

Between the Lakes

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John Hunt re-
pairing the flood
to the driveway
at the Brook
Farm Barn.
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2018 Plowing Day & Country Fair Saturday, September 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

The Wells Barn Legacy Project

With no formal training as an architect, John Talcott Wells, Sr., a native of Wheatland, New York, patented an innovative arched truss system in 1889. The ultimate problem-solver, Wells constructed soaring, cathedral-like barns with open, uncluttered interior spaces. Freed of the obstacles previously presented by post and beam construction, farmers could roll their hay wagons directly inside a Wells Barn, drastically improving their efficiency.

Between 1886-1942, The Wells Family constructed over 100 barns, spread mostly throughout Western New York. Today, fewer than fifty Wells Barns are still standing – serving as “sentinels of the past” and silent testaments to the ingenuity and craftsmanship of John Talcott Wells, Sr. and his sons.

The Wells Barn Legacy Project’s goals are to bring about greater awareness to the history and architecture of J.T. Wells and Sons and the need to document and preserve the remaining barns.

Barb Chapman will provide historical background and biographical information about the amazingly talented J. T. Wells. Katie Andres will use vintage photographs and original Wells drawings to describe in detail the structure of the barns and the construction process. And Dick Thomas will use his beautiful barn photographs to illustrate the importance of Wells Barns in our agricultural heritage and rural landscapes.

The day starts at 10:00 a.m., the parade of equipment is at 12:30 p.m. with plowing up the lane to follow. At approximately 2:00 p.m. there will be a quilting session.

Inside and all around the barn are displays, food, animals for young and old. Parking will again be at the Elementary School with bus transportation to the Barn.

The event is held rain or shine, so come prepared.

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President's Report

Welcome! We're having an interesting summer; crops got off to a good start and then the rains avoided us. There were showers on both sides of us, but little here. Finally it rained close to five inches over four or five days. A lady in Romulus said it was a blessing, soaking in and not washing away. Lawns, flowers and crops look much better now.

Our annual Summer Social on the Library lawn was well attended on a beautiful day. Thanks to all who helped set up, serve, and clean up afterwards. Extra thanks to Barb and Harold Stewart for getting supplies on hand, and for Harold's skill on the grill loaded with hotdogs.

Our events in September will be Plowing Day and Country Fair on the 22nd, and on the 29th a square dance. Plans are progressing for both events with Plow Days – Country Fair being the biggest to organize, advertise, and carry off. With the usual parade of tractors, horses, oxen, and vintage equipment, we also have displays inside and outside of the Barn – quilts, produce, and animals, also a butter churning.

This year we have three speakers, Barb Chapman, Katie Andres and Dick Thomas, they will be sharing their knowledge of Wells Barns; Brook Farm Barn is the most elaborate one left. Photos of these barns will also be shared. Dick has a good sense of humor and will be an enjoyable speaker. So, don't be afraid to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

The day starts at 10:00 a.m., "The Well's Barn Legacy Project" program is at 11:00 a.m., the parade is at 12:30 p.m. with plowing up the lane to follow. At approximately 2:00 p.m. there will be a quilting session.

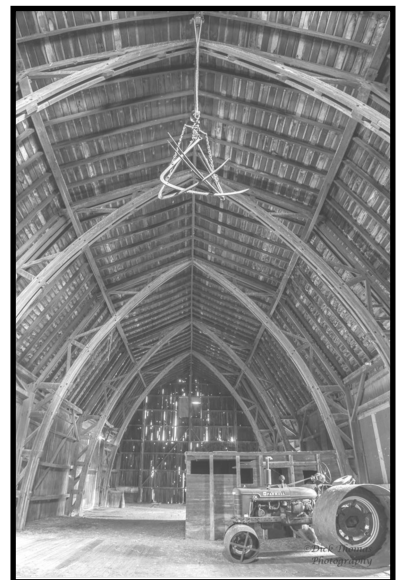
The Crossed Eyed Fish band will be providing music in the barn. They specialize in contemporary Christian music and the blues. So, plan on coming for an interesting, enjoyable, educational, and satisfying day.

