

# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## Calendar

### Sept-Oct-Nov 2016

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

See page 6 for  
Fall & Winter Schedule

**Sept 7**  
Newsletter Mailing

**Sept 14**  
Board Meeting 2:15

**Sept 28**  
Last Day Village is Open

**Oct 12**  
Board Meeting 1:00

**Oct 21 - 22**  
**Christmas in October**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

**Nov 16**  
Board Meeting 1:00

**Nov 23**  
**WHS Closed Today**

**Nov 30**  
Newsletter Mailing

**Dec 3**  
**Christmas Sale 10-4**

**Dec 7**  
Board Meeting 1:00

**Dec 8**  
**Holiday Luncheon**

**March 25, 2017**  
**Fashion Show**  
(Mark your calendar!)

## President's Notes

Log Cabin Days 2016 was a hot but successful one for the record books. Last year rain, this year heat. Oh yes, we live in Michigan.

Thank you, thank you, 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. Every year I see 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, Patterson Technology Services and S.T.I. were full sponsors this year. That means visitors do not have to pay for parking or the shuttle bus ride or admission. This makes Log Cabin Days a family event that all can come to. Many thanks.

Next up is Christmas in October on October 21 & 22. 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.

We are moving forward  
to keep our past alive!

See you soon. *Sally Strait*



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Waterford Historical Society Board  
& Waterford Parks & Recreation Board

## Reminder...

Annual Membership dues expire December 15, 2016. Time to think about renewing! The application form is on page 5.

Memberships purchased now will be good until December 15, 2017.



## Time to Start Shopping!!!



We are gearing up for our **Christmas in October Sale on Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22, 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               |
| -Waterford sweatshirts & T-shirts | -candles, soaps       |
| -historic children's toys         | -a variety of sachets |
| -homemade cookies                 | -children's items     |
| -Michigan items                   | -stocking stuffers    |
| -handmade greeting cards          | -WHS afghan           |

**Don't forget the Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 3rd 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 from 10:30am to 2pm for shopping on Wednesdays Oct. 26 to Dec. 7**

## 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.

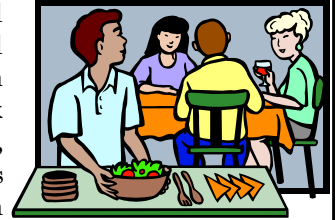
The Historical Society will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, and games & toys for all age groups. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

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 7th or at Christ Lutheran Church Dec. 8th 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 8th 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

- ♦ WHS Crafters are wanting finished craft items for the 2016 Christmas in October Sale and December Christmas Sale. 1,2,3 items with a suggested price for the items would be great. If you are really craft consumed, 12 items or less are best. Our thanks to all of you for your support!

Sincerely, Waterford Historical Society Crafters

P.S. Are you downsizing Christmas items? New or older holiday decorations are always wanted.

- ♦ Many customers are looking for stocking stuffers, gifts for care-givers, teachers, secretaries, & hairdressers.
- ♦ 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 5th.**

- ♦ 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. 21st OR SATURDAY, OCT. 22nd.**

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



## One-Room Schoolhouses



### Kids' ways 200 years ago

About 200 years ago, in the early 1800s, most children went to school in one-room schoolhouses. A teacher taught everything on every grade level. Schools change because of new ideas in education.

Joseph Lancaster, a teacher from England, came up with an idea that spread to this country. His idea made it possible for one teacher to teach subjects on different grade levels at the same time. He divided students into groups. A monitor, or older student trained by the teacher, was in charge of each group.

### One-Room Schools

Few places had kindergarten. The kids started first grade when they were about 5 or 6 years old. Students usually stopped going to school after the eighth grade.

On the frontier children from ages 6 to 14 would go to class together in the same room. By the time they graduated they probably heard every grade's lectures year after year. By graduation they'd know the subjects backward and forward.

### Flurry of Activity

A teacher might teach first-graders then give them a project to work on. While the first-graders worked, the teacher would start instructing fourth-graders. At the same time, advanced pupils might be helping younger kids.

There may not have been a desk for each student, so kids sat on benches. When they had writing or art lessons they'd move to desks. They might get up to help a younger student. They could move around at recess too.

