



MINERAL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. NEWS & EVENTS

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CLAYSVILLE OLD TIME CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NOV 29TH

Plans for the Mineral County Historical Society's annual Christmas Program are under way. The service will be held at the Historic Claysville Church off of Rt. 50 at the Intersection of Rt. 93 on Sunday, November 29th at 2 p.m. Pastor James McCune of Grace United Methodist Church, Keyser, will lead the service. There will be special music as a part of the program. This is always a favorite gathering of the membership and the community. Make plans to attend and invite someone to come with you!

Order of Crozet Honors

Each year the society awards its highest honor, the "Order of Crozet", in honor of Claudius Crozet who was the chief engineer in the N. W. Turnpike, now known as Rt. 50. Pat Mason was instrumental in compiling the work of Luke P. McDowell and publishing it in "The History of Education in Mineral County" The book highlights



Pres. Frank Roleff (ctr) recognized Jim Hoey (left), Pat Mason (rt.) and Patti McDonald (not pict.) with the highest award of the society the "Order of Crozet".

the early beginnings of schools in Mineral County. Jim Hoey, also this year's Mineral Co. History Hero, has researched the history of the Frankfort area and has presented numerous programs for local communities. Patti McDonald was recognized for her extensive genealogy research and her sharing of this research with others and on the web.

Election of Officers

The society welcomed new vice president, Cindy Pyles and new trustee, Cassandra Pritts. Other officers are Roleff, president; Bev Chaney, secretary; and Pam Williams, treasurer. Other trustees are Cody Pancake and Dave Frederick. Roleff commented, "This is a very dedicated group. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes."

SOCIETY PROJECTS: Fundraisers: "Water bottles of coins" collection-empty a plastic bottle & fill it up with your change to support history in Mineral County! A book entitled "The History of Education in Mineral County" has been published and is available for \$20.

A second book on the history of Mineral Co. Schools from 1954 on- a pictorial history, is in the works. The Society is seeking pictures and memorabilia from the old schools.

WKYW-LP is in the planning stages. This will be a 100 watt FM radio station licensed to the society and will operate out of Potomac State College's Cata-mount Place. The station will feature Appalachian style music, items of local interest and historical information.

Mineral County Historical Society Officers

- **President:** Frank Roleff-304-788-5129, email: efrolleff@frontier.com
- **Vice-President:** Cindy Pyles 304-788-2558, email: cynthiapyles@gmail.com
- **Secretary:** Bev Chaney 304-788-9088, email: bevjim4u@frontier.com
- **Treasurer:** Pam Williams 304-788-6499, email: pwilliams@frostburg.edu

The Mineral County Historical Society meets at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of every other month at locations throughout the county. Watch the News-Tribune newspaper, or contact any officer or member for specific meeting information.

WE REMEMBER:

*Jenny Shaffer
Annette Boggs
Fran Hartman
Betty Logsdon*

"Life Members-As long as able- all were faithful attendees at our programs. They will be missed." said Society President Frank Roleff.

The Claysville Church Available for Events

The Claysville Church, located at the intersection of Routes 50 and 93, is available for weddings, funerals, and family gatherings. The Society is working on plans for water and sewer facilities. Weddings have already been held there, seating about 70 people. It is a quaint and historic venue perfect for a special occasion. For more information about renting the church, call *Frank Roleff* 304-788-5129 or *Darlene Frederick*, 304-289-3720.



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