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JCHS Receives S. K. Stevens Award

The Jefferson County History Center recently received the PA Museums prestigious S. K. Stevens award for the third time! This year's award presented at the organization's annual meeting and awards ceremony on April 16, in Bellefonte, was for Scripture Rocks Heritage Park. This award is given in honor of Sylvester K. Stevens (1904-1974) who was a noted Pennsylvania State Historian and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission from 1956 to 1972.

PA Museums presents the S. K. Stevens Awards to outstanding projects that have won a national award from both the American Association of State and Local History and a PA Museums Special Achievement Award. In addition to the honor, the JCHS also received a monetary award of five-hundred dollars.

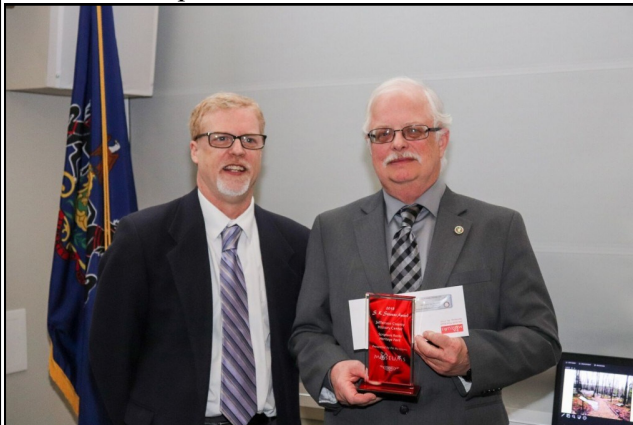


Photo: Ken Burkett, JCHS Executive Director receiving the S. K Stevens award from Rusty Baker, PA Museums Director

Scripture Rocks Heritage Park serves to preserve the legacy of Douglas M. Stahlman and his dedicated rocks, and to ensure the history of the man's legacy is accessible to all who are interested in his story and his impact on the Brookville area. Stahlman was an eccentric, re-

clusive preacher and a self-proclaimed prophet born and raised in Jefferson County in the mid-nineteenth century and resided in Brookville from 1907 to 1915.

Central to Stahlman's messianic project are the so-called "Scripture Rocks," a collection of over 500 "dedicated" rocks—many of which are inscribed with Biblical verses, spiritual commentary, and his opinions of the cultural climate of the time—dispersed in various locations around the wooded hillsides surrounding Brookville.

The park is located on Route 28, 1/8 mile south of I-80 Exit 81. It is a free public access site where visitors can explore approximately 1.5 miles of trails. The park contains 67 large sandstone boulders which were engraved by Douglas M. Stahlman between 1910 and 1913.

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

In the News

2018 Events Calendar

Saturday, June 2

2:00 pm

**Scripture Rocks Scavenger Hunt
on National Trails Day**

Monday, June 18

5-8 pm

**Special Bowditch Model Railroad
Laurel Festival Family Day**

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 am

**The “Rest of the Rocks” Hike
Walter Dick Memorial Park**

Sat. & Sun. August 18-19

JCHS at the Elk Expo

Elk Center, Benezette, PA

Saturday, September 1

9 am—4 pm

**Antique Rifles & Indian
Artifact Show at the Jefferson
County Fairgrounds**

Saturday, September 29

**JCHS First Annual Cash Bash
Warsaw Fire Hall**

**Tickets available at JCHC
(More information to follow)**

Look for the JCHC and Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Advertisements in the PA Great Outdoors Welcome and GO! spring and summer magazines, and our new rack cards throughout the I-80 corridor and at restaurants and attractions throughout the PAGO region.

**Paid for in part and thank you
to the Jefferson County Hotel
Tax Committee**

Jefferson Award

The Jefferson County Historical Society is proud to announce that Brookville resident Carole Briggs has been selected as a recipient of a Jefferson Award for Public Service through Volunteerism. The award was presented to her at a gala event at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh on May 9, 2018. The presenter was Rick Sebak, prominent broadcast personality at public television station WQED.

