In celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s bicentennial in 2009, the Senator John Heinz History Center will welcome *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, a 2,500 square-foot traveling exhibition from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, presented by PNC Financial Services Group.

Set to open on May 30, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* will show how Lincoln’s momentous struggle to save the Union transformed our nation and Constitution.

"With Lincoln’s bicentennial this year and the recent presidential election, the nation has a renewed interest in one of our most beloved and important historic figures,” said Andy Masich, president and CEO of the History Center. "*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* will provide an intimate look into Lincoln's life, his personal and professional struggles, and his determination to lead America through one of its most challenging times."

The exhibition will explore several key themes across American history, including whether the states were truly “united,” and how our nation dealt with the issues of slavery and civil liberties for all, while examining Lincoln’s success in saving the nation.

The interactive exhibition includes dozens of artifacts, more than 100 photographs, historical documents, and more. Visitors will be able to get up-close-and-personal with key Lincoln artifacts, including rare signed copies of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, printed copies of Lincoln’s first and second inaugural addresses, campaign buttons and ribbons, and one of Lincoln’s famous top hats.

Interactive elements throughout the exhibition will allow visitors to:

- Stand alongside Lincoln as he is sworn in as the 16th President;
- View Civil War military conflicts and Lincoln portraits through a recreated 1860s box camera;
- Decide whether they would vote for Lincoln in the 1864 presidential election as part of a computer polling station;
- Play a genuine 1862 board game called "The Secession Game;” and
- View a replicated jail cell used for citizens arrested for dissent or disloyalty.

Audio stations will include excerpts from Lincoln’s writings and speeches and will enable visitors to hear first-hand his thoughts on issues such as equality, slavery, freedom, democracy, justice, and the Constitution’s rule of law.

Lincoln Slept Here – The Pittsburgh Connection

The History Center will augment *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* with Lincoln’s bed and bedroom set from the Monongahela House, the downtown Pittsburgh hotel that hosted the president-elect on Feb. 14, 1861, en route to his inauguration.
Celebrating 100 Years of Forbes Field

Hall of Famer and Pirates owner Barney Dreyfuss opened Forbes Field, the world’s first three-tier steel and concrete baseball stadium, in 1909.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of one of America’s most famous parks, the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum will honor Forbes Field throughout the summer with a new exhibition, Forbes Field: A Century of Memories.

Set to open on June 27, the exhibit celebrates the iconic park through a series of photographs, original artifacts, and never-before-seen memorabilia from the park’s illustrious career.

The exhibit will focus on two key events in Forbes Field history: the legendary 1909 World Series between the Pirates and Detroit Tigers; and the 1960 World Series, which featured one of baseball’s most famous moments, when Bill Mazeroski’s walk-off homerun beat the New York Yankees for the World Series title.

Highlights of the exhibit will include:
• 1910 baseball cards of Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb
• Original Forbes Field signage, seats, and banners
• Dozens of images of Forbes Field throughout the years
• The pitching rubber from the 1960 World Series
• Scorecards, tickets and game programs

In addition, a number of Forbes Field book titles will be available for purchase in the Museum Shop. To learn more about the Forbes Field: A Century of Memories exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

WPIAL Honors New Hall of Fame Inductees

The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, which houses the WPIAL Hall of Fame, hosted the third annual induction class at a press conference on May 5.

This year’s inductees were: Athletes: Jim Covert, Brian Davis, Jodi Figley, Stan Musial, Cassidy Krug, Lauryn Williams, Caroline Zajac; Coaches: Albert (Abe) Everhart, Chuck Stull, Dale Meddock, Bruno Schwarz; Contest Official Duane Norton; Contributor Michael Arbutina; Teams: 1988 North Allegheny High School Wrestling; 1965 Midland High School Basketball; and 1998 Greensburg Salem High School Girls’ Volleyball.

Each inductee will be part of a permanent display inside the third floor Kaiser Trophy Room of the Sports Museum.

