

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

June-July-August

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

June 5

Newsletter Mailing
Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00

June 19

Board Meeting 2:15

June 28

Log Cabin Workday 10:00

June 29

Log Cabin Days 10-5

June 30

Log Cabin Days 10-5

July 3

Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

July 17

Board Meeting 2:15

August 21

Board Meeting 2:15

August 28

Christmas in Oct Mtg 10:30

President's Notes

The Village is now officially open and we have already had many visitors. Thank you to all the worker bees who cleaned and dusted and got us ready to open on time. All I have to say is "whew"!

I am very proud to say that we now have audio boxes in many of the buildings. On your self-guided walking tour you can now press a button to hear about the building you are in! This is a HUGE hit and you have to visit us on a Wednesday and take a listen. Many thanks to all the ladies who attended the Fashion Show as part of those proceeds funded this worthy addition to the Village. You have to hear it to believe it.

You know what is next...Log Cabin Days Festival 2013. This is really it, folks. We need you NOW. You know what it takes to put this Festival on and the more the merrier. These are the ways you can help: sit in a building for a shift, help out in the white elephant, donate items for the white elephant, bake cookies for our cookie sale, make a monetary contribution, invite your friends and neighbors to come. We will also be setting up on Friday June 28th starting at 10:00 a.m.

Log Cabin Days Festival is our biggest fundraiser and our best time to shine for the community and show off Waterford's rich history. We need your smiling face in the mix to make it successful!

Just a note, the Hatchery House phone is no longer. We are saving money by eliminating this phone bill. Most of the phone calls were telemarketers anyway. Please call my cell phone on Wednesday if you need us 248-343-3694. A penny saved is a penny earned!

Hope to see you soon,
Sally Strait



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Dorothy White

Village Schedule

Waterford Historic Village is now open for the season every Wednesday from 10:30 am- 2 pm.

The Hatchery House, research library, offices and our Log Cabin store continue to be open all year on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Log Cabin Days Help



We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Days 2013 which takes place June 29 & 30! We really appreciate help from our members as at this time. Here are some things you can do to help make Log Cabin Days a success:

- Bring White Elephant or Juried Junk items for us to sell any Wednesday from 10:30-2.
- Help sort and price White Elephant and Juried Junk items any Wednesday in May or June.
- On Wednesday, June 12th, 19th, or 26th come help us clean a building.
- Bake cookies for the Log Cabin Days cookie sale.
- On Friday, June 28 come help us set up tents and/or the White Elephant sale.
- Sign up at the Hatchery House any Wednesday to work a Log Cabin Days shift.
- Attend Log Cabin Days.
- Tell a friend/family member or neighbor about Log Cabins Days or bring them with you.
- Monday, July 1st help us take tents down.
- Consider giving us 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 Juried Junk for us to sell. Bring it any Wednesday from now on. Juried Junk items are a bit more 'upper scale' than White Elephant.
2. Cookies baked for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to us on Friday, Saturday or Sunday June 28, 29, 30.



This and That...

- **New Lifetime Members:** Welcome to our new lifetime members Joan Cheyne and Scott & Denise Roberts.
- **Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser:** WHS received \$73.00 from Buffalo Wild Wings from our fundraiser in December. Thanks to all who participated. It was a fun way to raise money.

Annual Membership Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Membership Meeting and Election on May 16th. Everyone seemed to enjoy visting with their fellow WHS members in the new multipurpose room located in the Watchpocket building addition. It was a great evening!



Here are the officers elected:

2 year terms:

Vice President - Bob Allen

Recording Secretary - Becky Morgan

Bookkeeper - Cheryl Stoutenburg

Give these folks a round of applause for stepping up and working so hard to lead our group into the future.

School Visits



We had requests from several Waterford second grade teachers for the History of Waterford Workshop and Village Field Trip. The programs target several second grade social studies benchmarks regarding local history.

The History of Waterford Workshop takes place at the school. It includes a PowerPoint presentation about the history of Waterford. Included in this is: why people came to Waterford, why they stayed here and how to be a 'history detective'. The workshop part of this program consists of five activity centers. These include: studying a painting of the old village of Waterford, handling historic artifacts, making community decisions then putting them on a timeline, learning about the past from vintage Waterford photographs, and using a map key to gain information from an 1872 map of Waterford.

The Historic Waterford Village Field Trip takes place on our grounds at Fish Hatchery Park. It includes a guided tour of the Log Cabin, General Store, and Train Depot. These buildings were very important in the growth of Waterford. Also included are activities from long ago. They consist of: clothes washing, vintage toys, farm tools and mattress stuffing/rug beating. Many of these were chores children would have done long ago.