The citation accompanying the award recognized Mrs. Briggs' thirty years of preserving and presenting the history of Jefferson County with the Jefferson County Historical Society. She has been executive director, exhibit designer, grant writer, and is currently the curator. She has authored and also contributed to several books about Jefferson County.

Mrs. Briggs is retired from teaching in the Brookville area School District.



Carole Briggs with her Jefferson Award

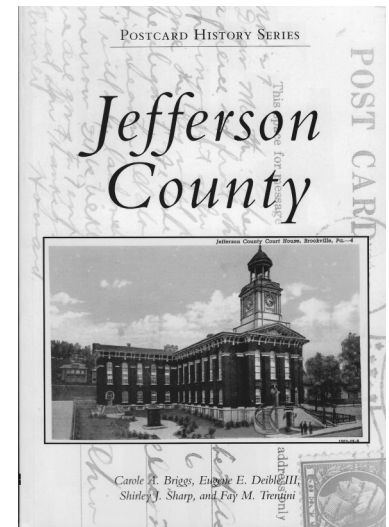
The Jefferson Awards Foundation was established in 1972 to recognize “ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition.” The award takes the physical form of a gold colored medal suspended from a blue ribbon.

Gift Shop Corner

Toys, Toys, Toys Galore! If you're wondering where to buy toys in town just pop into our Gift Shop. We have unique gifts, such as fossils, sharks' teeth, and replicas of Native American pottery. We also have jewelry from Peru and kids' jewelry, too, along with a wide selection of publications, many of them by local authors.

Don't forget our newest publication is the Jefferson County Postcard Book, a compilation of postcards from throughout the county assembled by contributors from all four Historical Societies—Brockway, Jefferson County (Brookville), Punxsutawney and Reynoldsville .

Come on in and browse around!



New Historical Marker for Jefferson County

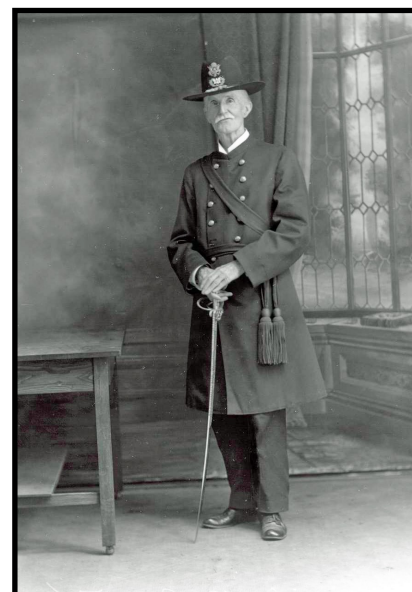
JCHC is proud to announce the awarding of a new state historical marker from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC). The person, place, event, or innovation to be marked must have a significant impact on its time, and have statewide and/or national, rather than local or regional, historical significance. The marker is in honor of Dr. William J. McKnight for his role in furthering enactment of the Pennsylvania State Anatomical Law in 1883. The new law allowed the use of cadavers for medical research purposes in all of Pennsylvania, rather than only Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. There was quite a shocking incident involving McKnight and several other local doctors that makes this story very intriguing!



Austin Fields

The writer of the application for the marker is Austin Fields, our long-time BAHS student—and now graduate—volunteer at the History Center. It took three attempts to obtain the approval of this marker, but Austin persevered with the encouragement of Carole Briggs and staff.

The marker will be placed in front of the McKnight Building, now the Courthouse Grille and Pub. The dedication of this marker will be scheduled for later this year. Local and state representatives including PHMC will attend.



Dr. William J. McKnight

Grants Research Corner



JCHC is the recent recipient of two grants. Early this year, we received a \$500 grant from Baltimore Life Insurance Company that was used toward purchasing updated office equipment for our research room that the public can also use.



In May, we received notice of a \$750 matching grant from American Hiking Society and L.L. Bean for trail building, restoration, and some additional signage, at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park.



