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JCHS to Receive Special Achievement Award from PA Museums for Stones N' Bones Exhibit



PA Museums' Special Institutional Achievement Award for the Stones N' Bones 3-Gallery Exhibit will be presented by Rusty Baker, PA Museums Executive Director to JCHC Executive Director, Ken Burkett, at PA Museum's Annual Conference at Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh on April 20th, 2020. PA Museums is a statewide trade association of museum professionals of both large and small museums.

Institutional Awards recognize outstanding projects that provide an exemplary contribution to the museum, public history, or cultural tourism fields in PA. A nomination may be made for any project/exhibit that raises the bar of excellence in any of these fields. Judging criteria considers new, innovative approaches, planning and implementing the exhibit at the highest level possible given staff size and budget limitations, and public engagement – drawing new and diverse visitors to the exhibit.

Other recipients are typically the larger museums, such as Heinz History Center and Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, and The Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia. This exhibit provides local accessibility to an exhibit you would have to travel to one of these large cities to see.

The 3-gallery exhibit opened November 2018 and incorporates Geology, Paleontology and the Ice Age of Jefferson County and western Pennsylvania. Our goal was to create an exciting, informative and interactive exhibit for all ages, but especially targeting elementary through middle school students by connecting with local teachers.

Brookville's Hickory Grove elementary school brought in 120 3rd and 4th graders one day to see the exhibit. Such excitement you've never seen nor heard! They had the most fun at our Ice Age dress-up Selfie Station, and were in awe of the Ice Age mega-mammals. Word of the exhibit spread, and we had requests from other schools, as well as scout groups, from outside of Jefferson County - including Clarion, DuBois and Redbank Valley – that had never visited the History Center before, who now wanted to visit the Stones N' Bones exhibit.

STONES N' BONES EXHIBIT



GEOLOGY

PALEONTOLOGY

ICE AGE

JCHC In the News

PA Museums Special Achievement Award, continued:

For photos and highlights of each of the 3 gallery exhibits see prior issues of our newsletter (2018, 2019) and the December issue of the Brookville Mirror.

The Man Behind the Mission

This exhibit is the brainchild of our Executive Director, Ken Burkett and could not have been possible without Ken's knowledge of geological processes, paleontology and archaeology. Ken is a Field Associate with Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Treasurer of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) and long-time President of local North Fork Chapter 29, SPA. He is well known for his archaeological work and as a petroglyph expert. His life actually revolves around "stones and bones," hence the title of the exhibit.

This exhibit has been a year-long project in the physical sense, but for Ken, years in the making conceptually. In reality, this undertaking was a multi-year *MISSION*. His perseverance that someday an exhibit of this magnitude might be possible at our small museum—and his expertise in implementing it—made this exhibit possible.



Ken oversaw all aspects of the planning and development of the exhibit right down to the special "bone fonts" and borders for the panels used in the exhibit, the new exhibit cases and new platforms that were necessary, as well as finding the funding we needed. He identified what materials and items were needed and managed to obtain them. Ken also oversaw two CUP Geology and Geoscience interns, which we were fortunate to have, as well as staff, in researching and planning the Geology exhibit.

His connections with exhibit financial sponsors Billman Geologic (Pittsburgh), Rosebud Mining (Kittanning), Matson's Lumber & Insurance (Brookville) and Janney-Lerch Group (Clarion) made this exhibit possible.

His professional connections with the Red Hill Field Station & Fossil Museum (Clinton County) and Carnegie Museum were also crucial to completion of this exhibit. Many of the fossils and Indian artifacts and accoutrements are from his own collections and those of North Fork Chapter 29, and from Red Hill fossil site.

Ken has shown this community that the History Center has the capacity to showcase a "big city exhibit," albeit within the limitations of our small museum budget, staff size, and space limitations.

Visitors from other states tell us how surprised they are to see such an exhibit in our little town museum and how impressed they are by it. They want to know how we managed to put it all together. The answer to that question is simple: Ken Burkett's vision, historical knowledge, connections and perseverance.

