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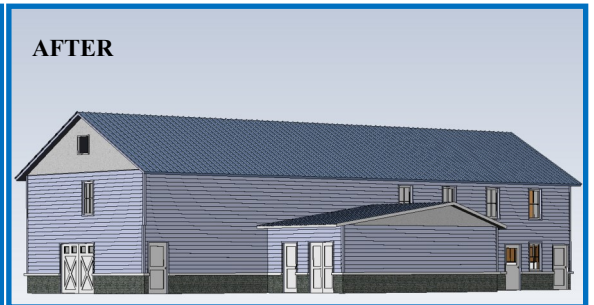
NEW ARCHIVES BUILDING We are growing !

JCHS is pleased to announce a newly acquired two-story facility known as the Blews Hall via a long term lease from the Brookville Borough. After renovations, this facility will soon house and preserve our archives, artifact collections and county courthouse records—currently totaling over 60,000 items—into one all-inclusive facility. This is a phenomenal opportunity and the timing couldn't be better, as our current storage areas are now at capacity!

This 1950s era building—vacant for years—needs exterior and interior repairs and renovations to accommodate our space needs and visitor and staff accessibility.

JCHS is now kicking off our Capital Campaign to help fund this “New Archives, Collections & Community Resource Center.” We seek Business Sponsors and Individual/Family Patrons. Significant donations will be permanently recognized.

TARGET GOAL \$185,000



When renovations are completed, we will have:

- ◆ A climate controlled and secure facility to properly house and care for the County's historical collections
- ◆ A Preservation/Conservation work area where items are cleaned, catalogued and prepped for storage or exhibits
- ◆ An Exhibit Workspace to assemble exhibits
- ◆ A Community Resource Center space for onsite research projects.

The Jeffersonian is published in February, May, August, November. Submissions welcome. Mail to Kat Lyons, Editor or email klyons-jchc@windstream.net. [Note new publication months].

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JCHC In the News



The Society for American Archaeology Honors JCHC Executive Director Kenneth Burkett

The SAA presents the Crabtree Award annually to an outstanding avocational archaeologist. Nominees should have made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community, and public outreach.

Kenneth Burkett was honored with the SAA's 2022 Crabtree Award at their Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony on April 1, 2022 in Chicago. Recognized for his outstanding service to PA Archaeology, Ken is a Carnegie Museum of Natural History Field Associate and Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) member since 1983.

Ken was bit with the archaeological bug at age 12 upon finding his first arrowhead. He later volunteered with several important local and regional site excavations. In 1975 at age 23, he made a sensational discovery of a Native American burial in Elk County dating to 1330 A.D., now housed at Carnegie. From 1976-1996, he excavated the significant Fishbasket complex of six Late Woodland Villages, which established a new cultural group in western PA. He received the 1983

SPA Archey Award for his outstanding contributions to PA archaeology. He helped start SPA North Fork Chapter 29, and is northwest PA's petroglyph expert for his work on the Parker's Landing site. He has authored an exceptional number of publications and book chapters, and co-authored the award-winning Scripture Rocks book. He currently leads SPA's efforts to include archaeology sites in the State Historical Marker Program. Ken also directed SPA North Fork Chapter 29's excavation of a Native American rockshelter within the award-winning Scripture Rocks Heritage Park.

Society PA Archaeology Honors Ken Burkett with Lifetime Achievement Award



This exemplary award is bestowed upon a professional or avocational archaeologist, who has an outstanding record of contributions to PA archaeology. A nominee must have (1) 20 years of outstanding service in support of PA archaeology, (2) been a member of the State SPA for 20 years and (3) be an exemplary supporter of SPA's mission.

The award was given at the SPA Annual Meeting's dinner banquet in Ligonier, April 9, 2022 and was a complete surprise to Ken. His long-time mentor, Dr. Stan Lance, retired Carnegie Museum Archaeologist, (who is now 92), whom Ken worked with on a number of significant projects, nominated Ken for this award. Dr. Kurt Carr, Senior Curator of Archaeology at the PA State Museum, Dr. Sarah Neusius, IUP Anthropology Dept., Dr. John Nass, Calif. Univ. of PA Anthropology Dept. and Brian Fritz, M.S. and owner Quemahoning LLC, submitted letters in support of the nomination.

Dr. Paul Nevin, Director of the Susquehanna National Heritage Area, presenting the prestigious award to Ken (left).



