

# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## Calendar

### Saturday, December 1 Christmas Sale

10:00 -4:00

(see article inside newsletter)

### Wednesday, December 5 Historical Society closes to the Public at the end of the day.

### December 6 at Noon Holiday

### Pot Luck Luncheon

(see article inside newsletter)

### January 2019

WHS is Closed to the Public

### February 2019

WHS is Closed to the Public

### March 2019

WHS is Closed to the Public

### March 30, 2019 Fashion Show

(Mark your calendar!)

**WHS Reopens the first  
Wednesday in April  
Weather Permitting**

**If Waterford Schools  
are closed  
we are closed.**

## President's Notes

We are buttoning up for winter here at the Historical Society. Seems like fall plunged us into the cold early, but we are hardy stock here in the mitten state.

Please do not forget to come out and shop for last minute gifts during our **Christmas Sale** on Saturday, December 1, from 10-4. We really do have something for everyone and our prices are right. We especially love our "Drayton Plains Fish Hatchery" sweatshirts & t-shirts, beautifully designed by our own, Rich Welsh. Wear one with pride to celebrate our Fish Hatchery history.

Keep in mind our schedule for the coming year: The Hatchery House and Log Cabin close after December 5, 2018, & will open again on April 3, 2019. The Village will open for the season May 1, 2019. And IMPORTANT, even for April, when the Waterford School District is closed, we are closed.

*"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"* —Bob Hope

Wishing you love for the holiday season,

Sally Strait



## Village Schedule **CLOSED**

The Waterford Historical Society closes to the public from December 6, 2018 through March 2019. The Hatchery House, Library & Office reopen the first Wednesday in April 2019, weather permitting.

The Village re-opens the first Wednesday in May.

## Board Members

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## Reminder...

Annual Memberships expire December 15, 2018. Renew now to keep your membership and newsletter subscription current. See page 5 for details.





## Christmas Sale

Our Christmas Sale will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 10 am - 4 pm. The sale will take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin.

**This is the last chance to shop for Christmas Items.**

(All proceeds go to the Waterford Historical Society.)

Shoppers will find:

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| -aprons                   | -pet items   |
| -candles                  | -sachets   |
| -children's items         | -stocking stuffers                                 |
| -gift wrapped items       | -unique holiday items                              |
| -handmade greeting cards  | -Waterford & Drayton Plains shirts and sweatshirts |
| -historic children's toys | -WHS afghan  |
| -holiday decorations      | -and lots more!                                    |
| -homemade cookies         |  |
| -local handmade items     |  |

Be sure to tell friends and neighbors about the sale!

It is a great place to finish up holiday shopping. Find those last minute unique items, or presents for 'hard to shop for' people.

## Cookies WANTED

- ◆ We need cookies baked for our popular Cookie Sale during our Christmas Sale. These cookies are big sellers.
  - ◆ Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to the Log Cabin on Saturday, Dec. 1st.
- Customers love the cookies.  
Thank you to everyone who bakes!



## Save the Date!

### Celebrate Spring

at the Fashion Show Fundraiser  
for the Waterford Historical Society  
Saturday, March 30, 2019

Tickets are \$30.00 per person  
(Lunch is included in the price)

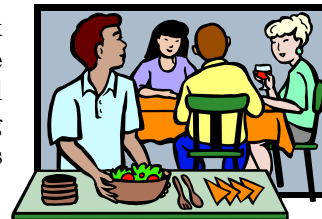
Fashions by  
The Clothing Cove

For info call  
Betty Seymour  
at 248-666-4265



## Join us for the Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon Thursday, December 6th at noon Christ Lutheran Church 5987 Williams Lake Road

The Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon is one of the Waterford Historical Society's ways of saying thank you to all our members for everything they do.



Please join us if you can.

This is one of the times we can all get together and enjoy each other's company.

- ◆ **The Waterford Historical Society provides the meat, beverages and place settings.**
- ◆ **Waterford Historical Society members are welcome to bring a guest.**
- ◆ **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.

Looking forward to our holiday gathering!

## Help Waterford Goodfellows

The Waterford Historical Society will once again be donating items to 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                     | -mittens |
| -coloring books                   | -crayons |
| -new children's books             |          |
| -non-perishable food items        |          |
| -games & toys for all age groups. |          |

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 5th** or at Christ Lutheran Church December 6th at the holiday luncheon.



## History in Winter



Looking for history to see this winter?  
This page & the next page show two places to go in lower Michigan.

### Little River Railroad



The Little River Railroad is a heritage railroad located in Coldwater, Michigan. The train runs to Quincy, Michigan and occasionally Hillsdale, Michigan.

It is dedicated to the restoration and operation of historic equipment such as steam locomotives. The railroad began operations in 1975.

The railroad operates passenger train excursions from Memorial Day weekend through the last weekend in October with eight Christmas excursions in December.

Hop on this old-style locomotive in south central Michigan and get a chance to meet Santa. Visit with Santa Claus on the Train and enjoy Holiday Treats and a Christmas Tour of the Depot!

The Holiday Express runs: December 2 and December 8-9. 11AM & 2 PM  
(Pre-purchased Tickets Required.)

Ride the rails with an authentic 100 year steam engine train at the Little River Railroad from Memorial Day weekend to the last weekend in October. The 110 steam engine is a 4-6-2 Pacific type locomotive weighing approximately 58 tons. It is the smallest of its kind ever built for standard gauge and it is also a one of a kind locomotive. The Number 1 is an 0-4-0T tank steam engine. Number 1 is still a mystery as to when it was exactly built. We do know that its frame and wheels were built in 1908.

The Little River Railroad is not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, operation and preservation of historic railroad equipment.