### Before Class

Before class even started students put in hours of work. They began each day by doing chores at home. Girls would help their mothers prepare breakfast and clean up. Boys might help feed the animals or chop wood.

After breakfast they'd probably walk to school which might be three to five miles away. In warm weather, they would usually walk barefoot. Although they had shoes, most kids wore them only in the winter. Going barefoot was more comfortable. Back then there were no left and right shoes. The shoes would form to the feet after time, but braking in new shoes was painful. Sometimes kids would get to ride a pony to school.

Once at school students had more chores. Kids as young as third-graders might help chop wood for the stove, pump water for the washbasin or sweep the floor.

### United States

The schoolhouse was the center and focus for thousands of rural communities, hamlets, and small towns. Often, town meetings and picnics were also held there. Many schools also served as the local chapel on Sundays and a meeting place for evening or Saturday community activities.

Teaching standards often varied from school to school as the teacher was compelled to coach children of all ages and grades within one room and regardless of their area of main competence.

Most buildings were of simple frame construction, some with the school bell on a cupola. In the Midwest sod construction was also used as well as stone and adobe in areas like the Southwest where trees were scarce. In some locations the schoolhouse was painted red, but most seem to have been white.

Teachers in one-room schools were often former students themselves. The teachers that taught in the one room, rural schools were very special people. During the winter months they would get to the school early to get a fire started in the potbelly stove so the building would be warm for the students. On many occasions they would prepare a hot, noon meal on top of the stove, usually consisting of soup or stew of some kind. They took care of their students like a new mother hen would care for her newly hatched chicks; always looking out for their health and welfare.

A typical school day was 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with morning and afternoon recesses of 15 minutes each and an hour period for lunch.

The vast majority of one-room schools in the United States are no longer used as schools. Many have been torn down or converted for other purposes. However, in some rural communities one-room or two-room schools are still used, primarily for elementary education, with students graduating to local or regional middle and high schools.

### Teacher's Residence

The teacher's residence, or teacherage, was often attached to the school, or very close by, so that a male teacher's wife and family were an integral part of the management and support system for the school. Single, female teachers were more often billeted or boarded with a local family to provide for social norms requiring social supervision of single females.

**Sources:** *The Mini Page 1997, The Mini Page 2012, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-room\_school*



## One-Room Schoolhouses in Waterford Township

Education was extremely important to early Waterford pioneers. Schools were built one by one as the population increased. The first school classes held in Oakland County were in Oliver Williams' sheep barn on Silver Lake in 1821 where seven students attended class. The first schoolhouse was made of logs and erected on that same property in 1822 for twelve students. Ira Donelson was named the first Supervisor of Education in 1835. Below are the other one-room schools that were in the township:

1. **Clarkston Station School** (district 4, section 6) was on Andersonville at White Lake Rd. It was moved across the street to Independence Township and was used until 1943-44.

2. **Clintonville School** (district 7) was made of frame and brick. It was on Schoolhouse Lake across from Clintonville Road on Walton Boulevard. The school was used from circa 1838 to 1953. The building was sold and has been the Waterford Senior Center and a day care center. →



3. **Covert School** (district 3, section 26) was on the east side of Scott Lake Road and was used from 1883 to 1932/34.

4. **Donelson School** (district 1, section 24) was of log construction and was used circa 1822 to 1930.



5. **Drayton Plains School** (district 8, section 10) was frame. It was on Sashabaw Road near Dixie Highway. The school was used from 1835 to 1925. It was given to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society. It is on the Wisner Estate on Oakland Avenue. ←

6. **Four Towns School** (district 2, section 33) was frame and was used from 1866 to 1928. It was also used as the Methodist Church on Cooley Lake Rd.

7. **Kennett Road School** (district 13) was off Dixie Highway on the north side of Kennett road. 1909

8. **Newberry School** (district 7) was frame. It was on the west side of Clintonville Road just south of Mann Road. It was renamed Jayno Adams after an early settler. It was used until 1952.

