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## **History Center News**

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#### Awards and Programs

The JCHS was recently notified that we will be receiving an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for our *Living on the Land Exhibit*. Ken Burkett will be traveling in September to the AASLH annual museums and institutions conference in Richmond, VA to receive the award. This is the second time that the History Center has won this national recognition, the first being for the *Native American Lifeways* exhibit in 2008.

With the growing number of honors for exhibits that the JCHC has received over the past few years, Carole Briggs and Ken Burkett were recently invited to present a program titled *Building Small Exhibits on a Budget* to other regional museums staff at an affiliate partners conference held on May 20 at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

Carole Briggs also recently travelled to Philadelphia by invitation to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities/Pennsylvania Humanities Council program evaluation process.

#### Exhibits

The History Centers newest exhibit *Journeys* is currently in the early stages of construction and installation with a planned opening this September in our upstairs Gallery B. Telling the story of Jefferson county's people of color, this exhibit will focus on the Underground Railroad, early colored settlers, civil war soldiers and the stories of people living here through the 20th century. This exhibit is being funded through supported by a Preserve America Grant from the National Park Service under the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Preserving African American Heritage in Pennsylvania Program.

### David Leach Rhododendron Living Exhibit

We are still accepting ideas and offers of help for the development of our rhododendron garden in the rear area of the History Center. We hope to finish our design and begin construction later this summer.

#### **Exhibit Sponsors**

Over the next five years the JCHC is developing seven related exhibits about the Civil War which will rotate in our two 460 square foot galleries. Some elements of these exhibits will also be available to travel to other area museums. We are currently seeking individuals or organizations interested in sponsoring one these exhibits. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor such as the Farmers National Bank and WRC Senior Services already have please contact Ken at the History Center for more information.

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The Jeffersonian is published in February, June, and October Submissions are always welcome and should be directed to Ken Burkett c/o the History Center

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### **Events Calendar**

June

Fri., Jun . 24 Laurel Festival Bowdish Railroad 12-3 pm

### July

Fri., Jun . 24 Laurel Festival Bowdish Railroad 12-3 pm

Sat., Jul. 2 12-3 pm Bowdish Railroad Show

Thu.-Sat., July 21-23 PA 150 Road Show Jefferson County Fair

Sat. Jul. 16, 10 am Members Day Coolspring Power Museum

## August

Sat., Aug. 6 12-3 pm Bowdish Railroad Show

Fri., Aug. 19, 7 pm North Fork Archaeology

Sat. Aug. 20 Harrisburg Museums Tour Bus tickets by Aug. 6

## September

Sat., Sept. 3, 7-3 pm Antique Rifle and Indian Artifact Show

If you would like to receive our Enewsletters and announcements of events and activities at the JCHC

SIGN UP AT http://eepurl.com/bO6iP Visiting Friends



John Huber standing with rifle and members of his family recently donated a family heirloom to the JCHC. The percussion rifle owned by the family for generations is attributed to John Sherry Jr. who was local gunsmith providing hand crafted firearms to this area between 1831—1870



Richard Bowser recently presented a portrait of his Grandfather and other Bowdish Memorabilia to the JCHC archives.





Ken Wise who lives in Steelton area but has in interest in modeling and the Brookville area recently created this model of the W. H. Gray house on North White Street in Brookville

## From the Executive Director

Kenneth Burkett

On April 12<sup>th</sup> Randy Bartley and I had the opportunity to attend an official reception in the State Capitol where Governor Tom Corbett, Speaker of the House Sam Smith and other elected officials officially launched Pennsylvania's five year commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War.

Throughout Pennsylvania there is a long list of events, exhibitions and public programs that will tell the story of the 338,000 Pennsylvanians who fought and 33,000 that died in the conflict. Part of this long celebration includes the is the PA 150<sup>th</sup> Road show coming to Brookville during

the Jefferson County Fair as part of its state-wide tour over the next five years. I'm proud to announce that the JCHC was selected as one of six partner sites across the state to receive a \$5,000 grant as part of our collaboration with this project. These funds provide marketing, on-site programming by re-enactors and a *Read and Remember* project. We hope that you will visit us at the Road Show this summer at the Jefferson County Fair.

