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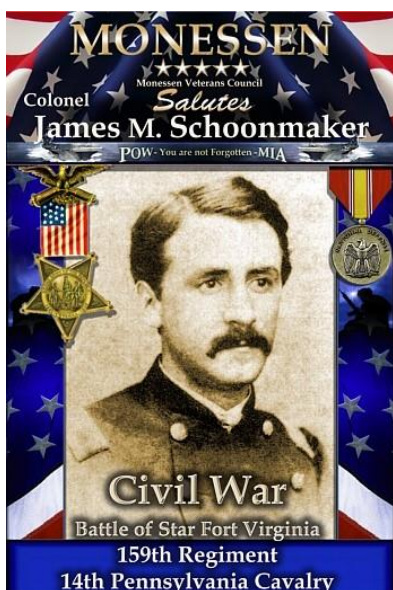
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**Come to our historic City Park, built
by the WPA, and enjoy Founders
Day and a Car Cruise,
August 19, 2017**



Colonel James Martinus Schoonmaker

The festival will include food vendors, booths, local authors, displays and family fun, along with great photo opportunities.

View displays of Civil War relics, cooking demonstrations over open fires, live music, demonstrations of encampment, soldier life, their equipment, tents and uniforms, as well as children's activities.

Living History Schedule for August 19:

Soldier drills: 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, include inspection of arms, loading in 9 times, firing by company, file and rank.

Children's activities: Immediately following Soldier Drills will include drilling with the soldiers using wooden guns, demonstrating the accuracy of Civil War bullets using round and spherical balls, old time games and Victorian dress up for photos. Don't forget your camera.

The Monessen/Rostraver Rotary will join us and sponsor a Car Show.

*DJ – Bill Lemon

*Dash plaques to first 100 cars

*Twenty trophies awarded

*Featuring the 1937 Packard once used at Vocational School in Auto Mechanics class!

This year marks the 175th anniversary of the birth of Colonel Schoonmaker, as well as the 90th anniversary of his passing.

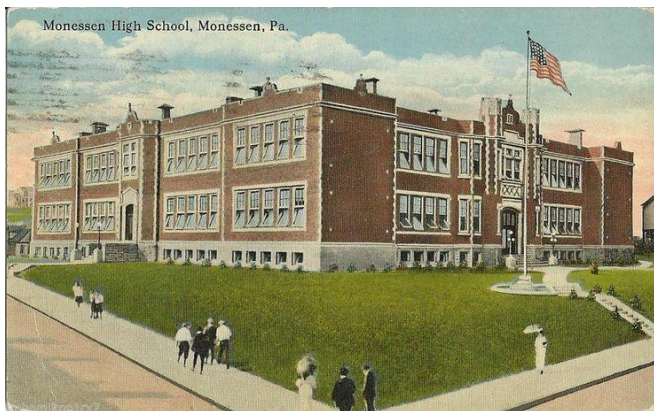
The Greater Monessen Historical Society will hold their annual Founders Day of Living History on Saturday, August 19, 2017, from 10 AM until 5 PM, at Monessen City Park, 1918 Grand Blvd. The festival is a tribute to Monessen Founder, Colonel James Martinus Schoonmaker, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his services during the Civil War and the hero of the Third Battle of Winchester. Re-enactors from the 11th P.V.I. Company K, Inc. will set up authentic Civil War camps to showcase a living history view of camp life during the War of the Rebellion.



President Kennedy Speaking in Monessen

Kennedy Anniversary Event

Monessen Attorney, Jack Bergstein will present a talk and power point about President John Kennedy's visit to Monessen fifty-five years ago in October of 1962. Check our Facebook page or webpage for the specific date and time. It will also be printed in the local newspapers.

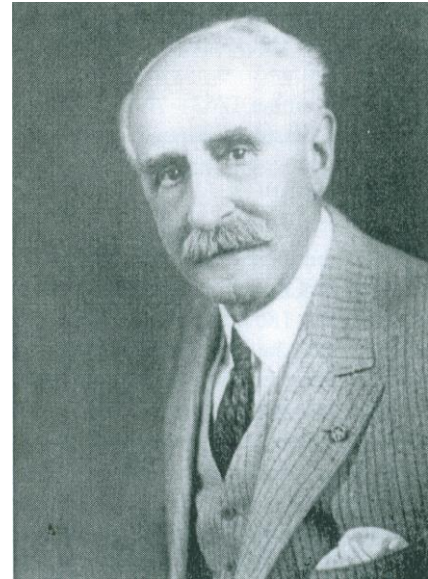


Second Monessen High School (1915-1946)

“Treasures from the Archives” Exhibit

The Autumn Exhibit at the Heritage Museum will focus on photos and items found in our archives. Special panels will highlight Monessen's “presidential” visits, the life of Colonel James

Schoonmaker, river transportation, the Monessen High School fire in 1946, and other treasures. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year and can be viewed during regular business hours.