There will be free parking at the school parking lots, admission is also free. Food and crafts will be available for purchase. Oh Yes – lots to pay attention to!

Thank you,

John Hunt
Chairman

Just one of the many great pictures by Dick Thomas which will be shown in color at Plowing Day.



In Memory of Karl Stevens

Karl Stevens, of Munson Road, Interlaken died on June 30th. He had been involved with the Plowing Day and Country Fair for many years, and the family suggested donations to the Historical Society for that event.

The Interlaken Historical Society wishes to thank the following who made gifts in memory of Carl:

Robert Betzler, Interlaken

Jane Dox & family Geneva and Rochester,
NY

Margaret Ellsworth, Willard, NY

Thomas B. Jackson, Willard, NY

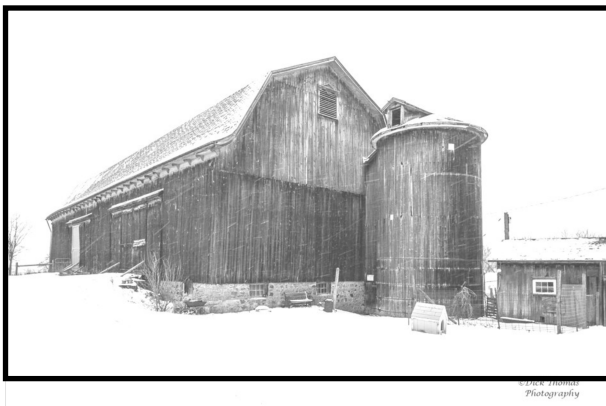
Paul & Pat McCoy, Ovid, NY

Diane Porter & Joseph Cruciani, Sothborough, MA

Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Rosbaugh, and the Class
of 1958, Slatedale, PA

Brenda & Kenneth Szymanski, Interlaken

Jayne E. Thompson, Interlaken



Barn Dance 2018

If you enjoyed the Barn Dance which wrapped up the 2017 Town of Covert Bi-Centennial events you won't want to miss the Dance on Saturday, September 29th at the Brook Farm Barn. If you did miss last year's event, mark your calendar now, and plan to attend.

The band for the evening will be Old-Time Space Force. They will be playing and calling both square and contra dances. Their theme is "hard-driving Southern old-time music for dances and general shenanigans." Band members include Jeff Claus, guitar, Deb Justice, banjo, Joh Hayward, bass and Jake Blout, fiddle.

The music starts at 6:00 pm, and goes until 8:30 pm.

Join us at the Brook Farm Barn, 8228 Route 96, just north of Interlaken.

Free healthy snacks will be available, and other food items will be available to purchase.

There is no admission, but donations are appreciated. For more information contact Gary Hunt at 607-279-4667.

Bring a chair, but plan to dance.

Dues are due: please check the date on your mailing label. Dues for 2018-2019 are now due. If your label has a date prior to 2019 please consider bringing your membership up to date. If you feel there this an error in the date shown, please contact the society.

Honoring their Memory, World War I

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918. One-hundred years ago on November 11th the Armistice was signed, ending the "Great War." Twenty-five years ago, I wrote an article for the *Interlaken Review*, **A Tribute to Interlaken's WWI Veterans.**

It had been my plan to reprint much of that article here as a reminder that these men could not be forgotten. During the war it had been the policy of *The Interlaken Review* to send each young man a copy of the weekly hometown newspaper. In September 1918 and again in January 1919 *The Interlaken Review* printed a list of these young men. It was noted in one reference that, "Two men were noted as having died in the war: Orlo Scott, 1919 and W. Earl Sutphen, August 1918." Both died overseas. Before going on with the list of names it is right that more of their story be included; a task much easier done today than 25 years ago. A search at www.fultonhistory.com provided the rest of the story.

Resolution of respect, in memory of **Orlo Scott**, who died February 12, 1919, in Coblenz, Germany.