My original nomination was for an Individual Special Achievement Award for Ken, but since he received both Institutional and Individual Awards for JCHC Scripture Rocks Heritage Park in 2017, PA Museums decided on giving JCHC an Institutional Award this year for the Stones N' Bones exhibit. (That year, 2017, we also received the American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit for the Park, a national award).

PA Museum's Rusty Baker stated: "The Awards Committee appreciates your hard work and how central you are to your organization, and they decided not to name you as an individual award winner because you were recently recognized with one. We hope you understand this decision does not diminish the outstanding work you and your organization are doing... Look forward to seeing you in April at the conference and awards." I think that says it all.

Either way, it is still Ken's achievement. We are fortunate to have in our small town a "big town museum," as well as the "Man Behind the Mission."

JCHC In the News

JCHS Annual Awards

At the October Annual Dinner & Membership Meeting on October 26, 2019, JCHS presented its annual awards.



Ed Frank (left) receiving the Arthur Altman Award from JCHS President Tracy Zents.

◆ **The Arthur Altman Award** (left) is presented to a **JCHS member** who has contributed significantly in any way to preserving Jefferson County history. This year's recipient was Ed Frank of Reynoldsville, for the documentary film Douglas Stahlman: The Scripture Rocks. President Tracy Zents presented the award.

◆ **The Kate M. Scott Award** (right) is presented to **Any Person** who has contributed significantly to the preservation of Jefferson County history. George Miller, the "Atlatl Man" received the award this year from Executive Director Ken Burkett. George is a long-time member of our event and exhibit partner, North Fork Chapter 29, Society for PA Archaeology. He handcrafts the atlatls used in the annual World Atlatl competition held at our Antique Rifles and Indian Artifacts Labor Day Show each year.



George Miller (right) receiving the Kate Scott Award from JCHC Executive Director, Ken Burkett.

JCHS Announces New Board Member

2020 new Board Member elected at the Annual Dinner is Zachary Ankeny. Born in Kansas in 1984, Zack has called Brookville, Jefferson County his home since 1991. His mom is Kathleen Burkett and his stepdad is Jack Burkett. He is married to Erin Ankeny (Buchanan) and they have two daughters Emma (8) and Ava (2). In his free time, Zack enjoys the outdoors riding his mountain bike, fishing, hunting and going camping, especially in Erie where he and his family enjoy spending time at Presque Isle State Park.



Zack graduated from BAHS in 2004, then earned a bachelor's degree from Clarion University in 2008. He currently works for State Representative Cris Dush of the 66th Legislative District as the District Manager. Zack enjoys his job because every day isn't the same. "When someone thinks of a legislative office, they probably think of someone researching laws. This is true for those working in Harrisburg but it isn't the main focus for us working in the district. My job is about making personal connections. It's about listening to someone who may just want someone to talk to about their problems. We try to put ourselves in their shoes and we try to make their day just a little bit brighter."

Zack is looking forward to serving as a board member for the Jefferson County History Center and welcomes the opportunity to learn more about the area in which he works and calls home.

JCHC In the News

2020 Events Calendar

Saturday, February 22
Harrisburg Bus Trip
 7 AM Departure
 EUM Church, 302 White St,
 Brookville

Saturday, February 29
Bowdish Birthday Bash
New Exhibit Openings:
“You Are Here”
“First People: Native American
Lifeways”
 11 - 4 pm

Saturday, March 7
Military Collectibles Show
 Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 9 - 3 pm

Saturday, April 4
Scripture Rocks Heritage Park
Opens
(Pending Snow)

Saturday, September 5
Antique Rifles & Indian Artifacts
Labor Day Show
 9 - 4 pm

TBA September
Family Bicycle Poker Ride
 Depot St Trailhead, Brookville
 Noon - 5 pm

Harrisburg Bus Trip
Special Guided Tours

* State Capital

* State Museum

Saturday February 22

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JCHS Receives PHMC Archives Grant

JCHS is the recent recipient of a competitive grant for **Historic Archival Records Care from the PA Historical Museum Commission (PHMC)**. This grant will fund a professional archivist as a consultant for our photographic collections, as well as archival supplies necessary for the project. The project will begin May 1st and be carried out over two years time.



