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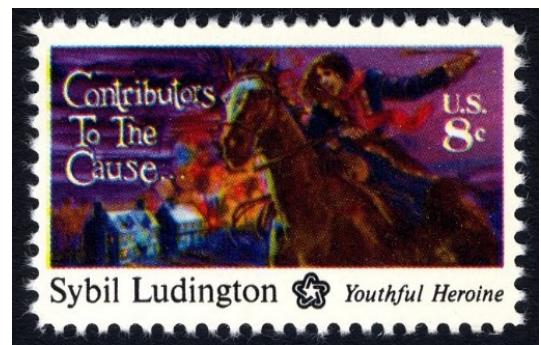
Sybil Ludington: The Female Paul Revere

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche

On the 18th of April 2025 we celebrated the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride which most of us learned as children thanks to the poem of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Paul Revere's ride alerted the militia that would lead to the beginning of the American Revolution and the first shots fired at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts on 19 April 1775 as the British attempted to capture ammunition stockpiles and arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock. The poem written in iambic tetrameter (eight beats per line) created a certain urgency and pace.

The first stanza (which I still can quote from memory) is as follows:

*Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.*



Sybil Ludington ⭐ Youthful Heroine

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Presidential Message

Many things are going on here at the Historical Society! Volunteers have been busy updating and cataloging our extensive inventory and reviewing items we have on display and in storage. Our monthly programs, which now customarily take place in the Community Room of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library, have been very interesting; and we are pleased that these events have been very well attended. It is truly exciting to see community members coming out and being really enthused about the topics of local history and interest which have been presented. In May, Jim Mick and local Auctioneer and Historian Jack Hamblin gave a wonderful presentation of items from the Don Mick Estate sharing the rich history of perhaps 5 generations of the Mick Family and their various business enterprises which were and continue to be part of the fabric of our community. In June, Jeryl Rinehart did a presentation on the life and career of her mother, Gwennie "Dandalion" Seese who was a Country and Western Radio Disc Jockey and whose show was syndicated on multiple Radio Stations. Among her numerous awards, she was the Country Music Disc Jockey of the Year. Among other accomplishments she published a book on "Trucker Humor".

Upcoming events include July 18 at 2 PM with a tour of the "Masker Museum" at Promised Land State Park hosted by Joshua Heath. The Masker Museum is one of the largest CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Pennsylvania detailing the impact locally of the CCC. The museum also has exhibits on the area's natural habitat. The Museum is located off of Pickeral Point Road in Promised Land. In August, J. Craig Thorpe, who is a commercial and landscape artist from Washington State, will present a program focused on trains and rail transportation.

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" wait, wait, that's not what I wanted to say.... SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL "SEMI-QUIN-CENTENNIAL" that's it! It is the term to reference the 250 year anniversary of a major event. In the coming year, 2026 the United States will be celebrating its 250th Birthday. We are busy discussing and planning ways in which we as a community might celebrate and memorialize this major milestone. For those of you that were around 250 years ago, we would really appreciate your first-hand accounts of what it was like!

We are accustomed to having several Events at the Cresco Station Museum centered around a train arriving from Steamtown in Scranton. Because of budgets and equipment challenges, Steamtown will only be able to coordinate one event at our Cresco location this year. The good news is it will be in October when the fall foliage is at its peak! We are always looking for volunteers to bring fresh ideas and to assist in coordinating our monthly programs and other public events!! If you have some spare time, or some ideas, please reach out to discuss them.

Thank You,

Walter Lewis
BTHS President



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If there is something that needs to be corrected, speak-up. Please email me at alesiagallo@yahoo.com or give me call/text at (570)972-6422.

2025 Board of Directors

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Exec Committee Meeting Dates

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Monday at 3 pm monthly at LRC

July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13

General Membership Meeting Dates

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Weiler Community Room	July 18 @ 2pm (@ Promised Land State Park)
	August 22 @ 7:00pm
	September 19 @ 7:00pm
	October 17 @ 2:00pm

