

Between the Lakes

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The Historical Society Lehigh Valley train was part of Vacation Bible School. See page 5 for the story.



Sunday, July 23, 2023

4:00 — 6 p.m.

Summer Social on the Library Lawn

The trustees of the Interlaken Historical Society would like to invite the community to join us on Sunday, July 23rd for our 15th annual Old Fashioned Social. This dish-to-pass event will be held on the Interlaken Public Library front lawn.

The Historical Society will provide the grilled hot dogs with rolls and fixings, lemonade and ice tea and of course ice cream and toppings for dessert. The ice cream comes from Trimmers, so you don't want to miss this opportunity to build your own sundae.

Please bring your own table service and a dish to share.

Serving starts at 4 pm and we usually wind down around 6 pm so arrive when you can and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship. The museums will be open.

For more information contact John Hunt 607-592-3224

Thank you to Bill Updike and the Delavan Foundation for our new display cabinet. With funds from this years grant we were able to commission Bill to build the cabinet. Locking doors and drawers give us much needed display and storage space. Stop in on Saturdays in July and August to see this addition to our museum space.



President's Report

Greetings from the Interlaken Historical Society. It's great to have pleasant days to enjoy our beautiful outdoors here in the Finger Lakes!

As we start our summertime here in Interlaken, we have many things we're blessed with as my wife Grace has a talent for starting conversations with people, many from out of the area. They remark on what a beautiful location we are living in. SO let's be an encouragement to all we meet.

Speaking of meeting people, Olde Home Days, June 10th was a happening place. It was good to see the town full of people up and down Main Street. Our thanks to the Community Action Group for a job well done.

We had a steady flow of people in and out of our museums, many questions and insights were shared, like what is a grain cradle and those shoes look very uncomfortable. Thanks to those who cleaned and prepared exhibits for this day and times open this summer.

We are open 11:00 to 2 pm on Saturdays in July and August, other times by appointment. If you would like to learn how to assist by being a docent, let us know!

One event that happened June 3rd was the dedication of a historic marker at Kidders. Naomi Brewer and the Ovid Historical Society worked on applying for a marker for the Busy Bee, owned by Captain Quick. Sorry to say, Naomi died before it was finalized. A well-attended dedication took place as different ones shared how they got pieces of the Busy Bee after it was sunk at the end of its service.

Two dates to keep open are July 23rd and September 16th. The first is our 15th Annual Summer Social on the Library lawn from 4 to 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks, hot dogs and ice cream provided free. Come and enjoy a time to visit and enjoy our town.

The second event is a Square and Contra Barn Dance from 6 to 9 pm in the Brook Barn. Lite refreshments will be available. Come for a lively time or sit and visit. Reminders will be posted on our website and Facebook pages.

Thank you for your interest in the Interlaken Historical Society, trust you have a great summer and that we'll be seeing you.

John Hunt, President

New Members

Jim Ralston, Waterloo

New Life Members

Bill Prouty, Gainesville, FL

New Museum Project Gifts

In Memory of

George Washington Eylenberg, Caroline Louise Robinson Eylenberg by Linda Eylenberg Stafford, Ft Wayne, IN

Thank you to

South Seneca High School Community Service Students

Kendra Kopsa took over 270 photos of items from our military, Reformed Church, Baptist Church and Post Office storage boxes. These photos are being added to the accession database.



Dakota Stewart and Zack Sherry helped at the building lot by raking leaves, moving boulders and brush. They also cleaned windows at the Farmers' Museum, and cleaned the front gutter at our Community Life Museum.

Thank you Kendra, Dakota, Zack and Mrs. Tina Bauder for their work and guidance of this program.

The Historical Society has many projects that can be done by volunteers throughout the year. Please let us know if you have an interest.



Discussing a hike on the Finger Lakes Trail

Recent Donations

A special thank you for several gifts to the Museum.

From Bruce Craft, Carleton Craft's American Legion Post 462 cap. Carleton served in the US Army January 1952 to January 1954 as a rotary wing mechanic. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve until 1963. He served as Adjutant of the Post.



From Karen King

several books written by E.R. Eastman. See page 3 for more on Mr. Eastman's life and his participation in Interlaken.

From Fred and Pam Bassette "The Hit" Interlaken Central School's Literary Quarterly publications and the annual Year Book, assorted issues 1923 to 1930. Elizabeth Freestone Bassette was a member of the ICS Class of 1930. Her article from the April 1930 issue follows. It is as timely today as back in 1930.

