

COUNTRY FAIR & PLOWING DAY



Presented by the
Interlaken Historical Society

Brook Farm
8228 Route 96, Interlaken

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Welcome

On behalf of the Interlaken Historical Society and the Plowing Day Committee, welcome to the 2018 Country Fair and Plowing Day.

It is the hope of all involved that you will enjoy your day and gain a better understanding of the many ways the Well's Barn designed changed farming.

Please visit the exhibits, and ask questions. After the event we would invite you to share your thoughts and photographs through our Facebook page, (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Interlaken-Historical-Society>)

Schedule

- 10:00 Open
 - 10:15 Butter Making Demonstration
 - 10:45 Dedication to Karl Stevens
 - 11:00 Presentation in the Barn:
Wells Barn Legacy Project
 - 12:15 Parade of Animals and Tractors
 - 1:00 Plowing Demonstrations
Wagon Rides to the Plowing Field
Band: Crosseyedfish
 - 2:15 Butter Making Demonstration
 - All Day Exhibits and Vendors
Kids Games
Kiddie Tractor Pull
Food
Gift Basket Drawings 11, 12, 1, 2
 - 4:00 Closed
- Free Admission — Donations Welcome

Dedication

The Interlaken Historical Society wishes to
dedicate this year's
Country Fair and Plowing Day to:
Karl R. Stevens

Hardworking, honest, and forever hopeful for a good harvest and healthy cows.

Karl started his lifelong passion for farming at the age of 15. He worked for Jane Bell at Lawara Farms in Sheldrake. It was there that he developed a passion for hard work and the dairy industry. He made lifelong friends.

In his younger years, he incorporated his love for the Earth traveling the states with his pickup truck and bed camper. After time spent traveling he returned to Interlaken to continue his passion for dairy farming. Karl was proud of the 50 head dairy farm that he owned and operated from 1970 to 1996 on Munson Road.

After selling the farm, he continued to raise beef animals for almost 20 years. He enjoyed his time in the barns and field, as well as his time being a father, husband, and Papa. He always looked forward to spending time with his family and enjoyed get togethers with everyone around.

You couldn't ask for a nicer person. Karl was always willing to lend a helping hand or piece of equipment to anyone who needed it. He always saw the good in things and the best in people and never had a bad thing to say about anyone.

Karl was never in a big rush unless the rain was going to fall on hay that needed to be covered or when silos needed filling before sunset. It was the simple things that made his heart happy, things that went along with life on the farm. The smell of fresh cut hay, freshly plowed soil, his dog running alongside his tractor, newly born calves, a full silo, corn crib, and haymow. These are just a few things that made his heart content on the farm. He would often say "Did you hear the birds talking?" or "Did you hear the wind today? It's beautiful!"

It is our hope that with this year's plow days that you take a minute to enjoy the smell of the new ground that is turned over, and that it makes your heart as happy as it did our Dad.

Rest in Peace Karl R. Stevens .

Exhibitors and Vendors in the Barn

Interlaken Historical Society: Books,

Gift Basket Drawings

Pins & Needles Sewing Group: Contemporary

Quilts

Schaefer Hand Dyed Yarns

Backbone Ridge History Group

Christine Houseworth, Alpaca Products

Interlaken Public Library

Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation

Gary Jones: Hay Track Demonstration

Ovid Historical Society: Books & Gift Basket

Drawing

Duane Waid, Bees, Honey and Candles

Interlaken Grange #160

Vanillen Dairy: Brown Swiss Cow

Bruce Wright: IH Tractor Quilt & Plow Display



*2014 Plowing Day,
Hay track demonstration*

Exhibitors and Vendors Outdoors

Geneva Historical Society: Old Fashioned
Children's Games

Laurel Pell: Wine glasses, soy candles, wooden-
signs

Laurie Slocum: Corn Bags, soap, pillows,
crochet washcloths, T-shirts, wine bags

Barb Sodums: Sheperd's Creek Alpacas,
Live Alpacas, Yarn products

Linda Cole: Quilt Fabric, Crafts

Ruth Charter: Country Crafts

Greg Zoller, Blacksmith & Author

Interlaken Volunteer Fire Department,
Kids Gift Bags

Bruce Morris: Kiddie Tractor Pull

Steve Werner: Toy Tractor Display

Bruce Wright: American Service Flags
IH Tractor

Bellona IH Tractor Club Display

Food Vendors

South Seneca Chap Order of the Eastern Star

Cayuga Lake Creamery

*2016 Plowing Day,
Getting to know the cows*



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.



Dick Thomas will use his beautiful barn photographs to illustrate the importance of Wells Barns in our agricultural heritage and rural landscapes.



Donors to the
Made in South Seneca County
Covert & Interlaken Baskets

Americana Vineyards & Winery
Bellwether Hard Cider
Cayuga Lake Creamery
Lively Run Goat Dairy
Lucas Vineyards
Pine Tree Farms
Schaefer Yarn Company
Shepherdess Cellars
Taste of Wine Country Cafe
Waid's Honey & Candles

A special thank you to these local businesses who have donated items for the gift baskets. Winners will be drawn randomly throughout the day, and the names announced. All visitors will be invited to register upon arrival. Arrangements will be made to deliver any unclaimed winning baskets within a 25 mile radius of Interlaken.

Crosseyedfish is a band of brothers and sisters who've been ministering in music for the past 22 years all around Central NY and the Southern Tier. We are forever grateful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for rescuing us from our sinful lives. He has filled us with hope and purpose. Our desire is to Glorify Him, to love Him with all our hearts, and to share His message of love and forgiveness!

Plowing Day Committee

John Hunt	Harold Stewart
Sally Hubbard	Doris Jennings
Barbara Stewart	Valerie Bassett
Bruce Wright	Linda Cole
Bill Bishop	Gary Hunt
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Threshing Machine with Steam Engine

Interlaken Historical Society Trustees

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The Historical Society has two museums, the Farmers' Museum dedicated to all things rural and our Community Life Museum, both with rotating displays. The Museums are open Saturdays in July and August and year-round by appointment.

To schedule a visit, please call 607-280-2099 or
email: museum@interlakenhistory.org

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2018



BARN DANCE

SQUARE & CONTRA DANCE

— DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM —

FOOD TRUCK FROM BREWS AND BRATS

— LIVE MUSIC FEATURING —

OLD TIME SPACE FORCE

— STARTING AT 6 PM —



\$5.00 PER PERSON, UNDER 16 FREE WITH
A ADULT. FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
8228 RTE 96 North Interlaken, NY

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to the following groups and individuals
who have provided assistance for today's event**

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*John Hunt repairing the 2018
Flood damage to the Brook Farm
Barn driveway. Thank you John
and Grace for preserving this
special building.*

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