West Virginia Archives and History News has a new look this month. As with the previous layout, the design is the work of Division of Culture and History graphic designer Leslie Lynch. If you have had dealings with the division other than through this newsletter or correspondence with Archives and History, you may have noticed that the division changed its logo two years ago. While we incorporated the new logo into the newsletter on an inside page at that time, the front and back designs were pre-printed. To be responsible stewards of taxpayer money, we continued to use the existing paper until it ran out. Similarly, Archives and History only this year began using the division’s new letterhead, and we still have a few staff sending out letters on the small quantity of the old that remains. The look of the newsletter has changed but, as always, we will try to provide informative and useful content. We welcome your comments.

Archives and History News is available on the Archives and History Web site http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html

From the Editor:

Archives and History Movie Night at Tuesday Night Lecture Program on June 7

On June 7, 2011, Archives and History audio-visual archivist Richard Fauss will present “Archives and History Movie Night: Footage from the Collection” at the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The evening’s program will showcase various types of audio-visual formats that were used in home and professional productions. Fauss will give some basic advice about how to care to care for the different formats, and he also will discuss the difficulties in playback of the different type of media held by the State Archives.

The importance of sound and its usefulness in documentary film production will be discussed with examples from the 1932 film Charleston, Beautiful on the Kanawha and from a home movie. Fauss will show selections from the 1968 presidential campaign in West Virginia, including home movies of Robert F. Kennedy and footage of Wallace surrogate Peter D. Beter. He also plans to show some restored 2-inch video footage that has recently been returned from a preservation laboratory, which includes songwriter Lionel Cartwright, then just 19 years of age, singing a newly composed song and Grant County fiddlers Israel and Tom Welch. Many of these selections have not been seen in 30 years.

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SHPO Cemeteries Presentation to Genealogy Club on June 9

Staff from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will present information about cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places at the meeting of the Thursday Evening Genealogy Club on June 9, 2011. The club will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. Meetings of the Genealogy club are free and the public is invited to attend.

Carolyn Kender, archaeologist, and Sara Prior, education and planning coordinator, will discuss historic preservation and the programs offered by SHPO to help preserve West Virginia cemeteries. They will review how SHPO can assist the public in determining if a cemetery
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May's Tuesday Night Lecture Was Toe-Tapping Program

On May 3, 2011, 62 people attended the “West Virginia's Heritage Music” program in the Archives and History Library, presented by Bobby Taylor. Taylor, an award-winning fiddler who also is Archives and History's library manager, discussed the state’s traditional music, focusing on individuals who have been an important part of its history. Taylor also had several instruments that had belonged to well known musicians on display. Assisted by John Lilly on guitar and mandolin and Kim Johnson on banjo, Taylor interspersed his talk with live music. Jake Krack, a former student of Taylor’s, joined in on one number.

Images from the program are available at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ workshops/wkshp050311.html.

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New Titles

Steamboats on the Western Rivers in the Civil War: John Bowman, 2010.
Chinaberry: James Still, 2011.
Let's Romp in the Field of Words: Sheldon Harper, 2011.
Surname Index to History of the Upper Ohio Valley, Volumes I & II: Leila S. Francy, 1992.
Where We Lived: Discovering the Places We Once Called Home: The American Home from 1775 to 1840: Jack Larkin, 2006.
Moorefield Middle School Wins West Virginia History Bowl

Sixteen middle schools teams enjoyed the second annual West Virginia History Bowl competition hosted by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History (WVDCH) at the Culture Center on April 26, 2011. Four eighth-grade students from Moorefield Middle School (Hardy County) demonstrated their outstanding knowledge of West Virginia history, culture and heritage by losing only one of their six matches in the double-elimination tournament, thereby winning the competition. The Sissonville Middle School (Kanawha County) team placed second. One of the two teams fielded by Shady Spring Middle School (Raleigh County) placed third, and the St. Francis Central Catholic School (Morgantown, Monongalia County) placed fourth.

For the first time, an All Tournament Team was named, based on the number of correct answers given by individual students. The five students are Jacob Bennett (Shady Spring Middle), Tanner Carr (Moorefield Middle), Lily Mirfakhraie (St. Francis Central Catholic), James Shafer (Sissonville Middle), and Ellie McClung (Sissonville Middle). McClung was also named Most Valuable Player, having answered the most questions correctly.

“West Virginia has a proud history and we want our students to know it and be proud of their home state,” said WVDCH Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith. “The students who participated in this year’s event...”
have an exceptional knowledge of our state’s history and had a great time demonstrating how much they know.”

The fledgling but successful History Bowl of 2010 was formalized and expanded for 2011 and subsequent years to include a regional competition in each of the eight Regional Service Education Agency (RESA) districts, with the winning and runner-up teams advancing to the state championship. All public and private schools, as well as home school organizations, who assemble four-person teams of eighth-grade students are welcome to participate.

The History Bowl features questions about West Virginia history, culture, heritage, tourism and people pulled from a compilation of more than 1,600 prepared by the staff of the Archives and History section, with help from the West Virginia Division of Tourism. Students who use the Daily Trivia, Quick Quizzes and Golden Horseshoe Study Guide on the Archives and History Web site will be well prepared for competition. “The History Bowl challenge questions are taken directly from the quick quizzes and daily quizzes featured on the State Archives and History Web site,” Reid-Smith said. “In the two years since we began the tournament, the hits on those quizzes have risen by 150 per cent per day. And, some of the teachers we talked to have said that their students’ scores in the Golden Horseshoe exams have climbed as a result of the intense studying students are doing for History Bowl.”

