Quarterly Newsletter

Hallowe'en on the Village Green

Bring your goblins and ghouls to the Village on **October 24 from 2-5pm** for a cauldron full of spooky fun. Children will make a trick-or-treat bag and a spooky craft, collect goodies and history passport stamps from each building in Historic Webster Village, view some creepy crawlies up close, visit the pumpkin patch and enjoy some fall treats!



October Member Meeting "Michigan Right to Farm"

The public was invited to join members at our meeting on Tuesday October 13th, and we had a great turn out. WTHS Board Treasurer and local attorney Kris DeAngelo presented on the rules and laws of the Michigan Right to Farm act. This was the kickoff of a new WTHS lecture series coming soon to our membership and community. In attendance was Webster Township Supervisor George Goodman who expressed his dedication and support.

Look for updates our website details regarding future lectures. If there is a topic that you are interested in, please let us know by emailing wths@webstervillage.org. We hope to see you at the next presentation!



Holiday Sale in December

Save the dates! The Huron Valley Woodturners will be back to host their 14th Annual Holiday Sale!



Wheeler Blacksmith Shop West Wall Replacement



The Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) Committee, comprised of Rick Kleinschmidt, Eric Albert, Mark Krecic and Loren Yates, gave this project high priority once they determined that the board and batten wall materials were too deteriorated for simple repair. Mark Krecic, Eric Albert and Mike DeAngelo determined materials and methods and recruited volunteers. The team worked quickly to procure materials, utilizing funding provided by Webster Township as part of a grant to support the Historical Village critical maintenance and operations. With volunteer help, the team was able to enclose the wall and prepare the site before the Webster Fall Festival. Work will continue in October to do final fastening and finishing tasks. Special thanks go out to the project team, Tom Braun, Kris DeAngelo, Peter Stevens, Dita Albert, Karen Bright, and Men's Monday members for their efforts in getting this completed!



AED/CPR/First Aid

The second round of CPR/AED training, this time adding First Aid, was offered and provided by the Webster Township Fire Dept. Training was free of charge unless a person signed up ahead of time to get certified. More dates can be offered in the future if there is interest.

Women's Group Takes Trips to Troy Historic Village and Argus Museum

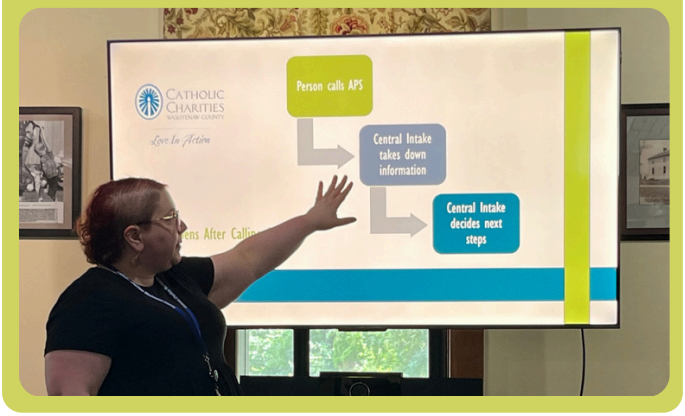


Janet Stanfield organized a trip to Troy Historic Village in July. Janet was formerly a volunteer docent at the village and had interesting insights to share about the buildings. They headed home after a nice lunch at Camp Ticonderoga.

In August, Martha Zeeb planned a visit to Argus Museum in Ann Arbor. Argus Museum is where one can see and learn about the products, history and people that made up the Argus camera company which was a significant part of 20th century Ann Arbor.

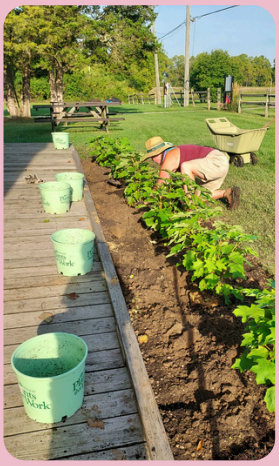
Preventing Elder Abuse

In late June WTHS welcomed Catholic Charities to Crossroad's Community Center for a presentation about Preventing Elder Abuse. Visitors learned about what to look for and how to report suspected elder abuse. The organization also provided a link to local resources available to older adults. You can visit Senior Resource Connect at https://seniorresourceconnectmi.org/



Village Garden Team

Board member and Master Gardener Joanne Westman is leading a talented and dedicated Village Garden Team. The team is composed of WTHS members Dave Polley and Mary Robinson (also Master Gardeners), board members Karen Bright and Janet Stanfield, and two new volunteers; Karen Roberts and Jenny Miller. Both new volunteers are clocking hours as they work toward Master Gardener certification.