Ken Burkett with Other interesting opportunities to participate in the Historical Society events this sum-Representative Sam Smith mer include:

The JCHC along with the Punxsutawney Historical and Genealogical Society, Brockway Historical Society, Reynoldsville Historical Society, Coolspring Power Museum, Reynoldsville Historical Society, the Smicksburg Heritage Society and the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Museum have been meeting quarterly to work on joint projects and sharing information. This group is sponsoring the Coolspring Power Museum day on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for our members and guests. This is not a fund raising event and we hope you will join us for an exciting day visiting the award winning displays of working engines and a catered picnic lunch.

The Harrisburg bus trip is the first of our five year plan to visit locations relating to the Civil War and specifically the troops from Jefferson County. We thought Harrisburg would be the best place to start as most of the enlisted troops passed through Camp Curtain (where the National Civil War Museum now sits) on their way to the war. If you have never visited these museums you will be truly awed by the facilities and exhibits while enjoying an affordable and convenient way to visit. Reservations are first come and will fill fast so make yours early.

As a fall fund raiser we have reserved another bus to the Salamanca Casino and invite everyone to go along on this fun filled day to New York. After discount vouchers of \$25 for slots and \$10 for lunch the trip only costs \$15.

Looking ahead to December we are excited to announce that the *Wildcat Band* is coming to Brookville on December 3rd at the Jefferson County Court House. Playing authentic period instruments and music this group re-creates the band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. We are also working on possible dates for our annual Fieldstone Christmas venue.

# Please join other members of the JCHS in supporting our events and activities by both attending and inviting others to become members and join in the fun.





The National Civil War Museum is

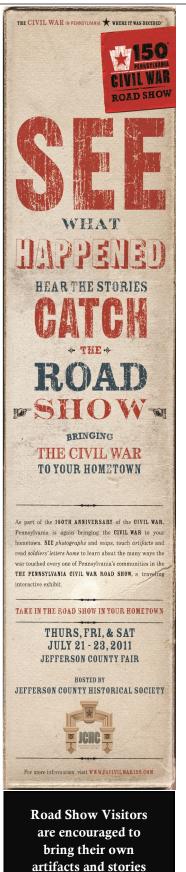
the only museum in The United

States that portrays the story of the Civil War in an equally balanced

presentations without bias to Union



**Governor Corbett** 



to share in the special digitization booth

## PA 150 Road Show Coming to the Jefferson County Fair

Sponsored by the Jefferson County History Center the Road Show will be open at the County Fair on Thursday July 21 through Saturday July 23 The Road Show is an initiative of Pennsylvania Civil War 150, the state's official program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (2011-2015).



The Road Show features hands-on, interactive displays to tell stories that will be engaging for the whole family. Inside the 1000 square foot trailer, four arcades exhibit artifacts and memorabilia are

mixed with high-tech displays, interactive exhibits and animated videos for visitors of all ages. From the original "3-D experience" of stereoscopes, to the voices of individual Pennsylvanians, to the scenes of camp and home life, visitors will be immersed in a new understanding of how America's greatest crisis changed the lives of Pennsylvanians.

Visitors are invited to share their own Civil War-era family photographs, artifacts and

other material and stories in a special recording booth. These are then uploaded to the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 website, a public repository that grows as the Road Show travels the Commonwealth and can also be viewed at www.PACivilWar150.com



In another area, visitors can take a Civil War-era souvenir self-portrait and upload it to their email address.

A special exhibit case near the exit of the road show will display local historical Civil War artifact from the JCHS collections.

In addition to the exhibits inside the show, numerous short programs will be also be presented various civil war period re-enactors which include visits from members of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Berdans Sharpshooters, a Civil War Surgeon, the Sanitary Fair Commission and Abraham Lincoln..

The Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show is an initiative of Pennsylvania Civil War 150, the state's official program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, 2011-2015 and is governed by a statewide alliance of history, heritage, arts and culture

organizations, that include the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (PHS), the Senator John Heinz History Center and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, along with a number of partner organizations across the state.