For more information, including a video of the championship round, visit the Culture and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/Historybowl/historybowl.html. A list of the sixteen teams competing in the state championship with the names of the participating students is posted in the full Division of Culture and History press release at http://www.wvculture.org/news.aspx?Agency=Division&Id=1714.

[Some information in this article was obtained from a May 5, 2011 WVDCH press release.]

**New Civil War Titles**

In the Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart: Clint Johnson, 2003.
“We are in for it!”: The First Battle of Kernstown, March 23, 1862: Gary L. Ecelbarger, 1997.
Success Is All That Was Expected: Robert M. Browning, Jr., 2002.
Embattled Shrine: Jamestown in the Civil War: David F. Riggs, 1997.
Chesapeake Bay: A Pictorial Maritime History: M.V. Brewington, 1953.
From Cape Charles to Cape Fear: The North Atlantic Blockading Squadron During the Civil War: Robert M. Browning, Jr., 1993.
The Union Calvary Comes of Age: Hartwood Church to Brandy Station, 1863: Eric J. Wittenberg, 2003.
Moore’s Historical Guide to the Wilmington Campaign and the Battles for Fort Fisher: Mark A. Moore, 1999.
Steamboats on the Western Rivers in the Civil War: John Bowman, 2010.
Five Tragic Hours: The Battle of Franklin: James Lee McDonough and Thomas L. Connelly, 1983.

Sesquicentennial Timeline for June 1861

By Mary Johnson

June 1861 was a busy month for western Virginians, both politically and militarily. Here are some of the highlights:

June 3: Union and Confederate forces met at Philippi
June 11: Second Wheeling Convention began
June 13: Declaration of the People of Virginia presented; Confederate troops driven from Romney
June 14: B&O Railroad bridge at Harpers Ferry destroyed
June 16: Confederates occupied Laurel Hill
June 20: Francis H. Pierpont elected governor of the Restored Government of Virginia
June 26: Confederate Gen. Henry A. Wise arrived in Charleston
June 30: gold seized from Weston bank by Union troops

To learn more about these and other events from June 1861, visit the Archives and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial/186106.html.

Archives and History has placed events online for January through December 1861 and is working on 1862 and other years. In addition to the timeline, each week a new sesquicentennial trivia question is posted. The militia letter scanning project that began last year is now complete, and more than 4,000 images can be viewed online (http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/militiafindingaid.html).

Check out all the Archives and History online sesquicentennial projects at http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial.html.
is historic and whether the site is eligible to be listed in the National Register. Their presentation also will include a discussion of the West Virginia Cemetery Survey program and what the public can do to help locate and record information about cemeteries located across the state.

Advance registration for the program is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

[This article originally was prepared by Mary Johnson for the Archives and History Web site based upon information provided by Sara Prior.]

Calendar of Events

Please check our web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history) for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements, and for more complete information on activities listed below.

INSPIRED: HISTORIC GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ART EXHIBIT, through July 24: The Culture Center, Charleston.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, June 3: Charles Town.

“A SPECIES OF LEGAL FICTION: THE WHEELING CONVENTIONS OF 1861,”
June 4: David Javersak, speaker, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM, June 4–5: George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, Shepherdstown. For information, visit http://www.shepherd.edu/gtmcweb/seminars.html.

FILM PREVIEW “WE PULL TOGETHER: ROSIE THE RIVETERS, THEN AND NOW,”
June 10: Erma Byrd Auditorium, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown.

“FOR LIBERTY AND UNION: THE RESTORED GOVERNMENT OF VIRGINIA,”
June 18: Daylong program including re-enactors and special focus tours of the building, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

Bentonville: The Final Battle of Sherman and Johnston: Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr., 1996.
The Battle of Monroe’s Crossroads and the Civil War’s Final Campaign: Eric J. Wittenberg, 2006.
The Devastating Hand of War: Romney, West Virginia, During the Civil War: Dr. Richard Sauers, 2000.
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**RE-ENACTMENT OF GOVERNOR PIERPONT’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS,**
June 19: Daylong program including re-enactors, special tours led by historic characters, period music, and reception, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**WEST VIRGINIA DAY, June 20:** Archives Library will be open.*

**“GROWING A GARDEN AT GRAVE CREEK: A TOUR AND PROGRAM OF THE NEW INTERPRETIVE GARDEN,” June 20:** Andrea K. Keller, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, visit http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1426.

**WEST VIRGINIA DAY CELEBRATION, June 20:** Daylong program including re-enactors, period music, and reception, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**“WEST VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL MOMENTS OLD AND NEW,” June 26:** Bob Bastress, speaker, West Virginia Humanities Little Lecture Series, Hubbard House, Charleston. Fee required. Call (304) 346-8500 or e-mail payne@wvhumanities.org for more information or to reserve a seat.

**FILM PREMIERE “WE PULL TOGETHER: ROSIE THE RIVETERS, THEN AND NOW,” June 28:** Capitol Theater, Charleston.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4:** Archives Library will be closed.


**HACKERS CREEK PIONEER DESCENDENTS 30TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GATHERING, August 11–14:** Hackers Creek Library and John Sleeth Trading Post, Hackers Creek. Registration deadline August 1.


**LABOR DAY, September 5:** Archives Library will be closed.

**“ERIE COUNTY [PA] HISTORIC CEMETERY SURVEY,” September 29:** Dr. Mary Ann Owoc, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.

**“THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY IN THE MIDWEST,” October 27:** Josh McConaughy, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.

**“AN ASTRONOMER’S LOOK AT THE GRAVE CREEK MOUND AND ITS ENVIRONS,” November 17:** Dr. Francis Graham, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.

*Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.

The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.
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