Planning, planting, pruning, watering, weeding and mulching are an ongoing process in the gardens. The next time you stop out to the village you will see the beauty that the efforts of the group have produced. A major recent highlight is the addition of 12 new hydrangeas to the Old Town Hall and Corncrib garden beds along with hardwood mulch. Many thanks to the Dexter Garden Club for a grant to cover half of these shrubs and to Karen Hertenstein for purchasing the other half.

As expressed by Joanne herself, "How wonderful to have such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of gardeners joining in a team effort to make the Historic Webster Village inviting and beautiful!"



Bluegrass Jamboree in its 4th year

The 4th Annual Bluegrass Jamboree was a big hit with over 300 guests braving the drizzly weather. This year we enjoyed The Crain Family Band, The Outfit, Uphill River, and Wilson Thicket on the Dieterle Corncrib Stage.






There was much to do in addition to listening to the music. Children had fun playing games and jumping around in the straw maze on the Village Green. Our historic buildings were open with docents sharing our history through presentations and demonstrations; including blacksmithing, 1800's one-room schoolhouse lessons, banjo construction demonstrations, and our self-guided Farm Museum. Unique to the Jamboree is the ever popular Instrument Petting Zoo, pick-up jam circles and a 50/50 raffle.





Bluegrass lovers came hungry and filled up on the delicious options offered by local food trucks Getty Up BBQ, Tacos El Mariachi Loco, and Mobile Side Bar. The Dexter Senior Center served up ice cream from the Dexter Creamery.

A resounding "Thank You" to our Volunteers, Sponsors and Donors for making this event possible.

SPONSORS
- 5 Healthy Towns Foundation/ Dexter Wellness Coalition
- Westarbor Animal Hospital
- Chris and Stephanie Sorenson
- Karen Hertenstein
- Liberty Dental
- Dexter Builders
- Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association
- Bank of Ann Arbor



DONORS
- Ann Arbor Portable Toilets
- Marco's Pizza of Whitmore Lake
- Dexter Creamery
- Peggy Harless
- Thelma Tucker



Paint Dexter in the Village



We love it when our friends and neighbors come out to appreciate and enjoy Historic Webster Village. In the heat of August, as part of the *Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival*, several artists set up easels and painted some of the historic buildings in the village. Plein Air is a French expression that refers to painting outdoors from real life. The finished artwork was part of the juried show at Monument Park in downtown Dexter.

MORSA Annual Conference

WTHS was honored that the Michigan One-room Schoolhouse Association (MORSA) selected Historic Webster Village to host its annual conference. We welcomed MORSA members and anyone interested in one-room schoolhouses on September 12 from 9-3. Dr. Dan Chapman, former WTHS president, longtime member and supporter of WTHS shared the history of the village and told of moving Podunk School. The keynote speaker was Allye Kemme of the Michigan DNR. She spoke about a modern day one-room school project in Kalkaska entitled "Reel Education in the One-room School". Congratulations go out to MORSA's One-room Schoolhouse of the Year, Dewey School Museum which is part of Waterloo Area Historical Society.



Podunk School
Webster Twp. ca. 1900

RECIPE CORNER
Erica Perry's AMBROSIA

Erica shares, "We loved ambrosia because it was better than dessert! And we could help mom make it."

One cup, shredded sweetened coconut
One small can of drained Mandarin oranges
One can of pineapple tidbits
Half a cup of maraschino cherries
2 cups mini marshmallows
Half a cup sour cream
8 ounces Cool Whip or whipped topping
Crushed pecans



You could also add drained fruit cocktail if you don't have other canned fruits on hand.
Gently mix and refrigerate for at least an hour or marshmallows won't be softened.

... and then it's time to lick the bowl!



