: Program for the Day

Registration for "Made in Interlaken Basket"9:30 to 1:30
Remembering Dave Powell..... 10:00 In the Barn
Keynote Speaker: Dick Peterson 10:15 In the Barn
Drawings Made in Interlaken Basket 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4
Need not be present to win
Exhibits in the Barn, Tent & Field 11:00
Plowing Demonstration Noon
In the Persoon Dairy Field

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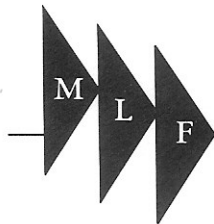
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Department: Dedication

David R. Powell 1932 to 2007

The Interlaken Historical Society lost a dedicated volunteer and friend when David R. Powell died on November 6, 2007. We miss you Dave, and wishing to preserve your memory and the efforts you made not only for the Historical Society but to the farming community, we dedicate the 2008 Plowing Day and Old Fashioned Fair to your memory.

David and Jean Powell have owned Maple Leaf Farms on Powell Road, Interlaken, since 1952. Prior to this, Dave had lived on Powell Road with his parents, Edward and Helene Powell and brother Gordon since he was three years old.

Dave married his high school sweetheart, Jean Huhn, in February of 1953. They moved into the home Jean currently lives in. Dave was in partnership with his father until the barns burned in 1962. They farmed with a Farmall H and a Massey Harris 30 with two-bottom plows and farmed 200 acres. At that time, Dave and Jean had five children ranging in age from one to nine years of age.

After the fire, Dave trucked hay and straw to farmers in the southern tier, plowed snow in the winter for the Town of Covert, and in the fall of 1963 they started milking again in a new barn which initially consisted of 8 cows. The herd gradually grew to 120 milking cows and 120 heifers and calves over the years. They built four buildings across the road: the main cow barn, machinery storage, loose housing for dairy cows, and a shop in which they maintained machinery and later on a tire and machinery business.

Jean and Dave were working partners as well as all of the children in the early years, but later on, son Mark, daughter Julie, and son-in-law Darwin Smith joined in the work force.

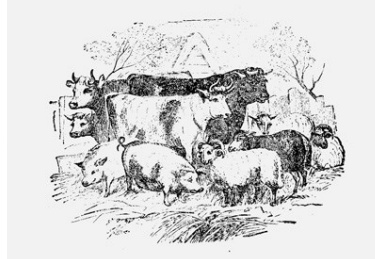


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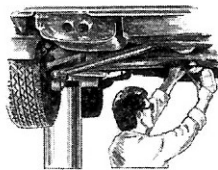
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Department: 1894 Seneca County Directory

Businesses & Farmers in the Town of Covert

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Homer C. Case, groceries, crockery, confectionery, fruits
Archelaus D. Chadwick, photographer & scenic artist
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Mark was interested in making more income for the farm and took on machinery dealerships selling short-line equipment. A used tire changer was purchased to change the many wagon tires on the farm, car tires and eventually went into the tire business selling all kinds of car, truck and tractor tires.

When more tractors were needed, they bought a new John Deere 70 and John Deere 3010 which burned in the fire in 1962. When they built back they bought another 3010 and a 3020. Eventually a 4430 John Deere tractor was purchased new and was the pride of the line. Over the years, as the acreage increased, so did the machinery line.

David was active in several farm organizations including Farm Bureau and was the delegate to the Eastern Milk Producers' Cooperative, Interlaken Local, for many years. He was on the Board of Assessment Review in the Town of Covert, Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Service, and Agway. His hobbies included John Deere Two Cylinder Club, camping in their fifth wheel camper in Florida in the winter months and volunteering at the Interlaken Historical Society. Dave was a family man and was never happier

than when the whole family was together, laughing. Dave would love to be here today to share this time with you and we know he is here in spirit.



Dave with one of his prized John Deere tractors at Olde Home Day 2006.



