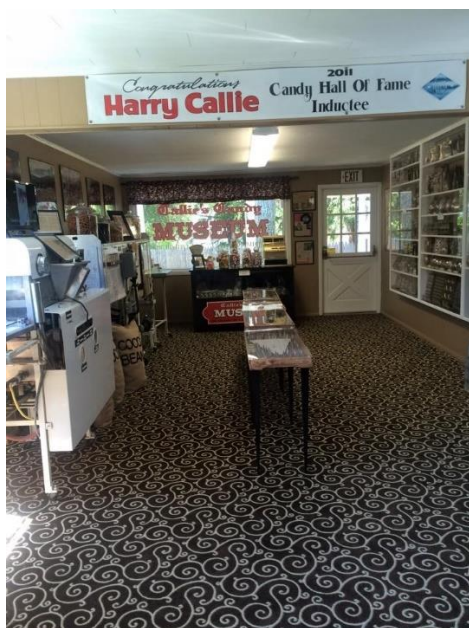




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## Callie's Candy Kitchen Display at the Library

By Donna Bisset

In early December, Jackie and Donna visited the Friendly Library to remove Jackie's display of folk-art articles. With the COVID virus closing down the Library, we had totally forgotten about the display case, which the Society tries to change-out every three or four months. Usually one of the changing-displays moves over to the Library but since the Cresco Station Museum was closed all last year due to interior work, this duty was forgotten until Jackie was missing some of her items and remembered they were still at the Library after an entire year.

Now on display is an array of Callie's Candy Kitchen items. If you missed this display when it was at the Station you now have another golden opportunity to see it. All the candy and beautiful colors remind me of the old Candyland Game we played as children. The display makes my eyes happy-- what can I say? Going to Callie's was like walking through Willy Wonka's

*Photo: Callie's Candy Kitchen, Facebook Archives, from when Harry Callie was inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame, 2011*  
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## Presidential Message

2020 is Now History; What does 2021 Have in Store?

To The Membership:

Twenty-twenty is finally history. As a society concerned with such matters as our collective past it was certainly one for the history books. As a student of history I'm not sure I've heard the term unprecedented or "never-before-seen" used as often, and rightly so, then I have this past year. It started with a general uneasiness that became rampant as we were hit first with COVID – 19, a public health crisis not seen in our life-times, then civil unrest across the country and finally capped with a rancorous Presidential election that illuminated the divisions in our nation and neighborhoods like no other event I can remember.

We are now living that history. As the President of the BTHS it is my fervent wish that you all start recording your experiences. If you haven't already, start a journal, take pictures and collect items in use on a daily basis that will one day be considered artifacts. Each of us can play a role in creating a testament to what life during this time. We should do this so that future generations may have a better understanding of how we coped in the face of these adversities and ultimately persevered to become, I hope, a more enlightened society.

It is difficult to predict what this new year will bring. The BTHS executive committee has met to discuss plans for 2021 including a celebration to reopen the recently renovated Cresco Train Station Museum, but as with all things these days, we will continue to follow health department recommendations concerning how best to battle the spread of COVID-19. We are also working on renovations to our website and hope to include more images, videos and stories pertaining to Barrett Townships past.

In closing I would ask you all to invite your friends to become members of the BTHS. We are the chroniclers, not only of our parent's and grandparent's times, but our own. In this work we can use everyone's help. Here's wishing us all a better 2021.

Darryl Speicher

President, BTHS

Factual information regarding the Corona Virus, and your actions to stay safe can be obtained at the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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### Corrections to the October 2020 Newsletter

No one reported a hard copy or an e-copy error to me. That doesn't mean there weren't errors. I am open to suggestions for improvements. Please e-mail me at [mkreeves@ptd.com](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.com) or give me call at (570) 350-8760 remember I am now located in California if you are calling.

