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Holly Center Returns to Partial Open Hours



Wanting to research your family or local history? Interested in checking out our new exhibits or purchasing an item in the gift shop? The Holly History and Genealogy Center is back open for visitors!

The Waupaca Historical Society has returned to partial open hours at the Holly History and Genealogy

Center. Visitors may stop in on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays from 12 to 3 p.m.

If you are unable to visit at these times and would like to schedule a separate appointment, please email us at director@waupacahistoricalsociety.org or call 715-256-9980. Research requests can also be submitted via email.

Following updated CDC guidelines, masks are appreciated at all of our sites at this time. All visitors should maintain a 6-foot distance from others and remain at home if exposed to COVID-19 or feeling unwell. WHS continues to encourage frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. These guidelines are subject to change.

The Waupaca Historical Society Board will readdress the fall open hours at its upcoming Board meetings. For now, these hours will continue into the fall.

Help WHS Preserve Our Recent History Through Our COVID Survey

The Waupaca Historical Society is collecting memories and stories from the COVID-19 pandemic. And we would love to have yours!

These collections will be preserved at the Holly Center to help future generations understand this time in Waupaca, our state and our country. You can find the survey at www.waupacahistoricalsociety.org on the left sidebar. You can also request one via email at director@waupacahistoricalsociety.org or by calling (715) 256-9980.



We're Looking for Volunteers!

Do you have an interest in history and enjoy visiting with people? Are you passionate about our community? Then we'd love to have you volunteer with us!

The Waupaca Historical Society is looking for volunteers at the Hutchinson House and Depot this summer and fall. Volunteers welcome visitors and give tours during appointments and open hours. No previous historic knowledge is needed.

We are also in need of volunteers to help at our upcoming brat frys at Arts on the Square on Friday, August 20 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, August 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers at brat frys assist with food delivery and money handling.



WHS is also looking for collections volunteers to assist with cataloguing at the Holly Center. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact us today! The Waupaca Historical Society is nearly all volunteer-run and relies heavily on volunteers for its programs, events, projects and fundraisers. We'd love to have you volunteer with us today!

Visit our Brat Fry at Arts on the Square in August



Planning on attending Arts on the Square? Then don't forget to stop at the Waupaca Historical Society's brat fry in the food area! We will be serving food on both Fri., August 20 and Sat., August 21 in the food tent.

Our brat fry stand will sell brats, hamburgers and hot dogs, in addition to chips and beverages. All proceeds at the brat fry go directly to the Waupaca Historical Society for future programs and events. We hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting Set for September 9

The Waupaca Historical Society's annual meeting is set for Thurs., September 9 at 5 p.m. at South Park's upper shelter. There will be no food or beverage this year, and the meeting will take place rain or shine.

The annual meeting will be abbreviated and include short reports from the director and Board. An election of board members will also take place. The board members up for re-election include Tim Drake, Betty Stewart, Marge Witt and Jeff Weasner. Jeff Jenswold is up for election as a new board member.

Each board member is elected for a three-year term.

Any members that would prefer to not attend the meeting in person are encouraged to vote by proxy before the meeting. The WHS bylaws require that 10 percent of the qualified members—either in person or by proxy—constitute a quorum at an annual meeting. If you are interested in voting by proxy, please fill out the form in this newsletter on page 6. Members can then mail, email or drop off the form at the Holly Center by Thurs., Sept. 2.

Hutchinson House Museum to Open for Civil War Program, Fall-O-Rama

The last Hutchinson House program of the summer will be “Civil War Living History Day” on Sat., August 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program in South Park will feature Civil War reenactors at stations around the Hutchinson House, each demonstrating a part of life during the Civil War—both on the battlefield and at home.

Marching demonstrations will take place in the large grassy area north of the Hutchinson House Museum. Rifle demonstrations will take place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Hutchinson House Museum will also be open to the public for tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Sat., Sept. 18, the Hutchinson House Museum will be open for tours during the annual Fall-o-Rama event in South Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHS is also still looking for volunteers for these events to welcome visitors and give tours at the Hutchinson House. If you are interested, please contact via email or phone today!