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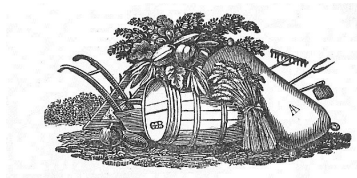
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Department: Speakers for the Day

Keynote Speaker: Richard A. Peterson

Dick Peterson grew up on a dairy farm in Chautauqua County. Early on, he grew to appreciate the wonders of agriculture and by high school, he knew he would stay involved in agriculture for a lifetime. Following high school, he enrolled at Cornell University to study agricultural engineering. Following his graduation from Cornell in 1970, he joined the Agricultural Marketing Department at New York State Electric and Gas as an agricultural engineer. He helped develop agricultural service programs at NYSEG and he provided building plans and engineering services to farms throughout the NYSEG service area.

In 1980, Dick became Manager of Agricultural Market Services at NYSEG, a position he held for 23 years until his retirement in 2003. In April, 2003, he began his own business, Northeast Agriculture Technology Corporation, based in Ithaca, New York. He enjoys the continued opportunities he has to provide agricultural electric energy technology information to farm customers throughout New York and beyond.

Dick has long been involved in agricultural organizations in New York. He has been an active Farm Bureau member and a board member and Board President of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Schuyler County. He currently serves as Chair of the NY FarmNet Board, Advisory Board Chair of the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health in Cooperstown, and he is active in numerous other agricultural organizations. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Trumansburg United Methodist Church. Dick and his wife, Chris, live in the Town of Hector in Schuyler County and they are the proud parents of four grown daughters, and a beautiful new grand-daughter.

Dick was proud and awed to serve as president of the New York State Agricultural Society in their 174th and

Richard A. Peterson (continued)

175th years. The rich history of the Society included countless leaders who have helped advance our state's agricultural industry to its lofty position today.

Dick will present an illustrated program on the history of the NYS Agricultural Society and the development and operation of the NY State Fair and a history of the County Fairs in New York State.

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Department: Speakers for the Day (continued)

Gould P. Colman

Gould P. Colman's spirit and roots go back to his childhood home on a farm in Medina, New York where he "taught his father how to drive a McCormick Deering F-14 tractor." Colman said he came to Cornell on the GI Bill after serving in Europe during World War II because it was "close enough to go home on weekends and work on the farm." He was a member of the Class of '51 but instead of returning to his rural roots, Colman stayed on and received a MA in 1953 and a PhD in 1962. As a student he worked in the Cornell University Archives, and later used the archives for his dissertation on the history of the College of Agriculture, published by Cornell University in 1962.

A founding member of the Oral History Association, he emphasized subject-focused interviews. Combining his interest in farm life and his skill in oral history, he documented the daily lives of 20 farm families in New York and Iowa over a period of twenty years with help from Cornell faculty members and graduate students. Gould became University Archivist in 1972. Currently, the University Archives is part of the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, housed in the Carl A. Kroch Library.



When retiring as University Archivist in 1995, Gould rejected the idea of retirement. He intends to finish a book on farm families, a decades long labor of love based on the hundreds of interviews conducted during the oral history program. Gould says until it is finished he will have good reason to continue living. His aunt lived to be 107 so his sense of unfinished business should keep him going a while



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LeRoy Bradley, thoroughbred Hampshiredowns sheep, grain grower
Abram V. Minor, dealer in groceries, hardware, boots & shoes
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Department: History

Year 1904

Legal Protection: An Act in relation to Agricultural and Horticultural Associations Passed April 19th 1862,...in addition to the powers now vested by Statute in the Board of Managers of any Agricultural or Horticultural Association, the officers of such Association shall have power to regulate and prevent all kinds of theatrical, circuses and mountebank exhibitions and shows, as well as huckstering and trafficking in fruits, goods, wares and merchandise of whatever description for gain on the Fair days, and within a distance of two hundred yards of the Fair Grounds...

1904 Seneca County Agricultural Society Booklet page 13

The Board of Managers or Executive Committee of any Agricultural and Horticultural Society of the State is hereby authorized to appoint as many citizens of this State policemen as shall be necessary for their exhibition...

