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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## JAYNE BLAIR TO SPEAK AT THE MAY 15 QUARTERLY MEETING



Author, Jayne Blair

Jayne Blair, author of two books and a senior interpreter at Montpelier, will speak to the Society at the May quarterly meeting. The topic of Ms. Blair's talk will be The Civil War Sesquicentennial and Why it is Important.

Ms. Blair has previously spoken to the Society about her book Tragedy at Montpelier which depicts the Court Martial of deserters from the Confederate Army which was held at Montpelier. She is the interpreter for the occasional tours of the Confederate encampment on the Montpelier property following the battle of Gettysburg and the living history held at the site twice a year.

Ms. Blair is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from the Dallas, Texas police department. For many years she has been a Civil War buff and her second book is The Essential Civil War which is a reference book.

Her talks on the subject have been well received.

The meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. Sunday May 15 in the auditorium of the Madison County Administration building and will be followed by refreshments in the Kemper Residence next door.

## THOMAS MATTHES' TALK

Thomas Matthes, journalist, free lance writer and teacher was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. The subject of his talk was "James Madison's republican legacy for the Constitution."

Mr. Matthes discussed extensively the early democracies and republics and the various successes and failures of these experiments in government. As a consequence of all the early forms of government later politicians and writers were able to form new ideas and reasons for differing ways of ruling the populace. Democratic forms of government were always basic to new age thinking but there are many variations. Mr. Matthes discussed the varied democratic concepts of many past politicians, writers, philosophers and jurists. Foremost among these, of course, was James Madison. He ended his presentation with a quote of Madison's - "A government deriving its energy from the will of the society, and operating by the reason of its measures on the understanding and interest of the society. Such is the government for which philosophy has been searching, and humanity been sighing, from the most remote ages. Such are the republican governments which it is the glory of America to have invented, and her unrivalled happiness to possess. May her glory be completed by every improvement on the theory which experience

may teach; and her happiness be perpetuated by a system of administration corresponding with the purity of the theory.”

And Mr. Matthes said, “May God bless the memory and the vision of James Madison.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS STUDY MADISON HISTORY



7<sup>th</sup> Graders visit Arcade Museum

At Wetsel Middle School Lisa Crawford’s class is studying Madison County and it’s history. The students were instructed to choose anything about Madison County (an old building, a business, a family name or maybe a village) for their subject. They then went to work researching, talking, asking, interviewing and getting pictures. The Arcade got many phone calls looking for information and people to interview.

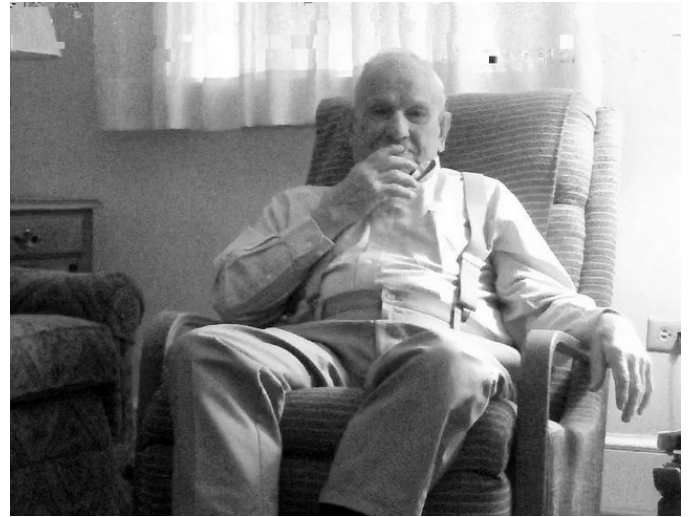
Sandy Stowe, who subs at the school, got involved by helping out with ideas and information as did Wetsel School Librarian Pam Nelson.

On Tuesday, April 19, seventy plus students with Mrs. Crawford, Pam Nelson and 4 other adults came to town to see the history they had been studying. They were divided into 3 groups and made stops at the newly restored Courthouse, the Arcade Museum and the Kemper Residence. They walked through town from one site to another talking about the old houses and other buildings in town.