JCHC In the News: 117th Congress, PA Senate, Jeff Co., Clarion Co. Awards



SENATE CITATION CEREMONY Sponsored by Senator Cris Dush (Jefferson County) and Senator Scott E. Hutchison (Clarion County), the Citation document was presented to Ken on the Senate floor on April 6th at their morning session. (Most of the citation is on Page 2). A JCHC contingent and Ken’s brothers attended as Ken’s fan club.

At left is Senator Dush, Ken Burkett & Senator Hutchinson

Jefferson & Clarion County Commissioners Citations



Jefferson County Commissioners presenting Ken with Citation for his Archaeology Awards and JCHS service. Scott North, Ken, Herb Bullers. Jeff Pissarcik absent.

CONGRESSIONAL CITATION



Clarion County Commissioners presenting Ken with Citation for his Archaeology Awards (right). L to R: Ed Hoesley, Ted Tharan, Ken Burkett, Wayne Brosius.

117th Congress of the House of Representatives Citation presented by Congressman Glenn Thompson, Washington, D.C.

Bowdish Birthday Bash & New Exhibits Opening Recap



NEW EXHIBIT: KIDSPACE:

“Toys to Tech” Kids’ Gallery for both young and old kids! 1900s Toys and Old Tech will keep you fascinated! Have Fun and Learn at the same time!

Our new Create, Explore, Discover and Activity Gallery: A hit with the 3rd Grade’s annual visit to the History Center, we’ve incorporated the coolest old technology of its day (mid-1900s) into the Kids’ Gallery. From View Masters to

Stereoscopes, a working dial phone to 1940s typewriters and Victor Talking Machine (record-player), we have it all. A “hands-on” exhibit, see if your kids can figure out how to use them ! We also have period toys, 1950s—1980s on display, and learning toys from Lego’s and Lincoln Logs to puzzles and hand puppets and a giant train track!

The ever-popular Selfie Station and Whistlepig exploratory coal mine are still part of the Kids’ Gallery as well. The Selfie Station now has a live video feed portraying selfies on a TV monitor for even more fun!



Clarion Troop 51 Scouts checking out the Video-camera. Victor Talking Machine on the right.



This little girl scout is destined to become a film director. She is creating a puppet show in front of the camera.



Puppet Show on the Big Screen



The red videocamera projects the Kids onto the Big Screen TV



Bowdish Birthday Bash & New Exhibits Opening Recap

MARTIN STEPHAN ART EXHIBIT



Unique, eclectic art by local artist Martin Stephan will have you in awe! Martin uses many natural materials to create his artwork, from various seeds to cherry pits to hemlock and pine cones, daisy petals, wooden toothpicks, pennies and even blue jean material.

His subject matter ranges from nature to animal and human portraits, historic buildings, and depicting historic events such as 9/11. You will be in awe of what he can create with these simple natural materials and textiles!



*Martin with "Blue Jean Elephant"
Medium: Bleached blue jean threads & acrylic gel.*



*"9-11: We're Still the United States of America"
Medium: Bamboo sticks and acrylic paints.*



*Portrait of Martin's brother, Matthew, fishing.
Medium: Bleached blue jean threads & clear acrylic gel.
Sharing a laugh with Vickie Story of the Bowdish Crew*

Bowdish Birthday Bash & New Exhibits Opening Recap



PARLOR: Live Entertainment

The Parlor featured re-enactors on period instruments. Christina Shrewsbury, Victorian re-enactor, appeared in full period dress. Singer, pianist and organist, she creates customized performances including stories and songs of Victorian and Civil War times.

She is married to new Board member, Ron Shrewsbury, who also appeared in full Civil War Surgeon apparel with his bag of medicinal tools and treatments.



BOWDISH MODEL RR & MINIATURES DIORAMA SHOW



The 2022 Bowdish Birthday Bash was popular once again! Volunteers Art and Jo Schrecongost, Bill McCracken and Vickie Story (pictured on page 5) were on hand to make sure all had a good time.

Jo Schrecongost (center) with a group of awed kids.



Art Schrecongost showing an interested Scout how to run the trains using an iPad



JCHC Crew & Visitors with Martin (far R) at the Bowdish Bash and Art Show Opening. From L to R: Colleen Cooney, Board Member; Jean Parker, Life Member; Bill McCracken, Bowdish Crew; Ken Burkett, Executive Director; Martin Stephan, Artist.

JCHC Upcoming Events

7TH ANNUAL MILITARY COLLECTIBLES SHOW

SATURDAY
JUNE 4, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

JEFFERSON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
RT. 28, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF
INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81



FEATURING MILITARIA FOR SALE, SHOW AND TRADE FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT

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

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION: EMAIL: kburkett-jchc@windstream.net
Tele: (814) 849-0077 OR VISIT WWW.JCHCONLINE.ORG

BENEFITS THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Military Collectibles Show

The Jefferson County History Center will once again host the 7th Annual Military Collectibles Show on Saturday, June 4, 2021, from 9AM—3PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Brookville.

