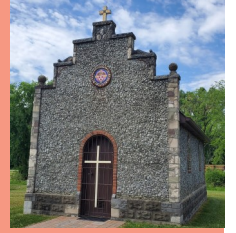




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## Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit Historic Village

“You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why Santa Claus is coming to town...” Following the township tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus crossed the bridge over au Vase creek and enjoyed an evening in the historic village on December 1. Santa greeting visitors at the historic schoolhouse with a specially decorated area on the stage in the front of the school. Guests enjoyed hot coca and horse drawn carriage rides around the historic village. In addition to the schoolhouse, the log cabin and blacksmith shop were also open.



### Become a Member!

The Chesterfield Historical Society meets at the Chesterfield Township Library, 50560 Patricia Ave. on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

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# 2024 Notable Anniversaries

70th anniversary  
Chesterfield Fire Department  
(1954)

60th anniversary  
Tornado  
(May 8, 1964)

60th anniversary  
Trinity Historical Museum  
(June 21, 1964)

30th anniversary  
Chesterfield Township Library  
(November 8, 1994)

18th anniversary  
Historic Village  
(September 24, 2006)

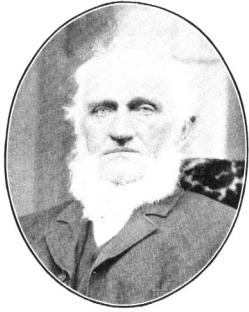
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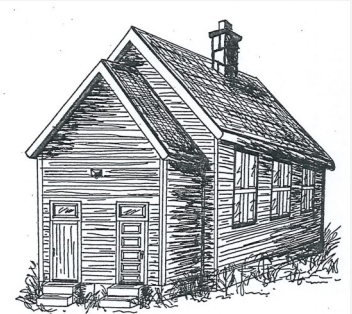


CORNELIUS BALDWIN

Cornelius E. Baldwin was born on April 9, 1824 in Yates County, New York. In 1833 his family moved to Mount Clemens, Michigan where his father Calvin H. Baldwin worked as a carpenter and millwright. A millwright was a mechanic that kept a mill's machines running smoothly. The family moved to Lenox Township purchasing a land contract from the government on April 15, 1837 for eighty acres on what is now 26 Mile Road east of New Haven. The deed was signed by Andrew Jackson. His

father continued to practice the trade of carpenter and in the mid 1840's was assisting in the construction of the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse located at the northern edge of the Keweenaw Peninsula. He took ill and was unable to be brought back on the last boat that came down the river in the fall and died in Eagle Harbor on November 19, 1845.

Cornelius followed his father in the trades of carpenter and millwright. He built the frame Big Stone schoolhouse, also the Au Sable Lighthouse along the south shore of Lake Superior and the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse in Port Hope, Michigan. Cornelius purchased his father's eighty-acre farm and expanded to another forty acres on the Chesterfield side of 26 Mile Road and east of New Haven



BIG STONE SCHOOL

Road. He married Margaret Antoinette Leonard of Lenox Township on April 6, 1856 and had two children, Fred Calvin and Arthur Jay. After his wife's death on November 25, 1864 he married Laura Crittenden and had one daughter Mary Antoinette. He was a member of the Mount Clemens Masonic Lodge, F. & A.

M. He died on September 25, 1892 and is buried in St. Mary Cemetery in New Baltimore, Michigan.



— by Adam Mueller

— lighthouse photos by Mary Mueller



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024



2024 events sponsored by MGM Dumpsters and First State Bank

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, SAT. 10 – 4, June 2<sup>nd</sup> SUN. 10 – 3 pm**

### **STE. CLAIRE VOYAGEURS & HISTORY ALIVE**

Come see the Ste. Claire Voyageurs, 1750 era French fur trade reenactors and History Alive! “A Timeline of Historical Re-enactors.” Historians in period clothing, encampments and displays will tell the story of Macomb County’s history, from the early days of the fur trade through the war on global terror. A donation of \$1 per person or \$2 per family is suggested. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

**JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY 1 – 4 pm**

### **MICHIGAN LOG CABIN DAY**

Log cabin will be open along with hands on activities on the lawn.

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup>, SATURDAY 10 – 4 pm, JULY 14<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY, 10 -3 pm**

### **WORLD WAR II REENACTMENT**

We will host the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society in public demonstration of authentic World War II combat, encampment life and vehicle displays. The event will feature both an Allied & Axis encampment for public displays with two public battles on both days (11 am & 2 pm). Military vehicles will be on display. Story teller presenting “Hello Girls: Women Telephone Operators during WWII” in the schoolhouse 1 pm Saturday Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

**AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>, SATURDAY 10 – 4 pm, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY 10 – 3 pm**

### **VIETNAM ERA REENACTMENT**

Presented by the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

**SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, SAT. 10 – 4 pm**

### **HERITAGE DAYS**

Enjoy hands on activities, photos and games, a “Kids Tent” and candle making, rope making, corn grinding, scavenger hunt, craft show and more. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

Please note event details are subject to change

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