

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

June-July-August

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

June 3

Newsletter Mailing
Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

June 17

Board Meeting 2:15

June 26

Log Cabin Days Set Up 10:00

June 27

Log Cabin Days 10-5

June 28

Log Cabin Days 10-4

July 1

Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

July 15

Board Meeting 2:15

August 19

Board Meeting 2:15

August 26

Christmas in October
Meeting 10:30

President's Notes

The Village is now officially open and the hustle and bustle begins. We always feel good dusting ourselves off and having visitors come to call.

Log Cabin Days is just around the horizon. Here is my plea. PLEASE help us out. It takes all of us to make this Festival run and here are some of the things you can do: 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 26th starting at 10:00 and need hands for that.

We will be taking everything down at 4:00 on Sunday at the end of Log Cabin Days. We did that last year and it was the best thing we ever did! But here's the kicker, we need FRESH people. So, anyone NOT working the event, please come at 4:00. It only takes about 2 hours with a bunch of people and it is put to bed.

Sometimes just a fresh smiling face makes all the difference in the world!

See you soon,

Sally Strait



Schoolhouse Update

Finish work on the outside of the schoolhouse is in progress. The windows and doors are in, the roof is shingled and the siding is going on. Next will be work on the interior.



Come by and check it out!

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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.



Help Requests: Log Cabin Days Sat & Sun June 27 & 28



We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Days 2015! We really need help from members at this time. Here are ways to help:

- **Help sort and price** White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday in June.
- **Help clean a building** Wed. June 10,17, or 24.
- **Help us set up tents** and/or the White Elephant sale on Friday, June 26.
- **Work a Log Cabin Days shift.** We just need a person in each building to keep an eye on things. Visitors pretty much just look around, read signs, labels and listen to the audio boxes. Stop at the Hatchery House any Wednesday or call Sally Strait (248-683-2697) to sign up.
- **Attend Log Cabin Days.**
- **Tell a friend/family member or neighbor** about Log Cabin Days or bring them with you.
- **Help take tents down Sun. June 28 at 4 pm.**
- **Consider giving 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 27th or Sunday, June 28th. **Every cookie sold last year!**



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Annual Membership Meeting And Election Results

Thanks to all who attended our Annual Membership Meeting and Election on May 21st. It is always a great evening!



The officers elected are:

2 year terms:

- Vice President - Bob Allen
- Recording Secretary - Becky Morgan
- Bookkeeper - Cheryl Stoutenburg

3 year terms:

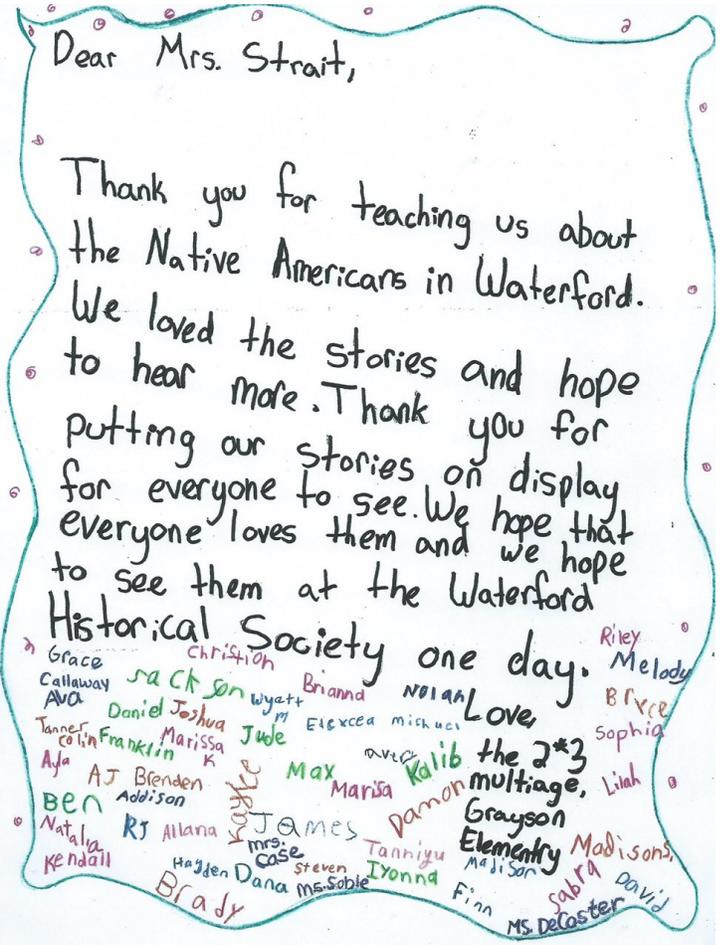
- Member at Large - Gary Wall
- Member at Large - Norman Watchpocket
- Member at Large - Tammie Wolfe

Give these folks a round of applause. Thank you to our board members who are ready to lead our group into the future.