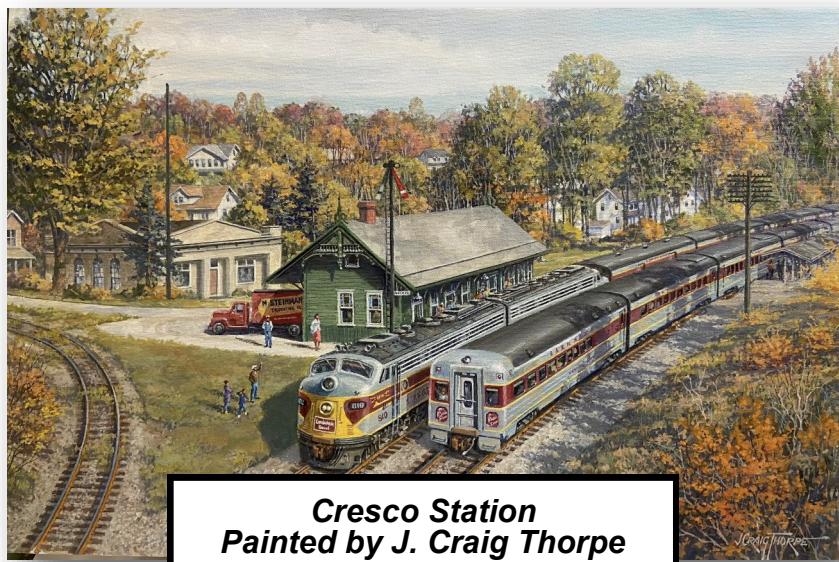
Committee Reports

Station Museum Mickey Miller

The Station Museum is open every Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm through the summer. If anyone would like to become a docent and spend time helping on Sundays, please feel free to contact the Library Research Center at 570-481-4622 or stop in at the station when open. Unfortunately, this summer there will be only one train coming from Steamtown.

They have had to cut back on making runs. The Cresco Station will host the train on October 12, 2025, with the train arriving around 12:30 pm. Doug Smith's Dixieland Allstars will provide

music for the afternoon. Watch for flyers in late September for all the details. J. Craig Thorpe, artist and author from the state of Washington, was commissioned to do a painting of the Cresco Station including the Phoebe Snow passenger train at the station. He has sent a print of his painting to the Society which has been matted and framed by John James, and this will be hung in the Station Museum. He will also be arriving here to do a program for us at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library on August 22nd at 7 pm. (Please see Upcoming Programs in this edition for further information on the program.)



**Cresco Station
Painted by J. Craig Thorpe**

Library Research Center Jacqueline Magann

The Library Research Center is open Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm. A locksmith has been in to install locks on our two antique display cases. The first to use the cases will be the Embroiders Guild of America, Stroudsburg Chapter. That display will be shown July and August. Please stop by. Inventory and digitizing continues. Our workday is Tuesday, 10 am to 2 pm. If you can help on Tuesdays or on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm, please call Jackie Magann at 570-595-9233.



**"Playing cards at the Library
Research Center on May 6th!"
(Organizing notecards for
sale)**

Membership 2025

Our membership currently totals 111 members. Memberships for the year 2025 are still available. If you know someone who would like to become a member, a membership form can be obtained by contacting the Library Research Center at 570-481-4622 or e-mailing at barrethistorical@gmail.com to obtain a copy of the form. Membership dues help fund the many programs and research projects that our historical society is able to do. We welcome everyone to join.

Upcoming Programs

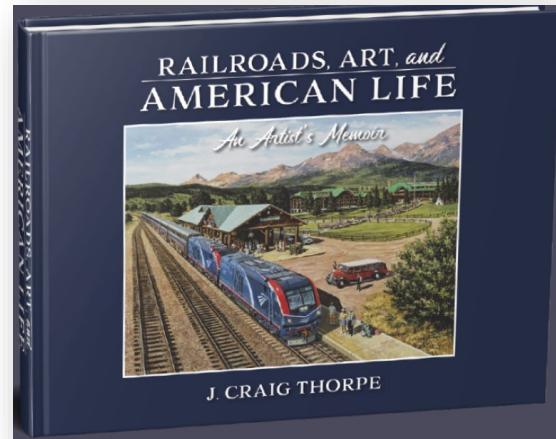
July 18, 2025 @ 2 pm
“Tour of the Masker Museum at Promised Land State Park”
By Joshua Heath

Join Promised Land State Park Environmental Education Specialist Josh Heath as we discover the history of Promised Land State Park and the CCC camp S-139. This program includes a tour of the CCC Museum, the grounds, and the blacksmith shop. We will meet at the Masker Museum. Anyone wanting to go to this presentation and needing a ride or directions, please contact Malinda Bender at 570-595-3222 and arrangements can be made. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

August 22, 2025 @ 7 pm
“Railroads, Art and American Life: An Artist’s Memoir
by J. Craig Thorpe”

This presentation includes power point images of Mr. Thorpe's commissioned art as well as a few examples of classic railway advertising art. Following the outline of the book, this presentation overviews Thorpe's personal journey. It traces the development of his ideas and art commissioned by clients such as Amtrak and the White Pass & Yukon Route and other railways as well as rail suppliers, planners, museums and private collectors.

Reprising elements of classic rail art, this body of work invites viewers to reconsider railroading and its connection to the broader culture.



September 19, 2025 @ 7 pm
“Genealogy”
By Claudia Shoesmith-Fox

Genealogy has been a hobby of mine for many years, with my own family traced back to the Mayflower. When I moved to Barrett and married my husband, naturally I added him to my tree as my spouse and started filling in his family. I was aware of the history of the Seese name in Barrett; and, after years of being introduced to new people in town as “oh, they're related on the Seese side,” I joked that my husband was related to the whole town. One day, I set out to prove it, and it grew into a much bigger, never-ending research project. I traced Jacob's family back to Peter Oliver Sees (original spelling of last name) who was the first Seese who settled in Barrett. Then, using Ancestry.com to find census records, birth and death records, archived newspaper articles, and other publicly available records, I slowly filled in all of his children, then all of their spouses and children, etc., eventually building a near-complete family tree for the Seese descendants as well as many of the other early Barrett families, up to the present day. If you have somewhere in your family the surnames Price, Labar, Bender, Duebler, Brush, Lewis, or, of course, Seese, come find out exactly how you are related to everyone else!