9. **Waterford Center School** (section 20) was brick. It was on the northwest corner of Pontiac Lake Road and Airport Road. It served as the Waterford Schools Board of Education Offices with new additions. It is now being used as a church. →



10. **Waterford Village School** The Methodist Church building on Andersonville Road was used for school until 1871 when a two story brick school was built on Stephen Street. This school burned and a new school was built which was added on to in 1927. It continued to be a school until 2014. ←

Michigan's first public school law was passed on April 12, 1827, by the Legislative Council of the Michigan Territory. Passage of this law was a recognition that education was a public responsibility rather than an individual responsibility. This act began a practice of organizing school districts within a township, with township officials responsible for drawing district boundaries, and requiring any township with 50 or more families to provide a schoolmaster. Motorized school buses in the 1920s made longer distances possible, and one-room schools were soon consolidated in most portions of the United States into multiple classroom schools where classes could be held separately for various grade levels. Gradually, one-room schoolhouses were replaced. Most one-room schools had been replaced by larger schools by World War II except in the most rural areas.

*Sources: Waterford Historic Village Walking Tour, Waterford Historical Society Archives, en.wikipedia.org, School District Organization in Michigan www.crcmich.org*

## Help Us By Shopping

We really appreciate everyone who participates in the Kroger community savings program by making sure you have registered our number (82795) on your Kroger card and by using your store card every time you shop at Kroger. They donate a percentage of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society.



Thank you so much for your help!

**Thank you also to Kroger for their generosity! Please support them by shopping at their stores.**

## Save the Date!

### Fashion Show Fundraiser for WHS

### Saturday, March 25, 2017

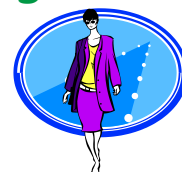
March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Celebrate Spring

at the

## Fashion Show

(Call 248-666-4265 for info.)



## Christmas in October

## Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society may clip and fill out the form below. Bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to:

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



Join us...

Help keep history alive.

## Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!

This edition of the newsletter is brought to you by Becky & Nick, Garth Mellick, Sandy Payne, Sherry Shenkman and the Wolfe Family: Tom, Tammie, Sam & Melissa. Thank you so much for your support!



Like to help sponsor our next newsletter? Send a check for \$25 to Waterford Historical Society at PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491.

Please write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.

## Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application - New Address? Check Here: ☐

- ☐ \$15.00 Individual
- ☐ \$25.00 Family
- ☐ \$100.00 Patron
- ☐ \$50.00 Organizations/Businesses
- ☐ \$150.00 Lifetime per family
- ☐ \$100.00 Lifetime per person
- ☐ \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
- ☐ \$250.00 Lifetime Org./Businesses
- ☐ \$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

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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

[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)  
Non-profit 501(c)3 organization

## 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 Wednesdays thru Dec. 7, 2016. We then close to the public & reopen the first Wed. in March, weather permitting.

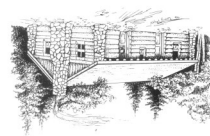


## Upcoming Local Events:

- ♦ **31st Annual Kelley-Fisk Farm Festival:**  
Saturday/Sunday September 10th & 11th - 11 am to 5 pm  
[www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events](http://www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events) or 248-698-2737
- ♦ **Harvest Happening:** Sunday, Oct. 2nd  
12-5 at Hess-Hathaway Park [waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec](http://waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec)
- ♦ **Funtober at the Farm:** Saturday, October 15th 1-6 pm  
at Hess-Hathaway Park [www.waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec](http://www.waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec)
- ♦ **Apple Pie Making Fundraiser:** Oct. 17-21 Order Early!!!  
Order Forms at the Recreation Center (C.A.I.)
- ♦ **Christmas in October Sale:** Fri/Sat, Oct. 21-22  
10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park  
(Waterford Historical Society Fundraiser)
- ♦ **Trick-or-Treat Hours in Waterford:**  
6-7 pm [www.waterfordmi.gov](http://www.waterfordmi.gov)
- ♦ **Tree Lighting & Santa Celebration:**  
Tues Nov 29th, 6-8 pm Waterford Township Town Hall
- ♦ **Christmas Sale:** Sat, Dec 3rd - 10 am to 4 pm  
Fish Hatchery Park (Waterford Historical Society Fundraiser)
- ♦ **Historical Society Fashion Show:** Saturday, March 25, 2017  
*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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