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A Farwell or is it Farewell Follow Up-

We received the following letter in response to the article about Farewell or Farwell Lake. Also, regarding the article, Ward Rearick called the HHAHS President to say that in his research of historical records, he found a land grant for Seth Farwell around the area of Farewell Lake.

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Greetings!

In some of the recent mail that I have received from you, you were questioning the correct name for FAREWELL LAKE. I am 98 years old now and started school at Hanover when I was in the 2nd grade, teacher Miss Tefft. I graduated in 1938 and throughout that entire time the lake was known as Farewell Lake. I don't recall ever seeing a street or road sign of any kind.

I had a good friend, Lois Drake, now deceased, who lived within walking distance of Farewell Lake. She was a year ahead of me and always referred to the lake as FAREWELL LAKE.

My personal belief is that the sign-makers goofed up or perhaps there wasn't room on the sign for 8 letters, or even more likely, they didn't know how to spell FAREWELL!

Obviously I vote for FAREWELL.

Irene Snow Smalley
Class of 1938

"I searched for these records as well on <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx>. That is the Bureau of Land Management General Land Office records. I found several land patents for Seth Farwell in 1837. Seth is the brother of Betsy, who is my 3rd great grandmother. The family records always wrote her name as Farewell. Just something more to think about."-Janette Weimer, HHAHS President

2019 Fall Events

September 2019	October 2019
1 st -Museum Open 1-5pm	6 th -Museum Open 1-5pm
14 th - Annual Harvest Home and Garden Luncheon 9:00am-2:30pm	13 th -Museum Open 1-5pm
8 th - Museum Open 1-5pm	17-20 th -Reed Organ Society Gathering
15 th -Museum Open 1-5pm	20 th -Museum Open 1-5pm
20 th -Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner	25 th -Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner
20-21-Organ Restoration Workshop 9am-5pm	26 th -Bluegrass Bonanza 7pm-11pm
21 st - Workshop Appreciation Luncheon	27 th -Museum Open 1-5pm
22 nd -Museum Open 1-5pm	 **Corn Maze each weekend in October 12 -6. Different events each weekend!
29 th - Museum Open 1-5pm	

Group Tour Report By: Marge Barden

On Monday, August 12, 2019, we greeted 6 people from Legacy Assisted Living, 4 residents, their Tour Director, the driver and assistant. Three of the ladies used walkers and one was in a wheelchair. They were very impressed with all of the organs when Sharon Folkerth played some of them. They did a thorough trip through the rows of organs. Then they made their way into the classroom when a couple remarked, "Oh I remember this!" They were also quite impressed with the Veterans Service Memorial Display and were assisted by Janette Weimer.

When they all got back in the organ room, Sharon went on stage and played "Jingle Bells" on the organ with bells. Everyone enjoyed that, and it made a nice ending to the visit.

The 2019 Gathering of the Reed Organ Society

The 2019 Gathering of the Reed Organ Society will take place at the Conklin Reed Organ Museum, in Hanover, Michigan, on October 17-20. The host for this event is the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society. The theme is based on restoring reed organs-see firsthand how to tune, how to restore air assemblies with new rubber cloth, and more.

Every month, restoration volunteers meet at the museum to maintain and restore this large collection of instruments. Many of these experienced restorers will be on hand, and will be happy to share their restoration experiences. There will be more than reed organ restoration however-choose to play any reed organ from over 100 organs available, attend reed organ concerts, tour the area and more!

There will also be plenty of time to network with fellow reed organ enthusiasts, sharing restoration ideas, or browse the media tables for treasures, music and reading material.



Hanover Branch Library Events

Date	Time	Event	Description	Registration?	Age
All of September	Open Hours	DIY Library Card Holder	Make your own library card holder to celebrate Library Card Sign up month	No	All ages
Sept 6-16	Open Hours	Food For Fines	Wipe out \$1 in fines for every non-perishable item donated	No	All ages
Sept 9 Oct 14 Nov 11	1 pm	Spine Benders Book Club	Join us for coffee and a book discussion. Call the library at 517-905-1399 for titles	No	Adults
Wednesdays in October	Open Hours	Fun with Pumpkins	Pumpkin crafts, activities and more	No	Children
Oct 21	5:30pm	Creepy Campout	Let's tell spooky stories and solve a mystery to win!	Yes	Children and teens
Oct 28	5:30 pm	Fall Church Painting	Join Nicole Cure for a \$10 painting lesson at Heritage Park	Yes	Adults

New Acquisition!



