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## JCHS Receives Award

An Award of Merit was presented to JCHS Executive Director Ken Burkett and Curator Carole Briggs by the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations at the Special Achievement Awards reception held on November 8, 2010 in Williamsport.

Presented for the *Living on the Land* exhibit completed in 2009, the Jefferson County Historical Society is cited as having employed the established best practices of larger, better-funded museums during the development of this project. First and foremost, they tailored their goals to fit their mission, conducted numerous focus groups to determine the public's interest and mounting temporary teaser exhibits that provided data to make a stronger case statement for Institute of Library and Museum Services and Lumber Heritage Region grant funding which was ultimately received. Relationships forged in the development stages of the project allowed them to find the matching funds right in their own community. They employed the skills of their own volunteers and staff to build exhibit elements and to develop educational materials based on the state educational standards. Their collaboration with larger institutions augmented local expertise and an evaluation plan is in place based on audience feedback to provide input for future improvements.

Brookville can boast a stronger community resource in the Jefferson County Historical Society while the organization realized increased professionalism, experience and institutional capacity that will be used in the development of future exhibits and projects.



Ken Burkett, Carole Briggs and Doug McLearn from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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.

*The Board of Directors, Staff and membership would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the JCHS Annual Giving Campaign. Contributions totaling \$21,345 from our caring members significantly helps reduce the loss of state funding for 2011.*

## Events Calendar

## Events and Happenings

## March

Wed., Mar. 2, 7 pm  
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

Sat., Mar. 5, 12– 5 pm  
Bowdish Birthday Celebration  
& Drumbeat to War Exhibit  
Opening

Thu., Mar. 10, 6:30 pm  
Board of Directors

Fri., Mar. 18, 7 pm  
North Fork Archaeology

Sat., Mar 19  
Salamanca Casino Trip  
Tickets by March 5th  
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## April

Wed., Apr. 7, 7 pm  
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

Thu. Apr. 14, 6:30 pm  
Board of Directors

## May

Wed., May 4, 7 pm  
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

Thu., May 12, 6:30 pm  
Board of Directors

Fri., May. 10, 7 pm  
North Fork Archaeology

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

<http://eepurl.com/bO6iP>

or contact us via email at [jchc@windstream.net](mailto:jchc@windstream.net)

## Bowdish Birthday Celebration

Got the Winter Blues?  
Looking for something to do?



Come to the annual JCHC Charlie Bowdish Birthday celebration on Saturday, March 5th between noon and 5 pm for a special running of the Bowdish Model Railroad and to preview the *Drumbeat to War* exhibit which chronicles the excitement and expectations at the beginning of the American Civil War. You'll see depictions, dioramas and original artifacts pertaining to the enlistment, training and daily camp life of the new recruits from Jefferson County.



Light refreshments will be served.

## Summer Youth Programs at the JCHC

This summer's Friday Club for elementary girls and boys promises to be a great adventure. Centering on the time of the Civil War, club members will enjoy the typical crafts, food, games, and music of 150 years ago, and become acquainted with Jefferson County people of that time.



Special guests and field trips, including a full day at the special Civil War exhibit at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, are in the works, too.

The Friday Club will meet each Friday, July 8 through August 26, from 10 am to 3 pm. It is not necessary to attend all eight sessions.

Young people who will begin grades three through six in September are invited now to put their name on the

contact list for upcoming information by Emailing [jchc@windstream.net](mailto:jchc@windstream.net) or phoning 849-0077.

## Genealogy 101 for Students

Junior and senior high school students who want to learn about genealogy are invited to attend a special 3 day program schedule to learn how to Research your Civil War Ancestor, how to research your home or historic building, and basics of family genealogy. Students will learn about civil war resources and military searches, researching court house records and fundamentals of genealogy. Classes will be on Thursdays July 14, 21 and 28th from 1 - 5 pm. Cost is \$15 per day and may be for a single or all three classes. Students can register by contacting Theresa at the History Center.

