



Weller School

Chesterfield Township Historical Society

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Harvest Dinner Big Success!

November Election

Results of the Chesterfield Historical Society November election was as follows:

President-George Furton

Vice-President-Roy Rivard

Secretary-Kathy Vosburg

Treasurer-Mary Darden

Trustees-George Deebe,
Duane Vosburg

Friday, November 12th the Historical Society held their first Harvest Dinner. In previous years it has become a tradition to hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. But this year, due to the immediate need to raise money to move the log cabin the Society is acquiring, the dinner concept was upgraded to be a \$25 dollar a ticket harvest dinner including turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and more! Over \$4,000 was raised including ticket sales, silent auction, vocal auction, 50/50 drawing, and other donations. This was all profit after the approximately \$1200.00 of expenses was paid. This also in-

cludes a very generous \$1,000 dollar donation received by Society president George Furton.

A splendid time was had by all-many compliments were received about the food and atmosphere. The venue, Salt River on 23 Mile, was very accommodating.

The Chesterfield Historical Society would like to thank all those who helped make our Harvest Dinner a success. Many local merchants and individuals donated to the silent and vocal auctions. Some of these include Marquis Jewelers, Tom's Party Store,

And many more!

The money raised by the Society will be used to help move the log cabin at 33 Mile Road and Campground to the Historical Area by the Weller School. Other buildings to be moved include the Trinity buildings which include a carriage house, small barn, and former blacksmith shop. The Society is very excited to see many of their plans for the Historical Village reaching fruition. It is not too late to donate-if you wish to make a contribution, please drop it off to George Furton at Furton Realty on Gratiot at 22 Mile Road (next door to the Flying Machine). The phone number is (586) 949-3230.

School Desks for Sale!!

We have a number of 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!

Sue Daniels Gives One-Room Schoolhouse Talk

Sue Daniels of the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association (MORSA) spoke to the members of the Chesterfield Historical Society at their December 7, 2004 meeting. A teacher for over

40 years, Sue Daniels, also a librarian, has been head of the Greenmead Association for the last 25 years and is on the board of MORSA. The Greenmead Association and MORSA are both involved in the preservation and restora-

tion of Michigan's historic buildings. Sue talked and gave a slide show demonstration for over an hour, illustrating and lecturing about little-known facets of the history of the one-room schoolhouse in Michigan.

Historical Society Meets Santa



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The Chesterfield Historical Society participated in the township's Christmas Program on Friday, December 3, 2004. First, the township Christmas tree lights were lit. Then, the jolly old elf from the North Pole made his appear-

ance. Then, everybody lined up for a hay ride to the Weller School. With over four hay wagon loads of children, more than 300 children came by the Weller School for cookies and hot cocoa this year. This was more than last year, which

was the first year for the hayride. The children were also given desks and chairs to sit in this year, creating a more satisfying "one room schoolhouse" experience.



New President Outlines Future Historical Society Plans

George Furton, newly elected president of the Chesterfield Historical Society started his term with praise for the old president, Don Howitt, who was president for the last ten years.

George went on to state that besides moving the log cabin to the designated historical area, an addition is planned to be added to the back of the Weller School. Within the addition would be kitchen facilities, as well as heating materials such as a furnace. It is planned to start the addition in the Spring of 2005. Other future plans for the society include programs for school children to utilize the historical aspects of the Weller schoolhouse.

Log Cabin Photos

Here are photos of the log cabin the Historical Society will be moving. Also included are photos of the outhouse and pump house that are part of the log cabin acquisition.