Colonel James M. Schoonmaker

Colonel Schoonmaker's Birthday Bash

As we continue our tribute to Monessen's chief founder and Civil War hero, Colonel James Schoonmaker, the Historical Society is planning a dinner/dance for Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Jozwiak Hall, in the St. Vincent DePaul Society building on Grand Blvd, in Monessen. The buffet dinner will be catered by Bruno and Sons Catering and consist of roast beef, baked stuffed chicken, coleslaw, oven-browned parmesan potatoes, carrots, dinner rolls, and cake . Tickets are available for a \$30 donation. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Call and reserve your ticket today!



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volunteer!



**GMHS can now be found on Twitter at
@MonessenHistory! Follow us today!**

Museum Shoppe Cookbooks

The Museum Shoppe in the Heritage Museum features the largest selection of ethnic cookbooks in the area. They make wonderful gifts. Here is a sample recipe from one of the books in the Shoppe.

Halushki

1 bag of cooked wide noodles

One half to a whole head of shredded cabbage
(depending on size and personal preference)

1 to 2 sticks of butter (depending on taste)

Chopped onions to taste (optional)

Salt and pepper

Cook shredded cabbage in skillet with about 2 tablespoons of butter (Can use a little more depending on amount of cabbage) until slightly brown and transparent. Add salt and pepper to taste and continue cooking until tender. You can also add about 1 tablespoon of water, if it looks like the cabbage is dry. Fry cabbage in butter until brown,

but not burned. Toss noodles and cabbage with the browned butter.

One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers August – October, 1917

A permit has been granted to the Monessen Coal and Coke Company to reconstruct a coal tipple on the right bank of the Monongahela River in pool Number Three. The mine was formerly known as the Iron City Mine. The mine is part of the Pittsburgh Steel Company interests. (09-03-1917) Daily Independent

Two thousand people attended the consecration ceremonies for the ground of the new St. Cyril Methodius Russian Orthodox congregation. Thirty-five priests were present. (09-05-1917) Daily Independent

Monessen entertained the Ringgold Battalion, for their forty-fourth annual reunion. One hundred fifty eight veterans attended the event at the Elks Home. The group was addressed by Colonel James Schoonmaker, with the Louhi Band furnishing music. (09-07-1917) Monessen News

During the time the Carnegie Steel Hoop Mill was closed to honor the departing Monessen soldiers of World War I, a fire broke out in the large oil tank that resulted in a tremendous blaze. The tank contained 10,000 gallons of oil and was entirely destroyed. The town's volunteer firemen were assisted by the firemen of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. (09-21-1917) Daily Independent

The partnership of Altberger and Bergstein in business as the Monessen Cash Market and the Wireton Meat Market, has been dissolved. The business will now be conducted by L. Altberger. (09-21-1917) Daily Independent

One hundred and twenty-five Italians have organized a club in Monessen to be known as the Citizens Club. The object will be to interest Italians in citizenship and political improvement. Officers are Henry Fusarini (President), Thomas LaForte (Secretary), and Ralph Veschio (Treasurer). (09-25-1917) Monessen News

Five hundred Monessen women have signed pledge cards, distributed by the Boy Scouts, as part of Herbert Hoover's National Army of Food Economy. They

pledge to conserve food supplies. (09-25-1917) Daily Independent

Lee Bailey, former employee of Johnson's Café, is a mess sergeant for the 10th Pennsylvania Infantry, Company C. (10-02-1917) Monessen News

A meeting has been called by the Italian Civic Lodge No. 602 and the Italian Band Association to meet in the Opera House and form the Order of the Sons of Italy of America. (10-05-1917) Monessen News

Vincent Swade, age three, is missing from his home on Linden Avenue. (10-10-1917) Daily Independent

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Number 333, of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of American voted unanimously to purchase five hundred dollars worth of Liberty Bonds. (10-31-1917) Daily Independent

Summer and early Autumn Weddings and Engagements of 1917

Martin Davin, the taxi driver, married Miss Louise Karney at Wellsburg, West Virginia. (08-03-1917) Monessen News

Miss Olive A. Malone and Clark R. McClelland were married on August 9, 1917. (08-09-1917) Daily Independent