This grant is a collaborative effort between JCHS and Valerie Metzler, Professional Archivist from Altoona. Valerie will be training staff in proper archival records care and preservation and proficiency in using our museum software used to catalogue all of our collections. This project will help in the transition of curatorship from retiring curator, Carole Briggs, to JCHC staff.

Under a previous grant, Valerie assisted us in 2004, beginning the process of archiving part of our photo collection, the McMurray collection (1940-2005), consisting of original photos published in the Jeffersonian Democrat, Brookville American newspapers and related unpublished photographs. She will oversee the subsequent and final stages of this process with that collection, as well as with the Frederick Knapp collection—a photographic record of historic buildings, events, people and places of Brookville and Jefferson County covering 1898-1945—and the Cecil McCool collection of 20th century individuals, family groups and graduating BAHS classes covering 1945-1988.

The Knapp Collection includes 60+ three-foot long panoramas of reunions, Brookville’s Civil War Grand Army of the Republic, and employees of many industries throughout the years and a famous photos of that momentous day in history in 1920 when women earned the right to vote.

After an initial visit to the archives and consultation with Valerie in July 2019, Executive Director Ken Burkett and Administrative Operations/Grantwriter Kat Lyons co-wrote the grant and submitted it in August 2019.



F.E. Knapp, 1920, Brookville. Women’s Suffrage: First Woman to Vote in Jefferson County, Elizabeth Marlin McCreight

“Sufferin’ Suffrage” Centennial of Woman Suffrage: 1920-2020

Carole Briggs is available to present *“Sufferin’ Suffrage”* to your organization, a 45-60 minute powerpoint program of the suffrage movement, especially covering Jefferson and surrounding counties. Contact cabriggs36@gmail.com. Donations benefit JCHC and the League of Women Voters.

JCHC In the News

CUP Community Fellows Program Grant Award



JCHS received a small grant of \$500 in December from Clarion University toward the makeover of our Native American exhibit (see “Upcoming Exhibits”). This grant partners a CUP faculty or staff member with an area community or organization, and utilizes CUP students. Successful proposals demonstrate a contribution to communities served and contribute to the public service mission of the University.

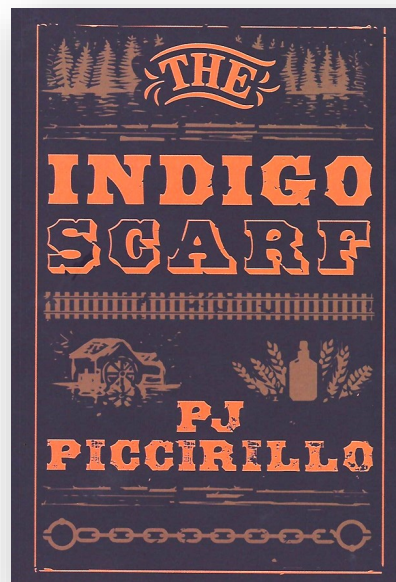
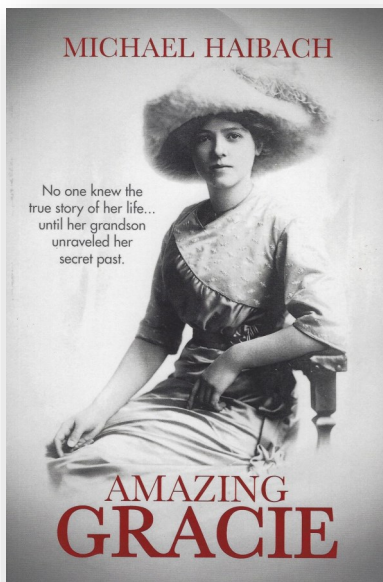
Vic Stahlman, our 2019 summer intern, was our student of choice for this grant. Vic is majoring in Anthropology and Computer Science and is a senior undergraduate in the Honors Program. He is continuing to assist with the planning and implementation of our exhibit, researching new interpretive panels and working on exhibit layout. The award amount will help fund the 44” by 46” graphic panels which cost around \$300 each to be printed. Vic will give a presentation on this project at CUP’s Academic Excellence Series in April.

