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Reenactors offered living history lessons at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village June 5 and 6.

## Reenactors keep area's 'History Alive'

Encampments, displays offer a look at the past

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Historical reenactors recently set up camp at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village to offer a unique living history timeline of dress, daily life and war-time.

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society hosted the Lac Ste. Claire Voyageurs and "History Alive! A Timeline of Histor-

ical Reenactors" June 5 and 6. Eras from the early days of the fur trade through the war on global terror were represented by displays, encampments and reenactors from groups including the Voyageurs and Michigan Military Technical Historical Society.

Among the eras represented, a World War II chaplain display was expected to be set up in the school house, while a Vietnam-era display was also planned.

Funds raised through the event will support continued programming at the historical village.

**More summer events planned**

Next on the historical society's calendar is a Michigan Log Cabin Day event, set to run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 27.

Next month, the historical society will host a World War II reenactment of Operation Cobra. The event, set to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11, will feature two public battles and encampment and military vehicle displays.

In August, the historical so-



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Historical reenactors cook using methods from the past.

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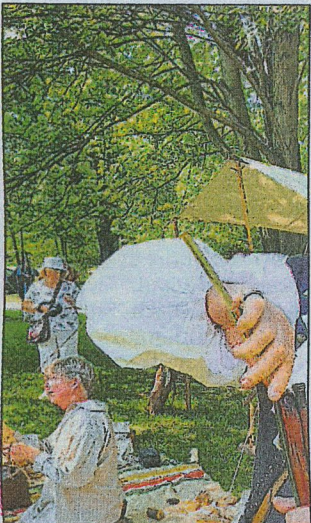
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ciety will host a Vietnam era reenactment presented by the Michigan Military Technical Historical Society. The event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15.

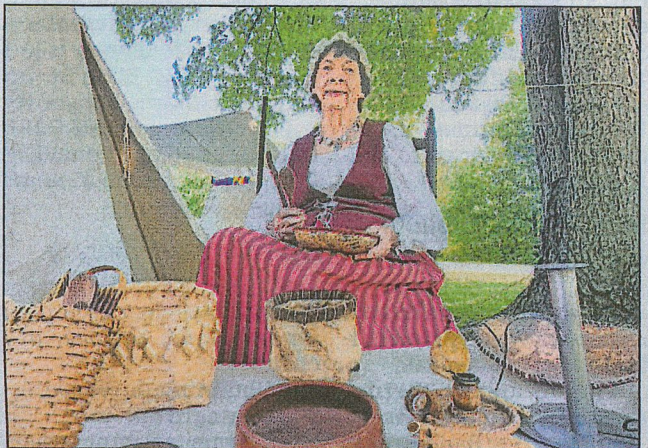
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Dale Smart demonstrated ways of the past, including making rope from dogbane plants.



Shooting demonstrations were also part of the event.



Micki Smith displayed baskets and other handmade items.