



MEMBER CORNER

Our next Member Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10, traditionally held in the Wheeler Wheelwright & Blacksmith Shop. The WTHS Holiday Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12.

If you have a history-related hobby, collection, or project you would like to share, please feel free to contact a Board member about doing a presentation at our October meeting.

To renew your membership or join the Society, please use the form on Page 7.

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER

Linda and Larry Dicks
Misti and Ed Root

GRANT ACTIVITY

“Men’s Monday Drop-In” is every Monday at 10am at Crossroads Community Center. Free coffee and treats!

We are planning more free programming and activities for this fall and will keep you informed as events, dates and times become available.

Walking Path. The “2-for 1 Walking Path Challenge” to match a \$10,000 donation netted \$5,510, thus making the challenge plus a bit

more. Thank you again to all who donated! We hope you are proud of the walking path you helped build.

RAISING THE BIG TENT, 2023

On June 9, the Dexter Firemen raised the big tent for us in time for the June 10 Flea Market. We are so very thankful for their help and support!

Pictured here are:

Chief Doug Armstrong, Asst. Chief Steve Gaggi, Lt. Nic Garcia, Ed Root, Chad Conrad, and Jake Cassidy.



BRICK FUNDRAISER UPDATE

With the walking path completed, there now is a defined space in front of the Old Town Hall for our one remaining brick path. If you are interested in purchasing a brick to commemorate a family member, friend, pet, or event, please use the form on page 8, knowing it will be your last opportunity to reserve a brick.



PHOTOGRAPHY IN HISTORIC WEBSTER VILLAGE



In response to requests for permission to have senior/graduation/wedding/holiday photos taken in Historic Webster Village, WTHS now has

policies and procedures in place to allow professional photographers to use our grounds and buildings for photo sessions. Why, you may ask, do we need to do this? Through conversations with other historical societies, we learned that there are liabilities both for WTHS and the photographers that need to be addressed. Should anyone get hurt during a photo shoot or should damage be done to WTHS holdings, we need policies in place to deal with the situation. If you are a photographer looking for a special place for your photo sessions, please go to our website or contact (wthsmi@gmail.com) for more information.

BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE IS A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, August 5, WTHS, in partnership with Companion Banjos and the Dexter Senior Center, hosted the first Bluegrass Jamboree and Ice Cream Social in Historic Webster Village. Stephanie and Chris Sorenson of Companion Banjos not only performed—The Companion Band—during the Jamboree, but also reserved the bands and played a major role in the event publicity. A huge shout out to them for their support!

The event was kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony provided by the Dexter Chamber of Commerce officially opening our new ADA compliant walking path in the Village.



The Jamboree was a big hit with the community, drawing almost 300 guests—both adults and children—to the village. The Dieterle Corncrib stage hosted local entertainers, including the Companion Band, the Northwoods Ramblers, and Cedar Creek Bluegrass.

Attendees were welcome to tour the historic buildings, participate in open jam circles to fiddle, pick, and stomp their feet in the shade of lush maple and oak trees, play cornhole, blow bubbles, have their faces painted, drum to the beat of the music, and enjoy the beautiful sunny summer day.

WEBSTER FALL FESTIVAL

This event takes place annually on the fourth Saturday in September on the grounds of Historic Webster Village and the Webster United Church of Christ (WUCC) sanctuary. The **40th annual Webster Fall Festival** is just around the corner! Everyone's favorite day of good, old-fashioned family fun will take place this year on **Saturday, September 23 from 10:00am – 6:00pm.**

There is something for everybody at this family-friendly community event: Hayrides, music, crafters, an auction, farm animals, children's activities, great food, displays of antique equipment, historical buildings with displays, baked goods and preserves for purchase, demonstrations including wool spinning and blacksmithing!

Taste of Webster will be held from 11am-5pm in the Boy Scout Cabin during the Festival. Items we would welcome for this include: Cookies, breads (banana, zucchini, etc), jellies/jams, garden produce, herbs, crocheted potholders/dishcloths. If members can help with any of these items, please let Joanne Westman know in advance at jnnwestman@yahoo.com. All items should be brought to the Boy Scout Cabin the day before the Festival.

Additionally, workshops to assemble soup mixes will be held in Crossroads at 1pm on August 24 and 10am on August 25.

Thank You to All of Our Volunteers!



