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2004 SECOND QUARTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April-May Gunsmithing
Course 7-10 pm at the
Henry Homestead

May – Opening of the *PA Longrifle Museum* – Open from May through October with new exhibits in The Margaret Taylor room. The Museum will be open every Sunday from 1:00 until 4:00 pm.

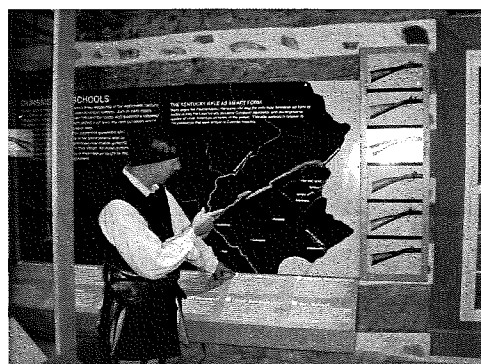
June 18 & 19 – *Kentucky Rifle Frolic* Annual living history encampment with food and entertainment for all.

THE MUSEUM OPENS THIS SPRING with new displays in the log cabin room and recently added artifacts displays in the Margaret Taylor room. Our museum offers programs for special events, school group visitations, as well as professional development opportunities for teachers.

Close cooperation between the museum committee headed by Joe Flemish and the artifacts committee under the direction of Jim Shedlauskas - with special guidance from Bob Frick - will allow us to display a selection of Henry family artifacts and to tell numerous stories about the

Henry family and their significance in early America.

These museum displays are being funded by a \$60,000 matching grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with contributions from the Forks of the Delaware Antique Weapons Association and the National Kentucky Rifle Association. This setting allows us to provide unique historical learning opportunities to a wide variety of local community groups.



Interactive Kentucky Rifle Association sponsored display



J.J. Henry House refurbishing

J.H.S. RECEIVES \$30,000 KNBT GRANT.

The Directors of the Keystone Nazareth Charitable foundation unanimously approved a \$30,000 grant to provide the Jacobsburg Historical Society funding to assist with the restoration of the 1834 John Joseph Henry House. The grant is to be paid over three years.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT BUILDING & GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

have been completed over recent months in spite of the set backs of the October 2004 flood. With the help of many we have:

- Removed all underground oil tanks on all properties.
- Insured safe drinking water at all sites.
- Re-laid the walk way and installed a handicap ramp for our museum
- Repaired roof dormers on the Homestead
- Made major repairs to the *Stone House* impacted by the October flood. The repairs included electrical system upgrades, heat system replacement, flooring and wall repairs and significant other items.
- Roof and window repairs on the Blacksmith shop and north barn.
- Installed a new septic system and plumbing at the *Farm* property.

OVER 200 VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE DONATED

by JHS members and friends. March 3 – 6, 2005. volunteers manned a double booth at the Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show held in the Expo Center at Tilghman Square in Allentown, PA. Our exhibit, designed

Some of the recent restoration accomplished at the house includes major roof and porch repairs, refurbishing of the second story artifacts room, temporary stabilization of the summer kitchen and weather proofing kitchen entrances. In the near future we will address the deterioration of the ceiling in the back parlor.



The Bushkill visits the Stone House

and furnished by Tim Lubenesky, consisted of one booth featuring a variety of colored photos depicting JHS activities, exhibits and attractions. The second booth contained a selection of Henry made firearms along with a live gunmaking demonstration.



Our gunsmith at work

THE 2005 JOURNEYMAN GUNSMITH PROGRAM began March 30, 2005 and ran five weeks ending April 27. Eight student gunsmiths signed up for the course. The instructors were Rich Hujisa, Jim Correll and Greg Dixon along with guest instructor Allen Martin. Allen is one of the top young Kentucky rifle builders in the nation whose rifles have been feature on the cover of several national magazines.

Jacoburg's gunsmithing programs, run by Rich Hujisa and Tim Lubenesky, have provided training in the art of recreating the Kentucky rifle to many students over the past few years. The program has achieved a national reputation of excellence in providing this unique training and has become an income producer for the Society.

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY

Twenty-three Historical Society volunteers assembled on April 9 to clean up the Societies 50 acres of land, the J.J. Henry House and the Homestead museum. Over ten trailer loads of branches and leaves we picked up, raked up, and hauled away. Both houses were vacuumed, polished and cleaned.

The volunteers were treated to pizza, drinks and brownies and our thanks for their efforts. Cleanup days are held each fall and each spring and volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

A special cleanup day may be scheduled in the near future to clean up the flood damage on the lawn of the stone house.

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND EVENT

All members and friends of the Society are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Father's day Rifle Frolic to be held June 18th and 19th. The weekend event offers something for everyone. The historical walking trail with its many historical markers winds through the woods and over the new walking bridge across the Bushkill. The J.J Henry House will be open for tours, which showcase the house interior and its wealth of authentic Henry family 18th and 19th century antiques. The Homestead Museum will be open with its newest displays showing the many interesting historical facets of the Henry family. Our pastures will be filled with the tents of participants in the annual rifle frolic demonstrating how the early settlers live and dressed.



Our 2004 Frolic



Hard at work

This issue of the Record was produced by Ron Gabel and Bob Sadler. Hopes are that the DCNR staffing issues will stabilize and that the *Record* will get back on schedule.

Until then, your comments and suggested articles are solicited.

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The Jacobsville Historical Society was founded in 1972 to save and interpret the historical Henry family estate and industrial properties, the family's gun and iron making heritage, and to help establish the Jacobsville National Historic District. In partnership with the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks, Jacobsville Environmental Education Center, the Society also preserves and presents the cultural history and interconnected story of human life and land use in the Jacobsville reach of the Bushkill Creek watershed with interpretive and educational programming. The Society operates the Museum of the Pennsylvania Longrifle at the Henry Homestead, and maintains the 1834 John Joseph Henry House at Boulton as a historic house museum with administrative and curatorial offices.

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