**2020 Board of Directors**

Shirley Lansdowne	Loretta Quarmley	Malinda Bender	Marie Guidry
Charlotte Parks	Jayne Blair	Mary Price	

**2020 Executive Officers**

President	Darryl Speicher
Vice President	Marie Guidry
Recording Secretary	Donna Bisset
Corresponding Secretary	Hannelore Gaupp
Treasurer	Stu Malin

**Treasurer's Report**

Stu Malin, Treasurer	
DATE:	12/27/20
Checking	\$1,466.67
Money Market	\$6,141.43
CD ESSA	\$8,126.04
CD ESSA	\$5,692.68
Total	\$21,426.82

**2020 Executive Committee**

Archivist for LRC & CSM	Consolidated in LRC & CSM activities
Cresco Station Museum	Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese
Curator for LRC & CSM	Joanne Seese
Finance	Stu Malin
Historian	Jacqueline Magann
Hospitality	Sharon Kuhns
Information Systems	Kendrick Bisset
Library Research Center	Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese
Membership	Marty Price
Newsletter	MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	OPEN
Programs	OPEN
Publicity	Marie S. Guidry
Research	Jim Berger
Ways & Means Committee	Donnie Kuhns, Sharon Kuhns, Jackie Magann, MaryKate Reeves-Hoche

**Exec Committee Meeting Dates**

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at 3 pm monthly.

January 12  
February 9  
March 9  
April 13

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

NOTE:  
All General Membership Meetings for the first QTR of 2021 remain Cancelled

**Committee Reports:****Cresco Station Museum**

Mickey Miller &amp; Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum is currently closed for the winter months when Mickey Miller and Cresco Annie conduct their annual cleaning and inventory. Cresco Annie said something about spiders to Mickey, or maybe it was cobwebs, but that got the winter cleaning started.

The Grand Re-Opening planned for 2020 has been cautiously rescheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2021 with similar theme, the Roaring 20's. We would love to show-off the new floor and the climate-controlled building, as well as new displays. Cresco Annie would love for you to come in and admire her beautiful new hands. Stay tuned.

**Archivist & Curator for LRC & CSM** Joanne Seese – Nothing to report

**Finance** Stu Malin

If you have not paid your 2021 dues please pay them as soon as possible. The forms are in the newsletter. The April Newsletter will only go to those who have paid their membership dues.

We still need fund raising ideas and people to work with our Ways and Means Committee.

Our total income for the 2020 year was \$6,544.00 which included the Legion's donation and the grant. Our total expenses for the 2020 year were \$6,471.45. Without the American Legion's generous donation and the grant, we would be running a deficit.

**Historian** Jacqueline Magann - Nothing to report.

**Hospitality** Sharon Kuhns - Nothing to report.

**Information Systems** Kendrick Bisset

The BTHS Official Telephone Number is changing to (570) 481-4622. New recorded messages will be on this number. Callers will be able to leave a message if they desire when the phone is not manned.

**Library Research Center**

Jacqueline Magann

The Library Research Center is currently closed because of the Coronavirus.

**Membership** Marty Price

The Membership drive for 2021 is currently on! Please see the membership form at the back of the newsletter.

We welcome new Life Member, Curtis R. Cooper, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Curtis is the great grandson of Reverend Samuel Cooper who was pastor of the Oakland Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakland (Mountainhome) in the 1900's. The large stained-glass window above the altar is dedicated to Reverend Cooper.

Reverend and Mrs. Cooper were proprietors of Woodlawn House, Mountainhome, which is now the site of CVS pharmacy. The Samuel Cooper family is buried at the Oakland Cemetery, Mountainhome.

The Curtis Cooper family visited the Cresco Station Museum, the Library and Research Center, and the Mountainhome United Methodist Church in 2019 and took home additional history on the Samuel Cooper family.

Reminder: 2021 dues must be paid by April 1st to receive the April newsletter.

### Newsletter

MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor

Happy New Year from sunny southern California and your Co-Editor sends a friendly hello from Barrett Township. In our last edition of the newsletter, we asked for your views on whether we should keep the electronic version of the newsletter, and I heard from a number of our members that they liked the new electronic version. Some of you are without computers so we will continue to mail you a hard copy, but for all others we will maintain the electronic version. As you have read of our financial state of affairs, the cost of the electronic newsletter is minimal as compared to a mailed hard copy, so we like not mailing all the copies in hard copy. Remember you can always send your comments to me at: Send by email to: [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018

Deadline for submission to the April 2021 Newsletter is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Send by email to: [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

Please renew your membership so you won't miss a single issue of the Newsletter beginning in April.