HHAS recently received a painting by local artist, Ray Johnson. He lived in the house just south of the museum on Fairview. Walter Ray Johnson was born August 28, 1883 and didn't start painting until he was about 70 years old. He was featured in Parade Magazine. His art was highly valued by a local antiques collector. Thank you to Arlyn Childs for donating this fascinating artwork.

This painting, along with art from other local residents, will be featured in an upcoming "Local Talent" exhibit. We will keep you posted

Our very Own "American Gothic"



Did you know Heritage Park is home to a large mural board that portrays our own version of "American Gothic"? Grant Wood's painting; "American Gothic" was the inspiration Linda Stephens used, painting the museum in the background leaving the faces cut out so anyone can have a picture made with them in the mural. Hopefully there will be smiling faces instead of the stern faces so famous in the painting!

In addition to the mural, the museum has recently received two more beautiful paintings from Linda. They are on either side of the stage in the museum. They are large enough and will beautifully cover the holes that had been cut many for furnace space and storage many years ago. These paintings help finish off our renovated organ room.

MEET THE ARTIST

Linda Gault Stephens moved to the Hanover-Horton area early in the 1960's when her father's job with Bell Gault brought him here for oil exploration. She attended Hanover Horton Schools and graduated in 1965

from HHHS. Linda married Gale Stephens and they are the parents of Roy, who resides in Ohio and Paul, who resides in Jonesville.

Linda took art lessons for many years from Fran Mielke of Jonesville. She says that it is nice to be able to utilize her talents and wishes to dedicate her work in memory of Fran Mielke.



We Need Your Help

The Hanover-Horton Historical Society needs your help! We are raising matching funds to finish building the log cabin in Heritage Park. This is the same log cabin that sat at the Jackson County fairgrounds for many years. You can donate by going to our Facebook page and clicking on the donate button, or by sending a check to HHAHS, PO Box 256, Hanover, MI. 49241. Thank you for any support you can offer! You can also stop in to Heritage Park and see how the log cabin is progressing. You can watch our video of all of the progress of the log cabin at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwFFcKbve4U>

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..... Well, not quite yet, but soon!

Do you have any antique Christmas items that you would like to see on display at the museum? Our annual Christmas open house is set for December 1st this year. We would like to set up a Christmas display for everyone to see. Items may include dolls, Santas, ornaments, basically everything Christmas.

We also would like to have a display of antique toys. We do have some but would like to have a wide variety for everyone to see and fondly remind us of our childhood. In our area, toy tractors and farm memorabilia are especially treasured.

All of the items on display at the museum are either permanent or temporary acquisitions. You can either lend the item to the museum for a brief time or can give an item to the Historical Society on a permanent basis.

If you would like to have some of your treasures on display, please contact us at: 517.563.8927. If there is a story or information that goes with your memorabilia, please write it down for us so we can include it in the display.

A wonderful reason to enjoy great food and support the HHAHS!

Please join us Tuesday, September 10th at the Somerset Cafe; 12151 E. Chicago Road (US 12) in Jerome, MI from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an all you can eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The menu will be spaghetti with plain or meat sauce, house salad, garlic toast, with coffee, lemonade or water. The price will be \$10 for adults, \$8.00 for children and children under 8 years old eat for free. Your dinner will even be served by one of our Historical Society volunteers and/or one of the theatre troupe members.

The dinner is a fundraiser is for costumes, props, and refreshments at the first ever play by the Hanover-Horton Historical Society Theatre Troupe. They will be presenting a suspenseful, gripping, and thrilling presentation about the Crouch Murders. The play will be in the Conklin Museum.

Join us for some good food and some good conversation. There will be a 50/50 drawing but you need not be present to win. We would like to thank the Somerset Cafe for being such a big supporter of the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society. With the support from the community we can continue to provide your local history.

The Hanover Horton Historical Society participates in the Amazon Smile program. When you purchase qualifying items from Amazon.com, \$0.5 % of the price will be deposited into our account. Just change your Amazon address from <https://amazon.com> to **<https://smile.amazon.com>** It's that simple. Nothing is added to the cost of your purchases, this comes from their foundation as a way to support charities that you love. Thank you for your support.



From the Hanover Horton Local, Thursday, April 28, 1*Hanover News, Esther Parish, Correspondent*

The Evening Bridge Club met at the Paragon Restaurant in Hillsdale for dinner and cards Thursday evening to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Frank Hammond. Mrs. Harold Wescott won high honors and Zella Gilmore won the galloper.