The Hutchinson House porch will be the site of a Civil War Living History event on Sat., August 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Country Schools, Post Office Murals and Railroad Focus of Future Programs

The Waupaca Historical Society has resumed its monthly programs and feature several local history topics in the coming months.

On Thurs., August 12, author Susan Apps-Bodilly will present, “One Room Schools: Stories from the Days of 1 Room, 1 Teacher, 8 Grades” at 6 p.m. at the Danes Hall. The program is sponsored by Bob and Anita Olson, Don McAllister and the Danes Hall.

In September, monthly programs will return to the Holly History and Genealogy Center with “Wisconsin’s Post Office Murals.” Author David W. Gates, Jr. will present the program, which will include the history behind Waupaca’s Post Office mural. The program

will begin at 6 p.m. and will see the return of refreshments. The program is sponsored by Michelle Peterson in memory of David Dresia, the Waupaca Foundry and Pat Hollenbeck in memory of Warren Hollenbeck.

The 150th anniversary of the railroad coming to Waupaca will be featured in October. Mike Kirk will present, “150 Years of Waupaca’s Railroad” at the Depot on Thurs., October 21 at 6 p.m.

If interested in sponsoring any WHS events, please contact us at director@waupacahistoricalsociety.org or (715) 256-9980. We hope to see at our upcoming programs!

Kirk Receives National DAR Award at Depot

Waupaca Historical Society Board member Mike Kirk received the National Preservation Recognition Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Thurs., July 1.

This award was given to honor his work restoring the Waupaca Depot. The project, started 17 years ago when the Waupaca Historical Society purchased the building, would not have been possible without Mike Kirk's dedication, tireless work, and love for the Depot and local railroad history.

Thank you, Mike, for all you have done for the Depot and Waupaca history!



Mike Kirk received a national award from the DAR at the historic Waupaca Depot on July 1.

At the Depot: Preserving History Outside the Depot

By Mike Kirk

We have had some great help working on a number of projects lately. Lane Streck took the lead in getting one of our semaphores restored, mounted on a pole, and getting the light operating. He has much of the work completed on the second one. He also got the crossing lights and bell next to the caboose working.

Richard Townsend has been working on painting the baggage cart next to the Depot. We are hoping the wheels come back from the Amish restorer soon. We can then begin to work on the horse-drawn wagon that we have stored in Richard Townsend's barn.

Dave Trombla keeps busy with the never-ending task of mowing the lawn. He had his ham radio group meeting at the Depot recently, too.

Brian Godfrey has been using Roundup to keep the weeds under control. And a number of people from WHS and the Waupaca Area Public Library put on the Family Fun Day in July.

I am continuing to work on the Missabe caboose—making repairs, stripping the old paint and applying fresh coats inside and out.

Max Hauser and Ron Scott are continuing to work on their Depot movie. They recently showed the movie trailer at a gathering at the Depot. You can watch it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlzYlwfLib>. I think they are doing a great job.

As usual, we have visitors regularly stop by to see the Depot, watch trains and check out our progress on various projects. We always enjoy taking time to visit with them.

Here are the upcoming open hours and events, including a special event in September:

- Sat. and Sun., August 14 & 15, 12 to 5 p.m.—Depot open for tours
- Sat., September 25, 150th anniversary of the railroad coming to Waupaca

Potato Bake Luncheon—ticketed event; Seatings at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.—watch for tickets to go on sale soon!

Short program about the Depot and railroad's history after each meal

Legend of Chief Waupaca Subject of November Program

For many years, stories have been told about the history of Waupaca—not only its early inhabitants but also the origin of the city and river’s names.

On Thurs., November 11, Ray Reser, professor emeritus of archaeology at UW-Stevens Point, will bring light to both the history and legends of Waupaca in his program, “The Legend of Chief Waupaca.” The program will take place at 6 p.m. at Danes Hall, 301 N. Main Street.

