



# NEWSLETTER

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## John A. Seguire

By Jacqueline Magann

John A. Seguire was born in Columbia, New Jersey, on August 8, 1868. His family moved to Slateford when he was three. John's mother died when he was five. As a teenager he secured a job on a farm for his room, board and clothing going to school at the same time. Other jobs along the way included work in a metal factory and a slate factory in Mt. Bethel. He began his mercantile career in 1884 at age sixteen when he worked for John Stier in Stier, Pennsylvania. In 1887 he moved to Trenton, New Jersey.

In Trenton, he met and married Nettie Oliva Brodt. They were both nineteen years of age. Together they raised five daughters; namely, Edith born in the blizzard of 1888, Beulah born in 1890 and died in 1914 at age twenty-four of tuberculosis, Lillian born in 1893, Jessie born in 1896, and Arline born in 1906.

Seguire also worked at Wallace and Son in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1885 or thereabouts before Seguire and Shannon became partners in the Cresco Cash Store, Seguire heard of an estate being sold at a sheriff's sale.

*Photo: from the Barrett Township Historical Society Archives*

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## Presidential Message

To The Membership:

There are a delightful number of clichés about time with historical overtones. None more fitting at this moment in history than – what a difference a year makes. To think at this time last year, the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic was truly novel and fear, speculation, misinformation, and disinformation were rampant. Remember when they said we were going to shut everything down for 2 weeks and evaluate the situation then. As two weeks became months, Jackie and I would read the daily numbers, how many new cases, how many deaths. I will never forget the day the United States surpassed 1,000 deaths in a day. Even then people were still saying things like it's no worse than the flu. At the moment I type these words over ½ a million Americans have lost their lives to the virus. That was with most of us adhering to the mask mandates and social distancing guidelines. Although the number of new cases per month has not been dropping, the number of deaths per month has declined significantly since January. The roll out of three approved vaccines have us hopeful that the worst of COVID-19 is behind us and we may once again meet in person to share our love for history and Barrett Township.

In my last missive I asked that you keep a journal or record your thoughts of what this time is like. Save some of the things you made or used to help combat the pandemic. I believe it will be of great value to future generations to have the reflections of how this period in time effected our lives.

The Executive Committee continues to meet, and work behind the scenes is going on. New exhibits are being planned for the LRC and the Train Station will have its grand reopening later this year, we hope. If this past year has taught us anything it is to be patient and plan for that day to come when we are all together again.

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 January 2021 Newsletter

In the article 180 Dutch Hill Road, Canadensis, on page 10, in the Editor's note I mentioned that Tom Huff had been a past Treasurer of the BTHS. I made a mistake. Tom Huff was Co-Treasurer with his wife Ethel Huff, they were Co-Treasurers together. Find a Mistake, 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.

**2021 Board of Directors**

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

**2021 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:	04/05/21
Checking	\$2,072.27
Money Market	\$6,149.59
CD ESSA	\$8,126.04
CD ESSA	\$5,692.68
Total	\$22,040.58

**2021 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 - NEW	Jackie Speicher
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.

May 11  
June 8  
July 13  
Aug 10

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

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

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

Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum will be opened for the first time on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm for the first time in months since the COVID closures. Masks will be required for admission. This is an opportunity to see the newly refurbished station and displays.

The Grand Re-Opening is currently on hold, and discussions for the much-anticipated shin-dig are on-going with hopes that the party of the decade can be on labor-day weekend. As previously reported, the theme will be the Roaring 20's which interestingly was immediately post a pandemic (the Spanish Influenza). Stay tuned.

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

**Finance** Stu Malin

See the financials on page three of this newsletter. Please note both CDs are encumbered to cover the cost of signage

Our total income to date for the year 2021 is \$949.00 and our total expenses to date for 2021 is \$1,029.98 leaving a deficit to date of \$ 80.98.

Just a reminder if you have not paid your dues for 2021, please pay them as soon as possible.