October 17, 2025 @ 2 pm
“Handcrafted Cherokee Baskets”
By Barbara Tracy

This collection of handcrafted baskets was started in the 1970's. They are handcrafted from river cane and other natural materials and dyes in the remote mountains of the Carolinas including the Qualla Boundary. The art form was almost lost but fortunately some of the matriarchs continued the weaving. A beautiful collection! Come and enjoy the baskets as well as the story.

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Program Recaps:

Our program for April was “Maple Sugaring Past and Present” by Mike and Lalena Stirr. Mike and Lalena have owned and operated Dutch Hill Preserves for 26 years. Currently, they have 4,000 taps over 3 acres, two of which are on leased properties. An ordinary year yields 500+ gallons of syrup; but, due to the severe cold and ice this year, the yield was only 350 gallons. The season usually runs from January through March with 20 percent yield in January, 40 percent in February and 40 percent in March. This year it was near the end of February for the sap to start running making this year’s total yield of 100 percent all in March. Reverse osmosis is used in the process of making maple syrup to remove water and leave a more concentrated sap. This increases the overall efficiency and profitability of syrup production. The evaporator used is fired by wood which means that someone has to be feeding the wood consistently day and night to end up with the very best maple syrup. After the presentation we were treated to a trip to the “sugar bush”. It is quite an operation and a long way from tapping a tree, hanging a bucket underneath and cooking the sap over a campfire as was done by the Native American Indians. The maple syrup was delicious!

See photos on page 7(right).

Our program for May was “Barrett Township Relics from the Don Mick Estate” by Jim Mick and Jack Hamblin. The Mick family started around 1902 with a taxi business including 4 taxis, a limo, a bus and a wrecker. The business was run out of their house. They left the door open and people would wait in the living room. Also people coming into the Cresco Railroad Station at all hours would want to be taken to one of the many inns and resorts.

Jim’s great grandfather also sold coal. The Mick Family used to have a general store in what is now the prep bays of the garage. They sold Maxwell and Auburn cars and had a wrecker available for all those fender benders which occurred. People would just park their cars on the road and go visit! In the later years there was also a tavern where the current showroom is. Jim brought along a selection of old photographs including pictures of car accidents and pulling cars out of the flood of 55”. Among the interesting stories he told was that one time two calves were traded for a truck!

Jack Hamblin, auctioneer, showed a variety of slides taken of items sold from the Mick Estate. It took about a year and three months to clean out Don Mick’s house – 2 living floors, a basement and an attic. Some of the unusual things found in the house included a large blonde side board, extremely heavy, which came from the Sterling Inn; a 1904 Climax brand peanut vending machine; a collection of Brass stencils and smudge pots, left over inspection stickers that were not used; and someone’s “gold teeth”. The Barrett Township Historical Society was given a box of Mick Memorabilia from John Styk which was purchased at the auction and some of those items were displayed at the program.

Needless to say, this was an outstanding program! Many thanks to Jim and Jack.

See photos on page 8.

Our Program for June was “Gwyneth “Gwennie” (Dandalion) Seese presented by her daughter, Jeryl Rinehart, and two granddaughters, Brittany (Seese) Stitt and Kelsie (Seese) Bartholomew. Gwennie was a third-shift postal worker in the 1970’s who bought a CB radio to feel more secure traveling at night. She needed a handle and chose “Delta Dawn” after the popular song by Tanya Tucker, not knowing that prostitutes worked the highway over CB radio and the handle of the number one hooker was Delta Dawn. She got some very interesting offers some of which she had never heard of! Her granddaughter suggested changing her handle to “Dandelion” which she did, although she misspelled the flower putting an “a” instead of an “e”. However, the misspelling stuck as did her moniker.

She was 41 when she started in radio. She was writing for trucker magazines and caught the attention of a DJ in Richmond, Virginia, who was broadcasting from a truck stop. He asked her to fill in for him during his two-week vacation. She couldn’t take off from her postal job so she just quit. She enjoyed the experience and started looking for full-time DJ work. In 1979 WIOV-FM in Euphrata gave her a chance on the overnights. This put her on a path to a very successful career.

She became a very popular DJ on stations WCAT-FM and WRKZ-FM with her popularity soaring over the next two decades.

She felt it was important to expose music to listeners and took chances with artists during the overnight. Garth Brooks was one of those artists and a bond was forged with Brooks taking her to Ireland twice. Willie Nelson took her to Europe. She also promoted Brad Paisley and Randy Travis, among others.

In 1999 she became the first woman in the history of Country Music to host her own network show, "Dandalion's Cat Country Network" covered by six stations. She was the first woman to be nominated for the industry's top three DJ awards: the Academy of Country Music, Country Music Association, and Billboards in 1989 and became the second woman inducted into the Country DJ Hall of Fame. This award was presented to her by her friend Garth Brooks.