This indoor event includes two buildings of both vendors and exhibitors from across Pennsylvania and adjoining states. They will be displaying a wide range of interesting military collectibles and related items from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars to the present. Items for show, sale, and trade will include weapons, uniforms, accouterments, photographs, artifacts, publications, and other items of historical interest to both the beginner and advanced military collector.

The Jefferson County Fairgrounds are located on Route 28 approximately one-half mile north of Interstate 80 (Exit 81). Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 16 are free.

For table reservations or additional information, contact the Jefferson County History Center at (814) 849-0077 or go to jchconline.org or email kburkett-jchc@windstream.net.



JCHC EVENTS DURING JUNE LAUREL FESTIVAL

- Saturday June 11th Art in the Park, Town Square Area, Main St.
- Tuesday June 14th Family Night Activity 5PM—8PM
- Friday June 17th Sidewalk Sale 9AM—3 PM & Book Signings

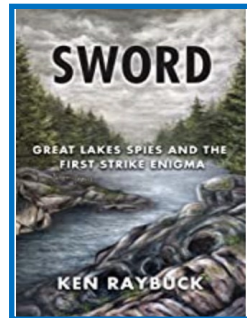
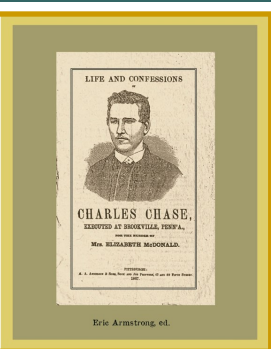
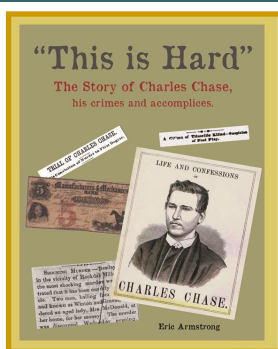
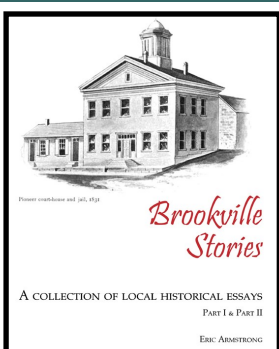


Book Signing Event

Friday June 17
9AM—3PM
at JCHC

Board Member Eric Armstrong will be signing his new books, *Brookville Stories* and his 2 books on Charles Chase: *This is Hard* and *Life & Confessions of Charles Chase*.

Local author Ken Raybuck will be signing all 3 of his new books: *Sword*, *You Meet Everyone Twice*, and *Youngstown, Undercover*.



SRHP In the News

JCHS Scripture Rocks Heritage Park News

JEFF CO HISTORY CENTER GUIDED TOURS @ SCRIPTURE ROCKS HERITAGE PARK

Rockin It !

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH MAY-SEP 1 PM
COME ON OUT FOR A FREE TOUR OF THE ROCKS
& NATIVE AMERICAN ROCKSHELTER



Rte 28 N. 2 miles East of
Brookville and 1/2 mile off
I-80 Hazen Exit
More Info: 814-849-0077



Spring is Here and the Scripture Rocks Heritage Park officially opened April 1st. Guided Walking Tours will occur at **1:00pm on the last Sunday of every month May through September**. Come hear the Douglas Stahlman story, learn about the park history from the Historians who created this park, and experience the Native American Rock Shelter.

A final planting in the Native Plant-Pollinator Pond Habitat will be completed this April-May with a small grant from Wild Ones (wildones.org) for purchase of native seeds and plants. The grant is just under \$500 and will cover the remaining plants we need to complete the native plant-pollinator habitat.



We also host programs on Pollinator Ecology / Environmental Education. Presenters include JCHC Staff, Board members and professional educators. We extend this opportunity to all area schools, organizations, clubs and groups. We especially invite organizations representing disabled individuals, as we created an ADA accessible education staging area adjacent to the plant-pollinator pond habitat for this specific purpose.

For Large Groups: We can tailor a special program to your interests. Visit our website or please contact us with advance notice to arrange your private group tour.

Attention Scout Leaders: We are also starting an extended Environmental program for Scouts so they can earn their Environmental Badges.