## ENLIST TODAY

After visiting the exhibit be sure to stop by the PA 150 membership tent to enter your name (no purchase necessary) to win the PACW150 basket drawing and consider the opportunity to join the PA 150th Initiative. This \$40 membership will only be offered during the 3 days of the exhibit and will include these benefits:



- One year subscription to Pennsylvania Heritage magazine
- FREE PACW150 Lapel Pin
- 10% discount coupon for online purchases of PACW150 merchandise
- Recognition of "enlistment" on www.pacivilwar150.com
- Complimentary introductory issue of *Pennsylvania Heritage* magazine
- Advance notice of PHS lectures and events

The membership also includes a free one year family membership with the Jefferson County Historical Society (\$30 value) that includes the following benefits:

- Free admission to the Jefferson County History Center
- Subscription to the Jeffersonian newsletter
- Advance notice of upcoming exhibits and special events
- Members only discounts in History Center Gift Shop

## Volunteers Needed

We need to help run the Road Show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 21–23 from noon until 8:30 pm and are seeking volunteers age 18 years or older who will help as staff within the Road Show exhibit which can accommodate up to 40 visitors at a time. The volunteer jobs center on answering visitors questions about event activities inside and outside the trailer, assisting visitors as needed and help-ing maintain a pleasant experience for everyone at all times.

At last one person is needed daily to function as the Story Booth technician assisting guests create a digital recording of their family stories or documenting an artifact they have brought with them. This person needs to be computer savvy. crowd control. Others are needed to help with sales and in the membership tent.

The exhibit will be open 8 hours daily but volunteer shifts can be broken into staggered or partial shifts. A short training session is required each day. Volunteers are required to wear brown khaki pants and a PA 150 Staff T-shirt will be given to each. We are hoping to have our greeters in Civil War period costume which is available in our clothing reproduction collection and invite everyone who would like to help with this project to contact Ken at the History Center (814) 849-0077

#### JCHC Board of Directors

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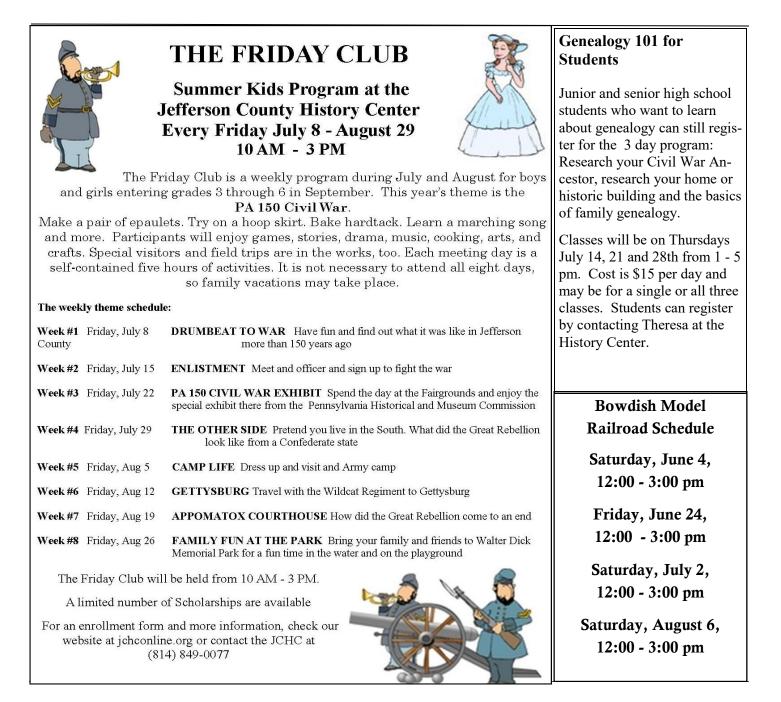
## Happenings

## **Read and Remember Free Program**

As part of PA 150: The Civil War, free copies of Geraldine Brook's historical fiction book, *March*, will be available at the Arthurs Library for those wishing to read the book and participate in a discussion of it at the Library on Wednesday evening, July 20 beginning at 7 pm.

The book is a fictional account of what happened to the father of *Little Women*, a beloved book written by Louisa May Alcott. In her Pulitzer prize-winning book, Brooks created the fictional world of Mr. March's experiences during the Civil War. He is in the South during the war, a war Brooks describes as brutal.

Plan now to participate in this event by phoning the library at 849-5512 to reserve your free copy of *March* by Geraldine Brooks.



