

Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society

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It's Here!!!

Chesterfield and Washington Township residents who woke early on April 14th and saw a log cabin go by their window weren't hallucinating. With lots of accompanying media, the log cabin of the Chesterfield Historical Society was moved from its original spot at 29 Mile and Campground Road to the Historical Village near the township hall on Sugarbush. All went great with the move-in fact, it went so smoothly that an estimated four-hour trip was actually completed in about two hours. This caused a lot of the media to miss footage of the cabin actually traveling down the road. Fortunately, members George Deebe and others were there and captured it all on video. The newspapers also got some of the log cabin on the move.

The move was coordinated with all the police forces of the areas involved, as well as Detroit Edison, who moved utility wires



the chimneys and the rest of the cabin arrived remarkably unscathed.

It is hoped that the log cabin will be ready for general viewing sometime this summer!

(See more log cabin pictures throughout this issue!)

along the route.

Some of the media present included Channel 4 News, who interviewed our erstwhile president George Furton, Channel 7, who had a helicopter present and also interviewed our erstwhile commissioner/ historical society secretary Kathy Vosburg. The Detroit News, Free Press, Macomb Daily, and the Voice all ran articles or features on our log cabin! As previously noted, the cabin made its journey in record time, soon coming to rest in its new home. The foundation is being slightly altered to fit the cabin, and



Don Green to Give Macomb Poor Farm Talk

Don Green will give a talk and slideshow on the Macomb County Poor Farm once located on Elizabeth St. near Groesbeck in Clinton Township. Many folks don't realize that there was such an entity in the area and Don's talk will fill us all in. Many people recall the old location of the County Library on Elizabeth-this

was in one of the farm buildings originally used for the poor farm. Don is the President of the Clinton Twp. Historical Society and Vice-Chairman of the Macomb Co. Historical Commission and has many photos and slides of the area that he will use in his presentation. The Macomb County Poor Farm is slated to

be marked with a county plaque in the near future.

Don will give his talk at the Chesterfield Senior Center on June 7th at 7 pm, before the regular meeting. The talk is free and open to the general public.

**Pasta Dinner
Thursday,
May 19th at
Salt River
Banquet Hall
at 5 pm.**

School Addition Almost Complete

The Historical Society would like to thank everyone who helped complete the addition to the Weller School in record time. Helping with the work was Duane Vosburg, Mark Cornwell, and George Nitchie (Cornwell & Nitchie).

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- **June 7th-Don Green Macomb Co. Poor Farm Presentation**
- **July 5th-Bob Mack and a new historical slide show**
- **August 2nd**

Pasta Dinner May 19th

We will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Thursday, May 19th from 6 pm to 7:30 at Salt River Golf Course Banquet Hall on 23 Mile Road in Chesterfield. Tickets will be \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 13. Proceeds will be used for the log cabin and the new addition to the Weller School. Members are asked to bring prizes worth \$5.00.

There will be 50/50 drawings, door prizes, and other drawings.

The dinner will include two sauce pasta, salad, dessert, and a beverage.

It is hoped that this might be a good opportunity to take advantage of the good will we have generated in the community through our recent preservation efforts and give an extra push to securing new members for the society!

Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society

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Log Cabin Photos!



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