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Annual Giving Campaign

Greetings everyone! I am pleased to serve this year as President of the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS). As we change seasons, it is my hope that all of you had a great year. JCHS was established in 1967 by a core group of residents who set a mission to preserve the vast, rich history of our county. Their purpose, and certainly ours, is to engage people of all ages in the history of Jefferson County. Our history is important, helping us to understand where we came from.

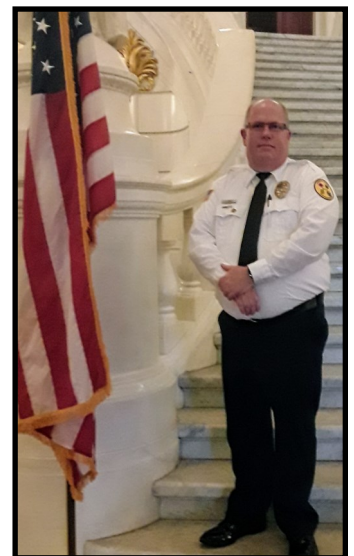
The wonderful exhibits and programs given by our dedicated group of volunteers and members afford an understanding of what our area is all about. From our school programs, to our ever-changing exhibits, guided tours of the History Center and Scripture Rocks Heritage Park, and special events, you are sure to learn something new about how our ancestors lived. We take great pride in preserving the past and sharing it with our children and grandchildren. Continuing to do this comes at a cost and this is where we need everyone's help.

October is dedicated to our Annual Giving Campaign. The Board of Directors are always looking at ways to effectively utilize our funds to provide the best presentations for our members and friends. It is my hope and desire that we can continue this with the help of your tax-deductible contribution that will assist us in preserving our artifacts, and funding our exhibits to showcase Jefferson County history today and in the future.

Born and raised in this area, I have left the county on a few occasions for my military service and also for my 33 years in public safety. But I have always come back to the place I call home where I continue to live and work to keep our county safe. I ask that you work with me, the Board of Directors, Staff, and the numerous volunteers that make up the JCHS to keep our mission alive and well. ***Please join us in mailing your contribution today!***

Respectfully,

Tracy William Zents, Board President, Jefferson County Historical Society



JCHC In the News

2019 Fall Events Calendar

Sunday, September 15
Family Bicycle Poker Run
Brookville Depot St. Spur
Registration 12-2 pm

Saturday, October 26
Annual Membership Dinner
Pinecrest Country Club
6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres
6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Business Meeting,
Awards & Program

JCHC Escape Room
Fridays & Saturdays in October
301 Main St., Brookville
(old Jeffersonian Democrat Office)
Hourly from 6pm—10pm

Friday, November 29
Light-Up Night
Bowdish Trains
5 - 9 pm

Friday, December 6
Victorian Christmas
Bowdish Trains

The National Woman's Relief Corps is an active organization, chartered July 25-26, 1883 as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (GAR). It is a patriotic organization that received Congressional recognition on September 7, 1962 as incorporated, and maintaining a 501c3 charity identification.

Pennsylvania Memorial Home: PHMC Marker Dedication



A new PA Historical and Museum Commission marker will be dedicated on Friday, October 11th at 2pm on Euclid Avenue below the PA Memorial Home. Featured speakers are Ken Turner, PHMC Board Member, and representatives of JCHS and WRC (Woman's Relief Corps) who have cooperated on this project. Reception to immediately follow at the adjacent Borough Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PENNSYLVANIA MEMORIAL HOME



Established in 1890 by Kate Scott and Annie Wittenmyer of the Woman's Relief Corps, an advocate for Civil War veterans. It was the first home in the nation to accept not only former soldiers, but also their wives, children, widows, and orphans.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND
MUSEUM COMMISSION 2019

JCHC In the News

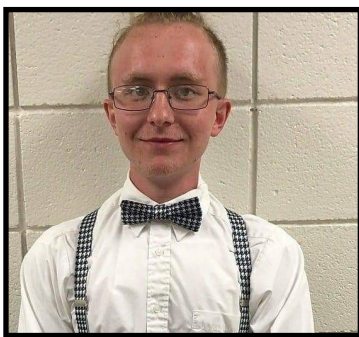
JCHS Annual Awards Nominations

At the September Board Meeting, The JCHS Board of Directors confirmed the nominations for the Annual Awards to be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 26, 2019. A plaque with the complete list of past recipients is available to view at the History Center.

