

# Between the Lakes

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Tim Mullen on  
his recent trip  
to  
Antarctica.



## *Researching at Antarctica*

**Monday, April 22, 2019      7:00 pm**

Few of us will travel to Antarctica, so plan to join the Interlaken Historical Society on Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm as we hear from Tim Mullen about his three trips to the McMurdo US Research Station. He returned in February from his third trip where he was a member of a traverse team to the South Pole

The McMurdo Station is a United States Antarctic research center on the south tip of Ross Island, which is in the New Zealand-claimed Ross Dependency on the shore of McMurdo Sound in Antarctica.

Tim is from Waverly, and older brother to Jen Persoon, one of our hosts for the Plowing Day events. His background includes heavy equipment and gravel plant operation.

Father of four and grandfather of three lively boys, he enjoys riding motorcycles with his sons and spending time with his Saint Bernard.

The presentation will be held in the meeting room of the Interlaken Masonic Hall, 8396 Main Street, Interlaken, located above Hubbard Heating and Plumbing.

The building is handicapped accessible. Refreshments will be served.

## **Allan Buddle 1942-2019**

We are saddened by the death of Allan Buddle. A retired Soil & Water Conservation District employee, he enjoyed his farm life raising fruit (cherries) and Belted Galloways. His team of horses pulled the carriage at wedding ceremonies that he and Ann enjoyed doing. He also had a sweet tooth for chocolate chip cookies that had Ann concerned over the years.

Being an active member and president of the Interlaken Historical Society, he relished in local history and sharing it with the younger generations. This included working with Sally Hubbard on the Farmer Boy Series for fourth-graders. He was a wealth of information; he either knew the answer or knew where to go to find it.

Allan went on to be one of the founding fathers to get the Backbone Ridge History Group organized and chartered. This led to many hours of work and many public

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### President's Report

Greetings! I welcome you to an upstate April. We've had a cold winter that's hung on and we all rejoice that spring is here.

As summer approaches we need input for topics for our museum to highlight. We also need docents to work the Saturdays in July and August – the hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Old Home Day will be on June 8<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will also be needed that day. Please call or Email if you have ideas or time to help.

Our January meeting was well attended with Diego Ruiz speaking. His presentation on 3-D Photography was very informative. One thing he mentioned was that as the years go by, the photos we pause to take or pose for today will become priceless one hundred years from now. Thank you, Diego.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 7:00p.m. and will feature Tim Mullin. A native of Waverly, Tim has spent three winters working in Antarctica and will speak of his experiences there. Being that it is summer there now, Tim is preparing to work for another upcoming winter. I have a lot of questions to be answered, such as travel time, weather, work details, food and lodging, to name a few.

Thank you for your support and interest in the Interlaken Historical Society. Feel free to visit and take part!

Thank you,

*John Hunt, Chairman*

### New Member:

Quentin Foster, Trumansburg

### New Life Members:

Kim and Jonathan Monfiletto,  
Waterloo

### Recent Donations:

From Jennifer Merkle, group photo, possibly Osgood family members. If anyone recognizes the people or event, please let us know so we can share.



From Jayne Thompson, ca 1911 photo of the recently completed Wheeler Bank building. O.G. and D.C. Wheeler in the back seat and James Wheeler and Myron Bassette in the front.



programs on the area that encompasses parts of Covert, Hector, Lodi, and Ulysses. In October 2018, Allan received the Seneca County Historian's Award for his longtime devotion to advancing the history of Interlaken and the Backbone Ridge.

One of Allan's biggest and most enjoyed events was the biannual Plow Days & Country Fair at Brook Farm. He loved the barn and how the event brought all ages and types of people together to relive history. One moment I'll never forget was after one event, people were gone and exhibits were carried away. Allan, Marty Schlabach, and I were leaning against the wall outside catching our breath. Allan said, "Well, we pulled it off" with his big radiant smile. Plow Days – a lot of work but a lot of fun and sharing.

Thanks, Allan, you are missed already. *John Hunt*  
*Opening day for the new Community Life Museum. Allan, and Ray Langlois.*



**Summer 2019**  
Museums will be open  
Olde Home Day June 8, 2019

Saturdays in July and August 11 to 2.  
Also by appointment year round

Summer Social July 21st. 4 to 6 pm

## **When The Good Humor Man Came To Interlaken**

The Good Humor Company was founded in 1922 with the unique concept of door-to-door delivery of products. The bells would bring children running to get their favorites. The company owned all the ice cream trucks and hired drivers on a commission only basis. In order to make a decent living, drivers worked up to 80 hours per week and the turnover was very high. As a result of a lack of drivers during the second World War and the aging of the trucks, the company started to shift from the door-to-door market to selling through retail stores. Many of the trucks were sold for scrap or use in landfills.

