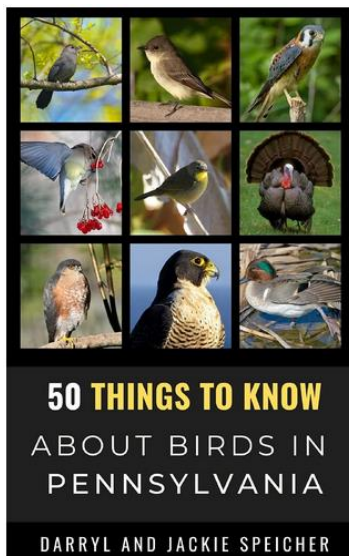




# NEWSLETTER

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## The Fifty Things to Know About the Birds in PA

The Pocono Avian Research Center (PARC) was founded by Barrett Township Residents, Darryl and Jackie Speicher in the fall of 2000. Over the last two decades they have dedicated themselves to learning more about the birds that call the region home and sharing what they have learned with all of us. They have conducted research throughout the region including Barrett Township and were an important part in creating the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. On December 31, 2020 PARC merged with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. In the spring of 2021, the Speicher's authored a book titled the Fifty Things to Know About the Birds in Pennsylvania. Darryl and Jackie will present the history of PARC, what they learned along the way and what the future holds on (date not yet set). They will happily sign copies of their book before and after the program. Copies of the books will be available.

Editor's Note: I made the decision to run this on the front page, not Darryl, nor Jackie. I think it's a big deal that our President has published a book and that the Pocono Avian Research Center is now a part of the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Congratulations Darryl and Jackie!

*Photo: Book cover from Amazon.com accessed on line on 3 July 2021*

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## Presidential Message

March 13, 2020 was a watershed event in the history of the entire world as states began to implement drastic measures to face a global threat to human health and life in the face of the COVID – 19 pandemic. Now, after 15 months things are beginning to return to some measure of normality. The Barrett Township Historical Society is happy to announce that Sunday afternoons are going to be part of our communities return to normalcy as the Cresco Station Museum will once again be open to visitation from 1 to 4 pm. We hope to see all of our members and neighbors once again taking in the memories of life in this wonderful place.

In addition to the Museum returning to normal operations the BTHS Library and Research Center will be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 and on Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. The library houses many historical records and can help residents and researchers learn more about our community's past. These opportunities are only possible by the incredibly dedicated group of volunteers. Please consider joining us in celebrating the love we have for Barrett Township and keeping the history of who we are alive, by becoming a volunteer.

As the president I make this plea for volunteers by having to inform you all of Jim Berger's resignation from the executive committee. He has been a valuable member of our board for 25 years most recently as the Research Committee Chair. Thank you, Jim, for all those years of service to your community. Your charm and wit will be missed.

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 April 2021 Newsletter

Whoops, an omission. The J. A. Sequine article, Volume 28, Issue #2 should have included the following: J. A. Sequine died in 1945 at age 77. 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 Jayne Blair	Malinda Bender Mary Price	Marie Guidry
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**2020 Executive Officers**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Stu Malin, Treasurer	
DATE:	06/27/21
Checking	\$3,344.77
Money Market	\$6,152.25
CD ESSA	\$8,126.04
CD ESSA	\$5,692.68
Total	\$23,315.74

**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	Jackie Speicher
Newsletter	MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	OPEN
Programs	Mary Price & Malinda Bender, Co-Chairs
Publicity	Marie S. Guidry
Research	OPEN
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.

July 13  
Aug 10  
Sept 14  
Oct 12

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

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

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

Mickey Miller &amp; Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum is happy to announce that Sunday afternoons are going to be part of our communities return to normalcy as it will once again be open to visitation from 1 to 4 pm, every Sunday. See you on Sunday.

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

**Finance** Stu Malin

Our total income to date for the year 2021 is \$4,572.51. and our total expenses to date for 2021 is \$2,548.19. The total income includes the grant for our grand reopening in 2022.

Please note our financials on page 3. The CDs are encumbered and not a part of the operating budget.

**Historian** Jacqueline Magann

The Charter Member and President Plaques have been updated.

**Hospitality** Sharon Kuhns

Programs will begin again in September which means we will need volunteers for hospitality beginning at that time and for each month thereafter. Remember we have a budget for the hostess who volunteers to bring the goodies for the month. So what are you waiting for?, call Sharon at (570) 676-5255 to volunteer.

**Information Systems** Kendrick Bisset

The BTHS Official Telephone Number has been changed to (570) 481-4622. New recorded messages are 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 now open to the public as listed below!

Sundays from 1 pm – 4 pm

July 4, 11, 18 and 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

September 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm

July 6, 13, 20 and 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

September 7, 14, 21 and 28

or by appointment. Call Jackie at 570-595-9233 or Joanne at 570-460-9279

New blinds are ordered. We have been busy with research requests now that the public can visit the center, though we are still catching up. We welcome volunteers on any of the above dates. Help is

needed to inventory, file, line archival boxes for storage and help visitors locate information. It's only a few hours a week. Come, join us, it's very rewarding.