## New Ways to Connect

### Nathan Pearce

In today's world where technology rules and people have access to an endless supply of information at home, at work, and on devices that fit right in their pockets, communication technologies are becoming a huge deal. For us, we see this as an opportunity to connect and share our work with the world. Here at the JCHC, we are changing the way that we communicate with members, patrons, historians, the community, our friends, and other organizations.

One of the best ways to connect with people in today's society is through social media websites such as Twitter or Facebook. These types of websites allow people to share information with others, upload photos for friends to see, and even create events that have digital guest-books with the ability to invite individuals, all in a matter of seconds. Today, Facebook is number one in social media. On average, there are 30 new members signing up for their website every minute, and the website has over 500 million active users. There has even been a Hollywood movie made about the creation of Facebook (*The Social Network* - 2010). With this sort of impact in today's society, not only can the website be used for recreation, it can also be utilized as a powerful tool.

Facebook and other social media websites are not just for sharing photos and conversations with friends. These sites have evolved into business tools. We at the Jefferson County History Center are very excited to have begun the establishment of a web presence through both Facebook and Twitter. Through these forms of social media, we are now able to give updates about the news and events related to the JCHC in a fast and efficient way. We invite you to "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter if you are already using these websites. If you aren't, you can still check out our pages to see what they are all about. Our Facebook page can be accessed at [www.facebook.com/JCHCOnline](http://www.facebook.com/JCHCOnline) and our Twitter is located at [www.twitter.com/JCHCOnline](http://www.twitter.com/JCHCOnline).

Another step we've taken to connect more frequently with people is through the use of an Enewsletter that gets delivered directly through email. This service allows us to send out announcements about events and share news in a more frequent manner than our print newsletter. Our first issue went out in early December and announced the Fieldstone holiday concert sponsored by the JCHC. If you received this email, you are already on the mailing list. However, if you did not receive the eNewsletter and would like receive future announcements, you can head to <http://eepurl.com/bO6iP> or contact us via email or phone in order to sign up.

The future for the incorporation of technology within the Jefferson County History Center is a bright one with many scheduled projects and updates on the horizon. Be on the lookout for updates to our website (including the option to order books online), museum exhibits that utilize new technologies, and even a Smartphone application that serves as a walking tour of Main Street in Brookville!

## NOTICE

The JCHC is looking for someone who would like to help with the History Center Gift Shop and other light duties. To be eligible, applicants must be over 55 years old, meet a maximum household income requirement and be accepted into the Pathstone employment program. The position provides 20 hours of employment weekly. Interested individuals should contact Ken Burkett at the History Center.

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## Exhibits

### History Center Plans Civil War Commemoration

This year, the Jefferson County History Center joins museums throughout the country to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

Executive Director Ken Burkett was enthusiastic when announcing the plans, "We're excited about this five-year long commemoration and are pleased it includes special exhibits, events, and programs for visitors of all ages. Two exhibits are in the works right now."

Opening in March 2011, *Drumbeat to War* presents the excitement and expectations of 1861. Opening in September, *Journeys* chronicles the travels to and through the county of people of color, and features a miniature of one of Brookville's four Underground Railroad sites.

Five other exhibits: photographs of Jefferson County soldiers from the Ron Palm Museum of Civil War Images in Gettysburg; the 105<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers or "Wildcats;" one titled the *Cost of War*; an exploration of Kate Scott and her roles as nurse, author, and possible paramour of John Wilkes Booth; and *Reunions and Remembrance*, an exhibit that will look at the post-war activities of Grand Army of the Republic; are planned for 2011-2015.

Burkett adds, "The highlight of this five-year commemoration will be two exhibits created by the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. We are one of the first organizations in Pennsylvania to have their 53-foot trailer exhibit. It will be at the Jefferson County Fair in July. The following year we will host their Civil War exhibit. We certainly hope teachers will make students aware of this summer's exhibit at the fairgrounds and plan now to bring their students to the History Center in October of 2012."

