

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Weller School

# Chesterfield Township Historical Society

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## Euchre Tournament

Sunday  
February 19th &  
Sunday  
March 19th

New Baltimore VFW  
Hall (in the Cove) on  
23 Mile Road.

Advance Tix-  
\$10.00

At the door-  
\$15.00

Light lunch and  
refreshments will be  
served!

25 cents per Euchre

Doors-2:30 pm

Cards-3 to 6 pm

\$10 gift donations  
needed! (Bring to  
February meeting)

Next Meetings:

January 3rd (first Tues-  
day of the month)

February 14th (second  
Tuesday-this time only)

## “New Haven-Reflections of a Unique Village”

### Is January Program for Society

Chesterfield’s next-door neighbor New Haven has a varied history that is discussed in the book, *New Haven-Reflections of a Unique Village*.

Originally published in 1980 as a 6th grade project under the direction of teacher Mrs. Falk, the book had long been out of print. Enter George Drake, Marilyn Kaake, and Joanne Johnson of the *Save Our Depot* organization. They have re-published the book and will discuss it at the January 3rd meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society. During the

program they will talk about Tom Edison at work in the village, and early industry and entertainment of New Haven.

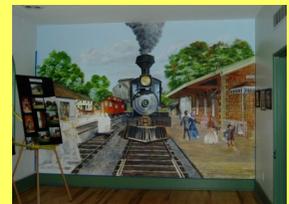
The *Save Our Depot* group of New Haven have restored the 1859 train depot that was once “The New Baltimore Station” and will discuss this at the presentation also.

Thomas Edison was often in the depot and the New Haven vicinity selling the newspaper that he published. The New Haven depot was also the scene of a large assemblage in the 1930s

when the movie “Young Tom Edison” was re-released. Mickey Rooney, star of the movie, made a New Haven appearance at the time.



New Haven Depot



Mural inside depot

## 2006 is a Great Time to Become a Member!

If you are reading this and not yet a member of the Chesterfield Historical Society, there is no better time to join than January! Your \$10 membership begins in January and this allows you to receive member benefits all year long. The historical society is an

exciting group to belong to as we complete many of our long-range goals. Foremost is the progress made on our historical village and the acquisition of historical artifacts. With a great group of movers and shakers, fun events and interesting pro-

grams, how can you go wrong? Besides the low individual price of \$10.00, a family membership is only \$20.00 and a lifetime membership is still only \$100.00! If you can’t wait for the next meeting on the first Tuesday of the (cont’d on page 3)

# 2nd Euchre Tournament a Money Maker!

Roy Rivard, who plans the Euchre tournaments, said at the December meeting that we made over \$300 at the November 25th tournament! The next tournaments will be held on Sunday, February 19th and Sunday, March 19th at the

VFW Hall in New Baltimore, in the Cove. These next events will be the first held on a Sunday afternoon from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.



Euchre winners!



## Pot-luck Meeting

The December meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society was held on December 6th at the Senior Center. Everyone brought a dish to pass and there was plenty of potato salad for all! Gifts were also exchanged. John Gri-vas will be our board liaison from the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors. In other meeting news, George Deeby and Roy Rivard are conducting the preparations to move the two buildings that are on the Trinity land. And we will soon have electricity in the log cabin and school!

## More Harvest Dinner Photos!



Thanks to **Belle Tire** and anyone else we might have inadvertently left off our Harvest Dinner list last issue.

# Chesterfield Historical Society News and Notes



We were very happy to receive many items from Tom and Marla Friedeman, including a stove which has already been put into the log cabin. It is from the farmhouse at 25 Mile and Bates which has been condemned by Chesterfield Township. We of the his-

torical society are doing our best to preserve the property. The house contains many antiques and treasures that members George Deeby, Deb Walsh, and Roy Rivard are trying to save. At the side of the house is an old building that Mr. Friedeman told us was

once a blacksmith shop! Inside there is equipment including anvils, hammers, and horseshoes that indicate its past. More on this to follow...

We have also received from Keith Pionk:

*5 wooden entry doors from the Trinity property.*

*A 5-shade, operational cor-*



Above: Donated stove  
Below: Fireplace and chimneys are complete!  
Both are in the log cabin.



## Membership (cont'd)



month, George Furton of Furton Realty (on Gratiot at 22 Mile Road) will be glad to take your money and sign you up. During the last year we had programs on one-room schoolhouses, maps of Michigan and the local area, the poor farm once

located on Elizabeth Street in Mt. Clemens, Weller School oral histories, a presentation by a one-room schoolhouse organization, and slide shows and general historical discussions about the Chesterfield area. We have moved a log cabin

from Washington Township to our historical village on Sugarbush Road, added an addition and electricity to our schoolhouse, had potlucks, picnics, and banquets, as well as otherwise exploring the history of our area. What are you waiting for? Become a member!

