

FARNACK TO PRESENT PROGRAM
FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Monroe County Historical Society will hold it's Spring Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, April 14th in the basement of the Monroe County Library beginning at 2:00 pm. Tanner Farnack, who recently completed extensive repairs to the Clark-Wiseman House on Main Street in Union will present a program entitled, "Reviving the Past - Log Cabin Restoration and the Evolution of Tools - a Journey into Preservation Techniques". All are welcome.

Make it shine! Join us on **Saturday, April 13** as we neaten up the grounds around our buildings. A little trimming, a little raking and a little mulch will make our museums look fresh and welcoming! To sign up and for more information, please contact AmeriCorps Member Toni Ogden at monroecountyh@gmail.com or 304-772-4449.

Save the Date! Our annual **Spring Fundraiser will be held Sunday, May 5** at the historic Elmwood Estate in Union. Invitations will be going out soon! If you are not on the mailing list, please let us know at 304-772-4449 or 304-772- 5411 and we will get your tickets to you.

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Fred Ziegler Honored



West Virginia History Hero: Fred Ziegler was recognized for his work and support of the historical programs and services of Monroe County during History Day in Charleston on February 21, 2024. After a ceremony at the Great Hall of the Culture Center, Fred and other History Heroes from around the state were applauded in the House of Delegates. Pictured left to right: Del. Todd Longanacre, MCHS President Ward Lefler, Fred Ziegler, and Larry Emerson.

PRESERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

Preserve Our Past Campaign is an initiative seeking donations from area businesses and organizations to help defray the cost of recent and ongoing work performed on the Clark–Wiseman House on Main St. in Union.

MCHS President Ward Lefler accepts a generous donation from Allison Tomlinson with the Union Area Chamber of Commerce.



The Historical Society greatly appreciates the generosity of other local individuals and businesses that donated to Preserve Our Past. We are so grateful for your support for this campaign.



James Huffman Pyne

October 23, 1924 August 25, 2021

Born in Zenith, Monroe County, West Virginia, James H. Pyne was the son of Rev. Otis Hampton Pyne and Mary Maude Wallace Pyne. He served with the “Big Red One”, US Army First Division during the D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach in World War II. Pyne was wounded in action in Aachen, Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his extraordinary bravery, exemplifying the patriotism and dedication to his country that is synonymous with Monroe County residents.

Mr. Pyne became an autobody technician and operated his own shop, The Poor Boy Body Shop for many years. He died at his home in Fairlea, WV at the age of 96.*

The 2023 repair and rehabilitation of our log cabin was funded with a grant from the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation, who requested a memorial plaque to honor James H. Pyne, due to his military service and extraordinary bravery during World War II.

* Information from the obituary on: www.wallaceandwallacefh.com and from the [grant letter of Oct. 13, 2021 from Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation, PO Pox 563, Lewisburg, WV 24901](#)