Mrs. Betty Coon is a surgical patient in Foote Hospital.

The Hanover Garden Club will meet with Mildred Hart on May 4. There will be a seed and bulb exchange.

There will be a practice slow-pitch softball game Sunday at 3:00 at Hanover between Hanover Merchants and Airport Lanes, last year's city champs.

The Hanover fire department was called to the home of Bud Sunkle on Wooden early Wednesday morning to extinguish a house fire. The fire apparently started around the chimney and the damage was limited to the upper portion of the house.

McNair District, Emma Thompson, Correspondent

Mrs. R.M. Lake of Battle Creek spent from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Eleanor Center. Mr. Lake joined them for supper on Saturday night.

Eleanor's granddaughter, Cindi Center is home after spending her Easter vacation in California with her grandmother, Mrs. Maynard Breese. Marilyn Dickey went with her and it goes without saying that the youngsters enjoyed the flight to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kellermeyer are honeymooning in Illinois this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Beckwith Jr. and family have moved to Sturgis, Michigan where Logan is working for the State of Michigan as a meat inspector.

*****25 years ago*****

Mrs. Edna Litchhult is visiting her son, Paul and family.

Mrs. Sam Belflore is building an addition on her house.

Mrs. R.A. Thorne entertained company from Niles on Friday.

Mrs. Gale spent Tuesday in Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Midgley spent the weekend with Burr Crosthwaite and family.

* Horton Locals, Pete Allen, Correspondent*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strait spent Thursday at the Russell Ferguson home in Kalamazoo, staying overnight with their grandchildren.

A fine response was given to the benefit dance, Saturday night, sponsored by the 4-H for Chris Reed. A fine time was enjoyed by all and it is believed the party netted nearly \$600.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Laughlin returned fro Florida Monday afternoon, stopping enroute to visit their daughter, Rosalind in Niles.

Trude Jordon was taken to Foote Hospital Monday and placed in an oxygen tent with a heart attack.

Miss Shirley Thorne was the dinner guest of the Harold Straits on Sunday and in the afternoon. Mrs. Strait and her visited the Ella Sharpe Museum.

Springbrook Road, Mrs. Francis Cox, Correspondent

We are sorry to hear about Dr. John pausing in Ky. for a rest. After this maybe the southern belles in white will keep him. I do not think he'd care, no matter how serious he is.

Bobby Hubbard burned his hand on Wednesday.

Rex Cox went flying Sunday. He and the pilot had a slight plane failure and had to light on sudden notice on the airfield. No one was injured luckily.

Cheerleaders Elected For Next Year

Election of cheerleaders at Hanover-Horton for the school year of 1966-67 was held Monday, April 25, 1966 wit the following results: Reserve Squad: Cindy Center and Marilyn Dickey (freshmen), Cathy Parker, Sheryl Phebus and Brenda Riske (sophomores).

Varsity Squad: Linda Monroe, Pat Sautter, Karen Smith and Jan Zeller (juniors), Pearl Woltman (senior).

The girls will hold their annual cheerleader tea for the two new squads parent and al cheerleaders of the 1965-66 school year on May 24, 1966. Some awards will be given at this time as well as a discussion on cheerleading. The squads are also busy making final plans for camp this summer.

The 2019/2020 Blue Grass Starts in October

The H-HAHS sponsors several Jam Sessions for bluegrass bands and musicians from the southern Michigan area. These are held at the Heritage Park Event Center next to the Elementary School in Hanover. Admission is by donation. Concessions are available. The event starts at 7:00 pm and lasts a few hours (no later than 11:00 pm.)

The upcoming schedule is: October 26th, November 16th, December 14th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, and April 20th. Hope to see you there!

CORN MAZE 2019!

The HHAHS Heritage Park Corn Maze planning is under way. As usual, it will be open every weekend in October (Saturday and Sunday) Noon – 6pm starting October 5th. Cost for the maze is \$4 per person with a free wagon ride around the park.

Fright Night, co-sponsored with the HH Band Boosters, will be October 12, 8pm – 10pm. Cost for this special event is \$5 per person. The Band will receive 50% of the entrance fees for their special trip to Disney. We're looking forward to an even greater Fright Night this year.

·Children's Halloween Extravaganza will be on October 26, 1pm – 3pm. This will include games, refreshments, pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, and a costume parade. There is no charge for this activity, but we welcome donations.

Watch our Facebook page and Website for more update