

## Museum Opens

The MCHS museum opens for the 2009 season on Farmer's Day, June 6, 2009 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. The museum and Clark-Wiseman-Neel log house will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of September. We need volunteers to help keep the museum open. Please say "yes" when you are called. A calendar in the museum shows available dates.

## Quarterly Meeting

MCHS will meet for their quarterly meeting June 14, 2009

at 2:00 p.m. at Ames

Clair Hall in Union.

Dennis White, a Monroe County author, will speak to the group about his collection of short stories called

"News From The Crik",

that he published last year. These stories speak to the characters and situations that have given our country people "color and interesting qualities".



## SAVE THIS DATE!

On July 9, 2009, 7 p.m. at Ames Clair Hall MCHS will sponsor a session on developing an Annual Campaign. Interested persons are encouraged to help us develop ways to initiate an annual fund drive. Look for more details in **The Monroe Watchman.**

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## Ames Clair Hall

The Greenbrier Valley Chorale presented their Spring Concert at Ames Clair Hall in May. Once again the hall's acoustics permitted the chorale's voices to surround the audience and nearly lift them out of their seats. What a treat in downtown Union? Thank you Chorale!

## Volunteer Training

A grant from the Greater Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation funded a successful volunteer training event on May 13. Dr. Ripley provided training on the use of the reorganized archives rooms. Karen Mitchell gave informative, guided tours of the log house. Jill Fischer explained new forms to help us record archival room usage and to keep track of artifact donations. After a tasty meal Reba Mohler spoke to the group, giving an overview of the hospitality industry as it relates to Monroe County.



## Heartfelt Thanks

goes to:

**Dr. Jay Banks** who worked tirelessly to promote the best of Monroe County. Dr. Banks graciously served in every MCHS position and led the 1987 charge to purchase our museum building. Dr. Banks recently stepped down as our Corresponding Secretary...Who is brave enough to fill his shoes? We need someone immediately to step up to this challenge.

**Robin Wright** has energetically and successfully rearranged the museum displays. When you visit the museum you'll see new, interesting artifacts displayed in ways to thrill your eyes. Not only is Robin a delight to be around, she has professional museum experience!

**Dr. Ron Ripley** continues to be a workhorse marvel in both the archives rooms and in the log house! Donations of artifacts and written documents that continually come in are disbursed by Dr. Ron. He knows so many Monroe historical facts it makes your head spin. He reads everything before filing it away correctly in the archives.



## Contributions Received

The Society would like to thank those who have made recent monetary contributions.

Received in memory of Jeannette Pence Joslin from the Employees of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Hampton, VA

Undesignated contributions were received from Mrs. Jean Cowder, of Union, WV and Carol and Charles Magnuson, Los Angeles, CA

Notice: Ames Clair Hall is available for special occasions and events. The fee is \$50; \$75 when the heat is necessary. Thanks to the Town of Union for the wonderful sidewalk!

Horace Cooke, 6009 Potts Creek Rd., Covington, VA 24426 is seeking information on great grandparents Benjamin Smith Cook and Sarah Elizabeth Hoke Cook, both buried in Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery. Benjamin was a Confederate veteran.



"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers