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ANNUAL AWARDS

The JCHS Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes extended service and contributions to JCHS's success. New this year for the first time, the 2021 award is presented to Bill and Vada McCracken. Together they chaired the 2009 Annual Giving Campaign. Bill garnered the 3rd Kate Scott Award in 2003 and Certificate of Recognition for his Twyford 4WD Motorcar replica in the award winning *Living on the Land* exhibit (2009). They contributed a significant personal artifacts over many years' time. Bill built countless miniature models for the Bowdish exhibit and created the Richardsville miniature diorama exhibit. Bill is the long-time "Emeritus" of the Bowdish Volunteer Crew, but still volunteering !



Kat Lyons presenting Lifetime Award to Bill & Vada



Vickie receiving Arthur Altman Award from President Tracy Zents

The Arthur Altman Award is given to a JCHS member who makes a significant contribution to the county's history. The 2021 award goes to Vickie Storey, long-time JCHS member, prior Board Treasurer, and "Bowdish Boss." Vickie coordinated the Bowdish Crew to present hundreds of Bowdish Model RR & Miniature Diorama Shows over the years. Vickie's first Bowdish article in our summer 2004 newsletter described the creation of the set—the theatre—for our Bowdish Show. She learned to make many of the scenes and miniatures from the Crew. Her articles updated us on the new miniature models and scenery and new Crew members over the years. We are fortunate to have her all aboard the Bowdish Model Railroad!

JCHC in the News

ANNUAL AWARDS, continued

The Kate Scott Award honors any individual or group who has made an effort to preserve the history of Jefferson County for future generations. The 2021 award recipient is B.J. Pino (Bruno Pino), the long-time Director and musical conductor of the 105th Civil War Regimental Band. Based in Indiana County, costumed members of the band played period instruments, portraying the "Wildcats" Band. They played in Brookville several times as well as Gettysburg and other venues. The 105th was infamous for its participation in many battles.

B. J. keeps our county history alive through a captivating form of re-enacting. Nothing more than music stirs the emotions. To hear the original tunes on original instruments as the Civil War Band would have played them certainly meets the stature of this award. He loaned his original 105th instruments, contributing greatly to our civil war exhibits.



B.J. Pino conducting the Band



On June 10, 2017 the Wildcat Regiment Band performed its final concert, after more than 25 years of re-creating the regimental band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The Instruments

Regimental band music had its roots in 19th century small town "cornet bands." The cornets and saxhorns in the band date from the Civil War era, and are the same instruments that were in service during battle and dress parades in 1861. Among the instruments played in this re-enactment band were valved bugles, cornets, and an assortment of alto, tenor, baritone and bass saxhorns and rope tension drums.

The Music

Quicksteps, ballads, overtures and marches played by the Wildcat Regiment Band were the same musical pieces that once touched the lives of soldiers and civilians, providing comfort and a spirit of patriotism.



Ken Burkett, Executive Director (left) presenting the 2021 Kate Scott Award to B.J. Pino (right).

JCHC 2021 AWARDS

MORE PICS: Our Award Winners throughout the years...



Vickie with the Bowdish R.R. in background, besieged by awed students asking lots of questions. October 2020



Vada and Bill as Chairpersons of the 2019 Annual Giving Campaign



Vickie sharing a laugh and a remembrance or two with Bill October 2021



Bill McCracken: A Giant in the Bowdish Land of Miniatures. December 2014



To book a tour at the History Center for your school or group, email klyons-jchc@windstream.net or kburkett-jchc@windstream.net

JCHC Operations

2021 ANNUAL GIVING

You Can Give Our Past a Future!

Everyone should now have received their Annual Giving Letter this past month. Your tax-deductible unrestricted gift to our 2021 Annual Giving is the easiest way you can help support JCHS. Please consider sending your annual donation by check with the enclosed form and envelope, or online by credit card or PayPal at jchconline.org.

Thank You for Your Appreciated Support!