She went off the air in 2002 to become a music director for WRKZ and WCAT. She retired at age 67 and worked as a telephone operator at Great Wolf Lodge. She died at age 77.

"My life was so productive. I've done everything I wanted to do".

See photos pages 10-11



Maple Sugaring Past and Present Program Recap Photos



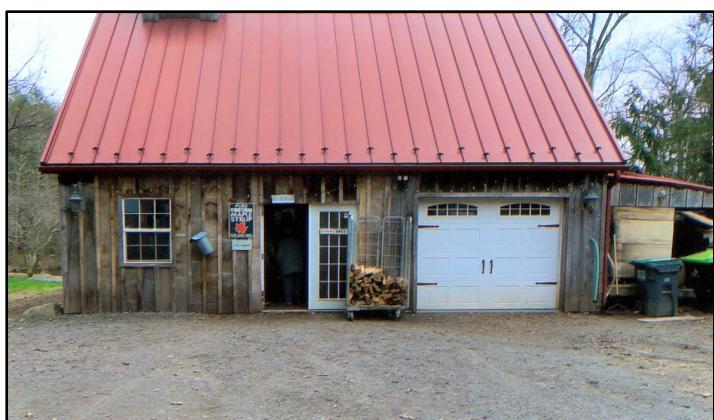
Evaporator



Tapped Tree



Line Bringing Sap to Evaporator

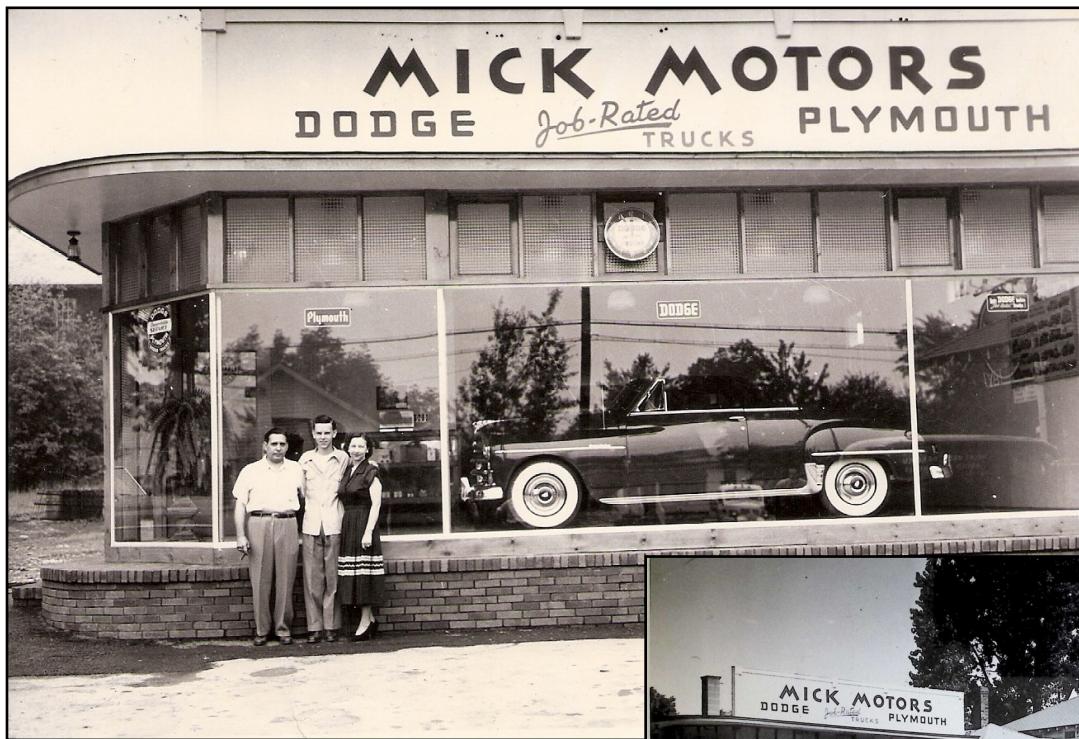


Sugar House

Program Recap Photos: Barrett Township Relics from the Don Mick Estate



Across the Street from the Station



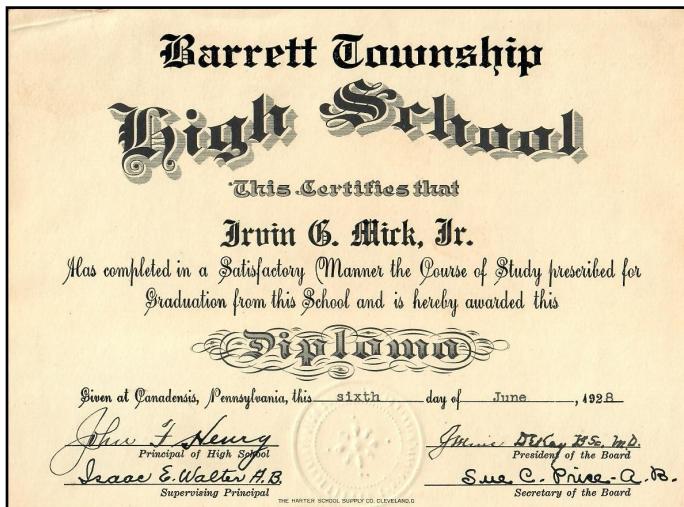
**Irvin H. Mick Jr. and Wife
Edna Evans Mick with son
Donald Irvin Mick**