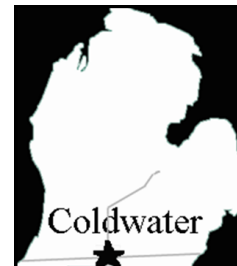
The Little River Railroad is supported by ticket sales, concession sales, memberships and donations.

The Little River Railroad is operated by all volunteers.



Little River Railroad  
29 W. Park Ave.  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
Contact at: 517-227-5800

Email at: [customerservice@littleriverrailroad](mailto:customerservice@littleriverrailroad)



(Sources: [littleriverrailroad.com](http://littleriverrailroad.com) ; [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org))



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### Holly Dickens Festival



As the oldest Charles Dickens themed event in the United States, the Holly Dickens Festival celebrates the legacy of one of history's most famous authors, "A Christmas Carol". The festival transforms Holly, Michigan, into a holiday wonderland with a tree lighting, visits with Santa and holiday shopping opportunities.

There is a quaint and beautiful town in Holly. The holiday season will find people caught up in the story of Charles Dickens. In Holly smell the roasting chestnuts and hot chocolate. Get lost in the sounds of Christmas carols sung on the streets. Take in the colors and decorations of the shops. Feel the warmth by being greeted on the streets. Holly truly comes alive at this time of the year. The Dickens Festival

is truly a family tradition that can not be missed!

During the Dickens Festival games and festivities last all afternoon and early evening. The stores and eateries are all open for Holiday shopping. Listen for the town crier.

You may bump into Mr. Ebenezer Scrooge. You never know what kind of mood he is in so best to ask before offering him a greeting.

The Crachitts and the Ghosts are strolling the streets anxious to make some new friends.

Entertainment will be continuous throughout the festival.



**2018 Holly Dickens Festival Dates:**

**December 2, 8th & 9th**

**Saturdays: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Sundays: 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm**

**In Battle Alley, Holly, Michigan**

*(Sources: [hollydickensfestival.org](http://hollydickensfestival.org);  
[michiganbackroads.com/Festivals/Dickens.aspx](http://michiganbackroads.com/Festivals/Dickens.aspx))*

## Help Us By Shopping



We appreciate everyone who participates in the **Kroger** Community Rewards program.

Members already using the number (82795) my keep using it on their **Kroger** card.



New members can enroll by searching the number (VE688) or our name (WATERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY). Please use your card every time you shop.

**Kroger** donates a percentage of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society.

Thanks for your help!

*Thank you also to Kroger for their generosity!*

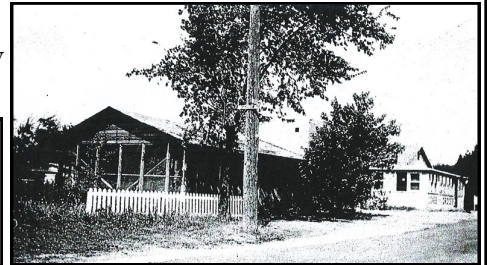
## Jones Grocery Store 1941

This picture was at the corner of Hatchery Road & Lansdowne Road in 'Drayton Plains' of Waterford Township. The grocery store was on the right. In the middle (tree is in the way) was an Ice Cream parlor. The left was a screened in dance floor. The entrance to the dance floor was inside the Ice Cream Parlor.

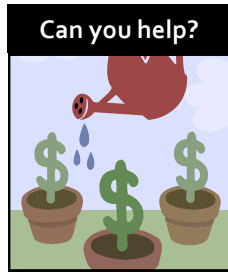
The store was the first and only grocery store in the area during the 1920's. During WW11 a storm blew the screened in porch over!

A small grocery store is still there.

*'Thank you to: Dorothy Webber, Grace Rockey & Sally Strait'*



## Annual Giving



We are including our Annual Giving form with this newsletter instead of sending out an additional mailing.

Our annual giving is a yearly plea for help with the day to day expenses like electricity, gas and insurance.

All our funding comes solely from donations by generous people interested in preserving the history of Waterford.

It might be a member who cannot volunteer on Wednesdays or at our special events. Or maybe a lifetime member who may be able to give a little more. This is a chance to help out. Donations are just as important as volunteering.

We thank everyone for helping us continue to be an organization of which we all can be proud.

## Renew Your Membership... or Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone who is 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

All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2019. This entitles members to receive the WHS newsletters. There is much going on. Don't miss out!



Join us...  
Help keep history alive.

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

	<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 close for the season after Dec.5 and re-open the first Wednesday in April.

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

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Send a check for \$25 to WHS at :  
PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491.  
(Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.)

## Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Christmas Sale:** Saturday, Dec 1st  
from 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park  
(Waterford Historical Society Fundraiser)  
[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)
- ◆ **Santa at the Farm/Christmas Open House:**  
Sunday, Dec 2nd from noon-4pm  
Takes place at Fisk Farm in White Lake  
248-887-3244 [www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events/](http://www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events/)
- ◆ **WHS Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon:**  
Thursday, Dec 6th at noon  
Christ Lutheran Church (see article in newsletter)
- ◆ **Kettering Holiday Collage Concert :**  
December 6th-8th, 7 pm, Kettering Performing Arts Center  
[www.waterfordpac.com](http://www.waterfordpac.com) (248-673-4205) for tickets
- ◆ **New Horizons Concert Band Performance:**  
Sunday, December 9th, 3 pm, Mott Performing Arts Center  
[www.waterfordpac.com](http://www.waterfordpac.com) (248-673-4205)
- ◆ **Mott Holiday Showcase :**  
December 19th-20th, 7 pm, Mott Performing Arts Center  
[www.waterfordpac.com](http://www.waterfordpac.com) (248-673-4205) for tickets

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

Waterford Township Historical Society

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