

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

Sept-Oct-Nov 2015

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

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Fall & Winter Schedule

Sept 2
Newsletter Mailing

Sept 16
Board Meeting 2:15

Sept 30
Last Day Village is Open

Oct 14
Board Meeting 1:00

Oct 16 - 17
Christmas in October
10 am - 4 pm

Nov 18
Board Meeting 1:00

Nov 25
WHS Closed Today

Dec 2
Newsletter Mailing

Dec 5
Christmas Sale 10-4

Dec 9
Board Meeting 1:00

Dec 10
Holiday Luncheon

President's Notes

The headline should read "We SURVIVED Log Cabin Days 2015"! It was certainly one for the record books with wind and rain all day on Saturday. An ipod and amp provided a little background music for the brave visitors that did come. The wind almost blew the whole thing down Saturday night, but we re-staked the tents and had help from the encampments. You can imagine the discouraged group trudging in on Sunday. But lo and behold, a beautiful day! We had tons of people and made up a bit. So thank you to everyone who faced the elements to stay and work! I saw plenty of new faces and new young families coming to us. And this summer saw some of those folks coming back for a longer visit on a Wednesday.

Yes, Log Cabin Days is a fundraiser, but that is not all it is! We are here to showcase our history. To make it come alive for our visitors. To make them reminisce and remember and learn. To let them practice their "penmanship" or "arithmetic" on a slate. It is really all about our visitors; our community. We provide a wonderful safe event for families and folks of all ages. So, high five and keep it up!

You can rest for about five minutes and then get ready for Christmas in October on October 16 & 17. We need you to bake cookies and get your shopping list ready for action. Our Log Cabin Store carries a great selection of Made in Michigan items. Shop Jacober's Store for unique quality craft items to suit everyone on your list. The best part is you will be donating to the future of our Village.

See you soon.

Sally Strait



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Reminder...

Annual Membership dues expire December 15, 2015. Time to think about renewing! The application form can be found on page 5.



Time to Start Shopping!!!



We are gearing up for our **Christmas in October Sale on Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17, from 10 am - 4 pm.** The sale is located in the 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 5th 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. 21st - through Dec. 2nd.

Help 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.

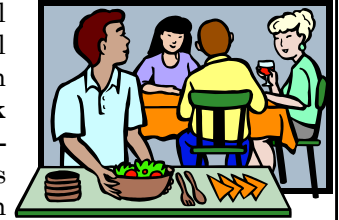
The Historical Society will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, and games & toys for all age groups. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

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 9th or at Christ Lutheran Church Dec. 10th at our holiday luncheon.

Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon

The Waterford Historical Society would like to thank all our members by inviting them to a **Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, December 10th at noon.** This takes place at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.



Mark your calendars now. This is one of the times members can all get together and just enjoy each other's company. **Waterford Historical Society members are welcome to bring a friend.**

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 everyone 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. Please try to keep items on the smaller side (no large baskets or wreaths, please.)
- ◆ Many customers are looking for stocking stuffers, gifts for care-givers, teachers, secretaries, & hairdressers.
- ◆ Customers love unique gifts to grab that cost under \$10.00. Questions? Stop by on Wednesday or leave a message for Margaret Maneese at 248-332-0839.
- ◆ Wrapped candies are still needed for our gift mugs.
- ◆ **ALL DONATED ITEMS ABOVE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st.**
- ◆ **Also needed are cookies baked for our popular Cookie Sale.** These cookies are big sellers!!!



Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. **BRING COOKIES TO THE LOG CABIN ON FRIDAY, OCT. 16th OR SATURDAY, OCT. 17th.**

*Thank you to all the
Crafts & Cookie Helpers!!!*

LOOKING BACK at Hatchery Road



by
Rich
Welsh

In the foreground you can see Water Street running east / west with its wooden bridge. The freshly built Hatchery Road running north / south with its Yellow Bridge (circled) is in background. The Hatchery House would eventually be built near the driveway at the far left.

Everybody knows Hatchery Road, but believe it or not only a few hundred yards of it have always been called Hatchery Road, the rest of it had other names. Originally, what today is the east / west part of Hatchery Road was Water Street. The long wooden Water Street bridge was where you crossed the river. And instead of curving north as it does today, the road ran due east up the hill straight into Drayton Woods. The road that became the other part of Hatchery Road was Mill Street. Mill Street ran north / south between the Saginaw Road (Dixie Hwy) and the Drayton Mill where it ended in a loop. Hatchery Road was formed when, what today is the driveway in front of the Hatchery House, and a new stretch along the southern end of the Mill Pond were built. Then, like the golden spike that joined the nation's railroads the Yellow Bridge joined the two halves of Hatchery Road where the Mill's dam had been.

The Yellow Bridge quickly became an area landmark and a favorite fishing spot for locals. I learned to fish there myself. It was called the Yellow Bridge of course because it was painted yellow. And not with regular paint as anyone who remembers it can tell you, for it glistened brightly in the sunlight and lit up like 24 carat gold when headlights hit it at night. The

reason was that the thick yellow paint was infused with millions of tiny round glass beads, each one acting like a tiny reflector. It was amazing! As the Bass Hatchery grew the Water Street bridge was torn out and its eastern end became overgrown and was abandoned.