At 11:30 they boarded the school buses and traveled to Hebron Lutheran church for lunch and a tour of the old church.

The Historical Society is very pleased to be helping these young people learn more about the history of their county.

## ORAL HISTORIES



Mr. Colton Goodall

Several members of the Historical Society, led by Max Lacy, have recorded some new oral histories. These are being videoed and put on DVD’s which will be available for viewing in the Arcade Research Room on our DVD player. The player was donated to us two years ago by an organization of “bones” players in honor of Russ Myers.

The Madisonians who have been interviewed this year are Lawrence McDaniel, who worked at the Big Meadows CCC Camp, Lillie Colvin, who lived and raised a family on the Walker family farm, “Rosni”, Culton Goodall, who has lived all of his 99 years here in Madison County, and a group of Mennonites who talked about coming to Madison and the ways they help out the community and each other.

Sandy Stowe and Beppy White have been running the recording equipment while Max does the interviewing. We hope to do many more this year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Here are new members who joined the Society since our last newsletter:

Marcia Kirkpatrick and Gary Grossman, Madison Leonard M. and Mary Ann Cowherd II, Culpeper

We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

## KEMPER SPRING TEA ANOTHER SUCCESS



Former Kemper House curator, Joan Cheston, enjoys the tea fare

The spring fund raising tea on March 30 was another fully booked event! At one point, we had 14 on the waiting list. A few last minute cancellations allowed the opportunity to include some of those waiting.

Again, our loyal volunteers prepared and served the luncheon. In addition to funds from attendees, contributions swelled the coffers to just over \$800.

The Historical Society Board is grateful to the Krause family – Pam, Bob and their daughter Meredith, Maryvonne Longley, Genevieve McLearn, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner, as well as Bob and Mary Haught, tea coordinators and chefs, for the generous contributions of their time, talents and ingredients for the delicious meal. Meredith Krause lives in Northern Virginia, but she has become a willing part of our group, and we appreciate her able assistance.



Doris Lackey signing a copy of Madison County

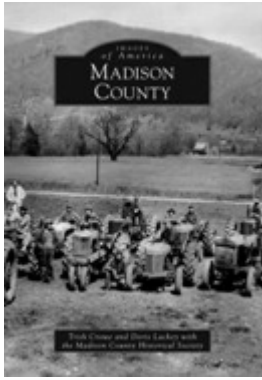
The new pictorial book, *Madison County*, had just been received from the publisher, and we had copies available for purchase. Authors Doris Lackey and Trish Crowe were on hand to sign books purchased at the tea.

September 28 is the date for our Fall Tea. Watch the summer newsletter for an announcement about when you may begin making reservations.

Since 2005, we have held the price for the benefit teas at \$18. However, all costs have increased, and our volunteers feel it is time to increase the price to \$20. We hope patrons will agree that this modest increase is appropriate. Of course, additional contributions to the Historical Society are always welcome.

Plan to join your neighbors at this popular community event, where you can have an enjoyable dining experience while supporting future projects of the Historical Society. And be sure to put September 28 on your calendar so you will save the date!

# MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY



The Madison County Pictorial History book is selling like hot cakes. Several local vendors who have the book for sale have had to re-order from Arcadia already. The Historical Society continues to sell the books from the Arcade and at special events. The Firnew Farm Art Show on Mother's Day weekend May 7-8 will feature a table with the books for sale and Clore Furniture will have a book signing event in early June. Books are currently available locally at the Madison Co-op, Madison Drugstore, Madison Library, Wolfstown Mercantile, Yoder's Country Store, Mad Arts, and Graves Mountain Lodge among others. Books may also be purchased at Barnes and Noble in Charlottesville and on line at Amazon.com.