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

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

**Information Systems** Kendrick Bisset - nothing to report

**Library Research Center**

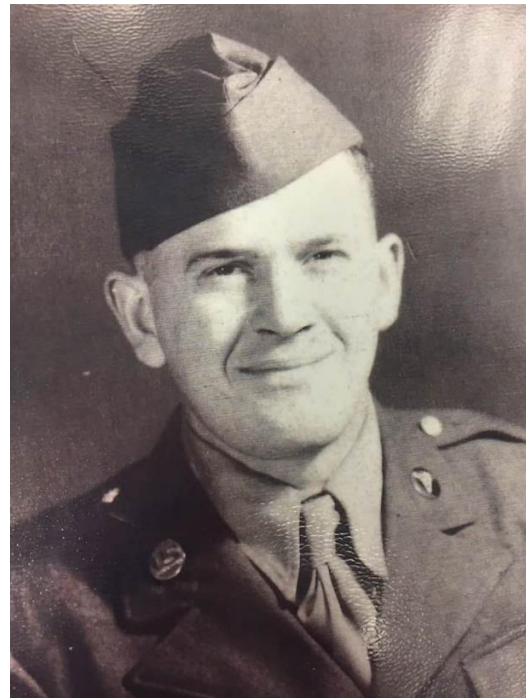
Jacqueline Magann

The winter cinders have been swept from the driveway at the LRC, and the spring welcome wreath has been hung on the front door. Joanne Seese, Donna and Kendrick Bisset, Darryl Speicher and I have begun to re-sort and straighten since we hung the closed sign in the window a year ago. Some venetian blinds need to be replaced and additional bookcases purchased to shelve boxes of archives.

We have designated a corner for World War II and another corner for Barrett Consolidated School.

World War II Corner: The World War II uniform on display in the photo taken at the Library and Research Center belonged to Gordon Vincent Starner, a United States Army veteran. He was born in 1921 in Barrett Township and attended Barrett Consolidated School. He was drafted and inducted

into the Army in November of 1942 at the age of 21. He was first stationed in Kentucky where he underwent training and maneuvers. He was then transported by ship to Europe, landing in Brussels, Belgium, arriving soon after D day. He was a mechanic in the Ambulance Corps and served with Patton's Third Army in Central Europe including France and Germany. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and returned home to the United States in November 1945. Staff Sergeant Starner was awarded the Good Conduct medal, the American Campaign medal, The European African Middle Eastern Campaign medal with 4 Bronze Stars and the World War II Victory medal.



The uniform on display was donated by Barrett Township Historical Society Life Member Marie Starner Guidry, daughter of Staff Sergeant Gordon Starner. Gordon died on July 24, 2013, at age 92.

Barrett Consolidated School Corner: I have met with former members of the Barrett Consolidated School Reunion Committee to talk about a display. Carol Hardy, as Past Reunion Chair, has donated memorabilia from the school to the Society which we plan to use. Thanks to the generosity of Maryann and Mickey Miller, we have John James pen and ink drawings of the One Room Schoolhouse, the Grammar School at Mick's Motors Mountainhome and the Barrett Consolidated School circa 1926. We plan to hang them in the B.C.S. display.

The LRC remains closed to the public. We plan to open as soon as it is safe.

Many thanks to Kendrick Bisset for the extraordinary number of hours he has spent identifying drawings and maps and securing them in our new drawing and map hangers. Those who will come after us will appreciate the work he has done today.



If you have some free time, we can use extra hands; for example, to lay acid free paper in old books, newspapers and family Bibles for preservation. Please call Joanne at 570-460-9279 or Jackie at 570-595-9233. We have had our COVID shots and are usually there on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Membership** Jackie Spiecher

As the new membership chair I want to thank Marty Price and Stu Malin, for making the transition seamless. Most of my time has been taken up familiarizing myself with the membership spread sheets. I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership in 2021. I am happy to announce that membership remains strong even in the face of the pandemic's impact on the economy. This does not mean we don't need to increase our membership just that I want to recognize your commitment to BTHS. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors encouraging them to join. Maintaining and archiving the exhibits and artifacts held in trust by BTHS requires time and money. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and the members in making BTHS the envy of every historical society in the Poconos.

### **Newsletter**

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

Spring is finally arriving in the Poconos, despite that snowfall in April. This version of the newsletter is slightly late due to a back-up error on the part of your Editor. I failed to back-up my edits to the April newsletter, and when the transformer and high-power lines outside our condo were hit by a kite sending a high voltage shock into every piece of electrical equipment we own, I lost all the work I had completed on the newsletter. Thus, a lot of rework, and a late newsletter. My apologies to our membership, and Executive Committees.

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

### **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

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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### Haiku

What have you been doing during the COVID shut down? Learning a new language? Sewing, cooking, writing your memoir? If you are Gertrud Raemisch-Schumm, you are writing poetry in the form of Haiku.