Mick Motors

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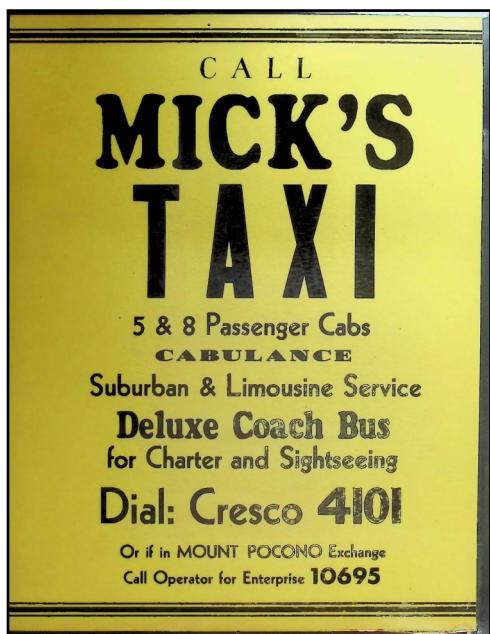
(Continued—Program Recap Photos: Barrett Township Relics from the Don Mick Estate)



Mick Diploma



Baseball Team

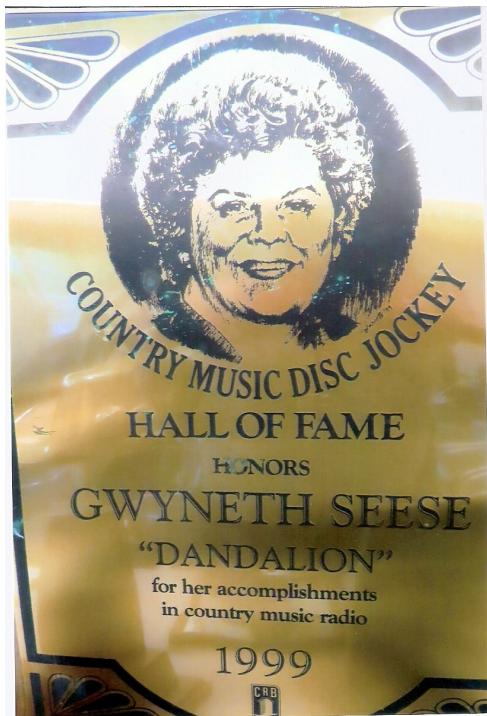


Taxi Sign



Jim Mick During the May Program

Program Recap Pics: “Gwyneth “Gwennie” (Dandalion) Seese



Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame Award



Public Service Award



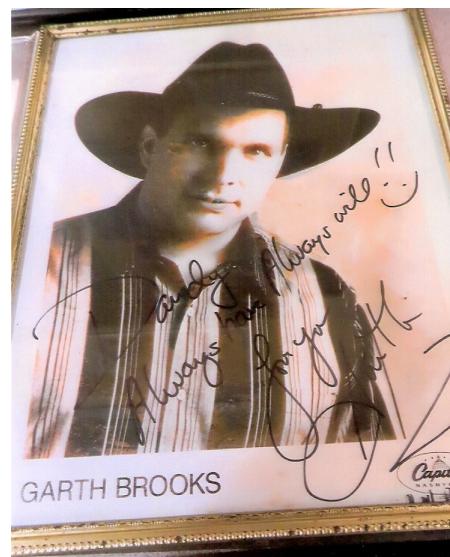
Garth Brooks presenting the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame Honors



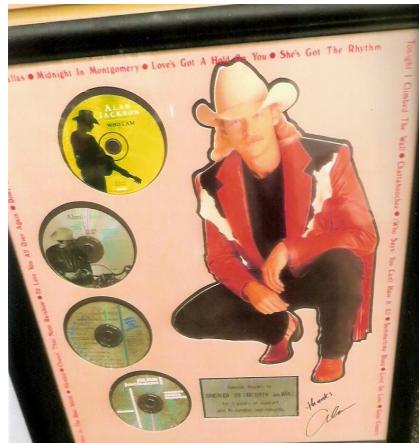
Gwennie



Country Music Friends



Garth Brooks—A Good Friend



Alan Jackson



Country Music Friends



Jeryl Rinehard

Brittany (Seese) Stitt, Jeryl Rinehart
& Kelsie (Seese) Bartholomew

(Continued from Cover—*Sybil Ludington: The Female Paul Revere*)

Paul Revere rode to both Lexington and Concord as well as alerting the militia in the countryside along the way, so that all were ready for the British.

