

Press Release

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Longhunter Festival - April 11

Return to the frontier days of America when pioneers' skills with a Pennsylvania flintlock long rifle determined whether they got their food and clothing, or perished during the long cold winters.

“Mr. Black Powder” Dave Ehrig of the Jacobsburg Historical Society, Henry Rifle Museum, and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association will, dressed in buckskin and carrying a Pennsylvania flintlock longrifle, recreate a longhunt, the hunt for game along America's frontier that often lasted many days,.

Ehrig, a retired teacher, was given a family heritage flintlock rifle and instantly fell in love with its art, technology and history. Since then, he's built his own reproduction rifles and used them to hunt—taking over 100 deer with his flintlock.

Ehrig will engage you into the lifestyle of the longhunter, explaining his rifle, his tools, his method of hunting, and how he pioneered on the frontier. Ehrig is the author of six books and host of six videos related to the black powder muzzle loading culture.

The Longhunter Festival opens with Old Timey Music by McCarty, Finsel and Ruch, and a Carbon County Quiz with Jack Gunsser. Refreshments feature a pots of hot chili and beans. Following the presentation will be photographs with “Mr. Black Powder” with participants in period dress and a docent tour of the Mauch Chunk Museum.

The Longhunter Festival is Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Mauch Chunk Museum, 41 West Broadway in Jim Thorpe. Donation: Adults- \$5, Kids & Students - \$2.

The Longhunter Festival benefits the Friends of the Dimmick Library, the Mauch Chunk Museum and future programing. The Longhunter Festival is produced by Carbon County Magazine - carboncountymagazine.com.