

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

June-July-August

WHS is Open
Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

June 4

Newsletter Mailing
Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

June 18

Board Meeting 2:15

June 27

Log Cabin Days Set Up 10:00

June 28

Log Cabin Days 10-5

June 29

Log Cabin Days 10-4

July 2

Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

July 16

Board Meeting 2:15

August 20

Board Meeting 2:15

August 27

Christmas in Oct. Meeting
10:30

President's Notes

The Village is now officially open and we have already had many visitors. Thank you to all the worker bees that cleaned and dusted and got us ready to open on time. We barely got ourselves out from under the Polar Vortex!

So, of course, next is Log Cabin Days Festival 2014. This is really it, folks. We need you NOW. You know what it takes to put this Festival on and the more the merrier. These are the ways you can help: sit in a building for a shift, help out in the white elephant tent, donate items for the white elephant sale, bake cookies for our cookie sale, make a monetary contribution, and invite your friends and neighbors to come. We will also be setting up on Friday June 27th starting at 10:00 a.m. and need hands for that.

Log Cabin Days Festival is our biggest fundraiser and our best time to shine for the community and show off Waterford's rich history. We need your smiling face in the mix to make it successful!

Hope to see you there!

Sally Strait



This and That...

- **Congratulations to Bob Allen:** Our Waterford Historical Society Vice-President, Bob Allen, received the 2014 Special Recognition Award at the 20th Annual Waterford Business Recognition Breakfast on Friday, May 2, 2014.

Board Members

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Village Schedule

The Waterford Historic Village, Hatchery House, Log Cabin, research library and office are all open every Wednesday from 10:30 am-2 pm.



Log Cabin Days Help Requests:

We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Days 2014 which takes place June 28 & 29! We really appreciate help from our members at this time. Here are some things you can do to help make Log Cabin Days a success:



- Bring White Elephant or Boutique items for us to sell any Wednesday from 10:30-2.
- Help sort and price White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday in May or June.
- On Wednesday, June 11th, 18th, or 25th come help us clean a building.
- Bake cookies for the Log Cabin Days cookie sale.
- On Friday, June 27 come help us set up tents and/or the White Elephant sale.
- Sign up at the Hatchery House any Wednesday to work a Log Cabin Days shift.
- Attend Log Cabin Days.
- Tell a friend/family member or neighbor about Log Cabins Days or bring them with you.
- Sunday, June 29th help us take tents down at 4 pm.
- Consider giving us a monetary donation to help with the costs of Log Cabin Days. The shuttle bus alone is a big expense.

Log Cabin Days WANTED

1. White Elephant or Boutique items for us to sell. Bring it any Wednesday from now on. Boutique items are a bit more 'upper scale' than White Elephant items.
2. Cookies baked for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to us on Saturday, June 28th or Sunday, June 29th.



Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!



A BIG THANK YOU to Stu & Arlen Magy, Donald & Kathleen Schemers and Ron & Joy Smith for sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.

Like to help sponsor our next newsletter? Send a check for \$25 to WHS at our address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.

Annual Membership Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Membership Meeting and Election on May 15th. It was a great evening!



Here are the officers elected:

2 year terms:

President - Sally Strait
Corresponding Secretary - Betty Seymour
Treasurer - Betty Horn

3 year terms:

Member at Large - Grace Rockey
Member at Large - Dorothy Webber

Give these folks a round of applause for stepping up and working so hard to lead our group into the future.

School Visits

We had requests from several Waterford second grade teachers for the History of Waterford Workshop and Village Field Trip. The programs target several second grade social studies benchmarks regarding local history.



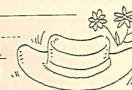
Second grade classes from Burt, Beaumont, Donelson-Hills, Knudsen and Schoolcraft participated in our program this year.

We so enjoy fulfilling our mission of keeping the history of Waterford Township alive by passing our history on to these future generations.

Thought you might enjoy this thank you letter from one of the students.



Dear ms morgan and ms strait,
Thank you for teaching me about waterford.
My favorite part was learning where thing usedt to be and whats there now. I cant wait to see you in june to learn more about waterford!



LOOKING BACK At Our History

By Rich Welsh



Posed here in front of the Boathouse in 1975, our family was fortunate enough to have been allowed to be part of the Hatchery House's history. We will be forever grateful to the people who formed the Waterford Historical Society and saved our favorite place in the whole world for others to enjoy too! Photo: Welsh Family

Henry Ford is known to have said, "History is more or less bunk... the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is the history we made today." While I cannot agree our history is the only history that matters, I do believe our history does matter. Face it. When historical events happened, it was just people living their lives like anybody else. It only became history because someone took the time to write down and share the more interesting bits.