But Paul was not the only one to make such a heroic ride. Nearly two years to the date later, on the night of 26 April 1777, a young 16-year-old Sybil Ludington rode nearly 40 miles to warn nearly 400 militia that the British troops were coming. Much like the ride of Paul Revere, Sybil's message helped the militia prepare for battle. What was extraordinary was that Sybil was less than half the age of Paul Revere and rode more than twice as far to carry her warning.

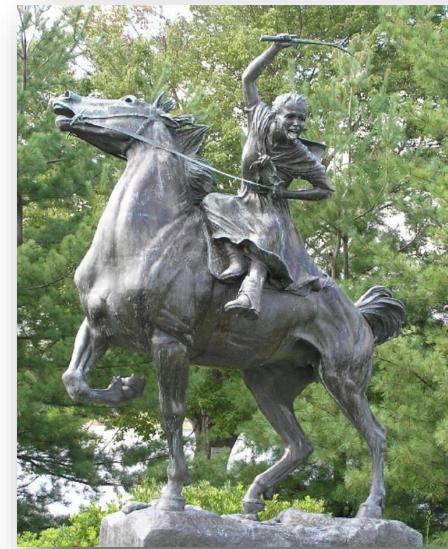
Sybil was the daughter of militia leader Colonel Henry Ludington. She leaped into action on that fateful evening in 1777 when a rider came to the Ludington house in Dutchess County, New York, to warn them about a British attack on nearby Danbury, Connecticut. Col. Ludington's 7th Regiment men were on leave and the messenger was too tired to continue, so it was Sybil who rode through the night gathering almost the whole regiment by daybreak, alerting them to fight the British.

You will not find Sybil Ludington in 5th grade American History, nor in any of the American History courses taught in grade school or middle school. There is very little written about Sybil Ludington. A poetic take on the famous Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem "Paul Revere's Ride" depicting the actions of Sybil Ludington was written in 1940 by Berton Bradley, it read:

*Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of a lovely feminine Paul Revere
Who rode an equally famous ride
Through a different part of the countryside,
Where Sybil Ludington's name recalls
A ride as daring as that of Paul's*

Although there is no documentation of the encounter, it is said that Sybil received the appreciation of a grateful general when George Washington, himself, came to her home to say, "thank you".

Sybil Ludington was honored with a US postal stamp in 1975, a belated thanks, 198 years later.



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Appreciation

In appreciation of all the many times and ways John James has contributed to the good of the Society, he has been voted a Life Member by the Barrett Township Historical Society Executive Committee. Congratulations John!

A Little Archived Humor...



CURIOUS.

She—OSCAR, YOU WERE TALKING ALL LAST NIGHT IN YOUR SLEEP ABOUT JENNIE. WHO IS JENNIE?

Oscar—JENNIE? OH, HA! YES, YOU SEE MY FRIEND SLIDERS BOUGHT A COW THE OTHER DAY, AND NAMED HER AFTER HIS WIFE AND WAS SHOWING HER TO ME YESTERDAY.

She—WELL, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER KNEW A COW TO GO IN BATHING AND FOR ICE CREAM WITH YOU AT CONEY ISLAND.

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CURIOUS.

She—Oscar, you were talking in your sleep last night about Jennie. Who is Jennie?

Oscar—Jennie? Oh, ha! Yes, you see my friend Sliders bought a cow the other day, and named her after his wife and was showing her to me yesterday.

She—Well, that's the first time I ever knew a cow to go in bathing and for ice cream with you at Coney Island.

The source is from the book THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE which was found in the BTHS archives. Published 1887.

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MONROE COUNTY 250 AMERICA PA

On July 4th, 2026, our nation will

commemorate and celebrate the

250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Monroe County 250 mission is to celebrate within the America 250 initiative by celebrating our rich history, embracing our diverse heritage, and shaping a brighter future for all. We aim to engage the community in a yearlong commemoration of our nations' 250th anniversary, fostering a sense of unity, pride and hope while showcasing the unique contribution of Monroe County to the American story.

We are working closely with the Monroe County chapter of www.america250.org to celebrate with patriotic people across our area throughout 2026.

Several county-wide events are planned, including a Revolutionary War battle re-enactment, Fife and Drum Corps performances, a parade and more. Closer to home we are looking to sponsor an essay writing contest, host a strawberry shortcake day at the Cresco Station with music of the Revolutionary War period, sponsor a Patriot Recognition Day honoring Barrett descendants of Patriots, present a program by John L. Moore (contributor to Pocono Living Magazine), a program by Jackie Magann (former Living History volunteer at Valley Forge National Park for the 1976 Bicentennial) on "Quilts of the Revolutionary Period", period music with Fife and Drums at Mountainhome United Methodist Church, a program by Russ Cramer on Indian artifacts, sponsor a bus trip to the Revolutionary War Museum in Philadelphia, fly the official Semiquincentennial flag at the Cresco Station Museum and the Library & Research Center throughout 2026. We will need lots of help and support from all members! To volunteer (no job is too small), call Jackie Magann at 570-595-9233, or email Dottie Telesky at Barrett.Historical@gmail.com. The committee has mailed letters to Barrett Township neighbors and friends inviting them to participate with our society on the activities named above, or we with them.