Haiku, in its unrhymed poetic form consisting of 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables respectively. The haiku first emerged in Japanese literature during the 17th century, as a terse reaction to elaborate poetic traditions. Initially, it was used at the beginning of, or opening to a staged production of a rhyming poem or staged story. Later the Haiku became its own art form.

#### **HAIKU** (inspired by Japanese Poetry)

Gertrud Raemisch-Schumm

Wildest winter storm

This year 2021

It is still snowing

Heavy branches bend

Under their heavy burden

Sun forgot to shine

Small trees are hidden

No one can visit with us

Yes, we are snowed in

The feeders empty

Hungry birds won't leave their nest

Not even to eat

Finally some life  
Little wren found the suet  
Good my friend, come feast

Mailbox disappeared  
Under load of heavy snow  
No mail anyway!

Who can find my place  
Covered with this wide whiteness  
Wherever you look

Now the wind came up  
It makes life even harder  
For those small flyers

We are all hemmed in  
Winter, you are tough this year  
Please, come early spring

Another wren came  
Two lumps of fluffy feathers  
Loving their luncheon

How I love the birds!  
I can't go out but they come  
And give me great joy!

Life in deserted  
Wilderness? They proved and show  
That life does not cease

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## Inventory of drawings, maps, and other large items

By Kendrick Bisset

Before the Station was closed to rebuild the floor structure, a quick check showed a large number of rolled drawings under one of the display cases. [Picture 1] Some of these had been inventoried, but many had not. Between the closure for reconstruction and COVID-19, it has not been possible to look at these drawings. Starting in early March, 2021, Kendrick has been trying to prepare an inventory of over 100 generally large format documents. The drawings were moved to the LRC to review and list each item. So far, about 110 items have been listed, about 50 of which were loose (not in the two large plastic tubs).



Some of the items are now hung on the drawing file hanging system in the LRC. This includes some 24 US Geologic Survey topographic maps and eight drawings of cemetery plots. These numbers will change as further drawings are studied. Jackie also bought a rack for rolled drawings, and many items are now in that rack. [Picture 2 shows both the drawing rack and the hanging file]



Some items still need to be inventoried, and the rolled drawings need to be organized and located in their rack so they can be easily found. The goal is to make these items easily accessible for use in research. The inventory uses a computer spreadsheet, so searches are simplified. Paper copies will also be available.

### **John A. Seguire (Continuation)**

By Jacqueline Magann

It was originally owned by Emaline Dowling who sold to Andrew Sebring in 1884 for the sum of \$2,000.00. Sebring fell behind in payments and so the sheriff's sale. The property included 125 acres improved as follows: 24 cleared acres, a framed dwelling with a slate mansard roof, 30 x 40 foot barn; 16 x 22 foot carriage house, coal house, pond, hog pen, chicken house and an ice house. The property was part of an early warranty deed belonging to Samuel Davidson and Henry C. Dowling. Seguire purchased the property at the sheriff's sale for the sum of \$1,850.00.

The pond provided ice for the Seguine home and stores before electrification which became available in the area about 1927. The pond still remains. Seguine named it Lake Arline after his youngest daughter.



Jake Sengle, past President of the Barrett Township Historical Society, wrote in an article on Seguine that: "The ice pond served as a swimming hole for generations of kids. When I swam in the pond as a youngster, it was very shallow, silted with runoff from the railroad. A great spot for frogs. Mr. Seguine would occasionally visit the pond. He could be gracious in manner or chase everybody away, depending on his mood".

Today it is called Ice Lake and is owned and managed by Paradise and Barrett Townships through the Pocono Area Recreation Commission. The project was funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Monroe County Open Space bond. It is open to the public. The Boy Scouts have done work there and have added a picnic table.

The Seguine house still stands. The house was built at the turn of the century but it was inspired by the Second Empire style. The Seguine house has been under reconstruction and improvement for many years. There has been a "For Sale" sign up recently but is now down. Speculation is that it has been sold but not to my knowledge. It would be wonderful to see it occupied again.





Seguine and Shannon purchased the Jacob Miller store in Cresco in 1891. Miller's daughter Lizzie was the wife of Stewart Shannon. They named the store "Cresco Cash Store". It was located at the left of the Cresco Railroad Station Gatekeeper's shack. The Cresco Cash Store housed the Cresco Post Office with Seguine acting as Postmaster for Cresco and its rural free delivery route for 20 years.