National Negro League Conference Slated for July

This summer, the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum will play host to “Crossroads of Black Baseball,” the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference of the Society of American Baseball Researchers (SABR).

From July 16-18, more than 100 Negro League scholars, historians, players, and fans will gather at the Sports Museum for a variety of activities, including the dedication of a Pennsylvania State Historical Marker at the site of the Pittsburgh Crawfords’ home stadium, Greenlee Field, the first baseball stadium built for and by African Americans. For conference registration information, or to learn more, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

SportsArtifact Spotlight

By: Anne Madarasz, Director of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

At 3:36 p.m. on Oct. 13, 1960, Bill Mazeroski stood in the batter’s box, the count one ball and no strikes. Yankee pitcher Ralph Terry stretched and delivered the pitch: Maz smashed a long drive to left field. Yankee Yogi Berra wheeled back to make the catch, then watched in seeming disbelief as the ball cleared the wall. The win touched off a celebration that started on the field and spread throughout Pittsburgh as thousands took to the streets to scream and dance and marvel at the Pirates beating the seemingly invincible Yankees and capturing the World Series.

With his game-winning home run, Mazeroski became the first player to ever end the World Series with a home run. Few expected the Pirates to win the 1960 World Series, seeking their first world championship in 35 years. This pitching rubber, which memorializes that moment, was later removed from the mound by the Pirates’ groundskeeper. Visitors can see this unique artifact relating to both the Pirates’ victory and the Yankees’ defeat as part of the Forbes Field: A Century of Memories exhibition, which opens June 27.

The final pitch thrown from this pitching rubber was the ball that Yankee pitcher Ralph Terry delivered to Bill Mazeroski in the top of the ninth inning of Game 7 of the 1960 World Series. Pitching rubber courtesy John Taylor.
Nearly 500 attendees celebrated the accomplishments of seven notable Pittsburghers as part of the seventeenth annual History Makers Award Dinner held Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Westin Convention Center and Hotel.

Chaired by Ralph J. Papa, president and CEO of Citizens Bank, and Robert P. Kelly, chairman and CEO of BNY Mellon, and presented by Citizens Bank and BNY Mellon, the dinner honored men and women whose achievements, while rooted here in Western Pennsylvania, transcend geographic bounds.

This year’s honorees included James E. Rohr, chairman and CEO of PNC Financial Services Corporation, for business and industry; Sandra S. and Seward Prosser Mellon, for community service; Stephen W. Graffam and William C. King, founding fathers of the new History Center, for heritage; Mark A. Nordenberg, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, for education; and Joe Greene, former Pittsburgh Steelers defensive tackle, for sports.

History Makers Honored at Annual Dinner
With summer driving season upon us, the History Center recently welcomed several new additions to its long-term exhibition, *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation*, that celebrate Western Pennsylvania’s automotive firsts.

Perhaps the most important local automotive innovation is the creation of America’s first intrastate superhighway, the Pennsylvania Turnpike. In 1937, near the end of the Great Depression, Gov. George Howard Earle established the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission in an effort to create a safe, reliable transportation route between Western and Eastern Pennsylvania.

With President Franklin Roosevelt’s support, construction began on the turnpike through the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Spanning from Middlesex, just west of Harrisburg, to Irwin, just east of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Turnpike project employed more than 15,000 workers from 18 states.

In only 20 months, engineers constructed the 160-mile turnpike with two 12-foot concrete lanes of travel. With safety features such as long stretches of straight-aways, banked curves and less than three-percent grades, the turnpike allowed for efficient, safe travel at high rates of speed.

When the turnpike officially opened on Oct. 1, 1940, the four-lane roadway significantly reduced travel time and provided smooth, non-stop trips between Carlisle and Irwin.

Dubbed “America’s Dream Highway,” the turnpike pioneered design elements later incorporated into the Interstate Highway System. Following the success of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, other states built toll roads after World War II, including Ohio, New York, and New Jersey.

