

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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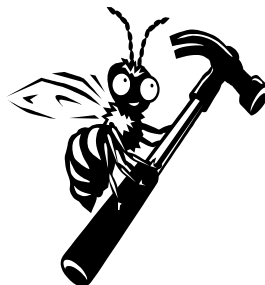
President's Notes

If you stop by on a Wednesday you will see a hive of activity. When the weather breaks, we seem to be buzzing like crazy. We have dusted off the winter grit for spring tours. We are making lists of our outdoor projects. Like any one house or building, our maintenance tasks seem mountainous when multiplied by the number of buildings we have. But, we seem to rally and solve.

I am astounded by the number of volunteers that faithfully serve us. We are almost outgrowing the Hatchery House when we sit down for lunch! Come out and we will give you something to do, I guarantee it.

See you soon...on a Wednesday...at the General Meeting in May...or at Log Cabin Days.

Sally Strait



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Calendar

April-May

Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

April 7

Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00HH
Newsletter Mailing

April 21

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

April 28

Pot Luck Noon

May 5

Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00HH

May 19

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

May 20

Annual Membership Meeting and Election
7:00 p.m.
Jacoher's Store

May 26

Pot Luck Noon

May 31

Memorial Day Parade

Fashion Show

Our 9th annual fashion show was once again filled with friendship, food and fabulous fashions. Our profit was \$855.00-a great success! We are so thankful to all of you who purchase a ticket. We are so thankful to our beautiful models who donate their time for fittings and modeling. We are so thankful to our members who decorate the tables, and the chairpersons, Betty Horn and Betty Seymour. And, of course, the Clothing Cove of Milford, whose impeccable taste rules the day. Please save the date for next year, March 5, 2011. See you then.

Memorial Day Parade

Join us for the 43rd annual "March Down the Dixie" Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31st. Get into your pioneer garb and get ready to honor our veterans and to celebrate our great Waterford Community. Marchers meet at Burke Lumber at 9:00 a.m. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. for you watchers.



Log Cabin Days 2010

Log Cabin Days is officially in the works. We are thrilled to announce that Genisys Credit Union has agreed to be our official sponsor this year. They are giving us monetary and in kind sponsorship. Their confidence in us will go a long way to making Log Cabin Days a success this year.

We continue to offer free admission and free parking and our prices for food are nominal. This is only possible because of all the donations big and small we receive from local companies and community members. In this economy it is more important than ever for us to continue to offer a place for families to come and enjoy a day without a huge cost. Every one of you is responsible for this and all I can say is...**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND DON'T STOP!**

Please help us by donating a few hours of your time. We have many spots, some require just sitting! All we require is a smile. Everyone can do that. And for those of you a little more adventurous, please consider dressing and going into the Village buildings "in character". Think of when you visit Greenfield Village or Huckleberry Railroad. I know some of you can do this!

No matter what your available time or talent, we have a place for you at Log Cabin Days.

SAVE THE DATES

Log Cabin Day Meetings 1:00 HH:

May 5th & June 2nd

Log Cabin Days June 26th & 27th

Elephants & Junk

Please remember us as you do your spring cleaning. We need your discards for our famous White Elephant sale at Log Cabin Days. This is a huge money maker for us but we need the stuff to make it successful. We also will be putting the "better" stuff into Merrill Paine's Juried Junk sale. So, if you have a little better quality item bring it on. The point is, just bring it! We are a 501(c)3 so items may be tax deductible for you.

Village News

The men are earning their keep, so we'll keep them! The inside of the new building is really starting to shape up and some of the larger artifacts have moved in.

Next up is our new service station. The Gulf brand station will go next to the Print Shop. Bob Nelson, one of our lifetime members, is donating the funds and brains for this next asset to our Village.

Annual General Meeting

Please plan to attend our Annual Membership meeting and Election on Thursday May 20, at 7:00 p.m. This is our one and only membership meeting of the year so please plan on attending. We will serve dessert and beverages and have a PowerPoint presentation of some of the great photographs in our extensive collection.

Even more important than photos, we are holding elections.

In accordance with our By-Laws we are presenting our slate of officers for 2010 as follows:

2 year terms:

President-Sally Strait

Corresponding Secretary-Betty Seymour

Treasurer-Betty Horn

3 year terms:

Members at Large: Merrill Paine and Harvey Hedlund

If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact Dorothy White at 248-623-0937 so you can be nominated the night of the election when nominations are taken from the floor.

SAVE THE DATE

May 20 at 7:00pm Jaconber's Store

Tenuta's Celebrates 60!

You are all invited to help celebrate Tenuta's Food Lane and 60 years of excellent customer service on May 8th at their store on Sashabaw and Walton. They will have an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. and activities all day long.

Tenuta's started after World War I when Jim Tenuta, a recent immigrant from Italy, opened a small produce store first on North Saginaw Street in Pontiac, then at the corner of South Saginaw Street and Orchard Lake Road. The late 1940's brought the widening of Wide Track Drive and a parking problem for their customers. They needed to relocate.