1904 Seneca County Agricultural Society Booklet page 15

Year 1908

On the cover of the Premium Book of this year is made the announcement that this is the Fiftieth Annual Fair of the Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and it seems fitting that this anniversary, which completes a half century of its existence, should be celebrated by something more elaborate than the usual in our program for the Fair...The Board of directors have arranged for the entertainment of the scholars who have for the past year attended our public schools...The Grangers have the third day, with a special program and...the fourth day Governor Charles E. Hughes will be present...The society was organized in 1858...the fair was held on the ground on Hector Avenue where the silk mills now stands...the ground now owned by the Society was secured by lease from Warren Halsey and the buildings were moved to this location, the first fair being held in 1867...1902 the land was purchased by the Society and has been improved yearly...two years ago a plot of seven acres was added...

1908 Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society page 84 13

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Department: History
Year 1908 (continued)

Third Day, Thursday, August 27th, Grange Day... Commodious headquarters have been provided by the Society for the members of the Order and their families in a large tent reserved for their use...speakers of prominence in the State organization of the Order will be present and address the meeting...

1908 Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society page 84

Year 1910

The season of the agricultural fair is upon us once more, and the farmers are beginning to wonder whether their "prize" pumpkins will be big enough to carry off the premium; and the head of the family is looking over her fancy work to see if she has anything new in that line which has not been exhibited before...among the earliest and most prominent fairs being held in central New York is "The Big Fair," at Trumansburg, which will be held the present year on August 30-31 and September 1-2...for the past 10 years this fair has been steadily gaining in popularity, increasing in size and adding to its general attractiveness...

Interlaken Review August 19, 1910

Year 1938

The Seneca County Fair, which has been held for 97 consecutive years without a break, will open Tuesday, September 13...over \$12,000 is offered in premiums in addition to purses of \$1,600 for horse races. In the aggregate, this is the largest offering made to the public in many years...Women of Seneca County, who participate in the Second National Crochet Contest...will be eligible to compete in the National Contest which offers \$1,200 in cash prizes...Four free acts are already listed for the Fair and the acts will be presented...James Baker, race secretary, announced that many entries have been made for the harness events and many of the fastest horse in this section of the country will be entered.

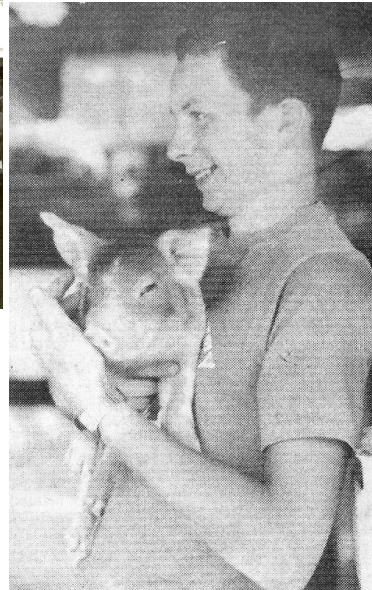
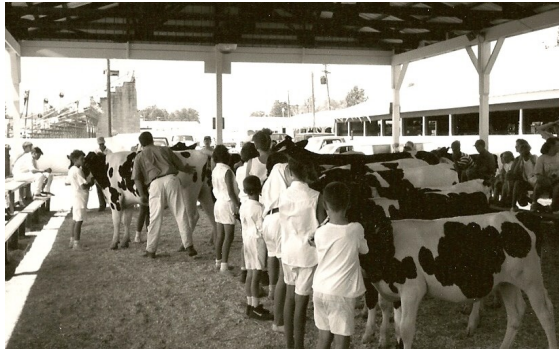
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No matter what year, young farmers are always happy to show off their prized animals.

Above: Seneca County Cooperative Extension photo collection

Right: *The Reveille*, July 26, 1994.

PROUD OF HIS PORK - Fifteen-year-old Bobby Poormon holds one of his many piglets at the Seneca County Fair.