- ◆ **The Arthur Altman Award** is presented to a **JCHS member** who has contributed significantly in any way to preserving Jefferson County history.
- ◆ **The Kate M. Scott Award** is presented to **Any Person** who has contributed significantly to the preservation of Jefferson County history.

New Clarion State University Intern

Our intern for fall is Nicholas Brothers who will be working primarily to assist the Collections Committee in re-boxing and re-organizing our collections in the Brady-Craig House and Margaret Johnson Archives building.



Nicholas is a senior undergraduate History Major planning to graduate May 2020, and is currently applying to graduate programs to further his historical studies. He has a love of traveling and studying world history.

New Project at Scripture Rocks

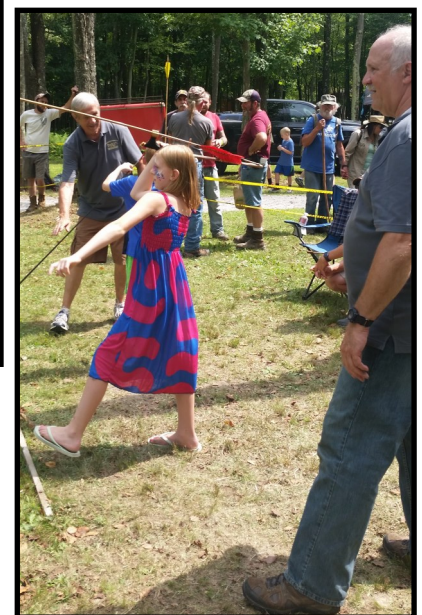


The newest addition to the Park is the Flagpole, completed as an Eagle Scout Project, by Isaac Wolfe

2019 Elk Fest. Elk County Visitor Center, Benzette, PA



JCHC Booth. Selling Raffle tickets for the Antique Rifles & Indian Artifact Show and displaying the prizes and our rifles.



(Left) Tom Glover and (right) Dan Sorg (foreground) and Bernie Kostick of North Fork Ch#29 instructing kids in the Atlatl Throw.

Labor Day Show

2019 Antique Rifles & Indian Artifacts Show

Another successful event for our 14th Show! Attendance was the highest yet ! Thanks to our vendors, volunteers and partner, North Fork Chapter 29, who make it all possible. North Fork Ch#29 mans the Indian Artifacts part of the show and sets up the Atlatl competition every year, as well as teaching newcomers how to throw.



Ron Luckenbill's Stash of Rifles



Lots of Indian Artifacts on Display



The Man behind the Atlatl Throw, George Miller, who handcrafts each atlatl.



The ever-popular Atlatl Throw—Instructor Tom Glover. These girls are into it!

2019 Raffle Winners at the Show

Todd Henry, Brookville area—Powder Horn made by Master Horner “Wild” Willie Frankfort

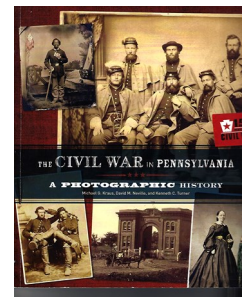


Richard Fellers, Pittsburgh area—Pipe Tomahawk made by Master Gunsmith Ron Luckenbill



Eric Forster, Butler area—Owl Jug made by Master Potters Erich & Janice Steinhagen

Dan Roush, Reynoldsville—Door Prize, Civil War Book



After-Thoughts on Kids' Day at the JCHC

Executive Director's Corner

The Power of STUFF

by Ken Burkett

One of the things I enjoy most in life is the almost a mystical experience of finding an arrowhead and realizing that I am the first person to touch it in the thousands of years since it was lost by a maker who could not possibly have envisioned what life would be like in the distant future. I have always appreciated how material items can link us to history in ways that books and other forms of media cannot accomplish.