40th Annual Fall Festival Event Schedule

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10:00am	Auction by Braun & Helmer
10:00am until sold out	Coffee, Apple Cider and Donuts
11:00am-5:00pm	Rummage Sale
11:00am until sold out.....	Hot Dogs
11:00am-5:00pm	Taste of Webster – herbs, baked goods, jams/jellies, and so much more
11:00am until sold out.....	Pulled Pork Tent
11:00am-5:00pm	Artisans in the Community Center
11:00am-5:00pm	Herb Sale in Taste of Webster
11:00am-5:00pm	Blacksmithing Demonstrations
11:00am-5:00pm	Demonstrations in the village—Wool Spinning, Tatting
11:00am-5:00pm	Historical Buildings Open
11:00am-5:00pm	Antique Equipment & other displays
11:00am-5:00pm	Children's Activities & Farm Animals
11:00am-5:00pm	"The Webster Challenge" Trivia Game
11:00am-4:30pm.....	Hayrides
11:00am	One-Room School Session (also 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)
11:00am	Sheep Herding by Township Hall Recycling (also 1pm & 3pm)
11:30am.....	Dexter Senior Citizen Dulcimer Group on Scout Cabin Porch
12:30pm.....	Labyrinth Walk and Sound Bath
12:30pm-1:20pm 🎵.....	Stout Hearted String Band – Dieterle Corncrib Stage
1:00pm on	Baseball Games Played by Rules of 1860
1:20pm & 2:35pm	Sweet Pea Silks Show
2:15pm & 4:00pm	Webster Church Self-Guided Historical Tour
1:45pm-2:35pm 🎵.....	Fiddle Pie – Dieterle Corncrib Stage
3:00pm	Singing Bowls and Hand Pan Concert in Webster Church Sanctuary
4:00pm-5:00pm 🎵.....	RFD Boys – Dieterle Corncrib Stage
5pm-5:15pm	Dedication of 40 th Webster Fall Festival to Gloria Brigham
5:15pm-6:00pm	Sweet Pea's Flaming Arts Show

For more information about the 40th Annual Fall Festival, please visit <https://websterfallfestival.org/>



Your Source for WTHS Information: <https://webstertownshiphistoricalsociety.org/>

HISTORY CORNER

Webster Chronology 1833 – 1946

1833: Webster separated from Dexter and organized as a town by Territorial Council; named after Daniel Webster.

1834: First Post office established in Webster Township in the home of Moses Kingsley.

1836: Webster Church completed (with the help of a \$100 donation from Daniel Webster).

1837: Michigan became the 26th state in the Union on January 28.

1838: Podunk School was built on Merkel Road near Walsh Road.

1846: A new Podunk School was built on Walsh Road at the corner of Merkel Road after fire destroyed the original building.

1863: Webster Township Civil War bond drive held

1871: Attendance law adopted in Michigan requiring all children between 8 and 14 to attend school at least 3 months per year.

Webster Township Hall was built at the corner of Gregory and Scully Roads.

1873: Michigan school attendance law altered to require all children between 8 and 14 to attend school at least 4 months per year

1892: The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was introduced into Michigan schools.

1899: A new steel bridge was built over the Huron River on the north side of Dexter.

1919: Michigan Legislature declared October 21 as Will Carleton Day [William McKendree Carleton (1845 – 1912) was an American poet from Michigan. Carleton's poems were most often about his rural life.]

1946: Podunk School was permanently closed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to the Dexter Chamber of Commerce for celebrating our new ADA compliant walking path with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the recent Bluegrass Jamboree and Ice Cream Social! Our walking path was made possible with support from: Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation/ Dexter Wellness Coalition, Webster Township, Kate Heywood, Dexter Community Fund, and the many WTHS members who donated to this project. *Thank you for your support!*



The village really looks inviting now! Eventually we plan to add a nice sign for each building, a few more benches for resting, and a large sign at the main and north entrances.

WTHS would like to have the village buildings open one Sunday afternoon each month. If you would like to serve as a docent on a Sunday afternoon, please contact Thelma (734-368-0887). We need your help to make this possible.

To help WTHS become more connected, please share our Facebook posts, visit our website (www.webbertownshiphistoricalsociety.org), and spread the word via Instagram and other social media.

Share your suggestions, questions, etc. by sending an email message to wthsmi@gmail.com.

Best regards,
Thelma Tucker

Rent Our Buildings and Grounds for Your Event!