You do not have to have traveled across the wilderness in a covered wagon to have an interesting story to tell. Times are constantly changing. Simple things we do and say today will seem quaint and even ridiculous to future generations. Why not leave a record so they will be able to understand us better. Our lives are after all going to be their history someday. Who is the more trustworthy source, you or a newspaper with a political agenda?

History needs to be written down on paper. How many of you saved things on floppy discs? Can you access them today? How many of you print your photos? Have you ever lost photos in a computer crash? I have... photos of people and events none of us will ever see again. The widespread dependence on electronic media to preserve history is going to leave a black hole where we have walked. That information you think you are saving today is just one hard drive crash, one virus away from being erased forever! And by the way, CDs have a shelf life of as little as 5 years.

Over the next few months I'd like to tell a few stories, share a few experiences, both past and present that will hopefully inform you, bring back memories, or maybe inspire you to write down your own histories. Even if you think I got it all wrong maybe it will at least get the wheels turning.

Kroger Community Rewards



We are continuing to participate in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Use your Kroger Plus card with our number and WHS will get a check in the mail every quarter.



—SIGN UP TIME IS HERE—This is a reminder to the members of the Waterford Historical Society they will need to re-enroll to continue earning money for the WHS in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Any member who enrolled before April 1, 2014 must re-enroll to continue earning.

All participants must sign up for the program every year in order to continue earning funds for the WHS during 2014-2015.

It's easy for our members to enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. They can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click "Enroll". All participants must have a valid online account at kroger.com and must sign up online to participate.

LOOKING BACK at Our Boathouse By Rich Welsh



Built in 1904 this beautiful Boat House was part of the original Bass Hatchery. The Boathouse used to be quite picturesque and was often photographed by visitors. Photo: Welsh Family 1976

Built in 1904 our Boathouse is the oldest building in Fish Hatchery Park, and was the first building built for the new Bass Hatchery. Yet, what makes it most important is that it provides a consistent landmark crucial to interpreting old photos of this site. Since it was built, the route of Hatchery Road and the course of the Clinton River have been changed. The barn, the old Mill Building, the Bassery House, the ice house, and the Yellow Bridge have all been torn down. The Hatchery House makes a good landmark for later photos, but it did not exist in the Bass Hatchery's earliest days, making our Boathouse the key piece to the puzzle. Recently it was realized that it was the sole remaining source for the paint scrapings which revealed the Bass Hatchery's buildings were originally painted brown with ivory trim. It just keeps giving & giving.

The local history book *Lakeland's Paradise*, page 38, mentions the Bass Hatchery's Boathouse referring to it as "the first boathouse." As no other boathouses were built at the Bass Hatchery or the Fish Hatchery, we have to conclude this was the first boathouse built in Waterford Township. The Boathouse, although basic in its design, is actually a very unique and

interesting building. Though at first glance similar to a one car garage, it has sliding doors at both ends, and inside there is a short canal with a walkway on either side. According to its original description it was meant to hold "five boats, one steel row boat and four small flat-bottomed boats built of wood... used for pond and field work." Most children today have never seen a boathouse, and you are no longer allowed to build them in Michigan.

Although our Boathouse is in rough shape today there is still time to save it. Both our president Sally Strait and Oakland County's Ron Campbell AIA deserve credit for composing a grant request for its restoration. The first proposal was not accepted, so we need to keep at it as ignoring its condition will bring about its destruction as surely as tearing it down. As our park's only remaining touchstone to the Bass Hatchery's early days, it is worthy of being restored. Our Boathouse used to be quite picturesque and was often photographed by visitors. We used it ourselves as backdrop for numerous family photos. It can and should be made beautiful once again.

Baker's
SOUTHERN STYLE COCONUT SAYS:

1 I'm getting scarce! They need my tin! Because we've got a war to win. So good-by, folks, until it's through! And now let me present to you...

2 My friend here -- BAKER'S PREMIUM SHRED! Don't pine for me, Buy him instead!

3 He's mighty good The experts say To use in Almost every way!

Baker's Coconut mini folding brochure explaining why they are switching from a tin can to a new "triple-sealed moisture-proof" carton

(shown in actual size)

A triple-sealed, moisture-proof carton keeps Baker's Premium Shred Coconut deliciously fresh and tender! Although it does not have the same natural moistness of Baker's Southern Style—it's grand coconut just the same. And you'll find you can make loads of your favorite coconut dishes with Baker's Premium Shred. So get busy...

One of these fine days Baker's Southern Style Coconut will be back again! You'll open the famous air-tight tin, pop a few snowy, sweet shreds in your mouth and say—yes, Baker's Southern Style is tops!

Baker's Southern Style, you know, is the tender, naturally moist coconut packed from freshly opened nuts. Tin shortages have forced this fine product temporarily off the market. (Then, too, the armed forces buy, and are entitled to, lots of the best coconut.)