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We are seeking donations to help keep up the maintenance of the Park and pay for amenities such as Porta-Potties and security lighting. We receive no local, state or federal funding for this privately owned park. We rely on your donations. In addition to the trailhead donation box, checks designating the funds to be used for "SRHP" can be mailed to:

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**JCHC
P.O. Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825**

We also welcome Volunteers to help with Landscaping & Infrastructure Maintenance, such as weatherproofing benches, and Spring & Fall Clean-Up to keep the trails clear of limbs.

Check out the Park at scripturerocks.com.

To arrange a Special Tour or Program, Call us at the History Center 814-849-0077 or email kburkett-jchc@windstream.net or klyons-jchc@windstream.net. Don't forget to check our website jchconline.org and [facebook/jchconline](https://facebook.com/jchconline) for updates. Also find us on Instagram.com/jchconline.

JCHC & SRHP In the News



PA MUSEUMS 2022 Annual Statewide Museum Conference Presentation & Award.

Two of JCHC's staff and a former Board member have been invited by PA Museums to make a presentation on the JCHS Scripture Rocks Heritage Park's new Native Plant-Pollinator Pond Habitat and adjacent ADA Accessible Education Area. Kenneth Burkett, Executive Director; Kat Lyons, Operations Director and Chuck Williams of Williams Ecological, LLC and former Board member will co-equally present the slideshow. The presentation will focus on the planning, grant research and subsequent funding for the ADA area, and implementation of the project in 4 phases covering 2019, 2020 and early spring 2021. This all led up to JCHC hosting our first 4th grade class in May 2021 at the Park for an in-depth Environmental Education Day.

We created educational programs and accompanying materials—including rack cards of pollinators and pond life, a Plant-Pollinator Booklet (kudos to intern Alyssa Burkett) and Jr. Ranger booklet—for the kids. We also secured professional educators for the day. Our presentation at the conference is specifically targeted toward other History Centers and Museums interested in expanding from a solely indoor museum to an outdoor setting and developing an outdoor “exhibit” and educational opportunities.

We also received a 2022 Institutional Special Achievement Award from PA Museums for this project which we titled “Pollywogs & Pollinators: Creating an ADA Accessible Garden Landscape & Education Area.” This is the Park's 9th Award from local, state and national organizations and museums!

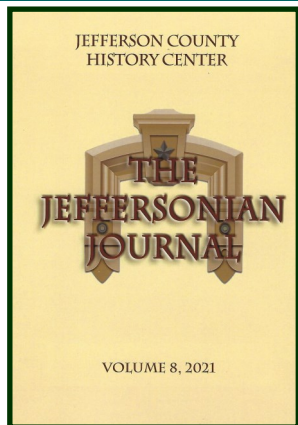


The Conference, initially scheduled at the Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA on April 24-26th became a virtual conference presented via ZOOM .



Chuck Williams, Kat Lyons and Ken Burkett with Award at the Native Plant-Pollinator Pond Habitat

Jeffersonian Journal, New Books, New Article



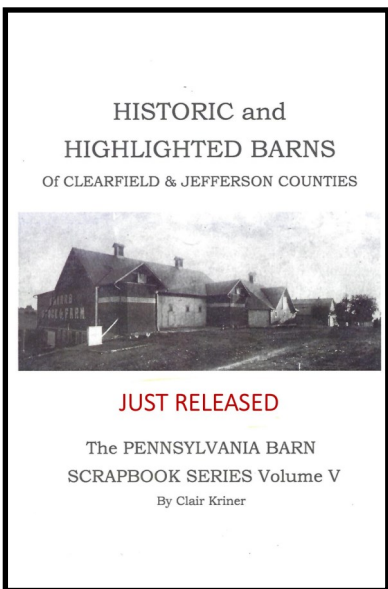
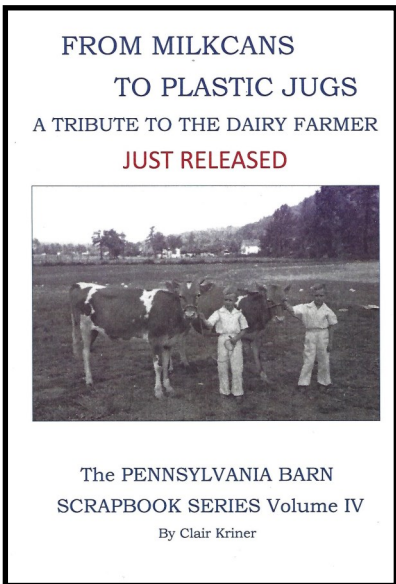
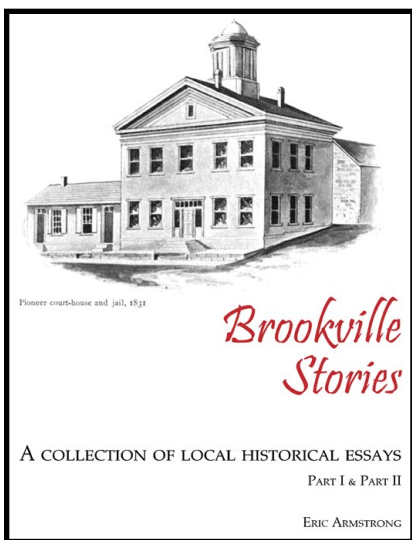
Call for JCHS Journal Articles

