



Weller School

Chesterfield Township Historical Society

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Log Cabin to be Moved Soon !

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Upcoming Meetings:

May 3rd, 2005

June 7th, 2005

July 7th, 2005

It was announced at the March 1st meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society that the long-awaited moving of the recently acquired log cabin will be implemented soon-once winter weight restrictions on the roads are lifted. This should be accomplished near the beginning of April. The outhouse and pump-house have already been moved to the historical village ar-

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Also, the foundations for the log cabin and schoolhouse addition, the footings and blocks, have been erected by the township.

We will all be very happy once we have gotten the log cabin moved-not only because the log cabin is such a great historical artifact-but also because this will start to truly cause our historical village

to be a village and not just “the schoolhouse.” With the later addition and renovation of the two smaller structures from the Trinity property (the blacksmith shop and the small barn) we will really be on our way!



Foundation for Schoolhouse addition

School Desks Still for Sale!!

There are still a few school desks that we will not be using at the Weller School for sale. You can pick up a desk and chair for the amazing, one-time only low price of **\$2.00!!**

Call George Furton at (586) 949-3230 to reserve yours now!

Pump House and Outhouse are Here!



May Pasta Dinner!

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A fund-raising spaghetti dinner will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, May 19th. Proceeds will be used to help fund the new addition to the schoolhouse and the moving of the log cabin! Also, on Sunday, July 10th, a Hot Dog Roast is planned. The CTHS (Chesterfield Township Historical Society) will also be in the Bay Rama parade on June 26th.

History Links: Richmond

Richmond is a city that is the incorporation of many different settlements, including Beebe's Corners, Ridgeway, Cooper Town, and Muttonville. Some of the local road signs still signify Muttonville! Read more on their website:

<http://www.cityofrichmond.net/history.htm>



Photos by Duane Vosburg and Deb Walsh.

April Meeting Updates!!

The various projects are proceeding nicely. The foundation for the log cabin is ready and the cabin will be moved the first Wednesday after the roads are free of winter weight restrictions. Some lumber purchased for the school addition was the wrong size and will be exchanged. Plans for a bridge have been delayed. The options we had considered are not panning out; we will need to seek other bridge options. (This is regarding having a bridge to cross the creek in between the Historical Village section and the township hall.)

Don Green has been contacted regarding doing a program about the Macomb Poor Farm once located on Elizabeth Road. It is hoped that he will do a presentation for the May or June meeting.

Deb Walsh reported on the success of the New Baltimore Historical Society's "Antiques Roadshow" and discussed how Chesterfield could do the same.

History Happenings

There is a **Chesterfield Genealogy Group** which meets the first Thursday of each month at the Chesterfield Public Library. Chaired by Sue Archambault, for their April meeting they had David Poremba from the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit discuss how to access genealogical information from Burton's collections. Their May meeting will feature Cyndy Knicht discussing "How to Prepare for an On-Site Library Visit." This will explain pre-planning you can do before visiting a particular library in order to access specific information (such as historical or genealogical). They meet from 7 to 9 pm.

The **Macomb Co. Heritage Alliance** will have its annual meeting on Saturday, April 16th from 10 am until 2:00 pm. This organization, composed of representatives from different historical societies and commissions in Macomb County, will be meeting at the Eastpointe Senior Center at 12356 Stephens Street (halfway between 9 and 10 Mile) in Eastpointe. Sponsored by the E. Detroit Historical Society this year (the sponsorship rotates each year-last year it was at the Roseville Theatre), this is a great time to see what other history groups are up to and share our progress. Lunch is only \$5.50 per person-please sign up with the E. Detroit Historical Society at P.O. Box 110, Eastpointe, MI. 48021; or call (586) 453-6197 (Suzanne Pixley) for reservations. A talk on the Suburban Library Co-op's online photo archive will be given by Debbie Larsen of the Mt. Clemens Public Library. There will also be displays by other historical groups.