The Power of Concentration

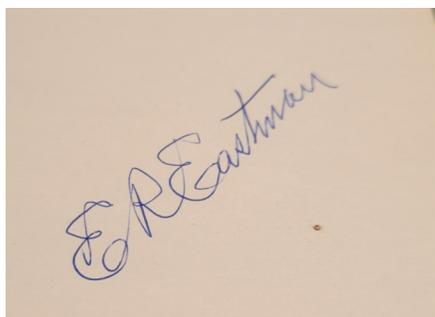
I wonder how many of us make really good use of our time? Do we gaze around the study hall during a vacant period or do we concentrate and accomplish something? Which is more worthwhile? To concentrate, of course.

Yet we have to do a great many things in order truly to concentrate. In the first place we must decide what we are going to study and then apply our minds to that thing only. We must be able to shut ourselves off from all distractions (which, goodness knows, are only too numerous in a study hall). We must not allow unimportant things to take our minds from our work. We must make good use of our time. Everyone has twenty-four hours at his disposal each day, yet some pupils accomplish far more than others in the same amount of time, simply because they concentrate and make good use of every minutes.



New in the Collection: Author E.R. Eastman

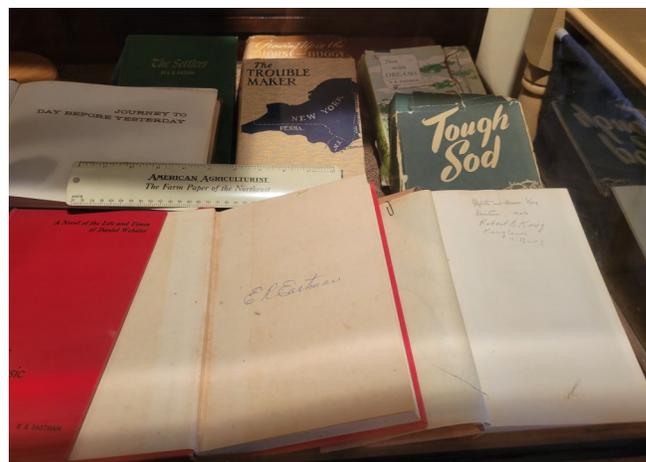
Edward Roe Eastman was a writer, editor, educator, and farmer. He was born and raised in Berkshire, Tioga County, New York. He became a teacher and later a principal of schools in Interlaken, Richford, and Newark Valley. Eastman farmed for several years, and became the first county agent in Delaware County, New York, where he played an important part in forming the Dairymen's League Cooperative. He was editor of *The Dairymen's League News* from 1917-1922 and helped organize the State Conference Board of Farm Organizations as a vehicle for joint legislative action. He was the assistant county agricultural leader at the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University through World War I. In 1922, he became editor of the magazine *American Agriculturist* until 1957, when he was named president emeritus of the publication. Eastman was president of the New York State Council on Rural Education, a member of the National Citizens Council for Better Schools, and helped establish the central school system for rural New York. He was a member and vice chancellor of the State Board of Regents, a trustee for both Ithaca College and Cornell University, and served as a counselor for Ithaca College students. He also authored several books, including *Journey to Day Before Yesterday* and *Eastman's Chestnuts*.



Mr. Eastman was born September 29, 1885 and died December 29, 1970. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Berkshire, Tioga County, NY with his wife Belle Vivian Rockefeller Eastman 1880-1969.

Grace Hiltbrand in her weekly Review column noted, "Interlaken was particularly affected by the passing last week of the eminent education and writer, Edward R. Eastman of Ithaca. Not only has our community profited by his more recent outstanding accomplishments and publications, but friends remember that he was a former principal of Interlaken's School and continued to maintain his Masonic membership with Farmerville Lodge." Interlaken Review January 7, 1971

If you are downsizing, or cleaning out your bookcase, the Historical Society would welcome donations of any of these Eastman volumes: *These Changing Times*, *Walking the Broad Highway*, *Eastman's Chestnuts Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5*.



South Seneca Elementary Band, preparing for the Olde Home Day Parade.



Old Home Day 2023

Friday June 9th and Saturday, June 10th

Citizen of the Year

He was born and raised in Binghamton, N.Y, graduated from Binghamton High school, and after that joined the Army. When he got out of the Army, he went and graduated from Cornell University, bought the small Clover Farm Store in Interlaken. In 1970 he bought the Ovid Big M in Ovid, NY and ran it for 44 years until he retired.