## ARCADE GARDEN GETS NEW FENCE

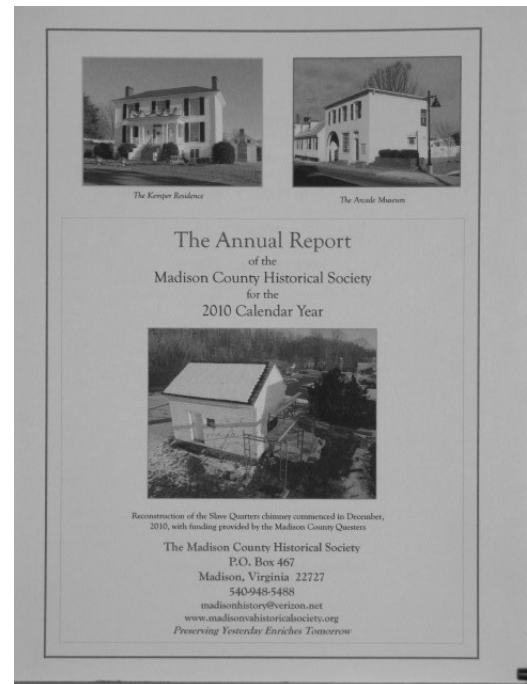


Tommy Ford and Kavanaugh White install last post in Arcade fence

Last fall the old fence around the garden behind the Arcade was torn down due to its deteriorated

condition. In early April members of the Society installed a new fence constructed of treated lumber from MWP. Materials for the fence were paid for by the Madison Garden Club, which also maintains the garden. Emma Berry of the Garden Club and Linwood Imlay of the Society coordinated the project. Linwood had help in the construction from Tommy Ford, Max Lacy, Kavanaugh White, and Bill Scholten. The fence will be painted after a sufficient acclimatization period. The Society gratefully acknowledges the help of the Garden Club in this project. You are encouraged to have a look at the new fence when you're in Madison.

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE



The 2010 Annual Report of the Madison County Historical Society is now available. The Annual Report comprises a summary of information published in the 2010 Newsletters, plus a financial report for the year. In order to reduce printing and mailing costs, copies will be distributed only by request. The report can be viewed on-line at the Society's web site – [madisonvahistoricalociety.org](http://madisonvahistoricalociety.org), then clicking on Newsletter and selecting 2010 Annual Report. Email or printed copies can be requested by emailing [madisonhistory@verizon.net](mailto:madisonhistory@verizon.net) or phoning 540-948-5488. The financial report for 2010 is printed on page 5.

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## Financial Report

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Balance on Hand, January 1, 2010 \$15,209.50

Disbursements \$8,273.19

Arcade Electric	\$1,997.64
Arcade Security	\$405.60
Arcade Telephone	\$792.62
Arcade Maintenance	\$560.39
Arcade Water/Sewer	\$337.20
Award	\$100.00
Corporate Registration	\$25.00
Checking Account Checks	\$28.00
Checking Account Service Charge	\$2.00
Decorations	\$24.99
Genealogy Reference Books	\$76.45
Insurance	\$482.00
Items for resale	\$107.22
Kemper Security	\$250.80
Kemper Telephone	\$343.50
Museum Exhibits	\$113.17
Office Supplies	\$144.85
Postage	\$370.30
Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
Printing	\$408.00
Slave Quarters Restoration	\$1,460.00
State Sales Tax	\$42.46
Web Posting	\$50.00
Virginia Genealogical Society	\$95.00

Receipts \$18,811.93

Interest on Money Market	\$8.14
Slave Quarters Restoration	\$7,340.00
Museum Exhibits Fund	\$300.00
Kemper Rent	\$410.00
Donations	\$2,219.24
Dues	\$5,795.00
Sales	\$1,171.55
Tea	\$1,568.00

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2011 \$25,748.24

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The Madison County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Madison County heritage and traditions. The mission of the Society is to record, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of Madison County, its families, occupations and way of life.

Membership is for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. Membership and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Types of Membership:

Sustainer.....	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$30
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$20
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence, and on-line at the Society's web page - [www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org). (Click on "ABOUT US", and then on "application"). For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 Please leave a message if no one answers. We will return your call. You can also email us at [madisonhistory@verizon.net](mailto:madisonhistory@verizon.net).

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