### **Membership** Jackie Speicher

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of Society activities.

### **Newsletter**

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

Happy 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday USA! With COVID-19 we have continued to evolve and try to adapt to the environment in a safe manner. We are offering electronic and hard copy versions of our newsletter. The electronic copy being a cost-effective way to deliver the news to our membership. 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. 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 October 2021 Newsletter is Sept 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 another issue of the Newsletter.

### **Oral Tradition** OPEN Chair is Needed

### **Programs** Mary Price & Malinda Bender

The Barrett Township Historical Society formed an education committee to begin planning for programs and speakers for general meetings that will begin in September. Volunteers are needed with energy and new ideas to make 2021/2022 an exciting year of programs. The committee met for the first time on July 6 (1pm) at the BTHS Learning and Resource Center on Sand Spring Road, during the meeting two new co-chairs stepped forward Mary Price and Malinda Bender. Please help the committee by sending your ideas by email to: [stationmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:stationmuseum@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you. See page 20 for an announcement on programming.

### **Publicity** Marie S. Guidry

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### **Research - OPEN**

We are sorry to see Jim Berger step down as Research Chair. But he assures us that we shall continue to see him at our monthly general meetings and activities. Looking over past newsletters I have found that Jim joined the Society as a charter member in 1993 and has written many articles for our newsletter. He served as Program Chair, Treasurer, President for 3 terms and served on the Board of Directors, Ways and Means Committee and was Research Chairman plus involvement in

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many other areas – an illustrious achievement! We thank Jim for his many years of service and wish him a well-deserved rest. Reported by Jacqueline Magann

### 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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## John Adams Predicted There Would Be Fireworks on Independence Day

By Darryl Speicher

On July 4, 1776 the Second Continental Congress, meeting in the city of Philadelphia unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. Although Thomas Jefferson is rightly credited with authoring the Declaration he was part of a committee that was charged with drafting it and presenting it to congress. Also on this committee was John Adams. When the Document was approved Adams is reported to have said that this date will be celebrated with fireworks. He was right.

There are other celebrations which sometimes warrant the use of fireworks, but here in the United States of America Independence Day, the 4th of July is synonymous with them. Barrett Township does not hold fireworks display but that does not mean they can’t be found. Buck Hill and Sky Top Lodge always celebrate the Fourth with fireworks.

I have very fond memories of piling into the station wagon with my family for the ride up to Sky Top. Back in the 60s everyone would just park along 390 and walk out onto the golf course to view the spectacle of “bombs bursting in air.” Most fireworks were not available to the general public then, but we could purchase fire-crackers, sparklers and fountains that showered sparks for a few seconds. My siblings and I would dance with sparklers in hand, running and spelling out our names in the radiant glow of the dying embers.

As we celebrate the founding of the nation, we all love this year, let us be mindful of the words Jefferson penned over two centuries ago, that we are “endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, chief among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Let us be grateful to be Americans and respect the rights of all to believe how they wish and to be free of fear that their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is in anyway infringed upon.



## The Merry Inn

by Donna Bisset, cat owner and friend of Meredyth Huggard

As I was recently working in the Library and Research Center (LRC) putting items away in filing cabinets, I found a folder advertising The Merry Inn. I know where this Inn is-- or was-- and have always liked the look of the building and the great shade of blue to catch the eye of passers-by. I read a bit more and noticed The Merry Inn was run by Meredyth Huggard-- go figure! My catsitter happens to be Meredyth Huggard...-- Yep! It is the same person! I called Meredyth and she gave me the scoop on her former establishment...

Meredyth and her husband, Chris, were living on Long Island and were interested in finding a place to buy somewhere in the Poconos to turn into a Bed and Breakfast which Meredyth would manage while Chris would commute daily to work in New York City. They found a house in Canadensis that they thought would work and so purchased the property and moved forward with plans for The Merry Inn.



The original property

Meredyth recalls the property was known as The Brent Nook many years ago and was run by the Brentini sisters, who rented out rooms in their home. The location was across from Martin's Streamside Cottages and Frogtown Inn, down the road, was open on a part-time basis. Meredyth and Chris bought the house from the Weilers (no relation to the Weiler Corporation family) in 1993 and added an extension for a living area for their own private use. For The Merry Inn, they installed a dining area and offered 6 bedrooms for rent, with private baths for each guestroom.



The Merry Inn 1993 - 2005

Meredyth enjoyed being the hostess and providing breakfast to her guests for 12 years before health issues forced her to sell the business around 2005. She sold it to a person who bought the property to also operate a bed and breakfast but this did not work out. The next buyer now runs the present property as an Airbnb and Meredyth thinks the building now offers 8 bedrooms. The building is still the same beautiful shade of blue which makes it easy to spot from the road.