The inventory at the cash and carry store consisted of stationery, souvenirs, tobacco and confections including a soda fountain. Visitors getting off the train could enjoy a cold drink or ice cream. There were many expansions to the store. For example, in December 1898 bargains included ready-made clothing, muslin, salt for curing meats, Quaker dairy feed, holiday goods, hobby horses, dolls, toy furniture and homemade Christmas candy for 9 cents a pound. By mutual consent Seguine took over the cash store in 1901.



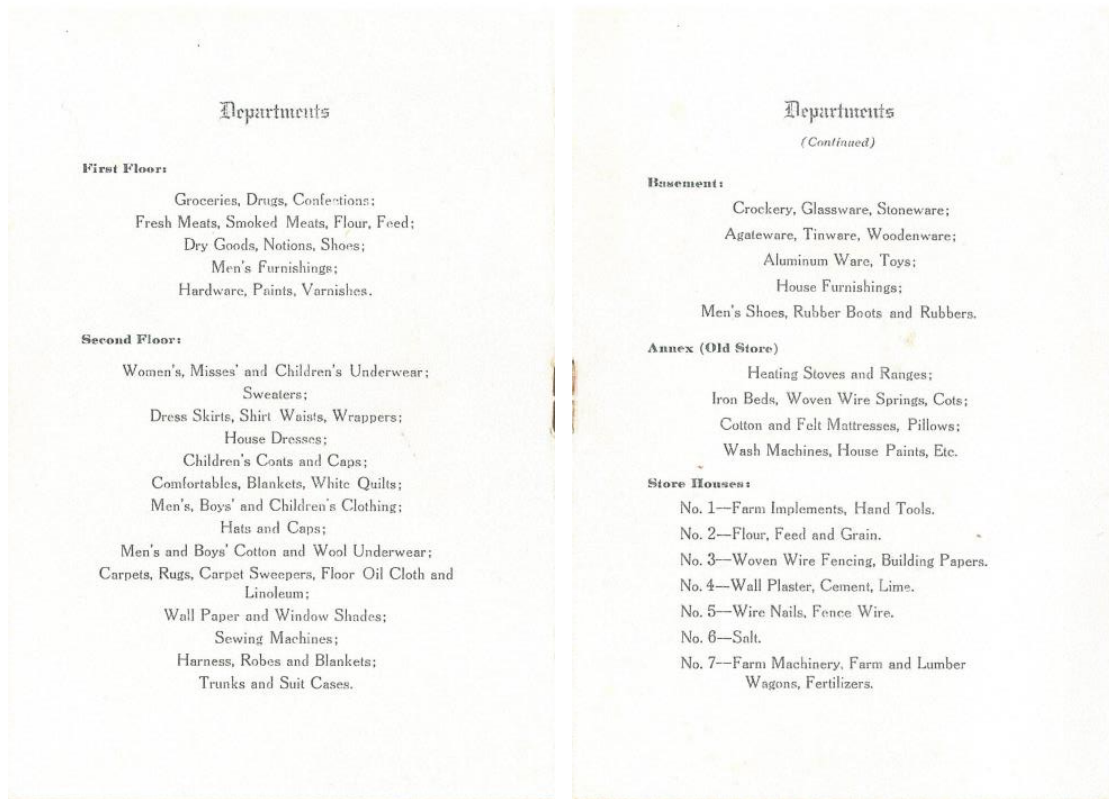
The Cresco Cash Store with John Segune and partner Shannon in front with other workers  
(photo from the Monroe Co. Historical Society)

John A. Segune finally realized his dream when he erected a large building known as Segune's Department Store just up the road from the Cresco Cash Store. It was located north of the old store and opposite the cobbled service station owned by Henry (Hank) Price. The new building paralleled the road separated by a sidewalk running completely across the front of the store. The sidewalk remains there today.

The store contained four floors. The first floor or basement was level with a railroad track that ran directly behind the store. There was an unloading dock and storage area. The dock was inside the building with large doors that could be opened to receive merchandise directly from the freight cars. Segune was considered a shrewd businessman. By ordering merchandise in train car amounts he saved money. That is why he had as many as seven storehouses. Also, in the storehouses were

mining supplies: mine props and ties. Seguire was among other local pioneers to sell mining equipment in the area such as George F. Smith, Joseph W. Swain and Theodore B. Price.