JCHS Receives Penelec Grant

Chuck Ebanoff, Regional External Affairs Manager of First Energy/ Penelec (left) presenting a check for \$500 to Executive Director, Ken Burkett. We first received this grant in January 2017. This years check is designated for operating support.



New Books in Our Gift Shop Available for Sale



The Way We Were:
Brookville, Pennsylvania
through the
Camera’s Lens

David L. Taylor

Upcoming Exhibits

First People: Native American Lifeways

We are redoing the exhibit panels to showcase Native American Lifeways in this region: How they gathered food, grew crops, traveled and traded, and interacted with European settlers. We are also adding a series of pull-out drawers holding projectile point typology where people can bring in their arrowheads and identify them by type and by age. In the window is our Paleo-Indian hunting with his wolf-dog, with atlatl in hand.

Also featured will be a new diorama (model) of Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Native American rock shelter and the artifacts excavated by North Fork Chapter 29 and JCHC staff and board. The diorama (right) was built by Ken Burkett using photos of the rock shelter before excavation.

We thank Billman Geologic, an oil and gas consulting firm in Pittsburgh, Clarion University of Pennsylvania Community Fellows Program Grant, and North Fork Chapter 29 for graciously funding this exhibit.

Please Note: *We are still looking for taxidermy specimens on loan to fill out this exhibit, so if you have any or know someone who would like to loan us a specimen, please let us know.*

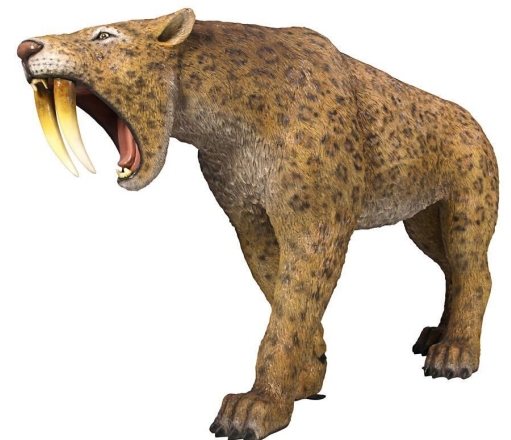


What's New in the Stones N' Bones Exhibit ???

The life-size Saber-tooth that greets you as you enter the Ice Age Gallery is *NOT* for the faint of heart !

The sizeable cat will replace the Paleo-Indian (now in the center of the Ice Age gallery) who will migrate to the "First People: Native American Lifeways" exhibit in the Living on the Land Gallery by February 29th, when we open new and evolving exhibits for our annual Bowdish Birthday Bash.

Don't miss this GIANT CAT !



Jefferson County Lumberman: Logging and Rafting In Our 1st Floor Window

Displayed are tools of the trade and a sawmill/bracket dam built by Bill McCracken.

Earle Sandt, Brookville's Birdman Pilot: NEW VIDEO of Earle's Flights and Performance Exhibitions.

