

Our Mission

The Waterloo Area Historical Society's mission is to foster an understanding and appreciation in children and adults of the pioneer farmers of Michigan, their family life, and their children's schooling.

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Christmas on the Farm

Christmas on the Farm seems so long ago, but the memories of the music, children's faces and adults enjoying the beautiful decorations and the sweet nostalgia of a bygone Christmas still remain. It was a great event and is still my favorite. Enjoy a few photos and memories of your own.



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Christmas on the Farm Memories Continued



Renovation Award

Jackson County Historical Society awarded The Waterloo Area Historical Society with a Renovation Award for all the hard work and renovation the Society has taken on since 2020. The Banquet was attended by Ron Kaiser, Jenny Smith, and Arlene Kaiser.

Historical Rehabilitation Award 2022



Presented to the Waterloo Museum,
From the Jackson County Michigan Historical
Society, in appreciation of your structural renovations



Garden Work Bee at the Farm – Volunteers Needed!

Each spring the gardens at the farm need sprucing up. Shrubs are trimmed, beds are raked, and debris is removed. A sprinkling of Preen to prevent future weeds is applied and mulch is laid down which helps with moisture retention. If we can get ten volunteers, the work can be accomplished in 3-4 hours. Once these tasks are accomplished beautiful annuals can be planted to complement the perennials.



A work bee will be held sometime during the week of May 15. If you are interested in helping clean up the gardens, please call volunteer coordinator Cathy Alter at (517) 648-3676. Whether you can work for 2 or 4 hours, your help will be appreciated!

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best." J. Benjamin



Some Things Have Changed!

Due to lack of volunteers, we have eliminated Friday from our weekend tours. We will be open Saturday, June 3, 10-4 for drop in visitors. By appointment any other time.

NEW Phone Number

Because of exorbitant rise in costs in our landline company we have had to change companies. Because of this we have a new number. 804-596-2254

We Could Really Use Your Help

The docent/guides training was held in April and was a very successful meeting. Cathy Alter is still looking for a few good women, men and young people to give tours and staff the Gift Shop during the summer weekends and events. Please call her at (517) 648-3676.



Thank you to ITC Michigan!

We would like to thank ITC Michigan for their financial gift that allowed us to purchase two automatic external defibrillators (AED) for the museum. The chance of a life-threatening medical event at either the Dewey school or farm museum is real, the most likely being cardiac arrest. We are responsible for assisting an ill or injured volunteer or guest until 1st responders arrive, but the response time to our rural location is 12 minutes at best. Since access to defibrillation generally requires a four-minute window for it to be effective, the need for an AED at both the Dewey school and farm museum was critical.

ITC Michigan owns, operates, and maintains approximately 3,100 miles of electric transmission line in southeast Michigan. With their corporate office in Novi, they serve a population of 5.1 million customers. A big shout out to the folks at ITC Michigan for their generosity!

Eagle Scout Project

Boy Scout, Jonah Rogers chose to renovate the siding of the Ice House as his Eagle Scout Project. Jonah painted, added new trim and siding to the Ice House that is one of the original buildings to the farm. The project was completely funded by a grant from the Stockbridge Education Foundation and Private Donations. Thank you, Jonah, for an excellent job, and congratulations on completing your Eagle Scout requirements!



Education Program Begins May 1st with 18 days to follow scheduled from 13 schools, until June 2nd. We held our education program training with a few new volunteers but we are woefully short of Mr. Realy's or the Neighbor to do the barn presentation for the children. If anyone, man or woman would be interested please contact Arlene at 517-392-3195. After all, everyone did chores on the Pioneer Farm.

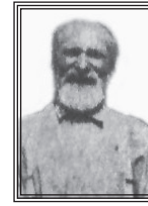


6th Annual Free Museum Day

May 13, 10 am-4 pm, 10 museums in Jackson County will be open for free tours to the public, including The Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museums. There will be The Spinners Flock, selling their woolen wares, Flint Knapper, weaving on an 1870 machine, Plant Sale, Concession will be open, House tours, School tours, 1773 Family in Log House, and garden, planting their flax. Please join us for this great event to kick off your summer.

"Learn from others mistakes. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself." J. Benjamin

Waterloo Wisdom from John Benjamin



Good Day Neighbor,

I'm gettin' on in years, and been lookin' back lately on some of my earlier days. Thinking about good times growin' up. Big family, good neighbors, farm life, busy times. Big breakfasts, Sunday dinners, lots of good memories of family, friends and all also been thinkin' about my "alone times" way back when I was a youngin', big enough to be sent berry pickin', be it raspberries, strawberries or blackberries.

I remember Mama askin' "How many did you eat?" I don't think I had to answer, what with I'm sure were berry stains about my face. As I grew, I became more "sponsible", me and my dog Skipper who was with me always, was sent to collect the eggs. I recall this was a time consumin' task, as I formally introduced myself to all the hens, whether cooperative or not. My next undertakin' was to look after the calves as they were being weaned from their mamas, naturally we became closely acquainted, and they were all named.

As time passed, I was old enough and apparently "responsible" enough to do the milkin'. Some of my old friends from earlier times became my current friends.

When I was older and stronger, I was able to "work" the horses. To me though, I worked "with" the horses, seein' how they did the hard part. They were more of my intimate associations of my life of growing up on the farm.

Nowdays I spend my "alone time" in the barn. Smellin' the fresh hay and grain. And with my friends in the basement of the barn, horses nuzzelin', cows quietly moooin' and chewin', chickens clucking, and my dog Pooch by my side. Skipper has been gone for a long time now, sadly, been replaced more than once.

Yessir, lookin' back now and reflectin' I never have truly ever been alone.

God Bless Neighbor,

Your Friend, John Benjamin

P.S. Still getting' caught with them durn berry stains.

Oops, We Forgot!!!

We forgot to congratulate the 2022 Chainsaw Raffle Winners! The First Prize of a Stihl "Farm Boss" Chainsaw with an extra chain and a gallon of bar oil went to Ruhl Bunker. The second prize consisting of Heavy-duty loppers and pruning saw went to "Big Jim" Johnson. Thanks to all who participated and supported our Museums.

For those who didn't win, you will have another chance this year. We saved tickets just for you. A Stihl "Farm Boss" Chain Saw as first prize and an Anvil Lopper as second prize will be raffled this year. Again, the drawing will take place on Pioneer Day, October 8, 2023.

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"If you smile when things go wrong, you probably know who to blame it on." J. Benjamin

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WAHS Events for 2023

Please note all events will begin at 10am both Saturday and Sunday
Free Museum Day- May 13, 10am to 4pm
Blacksmith, Soldiers and Log Cabin Day-June 24-25, 10am to 5pm
Antique Tractor, Truck and Farm Equipment Show-August 12-13, 10am to 5pm
Pioneer Day-October 8, 10am to 5pm
Christmas on the Farm- December 2-3, 10am to 4pm
WAHS Board Meetings - 7pm on the third Monday. Location posted on website and Facebook.



“The Heart of Hospitality is when people leave your home they should feel better about themselves, not better about you.”
Mrs. J. Benjamin