But, while you're waiting—enjoy delicious coconut by switching to Baker's Premium Shred!

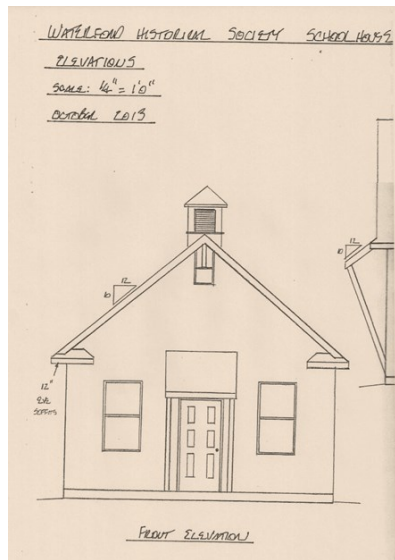
Together We Can Build a Schoolhouse

“Build it and they will come” seems to say it all. Our labor of love is coming to life. We continue to be amazed at all our visitors. Their support and appreciation of what has been done so far in the Waterford Historic Village has been so uplifting.



We are hoping to continue our vision by adding a turn of the century one room schoolhouse. With help from generous supporters we can realize this dream.

Anyone wishing to help fund the schoolhouse may send a check in the amount of their choice to: Waterford Historical Society, PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write ‘Schoolhouse’ on the memo line.



There are also donation sheets you may use included in this newsletter. One of them is the special ‘Sponsor a Plaque’ program. For \$200.00 supporters may recognize a teacher or other educator by buying a plaque to be displayed in the schoolhouse in their honor.

We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.

George Bernard Shaw



Community Share



We really appreciate all of you who participate in community savings programs by shopping at Kroger and Tenuta's. This is free money for us. Thank you so much for your help!

Tenuta's shoppers please continue to bring receipts to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the address below. Kroger shoppers keep using your store card.



Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Waterford Historical Society just clip and fill out the form below and bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to :

Waterford Historical Society
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford MI 48330-0491



Come join us!

Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
<hr/> Date	<hr/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
<hr/> Name		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
<hr/> Address		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
<hr/> City, State, Zip	Mail payment to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
	Waterford Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
Make Check Payable To:	P.O. Box 300491	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
Waterford Township Historical Society	Waterford, MI 48330-0491	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

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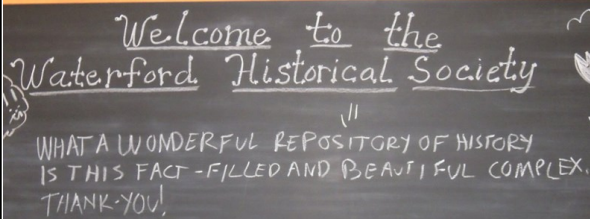
We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

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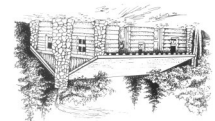
Message left on multipurpose room blackboard by a visitor one day this spring.

Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Free Concerts:** Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26
6 pm at Hess Hathaway Park
248-360-3814 (park) / 248-674-5441 (Parks & Rec Office)
- ◆ **Peace Fest Art & Music Festival:** Sat/Sun June 7 & 8
L.A. Café - Dixie Highway, Waterford (248-623-1610)
- ◆ **Movies Under the Moonlight:** Friday, June 20
Gates open at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.
Pierce Middle School Football Field
- ◆ **Log Cabin Days Festival:**
Saturday, June 28 10am-5pm & Sunday, June 29 10am-4pm
Fish Hatchery Park, Waterford
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** Fri, July 4 thru Sun July 13
Springfield Oaks County Park
9am - 8pm most days (check schedule on line or call)
www.oakfair.org/248-634-8830
- ◆ **Park It Family Fun Night & Outdoor Movie:**
Tuesday, July 22 - 6 to 9pm - Hess Hathaway Park
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Oakland Uncorked Wine & Food Tasting:** Fri, August 22
Oakland County Market - (Call 248-666-8600 for tickets)

Our Mission Statement:
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of
Waterford Township for the interest and education
of present and future generations.

P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, Michigan
48330-0491



Waterford Township Historical Society

WHS Schoolhouse Building Fund
Yes, I want to help build the Schoolhouse.



Donation Amount: _____
Donor Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Please enclose check payable to Waterford Historical Society
Mail with this form to:
Waterford Historical Society P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Call 248-683-2697 for more information
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WHS Schoolhouse Building Fund
Special 'Sponsor a Plaque' Program
In recognition of a teacher or educator, I would
like to purchase a plaque in their honor
Please use one order form per plaque.



Name of Teacher/Educator:	_____
School Name/District	_____

Donor Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Please enclose a check for \$200.00 payable to Waterford Historical Society
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