**Oral Tradition**      OPEN Chair is Needed

**Programs**      OPEN Chair is Needed

Programs Scheduled During the General Meetings:

➤ ALL General Meetings for the first QTR of 2021 are cancelled. Stay Tuned!

Musical Events Scheduled at the Cresco Station Museum: All events at 1 – 4 pm

➤ ALL Musical Events are currently cancelled. We are waiting out the pandemic. Stay Tuned!

**Publicity**      Marie S. Guidry

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Follow the Barrett Township Historical Society on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Barrett-Township-Historical-Society-814825878582400/>

**Research** - Jim Berger - Nothing to Report.

### **Ways & Means Committee**

The 2021 Society calendar "Yesteryear", "No Longer There" edition may be purchased at Steele's Hardware, Mountainhome, for \$6.00 or by calling Donna at 570-595-2857, Joanne Seese at 570-460-9279, or Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233.

The recipe book "A Gathering of Barrett's Best Brownies and Bar Cookies" by the Society is also available at Steele's Hardware for \$12.00 or by calling Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233.

Thank you to Steele's for their continued support.

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### **An Editorial**

Your Editor Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

In our last issue, we reminded you to vote. In fact, the entire issue was full of stories about the importance of voting. We covered the first presidential election in Barrett that was held in 1860, the constitution week and the importance of teaching children about our constitution, women's right to vote, and symbols of freedom.

Many of our readers can remember December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941; and September 11, 2001. Those dates are etched in our brains, and we can tell you where we were and what we were doing in precise detail, as if it happened yesterday. Add, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to the dates etched in your brain.

As this newsletter goes to press, we are witness to the attack on the Capitol of the United States of America; seeing it being desecrated, and our elected officials being interrupted from doing their job of certifying the votes from the citizens of the United States for the next President of this Republic. That's not political protest. That's insurrection. On the day of the ratification of the electoral college votes, a sitting president, who is unhappy with the outcome of the vote incites his followers to attack the capitol to stop the vote count. This was an anti-democratic display by political mob reacting to a lost election by overrunning the Capitol of the United States of America. We have nothing else in our political life to compare it to.

What we witnessed was disrespectful to the constitution of the United States, to the rule of law, and it whipped up the frenzy of these people to attack the Capitol. In 1978, Jim Jones, of the Peoples Temple, asked his followers to drink Kool-aid and they did, and they died. President Trump attacked our constitution, our history, our Capitol. It was an attack on our democracy. Democracy exists not in the provisions written down on paper, but so long as it is valued, practiced, and defended. But each of us must defend democracy, at home, in schools, in our communities. We cannot, we should

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not, shall not, allow bullies, and tyranny to force us to do something that is not lawful, not right, not fair.

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either." "But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

A.A.Milne (author of the Christopher Robin and Pooh)

January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 was a difficult day. Let us collectively take a deep breath, get a grip, and recognize what is at risk if we lose our fragile democracy. Having lived in other nations, this is the only place I want to live, the freedoms, rights, and protections we have here are unheard of in other countries.

Look around; at yourself, at your neighbor. Reach out a hand, shovel a walk, carry the groceries, pick up the mail. Be a good neighbor. Let's stop being "us" and "them", stop being "republican" and "democrat", stop being "his side" or "her side", and just be our usual friendly, helpful, community. We are all in this together for the long haul; compassion should be our road map. Let's not let this event in Washington dictate our future. Let us secure our democracy by starting at home.

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## Historical Highlights of 180 Dutch Hill Road, Canadensis, PA

By Ethyl and Tom Huff

When we purchased 180 Dutch Hill Road in Canadensis in 2000, we had fallen in love with the calm beauty of its forest and streams. From that time, we have tried to be responsible caretakers, hoping future owners will care equally about maintaining its peaceful beauty.