He and his wife Ellie bought their home in Interlaken in 1967 and have lived there raising five children.

He has been a member of Interlaken Reformed Church for 55 years and has served on many committees over the years. He has been a member of the Masons, a trustee of the Interlaken Cemetery Committee, and many other committees in the Interlaken area.

Being retired he likes to roam his woods looking for old and dead trees to cut to sell to anyone who wants them and each year he grows a great vegetable garden.

Over the years he and Ellie have taken many trips over the country and overseas to learn the history of great places.

Please congratulate our 2023 Citizen of the Year, Jim McKee!



Members of the Interlaken Fire Department and 1834 Button the Hand Pumper.
 Standing: Wendi Buss, Jason Lisk, Julianna Hillman, Chris Nelson
 Seated Britney Phillips, James Finch, John Hillman, Chris Percy.



Members of Farmerville Union Lodge with honoree Jim McKee on the far right.

Friday evening at the Firemen's Field, music and fire works.



More Olde Home Day Photos

Thank you Grace Hunt for sharing your talents with so many.



South Seneca Bands

Chief's Hat from a visit to the Fire Department table

Old Cars and Great Food

Just a few highlights of the day



Lehigh Valley Train at the Reformed Church

Submitted by Bethany Calkins & RuthAnn Leonard

Once again the Lehigh Valley Train was back in service in Interlaken. From June 25th through June 29th the train made a stop at the Interlaken Reformed Church. The train celebrated a Hot Wheels Race and Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School, where kids of all ages learned life long lessons.

The children enjoyed imagining themselves as engineers, coal shovelers, whistle blowers, signal changers and cabooses. The train will live on in all the memories the children made.

A special thanks to the Interlaken Historical Society for sharing the train for these special events. Additional thanks to Harold Stewart for helping with logistics and transportation.

It's wonderful to see the community come together for the next generation.



Quilts and Coverlets on Display

There are a number of quilts and coverlets on display this summer at the Community Life Museum. Plan to stop in on a Saturday in July or August, or contact us for an appointment if you are in town.

Applique Quilts

Applique quilts differ from other types of quilts in that the pieces for an applique quilt are cut into shapes such as hearts, flowers, fruit, birds, people, houses, and more. The pieces are placed on a backing and carefully stitched in place using a blind stitch or a small decorative stitch. This quilt has flowers with a vine border and quilting in white spaces.

Applique quilt was made by Mrs. James Rappleye and donated by Mrs. Hila Horton in 1961.



Reformed Church Signature Quilt, dated 1922, lists all the past ministers starting in 1831 with Oscar H. Gregory. The quilt lists the membership in the congregation at the time and the names were placed on the quilt using an outline stitch. The Van Arsdale family requested that the quilt be donated to the IHS.



Crazy Quilt

Crazy quilts were in vogue during the 1880-1890's when nothing was thrown away. Fabric from ties, ribbons, sashes, trims, braids, and other fabric scraps were used. This crazy quilt is made in the style of a fan block. To make the quilt block, pieces of fabric were placed on the backing block, pinned, or tacked in place, then attached using a feather embroidery stitch. The feather stitch also attached the finished blocks together. This quilt was donated in 1969 by Mrs. Millicent Toombs.

Coverlets are woven bedcovers. Coverlets are woven like a blanket, but coverlets usually have a border pattern different from the center field pattern. Some have geometric patterns and some figured patterns. Figured patterns clearly represent flowers, animals, buildings, and other imagery. In many cases coverlets are two woven panels that are stitched together to be wide enough to cover a bed. Some coverlets have fringes, but they are relatively uncommon in New York.

For more information see the Historical Society website and our YouTube channel for the Coverlet program *Beaty & Serrine: Farmerville Coverlet Weavers in the 1830s*.

Figured Coverlet

Figured coverlet with a double cloth weave structure in blue wool and white cotton. Woven in two panels and joined with a center seam. Four-lily center field pattern with eagles and LIBERTY in the borders. Woven by William Beaty in Farmerville in 1834 for H. Rappleye. On loan for this exhibit from the personal collection of Mary Jean Welser and Marty Schlabach





38th ANNUAL
INTERLAKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AUTO SHOW and Flea Market

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Firemen's Field, Interlaken, NY

OPEN SHOW

Participants may begin setting up after 8:00 am
 Judging: 12:30-2pm
 AWARDS CEREMONY &
 \$500 GRAND PRIZE CASH DRAWING
 FOLLOWING TROPHY PRESENTATION AT 3PM



PUBLIC WELCOME!
 \$2.00 Donation • Children under 10 FREE

Cash Drawings and
 Door Prizes all day.
TOP CASH PRIZE
\$500

Food Tent
 All Day
 Chicken BBQ

**Upcoming Events,
 Watch Facebook for updates**

Contact Chief Jim Borden
 email: jeborden89@yahoo.com for more
 on the Car Show.

