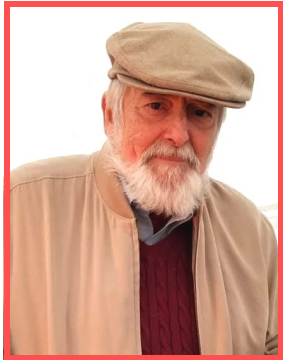


MCHS Spring Meeting

The Monroe County Historical Society's Spring Quarterly Meeting will be held Sunday, **April 16, 2023** at the historic Sweet Springs Resort Park in Sweet Springs, West Virginia at **2:00 P.M.**. Noted historical restoration expert and Project Manager Ashby Berkley will present the Program.



The property, one of the most endangered historic landmarks in West Virginia, was acquired by the non-profit group National Historic Sweet Springs Resort Park Foundation, Inc. in 2016. They have since performed extensive renovations and repairs to stabilize and repair the buildings. Berkley will talk about the progress that has been made

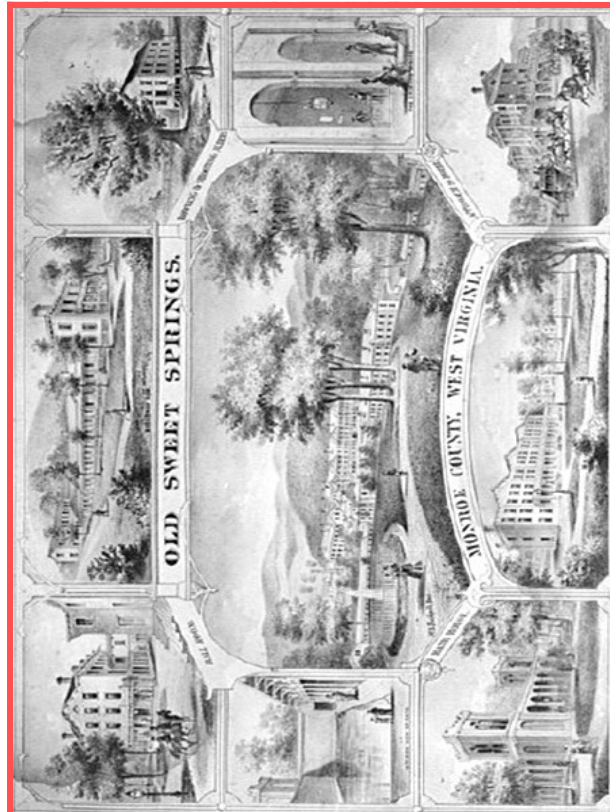
on the property, as well as future and on-going projects. Refreshments will be served after the Program, and the public is invited to attend.



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MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We, the Monroe County Historical Society, would like to introduce **Madison (Maddi) Vass** as our new Preserve WV AmeriCorps member serving with the Monroe County Historical Society. She is a Sinks Grove native and has lived in Monroe County her whole life. She lives on a farm with her parents and three siblings, raising many animals and exploring the natural beauty of West Virginia.

Maddi graduated from James Monroe High School in 2022, after which she enrolled in Marshall University. After her first semester she came back to Monroe County and began courses at New River Community College in Dublin, Virginia. She has since been accepted into the Nursing program where she hopes to obtain her degree and achieve her goal of becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse.

Her love of Monroe County and history influenced Maddi to apply for this opportunity. Since beginning on March 1st, she has spent her time becoming familiar with the museums and working on the projects that are happening in the next few months. She is excited to be a helping hand to the people of Monroe County. If you ever have any questions, she would be happy to help in any way she can. She is looking forward to meeting members and museum visitors in the upcoming months!

We hope Maddi will have a successful year. The Monroe County Historical Society museums will open on Farmer's Day, June 3, 2023. The museum office can be reached at 304-772-4449.



.Message from the President

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee has been busy recently evaluating maintenance and repair projects of the historic structures under our care and can now report the following:

Old Baptist Church – We discovered that the sanctuary floor support beams have been damaged by termites and many of them needed to be replaced and shored up with new concrete footers and blocks. After the repairs, the exposed beams will be treated for termites and a vapor barrier installed in the crawl space to minimize moisture. In addition, the rain gutters and downspouts have been cleaned out to promote positive drainage away from the foundations. The columns in the front of the church are also being evaluated for repairs.

Clark-Wiseman Log House – many of the original exterior logs have deteriorated and need to be repaired or replaced. The Board is now reviewing estimates for stabilizing, replacing and repairing the logs that need attention.

Ames-Clair Hall – The forced-air gas furnace for this building has worn out and we are obtaining an estimate for making the necessary repairs and/or replacement of the motor. We are now awaiting an estimate for that project.

These projects are in addition to our normal upkeep and maintenance of these buildings, the museum and the Carriage House.