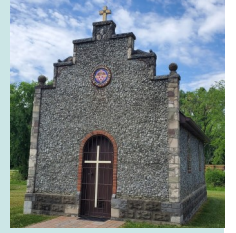




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In Memoriam

Virginia I. Furton, age 88 of Chesterfield Township, passed away on March 23, 2023. Virginia was born on June 13, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan to Walter and Margaret Steele. On July 14, 1956, Virginia married Leo Furton in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Leo passed away on April 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Leo. Virginia was a long time member of the Chesterfield Historical Society.

3rd Annual Historic Village Winter Walk Big Success

The historical village was open for visitors to stroll through our winter holiday themed village. Nineteen businesses and community supporters sponsored pre-decorated lamp posts and ground displays. The display ran from December 2 to January 31. All the lamp posts were sponsored and some light poles also had a ground display. See photos and a list of all sponsors on page 4.

Log Cabin Reopens

The log cabin floor was replaced in November after numerous repair delays. The log cabin interior had been closed since spring 2021. The historical society is looking forward to welcoming visitors inside the cabin once again.

The log cabin was originally moved to the historical village on April 14, 2005 from its original location in Washington Township.

Become a Member!

The Chesterfield Historical Society meets at the Chesterfield Township Library, 50560 Patricia Ave. on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

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- Vice-President-** Rick DeClaire
- Secretary-** Adam Mueller
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Celebrating Fall



Linda Hartman, Elizabeth Wirick and Kathy Vosburg represented the Chesterfield Historical Society at the Boo Bash indoor trick-or-treating on October 15.



Did you know?

There were 6 Post Offices
in Chesterfield Township!

Chesterfield Post Office (22 Mile Rd & Gratiot)

March 10, 1875 to July 15, 1907

District Heart Post Office (Chesterfield Rd & 25 Mile Rd)

March 21, 1837 to September 22, 1838

East Union Post Office

(Fairchild Rd between 23 & 24 Mile Rd)
January 10, 1856 to November 4, 1864

Fairchild Post Office (23 Mile Rd & Fairchild)

Est. 1906, discontinued unknown

Milton Post Office

(Bates Rd & 24 Mile Rd)
January 10, 1838 to July 15, 1904

New Baltimore Office

Est. September 26, 1851, active



Celebrating Winter



Rick and Elizabeth Wirick made a winter theme snowman photo cut-out for the historical village.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Weller School on December 1.

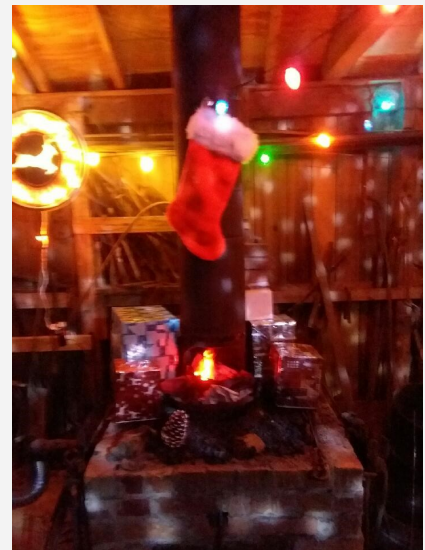


Winter Walk Sponsors

Anchor Bay Rotary Club
OHM Advisers, Steve Siklich
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Anchor Bay Community Foundation
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Kathy Elliott, Treasurer
David Joseph, Trustee
Duane & Kathy Vosburg
Northside Church
First State Bank
Dan Acciavatti
Linda Hartman

Thank you!



Chesterfield Township

Farm Production Statistics, 1850—1880

The United States Federal Census is a well-known resource for genealogy and population studies. Did you know that the United States Federal Census Bureau also compiled statistics on individual farms? The Production of Agriculture Census, taken every ten years from 1850 to 1880 recorded the number of farms, acres and various farm animals by individual farmer in the community. Below is a compiled total of farm production for Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan.

	Number of Farms	Acres of Improved Land	Acres of Unimproved Land
1850	103	4,872	5,696
1860	206	6,916	7,289
1870	178	8,841	5,908
1880	259	13,933	5,624

	Horses	Milch Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value of Livestock
1850	191	380	141	437	1,802	574	\$20,482
1860	492	560	174	705	2,117	700	\$53,051
1870	560	563	40	518	3,489	1,086	\$103,155
1880	NA	857	22	1,039	5,451	2,020	\$99,879

Improved land =
tilled, orchard, vineyards

Unimproved land =
woodlands, permanent meadows

1880:

36,144 dozen eggs produced
65,430 pounds of butter produced
23,066 pounds of fleece produced

73 sheep killed by dogs in 1879

— Statistics compiled by Adam Mueller

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

JUNE 10th, SAT. 10 – 4, June 11th SUN. 10 – 3 pm

STE. CLAIRE VOYAGEURS & HISTORY ALIVE

Come see the Ste. Claire Voyageurs, 1750 era French fur trade reenactors and History Alive! “A Timeline of Historical Re-enactors.” Historians in period clothing, encampments and displays will tell the story of Macomb County’s history, from the early days of the fur trade through the war on global terror. A donation of \$1 per person or \$2 per family is suggested. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

JUNE 25th, SUNDAY 1 – 4 pm

MICHIGAN LOG CABIN DAY

Log cabin will be open along with hands on activities in the lawn.

JULY 8th, SATURDAY 10 – 4 pm, JULY 9th, SUNDAY, 10 -3 pm

WORLD WAR II REENACTMENT

We will host the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society in public demonstration of authentic World War II combat, encampment life and vehicle displays. The event will feature both an Allied & Axis encampment for public displays with two public battles on both days (11 am & 2 pm). Military vehicles will be on display. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

AUGUST 12th, SATURDAY 10 – 4 pm, AUGUST 13th, SUNDAY 10 – 3 pm

VIETNAM ERA REENACTMENT

Presented by the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

SEPTEMBER 16, SAT. 10 – 4 pm

HERITAGE DAYS

Enjoy hands on activities, photos and games, a “Kids Tent” and candle making, rope making, corn grinding, scavenger hunt, craft show and more. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family.

Please note event details are subject to change

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