



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Free Hands-on Workshop in Restoring Log Structures**

For three days, from July 14 – 16, 2011, interested individuals have the opportunity to learn from one of the premier historic restoration companies in this region. Roland Cadle, of Village Restorations and Consulting, Inc., will be working in Fairmont on the reconstruction of the Jacob Prickett Jr. Log House that was damaged by an arson fire in 2005. The house was built in 1781 and is the oldest residential structure still standing in Marion County. This building is on The National Register of Historic Places. It is a significant structure that is directly related to the structures within the historic Prickett's Fort State Park and is notable for its full second floor and cellar. Jacob Prickett Jr. fought in the Revolutionary War with his father, Jacob Prickett Sr. who built the fort on his land.

The community is invited to learn specific techniques of hewing logs, stone cutting and stone laying and participate in the process of raising the cabin. Participants are asked to meet at the site (Rt 3 Box 409, Montana Mines) at 8 a.m. and to bring a lunch, as well as work gloves, hammers, chisels, and an ax if available. Work will proceed rain or shine. There is no cost to attend but reservations are requested by calling the Pricketts Fort Foundation office (304) 363-3030.

For more information about the Jacob Prickett Jr Log House, visit <http://www.jacobsmeadow.org>.

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