Again, death has entered our ranks and summoned a brother Odd Fellow from our Lodge to the Great Beyond. He has completed his work in helping to minister to the wants of the afflicted, the widow and orphan, and in carrying out our principles of Friendship, Loyalty and Truth. Sad, that indeed, it was that after having given himself to the war to the close of it that he should be stricken with that dread disease, Influenza,

and be called from Time into Eternity. Sad indeed, that his body now reposes in a Foreign Field.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That North Hector Lodge, No. 930, I. O. O. F., of Valois, N. Y., in testimony of its loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family our sincere sympathy in this, their deep and untimely affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

C. H. Hager, L. H. Coleman, L. C. Smith, Committee. *Interlaken Review*
April 4, 1919

The October 2, 1918 *Watkins Express* had an informative article about W. Earl Sutphen, and as a reflection of what the war, and the soldiers, meant to the communities in this area.

OUR FIRST GOLD STAR

The first gold star has been added to our county's service flag, and it stands for W. Earle Sutphen of Valois. Some of us knew him personally, some knew him only by name, and some had never heard of him until word was flashed across seas to the little hamlet in Hector where he was born and grew to manhood, that he had been killed in action. But whether we knew him or not, the fact remains that he was in France fighting your battle and my battle; defending your flag and my flag; your country and my country. The fact remains, and no one will gainsay it, that this young life was snuffed out in a foreign land and thousands of miles from home and kindred, that you and I might remain here in peace and security and in the enjoyment of the fruits of our labor.

No tears can bring him back. No words of sympathy can assuage the anguish of the mother who will never see her boy again, but her sorrow has become our sorrow; her burden has become our burden, and the son who has made this great and noble sacri-

fice, is now ours as well as hers.

Earl Sutphen is dead, but the star upon our service flag that stands for him shall never fade, and we for whom his life was given, shall keep his memory forever green.

But this is not all. By this death a new duty and a weightier obligation have come to us. By this blood sacrifice our vision has been clarified, and the fires of patriotism stirred to a warmer glow. The living as well as the dead are calling to us from beyond the sea. For every heart throb on the battle front there must be an answering throb on this side of the Atlantic. If we cannot stand shoulder to shoulder with our boys in France and Flanders, we can at least back them with our money and resources, and this we must do to the last penny if need be, and there is no time like the present.

The following veterans were on one or both of the 1918 and 1919 lists. Where I could find the information, the year of their death and cemetery or city location are noted.

(LVC: Lake View Cemetery, Interlaken).

Raymond F. Allen

Henry Green Bassett, 1987 LVC

Charles D Bennett

Charles P. Bodine

John Wilson Bogart, 1987 LVC

Gilbert Boorum, Elmira

William Walter Boyer, 1950 LVC

Myron H Brewer Ovid 1961

Nealy James Brewer, 1979 LVC

Lester B. Burnham, Delmar, NY

Harvey C. Carpenter

Seward Homer Case, 1986 LVC

John G. Crisfield, 1961 Seneca Falls

Floyd L. Dickerson, 1977 LVC

Joseph Dunn, Kingston, NY

Carl W. Essom, 1921 Grove, Trumansburg

Kenneth Farlin, 1958 Fairport, NY

R S Farr

William B. Farrell, 1963 LVC

George Forster

Cola F Grove, 1955 Cleveland, Ohio

George L (Mort) Gulick, Sayre, PA;

Allen F. Haney, Baltimore, MD;

Marion E. Hawkes. 1954 LVC

Claude W. Johnson, Minneapolis, MN;

George E. Johnson, 1963 LVC

Julian C. Johnston, 1977 LVC

John W. Keady

James E. Kellogg, 1981 Canandaigua

John V. Kellogg, 1982 LVC

Myron H King

A. S. Kinne;

A D. Martin;

Elmer Mathews

James R. McCoy, 1922 Ithaca

Fred T. McElroy, 1968 Holy Cross, Ovid

Basil Melville;

Ray H. Merrill, 1949 Swansboro, NC

Frank L. Metciff;

John L. Metciff;

Calvin Lee Miller, 1931 LVC

Edward Carl Miller;