Upcoming Exhibits

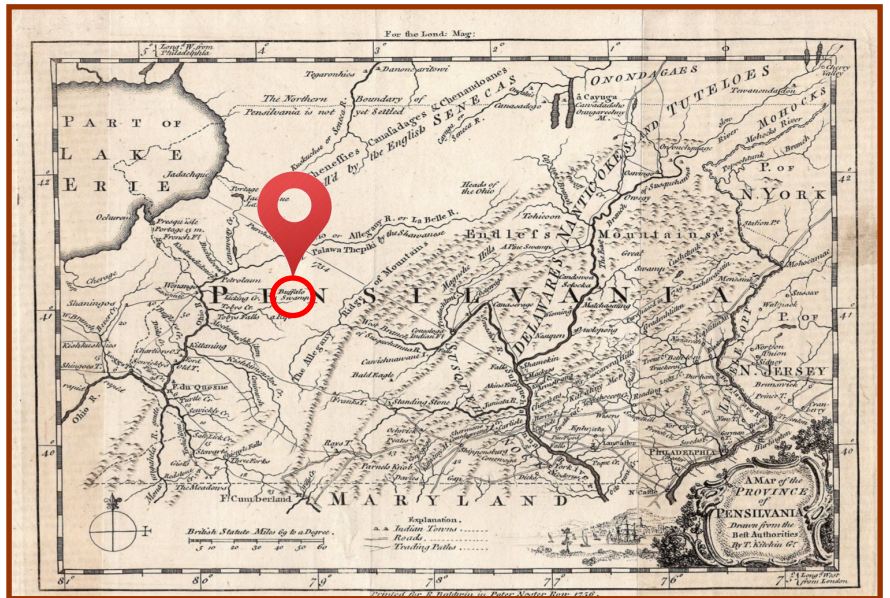
Map Exhibit **YOU ARE HERE**

The Grand Hall and Fetzer Skylight Gallery will showcase maps of western Pennsylvania and Jefferson County from pre-settlement times to present day. This exhibit was proposed by Arthur McKinley, Brookville native and collector of historical maps. We found his outlook for a map exhibit intriguing:

“Most interesting to me are the early Dutch, French and English copper engravings [maps] from the colonial period that are so often overlooked in Jefferson County history. Our area [of] Western PA comes slowly into focus on these early maps.” ...the history of our area goes far before the story of the first white settler to a time when the land that is now Jefferson County was part of “New France.”

“...different parties lay claim through maps to broad territories. We see not only the English and French laying claim to Western PA but also attempts to designate the entire area West of [the] Alleghenys for the Indians.”

“Interestingly, the rugged and remote area that is now Jefferson County is one of the last blank areas to be filled in. Many of the mid to late 18th century maps only designate this unsettled area as “Buffalo Swamp” much as early navigators would demarcate unknown seas as ‘*here there be dragons.*’ It would be interesting to explore how this particular designation came about and was perpetuated. Theories abound...”



1756 A Map of the Province of Pensilvania. London Magazine.
 (“Buffalo Swamp,” comprising Jefferson and Clearfield counties, is circled in red).



Come explore these maps and theories with us !

The exhibit will also showcase some early tools of the cartography trade as well as more modern surveying equipment.



T.M. Fowler Map of Brookville 1895

**To Schedule Your School Group or Birthday Party Call 814-849-0077
 or email klyons-jchc@windstream.net**

Upcoming Events



Charlie Bowdish 101st Birthday Bash

Saturday
February
29th



11-4 pm

**Special running of the newly redesigned
Bowdish Model Railroad**

NEW EXHIBITS OPENING:

“You Are Here!”

“First People: Native American Lifeways”

Admission by Donation

Jefferson County History Center

172 Main Street, Brookville, PA (814) 849-0077
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Upcoming Events

Bowdish trains being cleaned and restored to prime running condition by Bowdish crew (Dave Gilbert, right).



Model Railroad Schedule Railroad Closed January and February.

**Bowdish Birthday
Celebration
February 29, 2020**

**Saturday March 28
12 - 3 pm**

**Saturday, April 25
12 - 3 pm**

**Saturday, May 30
12 - 83pm**

**Saturday, June TBA
Laurel Festival
5 - 8 pm**

**Saturday, July 25
12 - 3 pm**

**Saturday, August 29
12 - 3 pm**

**Saturday, September 26
12 - 3 pm 28**

**Saturday, October 31
12 - 3 pm**

**Friday, November 27
Light-Up Parade
5 - 8 pm**

**Friday, December 4
Victorian Christmas
5 - 8 pm**



Get Your Raffle Ticket for the Old Ironsides Cannon (below) at our Military Collectibles Show (see page 11).