Following is a list of Departments and Merchandise offered in 1913.



At the store the cashier used an overhead cord and pulley arrangement to collect money from the salesman's customer and give change and a receipt. Seguire believed in hard work. Workdays began at 6:30 a.m. and went until 9 p.m. everyday except Sunday.

Every year for ten years, starting in October of 1908, Seguire celebrated the anniversary of the opening of the new store by giving a party for his customers. He gave out many souvenirs including plates and rolling pins for the ladies. The anniversary celebration included a homemade platter supper that local women prepared and served. The only requirement for receiving the free supper was the signature of the guest in the "Register". Those coming for the anniversary celebration would enter by the store front door, register, browse, and hopefully buy one or more of the items Seguire had secured especially for the day; then, sit down to dinner courtesy of J. A. Seguire.

Each Christmas Seguire sent a personal Christmas letter to those names from the signed "Register" of October with a list of Christmas suggestions. It was always signed :



*With the compliments of the Season.  
Very truly, J. A. Seguire  
Cresco, Pennsylvania*

John's wife Nettie died in 1929. John remarried at age 62 in 1930 to his cousin from Newark, New Jersey, Lillian M. Seguire.

Seguire was active in his community and church. He and his family belonged to the then Oakland Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Mountainhome United Methodist Church. There is a large stained glass window in the church sanctuary dedicated to the Seguire family. John was a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America (P.O.S. of A), International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), and as a conservationist a member of the Pocono Forestry Association planting trees on the Seguire properties. He was a champion of better thoroughfares, and through his influence county roads were improved. He served as a Director of the East Stroudsburg National Bank for many years.

Seguire's motto was "He who helps others helps himself". He shared his way of life with friend S. S. Kresge, founder of K-Mart. John A. Seguire was known as the "Wanamaker of Monroe County".

His first-born daughter Edith, affectionately known as Edie, continued to run the store for the next nine years. She and her step-mother Lillian (and cousin once removed) lived together at the Seguire house until Lillian's death.

In June 1954 the store caught fire and was completely demolished. Malinda Price Bender tells me she was a youngster and with a neighbor friend watched the store burn from her family's front window across the street. There was concern the gas tanks at the Cresco Garage might catch fire. However, it still stands today.

Edith eventually moved to a nursing home and lived out her years there until she died in 1992 at the age of 104. The Seguire family is buried at the Oakland Cemetery, Mountainhome, Pennsylvania.

There is much to be learned about John A. Seguire, dear reader, that I have not been able to include in this article because of space. Please come visit us at the Barrett Township Historical Society Library and Research Center on Sand Spring Drive, Cresco, opposite the Cresco Station Museum. We'd be happy to show you more. Call us – Jackie at 570-595-9233 or Joanne at 570-460-9279.

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## **Vaccinating against COVID-19; a volunteer's experience.**

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

As I write this, 4 million people were vaccinated against COVID-19 today, and the CDC reported that 84 million people are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Many of the people who were vaccinated were vaccinated by someone who volunteered. I am a volunteer nurse, one of thousands that have answered the call of governors across this country. Governors sent out a call for healthcare volunteers to help in hospitals that have been inundated by the COVID disease, or more recently to help in vaccine immunization super centers. In NY State 52,000 nurses and doctors responded to the volunteer call, in Los Angeles County, just north of me, 40,000 have answered the call. I have contributed to that number by volunteering as a vaccination nurse with Project Hope on the Navajo Nation in March.

The Navajo had 2,304 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people at its peak in May 2020, compared to the New York state rate of 1,806 cases per 100,000, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Since the pandemic began up until November 22, 2020, the Navajo Nation has had 15,039 cases out of its population of 173,667 from the 2010 census, which means this hard-hit population has over 8,659 cases per 100,000 people. This is the hardest hit area in the United States.

My assignment was to a mobile team in Shiprock, New Mexico where the Northern Navajo Medical Center is located. Our goal was to provide vaccines in the field to any person aged 16 and older who lived or worked on the Navajo Nation in that area. My days began early (4 am alarm), out the door by 4:45 am so I could be at the hospital by 6 am to meet the pharmacy team to begin prepping vaccine for the morning mobile vaccine clinics. Our team leader, Dr. Chris Percy, the Director of Community Health, had scheduled drive through clinics in all the Navajo communities. My job was to get to those communities along with a team of volunteers (who would direct traffic, set up tables, manage sign-in, answer eligibility questions), and give the vaccines. Often, I was accompanied by as many as 8 other vaccinators, but one morning, it was just Dr. Percy and myself to vaccinate 1100 people who patiently waited their turn in their vehicle.