Located about 2 miles south of Skytop, the property consists of 50+ acres through which flows Leavitt Branch (our neighbors clarified that Leavitt Branch was known historically as Levis Branch, named after John Levis who built the Levis Falls House on now what is the site of the former Pump House Inn on Route 390) and Sommers Run, a smaller spring-fed stream. The smaller stream begins as a strong spring further north on Dutch Hill Road at Dale Price's residence, which is also where John Sommers built his cabin in the 1800s (pictured at left is Sommers Run).

Previous owners of 180 Dutch Hill included the Scotts, a Skytop family who had purchased the property in the 1970's with intentions to build. They may have been dissuaded by the many challenges of building. The Scotts bought from the Caprioli family who had owned and operated Villa Caprioli (adjacent to 180 Dutch Hill) until Adolph's death in the early 1970's.

Over the years and in order to more easily explore our property, Tom has established various hiking and access trails wide enough for his Tracker. In the process we have learned some of the property's history through observation, finding artifacts, research, and asking friends at the Barrett Historical Society. But there is still much that is unknown. We use the term artifacts rather loosely, as they include old Coke, milk, beer, and whiskey bottles as well as barb-wire (and a zipper!) deeply embedded in trees and some chiseled stone.

What have we learned about the longer-term history of this property? In 1737 the sons of William Penn wanted more land to sell to new immigrants. So, using an unsigned copy of a treaty from 50 years earlier, they told the Lenape Indians that the Penns had the right to acquire from them all the land that a man could walk in one day. The walk was well planned by the Penns, and their "speed" walker allowed them to claim 1.2 million square acres (including our property) from the Indians in a brazen fraud known as the Walking Purchase.

This "purchase" influenced the Lenape to join the French less than 20 years later in the French and Indian War in order to regain their hunting grounds. Although they lost the war, their descendants never gave up trying to regain their land. In 2003 the fight ended — the US Supreme Court ruled the Lenape claim which had been reduced to only 300 acres could no longer be adjudicated.

Later in the mid-1800s this area became a center for the tanning industry because of extensive hemlock forests. The bark of the hemlock contains tannic acid which is used in the tanning of leather. The Latin name for the hemlock species is canadensis, the origin of our town's name.





So what is unique about 180 Dutch Hill Road? After all, Barrett is rich in many beautiful natural properties. Aside from its converging streams and hiking trails, one reason is the mix of tree species. Soon after we bought the property, Tom and a forester from Pennsylvania's Bureau of Forestry were walking the property when the forester noted that we had stands of what he called "Roosevelt Pines".

In 1933 Roosevelt had created the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) to create jobs for the unemployed by planting trees, building trails and dams, etc. This work included planting Roosevelt red pines throughout the country including on our property. Over a decade about 3 billion trees were planted nation-wide by the CCC. Many of these tall, very straight Roosevelt Pines remain standing but most seem to be near the end of their life span. And unfortunately, some of the other beautiful species such as hemlock and elm are currently under stress due to various insect infestations.



The forester also noted that the large quantity of hay-scented fern constituting the forest bed was the unhealthy result of too many deer eating any budding tree seedlings. Fencing was recommended but not considered a practical solution, because the protection offered by fencing would be interrupted by the streams. So the deer foraging challenge persists.

A somewhat unique structure on the property is a concrete and stone Spring House built along Sommers Run (pictured above). Its builder remains a mystery, but Dale Price believes it was used as a water supply for Villa Caprioli. There is also a large stone mound in the shape of a grave, its origin remains a mystery. There is still on-going speculation regarding the contents of "Trixie's" grave with its gravestone, dated "1940" in red leaded paint. Was it a neighbor's beloved dog or a wife who

went missing?

As you could surmise, 180 Dutch Hill may not be all that unique as Barrett shares much of this history and beauty. Nevertheless, we continue to enjoy what has drawn tourists for generations.

Nature's best! And we hope to continue preserving these 50 acres of rustic beauty for others to enjoy.

Special thanks to Sharon Rose, Dale Price, and Jackie Magann for their always very helpful assistance!