Making my rounds through the museum, I am frequently drawn to objects that each have a unique history to tell. One of my favorites currently on display is the signature of Abraham Lincoln. When he penned this commission for Captain Sam Craig on 9/5/1863, it was just two short months after Gettysburg and the draft riots were just beginning. What were his thoughts on the sustainability and cost of lives for the war?

Another is the Klu Klux Klan robe worn by a Klansman here in Brookville. Most people don't know that between 1921 and 1928, the Klan recruited over 250,000 men and women in Pennsylvania. This group provided a promise of shared fraternity, excitement, and civic improvement. The movement also fed on fear associated with an influx of foreign workers drawn to the booming coal mines, resulting in cheaper wages and lost jobs for local people. These new immigrants (many were our grandparents) were of different ethnicity and the surge of Catholics infuriated and caused fear among much of the traditional white Protestant population. Crosses were burned in Brookville and marches with thousands of participants in the surrounding communities took place. Sounds somewhat familiar to the rampant fears of immigration issues today—but we got past it then, and maybe by paying attention to a lesson learned — will again.

**Cranking Up the Twyford**

My grandfather (then in his mid-eighties) once told me that nothing resembled his life as a child growing up on a country farm in Burkett Hollow. Electricity, running water, automobiles, airplanes, telephone, radio, television and every electrical appliance and gadget we cannot imagine living without today were all futuristic fantasies coming true to a child born in 1902.

Today my grandchildren cannot envision a time without space travel, cell phones or the war on terrorism. Recently a group of visiting 3rd graders were thrilled to type on an antique typewriter and tried to understand the concept of a dial telephone. A comment on seeing the black and white TV was that “video games must have been terrible.” One boy wanted to know how the 1800s Brookville wagon was “hooked up” to a pickup truck. These are the important learning opportunities in a museum.

**How's this thing work?**

It is sometimes difficult to decide what current objects should be added to our collections. What will be important to future researchers and needed for exhibits to describe life in the early 21st century? How we preserve the past for the future is important, especially with so much digitization.

What would you consider are the top 10 artifacts that will help someone just 100 years from now understand what life was like in Jefferson County way back in 2019?

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

Scripture Rocks Heritage Park (SRHP) News

Phase I of the ADA accessible Native Plant & Wildlife Habitat project was completed in early summer by JCHC, CSU interns and kids from the Americorps Summer Program. The ADA area next to the pond and ADA trail from the parking lot was completed, and native plants selected and planted around the pond. The plants are all growing well and should bloom next spring, attracting beneficial pollinators. We can then begin our “citizen science” environmental program.



PAGO Grant: We just received a grant for a kiosk, two interpretive panels and plant signage for this ongoing project at the Park. The free-standing kiosk will hold information on the citizen science program, plant and wildlife identifiers and data sheets. The interpretive panels will describe plant-wildlife ecology. Plant signage will identify plant species. We thank PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau (PAGO) and grant approval from our County Commissioners for their support of our project.

Sponsorship Opportunity:

ADA Project: We are still searching for funds for an ADA outdoor table and ADA bench to place in the ADA accessible area. We have located an area business who can build both of these for us for only \$1000 dollars. Typically, an ADA table costs \$850+ and bench \$470.+



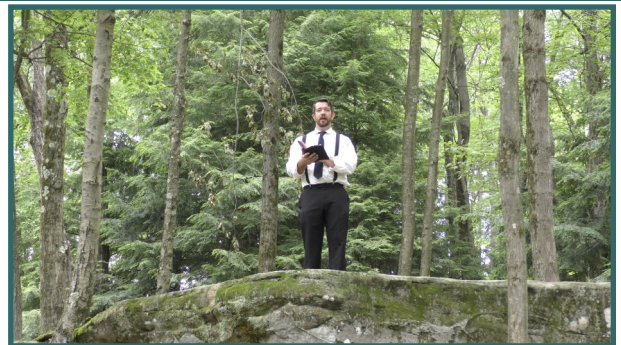
Part of the ADA area next to the pond.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, you can by becoming a Friend of SRHP (next page) or a Sponsor at a higher level. You can donate on the ADA Friends & Sponsors page on scripturerocks.com, come by the History Center, or mail in a check, or call in a credit card to 814-849-0077. (If a check, please note “ADA Project.”)