McClelland wedding continued. (08-10-1917) Daily Independent

J. C. Lemley, former Monessen patrolman, married Miss Cora Curry, of West Elizabeth, on April 14, 1917. (08-01-1917) Monessen News

Miss Genevieve Shutterly, of Monessen, and George Miller, of Lewisburg, wed on June 19, in Maryland. (08-16-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Clara Eberhardt and Charles Keller, both of Monessen, were married on August 15, 1917. (08-16-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Ethel Gant, of North Charleroi, and R. M. Berryman, of Philadelphia, wed on August 16, 1917. (08-17-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Ethel Burnham and Herbert W. Lamb, formerly of Monessen, wed on August 15, 1917. (08-21-1917) Monessen News

C. A. Gard, the High School commercial instructor, and Miss Dorabelle Booth married on August 22, 1917, in Columbus, Ohio. (08-24-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Isabelle Reed Campbell, of Leeds Avenue, and Herman Carson, of Perryopolis, wed on August 27, 1917. The groom is employed with Pittsburgh Steel. (08-29-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Lenore Doricot, of Charleroi, and Walter McLaughlin got married in Washington on August 30, 1917. (08-30-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Elsie A. Stahlnecker and Harry L. Lewis, of Monessen, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh on August 29, 1917. (08-30-1917) Daily Independent

Stahlnecker and Lewis wedding on August 30, 1917. (08-31-1917) Daily Independent

Louise Lipton filed for divorce from Ralph Lipton citing cruel and barbarous treatment. They were married on December 17, 1912. Her husband owns the Peoples Drug Store. (08-31-1917) Monessen News

Miss Helen Walters, of Masontown, and Claude Neckes, of Connellsville, have married. (09-01-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Katie Robson and Clyde A. Worthing, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg on September 1, 1917. (09-03-1917) Daily Independent

William Jones, of Monessen, and Miss Jean Kuhn, of Speers, applied for a marriage license in Washington, PA, on August 31, 1917. (09-03-1917) Daily Independent

Henry L. Christian, of Washington, PA, and Georgia Fields, of Monessen, obtained a marriage license in Pittsburgh on September 6, 1917. (09-07-1917) Monessen News

Charles Donahue, of Marietta, Ohio, and Miss Margaret Puterbaugh, of Toronto, were married on September 9, 1917. They will live at 817 Schoonmaker Avenue. (09-11-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Margaret Volker, of Monongahela, will marry Charles A. Fries, of Monongahela, on September 25, 1917. (09-18-1917) Monessen News

Miss Antonette Venneri, of Monessen, and Michael Repine, of Charleroi, were married on September 16, 1917. (09-21-1917) Monessen News

Henry S. Jamison, and Miss Helen B. Sample, of Charleroi, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh. (09-21-1917) Monessen News

Minnie Kline Frye, of Charleroi, filed for divorce against Fritz Frye, alleging desertion. They were married on January 27, 1915 and separated on September 7, 1915. (09-25-1917) Monessen News

Miss Matilda Mehalek, of Oneida Street, and George Halkowitch, eloped to Cumberland, MD on September 24, 1917. The groom works for Pittsburgh Steel. They slipped away after taking part in a play at the Star Theatre sponsored by the Hungarian Beneficial Society. (09-25-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Evelyn Parkinson and Theodore Franklin Day, of Monongahela, were married in New Alexandria on September 25, 1917. (09-26-1917) Daily Independent

Louis Jones, Jr. and Nellie Byers, of Webster, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh on September 25, 1917. (09-26-1917) Daily Independent

Grover Smock and Amy Osborn, of Monessen, applied for a marriage license in Greensburg on September 25, 1917. (09-26-1917) Daily Independent

Joseph Flays, of Herminie, and Mary Mole, of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg on September 25, 1917. (09-26-1917) Daily Independent

Myrtle Clendennon, of Knox Avenue, and A. Wayne Blackburn, of Monessen, were married on September 28, 1917, at 6 AM. The bride was a Monessen school teacher. The groom has offices in the Savings and Trust Building. (09-28-1917) Daily Independent

James Brown, of Iron City Hill, east of Monessen, filed for divorce from his wife, Eva Brown, for desertion. They were married on July 17, 1907. (10-09-1917) Daily Independent

Edith Irene Graft, of Wilkinsburg, and Thomas H. McKelveen have married. The bride was a former school teacher. (10-09-1917) Monessen News