Waupaca, or ‘Wapahkoh’ in the Menominee language, is variously translated as “seen clearly at first light” or “place of tomorrow seen clearly” and likely refers to the morning light over the river. According to Reser, the area that is now Waupaca, , **although used in the late historic era by multiple tribes** was traditional Menominee territory for hundreds, if not thousands of years. The Menominee have much oral history regarding the Chain O’ Lakes, or ‘Sisepikamwi’ translated as “sprawling water, like an animal basking in the sun.”

After white settlers began to reside in Waupaca, many stories were told about a Chief Waupaca, possibly a member of a Potawatomi family that



The Late Woodland peoples, from about 650 to 1200 CE, built effigy mounds, or large scale sculptures, in the shape of people or animals throughout the Chain O’Lakes.

temporarily camped near Waupaca. These stories led to an understanding that the city and river were named after such a chief.

Reser will delve into these legends and the prehistory of the Waupaca area, including the Menominee and Potawatomi relationships to the area, at his program. Refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by Bob and Anita Olson, Waupaca Chiropractic Center, and Ron and Rose Marie Reynolds.

Outdoor Exhibit On Display Outside Holly Center



If you are out for a walk this summer or are looking for an outdoor activity, stop by our outdoor exhibit about the history of Main Street! Made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, the three panels tell the story of Main Street from the Menominee Indian tribe to present.

Once you’ve viewed the panels, take a stroll to see the progress on the South Main Street construction!

The exhibit is viewable outside the Holly Center (321 S. Main Street) every day—rain or shine—throughout the summer!

Appointment of Proxy

In accordance with the bylaws of the Waupaca Historical Society ("the Society"), and with respect to the Annual Meeting of the members of the Society for the year 2021 (which I will be unable to attend in person due to the health risks associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic) I hereby designate and appoint the Director of the Society, Tracy Behrendt, to appear on my behalf – whether said meeting is conducted in person or via webcast (e.g. ZOOM) – as my agent and proxy, to act on my behalf and cast my vote on any and all matters with respect to which a vote of the members may be called (including, but not limited to, the election of directors to serve on the Society's Board of Directors).

I hereby expressly acknowledge that the individuals up for re-election to three-year terms on the Board of Directors are: Tim Drake, Betty Stewart, Marge Writt and Jeff Weasner. I also hereby expressly acknowledge that Jeff Jenswold is up for election to a new three-year term to the Board of Directors. I have no objection to the reelection and election of any of them.

By signing below, and making this appointment, I am authorizing said Director to exercise reasonably good faith judgment in her discretion to vote on my behalf in whatever way she feels would be in the best interest of the Society

Signed : _____ Date: _____

Spelled out (please print): _____

This Proxy form may be delivered to the Society in person by dropping it through the mail chute at the Holly History Center, or by mailing it there addressed to:

Tracy Behrendt, Director
Waupaca Historical Society
Holly History & Genealogy Center
321 S. Main Street
Waupaca, WI 54981

This Proxy form also may be delivered electronically by signing and dating this form, creating a digital image of it (i.e. jpeg or pdf) and delivering it to Ms. Behrendt via email addressed to: director@waupacahistoricalsociety.org. Please contact Ms. Behrendt by telephone at 715-256-9980 if you need assistance with this process.

Subject to change, the Annual Meeting of the members of the Society is scheduled for September 9, 2021. Signed Proxy forms must be received no later than September 2.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(all programs are at the Holly History & Genealogy Center unless otherwise noted)

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*Sat., August 14 & Sun., August 15: **Hutchinson House Museum** Open from 1-4 p.m.*

*Fri., August 20 and Sat., August 21: Brat fry at Arts on the Square **(outside Waupaca Rec Center)***

Thurs., September 16 at 6 p.m.: "Wisconsin's Post Office Murals" with David W. Gates, Jr.

*Sat., September 25: 150th Anniversary of Waupaca's Railroad—Potato Bake Luncheon **at Depot***

*Thurs., Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.: "150th Anniversary of Waupaca's Railroad" with Mike Kirk **at Depot***

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