JCHS is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Arthur Altman and Kate Scott Awards which are presented to members and non-members who have significantly contributed to perserving the history of Jefferson County. To submit a nomination, contact Ken Burkett at 814-849-0077 or kburkett-jchc@windstream.net

Jack Parker Memorial 1926 - 2018

E.M. "Jack" Parker, Jr., age 92, passed away on March 4, 2018. He was a resident of Stonehedge Circle and the McKinley Health Center, Brookville, PA. Jack served in the Civil Air Patrol and received his Congressional Gold Medal October 2015 at a ceremony sponsored by the JCHS.

Jack founded, owned, and operated E.M. Parker Signs and Parker's Indian Trading Post in Cook Forest, following the footsteps of his father, who was well-known for his Native American museum in Emerickville. He married E. Jean Douthit in 1984 and they had 34 years, 1 month together.

According to Jean, Jack loved his sign painting and making all kinds of holiday signs. He also loved his Indian Trading Post. It's not hard to see where he acquired his love of museums.

Both Jack and Jean are Life Members of the JCHS. They volunteered countless hours and contributed significantly to the restoration of the current History Center and were instrumental in the creation of the E.M. Parker, Sr. and Genevieve Fish Parker Gallery. They received the Arthur Altman award from JCHC for contributing significantly to the preservation of history of their town and county.

Jack was also a lifetime member of the Shriners and they were key figures in the relocation of the Brookville Food Pantry, and also supported the YMCA.

The Parkers funded the Pavilion at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park, a construction project of Boy Scout Troop #69, which was dedicated in summer 2016, in honor of Jack. Jack and Jean then enjoyed a chauffeured ride through the park in a golf cart loaned to JCHS for the day. Jack will be missed by all of us at JCHC.



Jack and Jean as Chairpersons of the Annual Giving Campaign in 2008

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Scripture Rocks Heritage Park

Scripture Rocks Heritage Park

The Scripture Rocks Heritage Park gates opened for the season in April. A BIG THANK YOU to the various volunteers, board members, and staff who helped with spring clean-up !

Back by popular demand are our free guided tours and presentations of the Scripture Rocks Story every Sunday at 2 pm from Memorial Day weekend through September. This 1 hour hike presents the story of Douglas Stahlman, our eccentric rock carver and open air preacher, who in the early 1900's lived in these woods. The tour also presents other interesting aspects of the park's geology and archaeology.

For our first tour on May 27th, we accommodated two mini-bus loads of classic car club members from the region and the East Coast—folks from as far away as Delaware and the Carolinas! We received their accolades of the park and also their donations.

On June 2nd, National Trails Day, we held our 1st Scavenger Hunt—complete with prizes donated by local businesses—for finding the Scripture Rocks tokens hidden along the trails. This is a special day to hold this event, as this year is the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act (as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act). The American Hiking Society, from whom we just received a small grant, promotes National Trail Day and also our event celebrating this special day, on their website, americanhiking.org.

We would like to hear from members regarding special Saturday programs on environmental education topics that you would like us to present. Topics could include Native American presence, archaeology, park ecology, park geology or lumbering and forest conservation. These programs would be presented by board and staff members and guest speakers who are knowledgeable on the given topic. We envision a small donation to help support maintenance of the park.

We would also like to hear from members on whether you would like to see us sponsor another Member Appreciation Day picnic and tour at the park.

If your group wants to reserve the picnic pavilion or schedule a private guided tour, contact JCHC at 814-849-0077 or email Ken Burkett at kburkett-jchc@windstream.net.



In April we had a special midnight security force making frequent rounds to the garbage can at the park, as evidenced by one of our security cameras. They stayed around a couple of days but have now moved on to better living, or more pizza, at other locations.

Remembering WWI (Part 2)

Randy Bartley

As the soldiers departed, area residents provided gifts. The September 13th edition of the *Democrat* noted the ladies of Reynoldsville “prepared and handed to each one an outfit of 25 different articles for their personal use.”