Miss Louise Costa, of Rostraver Street, and Daniel Leihgeber were wed on October 10, 1917. The groom is

a local football player and roller in the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. (10-10-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Hazel Bumbaugh and Lucien Claybaugh, of Donora, were married in Washington, PA, on June 20, 1917. (10-11-1917) Daily Independent

Mrs. Myrtle Kremer Henry, formerly of Monessen, married James Zollars, of Charleroi, on September 25, 1917. Bride was the chief telephone operator at Newell. (10-17-1917) Daily Independent

Mrs. Lucy McClain was granted a divorce on October 4, 1917, from Elias McClain on the grounds of desertion, cruelty and non-support. (10-17-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Mary McPherson, of Monongahela, and Harry J. Link, of Pittsburgh, were quietly wed on October 16, 1917. The groom is employed at Monessen Plumbing and Electric Company. (10-17-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Gilchrist, of Monessen, and C. M. Quinn, of Fayette City, applied for a marriage license in Greensburg. (10-19-1917) Monessen News

Miss Nell Keller, of Tom's Brook, Virginia, and Robert Stickley, of Monessen, were wed on October 13, 1917. The groom works at the Page Mill. (10-24-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Edith E. Roney and Joseph Hagerty, from the Monessen Post Office, were married on June 12, 1917. (10-26-1917) Daily Independent

Mike Ukanick, of Hannestown, and Mary Nesky, of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg. (10-26-1917) Monessen News

Miss Nelle Patterson and Jess B. Kline were wed on October 28, 1917. (10-29-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Marie Fusarini eloped with John O. Hibbs to Fairmont on October 27, 1917. (10-29-1917) Daily Independent

Miss Florence Murphy and J. Lenslie eloped on October 29, 1917. (10-29-1917) Daily Independent

Murphy and Lemley elopement (Grooms last name differs from above) (10-30-1917) Monessen News

Patterson and James Kline wedding. (Grooms first name differs from page 5) (10-30-1917) Monessen News

John Fritz, of Monessen, and Miss Georgia Hite, of Glassport, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh. (10-31-1917) Daily Independent

Late Summer and Early Autumn Births of 1917

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Mowl, of Reed Avenue, had a twelve pound baby boy on August 1, 1917. (08-02-1917) Daily Independent

Mrs. Thomas Bateman, the former wife of Rev. J. A. Cherney, of Monessen, had a baby girl. (08-07-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. McShane, of 621 McKee Avenue, had an eleven pound baby boy on August 5, 1917. (08-07-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. D. Zambelli, of Knox Avenue, had a ten pound baby boy. (08-13-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, of McKee Avenue, had a seven and a half pound daughter on August 16, 1917. (08-16-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Lewis, of Reed Avenue, had a nine pound baby boy on August 25, 1917. (08-28-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Dorning, of the First National Bank apartments, had a baby girl on August 25, 1917. (08-27-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. S. Beeler, of 503 Braddock Avenue, had a baby girl, on August 23, 1917. The father is a brick layer for Pittsburgh Steel. (08-28-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nicolay, of 43 Reed Avenue, had a nine pound boy on September 2, 1917. (09-05-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Dory Hayden had an eight pound boy on September 7, 1917. (09-07-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. George Gess, of the Giba Apartments, had a nine pound baby boy on September 6, 1917. (09-07-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Friedhoff, of Second Street, had a baby girl on September 13, 1917. (09-14-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. John Dubrinski, of Delaware Street, had a ten pound boy on September 16, 1917. (09-17-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, of Schoonmaker Avenue, had twins on September 25, 1917. (09-25-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Nygreen, of Leeds Avenue, had an eleven pound boy on September 25, 1917. (09-28-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Harrison, of 127 McKee Avenue, had an eight and a fourth pound boy on September 30, 1917. (10-02-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hartberger, of McKee Avenue, had a son on September 30, 1917. (10-02-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandula, of Rostraver, had an eight and a half pound daughter. (10-10-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Frazier, had a seven and a half pound baby girl on October 9, 1917. (10-12-1917) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shibler, of Park Way, had a baby girl on October 19, 1917. (10-12-1917) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKelvey had an eight and a half pound baby boy on October 24, 1917. (10-26-1917) Monessen News

Memorials

In memory of Matilda Tobacco by Patricia and Robert Mayllen.

In memory of Carole Kuvinka Koslotonsky by Nancy Kuvinka Gray.

In memory of Juliano Guiducci by Dr. Martin and Madeline Dudas.

In memory of Josephine Pasqua Fayak by Dr. Martin and Madeline Dudas.