Bar-B-Q at noon, line-up starts early!

Contact Gary Hunt for more on the dance
 607-279-4667

ICS Alumni In the News

Joan Leary Young, ICS '65 has recently completed her second hike of the North Country Trail, 4,800 miles from North Dakota to Vermont.



If you want to know more about her adventures, the Library has two books about her first hike .

For information on her recent hike, check out the MLive segment.

<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2023/06/first-woman-to-complete-4800-mile-north-country-trail-does-it-again.html?>

SAVE THE DATE!



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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

PRESENTS

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

"THE DANCE"

A NIGHT OF CONTRA DANCING FEATURING

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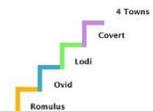
Saturday, September 16, 2023 6 PM - 9 PM

At Brook Barn 8228 Rt. 96, Interlaken, NY 14847

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Library News

The summer season has officially kicked off and the library is once again bustling!

We started the summer off with a busy Olde Homes Day on June 10, 2023. Library staff opened the building at 9am and welcomed long-time residents, returning visitors and new patrons. The Teen Library Advisory Board (TLAB) walked in the parade and gave candy to children in attendance.

TLAB is a fun group of local teens who spend two hours a month helping select teen materials, programs and décor for the library. These hard-working teen volunteers are responsible for many of the improvements in the teen room at the library, and for expansion of items you can check out like video games, portable DVD players, museum passes, videos, and young adult books.

Emily Papperman, Jill Weatherby and Chelsea Hastings, library staff members, were on site to welcome guests into the library all day. At 12:30pm the President of the library Board of Trustees Marty Schlabach hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the new library parking lot and recognize all the individuals who contributed to the success of the project. Local residents suggested that safer off-street parking would be welcomed during public hearings in 2018, and completion of the project brings the library one step closer to meeting the goals of the library's 5-year strategic plan.

With the summer season in full swing the library is offering approximately 90 programs each month. Our programs range from in-person programs, at-home take-and-make programs, visiting presenters and authors. Events are posted to the online community calendar and to the library's Facebook page. The library has something scheduled for everyone at every age!

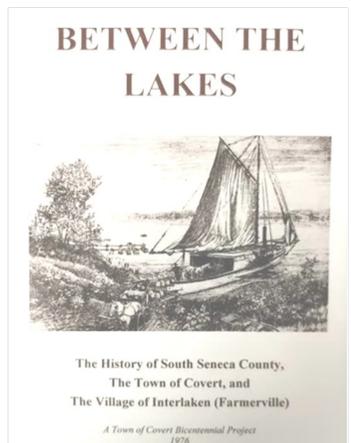
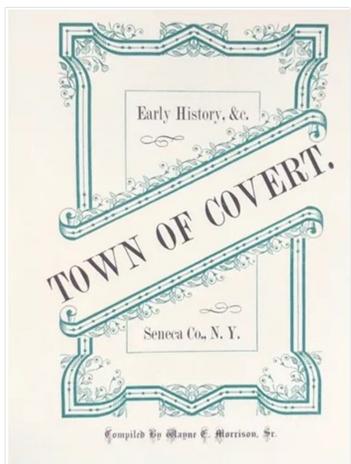
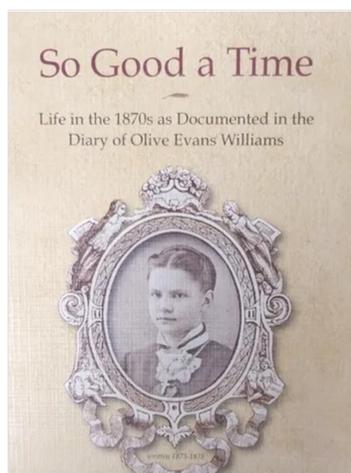
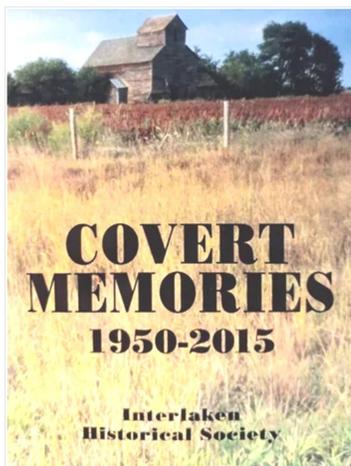


Just a reminder that Interlaken Public Library has partnered with the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg, to bring you digitized newspapers!