Anyone out there with a writing bug? We are looking for new authors who want to write about Jefferson County people, places and happenings, whether in the past or present. This is a professional journal. Articles should cite primary sources such as letters, manuscripts, diaries, interviews, photographs, research data, and artifacts. Secondary sources can then be cited—scholarly or popular books, journal articles, histories, criticisms, reviews, commentaries, encyclopedias, and textbooks. Secondary sources interpret, analyze, and summarize primary sources. We will send you a Submission Guideline and a Chicago-style citations guide, and we can help authors with their citations. We can find historic photos for you from our archives as well. Article deadline is August 1st.

GIFT SHOP NEW BOOKS

Eric Armstrong's "Brookville Stories"

Claire Kriner's "PA Barn Scrapbook Series" Vol IV, V



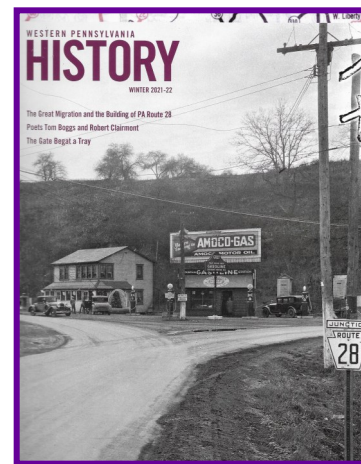
Heinz History Center

Carole Briggs' Historical Article on the construction of PA State Route 28 was recently published in the winter issue of *Western*

Pennsylvania History, a publication of the Heinz History Center. The article chronicles the story of some of the Black immigrants from the south who worked on a local part of the route. (SR28 extends from Pittsburgh area to Brockway and merges into U.S. Rte. 219).

In the early 1930s, a group of Black construction workers worked on SR28 in the Summerville area. When the Great Depression caused the company to fail and leave the area, 100 Black Americans were stranded. Some of the families, including the well-known Dock and Alice Harris family, subsequently settled in Summerville and became active community members.

The magazine can be purchased at <https://heinzhistorycenter.org/shop>



Western Pennsylvania History Cover Photo: Junction PA SR28, southern Allegheny County, 1929. Allegheny County Photography Dept.

Events Calendar

Bowdish Model RR

Board of Directors & Staff

2022 Events Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

7th Annual Military Collectibles Show
Saturday, June 4th
9AM—3PM

Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds

Laurel Festival Events
Brookville:

Art in the Park
Saturday June 11

Time TBA
Town Square Area, Main St.

Family Night Activity
Tuesday June 14
5PM—8PM

Sidewalk Sale
Friday June 17
9AM—3PM

16th Annual Antique Firearms & Indian Artifacts Show
Saturday, September 3
9AM—3PM
Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds

4th Annual Family Bicycle Ride & Poker Run
Sunday, September 18
11AM—5PM

Redbank Rails to Trails
Brookville Depot St. Spur

Annual Dinner & Awards
Saturday, October
6:00PM

Date & Location: TBA

Escape Room, October
Dates & Times TBA

Light-Up Night
Friday, November 24
Bowdish Model RR
5PM—8PM

December TBA



Model Railroad Schedule
2022

Bowdish Birthday Bash
Saturday, February 26, 2022
11 AM—4 PM

Saturday, March 26
Noon—3PM

Saturday, April 30
Noon—3PM

Saturday, May 28
Noon—3PM

Laurel Festival
Tuesday, June 14
5PM—8PM

Saturday, June 25
Noon—3PM

Saturday, July 30
Noon—3PM

Saturday, August 27
Noon—3PM

Saturday, September 24
Noon—3PM

Saturday, October 29
Noon—3PM

Light-Up Night
Friday November 25
5PM—8PM

December TBA

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Museum Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday
11 AM - 4 PM

Closed Sundays
Mondays and Holidays

We typically close when
our schools close due to
weather, and urge you to
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Research
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City, State, Zip _____

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Brookville, PA 15825

Credit cards by phone or at jchconline.org

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.