And if those exhibits and programs are not enough, the History Center has plans for other programs and bus trips. Reenactors, the 105h Wildcat Band from Indiana County, a reunion of Civil War descendants, Civil War related walking tours, and programs for young people are all part of the commemoration.

Plans are underway now for this summer's bus trip to the National Civil War and State museums in Harrisburg. Other trips to the Fredericksburg Wilderness area battlefields of Virginia, to Gettysburg, and to the Richmond/Petersburg battlefields will follow.

How can you help? Curator Carole Briggs says, "Now's the time to let us photocopy those letters in the attic and that framed document on the wall, and to discuss the loan of that stuff in the trunk in the corner. We encourage folks to give us a call now at 814-849-0077 or to Email [jchc@windstream.net](mailto:jchc@windstream.net)."

If you want to keep abreast of Civil War-related events, check out [jchconline.org](http://jchconline.org) or <http://www.pacivilwar150.com>.



Ken Burkett with some of the JCHC exhibit items



The History Center building as it looked when it housed the Edelblute Clothing and Dry Goods store was modeled by Harry Neuhard over the winter months. It will soon be on display on the Bowdish Model railroad which reopens on March 7, 2011.



## Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs, Curator

In early December we were up to our ears in hoops, crinolines, petticoats, bloomers, and bustles as we prepared for a most successful Victorian Fashion Show at the Jefferson County Courthouse. The event was a wonderful opportunity to show off the period costumes created by Louisa Striver of Oil City.

Louisa has enjoyed designing and sewing costumes for many years. When her collection became too large in 2004, she began to look for a home for them as well as many original pieces she'd collected. Some museums were only interested in the originals. However, with our annual Victorian Christmas celebration going strong, we felt Brookville and Jefferson County could make good use of the costumes. And we have!

Models wore more than thirty-five costumes created by Louisa on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and underneath they wore a variety of undergarments. Fortunately for the models, Louisa has sized them for today's larger woman and made many of the waists with elastic waistbands. Nevertheless, we requested minimalist undergarments to create typical 19<sup>th</sup> century silhouettes.



**Bobbie Sarvey at the JCHS Victorian Fashion Show**

The long petticoat or full-length slip was a necessary undergarment for the early Jane Austen-type gowns worn prior to the Civil War. These dresses were often made of very filmy see-through fabrics.

By the 1830s women were tiring of the empire-waist vertical gown and the waistline migrated to its more normal position. Skirts increased in size and the silhouette became bell-shaped. Underneath the fuller skirt, women donned one petticoat, then two, three, and more. In fact, some sources quote the numbers eight and ten! Hems were reinforced with horizontal bands of cording, tucking, or both.

By 1850, seamstresses were adding rows of flounces to the skirts on the outside and bands of horsehair crinoline to the inside. The horsehair crinoline reinforced the petticoats, too. Shortly before the Civil War, the caged crinoline appeared. At first, whalebone hoops were suspended from the waist by fabric tapes. Later spring steel replaced the whalebone and the stiff crinoline was replaced with fabric.

Original hoops at the History Center include an oval one that is 33 inches wide and 43 inches from front to back. Twenty-three thin wire hoops are suspended on nine canvas tapes. The other is not quite as oval and measures 20 by 23 inches. It is built of seven wires on canvas bands, but the reason I'm fond of it is its source. My neighbor, Dorothy Park, donated it so I know it was probably worn by one of the Austin women around 1870.

That's when the winds of fashion changed again and hoops became oval in shape, only to be replaced by the small bustle. While we do have original hoops, we do not have any original bustles so if you find a strange rat-infested bit of wire and fabric in your attic, bring it in — you may have located a bustle!