New Board Member Appointed : Ron Shrewsbury

Ron Shrewsbury was appointed to the Board of Directors at the October meeting to fill a board vacancy which expires 12/31/22. At that time he will be eligible for two additional terms by a vote of the membership.

Ron is a retired analytical chemist, having worked for Praxair Industrial Gases for over 40 years. Ron and his wife Christina recently moved to Sigel from Buffalo, New York area. Both are active in Civil War Living History and have performed at venues in Gettysburg, Buffalo and Erie. Ron's specialty is 19th century medicine. Ron served in the volunteer fire service for over 30 years and has been a practicing emergency medical technician for over 20 years.



Pat Steele Collection: This September, we received the extensive Genealogy Collection of Pat Steele. After recently losing her husband, she moved south to be with her children and grandkids. Pat was active with our first "Jefferson County Museum" on Jefferson St. in the 70s, serving on the JCHGS Board as Vice-President. She later served as a Board member with the JCHS at our present location. Pat is author of the "Tombstone Hoppin' " cemetery records (1980/81 and 2000), and her red book series, "Who, When, and Where" (1990s), a collection of births, deaths and marriages from the old county records database and newspaper tidbits. She received the very first Kate Scott Award in 2001 for her valuable work. In addition to her nursing career at Brookville Hospital, Pat has been an avid genealogy researcher, her lifelong passion, for 50+years. The collection includes Family Histories, old photos, books including histories from many counties, binders full of transcribed county records, and tons of newspaper clippings. We are currently processing this vast collection and making it available in our archives and research library.

David Coleman Collection: Received in summer, this extensive Genealogical and Book Collection was gifted by the Coleman Family of Clarion (previously from New York). The collection includes Genealogy with multiple binders of Family Groups & Histories, Census records of families, and tons of books covering many county histories throughout Pennsylvania that we didn't have, adjacent states (NY), Revolutionary War reference books to German pioneers and immigration histories.



Special Thanks

We would once again like to especially thank the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Jefferson County Commissioners. PHMC provides an annual grant to offset some of our operating costs. The Commissioners, who also provide us with annual funding for operating costs, designate JCHS as the official county historical society. Without this designation, we could not receive the annual PHMC funds.

JCHC Scripture Rocks Heritage Park In the News



Youth Group at ADA Accessible Staging Area adjacent to Pollinator Pond Habitat

Youth Group Plants Milkweed for Monarchs

A Youth group from the Presbyterian Church had a pizza picnic at the Park on Saturday October 10th, and volunteered for a special Monarch Butterfly milkweed seed planting with JCHC Staff. Tots to teens had fun opening the “fish-like” pods and planting the seeds on an embankment south of the Pollinator Pond Habitat. Ken provided the seedpods from his own home milkweed garden.

JCHC Staff, Executive Director Ken Burkett and Operations Director Kat Lyons presented a mini-environmental lesson for them about monarchs and pollinator gardens. Some of them already knew about monarchs and their need for milkweed host plants to lay their eggs on and for the resultant larvae to feed on, and why they need our help

right now, due to loss of milkweed habitat. Others were hearing for the first time or re-learning, remembering past school classes.



We first had them swirl the seed pods in buckets of water – of course great fun! – and then scatter the seedpods along rows of raked earth. They mulched the seeds with soil and grass clippings. These kids were totally into it! They all pitched in and had a fun time, complete with being covered in milkweed pods, as it was a rather windy day. The photos speak for themselves!

We invited them to come back in spring next year to see the fruition of their work. We can’t reiterate how awesome these



kids were and really wanting to get their hands dirty! The energy was boundless as were the questions!

We invite other groups – schools, churches, scouts, library, YMCA, and other kids’ groups—to contact us and come out and get involved, and most of all, have FUN!



To book a SRHP tour for your school, email klyons-jchc@windstream.net or kburkett-jchc@windstream.net or give us a call at 814-849-0077.

Planting Milkweed Seeds

JCHC Events Recap

15th Annual Antique Firearms & Indian Artifact Show

This show took place on Labor Day Weekend and was another successful event for JCHC and North Fork Chapter 29, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, our co-hosts. Thanks to our Board and others who volunteered at the event.