Although most of Hatchery Road was paved by the 1950s the portion which ran through the Fish Hatchery remained a peaceful dirt lane shaded by ancient willow trees until 1963. Waterford lost one of its quietist, loveliest spots that summer when somebody decided they didn't like slowing down for Hatchery Road's S-curve. They filled in the River Channel pond, bulldozed over the Bassery House's foundation and built a new bridge on the new curve. The Yellow Bridge was closed off, stopped being maintained, and was eventually torn down. And despite claims they were "improving the road for better traffic flow," they replaced the traffic light at the corner of Dixie & Hatchery with a flashing yellow light making the intersection more dangerous, until another real traffic light was finally installed 20 years later. It is interesting that the section of Hatchery Road which joined Water Street and Mill Street is all within Fish Hatchery Park and remains unpaved to this very day.

Log
Cabin
Days
Encampments
2015



Lock, Stock & Barrel? Flash-in-the-pan? Going of Half Cocked?



We have all heard these sayings. But do you know what they mean and how they came to be?

* Lock, Stock, and Barrel

The term was first recorded in the letters of Sir Walter Scott in 1817. It is, however, thought this term evolved into a popular saying some years before. In the early days of firearms manufacturing, individual craftsmen made individual components one at a time. One craftsman made the "lock" which would have been a "match lock", "flint lock" etc. The part that caused the gun to go bang. The next craftsman made the barrel, and the last craftsman, who was a woodworker, made the stock. At some point, a craftsman or a merchant started advertising "Lock Stock and Barrel" meaning you could get the entire gun at one location and did not have to go from craftsman to craftsman.

* Flash in the pan

The flash pan or priming pan is a small receptacle for priming powder, found next to the touch hole on muzzle loading guns. Flash pans are found on gonnies, matchlocks, wheellocks, snaplocks, snaphances, and flintlocks. A small amount of finely ground gunpowder is placed in the flash pan and ignited. The flash of flame travels through the touch hole igniting the main charge inside the barrel. The ignition of the main charge from the flash pan was not a guaranteed operation, however, and sometimes it failed. In those cases the spark would flash in the pan, but the gun would fail to fire. This led by the end of the 17th century to the expression "flash in the pan" to mean a failure after a brief showy start.

** Half-cock

Half-cock is when the position of the hammer is partially but not completely cocked. Many fire arms, particularly older firearms, had a notch cut into the hammer allowing half-cock, as this position would neither allow the gun to fire nor permit the hammer-mounted firing pin to rest on a live percussion cap or cartridge. The purpose of the half-cock position has variously been used either for loading a firearm, or, as a safety-mechanism, or for both reasons. The still commonly used English expression of "going off half-cocked" derives from the failure of the half-cock mechanism to keep the hammer from falling and the subsequent failure to prevent a firearm from firing when unintended.

(Thank you to Waterford Historical Society members Sherrie & Tom Stringer for sharing the origin of these phrases after their visit to Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio.)

*Source: en.wikipedia.org **Source: en.m.wikipedia.org

Help Us By Shopping

We really appreciate everyone who participates in community savings programs by shopping at Kroger and Tenuta's. These stores donate a percentage of the total of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society. Thank you so much for your help!



Thank you to Kroger & Tenutas for their generosity! Please support them by shopping at those stores.



Tenuta's shoppers please continue to bring receipts to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to: Waterford Historical Society, P.O. Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491

Kroger shoppers keep using your store card.

Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone who would is interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society please 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!

Save the Date!

Fashion Show Fundraiser for WHS Saturday, March 26, 2016

March 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

Celebrate Spring

at the
Fashion Show



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- \$100.00 Lifetime per person
- \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
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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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WHS Schedule

The final day for the Village is the last Wednesday in September. It re-opens the first Wednesday in May.

The Hatchery House, Log Cabin, Research Library & Office stay open on Wed. thru Dec. 9, 2015. We then close to the public & reopen the first Wed. in March, weather permitting.

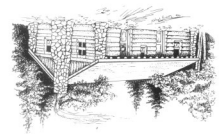


Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Harvest Happening:** Saturday, Oct. 3rd (Rain Date Oct 4th) 11-5 at Hess-Hathaway Park www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Halloween Hayrides:** Fri/Sat, Oct 9-10, 6:30-9:30 pm Drayton Plains Nature Center www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **WHS Christmas in October Sale:** Fri/Sat, Oct. 16-17, 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Apple Pie Sale:** Oct. 19-23 Order Early!!! Order Forms at the Recreation Center (C.A.I.) www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Hay, Hotdogs & S'mores:** Sat, Oct 24, 5-6:30pm Hess-Hathaway Park www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Tree Lighting & Santa Celebration:** Tues Dec. 1st, 6-8 pm Waterford Township Hall www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **WHS Christmas Sale:** Saturday, Dec 5th 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **WHS Fashion Show:** Saturday, March 26, 2016 Save this date! Put it on the calendar now!

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

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