Many thanks to all who supported us at our Ham & Bean and Chili fundraiser. Thanks to B&K Root Beer Stand for donating six gallons of yummy chili!



EVENTS

Dec 9 Begins 4:00 pm Chili Supper

(313 North Harrison)

Join us for our annual year-end chili supper at the museum before the Christmas parade! Each meal includes chili, crackers, a dessert, and a beverage.



Dec 9: 6:00 pm

Annual Downtown Alexandria Christmas Parade

Don't forget to bring bags to stash any candy thrown to spectators during this annual celebration parade! Contact alexchristmasparade46001@gmail.com for more information.

Dec 16: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Santa at the Museum

(313 North Harrison)

Santa will be visiting the museum before he heads back to the North Pole to fill his sleigh. Bring your family for photos with Santa. This is our final open day of the 2023 season. The museum closes up so we can reorganize and prepare new exhibits!

Jan.-Mar Museum Closed for Seasonal Updates

Volunteers are always needed during this time. Do you like to organize, reorganize, or decorate? Do you have some ideas on new exhibits for 2024? Let us know! We would love to have your ideas and help.

Reopening April 2024!

ALEXANDRIA-MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AMTHS)

Winter 2023

MADISON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL WRAPS UP!

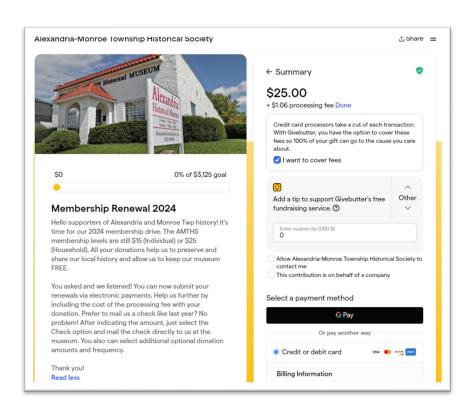
On November 10, 2023, Madison County officially celebrated the 200th anniversary of its founding. Throughout this year, however, we celebrated with many different events and programs. We are grateful that so many folks joined in on the celebration! Here's a few ways we all came together:

- Renovations to the Chamness historical marker and its cement pad. Thanks to additional donations from the First Christian Church, Madison County Historical Society, and Wood Wright
- Programs by Madison County Historian Steve Jackson
- Special museum displays celebrating Alexandria artisans
- Hoosier Homestead information session at Madison County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Various Madison County Historical societies sponsored a booth at the Madison County 4-H Fair
- Grant money submitted & awarded for Harrison Square renovations, museum website, and Small-Town Veterans banners
- Museum and cemetery tours held (for class reunions and 40 middle school students)
- Booth at YMCA for Summer and Fall events
- Cemetery "Living Guides" tour with high school drama students in cooperation with Monroe Twp Trustee and Park View Cemetery (Thanks, Chip and Molly!)
- Participation in the county-wide July Bicentennial Birthday Bash and the November concluding program
- Adding materials to the Bicentennial time capsule to be stored at the Madison County Historical Society (April-May 2024)
- Planting tree at museum received as part of a Bicentennial Legacy project
- Assisting with adding Alexandria's black culture history to the Bicentennial video

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Email: <u>alexhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u> Phone: (765) 490-0081 Website: <u>https://www.alexandriahistoricalsociety.com/</u>
Facebook: **Alexandria Monroe Historical Society Museum**

Hours: Thursdays 1-5 pm; Saturdays 10 am-1 pm; or by appt.



ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

T'is that time of the year! This newsletter includes your annual membership renewal form (if not yet submitted) and a voting proxy. You can complete the renewal and proxy forms and send them in the mail with a check. Or...

You can opt to submit your payment electronically via different ways. One option is to



take a picture of this QR code using your smartphone.

Another option is to visit our updated website and select the **Donate** or **Support Us** button. The QR code and website button display the renewal form to complete. You use this form for your renewal (and any other donations). Select from various electronic payment options (examples pictured on this page).

If you submit electronic payments, you can pay the processing fee (to help us defray our costs). Or, select the **Edit** link and uncheck the pay fee option to opt out of the fee. You can also leave an optional "tip" to the vendor to help keep this electronic payment platform free for AMTHS. For the tip amount, you can indicate any amount (including \$0 not to pay this fee). Let us know what you think about this new payment option! Note: If you use the electronic payment option, please remember to mail us (or email us a picture of) your completed proxy form.

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