A Patriot is defined as someone who is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to and rendered acceptable service in the cause of American Independence. If you are a descendant of a Patriot, we want to know! In July 2026, we will be hosting a Patriot Recognition Day, where we will honor you, the descendant, and remember your forebears who were instrumental in gaining our freedom. Please contact Ellen Davis at belle45@ptd.net, or 570-517-4778 by September 30, 2025 to be included in our celebration.

We know that together, we can make the Semiquincentennial of our country a wonderful celebration here in our home, Barrett Township.

Marie Guidry Obituary

Marie S. Guidry, 80, of Henryville, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, while

under hospice care at Spring Village at Pocono where she was a resident since August 2024. She was the widow of Joseph "J.D." Guidry died November 2, 1997.

Born on March 7, 1945 in East Stroudsburg, she was a daughter of the late Gordon and Blanche (Metzger) Starner and lived in Monroe County for most of her life.

She was a graduate of Pocono Mountain High School, Bloomsburg University and the former Keystone Jr. College. Over the years Marie worked as a bus driver and teacher at Central Columbia School District, a geologist for Loffland Brothers Drilling, in Renovo PA, owned an H & R Block franchise while living in LA and as a Certified Public Accountant for John J. Riley in Mt Pocono and Stroudsburg from 1988 to 1998. Her last positions were as Business Manager for East Stroudsburg Area School District from 1998 to 2007; and Easton Area School District from 2008 until retiring in 2011.

Very active in community organizations, Marie was a member of the Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild, Mt. Laurel Quilters Guild, Monroe County Historical Association, Pocono Jackson Historical Society, Monroe County Historical Society, and was past Regent of the Jacob Stroud Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a past board member of the Monroe County Transit Authority, Pocono Jackson Joint Water Authority, the Pocono Township Planning Commission and the Tannersville Union Cemetery Association. She was a very active member of the former Grace United Church of Christ in Tannersville for many years until its closing and since then has attended St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Swiftwater. An avid and accomplished quilter and genealogist Marie was always on the go meeting with her dear friends and enjoying dining out.

Surviving are two children, Cynthia A. Woodling of Stroudsburg and George D. Harps, Jr. of the Philippines; five grandchildren, James Woodling, Rose Page, John Woodling, Annastasia Harps and Kassandra Harps; three great grandchildren, Buck Woodling, Cynthia Page and John Page; three sisters, Linda Gurecki (Stanley) of New Milford, Jacklyn Hazen (Gerald) of Port Allegany, Wanda Starner (Tim Beville) of Stroudsburg; several aunts and one uncle; cousins and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Suzanne and Carolyn Starner. Memorial contributions can be made to the "Starner Family Endowed Scholarship Fund" c/o Northampton Community College Foundation, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, or at www.northampton.edu/online-giving. William H. Clark Funeral Home, Inc.

Addition to Marie's Obituary:

Marie Guidry was always ready to lend a hand. She will be missed by the Barrett Township Historical Society. She was a Life Member and served several terms as Vice President of the Society.



What's New with COVID-19?

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche

Vaccination against circulating strains of COVID-19 will continue to be recommended for those over the age of 65 years old, and for those with immune compromised diseases. For those over the age of 65, two doses of COVID-19 vaccine are recommended; an annual vaccination in the fall along with the annual influenza vaccine and a second dose at least 8 weeks to 6 months later. The fall dose is in order to take advantage of the most up-to-date vaccine available.



According to a decision made by HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., COVID-19 vaccination is no longer recommended routinely in healthy children and adults. The decision goes against medical opinion and is not reflected in recommendations on the CDC webpage.

Remember that Flu and COVID-19 can be confused, and you can have them both at the same time. They are both communicable, so stay home if you are sick.

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Inventory Helpers (June)

Can you find a dog in the picture?

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Display

May's Display



May's display at the library was a mix of mechanic and carpentry tools from the 1930's and before. Skip Davis loaned them and many had been used by his Grandfather, Lewis Heckman. Even tools for cutting and nailing slate for roofs were part of the collection used back then.

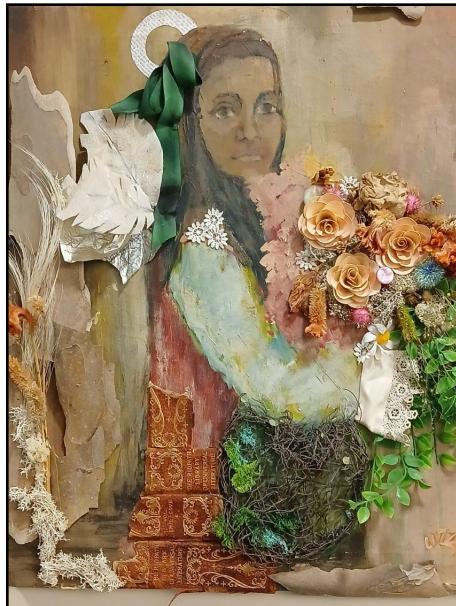
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Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Display— Continued

Display for June through August

The artwork of Liz Tilly will be displayed at the Library through August.
Be sure to stop by and check out her creations!