Antique Firearms



Joe Sodowski of the DuBois area, Winner of the Gun Safe raffle



Native American Artifacts



Atlatl Throwing Competition -These Girls were rocking it!



John Cornman showing off his flint knapping skills

Cadillac Museum



JCHC partnered with the Greenberg Cadillac Museum this year, beginning with the June Brookville Laurel Festival. JCHC provided marketing materials—posters, postcards, rack cards—as well as press releases and public service announcements (radio spots). a big screen TV and sound system. JCHS Board members also staffed the museum to be open to the public during the Festival and two subsequent events in July and August. JCHS thanks the Greenbergs for their donation of the admission proceeds to the History Center. We wish the Cadillac Museum well in the future.

1955 El Dorado, just one of the 70+ Cadillacs in the museum.

JCHC Events Recap

3rd Annual JCHC Family Bicycle Ride & Poker Run

A BIG Thank You to all participants and volunteers in the 3rd Annual Bicycle event from Brookville to Summerville on the Redbank Rails to Trails. We had 62 adult riders and 26 kids ages 4-17, all having a great time. This year we invited DingerDogs which was a bit hit at the picnic in Summerville.

We award prizes for best and worst poker hands in the adult category. In the under 18 category, we award prizes for Teens (13-17), "Junior" age group (6-12) and Tots (5 and under) The highest total number from 5 games played along the trail wins in each age group, and the lowest number also snags a prize!



DingerDogs drawing a hungry crowd of cyclists.



Best Poker Hand went to Patricia Thrush of Summerville. The prizes, valued at \$150 total, were an Amazon Echo, Tune-up Gift Certificate from Donut Bandit Bikes & Boards, and a \$50 Walmart Gift Card. Worst Poker Hand went to Brian Miller of Brookville. The prizes, valued at \$100 total, were a bike tool set and pump, Donut Bandit Bikes Tune-up Gift certificate and \$50 McDonald's Gift Card.

In the Teen category, Levi Solada of Kersey had the high number of 5 games. Caden Miller of Brookville had the low number. They both won Pizza and other Gift Certificates, a Clarion Bicycle Tune-up, and a Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Water Bottle, compliments of JCHC. Junior prizes were bicycle helmets, compliments of JCHC; also pizza, burger, and hotdog Gift Certificates. Tots prizes (ages 1-5) were kids' bicycle bells sporting happy face and animal designs, and mini stuffed critters from the JCHC Gift Shop.



Major marketing sponsors: PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau, and Jefferson Democrat. Bicycle shop marketing partners and gift sponsors: Donut Bandit Bikes & Boards, Brookville & Clarion Bicycle & Outdoor. Thanks also to Redbank Valley Trails Assoc.

Special Thanks Matson's, our Main Sponsor for this Event. Sponsored in part by the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau as a Jefferson County Hotel Tax Project.



DINGERDOGS



JCHC News

Help Save “The Writing on the Wall”

by Ken Burkett



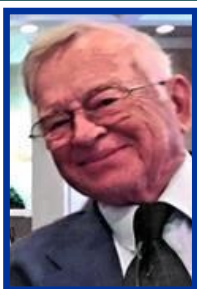
In the last weeks of the American Civil War, the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry “Wildcat Regiment” from Jefferson County followed in pursuit of Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia before Lee’s surrender ending the war in the east at Appomattox Court House. On April 6, 1865 (3 days before the surrender), the Wildcats engaged the rebels at the Battle of Saylor’s Creek a few miles away. Sixteen Wildcats were wounded in this bloody struggle to end the war. Three of those men, Luther Calkins, John Shivler, and Cornelius Mahorn were taken to a makeshift battlefield hospital in a small house near the site of the battle.

Recently, a group of local preservationists found their names—among others—scrawled on the upstairs wall. Today, we can envision recovering wounded soldiers using the walls to write their names, draw characters, identify their hometowns, placing themselves at a specific location in time.