Editor's Note : Thank you to Tom and Ethel Huff for contributing the above article. Tom and Ethyl are past members of the Barrett Township Historical Society. Tom served as Treasurer during the celebration of the Sesquicentennial.

To read the full article written by Ethyl & Tom Huff, please stop into the LRC and ask to see the file on 180 Dutch Hill Road, Canadensis, PA. The article was shortened for space reasons.



## What is new about COVID-19 and the Vaccine?

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

### *How would a COVID-19 vaccine work?*

As with any vaccine, the goal of a COVID-19 vaccine is to expose the body to an antigen that won't cause disease but will provoke an immune response that can block or kill the virus if a person becomes infected. Vaccines contain either the whole virus or a component. After receiving a vaccine, a person develops immunity to that disease without having to get the disease. The immunity varies based on the type of vaccine you receive. Some vaccines last a year (like the flu vaccine) and others last longer (like the polio vaccine). Current science suggests that the COVID-19 vaccine will be more like the flu vaccine in requiring annual dosing, but research will be required to fully answer this question.

### *The Vaccine is available and being rolled out in tiers.*

The first vaccines approved in the US from BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna are being given to hospital staff, first responders, and those over the age of 75 in some states. These vaccines have been distributed and dispensed according to a well thought out risk profile discussed and approved at the Vaccines Advisory Committee to the CDC. The idea is that a tiered approach to vaccine delivery would allow that those who are at risk (hospital staff), essential (police, fire, food chain), and most vulnerable (the elderly) would get the vaccine first. Then the rest of the population would receive the vaccine. [Editor's note: at the time this went to press, the CDC had made recommendations that all those 65 years and older receive the vaccine, and PA began implementing that program. Not all states began the implementation of the recommendations].

### *What are the new circulating strains of the COVID virus?*

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All viruses, including the one that causes COVID-19, mutate. Two variants of interests are the UK variant and the South African variant, specifically, United Kingdom VOC 202012/01 (Variant of Concern, year 2020, month 12, variant 01) and South African 501.V2 (named for the genetic N501Y.V2 mutation). Both of these mutations are on the protein spike which is the part of the virus that allows it to attach to your cells to gain access to your cells. With the UK mutation, the protein spike has learned to gain easier access to your cells but is not any more virulent. With the SA mutation, the protein spike has learned to evade your immune system and go undetected for longer period, meaning that when the virus is detected, your viral load is higher and you will likely be sicker.

#### *What will it cost Me?*

Nothing. Zip, Zero, Nada. You will not pay a thing, by law, you do not need to pay a co-pay or an administration fee for the vaccine. It's free. The government already bought a dose for you, and the congress already allocated the payment for the administration.

No. Section 3203 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act generally requires issuers offering non-grandfathered group or individual health insurance coverage to cover any qualifying coronavirus preventive service, including a COVID-19 vaccine, without imposing any cost sharing requirements, such as a copay, coinsurance or deductible.

No patient will be charged for the vaccine or its administration. The federal government will provide the vaccine itself, and the health care providers who administer the vaccine will be reimbursed by the patient's insurance or, in the case of uninsured patients, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) program for uninsured patients, for the administration of the vaccine. CMS has established the reimbursement rates for administration of the vaccine for patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid as well as those covered by the program for the uninsured.



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### **(Continuation ) Callie's Candy Kitchen Display at the Library**

By Donna Bisset

Chocolate Factory where the next piece of candy was even more wonderful than the one you just looked at!! Mr Callie sure knew how to market his products. Nobody left his store empty handed.

The Callie's Candy Kitchen display is on loan to the Historical Society with thanks and appreciation to the Callie Family. The store is a piece of Barrett history and a place that people revisit and remember with fondness.

And what did Mr Callie make? Easy answer-- he made wonderful memories for all who visited his magical store.

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**Historical Recipe side by side with today's version : MEAT PIES**

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

“Sing a song of sixpence, a pocketful of rye, four and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie. When the pie was opened, the birds began to sing. Now wasn't that a dainty dish to set before a king?” The nursery rhyme is setting the mood for our historical recipe in this issue. Meat pies.