Barrett Township Historical Society Library and Research Center is now handicap accessible!

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"Household Helps"

copyrt. 1927

A Fine Table Mat for hot dishes can be made from the top of an old straw hat; the edge should be bound with tape.

A Good Hot Dish Remover--Flatten out the sides of a five-cent fire shovel and use for taking hot dishes from the oven; or, use a cheap tin dustpan.

To Remove the Odor of Tobacco Smoke from a room quickly, place in the room a pail of water containing a handful of hay. This also removes paint odor.

For Cold Beds--Put several smooth layers of paper next to the springs before the mattress is put on and cold backs will be unknown.

Protect the Finger Rings--When washing the hands, either at home or in a public place, first remove a hairpin from the hair, place all rings on it and replace it firmly in the hair again; then the rings will not be lost or left for someone else to pick up.

If Your Fingers Become Stained with Ink, wet the head of a match and rub it on the spots. Then rinse with soap and water and the ink will quickly vanish. Ammonia will also remove ink stains from the fingers, or try rubbing them for a few minutes with the inside of a banana peel, or a ripe tomato.

For the Invalid's Room, an agreeable method of changing the air is to put eau de cologne in a shallow dish and set fire to it. It makes a pretty flame and imparts a delightful odor.

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Cresco station agent Nevin Hummel shows two friends how to put a note on a train order hoop. Seated, left to right, are David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America,

and Richard Crooks, former leading tenor with the Metropolitan Opera Company and the radio program, "The Firestone Hour." The picture was taken in 1941.

Source: *Pocono Record*. Published June 21, 1968

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Historical Recipes Side by Side: Onion Pie

Edited by Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Did you ever wonder what our ancestors ate when they arrived on this continent? For those of you with ancestors that arrived in the 1600s, the pickings would have been items which they could catch from the sea and streams, or animals and fowl they could hunt. Although they brought seeds to plant, it would not be for several months until the spring when they could plant – by that time, more than half of the first boat load of colonists would have died. Eventually, the situation improved, crops survived and harvests could be counted on. Documentation exists of early recipes or receipts. Here is a recipe from the 18th century

1747 Hannah Glasse The Art of Cookery made Plain and Easy

"Onion Pie"



Photo: Colonial Williamsburg

Wash and pare some potatoes and cut them in slices, peel some onions, cut them in slices, pare some apples and slice them, make a good crust, cover your dish, lay a quarter of a pound of butter all over, take a quarter of an ounce of mace beat fine, a nutmeg grated. Layer each with spices and close the pie for baking until it steams.

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21st Century (as modernized by Colonial Williamsburg culinary team)

Ingredients

- 4 small Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 large Granny Smith apples
- 2 medium yellow onions
- 8 large eggs
- 3 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 tsp. freshly cracked pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 grated nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tsp. mace
- 4 oz. butter

Frozen puff pastry or homemade pie crust

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Boil and slice the eggs.
3. Peel and slice the potatoes, apples and onions. Slice everything $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Place the apples and potatoes in a bowl of water to prevent oxidation.
4. Roll out the bottom crust and set it into the pie pan.
5. Mix the salt, pepper, nutmeg and mace together in a single bowl.
6. Drain and dry the apples and potatoes with a towel.
7. Begin layering the veggies on the bottom of the pie crust beginning with the potatoes, then eggs, then apples and then onions. Sprinkle each layer with a little of the seasoning mix and little bits of butter. Continue filling and seasoning the pie until you are out of ingredients.
8. Put a top crust on the pie and crimp the edges. Cut 4 or 5 slashes on top crust to allow steam to vent out.

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the crust is a nice golden brown.

Sources:

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Onion Pie Recipe <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/discover/resource-hub/recipes/onion-pie/>
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Mission Statement

Mission statement of the Barrett Township Historical Society is to promote the history of Barrett Township and surrounding areas. The service of the Society is dedicated to educating diverse audiences through a variety of resources and programs. Specific goals include:

- I. Preserve and disseminate information about the township and its people through the support and maintenance of a historical file and a research center
- II. Promote and encourage historical research and study, particularly the discovery, collection, preservation and publication of the history, historical records, data, writings and speeches pertaining to Barrett Township
- III. Collect and preserve archival materials including books, newspapers, maps, genealogies, manuscripts, letters, journals, film footage, radio and video tapes and oral histories.
- IV. Collect and preserve historical artifacts including portraits, paintings, engravings, relics and other objects and materials which illustrate various traditions and cultures of the township.
- V. Collect information relative to the growth and development of the population, wealth, education, agriculture, arts, manufacturers and commerce of the township.
- VI. Develop and present educational opportunities to all age groups, including on-site and outreach opportunities to school groups, elder groups, service clubs and the community at large.