The people of Ridgway caught the new soldiers of Co. H, 16th Regiment as they boarded the train and gave the men a purse of \$682.

The letters from the boys in France continued to arrive but now those letters were censored. Roy Truman wrote in a letter to his sister, dated September 1917, “t’is sort of discouraging to try to write letters because there is so little that we can write about. I wish I was allowed to write you a good, long letter.”

For Harvey Crawford, training at Camp Lee, VA. life was not bad at all. “We have plenty of music and excitement. We play baseball, football and had a field meet. Crawford knew the good times were drawing to a close however. “A big sorrow came to me when I watched the 9th Battalion march away. I stood there and watched them as they marched down the road realizing that many were my friends and that I should never see them again. Many would never return.”

Crawford was one of 40 men selected to be sergeants and undergo special training. They were to be “trained in special arts and sciences of modern warfare such as bayonet fighting, grenade throwing, caution, action and result of liquid fire and dangerous gases used by the Germans. We will have quarters of our own and only be with the colored men for drill.”

As American troops entered into combat in France, George Shively found a job he wished would last. He and another American were detailed as drivers for the officers and were billeted in the small home of a French woman along with five French soldiers. “We are no longer driving Fords but Fiats. How’s that for a jump? Ford to Fiat, one of the most aristocratic cars in the world!”

Shively did have one request. “If you see Abel Sterck, please have him send me a big can of ‘Imperial Cube Cut’ tobacco. The French tobacco is vile.”

The YMCA was a major supporter of the troops in Europe. The organization staged a fund drive in November 1917, and was surprised by the response. The initial goal was \$15,000 and was raised to \$21,000. By the time the drive ended Jefferson County residents had responded with \$30,000. “The money was brought in by the people without any personal solicitation. It was the most remarkable contribution ever given in our town,” said the *Democrat*.

Robert S. Mottern, writing from Camp Gordon, Georgia, said “The YMCA is a fine thing. If it wasn’t for it and the Red Cross, life in the Army would be monotonous indeed. The YMCA is a home for us when not on duty. The Red Cross Society gives the boys what they need to keep them warm and some of the Red Cross women come around and darn our socks and gloves.”

George Shively’s role as a driver was changed and he was assigned to the ambulance corps. He related what he saw on the battlefield in January 18, 1918 letter following a French attack.

The French launched their attack at 3 p.m. and by 7 p.m. the casualties were being brought back into the French lines. “Every available car, even the big Packard truck and the motor cycle with its side car was needed. At last only the two cooks and the first sergeant were left at the base. The rest of us, with our officers racing, or rather crawling, back and forth from the trenches to the hospital. It was as black and dirty a night as I ever want to see and we had plenty of thrills. I’ll not tell you the horrible sights for you’ve read enough about such horrible things and no story can exaggerate them much. On my last trip I had a wounded Boche with me on the front seat and three wounded Frenchmen inside the car. Of course we had no lights except a flash and the occasional welcome aid from the star-shells. We were hard at work far into the small hours but came through safely, every man.”

Lt. Howard Best had the opportunity to see something new—aerial dogfights. “In the day time it is pretty quiet with the exception of the anti-aircraft guns. Whenever a Boche Avion comes over they sure make it hot for him. I’ve seen several brought down since I have been at the front. It sure is nice to watch a good air scrap, especially when two Huns attack an American or French machine. A single Hun won’t attack by himself. Last week I saw an American tear into three of them. In less than 10 seconds he had spotted one of them and the other two started home bent for election before he had time to attack them.”

Unlike American wars before and after, the War Department was slow to send word of the fate of the soldiers fighting in France. George Shivley’s family learned of his misfortune through a letter sent by Clarence Mendenhall. “This afternoon I saw your son, George, at the Red Cross hospital. He looks wonderfully well, sunburned and healthy. The shrapnel of a high explosive shell that hit him cut his arm but did not fracture it. It went into two toes of one foot and into the other leg above the ankle making at least a partial fracture. That is the whole of his trouble.”