Unfortunately, the makeshift hospital is not salvageable. These historic signatures may disappear and be lost if we do not act. The property owner is donating the wall for removal and preservation. A “GoFundMe” page set up to raise funds is currently at \$2155.00 of the \$3,500 goal. JCHC supports this effort and hopefully the preservation will allow the section with the names of the 105th Boys to someday come to Brookville for a special exhibit.



Please consider a donation to help preserve this piece of “Wildcat” and Jefferson County history by donating at <https://gofund.me/807e40f1>. Or, donations made by check to JCHC (please note “wall preservation” on the check) will be forwarded directly to the fund. More info: contact Ken Burkett at JCHC.

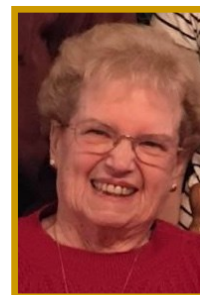


In Memorium: Harry Steele (1937—2021) of Brookville.

JCHS lost Pat Steele’s husband unexpectedly this past spring. Along with Pat, he was a long-time JCHS member. He was born to the late Carlton “Pat” and Laura Edith (Yeany) Steele in Rose Twp., PA. He graduated from Brookville High School with the class of 1956. Harry married Patricia Margaret Michael, 1959, in Brookville; Pat survives him. Harry was always smiling, enjoying his golfing and gardening. He let Pat do her 24/7 genealogy and “tomb-stone hoppin” for 50 some years. We think he was the reason she had the time to do it!

In Memorium: (Nancy) Jane Matson Hetrick of Brookville (1937—2021)

JCHS lost a wonderful long-time member and neighbor the past year. Jane and her late husband, Bob, were major contributors to the History Center. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Templeton Matson and Mary Gertrude (Cochran) Matson. She was a member of the Martha V. Conrad Study Club. Jane even offered the use of her garage in back of JCHC. Most recently, we dismantled and re-assembled the Brookville wagon there, now occupying the 1st floor Parker Gallery. Her bequest to JCHS included paintings of family members, history books, and various other artifacts. We will miss her friendship and generosity, and miss her as a neighbor.



In Memorium: Wilma Harwood Gilstrap (1940—2021)

Another long-time member, patron and major contributor, Wilma was a talented watercolorist whose works we exhibited here in the Grand Hall Spring 2014. She was a daughter of the late Harold Ervin Harwood, Sr. and Eva Marie (Neel) Harwood. Wilma’s home was in Rose Township and also Florida. She won awards in juried shows there and in Brookville’s Laurel Festival Art Show and Brockway’s 4th of July Art Show. We will miss her talents and her contributions as well.



Exhibits & Research Library

A Twyford in the Twyford

JCHS Members Bill and Vada McCracken met Bill Twyford some 25+ years ago in Texas when visiting his oldest son, Ron, who was stationed there at the time. Bill decided to look through the phonebook for anyone by the name of Twyford, and dialed the first number he came across, which happened to be Bill Twyford, the great-grandson of Robert E. Twyford, the engineer and builder of the first 4WD. They met at a restaurant and Bill had brought along his notebook of photos and articles on the Twyford which Bill T. was happy to receive a copy of. The documents were years of research on the Twyford 4WD motorcars which were first built here in Brookville in the early 1900s and later in Texas after Robert Twyford left Brookville when the company failed to sell many cars.



Bill T. finally was able to make the trip to Brookville to visit us the last week of November. He called Bill and Vada and they couldn't believe he was actually here at the History Center. Here he is (above photo) enjoying a stationary ride in Bill's replica 4WD Twyford. We welcome him back any time to pose in the Twyford motorcar giving new meaning to a "live exhibit."

BLAST FROM THE PAST !

Bill backing his Twyford Replica into JCHC from Main St., Winter 2006, after the front windows were taken out.

New "Kocher Cases"



Research Library Gets Gargantuan New Bookcases.