Harry F Miller, 1960 Cato, NY

Lynn Munson, 1982 Hayts Corners

Thomas E. Ormiston

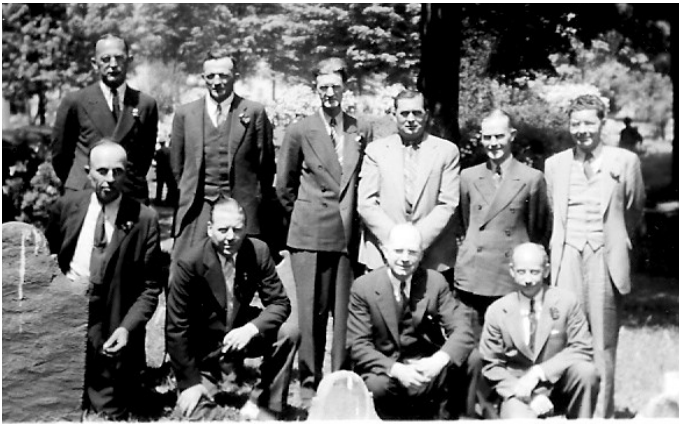
Amos Gale Peterson, Buffalo;

Richard M Rice, 1951 Holy Cross, Ovid

Arthur Schapp, Hayts Corners

Orlo Scott 1919, France
 Orin Severn
 Bradford (Dr. B.F.) Shepson. 1958 LVC
 Leland Slaght
 Howard A Stevenson, Ithaca;
 Clyde E. Stewart, 1968 LVC
 Frederick E. Stout, 1977 Buchanan, MI,
 Frederick Delos Sudberg
 Ray C. Sutton;
 Clinton W. Symonds, Sierra Madre, CA
 Alfred Sears Townsend 1974 Trumansburg
 Ira Updike, Detroit;
 Lyle H. Van Arsdale, 1988 LVC
 M.F. Williams;
 Oliver Williams, Geneva;
 C.T. Woodward;
 Morton Yakely, Utica.
 Frank Asa Yarnell, 1965 LVC

*Memorial Day 1939, WWI Veterans
 at Lake View Cemetery.*



Over the years since World War I a number of veterans of that war moved to this area, and many are buried at Lake View Ceme-

tery. A few others were notable members of the original Interlaken American Legion Post. They are listed here, as they were in my original article, that they too should not be forgotten.

Leonard T. Boyes, 1986 LVC
 Thomas E. Buck, 1946 Newark
 Ronald Crane, 1950 LVC
 Frank W. Dana, 1953 LVC
 Ray H. Darling, 1947 LVC
 Morton O. Davis, 1973 Mt. Green Romulus
 George M. Dickerson, 1952 LVC
 Francis L. Downey, 1970 LVC
 Leon DuMont 1979 LVC
 Bernie Ennis, 1986 LVC
 Willard L. Fulkerson, 1967 LVC
 Frank Goodwin, 1980;
 John Jager, 1988 Maple Grove, Waterloo
 William C. (Maj) Griswold, 1923 LVC:
 Harold Harris, 1971 LVC

Earle R Hazard, 1964 LVC
 Lee S. Hickcox, 1957 LVC
 Dr. Walter B. Holton, 1931 LVC
 Al Jones;
 John A. King. 1957 LVC
 Walter E. Lauer, 1978 LVC
 Cyrus P. Lee. 1970 LVC
 Clesson G. Mace, 1978 LVC
 Frank E. MacPherson. 1983 LVC
 Tim Mahoney, St. James 1973
 John Markel, 1966 Maple Grove, Waterloo

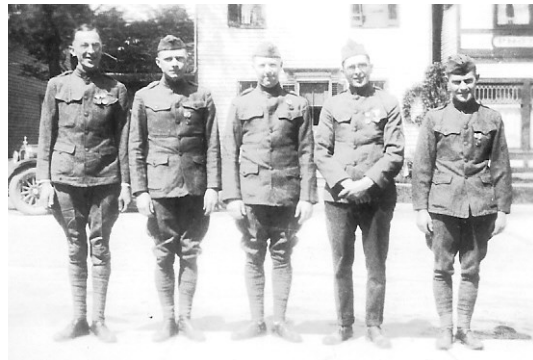
Frank Marlette 1972 LVC
 Alexander B. McCheyne, 1957 LVC
 Floyd J. McDuffee. 1938 LVC