In August, word was received of the death of Lt. George T. Rodgers, who was killed in France on July 29, 1918. He was the son of George T. and Sallie (Means) Rodgers.

A letter received in November related how Lt. Rodgers was killed. “Lt. Rodgers was shot through the head by two machine gun bullets while he was directing the fire of the one pound guns.”

By the fall of 1918, the German offensive effort had failed and the allies were driving the Germans out of France. Letters from the local doughboys began arriving home detailing some of their experiences.

Letters home contained news of local boys, many of whom had been in the thick of the fighting.

Rev. George M. Hughes visited a hospital in Angers, France, where he encountered Harry Smail of Brookville. Smail had been detailed as a runner who carried messages between the various commanders. “He went in perfect safety through gas, shrapnel, machine gun fire and snipers for two days in the heat of the struggle of the advance and on the third day while at mess he was struck by shrapnel. His right arm was shattered from the elbow down. It was amputated above the elbow. He is progressing finely. It shows what clean living can do for a man. Andy Hastings and I drop in and talk to him several times a day.”



Lt. Rodgers

The collapse of the German army accelerated in the early fall and Frank H. Brown found himself in an unusual situation. In his July 31st letter he said “Don’t know where myself, France” and that he had been separated from his regiment for about five days but “after walking over about three-fourths of France” was reunited with his comrades.

“I wish I could tell you what I have seen,” wrote Brown. “Just believe all you hear and then use your imagination a great deal and you might get a touch of the real facts, ALL BUT THE HORRORS! But it isn’t so bad if one keeps his head and keeps out of the way of the big ones coming his direction.”

Brown had a close call when “one of those things that go z-z-z bang! Came along and blew my pack to pieces. I now have a cartridge belt that I picked up. Blankets, etc. are all finished.”

Some families received news from the Army that their loved ones were “missing in action” leaving them hoping the next telegram they received would contain some good news. The family of John Shields received some good and bad news. On August 1, Shields was in charge of a patrol that was surrounded by the Germans. “I was injured by a hand grenade just beside my right eye and was shot severely above the right hip by a machine gun. I had six men in my patrol. Three were killed and one man was shot through the stomach and died in the Germans’ hands. I was unconscious for a long time. I don’t care what you hear at home but the Germans, on the line proved themselves to be honorable enemies. We prisoners who were badly wounded received, and still receive, the same treatment from doctors and nurses that they accord their own wounded.”

The letter was written from a prison camp near Bayern, Germany.

To be continued next issue...

New Exhibits

Work is underway to develop and install our upcoming three--gallery exhibit presenting Geology, Paleontology, and the Ice Age of western Pennsylvania. Our plans are to have it open late this fall or early spring for a two year stint.

We are currently working with other institutions for loans of some exciting display specimens and developing an exciting array of panels, exhibit items and interactive displays.

The Geology Gallery will include a geologic time scale that is understandable by everyone and samples of types of local bedrock and their uses. We are currently working with the local surface mining companies, sand and gravel, fire clay (brick), limestone and sand glass to show how materials are used. We have some hands on things for kids, including a 'start your own rock collection' area.

The Paleontology Gallery will have an interesting array, ranging from amphibian footprints to skeletons and flora from the Carboniferous swamps, as well as a seafloor array of fauna from the Mississippian period.



Seymouria from the Carboniferous Period



The Ice Age Gallery will have a diorama showing how thick the glaciers were, a video of ice advances and retreats, and a large graphic panel of ice age animal fossils.

Our goal is to create an exciting and interactive exhibit for all ages. We are currently looking for interesting fossil specimens from this area that can be obtained on loan, and of course, financial sponsorships to make it all happen.

This is an exhibit that you will **NOT** want to miss.



