ALEXANDRIA-MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AMTHS)

Spring 2024

MONROE TOWNSHIP EVENTS

April 6 11 am – 1 pm

Museum Reopens for 2024 Season Mark your calendars for April 6! Bring your appetite for Spanish hamburgers, track down childhood pictures, and recall memories to share with others at the museum's reopening! The cost is \$7 per meal. Proceeds support our museum operations.

Bonus: Limited FREE solar eclipse glasses are available, so come early!

April 8 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Eclipse Party at Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

Join others in Alexandria to experience the historic solar eclipse on April 8. For information about this event, visit the library's April 8 entry found on the Local Events page of our website calendar.

April 23: 6:00 pm

Steve Jackson Presents: "Monroe Twp District Schoolhouses: The Survivors"

(Monroe Twp Event Center, 204 E. Berry St., Alexandria)

Madison County Historian Stephen Jackson will share his presentation on the Monroe Township (Madison County) one-room schoolhouses.

MUSEUM REOPENING FOR 2024!

Spring has sprung! We are all ready to enjoy more sunshine (with the exception of the April 8th solar eclipse). More green growth and flowers are heading our way or may have already sprung up in your yards!



In 2024, the Alexandria-Monroe Township Historical Society will celebrate 45 years as an organization. Look for forthcoming articles and new pages on our organization's history on our <u>revised website</u>, in the Alexandria Times-Tribune, and this newsletter.

We also look forward to celebrating and sharing stories of Monroe Township from 1974 (50 years ago) and 1924 (100 years ago). We have lots of our heritage to share. Also, in July, we are excited that the Class of 1974 plans to stop by the museum for a visit as they celebrate their 50th class reunion.

Unable to stop by the museum on our opening day? Remember



you can contact us to set up a time to visit or swing by on **Thursdays** from 1 to 5 pm. or **Saturdays** from 10 am to 1 pm.

On May 4th, 2024

the McCurry-Osity Shop (224 N. Harrison) will donate 10% of their sales to the Alexandria-Monroe Twp Historical Museum.
<u>Visit them on Facebook</u> and at their store in downtown Alexandria. You can also contact them at (765) 621-5798. Thank you, McCurry-Osity Shop!

ANTHOLOGY AT ALEXANDRIA COMING SOON

The much-remembered and beloved former First Methodist Church building has new owners! Jenee and Todd Foreman have purchased it and plan to create an event space. They shared some videos on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram about the current state of the building and some hints about their plans. If you are on social media, search for "Anthology at Alexandria" to follow their progress.



In the videos, Jenee shared that a craftsman from <u>Conrad</u> <u>Schmitt Studios, Inc.</u>, a window restoration company located in Wisconsin, evaluated the stained-glass windows in the building. According to Jenee, these craftsmen said, "You have something special here."

We look forward to the renovation of this historic gem in downtown Alexandria. Many hope they can also get those wonderful chimes going again! (On our Facebook page, watch a 2018 video of the chimes ringing again.)

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Email: <u>alexhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>https://www.alexandriahistoricalsociety.com/</u> Phone: (**765**) **490-0081** Facebook: **Alexandria Monroe Historical Society Museum** Hours: **Thursdays 1-5 pm; Saturdays 10 am-1 pm; or by appointment**

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