

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

Sept-Oct-Nov 2014

WHS is Open
Wednesdays from 10:30-2:00

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Fall & Winter Schedule

Sept 3
Newsletter Mailing

Sept 9 & 11
**Help Us By Eating Out
at Heroes 11am-9pm**

Sept 17
Board Meeting 2:15

Sept 24
Last Day Village is Open

Oct 15
Board Meeting 1:00

Oct 17 - 18
**Christmas in October
10 am - 4 pm**

Nov 19
Board Meeting 1:00

Nov 26
WHS Closed Today

Dec 3
Newsletter Mailing

Dec 6
Christmas Sale 10-4

Dec 11
Holiday Luncheon

President's Notes

Well, friends, we all survived Log Cabin Days 2014! Despite some rain on Sunday, we still had a successful event. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for anything and every little thing you did. None of us can do any of this alone and Log Cabin Days sure proves it. We are good together! I saw many new young families visiting and this is what it is all about. These visitors are our future.

We are lucky to have great sponsors who allow us to continue to offer Log Cabin Days FREE to all. Smith's Disposal, our Township Treasurer, Margaret Birch, and Waterford Coney Island were full sponsors this year. Please tell them how much their donation means to us.

Rest up because next up is Christmas in October on October 17 & 18. We need you to bake cookies and get your shopping list ready for action. We have a wonderful selection of Made in Michigan items in our Log Cabin Store. All of our craft items in Jacober's Store are quality and you will certainly find something for everyone. The best part is you will be donating to the future of our Village.

Speaking of the future, be sure to drive in and see the new paint job on Jacober's Store. We don't just build, we have to maintain. Thankfully, because of you, we can keep moving forward.

Here's to another great summer!

Sally Strait



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Reminder...

Annual Membership dues expire December 15, 2014. Time to think about renewing! The application form can be found on page 5.



Christmas in October 2014



We are gearing up for our annual 'Christmas in October' sale on Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18, from 10 am - 4 pm. The sale is located in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin. This sale is a fundraiser. All proceeds go to the Waterford Historical Society.

Shoppers will find:

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| -local handmade items | -gift baskets |
| -unique holiday items | -gift mugs |
| -holiday decorations | -pet items |
| -jams, honey, salsa, soups | -aprons |
| -WHS sweatshirts & T-shirts | -candles, soaps |
| -historic children's toys | -historic maps |
| -homemade cookies | -children's items |
| -Michigan items | -stocking stuffers |
| -handmade greeting cards | -WHS afghan |

Don't forget the Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 10 am - 4 pm. This will also take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin.

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! It is a great place to start your holiday shopping and find unique items.

Both Stores will be open for shopping every Wednesday from Oct. 22nd - through Dec. 3rd.

Waterford Goodfellows



The Waterford Historical Society will once again be donating items for the Waterford Goodfellows Holiday Food Basket Program. Holiday baskets contain the fixings for a holiday dinner, canned goods, candy and a toy for each child ages birth through 12 years old.

The Historical Society will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, and games & toys for all age groups. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

In times of emergencies the Goodfellows also provide other assistance to Waterford residents, so monetary donations are also welcome.

Items may be dropped off at the Hatchery House on Wednesdays before December 11th or at Christ Lutheran Church on Dec. 12th at our holiday luncheon.

Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon

The Waterford Historical Society would like to thank all our members by inviting you to a **Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon** on **Thursday, December 11th** at noon. The luncheon takes place at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.



Please **mark your calendars now** and plan to join us if you can. This is one of the times we can all get together and just enjoy each other's company. You may bring a friend if you wish. All are welcome.

The WHS provides the meat, beverages and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. People attending the luncheon in the past have loved the variety of dishes provided by our members and look forward to the special dishes that are shared.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our holiday gathering!

Crafts and Cookies WANTED

- ◆ Brush up your craft skills and help us start making goods to sell in Jacober's Store for our Christmas in October Fundraising Sale.
- ◆ When making items please make no more than 10-15 of any item. Also, please try to keep items on the smaller side (no large baskets or wreaths, please.)
- ◆ We have many customers looking for stocking stuffers, gifts for care-givers, teachers, secretaries, & hairdressers.
- ◆ Our customers want unique gifts to grab that cost under \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Maneese at 248-332-0839 and leave a message, or stop by on Wednesday upstairs in Jacober's General Store.
- ◆ We also need cookies baked for our popular **Cookie Sale** during our Christmas in October Sale. These cookies are big sellers!!!

Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to the Log Cabin on Fri., Oct. 17th or Sat., Oct. 18th anytime during the sale.



- ◆ We can also use wrapped candies for our gift mugs.



It only took 40 years, but the Hatchery Houses' kitchen cabinets have finally been restored to their 1920s appearance complete with the fabled fish.