Wikipedia states that meat pies have been around since 9500 AD, and that the pastry in which the meat was incased wasn't eaten, it was merely used to hold and bake the meat. The dough being basically flour and water – a cast if you will. It wasn't until 14<sup>th</sup> century when the French and the Italians began using lard and butter in their flour that pastry as an edible shell became the luxury we enjoy today.

If you have ever been to Wales, or Scotland you are familiar with the hand pie that every workman has for lunch called a pastie. A flaky dough filled meat pie that could be held in their hand. Some say, this allowed the workmen to carry their lunch into the mines and keep it clean and dust free (in was wrapped in dough), and when they ate it, it was still warm from being encased in the dough.

Today, these little savory pockets of meat are ubiquitous. You can even buy them in the freezer section of the grocery store and pop them in the microwave – they're called “Hot Pockets”, but they are not as good as a home-made pastry dough meat pie.

**1890 Beefsteak Pie** (in a pan) from Mary Kate's great great-grandfather Frank Fergusson Crull

Take a nice piece of beef, rump or sirloin, cut in small slices; slice a little raw ham [editor's note, raw ham is pork, cured ham is what we call ham today, and raw ham is what we call pork today]; put both in a frying pan, with some butter and small quantity chopped onions; let them simmer together a short time on the fire or in the oven; add a little flour and enough stock to make sauce; salt pepper, chopped parsley, and a little Worcestershire sauce as seasoning; also add a few sliced potatoes, and cook together for about 20 minutes; put this into a pie-dish [or keep in the frying pan if oven ready] with a few slices of hard-boiled eggs on top, and cover with a layer of biscuit dough. Bake from 15 to 20 minutes in a well-heated oven.

Biscuit dough made with 1 quart flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 tablespoon lard or butter, 1 pint sweet milk (cold) never use sour milk; use cold water when milk cannot be obtained. Sift together the flour, salt and powder. Melt the fat and mix with the milk and stir into the flour with spoon to make a smooth consistent dough. Flour the board, turn out the dough, and roll out to a thickness of one half inch (1/2 inch), cut the dough to the size that will fit over the pan of meat. Any left over dough can be baked as biscuits in a hot oven, until risen and golden in color.

**2021 Crusty Shepherd** from Jackie Magann

1 pound boneless lamb shoulder or neck, cut into cubes  
1 ½ tablespoons all purpose flour  
Salt and pepper  
1 clove garlic, chopped  
1 tablespoon shortening  
1 cup beef bouillon (1/2 may be white or red wine)  
1 bay leaf  
½ teaspoon parsley flakes  
1 pinch thyme  
9 small white onions, parboiled  
9 very small new potatoes or fingerlings, scraped, or 2 large potatoes cut into good-sized cubes  
1 cup peas

**Herb Crust**

1 egg yolk  
2 tablespoons milk

Roll meat in flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Saute in shortening in large sauce pot along with garlic until brown. Add remaining ingredients except the last two. Bring filling to a boil and simmer, covered, about 20 minutes until vegetables and meat are tender and filling is thickened, adding a little bouillon if necessary, to make enough gravy. Cool.

While filling simmers make Herb Crust.

With small mixer bowl, mix one 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened, with ½ cup butter, softened; 1 ¾ cup all-purpose flour; ½ teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon each of chopped chives and dill seed. Roll dough into a ball, chill slightly.

When filling is cool ladle filling into a round deep baking dish. Do not overfill.

Roll chilled dough between waxed paper to make a crust round enough to cover baking dish edge to edge. Trim crust. Brush on glaze lightly with beaten egg yolk and milk. Bake in preheated 400-degree oven until crust is browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately.

NOTE: Filling may be made ahead and fresh crust added on day of meal. For added color I sometimes add a green pepper cut in the shape of a shamrock and lay it on the top of the baked crust.

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## We Miss You

### Jo Ellen Chadwick

By Jacqueline Magann

As we begin our 28th year as the Barrett Township Historical Society, we want to take time to express our gratitude to **Jo Ellen Chadwick**. She has sold her home in the Poconos and moved to New Jersey to live with her daughter. She will be missed.