We are indebted to Sally Strait for developing both of these programs that allow us to continue the WHS mission of educating present and future generations about the history of Waterford Township. We would also like to thank all our dedicated volunteers who help make these field trips a success.

Log Cabin Day in Michigan

Have you ever wondered how Log Cabin Day came about? On December 9, 1986, the Michigan Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming Log Cabin Day on June 28, 1987 for the Sesquicentennial. On that day there was a tour of seven Berrien County log cabins along with four other Log Cabin Day events in the state.

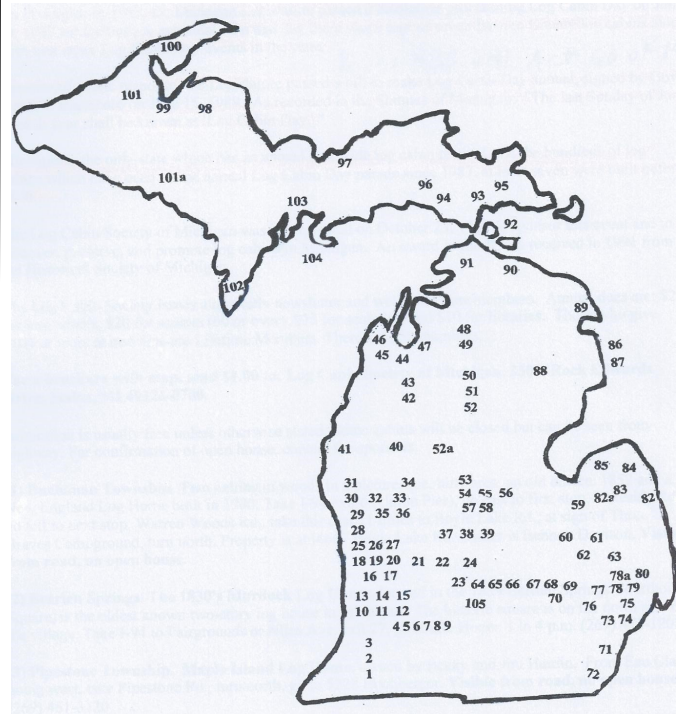
Because of public response, the Legislature passed a bill to make Log Cabin Day an annual event. It was signed by Governor James J. Blanchard on June 15, 1989. As recorded in the Statutes of Michigan: "The last Sunday of June of each year shall be known as 'Log Cabin Day'."

Michigan is the only state which has an annual statewide log cabin festival. Of the hundreds of log cabins which have been on the annual Log Cabin Day parade since 1987, at least seven were built before 1840.

The Waterford Historical Society is proud to have a log cabin on the official register of Michigan log cabins. This register includes 105 log cabins located all over the state of Michigan. Thirteen of these log cabins are located in and around Oakland County. A map and list of all the log cabins in Michigan can be found on the website of the Log Cabin Society of Michigan. Included is a description of each log cabin along with contact information and/or days and hours open to the public.

Log cabins were built by the pioneers who came west to Michigan. Yes, Michigan was the west in the early 1800's! They built their home out of logs because that was what was here. There were no stores for the first settlers. They only had what they were able to bring with them or what they could grow, make, gather, catch or hunt. Heat was provided by an open fireplace, where they also cooked their meals. Water was outside in a lake or stream. There was no electricity. Firelight and

homemade candles provided the only light after sunset. There was no indoor plumbing. Everyone had chores, even the children. Life was rustic and simple. These were the 'Log Cabin Days'.



Log Cabin Locations

Log Cabin Society of Michigan
 3503 Rock Edwards Drive
 Sodus, MI 49126-8700
 269-925-3836
logcabinsociety@att.net
www.qtm.net/logcabincrafts/



Kroger Community Rewards



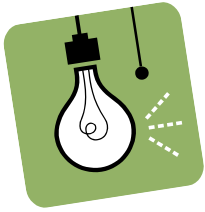
We are continuing to participate in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Use your Kroger Plus card with our number and WHS will get a check in the mail every quarter. This year we have already earned \$75.00 from this program!

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

Any member who enrolled before April 1, 2013 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 2013-2014.

It's easy for our members 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.



Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Alva Edison
1847-1931

Schoolhouse Chatter

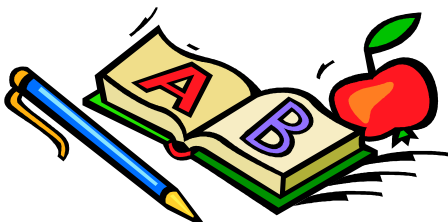
By Sally Strait



After much discussion and chattering the board has decided to concentrate on a one room schoolhouse for the next building in our Historic Village. We are proceeding slowly as our funds are tight and many maintenance issues are on deck for other buildings. We are looking at schoolhouse photos and plans and will then get a concrete estimate of the cost, but for now we generally think it will cost upwards of \$13,000.00 to complete.

We are thrilled at the prospect of a representation of this very important part of Waterford's history. After all, Waterford had eleven one room schoolhouses at one time and education was an integral part of our early pioneer way of life. We think this will be a wonderful addition to our Village and create much interest community wide.

We will now start accepting monetary and artifact donations to this project. Any monetary donations will be earmarked and only used to build the schoolhouse. We will proceed with building when we have all the funds secured. We know this is a huge undertaking, but look what we have already done! If we all band together and give a little bit, we will be getting started before we know it. In the early days everyone had to cut and donate wood for the schoolhouse stove, so let's get busy and get that stove figuratively burning and that school bell ringing!



Paige Daniel Earns Betty Fortino Award

By Hope Daniel

Paige was honored to receive the Betty Fortino Award during the Waterford Youth Assistance recognition Night held April 24 at Kettering High School

in recognition of Paige's volunteer efforts in Waterford. This award was given to the student from the Waterford community who exemplified a love for Waterford just as Betty did.

Paige raised almost \$3,500 over the past three years to help the Waterford Historical Society build a building in the Historic Village. This building will house a community room and a children's



(above)
The first meeting in the new room.



(right)
Schoolchildren examining an artifact.



Of all my inventions, I liked the phonograph best.

Thomas Alva Edison
1847-1931

Village News

◆ What a difference a little box can make. Especially if you have a clever young man making them! We were lucky enough to find someone who was able to design and build audio boxes for the buildings in our village. Now when visitors come they will be able to not only read about that building, but they can push a button and hear about them also!



◆ The WHS was honored to be the chosen destination for the Model A Restorers Oakleaf Region Annual Dust Off Run on Saturday, April 20th. The cold weather did not stop them and we were excited when ten vintage cars and approximately 20+ people came driving into the village. Everyone enjoyed touring the village, especially the heated log cabin! They were real troupers. It was a wonderful group and it was so nice having them here.

Thank You to our History Angels



Thank you to all the wonderful people who share our love of history and understand the importance of keeping the history of Waterford alive for the next generation.

- ◆ Thank you to all of our dedicated Wednesday volunteers who faithfully give of their time every week. They keep our village alive.
- ◆ Thanks to all of you who shop at Kroger, VG's and Tenuta's and donate to the WHS by participating in their community savings programs.
- ◆ Thank you to one of our members for her recent generous donation.
- ◆ Thank you to the person who couldn't attend the fashion show but sent us a check for the price of a ticket anyway.
- ◆ Thank you to the family who recently gave us a generous donation in memory of their loved one.

We are very grateful to you all!

Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!



This edition of the newsletter is brought to you in part by Nick and two other donors who chose to stay anonymous. Any donation towards the newsletter is more money that stays in our treasury for Village upkeep.

If you would like to help sponsor our next newsletter please send a check for \$25 to WHS at our mailing address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.

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!

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	
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City, State, Zip	Mail payment to:	
	Waterford Historical Society	
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

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
Non-profit 501(c)3 organization

Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Free Concerts:** Thursdays, June 13, 20 & 27
6-9 pm at Hess Hathaway Park
www.waterfordchamber.org
- ◆ **Movies Under the Moonlight:** Friday, June 14
Gates open at 6 pm. Movie begins at dusk.
Pierce Middle School Football Field
www.waterfordchamber.org
- ◆ **2-Day Used Book Sale:** Sat/Sun, June 15-16
Waterford Township Library
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Log Cabin Days Festival:** Saturday & Sunday June 29 & 30
10-5 at Fish Hatchery Park
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org/248-683-2697
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** Thurs, July 4 thru Sun July 14
Springfield Oaks County Park
9am - 8pm most days (check schedule on line or call)
www.oakfair.org/248-634-8830
- ◆ **Park It Family Fun Night & Outdoor Movie:**
Monday, July 22 - 6 to 9pm - HessHathaway Park
www.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **National Hot Fudge Sundae Day:** Thursday, July 25
Culver's of Clarkston / 248-922-9224

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

Please remember to save your receipts when you shop at VG's and Tenuta's. Bring the receipts to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. Thank you for your help!



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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