We are now able to offer Interlaken and Trumansburg newspapers from 1829 to 1999, searchable from the comfort of any device with an internet connection or from your local library.

Help support your local library, join the Friends of the Interlaken Public Library!





From the Book Store

A few items that you can order from the Historical Society Book Store.
Check the website for more books related to the area:

interlakenhistoricalsociety.org/book-sale

- Covert Memories 1950-2015** \$12.50
Over 80 articles by community members celebrating our communal history, honoring the Historical Society's 65th anniversary. 2016
- Snippet From the Past** \$35.00
Blogs celebrating the Covert Bicentennial, Diane Bassette Nelson
- So Good A Time** \$12.95
Life in the 1870s as documented in the Diary of Olive Evans Williams, soft cover, 2010, Nancy Saultz Radloff
- The Covert Family** \$35.00
By Fischer, Covert, and Patterson 1989. Hardcover, 680 pages.
Requires \$2 extra for postage
- Town of Covert Early History &c** soft cover \$25.00
Compiled by Wayne Morrison 1983
- Index to the Interlaken and Ovid Newspapers** \$55.00
1822-1994 Requires \$2 extra for postage
- Interlaken Oral History Project** \$10.00
Interviews with residents of the area 1900-1950 including the history
Of the Halstead Canning Company. Softcover with photographs
- Between the Lakes** softcover \$15.00
M.L. Patterson hardcover \$25.00
History of South Seneca County, Town of Covert and Village of Interlaken 1978
- And Let My Memory Cherished Be** \$18.00
Remembering the Families of the Old Covert Cemetery 2006 Diane Bassette Nelson
- Historic Images of Interlaken** \$3.50
A Coloring Book based on historical photographs, with descriptive text.

Postage and Handling

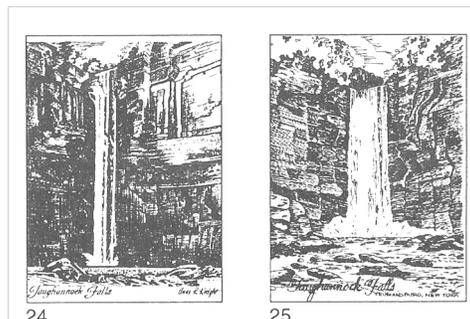
Under \$10 \$3.50 \$10 to \$25 \$6.50
\$25—\$50 \$8.50 Over \$50 \$13
Some items require extra postage.

Mail to: Interlaken Historical Society
PO Box 270, Interlaken, NY 14847-0270

Questions, please email:
interlakenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Finger Lakes Area Landmarks

One package of 12 note cards and envelopes is \$3.00, or two packages for only \$5.00. See the website or our Facebook page for a full listing of which cards are still available.



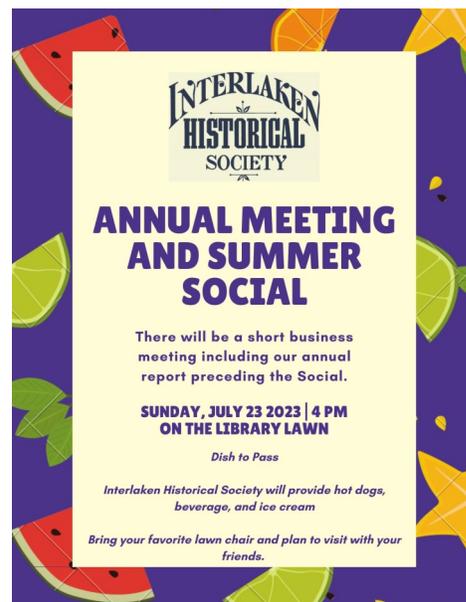
Dues for 2023-2024 are now due. If your label has a date prior to 2022 please consider bringing your membership up to date. Dues can be paid through our webpage.

Life Membership in the Historical Society is still only \$100. No need to remember to pay your dues each year!

Gifts for the Building Fund are welcome anytime. Send your check or use the QR code on our website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the
Interlaken Historical Society

NOTE: the email address for
the historical society has changed:
interlakenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com



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