Jim's son, Frank, remembers his father and mother scouting locations for the future store. On Sunday afternoons they would set up lawn chairs at various intersections in and outside of Pontiac to watch the traffic. Drayton Plains was where they finally settled and held their grand opening in March of 1950.

The store passed to Frank and then to his two daughters, Sharon and Carol. Truly a family and a Waterford tradition to Celebrate!

A.T. Stewart-Helping Fishermen for Forty Four Years

Printed in the Pontiac Daily Press 1937

The following is an excerpt from a series of articles printed in 1937 in the Pontiac Daily Press concerning the rebuilding and enlarging of the Drayton Plains Fish Hatchery.

A.T. Stewart has done more to make fishermen happy than any man in Michigan. He has supervised operations for 44 consecutive years to enable anglers to bring home their limit of bass and pike.

And he is now going forward in charge of one of the largest bluegill and bass hatcheries in Michigan with a determination to keep the lakes in Southeastern Michigan up to standard, despite the great increase in angling.

Stewart started rearing fish for planting in charge of the Federal Hatchery at Northville in 1893 and continued until 1921, when he was made superintendant of all State hatcheries.

“Most of our work there was in raising trout for Great Lakes’ commercial fishing,” he says. “We raised about four million a year.”

The State had a few hatcheries when Stewart accepted control of operations. They were quickly increased to 16, which is about the present active number. There was one at Comstock Park, one in Detroit and the Trout Hatchery in Paris. He saw an increase which marked the progress of present operations.

In 1925 Stewart was placed in charge of the Drayton Plains Hatchery, and in 12 years has supervised a total output of 12 million bluegills and 200,000 bass, and now looks to the future with new pumping equipment which aerates the water. Planting operations are carried on by or directly under the supervision of State piscatorial experts. Few fry are sent out and fingerling of three inch fish are planted to offset the drain by increased anglers.

And when anyone stops to consider the amount of fishing that takes place, the success of Michigan’s fish rearing and planting operations are self evident.

At the Drayton Hatchery, now under Stewart’s supervision, a new outlay will give six inside aquariums and six outside ponds.

Visitors are invited to visit the hatchery to see a display of brook trout in the ponds and the usual showing of bass and bluegills. Stewart is now working on one pond that will attempt to show all the varieties of Michigan fish. It will help to make Drayton Plains one of the points of interest in this locality.

“Visitors are always welcome at the hatchery,” says Stewart. “We are glad to have them come and see the operations that are underway to keep local fishing in as good as modern rearing methods make possible.”



Here is the way fish eggs are hatched at the new Drayton Plains Fish Hatchery. A.T. Stewart, Superintendent of the hatchery, is shown with a hatching jar of wall eye pike, part of a 5,400,000 hatch now being planted in the lakes in this vicinity.

Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

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

Waterford Historical Society

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

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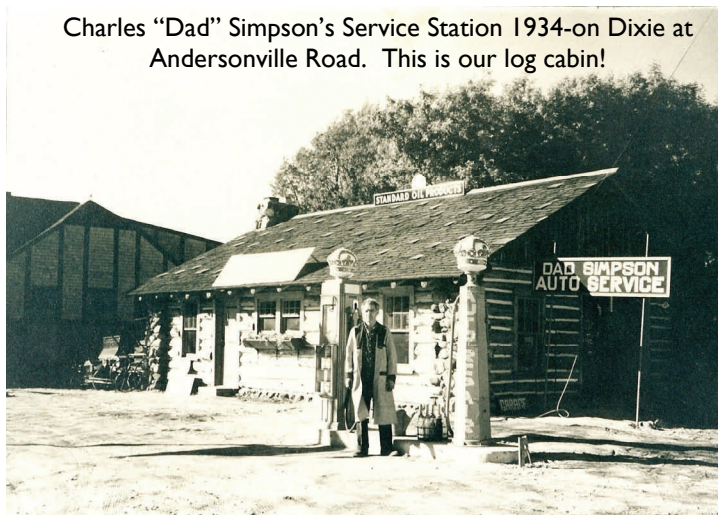
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org

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Things you might like:

- ◆ **Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce Expo:** Thursday, April 22, 5:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. at Waterford Mott High School.
- ◆ **Is There Life After High School?** musical, Mott Performing Arts Center, April 22-24, at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Spring Collage Concert**-Performances by all Mott Bands, Orchestras and Choirs. Not to be missed. Mott Performing Arts Center, May 7-8 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets and performance information call 248-673-4205.

Charles "Dad" Simpson's Service Station 1934-on Dixie at Andersonville Road. This is our log cabin!



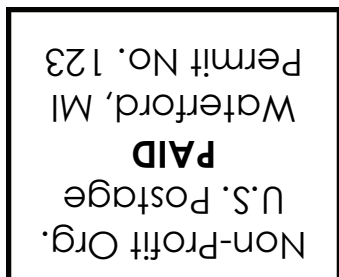
SAVE...SAVE...SAVE...SAVE

Please save your VG's and Tenuta's receipts and bring them to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. This is free money for us!



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

Return Service Requested



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