Year 1946

Premium Lists for the 93rd annual Trumansburg Fair are being distributed. The book is entirely revised this year and is issued in a new format. The pages are somewhat wider and shorter than has been used in the past few years and the text of the books rewritten and the premiums adjusted to meet the post war conditions.

Interlaken Review September 13, 1946

“It is hoped that all members who exhibited at the Seneca County Fair will do so at the Trumansburg Fair, besides many members of the south end of the county who were not able to exhibit at Waterloo,” says G. William Niles, County 4-H Club Agent...

Interlaken Review September 27, 1946

Year 1956

The 113th Seneca County Fair started off in good shape Tuesday with a large list of entrees in all departments...over 200 head of dairy and beef cattle on exhibition, as well as over 3,000 head of poultry...the domestic hall has a display of flowers as well as fruits, vegetables, baked goods, needle work, art, homemaking and 4-H...also on display are sheep and swine. The officers and directors have planned that this be strictly an Agricultural Fair.

Interlaken Review August 30, 1956

Year 1957

The 114th Annual Exhibition of the Seneca County Fair will open Thursday, July 25 through Tuesday, July 30...and this year, except for Saturday and Tuesday evenings, the Fair will be admission free!

Interlaken Review July 25, 1957



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Department: Displays

Heritage Apples by Mary Jean Welser

Beginning with a short note from Anne Knight, Mary Jean developed a display of Heritage Apples. Anne wrote, "At my home farm in Delaware County, NY we had 40 different kinds of apples. Among them: Pound Sweets, Strawberry, Porter, Hendrick Sweets, Rome Beauty, Black Detroit, Smoke House, Yellow Bellflower, Winter Banana, Sweet Bough, Roxbury Russet..."

Seneca County Dairy Princess

Jackie Stilwell is the 2008 Seneca County Dairy Princess. She lives on the family farm in Covert, attends Trumansburg High School and is active in sports. Stop by and visit with Jackie and her ambassadors.

Interlaken Grange #160

Interlaken Grange #160 has recently celebrated its 134th anniversary. The Grange is a regular participant in the county fairs with educational exhibits. This year's exhibit discusses the "Incredible Edible Egg."

Seneca County Pomona Grange

The history and heritage of the Patrons of Husbandry goes back to its 1870s beginnings as an organization to give farmers and their families a place to socialize, learn and, for the ladies especially, a place to show off their talents in cooking and handiwork. Today Seneca County has three local Granges: Seneca Grange #44 of Fayette, Interlaken Grange #160 and Lodi Grange #213.

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Department: Archives

The Interlaken Historical Society has recently moved into our new museum in the former Interlaken office of the Trumansburg Home Telephone Company on Main Street. As part of the process of moving in we have transferred much of our archives to the new store room. The depth of materials collected since the historical society was formed in 1951 is awesome. But we can always use more. When cleaning out a closet, box or drawer, before you throw away old scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, photographs or other collectibles please contact the historical society. Who knows, your item may be the piece that fills a specific need in our archives collection.



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Department: Displays (continued)

David Nielsen

Hit-N-Miss Engine with Vintage Coffee Grinder

Lee Mac Laren

Toy Steam Engines, turning tools, old tools

Lodi Grange

Domestication and Husbandry of Poultry for human use

Harry McCue

Wooden Wheel construction

Kathy Jennings Kline: Quilts

A quilter since the early 1990s, Kathy is self-taught, and likes to experiment with color and design continually. The optical-illusion patterns are favorites. Many of the quilts are tied rather than sewn. Kathy's quilts can be seen at many quilt shows and each year at the Lodi Historical Society July 4th events.

Sweat Land Farms

Owners, Paul Martin and Evangeline Sarat, operate a CSA, or Community Supported Agricultural farm on the former Brown farm on Rt. 96. They have 21 acres and rent enough to have 34 tillable acres. Memberships in the farm are available for either summer or winter items.