Please keep in mind the 7 buildings and our 20' x 40' tent (June – September) that comprise Historic Webster Village, as well as the grounds, are available for your event: party, family reunion, graduation party, anniversary party, memorial gathering, baby or wedding shower, etc. and provide a unique, charming venue. **Members receive a 10% discount on the rental fees.** Send an email to wthsmi@gmail.com for information and to reserve your favorite spot.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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1st Annual Bluegrass Jamboree & Ice Cream Social Photos



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Signs

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING WTHS EVENTS

24 & 25 August 2023 – Soup Mix Workshops for Taste of Webster, join us at **1pm on the August 24** and **10am on August 25** for workshops to prepare soup mixes for the upcoming Webster Fall Festival.

23 September 2023, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 40th "Webster Fall Festival," the annual fundraiser for WTHS and Webster United Church of Christ.

10 October 2023, 7:00 PM – WTHS Member Meeting at Crossroads Community Center. Program TBA.

22 October 2023, 2:00 PM – Celtic Harp Concert in the Old Town Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance, \$22/person; limited seating. Check our website for additional information as it becomes available.

October 2023, 6:30 PM – Euchre Nights at Crossroads Community Center will resume, dates TBD.

29 October 2023, 2:00 – 5:00 PM – Halloween on the Green in Historic Webster Village for children under 12: Crafts, a parade of costumes, trick-or-treating, and cider and cookies. \$5 donation per child. Children 2 and under are free.

4 November 2023, 12:30 – 3:00 PM – Pampered Chef Live Cooking Demo. Enjoy a meal and learn about the latest products. WTHS will earn a percentage of sales.

2-3 December 2023, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Huron Valley Wood Turners Annual Holiday Sale, Crossroads Community Center.

12 December 2023, 6:30 PM – WTHS Holiday Potluck Dinner.

16 December 2023, 2:00 – 5:00 PM – "Christmas in the Village" in Historic Webster Village. Buildings will be open and decorated for Christmas. There will be a visit with Santa, a tree-lighting ceremony, crafts for the children, caroling, and refreshments.

Please support the Fall Festival!

Save the Date!  You're Invited!

WEBSTER
FALL FESTIVAL
40th Annual

Webster Fall Festival
Historic Webster Village

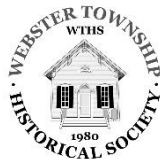
Webster United Church of Christ
Saturday, September 23, 2023
11am to 6pm
www.websterfallfestival.org

Antiques Collectibles

Braun & Helmer
Live Auction - 10am

Auction Items Wanted
To Donate Items
of Interest & Value
Call or Text:
Brian Braun (734) 368-1736
w/ Description & Photo
on White Background
www.braunandhelmer.com

**Donations for the Rummage Sale will be accepted at May Mast's Barn on
August 26, September 2, or September 9 between 9am and 3pm.**



Membership Application/Dues Payment

Please join or renew for 2023 before October 1.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

MEMBER TYPE:

- ☐ Student\$10.00
- ☐ Individual, nonstudent.....\$25.00
- ☐ Family\$35.00
- ☐ Patron.....\$55.00

Paid by: ☐ Check # _____
☐ Credit Card (complete
information below)
☐ Cash

If you would like to make a donation to WTHS, please use the form on the next page.

Account # _____ Exp Date: _____

CVC Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Historic Webster Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Building Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Tik Tok etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a Docent for Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Village Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Help Maintain the Society Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Maintain Grounds & Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Grant-Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Please complete this form and return it with your payment to: WTHS, PO Box 253, Dexter, MI 48130.



August Newsletter

WTHS Brick Fund-Raiser Order Form Old Town Hall Path

- Cost per brick is \$100
- Brick size: 4" x 8" – no choice of brick color.
- *Each of the 3 lines per brick may have a maximum of 20 characters including spaces between words.*
- Lines will be printed exactly as entered by you on this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Brick #1

Line one: _____

Line two: _____

Line three: _____

Brick #3

Line one: _____

Line two: _____

Line three: _____

Brick #2

Line one: _____

Line two: _____

Line three: _____

Brick #4

Line one: _____

Line two: _____

Line three: _____

Number of Bricks Ordered: _____ x \$100 each = \$_____ Total for Order

Paid by: ☐ Check #: _____ ☐ Credit Card (complete information below)

Name on the card: _____

Account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please complete this form and return it with your payment to: WTHS, PO Box 253, Dexter, MI 48130.