Kudos go to JCHS Member, prior Board Member and Gallivanter about Town, Wayne Kocher, for contributing his construction skills to build us two new bookcases for the library at material cost only. The new double-sided 7 ft x 6 ft bookcases are necessary to hold the mountains of family histories and books we've received recently from our two recent acquisitions. You can find him at one of his favorite haunts, Fusion Atelier Café. We have dubbed the new bookcases "Kocher Cases" in his honor !



Wayne posing for the camera.

Genealogy / Family History Corner

The Malacarne Family Story Part II. Continued from Summer issue...by Richard C. Malacarne

Since being Italian and having an Italian sounding name wasn't cool in the 1920s and 30s, my Uncle Leno (Art) changed Malacarne to Malcarney. The other four siblings did not change the spelling of their name. Leno attended the University of Pennsylvania and the Harvard School of Business Administration. He moved to New Jersey and began a career with RCA. It took him from Inspector at the Camden Plant in 1933 to a member of the RCA Board of Directors and Group Executive Vice President in 1962. He was a valued member of David Sarnoff's managerial team.

Uncle Guido, the youngest of five children, attended Clarion State Teachers College and the University of Pittsburgh. He starred in baseball and football at Clarion and is enshrined in the All-Time Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame. After a short career in teaching and coaching, he joined the management team of the Penn Traffic Corporation out of Johnstown, PA in the Riverside Super Market Division. He eventually rose to CEO and President of Penn Traffic. He is retired and lives in rural DuBois, PA.

All three males served their country during WW II. Leno served in the Air Force, Guido served in the Navy, and Silvio served in the Army.

Aunt Polly (Paulmina) and her husband owned and operated Stewart's Market in the Highlands Shopping Center of West Kittanning, PA for many years.

Aunt Mary (Maria) was married to William Kline who operated the downtown Service Station [where the Brookville Town Square is now]. Aunt Mary was the head of the Brookville Area High School cafeteria for many years.

Grandma and Grandpa had 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren.

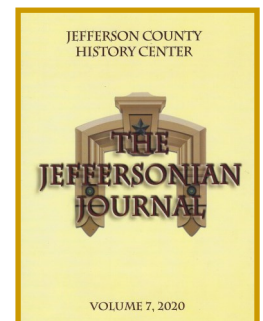
My Uncle Guido inspired me to attend Clarion State College for my BS degree. I attended Penn State and IUP for my Master's Degree. After a 36-year career in teaching in the Indiana Area School District, Indiana, PA, I retired in 1999.

The family photo was taken on my grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. Back row left to right are Leno, Silvio, Grandpa, Grandma and Guido. Sitting: Mary and Polly.



Watch for the Jeffersonian Journal in your Mailbox in December

This year's Journal features a plethora of different stories and histories of people and places of Jefferson County. We welcome articles on Jefferson County history from aspiring writers throughout the year. Guidelines are found on the last page of the 2020 Journal or can be emailed or mailed to you. We can help you with research materials and photos from our archives and research library, layout and citations. Contact klyons-jhc@windstream.net.



We also welcome short articles from members on Jefferson County History and Family History stories for the Newsletter. Articles should be in MS-Word, Times New Roman—11 font. Email your article to klyons-jhc@windstream.net or mail it to us on a thumb drive.

Events Calendar

Bowdish Model RR

Board of Directors & Staff

2021 Events Calendar

Friday, November 26
Light Up Night
Bowdish Model RR
5PM—8PM

Saturday, December 4,
Wine Walk at JCHC
12PM—4PM

2022 Events Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

**Bowdish Birthday Bash &
New Exhibits Opening**

Saturday, February 26, 2022
11 AM—4 PM



Our Outdoor Christmas
DINO Exhibit made for Kids'
Fun Selfies!



Model Railroad Schedule

Friday, November 26
Light-Up Night
5PM—8PM

Saturday, December 11
Bowdish Trains Christmas
12 pm—3 pm

2022 Bowdish Schedule

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Saturday, February 26, 2022
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