

Monroe County Historical Society

Monroe County Heritage Days

The Living History Event, “War Comes to Union” was held again in late August. This was organized by the Monroe County Heritage Days group and the Historical Society was one of the sponsors. This portrayed an event in 1864 when Union General Crook marched through the county with nearly 10,000 soldiers, 200 wagons, 35 ambulances, 213 prisoners, and around 100 freed slaves, and took 6 ½ hours to march through Union. In addition to the march, events included a Ladies Tea, a Scenario on “The Plundering of Elmwood”, a Dance, and a Period Church Service.

Visitors enjoyed the ‘Sutlers’ on Elmwood’s field, which included a victualer, offering general wares from the 1800’s, a seamstress, a book dealer, and a traveling photographic artist, using the ‘Wet-Plate’ Collodion process. This year, many local residents turned out in period costumes ranging from hoop-skirts to top hats. In fact, the newly-restored Elmwood was a wonderful venue for this reenactment and the event was truly a “living history” display. The pictures in this newsletter were taken at this event.



Fundraiser “Wine & Cheese” Party at Salt Sulphur Springs

Again, the Historical Society will hold our annual fundraiser in the Grand Ballroom at “The Old Salt,” thanks to hostess, Betty Farmer. This will take place on Sunday, November 12th between 2:00 and 4:00, so we hope that you will plan to attend. Again, we will enjoy the music of Harpist Leah Trent, with the recently expanded “Trent Trio” playing a selection of Celtic music. At this event, our own Ron Ripley will be presented with a “Lifetime Achievement Award” by the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia. Invitations for this event will be sent out soon, but if you are not yet on our mailing list, you are certainly welcome to attend—just contact the M.C.H.S. at PO Box 465, Union, WV 24983.

Finally...

...we have been busy upgrading the museum campus on Main Street. A new heating/air conditioning system has been installed in the Caperton Building as well as a new floor in the front exhibit room. Also, a new roof has been installed on the porch of the Log Houses and the very old maple tree in front has been removed.