Today, the Pennsylvania Turnpike spans 514 miles and provides safe and easy travel for more than 150 million vehicles each year. Learn more about “America’s First Superhighway” and other local automotive firsts by visiting *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation*.

Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures Returns to the History Center

Whether as the confluence that was a gateway to a continent, the steel-making capital of the world, or the site of stunning medical advances, Pittsburgh has been a city with a mission.” – Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“America’s Hidden Treasures, An Antiques Appraisal Show”

Designed for the collectors – or over-collectors – in all of us, the event encourages visitors to bring in their most prized possessions to meet with professional appraisers and conservators.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., professional appraisers from a variety of disciplines will assess the historic significance of your items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value.

Whether it’s an old military uniform uncovered while cleaning the attic, a box of vintage signs discovered while sweeping the basement or your items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value. professional appraisers and conservators.

Throughout the day, KDKA cameras will roam the History Center seeking out the most unique and unusual items that visitors have uncovered.

Among the appraisers’ areas of expertise are:

- **Civil War and World War II items**
- **Political and presidential memorabilia**
- **Books and documents**
- **Antique coins and jewelry**
- **Household items (glass, china, silver, vases, etc.)**
- **Classic toys**
- **Fine arts**
- **Furniture**
- **Historic photographs**
- **Textiles (wedding dresses, quilts, etc.)**

The event is free for members and is included in the regular History Center admission price for non-members: $10.00 for adults, $9.00 for senior citizens, $5.00 for children ages 4-17 and students with valid ID, and free for children under age three. Members get admitted one hour early, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

As a special perk, History Center members will be admitted one hour early, beginning at 9:00 a.m. To become a member, please contact Tara Czechaj at 412-454-6436 or membership@hswp.org.

Tune in to the final two episodes of last season’s “Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures, An Antiques Appraisal Show.”

Monday, June 15 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 13 – 7:30 p.m.

All shows air on KDKA-TV.
Meadowcroft Anticipates Historic Year

For the past 40 years, the start of spring has signaled the opening of Meadowcroft. This spring, thousands of eager elementary students spilled out of school buses ready to dig into history and kick off the season.

After a record-setting season in 2008, which brought more than 14,000 visitors to see the new enclosure over the Rockshelter, Meadowcroft anticipates large crowds this year to experience the deepest parts of North America’s oldest site of human habitation.

Alongside the Rockshelter, a National Historic Landmark, Meadowcroft also boasts a new 17th century Indian Village that provides visitors with a glimpse of life in Western Pennsylvania prior to the arrival of Europeans. Visitors will enter the walled village and explore the interior of a wigwam, see recreated prehistoric artifacts, and experience hands-on activities of everyday life in a prehistoric Indian village. To plan your trip to Meadowcroft, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Meadowcroft tab.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events at Meadowcroft

World Atlatl Association Competition — Saturday, June 20 from 12 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. The two-day contest is free to enter – for all ages, genders and skill levels – and showcases the atlatl, an ancient spear-thrower similar to what prehistoric hunters that lived at Meadowcroft Rockshelter would have used 16,000 years ago.

19th Century Independence Day — July 4. Play old-fashioned summer games like “graces” or “cup and ball,” enjoy open hearth cooking demonstrations and take your turn at a pie-eating contest. Stop by the one-room schoolhouse or blacksmith shop and experience a traditional Fourth of July celebration reminiscent of 19th century life.

Insider Tours of the Rockshelter — July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, and Nov. 7. Experience the oldest and deepest parts of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter with lead archaeologist Jim Adovasio, Ph.D., who led the team of University of Pittsburgh archaeology students who excavated the site in the 1970s. Advanced registration is required. For more information, please call 724-587-3412.

From the Civil War to Iraq, Pittsburgh’s diverse ethnic groups have served the United States military. We are looking for U.S. military helmets and headgear to be displayed in the Special Collections gallery.

For more information, please contact Emily Ruby, assistant curator, at 412-454-6350 or erruby@hswp.org.

"Night at the History Museum" and National History Day
Bring History to Life

Nearly 140 Girl Scouts donned their pajamas at the History Center’s first “Night at the History Museum” program on March 13, 2009. Led by docents posing as security guards, the girls took a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum to find out what happens when the lights go out. With flashlights in hand, the Girl Scouts moved through the museum encountering a host of reenactors along the way, including George Westinghouse, H.J. Heinz, and Mary Peck Bond.

After hours of exploring, the girls set up their sleeping bags on the History Center’s fifth floor Mueller Education Center and enjoyed a movie and snacks before spending the night at the museum.

The next Night at the History Museum program will be for Cub Scouts on Nov. 13, 2009. For more information, please contact Erin Murray at 412-454-6314 or ekmurray@hswp.org.

Show your hometown pride by autographing a baseball bat, baseball, hockey puck or football for permanent display in the special fan section of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. Pay tribute to your favorite athlete with a baseball card in our Kaiser Trophy Room.

Your Pride. Your Place.

More than 1,500 students, teachers and parents visited the History Center on March 21, 2009 for the annual National History Day competition. Students proudly displayed their exhibits, papers, performances, Web sites, documentaries and video presentations for all visitors to see. Each project looked at “The Individual in History: Actions & Legacies.”

Terry Murphy, president of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and Maryland – the exclusive sponsor of National History Day for more than a decade – presented students with awards. Winners from the regional competition moved onto the state competition at Millersville University.
Lincoln Slept Here — A Pittsburgh Mystery

The call came in at 11:00 a.m. on Oct. 26, 2006, and by 2:00 p.m. that same day, History Center President Andy Masich was at South Park, standing in the old carpenter shop that had been closed for decades. Everyone there seemed to think they had found the bed Abraham Lincoln slept in during his stop in Pittsburgh. Some of the Allegheny County maintenance workers said the storage place for this important furniture had long been forgotten and some thought the furniture burned during a fire at South Park. Everything was speculative. Masich knew that Lincoln had stopped in Pittsburgh en route to his inauguration in February 1861, and stayed at the well-known Monongahela House hotel on the corner of Water and Smithfield Streets. The Pittsburgh Gazette reported the visit in detail, but further research would be needed to determine if the bed found at the park three years ago was truly the bed.

By the next afternoon, History Center staff members had climbed to the shop attic, walking carefully along a path of loose boards — avoiding the occasional snake skin — to a far-eave. As the county maintenance workers pushed back the old mattress, ticks and tiny feathers filled the already dusty air. Piled under a low roof were various planks, doors, drawers, mirrors, marble tops and a large carved headboard — all creating a challenging jigsaw puzzle with exceptionally large pieces of furniture. Conservators photographed, inventoried, tagged, and moved the items to a secure space at the History Center for further examination.

The bed itself was appropriate for the time of Lincoln’s visit; walnut was a common wood in that period and the elite hotels used a similar Renaissance styling. A blueprint found with the furniture titled, “Lincoln Room, Monongahela House, 1935” matched various newspaper photographs showing the structure of the room and was probably drawn at the time the old hotel was razed. However, an earlier article from 1889 reported a fire at the hotel, noting “every room was flooded and every destructible article ruined.” Additionally, an article in the November 1937 council minutes for the Borough of Castle Shannon stated that a former councilman “presented the council president with a gavel and block which he announced he personally made from a bed in which former president Lincoln slept in at the Old Monongahela House.”

But, if the bed was destroyed by relic hunters, why has nothing else shown up? These small bits of doubt will probably never be resolved but certainly the photographs and newspaper articles support the reputation of this specific artifact as the actual bed in which President-elect Abraham Lincoln slept during his visit to Pittsburgh nearly 150 years ago.

Be sure to visit the History Center’s newest exhibition, Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War and Lincoln Slept Here to see this piece of Pittsburgh presidential history.