In memory of Edward Barch by Judy Barch.

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*Suzy Williams Broadhurst – Greyhound League

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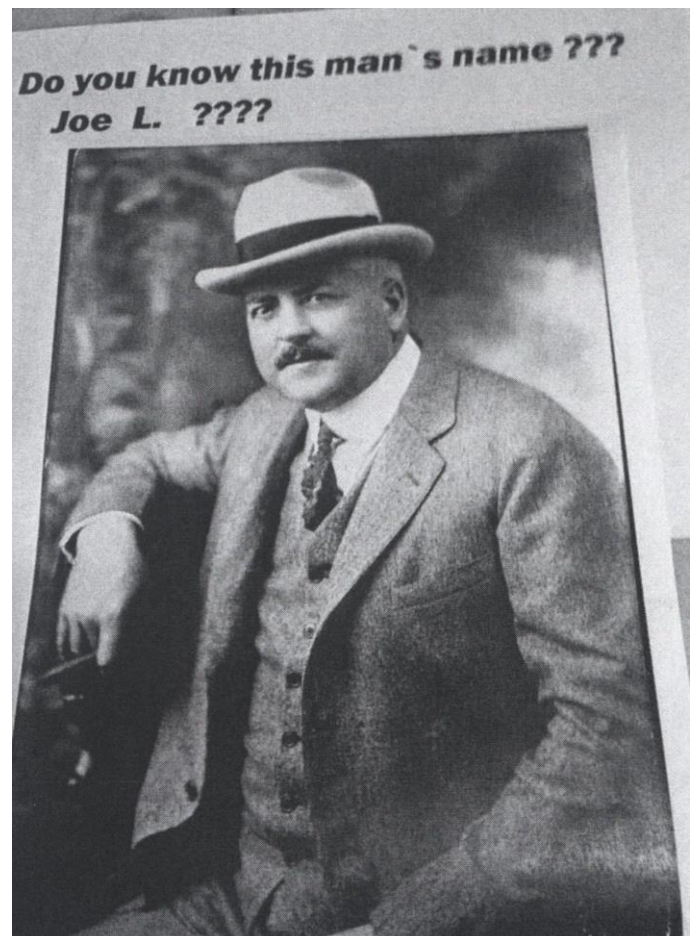
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VACATION DAYS AT CAMP LEE

By Walter McLaughlin

Here we are at Camp Lee,
"F" barracks is our home,
Three twentieth is our Infantry,
And this is where we roam.

The camp is located in Virginia state,
A beautiful and lovely place,
And how the boys do participate
In watching the southern race.

Mr. Mong he is our captain, too,
A fine and intelligent man,
He teaches how to be true blue
To the good Old Uncle Sam.

Lieutenant Miller, he is great,
He teaches right from wrong,
He never lets us be too late,
For the sound of our company's mess
gong.

Lewis Hopkins is our company's cook,
Who does the job quite well,
He feeds us well and wants us to look
Towards Germany going to h—

Pat Mullen and Ambrose Stevenson
Are always in a whirl,
I can't understand the reason
But I think it is a girl.

Harry Feldman is my bedmate,
Receiving letters by the score,
From the girls he left at the station
gate,
And you will find him never sore.

To the boys of this great state,
Be true and be a man,
Be on the job and don't hesitate,
To fight for Uncle Sam.

Poems written by Monessen soldiers at Camp Lee during World War I

To My Friends and Customers:

Just a few words from the one
whom you all know, whom you have
all dealt with and who is now on his
way to do his share by protecting his
country and his and your homes, and
to remind you of the past and tell you
just how we feel about being here, I
have written this little poem:

Here we are at Camp Lee

Our home here with K company,
Our regiment is three twenty,
We belong to the infantry.

About life we don't complain
As our weight with every day gain
Drilling agrees with us
As we do not get nerves.

Our meals are getting delicious
Our waiters know just how to serve us
To hear from home is a pleasure
We get them without measure.

Folks at home know very well
That this is in our life very new
And to save us from getting homesick
We receive a package every week.

We have a little trouble getting them
But we enjoy them just the same
Grapes and peaches make good mash,
Our cake usually full of glass.

But one thing we don't agree
Our future wives are very lonely,
Would like to have them where we
Could have them a little handy.

Lots of us would feel much better
If we could sometimes walk together,

But let's hope this soon will be
As we don't go to Germany

The Kaiser will shortly give up
He knows we can do them up

Now my friends do not worry
We have Germany scared already.

By Thos. Bergstein
320th Reg., Co. K.
Camp Lee, Va.