



**Poinsettia and Christmas Wreath Sale! See Page 4!**



*The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society*

# Journal



## HISTORICAL VILLAGE IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

On Saturday, September 23rd, 2006, the Chesterfield Township Historical Society officially opened the Historical Village next to the township hall. This was also the first time the log cabin has been open for viewing by the general public. The festivities started with the official log cabin dedication at 11:30 a.m.

Karl Mark Pall gave talks about Chesterfield Township history in the log cabin from Noon until 2 pm. while holding forth in the schoolhouse was Lorraine Jessop, former one-room schoolhouse teacher who gave a presentation

on what it was like to teach and attend one-room schoolhouses.

Guests arrived at the historical area by horse-driven trolley (thanks to Rev. Mel Hiler for transporting our visitors!) . Strolling banjo player Ray Stucky and patriotic vocal combo Pam Harris and the Belles entertained the crowd while the kids enjoyed face-painting and historical games, including jackstraws and quoits.

Fears that the overcast skies would keep people away were groundless as over 200 people came and viewed the historical structures.



September 23rd will be **Log Cabin Day** in Chesterfield Township, by acclamation of the Chesterfield Township Board. (Above) Proclamation is handed to historical society president Eileen Rivard by township officials.

There were many out-of-town historical group members visiting, including people from Warren, New Baltimore, Washington Twp., and Greenmead, the one room schoolhouse group. We would like to thank New Baltimore Historical Society Director Bob Mack and our wandering banjo player and N.B. Historical Society Vice-President Ray Stucky for the donation of two historical wooden school desks, which they brought to the dedication.

The society also received a book on the Civil War veterans buried in Chesterfield cemeteries. This was a donation from the Washington Historical Society. Thanks!

Officially, the Chesterfield Twp. Board of Trustees passed a resolution on September 18, 2006 proclaiming Sept. 23rd as Log Cabin Day. Jim Ellis spoke about the history of the township and society and then the proclamation was read by Clerk Kelly Jo Smolnarek and a framed copy was presented to President Eileen Rivard.



## HARVEST DINNER OCTOBER 26TH

**OPEN 5:30 PM**

**DINNER AT 6:00 PM**

**SALT RIVER COUNTRY CLUB**

**33633 23 MILE ROAD**

**CHESTERFIELD**

Chicken Marsala, Pork Tenderloin, Salad, Rolls  
Pasta, Dessert, Cash Bar

**Tickets-\$25**

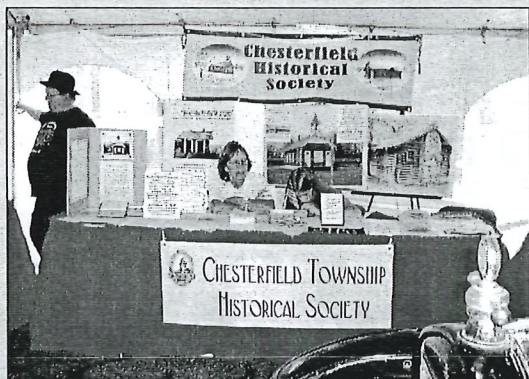
For Tickets or Info call Eileen at 586-749-3713 or Duane at 586-949-3810

Tickets Also Available at the Chesterfield Twp. Treasurer's Office

**Door Prizes-Silent/Live Auction**

## BATH CITY & NEW BALTIMORE HISTORY FAIR

The Chesterfield Historical Society participated in the Bath City Festival held in Mt. Clemens each year in the last week of August. In the picture below, Janelle Smith and her helper work the desk while Rich Gonyeau tries to ignore them. Next to that picture, Eileen and Virginia are at the Bath City Festival. In the picture below is Leo and Virginia at the New Baltimore History Fair.



### ODDS and ENDS

- Jennifer Williams and Chris Tom, two UAW members who contributed many hours working at the Historical Village, were made honorary members at the Sept. 5th meeting.
- We now have Chesterfield Township Historical Society tote bags, caps, and T-shirts! Get yours now!
- The L'Anse Creuse construction class has re-roofed the blacksmith shop.
- Young Supply has donated the entire heating and cooling system for the schoolhouse, including duct work!
- The September meeting was a joint one with the Chesterfield Genealogical Society at the Chesterfield Library, and featured Bernard Pearl who talked about the cemeteries of Macomb County.
- The August picnic meeting was held at Brandenburg Park.

