

“Inspiring Through the Stoltzfus Story”

You are Invited to: Elam, Nicholas and the Stoltzfus Story

Meet Elam Stoltzfus - award winning recorder of the
Florida Cattle Drive ~ 2016 and his son Nicholas,
a great story teller with the Florida Cattle Drive ~ 2016

Get your copy of the superb picture book: Florida Cattle Drive ~ 2016

Imagine what they will do with: ***Inspiring thru the Nicholas Stoltzfus Story.***

Nicholas Stoltzfus House Benefit Dinner

Thursday - May 4, 2017 - 6:00 PM Buffet - \$15.00

~~~~ (Fishers) Amish Restaurant ~~~~

Located next door to Harvest Drive Family Inn (Close to Intercourse)
3364 Harvest Dr, Gordonville, PA 17529

Send reservations to: Leonard Groff lengroff@gmail.com
58 Ashlea Village, New Holland, PA 17557-1815

(Please add your \$15.00+ donation. Checks payable to NSHPC)

Call: 717-355-0454 or 717-808-7785 No Answer - Leave Message

EVENT: Nicholas Stoltzfus House Benefit dinner, May 4, 2017, at Harvest Drive Family Restaurant, featuring Elam Stoltzfus, film producer with his recent PBS documentary on the Great Florida Cattle Drive: Unbroken Circles. He contemplates a documentary related to the Stoltzfus Story.

How does Florida relate to the Stoltzfus story? Well, Florida is known for beaches, theme parks, retirement communities, Amish in Pinecraft and cowboys. Yep, cowboys. The unbroken circle for filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus has come full circle with his Amish roots evoking memories of horses, cattle, community and family values.

In 2010 Elam Stoltzfus and son Nicholas, writer and photographer, came to the Stoltzfus House, shared with Paul Kurtz about the documentaries they have made for Public Television and the State of Florida which depicted natural habitats, such as the Coastal Dune Lakes, Big Cypress Everglades, and ranches, noting how development could occur while protecting the natural habitat. Stoltzfus's films have been featured on PBS across the country.

The Stoltzfus Story hinges on a man, Nicholas, born in Saxony, Germany, in 1718. His father, Christoph died when Nicholas was 4 years old. Then his mother Katerina remarried. In Zweibruken Nicholas worked among Amish, joined them, and married an Amish girl. He experienced treatment given to Anabaptists, then brought his family to Pennsylvania, purchasing land in Berks County by 1771.

Today descendants with the name Stoltzfus and Smucker dominate the Amish of Pennsylvania. Businesses having those names today are found in nearly forty states.

So much is encompassed here, which give Elam and Nic quite a territory to cover as they expand our *Inspiring through the Stoltzfus Story*.

Elam will present his work and Nic will tell stories at the banquet May 4, 6:00, in Harvest Drive Family Restaurant (Fishers), 3368 Harvest Dr., near Intercourse. Reservations may be sent to

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The buffet dinner is \$15.00. The event is a benefit for the Nicholas Stoltzfus House project, please consider an additional \$15.00. Checks can be written to NSHPC.

The barn was erected in 2011, yet the main purpose has not been realized: a Heritage Room to tell the stories including the Stoltzfus origin in Saxony Germany, the experience of settling in Pennsylvania, the Amish connection with the 70 families of the 1700s in Berks County, Governor Leader's connections with the Amish, and something on descendants today. Dave Esh has been patient to finish the project, now it is time for others to back him up to get it done.

Elam is son of Elmer S and Rebecca (Zook) Stoltzfus, has a solid Amish ancestry. Many will find themselves related to his family!

This event precedes the Annual Benefit Auction at the Stoltzfus House in Wyomissing on Saturday, May 6.