Jo Ellen has served as President of the Society, Newsletter Editor, Board of Director member, Grant Writer, and member of the Cresco Station Museum Committee. She was instrumental in arranging for the art and needlework displays at the Cresco Station Museum, serving wine, cheese and enthusiasm. Jo Ellen was also the one who served up ice cream at the Sunday Musicals and Ice Cream Socials at the Museum. On Train Excursion Days she would wear many hats, filling in where needed.

We acknowledge the time and effort she has given over the years. We wish her the best and look forward to her welcome visits.

## Condolences to Our Members

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Condolences to the family and friends of Christopher Barbieri, who died December 26, 2020

**Christopher Barbieri**, of Mountainhome, passed away Saturday, December 26, 2020, at the Gardens at Tunkhannock. Service are pending and/or private at this time.

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## CRESCO ANNIE CHAPTER 14

Hi Everybody, Cresco Annie here. Just wanted to check in with you all, hope you are keeping safe, wearing your mask, and washing your hands. I am doing all of that. This has been an awful year and I hope all this mess will be over soon. The Station has been so quiet and sad with no visitors. Well every couple days we do have one visitor. Mickey Miller wanders in, looks around, and sighs. I think he misses us as much as we miss him and the other volunteers. I surely hope we can resume our

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regular Sunday visits soon. Maybe late this coming Spring we can have our long postponed reopening. I certainly hope so.

But, I did have one very special visitor just before Christmas. I was looking around my new store, rearranging the shelves for the third time just for something to do, dusting the cobwebs that seem to grow even though no one is here. I guess they grow more when no one visits. Anyway, I thought I heard a soft knock on the front door and, because I wasn't sure who it was, I quickly ran back to my store and waited for someone to come. Would you believe who came for their annual Christmas visit but my old friend Phoebe Snow. She was all dressed up in a beautiful white fur coat, white boots, white gloves, but on her head was a red Santa Claus hat. The hat was so unlike Phoebe that I couldn't help but giggle out loud. (I'm glad no visitors were around to hear me.) Phoebe did and came over to give me a big hug.

I wasn't sure about hugging but Phoebe assured me that it was safe because she was special since she was from a time long ago, before this terrible virus. Well, being the hostess, I lit the fire in the new black stove in the Station Masters Office, put on the tea pot and brewed up a nice pot of tea for us to share. We sat by the toasty fire and chatted and chatted. We were not afraid that we would get caught by any real people because Mickey had already been there earlier that morning. Since she gets around so much more than I do, she did most of the talking, and filled me in on the news of the day. I didn't want to listen to any thing about elections, the virus, and not going out to dinner and other things like that.

We talked about some of our trips from the past and I very proudly showed her my hands. Dear Reader, you remember that before the Station was closed for this mess, I did not have hands and did not know how I lost them or anything about them. And every time I took a trip into the past they came back. I explained to her that while they were working on the Station repairs I was moved across the street to the Library Research Center and when I was moved back here to my new store, my hands were back to stay. It has been wonderful to touch things, I even enjoy washing my hands often, just to look at them. Phoebe looked at them, touched them, and told me how beautiful they were.

We talked for a long time, through a couple pots of tea, and even took a little nap there beside the fire, sitting in the rocking chairs. We didn't even play that old checker game which is unusual because Phoebe is a wiz at board games.

All too soon Phoebe said she would have to go because the next train was due. I told her I hoped John would be on that one because I had not seen him in quite a while. I wanted to tell her more about John (and you too, Dear Reader) but I will save that until the next chapter of my story. I can't wait to tell you all about our adventures.

**2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Overall, 2020 membership was down as compared to 2019. We recognize that COVID-19 has been tough on everyone and accordingly we have not dropped anyone from our database. However, as we initiate our 2021 membership drive, we ask that all members, past and present, to please rejoin the society for the strength and preservation of the society. As a reminder, April Newsletters will not be sent to those not renewing their membership.

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