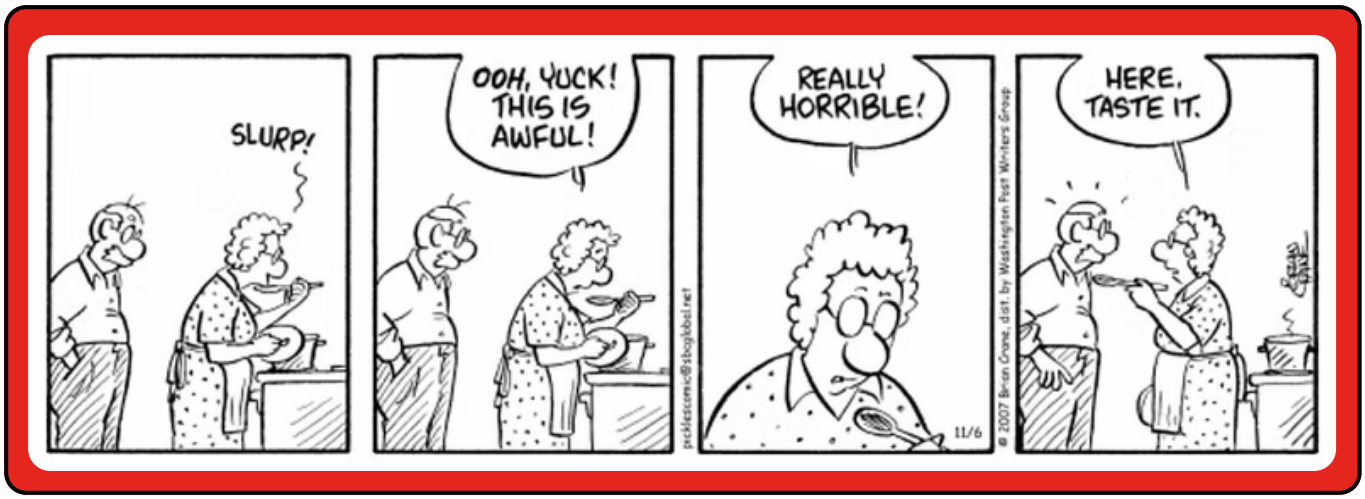
Webster Fall Festival Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Party

The 2026 Webster Fall Festival had everyone jumping for joy! Volunteers at the Webster Fall Festival were invited to a WFF Volunteer Appreciation Party on October 18 from 3-6 pm in May Mast's Barn. The party was organized by Brad Clark, Rick Kleinschmidt and Jim Kulp.

Work Bee - Volunteers Pitch In

It was a perfect July day for another Work Bee: this time focusing on preparating the grounds for our late summer and fall events. Led by Martha Zeeb, we were able to attend to some much-needed repairs, clean-up and maintenance tasks in the Village. We were joined by volunteers including members from the WTHS board member, Dexter High School National Honor Society students and Men's Monday. The building interiors were cleaned, the privy was scraped and painted and with the help of Mike DeAngelo's tractor/ man-lift, volunteers were able to wash, scrape and touch up the paint on the Kleinschmidt General Store. Dave Polley generously donated his time to much needed trimming of the trees and bushes. It was a productive and fruitful day.





43rd WEBSTER FALL FESTIVAL

Photo credits: Craig Albert and Mary Clark.

September 26 was a perfect fall day for the community to celebrate Webster's history, traditions, and heritage. This year's WFF brought more friends and families from near and far to the Village than ever before. Hope to see you in 2027!

































Upcoming Events



Consider giving the WAVE a call if you need transportation to any of our events. Fares are $1 each way for Seniors!

Click the bus for more info. https://ridethewavebus.org (734) 475-9494

We are adding new programs and events throughout the year.
Keep an eye on our website for additional dates and information.

Men's Monday

Coffee, donuts and good conversation!

Mondays, ongoing throughout the year

10 am -12 pm

Spring Tea*
Saturday, March 21 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celtic Harp Concert*
Sunday, May 31 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Flea and Craft Market
Saturday, June 6 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ribbon Cutting and Member Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Bluegrass Jamboree*
Saturday, August 1 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Annual Conference* (registration required)
Saturday, September 12 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

43rd Annual Webster Fall Festival
Saturday, September 26 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

WFF Volunteer Appreciation Party
Sunday, October 18 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hallowe'en on the Village Green*
Saturday, October 24 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Woodturners Holiday Craft Sale
Friday & Saturday, December 5 and 6

Christmas in the Village*
Saturday, December 12 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Webster Women's Social Club Lunch Meeting

Last Tuesday of each month

12:00-1:30 pm

Euchre Nights Return to Crossroads October-April!

$5 Suggested Donation

6:00 Check in
6:30 Play begins

10/22, 12/10, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22
(no date in Nov)

WTHS Member 2026 Meetings

2nd Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 pm

Mar. 10 Guest Speaker at Crossroads

Jun. 9 Family Picnic in the Village

Oct. 13 Guest Speaker in the Village

Dec. 8 Holiday Potluck at Crossroads

* Denotes Ticketed Event