

THE MONROE LEGEND

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Editors note

We are pleased to announce the start-up of our newsletter, The Monroe Legend, after an absence of about 5 years. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable.

One of the most popular exhibits at the museum has been the LeSouersville Lake/Americana and Fantasy Farm amusement parks room. This exhibit will bring back all those great memories of our beloved amusement parks that were home to thousands of family reunions, church outings, work picnics and great summer jobs! There are lots of photos, park souvenirs, parts of rides and a unique miniature version of the Screechin' Eagle roller coaster.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Your Monroe Historical Society is waiting to see you. There are so many new acquisitions that have arrived and changes are going on throughout all three floors. The purpose of the society is to discover, collect, preserve, and interpret for public education and enjoyment of our historical information and artifacts, telling the history of Monroe, Ohio.

We encourage historical research of publications, photography, genealogy, and we support special historical commemorations and maintain public displays of historical interest.

To fulfill that purpose the society will operate and maintain the Main Museum building located at 10 East Elm Street,

the 1910 Building or General Store at 2 East Elm Street (now 113 years old), and the reconstructed Pioneer Log Cabin located in the Monroe Community Park on South Main Street (over 200 years old).

We are also looking for volunteers! The Society has several committees and we would love for you to consider volunteering on one! Committees include:

- Preservation and Acquisitions
- Tour guides/Docent
- Newsletter
- Yard maintenance
- Exhibits
- Special Events
- Fundraising/Grants
- Research
- Photography

The Museums on East Elm Street are open on the first Saturday April-November from 11am-2pm. The Log Cabin is open during food truck events, Memorial Day and July 4th. Call 513-539-2270. – Thanks, Judith



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

August 31, 2023— Genealogy 101 will be our open membership meeting that the general public is invited to attend. This meeting will be held at the Community Room.



Gene Williams has been a long-time member of the Monroe Historical Society and served on the board for many years. He has spent several decades researching his own family and has researched the internet to find the most informative and inexpensive websites to assist people interested in learning how to research their own families without spending a fortune

September 2, 2023—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

October 7, 2023—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11 am to 2 pm.

Call 539-2270 for more info. All open meetings are held at the Monroe East Ave. Community Room (next to the Monroe Lending Library), 6 East Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

EVER WONDER HOW MONROE GOT ITS NAME?

By Reed Musgrove (Curator)

Early in the 19th century, a few of our early settlers decided to plat out and name a few streets. The plat was duly recorded in September, 1817 and a village was born. The previous November, James Monroe of Virginia was elected to be our countries 5th president, defeating Rufus King of New York. He was inaugurated in March, 1817. Two names on our newly recorded plat were John H Piatt and Nathaniel Sackett. They named us "Monroe" in honor of the new president! I can only imagine if Rufus King had defeated James Monroe what we might have been named: Kingstown, Kingston, Sackettsville (UGH)—I like Monroe much better! Later we'll do an article on James Monroe's many accomplishments—(Stay Tuned)!



THIS 'N' THAT

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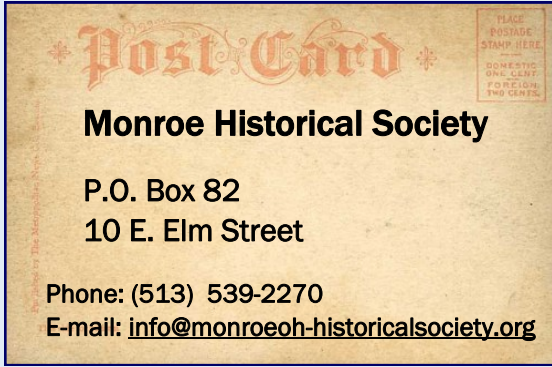
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