As he prepared to retire from teaching at South Seneca Central School, village resident Charles (Chuck) Bosman was looking for something to keep him a LITTLE busy. While attending a car show in Pennsylvania, he saw a 1969 Good Humor truck in fair condition. Purchasing it, he brought it back to Interlaken and with the help of Carl McLaughlin of Cayuga Street and mechanics Larry, Mike, and Kenny of Interlaken

*The Alshemer Children Getting Ice Cream*



Auto, it was put back in road worthy condition. New signs were added and contact was made with the Good Humor Company to get original products. GOOD TIME CHARLIES ICE CREAM was born.

Chucks intent was to engage in something small to keep him a LITTLE busy. At first he did some door-to-door selling and would set up at local events on weekends, such as Interlaken Old Home Days, Fairs at Trumansburg and Hector, and gatherings at local wineries. He also served at some birthday parties and even provided his treats at a few wedding receptions! The truck was a hit at local senior homes, where the residents received free ice cream and got to ring the original bells.

With original Good Humor products featured, such as Chocolate Éclair, Toasted Almond, and Candy Center Crunch Bars as well as Klondike Bars, Creamsicles, Fudgesicles, and Snow Cones, it was not surprising that Chuck's concessions were bound to grow. The first major expansion came when the contract was obtained for the spring Little League baseball games at Cass Park in Ithaca. This later expanded to include the fall Soccer and Lacrosse games. Because the fields were so spread out, a push cart and trailer were added to the 'fleet.' While Chuck would go to the outlying fields, his wife Marsha, manned the truck.

Continued growth brought the truck to the New York State Park system. First it

was for the Saturday night concerts at Taughannock Park and later to the Cayuga Lake Park camp grounds. With over 250 campsites and the addition of ice delivery, this was a MAJOR expansion, far above the original intent of a small hobby business. The truck had no door on the driver's side for safety reasons. It was not unusual to make over 250 stops at the camp sites each day which was a strain on Chuck's 65 year old back!!!!

And yet there was MORE. A second truck (a 1965) was added and placed at the Outlet Mall in Geneva. The truck was semi-permanent; hauled to the mall in the spring and returned home in the fall. Thus, the staff increased with the Ganoung ladies, Nancy and Carrie (with some help from Roger) manning the truck. Deliveries from the company had necessarily increased to twice weekly and so, a walk-in freezer was added. The Interlaken operation received more deliveries of ice cream product than any other retail outlet in the Finger Lakes during the summer months.

The business had grown far beyond any retirement expectation. After a total of 10 years, Good Time Charlie had sold over one hundred thousand bars of Good Humor Ice Cream Bars. In 2006 the trucks were sold to a museum in Pennsylvania where they still can be seen today. \*The GOOD HUMOR ICE CREAM MAN was again gone from Interlaken, leaving a legacy of fun, good cheer, and great ice cream.

\*Upon occasion, our ICE CREAM MAN still served Interlaken. "We used the ice cream cart for a few Old Home Days and summer festivals after we sold the trucks. We left Interlaken in the spring of 2017 – at that time I gave my ice cream cart to Keith Jay for use in his State Parks and I believe he has used it at Old Home Days, but not with GOOD HUMOR ice cream."



*Thank you Chuck Bosman for this written memory and all the memories of Good Humor Ice Cream.*

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In lieu of oral reports at the April meeting, Annual committee reports will be printed in the newsletters.

### **Membership**

The Interlaken Historical Society membership consists of 137 Life members, 67 paid annual members and 62 complimentary members. Members become Life members when they join or renew membership with a \$100 one time membership fee. Annual membership in the Society is \$10/year. Complimentary members include gift basket winners from the biannual Plow Days, neighboring Historical Societies, libraries, history teachers and local village and town officials. Membership includes the quarterly mailing of the Interlaken Historical newsletter "Between the Lakes."

### Library News

Spring has sprung at the Interlaken Public Library! We recently welcomed Jim Engels from White Oak Nursery for a Gardening for Birds program. The Master Gardeners have left free seeds and gardening information and we have a large selection of gardening books on display to help you get started this spring.

Looking towards summer we will have a lot of fun programming at the Interlaken Public Library. This year's summer reading theme is Space in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. Summer movies on the elementary school lawn will begin Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to stop by the library to get a full calendar of events and enroll in our summer reading program to be entered to win some great prizes! We'll also be welcoming a new clerk soon, so be sure to say hello and offer them a warm welcome.

Chelsea Hastings  
Interlaken Library Director  
607-532-4341

### Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 1 pm to 7 pm  
Saturday 9 am to noon

**Dues are due:** please check the date on your mailing label. Dues for 2019-2020 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.

### Additional Photos from Bob Betzler

#### I C S Baseball circa 1924/1925



*Back: George Helfman, Charles Wickes, Abe Tunison Front: Stewart McKelvey, Robert Blew, Greg Hewlett, Francis "Pete" Bassette, Foster Hancy, Walt Wiggins*

*Interior of the Mecklenburg Wickes Pharmacy and the day after the fire which destroyed the Boole block which housed the pharmacy.*



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For more information on these events  
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Olde Home Day  
June 8, 2019

Summer Social  
Sunday, July 21, 2019

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