Vaccinating this community was important to me to help protect a community that hit so hard. The sadness there was palpable, everyone has lost someone in their family. The hospital lost 37 staff members to COVID-19 and is operating with support from the US Navy, the US Public Health Service, and Volunteer MDs, RNs, and PAs. There were very few who were hesitant to get the vaccine, some did wait to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (a single dose vaccine) because they were afraid of needles, but most were focused on the hope and relief that the vaccine might bring an end to this virus.

I find similar feelings around the United States, people are expressing relief from the feeling of finally being safe from this awful virus. The CDC and our government wants to vaccinate everyone in our community, and for those who are still waiting for a timeslot or appointment, please hang in there. Our leaders are advocating for more vaccines for the state of Pennsylvania and there are indications that more supply will be available soon.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the CDC released Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People which can be accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

## WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED

Activity	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age	✔
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	✔
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	✔
Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	✔
Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination	✔
Travel internationally without quarantining after travel	✔
Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.	✘
Attend medium or large gatherings	✘



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**Historical Recipe side by side with today's version : Rhubarb Tart or Pie**

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year as it brings back many of the spring fruits and vegetables to our gardens and grocery stores, asparagus and rhubarb to name two of my spring favorites.

Rhubarb is not native to North America and was imported here by seed sometime in the 1700's. Growing rhubarb by seed is not an easy feat as any experienced gardener will tell you. The first notation for rhubarb, describing a tart, appears in a 22 September 1739 letter from Peter Collinson in London to John Bartram in Philadelphia.

Collinson advised his friend Bartram that rhubarb "make excellent tarts, before most other Fruits fitt [sic] for that purpose are ripe" and gave him a recipe:

"All you have to do, is to take the stalks from the root, and from the leaves; peel off the rind, and cut them in two or three pieces, and put them in a crust with sugar and a little cinnamon; then bake the pie, or tart; eats best cold. It is much admired here.... It eats much like a gooseberry pie."

**Strawberry Rhubarb Pie** by Maryann Miller

As published in June 2007, [A Gathering of Strawberry and Rhubarb Recipes](#) by The Barrett Township Historical Society

Pastry for 2 crust, 9 inch pie

## Filling

3 cups fresh rhubarb, washed and cut in ½ inch pieces

1 cup fresh strawberries, washed, hulled and sliced

1 ½ cups sugar

3 Tablespoons quick cooking tapioca

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon nutmeg (Editor's note: if you can, grate your own fresh nutmeg)

1 Tablespoon butter or margarine (Editor's note: it's better with butter)

In a large bowl, combine sugar, tapioca, salt and nutmeg. Add rhubarb and strawberries; mix well to coat fruit. Spoon fruit mixture into a 9 inch pastry lined pie plate; dot with butter or margarine. Moisten pastry edge; top with lattice crust and flute edge. Bake in preheated 400 degree Fahrenheit oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool.

Note: If desired, decorate lattice top with additional sliced fresh strawberries, dipped in melted currant jelly. (Editor's note – do this after the pie has baked and has cooled).



**CRESCO ANNIE  
CHAPTER 15**

Dear Readers, Cresco Annie here, with very little to report from my corner of the world. I just looked at my journal and it is empty; it is as if I have fallen asleep for the last four months. It seems as if the restrictions of the pandemic have ceased all visitors to the Cresco Station. I hope that you are keeping safe, wearing your mask, and washing your hands. I am happy to report that Micky Miller, my only visitor over the winter, tells me that the Cresco Station will be open on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 and if that works out, we will continue each Sunday after that. I am so excited; I might do a jig in front of the visitors. I will keep you posted and I promise to write in my journal and tell you all about it.

**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 the 2021 membership drive continues, 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 (this newsletter) was not sent to those who had not renewed their membership prior to April.

Please cut out the membership form below, and send your check made out to the Barrett Township Historical Society to PO Box 358, Mountainhome, PA 18342. Or give this membership form to your friend or neighbor and help increase our membership.

**BARRETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**2021 Membership and Dues Information 2021**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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**Regular Membership**

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