When at the museum, don't forget our living exhibit in the rear of the building. These beauties are hybrid rhododendrons developed by, and planted in honor of, David Leach

Model Railroad Schedule

Saturday, July 28
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, August 25
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, September 29
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, October 27
12 - 3 pm

Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs

Researching

Hardly a day goes by that the History Center Research Room does not have several genealogists at work tracing their lineages. We have shelves of genealogies, microfilms of county newspapers, census records, obituary directories, county histories, and more, but I sometimes ask myself if our visitors are aware of the online services that we offer.

For instance, many find ancestry.com helpful. The History Center maintains a subscription and visitors are welcome to use the computers in the Research Room, where our research assistants are available to help you.

History books related to Jefferson County are on our shelves, but some folks, including myself, may find accessing them on archive.org to be an easier way to search for names. Archive.org is a free source and once you key in a title, name, county, or town, you may find a book about it. For example, when researching my family, I typed in "Briggs" and discovered *The Archives of the Briggs Family*, written in 1880. I knew ancestors on my side of the family had once lived in Blandford, Massachusetts, and read in a book, *The Taverns and Turnpikes of Blandford: 1733-1833*, that a relative had owned a tavern there.

Rather than checking the indexes of Scott and McKnight's histories of the county, researchers can find those books on archive.org, and then do a word search. Recently I wanted to know where McKnight had referred to the Southerland / Sutherland name. I keyed it in and noted Southerland was mentioned on seven pages in Volume I. I knew a Southerland had moved to Armstrong County, so did the same with that county's history, but found no mention there.

We do have original newspapers as well as microfilms of county newspapers, but sometimes folks are mentioned in papers throughout Pennsylvania or even the United States. When writing the biography of Kate M. Scott, I found two Internet sources to be invaluable. *Chronicling America* (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>) is a Library of Congress site where many newspapers are available. It is free.

The History Center maintains a subscription to <https://newspaperarchive.com/> and our research assistants are able to access it for you. In these two sources I found Scott named in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, the *Minneapolis Journal*, the *Boston Daily Globe*, and other papers around the nation. Those newspapers helped me track her travels throughout the country on behalf of the National Association of Army Nurses and the Women's Relief Corps.

Finally, we have discovered another great source for newspapers, <https://newspapers.com/archive>, and this source includes back copies of the *Jeffersonian Democrat*, *Brookville American*, the *Punxsutawney Plaindealer* and more. Better yet, it includes the capability of dating an article, "clipping" it, and printing it.

I've also used these sources to learn more about the good Dr. McKnight. Turns out, there was a cantankerous side to the man! But that story is for another time!



Kristen Scott working on a research project

The JCHS assists members with your research. Please contact us or check the website.

Upcoming Events

Laurel Festival

Family Day Monday

Monday, June 18th, 2018

5-8 pm Special running of the Bowdish Model Railroad

Jefferson County Heritage Day

Wednesday, June 20th, 2018

10:30 am Walking Tour: "The Rest of the Rocks"

Join Jefferson County Historical Society Executive Director Ken Burkett on a 3 1/2 mile hike to the Twin Rocks Spring and Chapel Rock areas. Adults \$10.00. No reservations required. Meet at the Walter Dick Memorial Park. Participants must have the ability to traverse wooded hillsides and slopes. Bring good walking shoes, water and camera. NO dogs or baby strollers, please. Babies in backpacks welcome!

All Day

History of the Women's Relief Corps in the WRC Center

WRC Center, 298 Main St.

11- Noon

Jefferson County Historical Society Time Capsule Dedication

Town Square.

1-3 pm Historic Brookville Tour.

A guided walking tour of Historical Brookville, presented by JCHS. Included on the tour are the Marlin Opera House, Columbia Theatre, Underground Railroad and other locations. Departs from the History Center, 172-176 Main Street. Cost: \$10. No reservations required.

11-4 Scavenger Hunt. How well do you know Brookville? Try your hand at our scavenger hunt and you may win a prize! Entry forms available at the History Center. Free.

5-7 pm Band Concert.