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We wanted to extend a big thank you to our member Dolly Allemon for all her help on our Euchre Parties. Actually, it was Dolly's idea to have the Euchre tournaments as a fund raiser for the historical society. She gets the flyers out and sells just about all the tickets and donates door prizes. THANKS AGAIN DOLLY! We also want to thank Dolly's sister Mary

Goike who gave so generously of her time and expertise in helping us set up the Euchre parties, since we knew absolutely nothing about running them and setting up the rules and everything else that goes into having a successful Euchre party. THANKS MARY! While in a thanking mode, we also want to mention the members who worked at and/or donated prizes

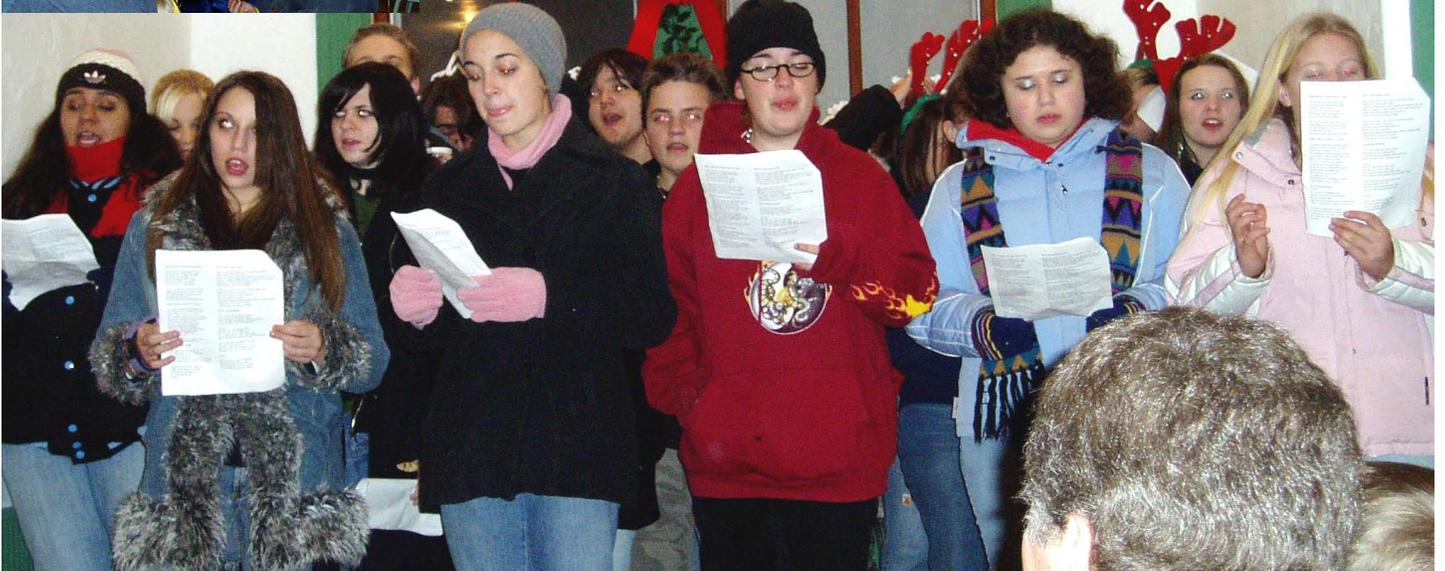
for our Euchre party: Frank and Lou Adcox, Leo and Virginia Furton, Duane and Kathy Vosburg, Janine Smith, Deb Walsh, and Roy and Eileen Rivard. We also want to thank George Furton and Mary Darden for selling tickets at the Furton Realty and to Carol Rose for selling tickets at the Chesterfield Senior Center. Also any and all we might have missed! Thanks to all of you for all your help!



# Xmas at the Weller School



On Friday, December 2nd, the Xmas tree was lit and Santa arrived in Chesterfield Township. From the township hall, at least six groups of people took a hayride from the township hall to the Weller School in the historical area, on the other side of the creek.





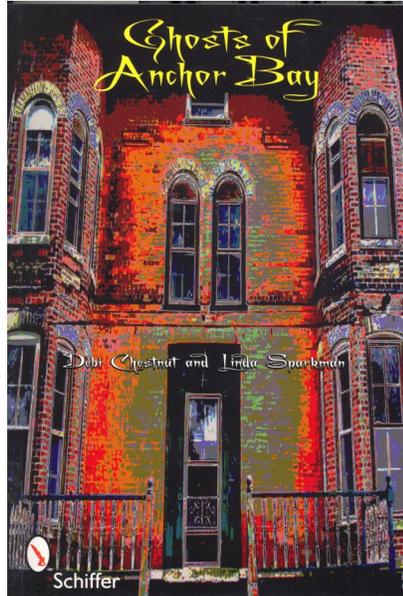
# More Xmas Pictures!



**Tootsie Roll Contest**  
 Jack Rastigue won the Tootsie Roll contest (to guess how many Tootsie Rolls in the jar). He guessed 113, one away from the actual amount which was 114. Runners-up were **Jessica Wells** and **Ryan Cadman** who both guessed 110.

## Ghosts of Anchor Bay

Local author Debi Chestnut, with photographer Linda Sparkman, has written a book about the ghosts and other strange phenomena of the Anchor Bay area. It includes some tales of Oakwood Cemetery, and the “most haunted house in town” which was the house at Washington and 24 Mile Rd. in New Baltimore that was just torn down in October. Only \$10, the book is available at the Grand Pacific House Museum in New Baltimore and Chesterfield Books at 51346 Gratiot. It’s a great read for anyone who grew up in the Anchor Bay area!



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## Krul Donates Map

William Krul, who gave us many names of mile roads for the list we recently did (the completed list is online at: [www.macombcountymi.gov/historicalcommission/HistorySpotlight.asp](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/historicalcommission/HistorySpotlight.asp)) has donated the map he got many of the names from. This is a really great historical piece and will come in handy for local research. A portion of the map is reproduced below. Note that 23 Mile Rd. is listed also as “New Baltimore Rd.” and 24 Mile Rd. also carries the notation “French Rd.” We are, of course, always on the look-out for maps, artifacts, furniture, furnishings, and other historic regalia that help tell the story of our township. If you have any items of an historical nature that you would wish to donate, please contact us at (586) 948-0604.