LOOKING BACK at the Fish in the Kitchen

By Rich Welsh

Back in the 1970s we asked former Hatchery House resident and Waterford School teacher Velma Hughes to give us a tour of the house as she remembered it. As it turned out the kitchen was one of the most interesting rooms in the house. She pointed out that the floor plan had been changed with the removal of a pantry which had been located where the stove is today. In her day a coal cook stove was located next to the chimney where the refrigerator is currently located. Since there was an ice house on the property ice was free, so they had an ice box years after most people had electric refrigerators. She also explained that they had a free-standing cast iron sink under the double windows, the cabinet & sink found there today are a later addition. The tall built-in cabinets on the kitchen's east wall, which mirror the built-in cabinets in the dining room, are original to the house. Unlike their oak counterparts the kitchen cabinets are made of pine and were intended to be painted. The two sets of built-in cabinets are tied together by a pass through window which we agreed was a very unique detail.

Then she told us something amusing. Being artistic and in keeping with the fish hatchery theme, she said she had traced the outlines of live fish (raised in the hatchery's ponds) on the recessed panels of the cabinet doors and had painted their silhouettes for decoration. What could be more appropriate? The Hatchery House was after all a state owned building built to serve the Drayton Plains Fish Hatchery, its only reason for existing was the fish. And, seeing that the Hughes' got all the fish they wanted, absolutely free, and as fresh as fresh fish could possibly be, it is safe to conclude that, through the years, more fish have been cooked in that

kitchen than in most restaurants.

Myself, having been in the Waterford Schools building trades class that painted the Hatchery House in the 1970s, had seen those very fish while scraping the cabinets prepping them for the blue coat of paint of our era. After Mrs. Hughes left I said to my mother "I know exactly what the fish look like, I saw them, let's put them back on like it was in the 1920s." Her reply was, "I don't want fish in *my* kitchen." I'm sure we can all relate with the child / parent dynamic where you get shut down no matter how good your idea. So I had to wait 40 years to finally do it right.

The first step was to find out the built-in cabinets' original colors. Paint stripping a cabinet door down to the first layer of paint revealed they were originally a very cheerful springtime green with cream panels and dark green fish. The paint was matched, mixed, and the restoration began. It seemed best to paint the built-in cabinets green and cream while painting the cabinets that were added later cream and green. This way the two different generations of cabinets look good together while still establishing a time difference between them. Following Mrs. Hughes' model only the silhouettes of fish raised in the hatchery were used – bass, bluegill, perch, walleye, and a gar pike for the longer panels. The end result is quite dramatic, perhaps a wee bit kooky, and finally at long last historically accurate. Restoring the cabinets to their former glory turned out to be more labor intensive than anyone had anticipated, and yet if anyone deserves credit it is Mrs. Hughes, after all it was her idea.

Together We Can Build a Schoolhouse



The Dream The Vision The Village

“Build it and they will come” seems to say it all. The Waterford Historical Society’s labor of love is coming to life. The community’s support and appreciation of what has been done so far has been very uplifting.

We hope to continue our vision by adding a turn of the century one room schoolhouse to the Waterford Historic Village located in Fish Hatchery Park. 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.

Donation forms can also be found 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.

Together we can do great things!

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How Were Lakes Named?

Have you ever wondered how some of our lakes got their names? Then you will enjoy these descriptions found in History of Oakland County Michigan 1877.

This township (Waterford), is among the oldest settled divisions of Oakland County. It has great diversity of surface,— lake, stream, hill and valley, marsh and swamp, and beautiful plain.

The principal stream is the Clinton river, which in its windings very nearly divides the township in halves, and receives the surplus waters of many of the lakes found within its borders.

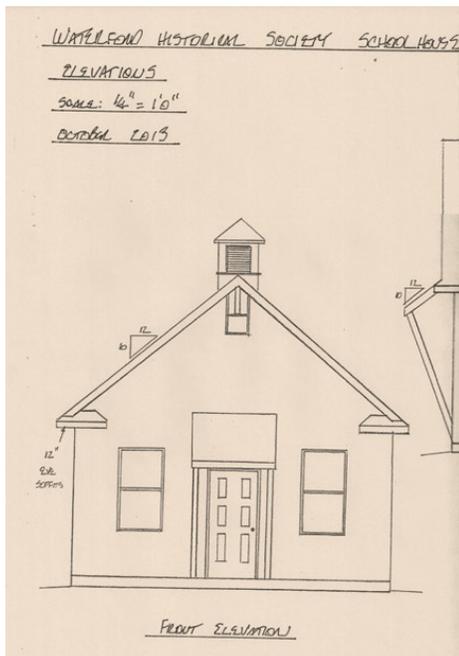
Of these lakes, numbering altogether thirty or more, the largest is Elizabeth lake, a sheet of water some four hundred acres in extent. Its shores are bold and clean, and partly covered by timber. Cosy villas are numerous in its vicinity, and the beauty of the lake and its surroundings can scarcely be surpassed. The name, “Elizabeth lake,” was given to it in honor of the wife of General Lewis Cass, the second Territorial governor of Michigan. “Cass lake,” a portion of which lies in Waterford, was named for the governor himself.