School Visit

A thank you letter from the 2nd/3rd grade multiage class at Grayson Elementary School.





The Summer of Ague* an excerpt from the 'Waterford Township History' section of History of Oakland County, Michigan by Samuel W. Durant 1877



Major Williams' family were all (except himself) prostrated with ague in July 1819 and every settler in the region shared the same fate. At first the chill came on every second day, but soon the attack became daily and continued for months, until the cool weather in the fall checked it somewhat, and through the winter they were comparatively exempt from the scourge; but the return of hot weather brought it around, and for years the early settlers of Michigan endured privations and plagues and sickness equal to any ever experienced in any other part of the continent. Whole settlements were prostrated, and there were not well ones enough to half take care of the sick, and the people suffered for the lack of someone to do the cooking and washing.

The Indians were exceedingly kind and attentive,—one squaw in particular coming daily for weeks, bringing simple remedies, and also venison, birds, honey, maple sugar, and wild berries, with which the country abounded.

The women in Detroit were loath to leave comfortable homes and venture into the sickly, inhospitable wilderness. In the fall of 1819, Mrs. Alpheus Williams came out from Grosse point, ten miles above Detroit, and brought a woman with her; and they found plenty to do. They brought some fresh beef with them and made broth for the poor, sickly, half-starved people; and then they went to work and washed up the wearing apparel which had been accumulating for months, there not being a man or woman able to wash, with the exception of Major Williams, and he could not get time among his multifarious duties.

The Indians were very kind, but they could not attend to household duties. The major did everything, even making bread, but he finally got discouraged and made up his mind to leave the place,—at least long enough for

his family to recover their usual health,—but his wife said no; they had got over the worst of it, and she did not want to take her boys back to Detroit. She would rather stay with the Indians, for they would at least learn no immorality from them.

As the cool weather came on in the autumn the disease abated, and the winter was passed pleasantly. Game was very plenty, deer being frequently shot from the door, and the lakes swarmed with wild fowl. Snakes were a great annoyance, the blue racers in particular, which species grew to an enormous size.

The thousand and one luxuries and little conveniences of the present day were almost unknown. A single darning-needle frequently did the mending for an entire neighborhood, and the children often went a mile to bring one home which had been loaned to a neighbor. There was often a great scarcity of pins for household purposes. A single veteran thorn-apple tree would supply a neighborhood with no mean substitute for the universal pin now in use.

There were no cooking-stoves in those days, all the cooking being frequently done out of doors by a log fire. Turkeys were roasted by hanging them on a string before the fire, and bread was baked in iron bake-kettles, and pies and cakes in the same way. Afterwards, ovens built of clay were substituted, and it is doubtful if the most elaborate *cuisine* of the present day can produce more tempting cooking than that turned out from those primitive kitchens. Everybody, unless sick, had an appetite which relished whatever was eatable, and the plain but substantial and nutritive food of pioneer days was conducive to a vigorous and robust life.

**ague—a violent fever, usually malarial, marked by chills, caused by mosquitos.*



Kroger Community Rewards

We are continuing to participate in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Use your Kroger Plus card with our number (82795) and Waterford Historical Society will get a check in the mail every quarter.



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

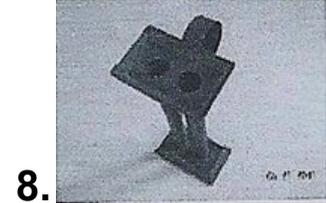
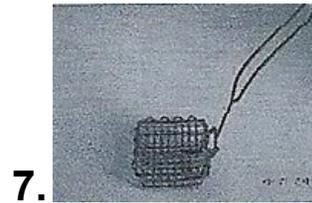
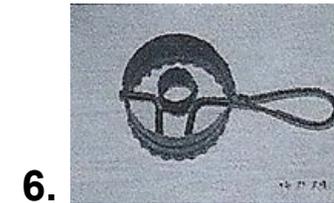
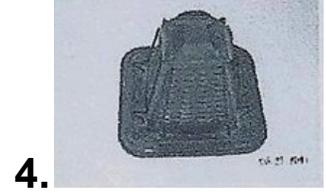
Any member who enrolled before April 1, 2015 must re-enroll to continue earning.