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Telephone _____

**Traditions Mini 69 cal.
Old Ironsides
Black Powder Cannon**

**Drawing
March 7, 2020 3:00 PM**

Ticket \$5 or 3 / \$10

Small Games #223 2020

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Upcoming Events

Jefferson County History Center Harrisburg Bus Trip

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Tour the Pennsylvania State Museum Pennsylvania State Capitol

Package Includes

- ◆ Round trip bus transportation
- ◆ Museum Admission
 - ◆ Behind the scenes tour of Archaeology Lab/ Exhibit with State Archaeologist Dr. Kurt Carr
 - ◆ Free time to explore the State Museum
 - ◆ Guided Tour of Pennsylvania State Capitol with Representative Cris Dush
- ◆ Box Lunch



Dr. Kurt Carr



Representative Dush

Itinerary

- 7:00 am Depart from Evangelical United Methodist Church side parking lot at 302 White Street, with Fullington Bus Company
- 10:00 am Arrive Pennsylvania State Museum
- 12:00 pm Box Lunch (Museum Snack Area)
- 2:45 pm Pennsylvania State Capitol Tour
- 4.00 pm Depart home
- 5:00 pm Dinner stop (On your own)

SEATING IS LIMITED - PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

JCHS HARRISBURG BUS TRIP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

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PLEASE RETURN BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

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Return with your check
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P. O. Box 51
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Credit Card Reservations
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Upcoming Events

MILITARY COLLECTIBLES SHOW is just around the corner! So reserve your table(s) NOW !

**6TH ANNUAL
MILITARY
COLLECTIBLES SHOW**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 7, 2020
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
RT. 28, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF
INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81**




**FEATURING MILITARIA FOR SALE, SHOW AND
TRADE FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT**

ADMISSION: ADULTS - \$7.00 CHILDREN UNDER 16 - FREE

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BENEFITS THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**Jefferson County Historical Society
6th Annual
Military Collectibles Show**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Vendor Set-up (7:00 AM)
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
(Route 28, 1/4 mile north of Interstate 80 exit 81)**

Event is limited to military collectibles only and may include weapons, uniforms, accouterments, artifacts, photos, publications or other items relating to the hobby.

Those selling firearms are individually responsible for any required Federal Firearms background checks.

Vendor tables are \$25.00 each / Exhibit tables are free
Please indicate how many of each you are requesting

If you'd like to participate in the show, please reserve your tables as soon as possible. Remove and complete this portion and return with check (payable to JCHC).

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Telephone _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Please reserve: _____ 8 ft. Vendor tables _____ 6 ft. Exhibitor tables

Interest: Civil War ___ WWI ___ WWII ___ Other _____

Mail this form with your check to:
Jefferson County History Center
Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825

Contact Ken Burkett
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Get Your Raffle Tix Now for the Military Collectibles Show (See raffle ticket on page 9).

Win this Traditions Mini .69 caliber Old Ironsides Black Powder Cannon that actually fires! The drawing is March 7th at 3 pm at the show. Tickets are only \$5 or 3 tix for \$10.

British guns proved no match for the enormous deck guns of the U.S.S. Constitution. This is a fully operational replica, accurate in scale and detail, of those cannons featuring authentic-styled naval carriage and barrel. The Old Ironsides Cannon comes with .69 caliber 12.5" blued barrel package with authentic accessories. The carriage is made of durable select hardwood. The cannon wheels are 2 1/8" in diameter, with overall length of 18" and weighing in at only 9 pounds.

Whether you are a military historian or ex-servicemen, or simply want to start a family tradition, you can be proud to own your miniature scale Old Ironsides Cannon.



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Wed - Sat
11 AM - 4 PM

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Winter) and Holidays

We typically close when
our schools close due to
weather, and urge you to
phone before traveling
any distance.

Exhibit Admission

By Donation

JCHS Members - Free

Genealogy
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\$25 /Hour

(1 Hour minimum)

In-House Assisted
Research
\$25/Hour
(after 1st 1/2 hour)

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Student \$10/12 months

Individual \$30/12 months Family (Household) \$40/12 months Life \$600.00

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Our Mission

Our purpose is to engage people of all ages in the history of Jefferson County. We collect and care for relevant objects, images and documents and invite county residents and visitors to research our materials, interact with our exhibits, take part in our programs and read our publications, in order to encourage an understanding of our past and present and afford a vision for the future.