

# Orange Oracle

An Electronic Update from the Orange County Historical Society

## Call for Volunteers: Scanning & Accessibility Of Family Research Files

We are looking for individuals interested in either of two interrelated projects:

**Archive scanning:** scan family research files, to archival standard, that have accumulated since the previous scanning several years ago. This will be done on site at the Historical Society.

**Increasing accessibility:** converting archival quality digital files previously scanned into additional PDF files to make the digitized material easily accessible to the public. For this, we need volunteers who have Adobe Acrobat Pro available in their home office and who are willing to do this via online file sharing.

If you are interested and/or have questions, please email:

[OCHistVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:OCHistVolunteers@gmail.com)

## Picnic– Old Blue Run Baptist Sunday, July 31, at 6 pm



Regrettably, our picnic at Matthews Mill was cancelled due to rain. There is some talk of maybe trying to do it in early November in the middle of the day. It's a

## TV Studio Sought for Society Auditorium



One of the biggest takeaways from the Covid pandemic was that we have adapted to a new paradigm. Specifically, we learned that, thanks to technology, we can participate in activities, like work, church, and events without actually being there physically.

The time has come for the Orange County Historical Society to offer that same flexibility in our programming. Specifically, we want to have the capability to archive and live-stream our monthly programs.

In 2022, many of us have begun looking forward to, once again, attending events held at our auditorium. But, because of weather, darkness, disability, distance, and plain old inconvenience, others want to experience our programming from the comfort of their home.

The History-to-Go feature already gives people this convenience, but it is not “live.” What we want to do is to

time of year that is usually quite pleasant. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, our joint gathering with the Orange County African American Historical Society (OCAAHS) is slated for Sunday, July 31, at 6:00 pm at the historic Old Blue Run Baptist Church at 7435 Constitution Hwy., Somerset, VA. This covered dish event will be held rain or shine, thanks to the availability of a fellowship hall on premises.

### History-to-Go: Park Dedication



Recent additions to our “stable” of programs that are available for viewing on our History-to-Go YouTube channel are: long and short versions of the town’s June 12, 150th celebration and now the Juneteenth Commemorative Park dedication. Just go to History-to-Go on the society’s web site: [www.orangecovahist.org](http://www.orangecovahist.org)

or click on this link.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvPIUSloS7GZW4Pee\\_17XQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvPIUSloS7GZW4Pee_17XQ)

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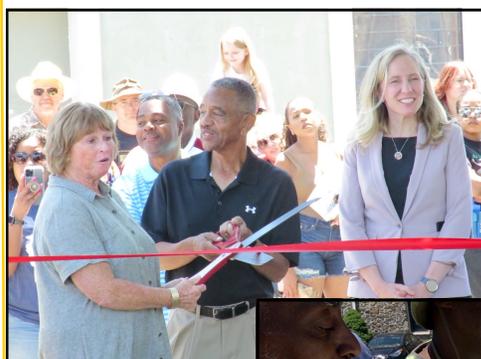
bring our programming into your living room while it is being simultaneously presented to a live audience at the research center’s auditorium. And, if you miss the live performance, you can always view it later on our History-to-Go YouTube channel. To do this, we are going to need some equipment and some training.

What we have already: a lectern, a multi channel public address sound system, a remote controlled projector and screen, and, now thanks to a donation, a studio-quality video camera, tripod, microphone, and three point lighting system with stands, all valued in excess of \$3,000.

What we need: a video capture and switching device, which gives us the capability to be a mini TV studio that can tap multiple video sources on the fly, and a really powerful laptop computer, one that can handle the high volume of data that video requires. Also, we’ll need to upgrade our internet connection to handle faster upload speeds. Lastly, we will definitely need some technical help: how to set this up and most importantly, how to operate it.

So, a letter will arrive soon in your mailbox asking you to contribute to this vital and worthwhile project. Please respond generously. We are asking for no more than \$7,500.

### More Juneteenth Photos



Mayor Martha Roby and OCAAHS Pres. Bruce Monroe cut the ribbon as 7th District Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger looks on.



Brothers Washington point out old neighborhood landmarks.