Brookville Community Band - Town Square

ELK Expo 2018

Both the JCHC and North Fork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will be participating at the 2018 Elk Expo at the Elk County Visitors Center on the weekend of August 18th and 19th.

The JCHC will have an exhibit on antique muzzle loading rifles and 19th century hunting, along with our raffle for the reproduction John Sherry Sr. muzzleloader.

The archaeology chapter will have an atlatl throwing demonstration and public throw area, along with a flint knapper, artifact displays, and information about archaeology in Pennsylvania.

The Elk Expo is an exciting event that draws thousands of people annually. For more information check out their website at <http://www.elkexpo.com>.



13th Annual Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact Show

Join the Jefferson County History Center and North Fork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology at the 13th Annual Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact Show. The show will take place at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Saturday, September 1st from 9 am-4 pm.

Bring the family and explore two buildings with over 100 tables featuring exhibitors from across the state. The firearms building will emphasize 19th century western Pennsylvania gunsmiths and includes accouterments and modern rifle recreations of both flint and percussion rifles, with many for sale.

The archaeological building will present some of the finest privately held collections of prehistoric and historic Native American artifacts from this region.

Items for display and sale will include flint tools and points, ground stone items, pipes, beadwork and pottery. Experts in both buildings will be available throughout the day to answer questions from attendees about their interests and provide free evaluation and identification of rifles or artifacts brought in by the public.

Enjoy other events throughout the day, such as a chance to win a muzzleloader rifle hand crafted by Ron Luckenbill, children's activities, primitive games, flint-knapping demonstrations, and the popular atlatl and tomahawk throwing event and competition. The atlatl is an ancient hunting weapon that preceded the bow and arrow. It's a spear-throwing device—such as a thong or shaft—that is used to propel a spear with much more force that can be generated by arm-throwing alone. The World Atlatl Association has sanctioned this competition for serious competitors, but everyone is welcome to try their hand.

Admission for this event is \$7 for adults and free to children 16 and under. For more information call 814-849-0077 or email Ken Burkett at kburkett-jchc@windstream.net.

**13TH ANNUAL
ANTIQUÉ FIREARMS &
INDIAN ARTIFACT SHOW**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
RT. 28
1/8 MILE NORTH OF I-80, EXIT 81**

**ANTIQUÉ FIREARMS THROUGH 1898
PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC ARTIFACTS
VENDORS & EXHIBITORS
IDENTIFICATION, FLINT KNAPPING, PRIMITIVE GAMES
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**RAFFLE FOR A 50 CAL. MUZZLELOADER IN THE STYLE OF
LOCAL GUNSMITH JOHN SHERRY SR. BY RON LUCKENBILL**

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

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Ron Luckenbill in his workshop

JCHS Annual Rifle Raffle

This is the last year that we will be raffling a rifle made by Ron Luckenbill, as he is gradually scaling back as a professional gunsmith. Although he has created many new models replicating earlier guns, Ron is most famous for his flintlock reproduction used by Leonardo DiCaprio during the filming of the movie *Revenant*.

Our rifle this year is a custom built replica of a John Sherry, Sr. rifle from nearby Clarion County. This 50 caliber full-stock beauty is a one of a kind deer hunting rifle that anyone would be proud to own and show.

John Sherry Sr. was born in 1773 and moved to what would become Clarion County in 1839 and made the best quality rifle in the region in the Westmoreland style, where he was taught as a gunsmith until his death in 1859.



**Tickets are available at the JCHC
or at our table at the
Hazen Flea Market
\$5 each or 5/\$20**



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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 Fees

JCHS Members - Free

Non-members:

Individual - \$ 5

Household - \$ 7

Students - \$1

Genealogy

Contracted Research
\$25 /hr. (1 hr.
minimum)

In-House Assisted
Research
\$25/hr. (after 1st 1/2hr.)

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E-newsletter
and announcements
of events and
activities at JCHC

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Permit No. 11

Jefferson County Historical Society Annual Membership Application

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

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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 a vision for the future.