Spring Cleaning Your Office? Help Update Ours.

Are you in the process of remodeling your home or office? Then please consider a tax-deductible gift to the History Center. The museum is always looking for office items to support our staff and more than 500 volunteers. Among those items especially needed:

Technology
- New computers and monitors (PC or Mac)
- Printers
- Multi format flatbed scanner
- 2TB hard drives
- LCD projector for training sessions, workshops, and outreach activities
- White board for the conference room
- New 2-way radios
- Digital cameras
- Flash drives

Office Items and Furniture
- New furniture for staff offices and the volunteer lounge (such as desks, file cabinets, book shelves, etc.)
- Compact shelving units for storage areas
- Powder-coated shelving units for off-site storage
- 2-4 club chairs for the Library & Archives Reading Room
- 2-4 overstuffed chairs for a staff lounge area
- New carpet for the 5th floor
- Small personal shredders
- Silk plants (tall & short, 3” to 6”)
- Bottled water donations

Machinery
- A ½ ton pickup truck for Meadowcroft
- Forklift
- New refrigerator for staff kitchen

The History Center appreciates all donations that will help support our mission. To donate or learn more, please contact Tom Murphy, director of operations, at 412-454-6420 or tmmurphy@hswp.org.
The recreated Monongahela House bedroom set is part of a complementary exhibit called Lincoln Slept Here. “Images of these bedroom suites from throughout Lincoln’s life will help show the personal side of our most famous president,” said Masich. “These bedroom sets in the Lincoln Slept Here exhibit will provide a closer look into the character of Lincoln by shedding light on Lincoln as a man, not just the famous statesman.”

Images from some of the bedroom sets include the 1863 bed from a Gettysburg, Pa., home where Lincoln stayed the night prior to his historic speech and the bed in which he died at the Peterson Theatre, across from Ford’s Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Lincoln, from page 1

The recreated Monongahela House bedroom set is part of a complementary exhibit of Lincoln’s bedroom sets in the History Center; including his bed, wardrobe, bureau, dressing mirror, marble-top parlor table, chairs, wash stand, and chamber pot from the historic hotel. Using these recently re-discovered Lincoln items, the History Center will explore his visit to Pittsburgh on the eve of the Civil War through the details of Lincoln’s pre-inauguration speech that was intended to soothe the public’s growing fear over a possible war.

In addition to the Monongahela House items, the History Center will also include images of several other Lincoln bedroom sets from throughout his life, including exhibit called Lincoln Slept Here.

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Portrait of the Allegheny River: Photos by John Beale

Pittsburgh’s Allegheny River begins as just a trickle of water in Northern Pennsylvania. The History Center’s new photo exhibit, Portrait of the Allegheny River, documents the 325-mile journey down one of our region’s most important waterways.

Local photojournalist John Beale chronicled his 13-month journey along the Allegheny, taking thousands of photographs and choosing 25 to best represent the many uses and vantage points of the vital watercourse. From bridges and boatings to commerce and canoes, Portrait of the Allegheny River reveals the river’s significance to our region, and the many ways in which the river affects our everyday lives.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours (Members only)
Thurs., June 25 - 2:00 p.m.
Thurs., July 23 - 2:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 17 - 2:00 p.m.

Join the History Center for a series of behind-the-scenes tours demonstrating the day-to-day challenges of collection preservation and learn how you can protect your own valuable pieces. For more information, or to become a member, please contact Tara Czekaj at 412-454-6436 or membership@hswp.org.

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War and Lincoln Slept Here
Preview Reception for Members and Special Guests
Thurs., May 28 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Forbes Field FSN Town Hall
Tuesday, June 30
See page 2 for more details.

Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference
July 16-18
See page 2 for more details.

Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures: An Antiques Appraisal Show
San., Aug. 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Members get VIP entry at 9:00 a.m.
See page 4 for more details.

Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org for the latest information on upcoming events.