

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Preserve Our Local History

Over 45 visitors came through the Museum on opening day this year, Farmers Day, June 8.

The Clark/Wiseman townhouse and the Owen Neel log cabin have been under restoration for the past 2 years, and visitors were excited to visit these tour favorites. Only the front parlor is ready to be shown at this time, but motivated volunteers are making plans to clean up the other rooms and decorate them with wonderful local artifacts from our collection. Would you like to be part of this effort?

Please call 304-772-4449 for more information!

Email Monroecountyh@gmail.com



Representing Monroe as the County Belle at the WV State Folk Festival in Glenville this year, Doris Ann Taylor is shown here in the front parlor of the Clark/Wiseman house.

Her goal is to promote our area and its historical landmarks.

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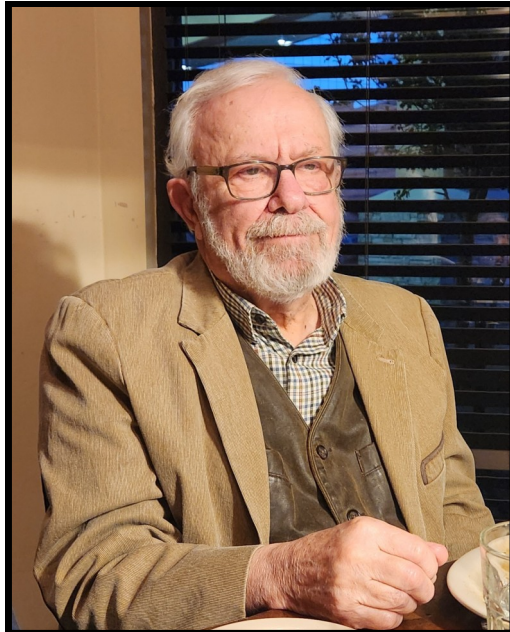
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Quarterly Meeting



Sunday, July 14, 2024

Ames Clair Hall, Union

Beginning at 2:00

The Program will feature Dr. Fred Ziegler, who will discuss his recently completed book:

RED SULPHUR SPRINGS RESORT

A retired Professor of Geology, Dr. Ziegler and his wife Barbara are the owners of Cook's Old Mill in Greenville, WV.

The Red Sulphur Springs Resort was located halfway between Forest Hill and Ballard on the old "Giles, Fayette, and Kanawha Turnpike", now Route 12. Along with Salt Sulphur Springs and Sweet Springs, it helped to make Monroe County the center of tourism in the Old South of the 1800s. Dr. Ziegler will explain why people would travel up to 600 miles in pre-rail days to get from places as far afield as Boston and New Orleans to "The Red".

At this talk, you will discover the health-giving treatments of the local mineral springs as well as the various entertainments the visitors sought. You will also learn the latest in Earth Science concerning the source of the salt waters and the role of Plate Tectonics in awakening the ancient Appalachian Range.

Dr. Ziegler has been an active member of the Monroe County Historical Society since arriving in West Virginia in 2003. Copies of his new book will be available at the meeting, and are for sale at the Museum and on Amazon.

Volunteer Museum Hosts are Needed!

Show off our buildings and their treasures or help visitors find their family history. You'll have access to our library, publications, and other resources for your own inquiries. Shifts are 3 hours long and we're open Tuesday through Saturday. Call or stop by to sign up!

A TALE OF TWO UNIFORMS

A new exhibit in the Caperton Museum of local Civil War uniforms gives some insight into how the war was experienced by two very different soldiers.



Pvt. John M. Alexander's Confederate infantry jacket and trousers survive in quite reasonable shape due to the fact that they never saw battle. This early uniform reflects the short height and slender stature of people of the day. The young private marched to Harpers Ferry with the Monroe Guard, where he complained of rheumatic symptoms and was sent home just before 1st Manassas.

Maj. John W.M. Appleton's jacket, vest, and kepi were manufactured after the War, expressly for Union veterans. Appleton was twice wounded in South Carolina where he led Company A of the 54th Massachusetts in battle. He took a liking to West Virginia and after the War moved first to Charleston, then to Monroe County where he operated the Salt Sulphur Springs Resort.