



## **Custer 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration & Historic Hometown Holiday Tour**

**Saturday, December 5, 2009 – 10 AM to 3:30 PM**



**Celebrate the General's 170<sup>th</sup> birthday by strolling with him through the streets of downtown Monroe, Michigan, the historic city he once called home.** Reminisce with the General as he points out significant sites from his past such as the street corner where his favorite barbershop once stood, the shoe store (still operating today) where he purchased his boots, the church he joined in order to woo the charming and eligible local lass, Elizabeth Clift Bacon, and where he later wed her in what was called the "wedding of the century", and the restored home he and his wife later shared.

**Walking tour includes lunch with the General at one of his favorite watering spots.** According to local lore, Custer swore off alcohol after embarrassing himself in front of the esteemed Judge Bacon and his lovely daughter Libbie following a

raucous celebratory evening at this particular establishment.

**Tour concludes with a special birthday celebration at the Monroe County Historical Museum's Custer exhibit featuring guest speakers and a Civil War concert by Kristina Austin Scarcelli.** The former Mrs. Michigan will sing a haunting rendition of *Faded Coat of Blue* and other selections from her recently released CD *Daughter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan*. Mrs. Scarcelli is the descendent of two Civil War soldiers: one served in the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, the other in Company A of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, part of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade led by Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer. (*Birthday celebration is open to the public, but tour participants enjoy VIP reserved seating*).

**Tour cost: \$35 per person includes narrated walking tour, lunch, museum admission, commemorative holiday ornament, and birthday cake. Tickets on sale now! Advance Registration Required.**

*Proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Museum's commitment to provide quality programming leading up to and throughout the Civil War Sesquicentennial.*

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