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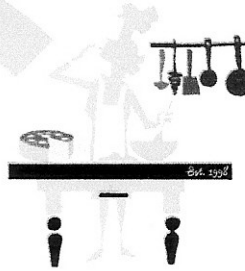
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Department: Made in Interlaken & Covert

Baskets of goodies which have been made in the Town of Covert and/or the Village of Interlaken will be given away throughout the day. Please register at one of the information booths to enter the drawing. You need not be present to win the basket. The Interlaken Historical Society extends a sincere thank you to these businesses for their support of this effort.

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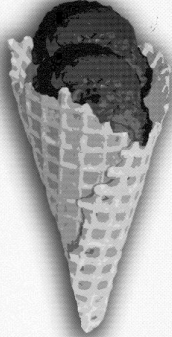
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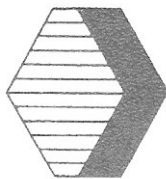


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*Top: Display tags
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entries for the fair.
South Jury District
1886, from the In-
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*Lower left: Judging
a project at the Sen-
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Department: County Fair Judging

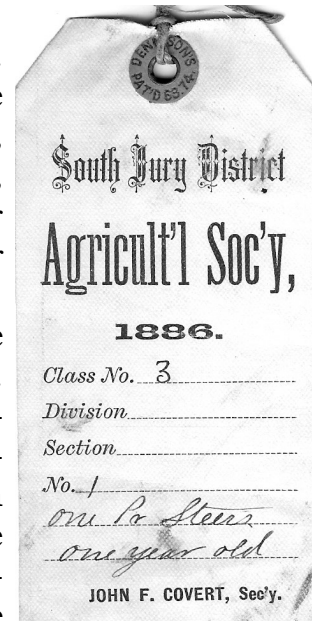
Monday of fair week is Judging Day. 4-H youth bring their projects to the fair to be judged. Some come with bags, some with boxes or laundry baskets, some just juggling everything in their arms. For many, 4-H is a family affair with siblings also bringing fair entries.

The youngest 4-H members are the Cloverbuds, who are 5-8 years old. Their projects are discussed with a Cloverbud evaluator and they receive participation ribbons. Older 4-H youth bring their entries to the judge's table and discuss each entry with the evaluator. For the younger kids or first time exhibitor, talking to a judge and describing the process of what went into the project can be intimidating. But as the kids gain confidence and experience, they can verbalize and explain their projects in detail to the judge. It is amazing to see the same kids in following years and realize how much their skills have improved.

Each project is evaluated according to the criteria in the fair book and the youth's capabilities and experience. The judge looks the project over, asks questions about how it was made or grown, provides comments about the workmanship and areas for improvement and then awards it a ribbon. The judge fills out a written evaluation and attaches it and the ribbon to the exhibit. Some exhibits also receive State Fair Selection Ribbons and these then are eligible to be displayed or judged at the State Fair.



Exhibits are displayed throughout fair week. Besides individual projects, there are also club projects. The community has a chance to enjoy the variety and quality of projects completed.



**Department: Plowing the Soil
In the Fields**

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John Deere 3020 with semi-mounted plows for John
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Variety of vintage John Deere Tractors with plows

A very special thank you to all the of the demonstrators
for bringing their equipment and helping with this event.

This list is current as of September 1, please see the insert for a complete list of anticipated displays and demonstration equipment.



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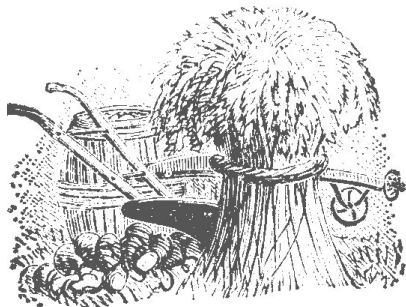
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Upcoming events:

October 2nd 7:00 pm Slides of Old Interlaken at the Interlaken Grange Hall, West Covert Road, co sponsored by the Interlaken Grange and the Interlaken Historical Society.

October 27th 7:30 pm Margaret Smith will be speaking about corn as a heritage crop, at the Town of Covert Municipal Building (former American Legion), Main Street, Interlaken.



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