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BVHS Opens Two New Exhibits Saturday Moffett Mill and 1971 Lincoln Centennial Featured

This Saturday, October 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, BVHS will be hosting an exhibit by Dan Bethel, Lincoln's noted ephemera collector. He has amazed us with his collections of materials from historic Lime Rock, and from Lincoln's vanished dairy farms. This new exhibit will be a double exhibit.

The first exhibit will feature Moffett Mill, and the second, items from Lincoln's 1971 Centennial. In honor of Lincoln's 150th birthday, and to get ready for the Lincoln anniversary parade on October 30 this year, the Centennial exhibit will showcase 90 newspaper articles on the many events from start to finish of the Lincoln Centennial in 1971. It will also include 20 snapshots of the River Road parade, plus other collectible items from the day, now 50 years ago.

The Moffett Mill exhibit will give a comprehensive look at the mill, a machine shop throughout most of the 19th century, that produced wagons, carriages, wooden boxes, shoe laces, and other tools used by local farm-



Sketch of Moffett Mill dated Sept. 27, 1896. Collection of Dan Bethel

ers. The exhibit will showcase an extraordinary collection, including a blacksmith's ledger, daily work journals, pictures of the mill, and personal items from the Moffett family, such as books and photographs, including two photos of the family car.

Other items on display will include an 1895 list of food and supplies purchased at the Jollie Store in Saylesville and 15 photographs taken by Bethel of the Moffett Mill interior. The mill is now owned by the Town of Lincoln.

The exhibit is free. We ask that our visitors wear masks.

Free Exhibit

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, October 23

Moffett Mill

and

Lincoln Centennial

North Gate Toll

House, BVHS



The exhibit includes this newspaper clipping from the Pawtucket Times, March 19, 1971.

**Most events are free.
Everyone is welcome.
Donations are gratefully accepted.**

Upcoming Events

1:00-4:00 pm, Saturday, October 23: Moffett Mill and the Lincoln Centennial. The BVHS will hold a double exhibit from the collection of Danny Bethel.

1:00-4:00 pm, Saturday, November 13: The World War II Collection of Kevin Heskin. Heskin will exhibit more highlights from his collection of World War II memorabilia, including uniforms, helmets, gas masks, rifles, map cases and more, including Japanese, Italian, German and Spanish items.

2:00 pm., Sunday, February 13: Treasure Hunting by Jim Bailey. Bailey, a Warwick amateur historian who searches for artifacts with a metal detector, will talk about his treasure-hunting exploits. In 2019, he found a coin in Middletown, RI, that may relate to a pirate heist and to a ship that brought the first enslaved Africans to America.

Looking ahead: A concert by Michael DiMucci is being planned for late January, and a talk on the Looff carousel is being planned for May.

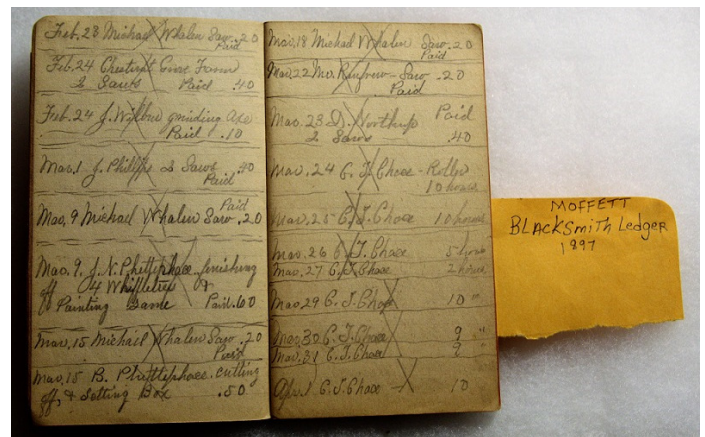
BVHS Receives RI-CHARG Grant

On September 20, we received the good news that BVHS will be awarded a RI CHARG grant.

BVHS was one of the 121 Rhode Island culture, humanities, and arts non-profits that received grants from the RI Culture, Humanities and Arts Recovery Grant (RI CHARG) program, a historic collaborative partnership between the State Council on the Arts (RISCA) and the Rhode

Island Council for the Humanities. Grants of \$8,000 for general operating support were awarded to small, at-risk organizations. We thank RISCA and the RI Council of the Humanities for their support.

This year BVHS also received an \$800 legislative grant that was used to repair the heating system in the archives, thanks to State Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith.



1897 Ledger from the Moffett Mill will be on display.
Collection of Dan Bethel

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Great Road Day a Success

Northgate and the Bakery received 94 visitors on Great Road Day on September 25. They heard about the Toll House, saw the Arnold Jenckes exhibit, and enjoyed the Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery.

In the October 7-13 issue of the Valley Breeze,

don't miss the photograph of Francine Jackson holding BVHS's copy of the Central Falls Weekly Visitor from March 10, 1871, reporting the division of Smithfield, when Lincoln became a town. The photograph was taken on Great Road Day.



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