**Louisa Striver**

### Recent Accessions

Meeting Place advertising group - Don and Dorrie Altman  
 Photo of James Garvey - Theresa Costa  
 Paper ephemera group - Ginger Mahle  
 History of Valier - Pat Steele  
 Peter Grove Civil War pension records - Gerald Grove  
 Ladies mink jacket - Evelyn Grant  
 Strohm cookie molds - Nan Miller  
 Court docket relating to murder - Karen Downie  
 Growing up in Brookville by Dick Wilson - Jackie Fetzner  
 Robert Blair Naval Ephemera - Ed Kaufman  
 Moorehead Methodist Church records - anonymous  
 Brookville Landmarks block printing - Caroline Sutton  
 Doll, carriage & clothing items - Agnes Songer  
 Krokano game board - Ivan Young  
 Paper ephemera group - Jerry Orris  
 Snyders Buckwheat Flour Bag - Jerry Dinger  
 Lumber History - Jim Smith  
 Photograph group - Jim Steingass  
 L. A. Leathers photo - Linda Black  
 Reynoldsville diploma - Ann Stemple  
 Vol. fireman badge - McKeesport Heritage Center

## Gun Show Applications

The Jefferson County History Center is currently seeking individuals who would like to be an exhibitor or vendor of Antique Firearms or Indian Artifacts at the organizations 6th<sup>h</sup> annual *Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact Show* which is scheduled for Saturday, September 3 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds

As always we limit the Gun show and sale to weapons of pre-1898 vintage or suitable reproductions of such. We also invite accouterments and other items of interest for show or sale relating to the time period and gun collecting hobby.

The Indian Artifact show is in an exhibit format only and we are asking that if you decide to be a vendor at the gun show to please include authentic artifacts of Native American origin only as an exhibit and not in your sales. Sale of reproduction and replicated items however are permitted.

Vendor tables are \$20.00 each and Exhibitor tables are always free. If you have any questions about the show, please contact [kburkett-jchc@windstream.net](mailto:kburkett-jchc@windstream.net), or (814) 849-0077.

## 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 CHAPTER #29, SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY



FEATURING ALL TYPES OF ANTIQUE FIREARMS THROUGH 1898.  
A RAFFLE WILL BE HELD FOR A REPRODUCTION MUZZELOADER  
ARTIFACT EXHIBIT WILL FEATURE PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC ARTIFACTS,  
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CONTACT THE JCHS AT 814.849.0077 OR VISIT [HTTP://JCHCONLINE.ORG](http://jchconline.org)  
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## New JCHS Members

Michael Arnold	Connie Mateer
Beth Bremer	Mike Mehalik
Nancy Broomhower	Sherry Miller
Jeff Burkett	Jodi Milliren
Janice Clark	James Mulholland
Jannean Crouse	Joyce Munro
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Ken Jewell	Kathleen Vaughan
Jim Johnson	Bill Zimmerman
John & Kathy Johnson	
Sandy Kelty	
Glen Kennedy	
Herb Landes	

Winner of the JCHC  
Victorian Settee raffle  
on December 7 was  
Mark McKinney



The Jefferson County Commissioners History Center recently donated the bronze marker plaque from the North Fork bridge replacement to the History Center

# Seneca Allegheny Casino

**Salamanca, NY**

**Saturday, March 19th**

**Sponsored by the Jefferson County History Center**

## **Package Includes:**

**Round trip bus transportation**

**Casino Bonus (\$25 for slot play and a \$10 lunch coupon)**

**7:30 am Depart from Plyler's Restaurant**

**10:00 am Arrive in Salamanca**

**Lunch and dinner on your own**

**5:00 pm Depart from Salamanca**

**7:30 pm Approximate return**

## **\$50 per person**

**Prepaid Registration Deadline - March 5, 2011**

**Contact the Jefferson County History Center**

**(814) 849-0077 or Email: [jchc@windstream.net](mailto:jchc@windstream.net)**

**All proceeds benefit the Jefferson County History Center**

### **Seneca Allegheny Casino Trip**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$50.00 each**

**Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Return with your check by  
Saturday, March 5th**

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### 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

Genealogy Contracted  
Research

\$25 /hr (1 hr minimum)

Assisted Research

\$15/hr (after 1st hr)

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Individual \$20/12 months    Family (Household) \$30/12 months

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 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