Halsey P. Minor, 1962 LVC
 John Oberg, 1952 LVC
 Richard U. Oldenburg, 1965 LVC
 Edward J. Perkins, 1968 LVC
 John T. Salyer, 1947
 Jay Wheeler Slater, 1954 LVC
 Harry Smith, 1928 LVC
 Jessie Lynn Stewart, 1961 LVC
 R. Schuyler Sutterby, 1956 Maple Grove,
 Waterloo
 Marion L. Taylor, 1955 LVC
 James David Thomson, 1976 LVC
 William Tull, 1961 Freeville
 Roy VanAken, 1963 LVC
 John Royle VanArsdale, 1984 LVC
 James B. VanNostrand, 1989 LVC
 Rev. Reller Davis VanWagenen, 1937 LVC
 Clarence D. Wheaton, 1957 LVC
 Lee Wheeler, 1968 Grove Trumansburg

This list is not comprehensive for all of the south Seneca area. It is hopefully a reminder to pause and recall on Veterans' Day 2018 the many men and women who have served in the military from all areas for all the years.

Diane Bassette Nelson

John Kellogg; Jim Mahoney; Clyde Stewart; Homer Stewart; Lyle VanArsdale at Ed Ryan's 1927 funeral St. James Cemetery, Trumansburg.



Summer Social 2018



With the sun shining and warm temperatures, members of the community joined together for the annual event on the Library lawn. Hot dogs with all the fixings, dishes and platters of home made goodies and fresh dipped ice cream completed a day of friends and fellowship. See you next year.

A Look at the 2018 Flood

As morning broke on Tuesday, August 14th the call for help went out throughout Southern Seneca County. Hardest hit were Lodi Point with many water rescues, and Sheldrake Point. Other areas of concern were within the village as streets flooded, basements filled, and nearby roads washed away.

A major thank you to all of the volunteers who quickly changed their plans that morning to assist with saving people and homes; and in the days following as aid, supplies and comfort poured into the area.

A few pictures from this week and the Floods of July 20, 1902 and July __, 1935.

Munson Road, just west of Route 96, used by permission of Bill Updike



The Brook Farm Barn reflected in the ruts of the driveway. Used by permission of Grace Hunt.



Tuesday morning Main St at West Avenue
1902 flood waters at the Goodman Hotel



Halstead Canning Factory, Clinton St. 1935



Left: Remains of the railroad bed at Cemetery Road (CR150). Lower left: looking toward the railroad bed at Cemetery Rd. Lower right, the top soil and a trailer were washed out at the railroad bed, leaving the bed rock exposed. Right. After the 1935 flood, the same area was washed away, and the train tracks were left suspended in the air. Photos by Gary Hunt and D.B. Nelson, used by permission.



Interlaken Fire Department personnel were dispatched to Route 414 at Rhodes Road in Lodi. Photo by C. Nelson.

Library News

The Interlaken Public Library has been a bustling place this summer! Summer programming, including our rock scavenger hunt, is winding down for the season. We'd like to congratulate everyone who won a prize and encourage you to continue to enjoy the programs offered by the library thru the fall and winter months.

Recent flooding caused damage throughout the Village but did not impact the Library. We opened our doors to the Red Cross and United Way for emergency services and provided all-day daycare services to any families looking for a safe, dry, fun place for their children to play while they dealt with emergency home repairs. We had fun reading, building and playing in the Pat Moore Children's Room from 9am to 9pm.

Upcoming fall and winter programs will continue into the cooler months, including adult art and exercise programs and children's programming after school. Visit our website or stop into the Library for detailed information on specific programs, date and time information. Anyone seeking to volunteer is urged to visit the Library and speak with the Librarian! We have volunteer opportunities for any age and skill level. It's a great way to gain work experience, bolster college applications, gain community service hours and give back to our community.

Chelsea Hastings
Interlaken Library Director
607-532-4341

Library Hours

Effective April 1, 2017

Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 1 pm to 7 pm

Saturday 9 am to noon



Two more photos by Dick Thomas. Come to Plowing Day 2018 to see these any many more photos in color.



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All events are free and open to the public

The Brook Farm Barn, by Dick Thomas



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