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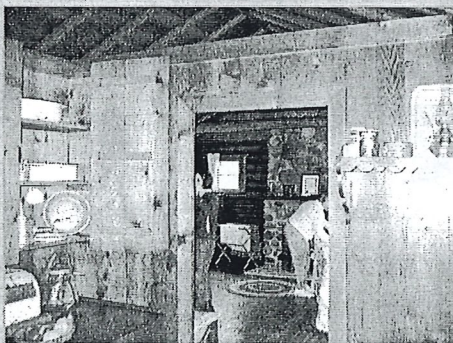
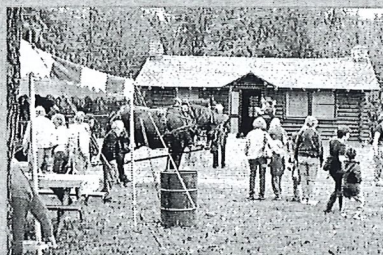
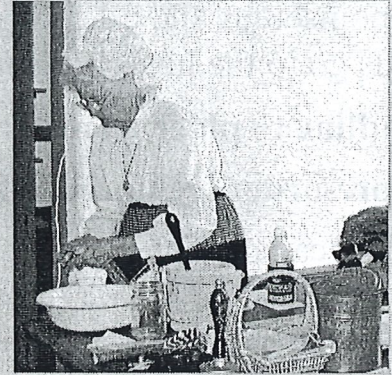
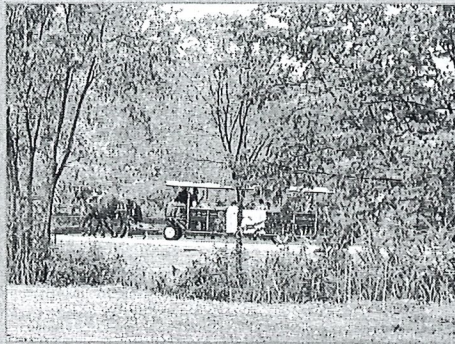
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### OUR HERO!

**A great big  
THANK YOU  
to George Deeb  
who loaned the  
society the  
money to trans-  
port the Trinity  
Buildings!**

# LOG CABIN DAY PHOTOS

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the Historical Village opening such a great success. While we couldn't begin to name everyone, we'd like to mention Karl Mark Pall, Lorraine Jessop, Ray Stuckey, and Pam Harris and the Belles, who provided the excellent programs and entertainment!



Don Howitt gives Kathy Vosburg \$500 donation from the Chesterfield Lion's Club, in honor of George Furton.



## 2006 Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Sale



Beautiful holiday wreaths and plants are available-all grown locally by Van Thomme's Nursery. Available in all sizes and colors with prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$32.00 for poinsettias and a 12 inch fresh pine wreath with pinecones for only \$10.00! Proceeds go to the historical society.

**Deadline to place an order is November 10, 2006.**

**To pre-order (required), call Dolly Allemon at 586-465-0780.**

Orders can be picked up on Saturday, November 25, 2006 from 1 PM until 5 PM at the Chesterfield Senior Center, 47275 Sugarbush, Chesterfield, MI. 48047.

### Log Cabin Day Preparations

A lot of work was done on the log cabin, school, outhouses, school addition, and the grounds in general to prepare for the grand opening. Here is just some of the work that was completed by Roy & Eileen & cohorts-a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the opening such a great success!

They got rid of bees, dry walled and primed the addition, set the cabin outhouse upright, constructed a porch on the cabin's kitchen entrance, did the cabin floors. Brenda Rivard, Dolly Allemon, Frank Adcox and Leo Furton stained the school steps while Duane Vosburg finished painting the windows. Janine Smith put up curtains made by her mother. And this is just a partial list-everyone who made it to the opening could tell that many hours were put into decorating the schoolhouse and cabin, clearing the land around the buildings, setting up the displays, and much more!

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9th (two days later than usual) at 7 pm in the Senior Center.**

### Historical Encampments

There were a number of historical encampments over the summer. The ones pictured here were held in Metro Beach and at Wadhams Park and were hosted by Native Americans and historians re-enacting French trader settlements. It has been discussed that we might be interested in hosting an historical encampment in our historical village next summer. This is a great way to show and experience pioneer history!

