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**Events Set for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Nicholson Bridge,  
the World's Largest Reinforced Concrete Railroad Bridge**

**NICHOLSON, PA** – The 100th anniversary celebration of the Nicholson Bridge, also known as the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct or the Tunkhannock Viaduct, is coming together with events being finalized. On September 11-12-13, 2015, the community of Nicholson will celebrate the centennial of this engineering marvel. Marion Sweet, Nicholson Heritage Association Chair, said, "With about a month left before our celebration, we are excited about events that we have planned and look forward to continued working with others in our community to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Nicholson Bridge!"

Built by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad (DL&W), construction on the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct began in 1912 and its completion, dedication, and ready for use took place on November 6, 1915. Abraham Burton Cohen was the project designer and George J. Ray was the chief engineer. Nicholson is a small rural town nestled in Wyoming County and the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania; only about 21 miles north of Scranton on Route 11 and about 12 miles northeast of Tunkhannock on Route 92, also designated as the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway.

In 1975, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) designated the Nicholson Bridge as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark due to its significant contribution to the development of the United States and to the profession of civil engineering. On April 11, 1977, this construction and engineering feat was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (#77001203) due to its national architectural, engineering, and transportation significance.

There will be plenty to do in Nicholson and the surrounding region. Information is available at [www.nicholsonbridge100th.com](http://www.nicholsonbridge100th.com), including a Google map showing area accommodations. While most events are finalized, check back for the latest information as the centennial celebration schedule is still subject to change.

President of the Nicholson Women’s Club, Michelle Herron, stated, “The Nicholson Women's Club is expanding the entertainment and attractions available on Sunday and we are excited to make this the best Bridge Day ever.”

**Friday, September 11, 2015 (Nicholson Heritage Association)**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Vintage Photograph Exhibit,  
St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church Hall, corner of Main & High Streets  
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Jeffrey James Band, Main Street Main Stage

**Saturday, September 12, 2015 (Nicholson Heritage Association)**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – History on Main Street, Main Street  
10:00 a.m. – Official Program, Main Street  
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Stage Door Dance Studios, Main Street Main Stage  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – James Estes and Friends, Main Street Almont Stage  
3:00 p.m. – Parade, State Street  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Still Hand String Band, Main Street Main Stage  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Static in the Attic, Main Street Almont Stage  
8:00 p.m. to Midnight – Mace In Dickson, Main Street Main Stage  
8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – Fireworks  
Events at Nordahl Park on Oak Street All Day  
Local Businesses Open All Day

**Sunday, September 13, 2015 (Nicholson Women's Club)**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Annual Bridge Day, Main Street and Nordahl Park on Oak Street,  
featuring vendors, crafts, and entertainment  
Local Businesses Open All Day

**Steam excursions from Steamtown to Binghamton over the Nicholson Bridge on  
Saturday (9/12) & Sunday (9/13). Tickets available at [www.laurellinesspecials.org](http://www.laurellinesspecials.org).**

The excursions are a partnership between the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, Steamtown National Historic Site, Norfolk Southern Corporation and their 21st Century Steam Program, Canadian Pacific, Anthracite Railroads Historical Society, Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society and Nicholson Heritage Association.

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Two grants from the Wyoming County Room Tax Fund and the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau are being used to market and promote the event and replace deteriorated signs that welcome visitors as they enter Nicholson.

In addition to the planned three days of events, visitors could also see other area attractions or even stay longer than the planned events to see the Martins Creek Viaduct (also called the Kingsley Bridge) in Kingsley; the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway (which runs from Tunkhannock to Lanesboro through Nicholson); the Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro; the Steamtown National Historic Site, the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces, the Electric City Trolley Museum, all in Scranton; and numerous other historical sites and activities to do in the Endless Mountains. See endless options at the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau website: <http://www.endlessmountains.org/activities/5>.

Besides collaborating with others in the community on this celebration, the Nicholson Heritage Association meets regularly to discuss and work on initiatives that include the Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station (not yet open to the public) and the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway. The next Nicholson Heritage Association meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the First Presbyterian Church, 65 State Street, in Nicholson. For updates, please visit <http://www.nicholsonheritage.org> or visit them on Facebook and Twitter.