Among the lakes of the township the finest are Williams, Watkins, Silver, and Scott’s. Besides these there are Loon, Three-Mile, Pond, Woodhull, Mace Day, Pleasant, Otter, Timber, and part of Pickerel, with numerous other smaller sheets not distinguished by name.

“Mace Day lake” has a curious origin for its name. A man named Mason Day,— called “Mace” for short,— who at an earlier period kept a livery stable in Pontiac, was a great hunter and fisherman, and was also fond of his rations of the extract of rye. Whenever he felt a spree beginning to enfold him in its meshes, or was caught with a desire to go on a hunting or fishing excursion, he almost invariably went to the shore of the lake which bears his name to engage in his favorite pastimes. On these occasions he provided himself with provisions, etc., and camped on the lake-shore, generally staying several months.

“Williams lake” takes its name from Ferdinand Williams, who settled on its shore in 1829. It is a beautiful sheet, having timbered shores more than half the distance around it, and possessing a clean sandy beach. Watkins lake is named after a man named Watkins, who settled early on its south shore.

Waterford township derived its name from the circumstance of its containing so large an area of water surface. The name was proposed by Shubael Atherton, who settled in Waterford in about 1825. The entire area covered by water in the township approximates 2600 acres.



Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!



This edition of the newsletter is brought to you by Stu & Arlen Magy, and Ron & Joy Smith. Thank you so much for your support!

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.

Community Share Report



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! *Thank you to Kroger & Tenutas for their generosity!*

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.



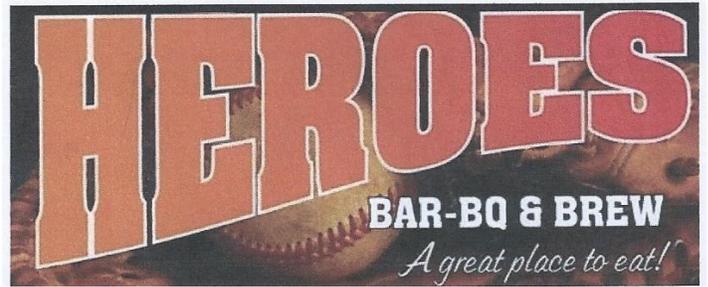
Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

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!



998 West Huron Street, Waterford MI 48328
Offer Good 11:00am - 9:00pm (248-683-9900)

Help Us By Eating Out ?!

Enjoy an afternoon or evening meal out and help the Historical Society at the same time!

On Tuesday, September 9th & Thursday, September 11th Heroes Restaurant is donating a percentage of the total bill of those presenting the coupon* inserted in this newsletter to the Waterford Historical Society.

(*Coupon good all day both days. Coupon must be presented at time of order. Additional coupons available on Wednesday at the Hatchery House.)

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If I can not do great things, I will do small things in a great way.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

Date _____	Phone _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	Mail payment to: Waterford Historical Society
Make Check Payable To: Waterford Township Historical Society	P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Waterford Historical Society

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

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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Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Eat at Heroes to help the Historical Society:**
Tues Sept. 9 & Thur Sept. 11, 11am-9pm, 248-683-9900
Heroes Restaurant 998 W Huron Street. Wtfd 48328
- ◆ **Harvest Happening:** Saturday, Oct 4th (Rain Date Oct 5th)
from 11 am -5 pm at Hess-Hathaway Park
- ◆ **Halloween Hayrides:** Fri/Sat, Oct 10-11, 6:30-9:30 pm
Drayton Plains Nature Center
- ◆ **WHS Christmas in October Sale:**
Fri/Sat, Oct. 17-18, 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Apple Pie Sale:** Oct. 20-24 Order Early!!!
Order Forms at the Recreation Center (C.A.I.)
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Hay, Hotdogs & S'mores:** Sat, Oct 25th, 5-6:30pm
Hess-Hathaway Park
- ◆ **Tree Lighting & Santa Celebration:**
Tues Dec. 2nd, 6-8 pm Waterford Township Hall
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **WHS Christmas Sale:** Saturday, Dec 6th
10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park

WHS Schedule

The Historic Village closes the last Wednesday in September. It re-opens the first Wednesday in May.

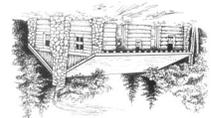
The Hatchery House, Log Cabin, research library & offices stay open on Wed. thru Dec. 10, 2014. We then close to the public & reopen the first Wed. in March 2015, weather permitting.



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

Waterford Township Historical Society

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



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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Present this flyer during your visit on

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