All participants must sign up for the program every year in order to continue earning funds for the WHS during 2015-2016. (Our NPO number is 82795)

It's easy for our supporters 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.

Artifacts Challenge

1. These artifacts are in our 'Hands On Area' in the Watchpocket Building.
2. **Cover the information section on the bottom of this page. No Peeking!**
3. Try to name the artifact before looking at the descriptions and answers below.
4. How many were you able to identify?



A. Candle Mold

These molds were used to make candles. Wicks were placed in the mold. Then hot wax was poured into the molds. After it cooled, the candles were removed from the mold. This process appeared in the 1400s.

B. Toaster

This toaster is not electric! It was used on top of a stove burner or over a fire. You had to turn the bread over by hand to get the other side brown! They were available in hardware or 'dime' stores.

C. Shaving Brush

Men held a bar of soap in their hand or a cup filled with soap powder. Then they wet the brush. They swished the wet brush with the soap to make a lather. They put the lather on their face before they shaved.

D. Biscuit/Donut Cutter

This is a combination biscuit and donut cutter. One side is used to cut out dough for biscuits. The other side is used to cut out dough for donuts.

E. Curling Iron

Used by women to curl their hair. It was heated up on the stove or near the fire. It worked best on wet hair. It was invented in the late 1800s. (Also known as a 'hair burner' !!!)

F. Button Hook

Used on shoes with buttons. No Velcro or zippers back then!



G. Soap Saver

Scraps of soap were placed inside. The soap saver was then swished in the water to make soap suds. These objects were mostly used from the 1920s until the 1940s.

H. Vegetable Masher

These were used to press or smash food. This type of equipment is the oldest type of kitchen utensils still being used today!

Answers: 1 F, 2 C, 3 E, 4 B, 5 H, 6 D, 7 G, 8 A



"History is the ship carrying living memories to the future."

*Sir Stephen Spender
British poet and critic
(1909-1995)*



Congratulations to Grace Rockey



Congratulations to WHS board member Grace Rockey. She recently attended the 72nd year celebration honoring the US Cadets Nurse Core in Bethesda, Maryland. Grace said she would not have been able to attend nursing school after high school without this free program. After her training she went on to work as a registered nurse for more than 30 years.

The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps—the first integrated uniformed U.S. service corps—fulfilled an urgent need for nurses during WWII. At that time many nurses were called over seas to military service, and others were attracted to the defense industry, while under staffed civilian hospitals in the U.S. were on the verge of collapse. The corps was supervised by the U.S. Public Health Service to train 124,000 young women as nurses during WWII. By 1945, U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps nurses were providing 80% of the nursing care in U.S. hospitals. These pioneering nurses were trailblazers during WWII and in the decades that followed.



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 & Tenuta's 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. (Kroger shoppers must sign up online to participate in this program. See Kroger Community Rewards article on page 3.)



Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Waterford Historical Society may 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

Become a member!

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.

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
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Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Concerts at the Park:**
FREE Concerts in the Park Thursday, June 4 & 11
BBQ & Brew Concerts in the Park Thurs, June 18 & 25
6 pm at Hess Hathaway Park www.waterfordchamber.com
- ◆ **Peace Fest Art & Music Festival:** Sat/Sun, June 13 & 14
L.A. Café - Dixie Highway, Waterford (248-623-1610)
- ◆ **Movies Under the Moonlight:** Friday, June 19
Gates open at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.
Pierce Middle School Football Field
- ◆ **Log Cabin Days Festival:**
Saturday, June 27 10am-5pm & Sunday, June 28 10am-4pm
Fish Hatchery Park, Waterford
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** Fri, July 3 thru Sun, July 12
Springfield Oaks County Park Davisburg MI
www.oakfair.org/248-634-8830
- ◆ **Park It Family Fun Night & Outdoor Movie:**
Tuesday, July 21 - 6 to 9pm - Hess Hathaway Park
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Oakland Uncorked Wine & Food Tasting:**
Fri, August 7th, 7-10 pm Oakland County Market
ticket info at 248-666-8600 or www.waterfordchamber.org

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