If you have a family member, or know of someone else who will benefit from this project, you can make a donation in their honor.

Douglas Stahlman’s Scripture Rocks Film

Our most recent film on the life of Douglas Stahlman of SRHP fame, funded by PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream, and administered by the Elk County Council of the Arts (ECOTTA), is nearing completion. The documentary by Edward Frank Forest is in the final stages of editing and review, and will be ready for presentation at the Annual Membership Dinner.



Stahlman as Preacher (Top-R), Teacher (above), and Stone-Carver

SRHP News



Friends of SRHP

We are still building our fledgling Friends group and have moved our 1st Friends Event to Summer 2020.

Friends brochures with sign-up forms are available at the SRHP kiosk, at the History Center, and online at *scripturerocks.com*. Visit the Park or the Museum or go online and SIGN UP !

Your Friend membership this year will contribute toward purchase of the ADA outdoor table and ADA bench. See the ADA Project Friends & Sponsors page at *scripturerocks.com*.

Guided Walking Tours: Available through September for groups of 10+ by prior arrangement. Contact us at 814-849-0077. Group donation expected. Presentations by Ken Burkett at your organization on the story of Douglas Stahlman and Scripture Rocks Heritage Park are available by request. Donations are highly accepted. Presentations on other topics at the Park are also available by request including Ecology, Archaeology, Geology, Birds and Wildlife.

Make a Lasting Legacy

Consider helping to preserve the History of Jefferson County by remembering JCHS in your will. While providing JCHS with a dependable source of income, bequests may qualify you for an estate tax deduction.

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) was retained in the recent tax bill. Most taxpayers 70 1/2 and older are required to take a minimum withdrawal annually from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) and must pay income taxes on those amounts. The QCD allows IRA owners to make donations up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization, such as the Jefferson County Historical Society, without paying taxes on that distribution.

WHATEVER KIND OF GIFT YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE, YOU CAN BE SURE WE WILL USE IT TOWARD OUR MISSION AND FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE JCHS.



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Upcoming Events

FAMILY BICYCLE POKER RUN

Get Out There, Get Active, and Bike It with the Kids ! Fun, Food and Awesome Prizes !

A new family-friendly event and fundraiser for JCHC, this bicycle poker run on Redbank Valley Trail is a 9 mile ride from Brookville to Summerville along Redbank Creek on Sunday September 15, 2019 from Noon-6pm.

Registration is Noon-2pm at Brookville Depot St. Spur Trailhead at the gazebo and is \$ 15 for adults and kids under 18 free. The Trailhead is on Rte 36 South across from Giant Eagle. Pre-Registering at jchconline.org is recommended.



**Family Bicycle
Poker Run**

**Redbank Valley Trail
Brookville - Summerville**

Sunday, September 15

**Registration 12 - 2 pm
Brookville Depot Street Spur**

**Adults - \$15
Under 18 - Free**

Kids Prizes

**Prizes for Best
& Worst Hand**

**Free Picnic
at Finish**

Shuttle Service

**Proceeds Benefit
Jefferson County History Center**

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**Redbank Valley
Trails Association**

Adult bicyclists draw a card at 5 locations on the trail with best hand and worst hand winning a prize. Kids participate in other trailside games where they can also win prizes.

JCHC provides refreshments of free bottled water along the trail and a picnic at end of the trail in Summerville (included in registration fee).

Marketing Partners are RVTA, TriCounty Rails to Trails, PA-GO, and the Bike Shops below.