## Curator's Corner

Even though its title is *Drumbeat to War*, the creation of our latest exhibit was for me more like a symphony than a march. A march is associated with trumpets and drums, with pageantry and processions. A symphony, on the other hand, is the development of a theme over three or four movements, each with particular characteristics.

Like a symphony, the creation of *Drumbeat to War* was spread over three or four movements, each with their own characteristics.

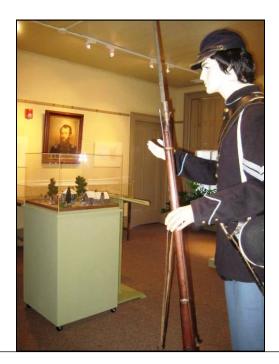
The first movement of a symphony includes exposition, development, and recapitulation. In other words the idea, its development, and finally, a summary. We knew at the History Center that we wanted to explore how the Civil War impacted our county during the five year commemoration that is taking place on a national level between 2011 and 2015.

We developed an overall plan, then a specific plan for depicting 1861. We summarized it by saying we would show what life was like prior to the war, the immediate reaction to Lincoln's call for troops, their camp life, the realization the war would not be brief, and finally the formation of the 105<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers or, as commonly known, the Pennsylvania Wildcats.

The second movement of a symphony is usually slower. Once we determined our idea or theme, we took time and looked for the objects, documents, and images that would show the change from the excitement and perception that the fight would be quickly concluded to the realization that it would take longer.

The strong rhythms of our symphony's third movement began in February. The theme was established and developed. We had identified objects, documents, and images. Now it began to come together. Like the string section, local reenactors came forth with camp objects and uniforms. The storyline needed revision and graduate assistant Nathan Pearce went to work on the theme much as an oboe and bassoon repeat and vary a theme in a symphony. The rhythmic beat continued when Bill McCracken brought in a much-needed wooden barrel and images of the wildcat on the 105<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg monument arrived via the Internet.

Now it was time for the fourth movement — all parts working together toward a grand finale. Here at the History Center we have a good time making music! We hope our visitors will enjoy our symphony titled *Drumbeat to War*.



### **Recent Accessions**

Hand Cultivator – Harry Neuhard Poetry book - Adrienne Odasso Brookville Memorabilia – Thomas Darr Petticoat – Teah Smith Photographs – Geoffrey Seacrist Big Run Yearbook - Richard Burchfield Bridge Plaque – Jefferson County Commissioners Cant, Water Pipe – John Kennemuth Morris Family Genealogy – Emma Work Love Jewelry Memorabilia - Gerald Love Yearbooks - McGaughey Estate Wrestling History Book - Raider Matt Club The Calhoun Tree – Anonymous Folk Log Structures of Western and Central Pennsylvania - Thomas M. Brandon Brookville Memorabilia - Ed & Cindy Swearer McMurray Company Memorabilia – Mike & Cheryl **McMurray** Miniature of W. H. Grav Home - Ken Wise Rifle – John Huber Bowdish Memorabilia - Richard Bowser Bores & Strokes Journal - Coolspring Power Museum

## 2011 Show

Preparations are underway for the 6th annual Antique firearms and Indian Artifact Show to be held on Saturday, September 3rd at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.



The show annually features some of the finest flintlock and percussion rifles and other accouterments made by local 19th century gunsmiths and is always a great opportunity to talk to knowledgeable collectors and vendors, check out the antique firearms or possibly become the new owner of one of the rifles once carried by the first set-

tlers in this area.

The Northfork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will also be exhibiting both prehistoric and historic Indian artifacts in an adjoining building. Most of

these collections are local and often include artifacts as old as 10,000 years created by this areas earliest hunters.

A special Atlatl area will be set up nearby so young and old can try their hand at this ancient way of throwing hunting spears.





#### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL

# ANTIQUE FIREARMS & INDIAN ARTIFACT SHOW

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2011 PA INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF THE EXIT

#### 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A JOINT VENTURE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & NORTH FORK CHAPER #29, SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY



FEATURING ALL TYPES OF ANTIQUE FIREARMS THROUGH 1898. A RAFFLE WILL BE HELD FOR A REPRODUCTION MUZZLELOADER ARTIFACT EXHIBIT WILL FEATURE PREHISTOIC AND HISTORIC ARTIFACTS, ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION, FLINT KNAPPING, PRIMITIVE GAMES AND WAA SANCTIONED ATLATL COMPETITION ADMISSION: AGE 16 AND OLDER - \$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 16 - FREE CONTACT THE JCHS AT 814.849.0077 OR VISIT HTTP://JCHCONLINE.ORG SUPPORTED IN PART BY A JEFFERSON COUNTY HOTEL TAX PROJECT

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## Jefferson County Historical Society Muzzle Loading Rifle Raffle

**1st Prize - 45 cal 1/2 Stock Percussion Longrifle (Brookville Style)** Hand crafted by Ron Luckenbill

**2nd Prize - Pipe Tomahawk** Hand crafted by Ron Luckenbill

**3rd Prize - Custom Made Possible Bag and Powder Horn** Hand crafted by Mary Ann Unger and Skip Eckert

> 4th Prize - Longrifles of Western Pa., Volume 1 Jefferson, Clarion and Elk Counties Autographed by Russell Harriger

### Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Drawing September 3, 2011 at the JCHS Antique Rifle Show - Jefferson County Fairgrounds Small Games License #233



If you would like to help sell or purchase tickets for the annual raffle fill out the form on page 9 or contact Ken at the JCHC NO sales commitment



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Brookville, PA 15825

## SUMMER EVENT FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011 10 AM - 4 PM AT THE COOLSPRING POWER MUSEUM

The Coolspring Power Museum contains the largest collection of historically significant, early stationary gas engines in the country, if the not the world. With the exception of a few items in the collection that were driven by the engines, such as compressors, pumps, and generators, and a few steam and hot air engines shown for comparison purposes, the collection contains only stationary internal combustion engines.

## **Coolspring Power Museum**

179 Coolspring Road Coolspring, PA 15730

Located midway between Brookville and Punxsutawney on Route 36 Parking is available on site



**Lunch Includes** 

Pulled Pork or Hot Sausage Sandwiches Baked Beans Coleslaw Macaroni Salad Desert Ice Tea, Soda or Water

Join members and friends of all local historical organizations for this great opportunity to get together and spend a day enjoying part of Jefferson County History. The day's activities will include guided tours and historical interpretation of this extensive museum full of running engines and a special catered picnic lunch served at noon.

Tickets are \$15.00 each for adults over 12 years old while children age 6 - 12 are \$10 each. Tickets include parking, admission and lunch and can be obtained or reserved by mail or by contacting the JCHC at (814) 849-0077 or Email jchc@windstream.net

## Please Reserve your tickets before July 9th.

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# Jefferson County History Center Harrisburg Bus Trip Saturday, August 20, 2011



**Tour the** National Civil War Museum Pennsylvania State Museum Pennsylvania State Capitol Package Includes Round trip bus transportation Admissions

- 6:00 am Depart from Plyler's Restaurant 9:30 am Pennsylvania State Museum 12:30 pm Pennsylvania State Capitol Tour
- 1:30 pm Lunch at Strawberry Square
- 2:30 pm National Civil War Museum
- 2:30 pm National Civil war Muse
- 5:00 pm Depart home
- 6:00 pm Dinner stop enroute home (All meals on your own)



## \$45 per person Prepaid Registration Deadline - August 6th

Please Reserve	_Tickets @ \$45 Each	Total Enclosed \$	Return with your check by: Saturday, August 6th
Address			Payable To: Jefferson County History Center
City		Zip	P. O. Box 51
Phone		_ Email	
Credit Card Type	Card #	Exp.	. Date 3 digit code

The Jefferson County Historical Society 172-176 Main St. P O Box 51 Brookville PA 15825				NONPROFIT ORG. U.S.POSTAGE paid Permit No. 11 BROOKVILLE PA 15825
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http://jchconline.org				
Museum Hours				
Wed Sat. Noon - 5 pm				
Closed Sun, Mon, Tue and holidays				
We typically close when our schools close due to weather, and urge you to phone before traveling any distance				
Exhibit Admission Fees				
JCHS Members - Free Non-members Individual - \$ 5 Household - \$ 7				
Students - \$1		Jefferson Co	ounty Historical So	ciety
Genealogy Contracted Research				
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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 we 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 a vision for the future