Sponsors include Mudbeard Bikes & Boards, Ridgeway; Clarion Bicycle & Outdoor; Planet Bike, DuBois; Jack De-Motte and Matson's, Brookville; Walmart; and JCHC.

The JCHC Family Bicycle Ride and Poker Run was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program Environmental Stewardship Fund under the administration of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and administered through the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's September Trails Celebration Mini Grant Program.

Upcoming Events

JCHC ESCAPE ROOM

New Location ! 301 Main St, the old Jefferson Democrat newspaper office building, lower level. The entrance is off Barnett St. and we will have signage out to direct you there. **Advance Reservations Required.**

Razor's Revenge ! Can you solve one of Brookville's most bizarre murders of all time? No body, no murder weapon, and no suspects. BUT! No Problem for professional sleuths such as yourselves ! Can YOU think outside of the box and the bowl !



Model Railroad Schedule

Saturday September 28
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, October 26
12 - 3 pm

Friday November 29
Light-Up Night
5 - 8 pm

Friday, December 6
Victorian Christmas
5 - 8 pm

Saturday, December 21
12 - 3 pm

Railroad Closed January and February.

Bowdish Birthday Celebration
February 29, 2020

RAZOR'S REVENGE

Escape ROOM



Fridays and Saturdays during October
Hourly from 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Other days/times available

Groups of 2 - 6
Adults - \$20
Students - \$10



New Location
301 Main Street
Brookville, PA

Advance Reservations Required
Contact the Jefferson County History Center
(814) 849-0077 or online at jchc@windstream.net



Jefferson County Historical Society's 2019 Annual Membership Dinner

Saturday, October 26

Pinecrest Country Club

Catered by RRR Roadhouse, Clarion & Bluewater Catering

6:00 PM - Hors d'oeuvres & Meet & Greet

6:30 PM - Dinner

Buffet Style Dinner with 3 Entrée Choices:

Chicken Parmesan, Baked Salmon with Bourbon Glaze, Braised Beef Tips

Sides of Rosemary Roasted Redskins, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad

Dessert: Strawberry, Tiramisu and Caramel Shooters

7:30 PM - Business Meeting

Presentation of JCHS Annual Awards and Recognitions

Program: Film Preview: *Douglas Stahlman's Scripture Rocks*

2019 ANNUAL DINNER RSVP

*Please RSVP by October 14th
\$35 per person

Name/s: _____

Phone: _____ # Attending: _____

Vegetarian or Special Requirements _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Return with your check

Payable To:

JCHS

P. O. Box 51

Brookville, PA 15825

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Call 849-0077

\$10,000 SUPER RAFFLE

Only 250 Tickets
to be sold
at \$100 each!

Grand Prize
\$10,000

4 Additional
\$500 Prizes

PLUS

1 **\$500** Door Prize awarded at meeting!



Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets @ \$100.00 each. Total: \$ _____
Enclosed is my check, payable to Jefferson County Historical Society. Mail with payment to: JCHS, P.O. Box 51, Brookville, PA 15825. Tickets will be sent by return mail.
Drawing* will be held at the JCHS Annual meeting October 26, 2019. Winner need not be present to win**. Credit card orders via telephone only: (814) 849-0077.

*A minimum of 125 tickets must be sold by October 1, 2019. Otherwise, the raffle will be cancelled and the price of tickets will be refunded to purchasers. **Door prize will be awarded to a winner present at the Annual Meeting on October 26.

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<http://jchconline.org>
and scripturerocks.com

Museum Hours
Tues. - Sat.
11 AM - 4 PM

Closed Sundays,
Mondays, 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
Contracted Research
\$25 /Hour

(1 Hour minimum)

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

If you would like to
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and announcements
of events and
activities at JCHC ,
Please SIGN UP at
jchconline.org

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Jefferson County Historical Society
Annual Membership Application

Individual \$25/12 months Family (Household) \$35/12 months Life \$500.00

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Email Address _____

Phone: _____

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.