Meredyth has fond memories of her time in the house and has provided some photos. Thank you, Meredyth for sharing your time, memories and photos.

PS Just recently, the house was listed on Airbnb, at \$1,880 per night (for the whole house) plus cleaning, service and taxes fees. It has room for 16 people; 8 bedrooms, 11 beds, 8.5 baths. The “proprietor” is “Grand Leisure Travel”.



## All for the Love of Horses

By Jacqueline Magann

The drive into the Village of Cresco has taken on a new look. One could say the look was like a pastoral scene out of one of the old Masters paintings, with the green paddock surrounded by a white picket fence and contented horses grazing. This picture of tranquility came about because Miranda Clark,

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daughter of Roy and Shelia Clark, was living with her parents, attending nursing school, and driving many miles each day, to and fro, to visit her boarded horses. The question was: How could she move the horses closer to home?

An answer was found. Her father, Roy Clark, who grew up in the house next to the now Pocono Pools property, which was across the street from the old J. A. Sequine horse pasture, purchased the old Sequine property and proceeded to build a horse farm. Lucky Miranda and lucky horses.

The paddock was built first, then the stable, house and garage which all nestle in the old Sequine meadow as if it had always been there. Miranda now lives there and can see her horses each and every day.



Kendrick Bisset and I visited the farm on a beautiful sunny day and met the Clark family and animals. We learned that Miranda had attended Evergreen School and participated in a program each Friday at the Pleasant Ridge Farm. She learned the basics of caring for horses there while in the program.

Miranda is currently attending East Stroudsburg University and is an extern at Lehigh Valley Pocono. She will graduate nursing school in 2022.



Her horse Ernie, age 20, is a dark color offtrack thoroughbred race horse. Her horse, "Shuffle Up and Deal" (Bert), age 11, is a buckskin color quarter horse rescued from a meat house auction in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Wasn't he lucky!

We also met Charlotte the pig, a real treat. She learned at an early age how to siphon off some of the horse feed and grew tremendously until the dastardly deed was discovered and rectified. We also met many barn cats, some rescued.

We enjoyed our time with the Clark family and wish Miranda many happy years there, all for the love of horses.



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

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

### *What are COVID-19 variants?*

All viruses, including the one that causes COVID-19, mutate. There are currently four variants of interest, now labeled alpha, beta, gamma, delta (following the Greek alphabet). Alpha, is United Kingdom VOC 202012/01 (Variant of Concern, year 2020, month 12, variant 01). Beta was first identified in 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. Gamma was identified in both Japan and Brazil 20J/501Y.V3 it's alpha numeric name indicating that it also has a mutation on the protein spike. This mutation causes it to not response to treatment. Finally, the Delta variant which was first identified in India 20A/S:478K with protein spike substitutions. The mutation in the Delta variant makes it very transmissible – that means easy to transmit from person to person.

### *Why is the Delta variant important?*

The delta variant, which was first identified in India, now accounts for 25 percent of new Covid-19 cases in the U.S., and is on track to become the dominant version of the virus circulating in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is a more contagious variant of the coronavirus, it is spreading in the United States, particularly in areas that have been slower to get vaccinated. The delta variant is also surging around the world, causing increased cases in some countries and prompting several nations to introduce new lockdowns.

### *Do the current COVID-19 vaccines work against the variants?*

YES. The vaccines available in the United States have been tested and have been shown to be effective against this variant of COVID-19. In fact, thus far, they are effective against all the variants of concern.

*How does a COVID-19 vaccine work?*

Two of the vaccines are messenger RNA vaccines, mRNA vaccines are a new type of vaccine to protect against infectious diseases. To trigger an immune response, many vaccines put a weakened or inactivated germ into our bodies. Not mRNA vaccines. Instead, they teach or give “messages, instruction” to our immune cells how to make a piece of protein (a replica of the spike protein from the outer surface of the virus) and that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies. In the end, our body has learned how to make a protective antibody, and the cell breaks down and gets rid of the mRNA soon after it is finished using the instructions, effectively cleaning out the vaccine injection.

The third vaccine is a viral vector vaccine. Viral vector vaccines use a modified version of a different virus (the vector) to deliver important instructions to our cells. A piece of the protein spike is grafted onto the vector to be used as a vehicle within the vaccine to enter an immune cell in your body. Our immune system recognizes it doesn't belong there. This triggers our immune system to begin producing antibodies and activating other immune cells to fight off what it thinks is an infection. At the end of the process, our bodies have learned how to protect us against future infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. The benefit is that we get this protection from a vaccine, without ever having to risk the serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19. Any temporary discomfort experienced after getting the vaccine is a natural part of the process and an indication that the vaccine is working.

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## Happy Birthday Monroe County Historical Society



Monroe County  
Historical Association

*100 years commencing in 1921 - 2021*

**Historical Recipe side by side with today's version : BEEF STROGANOFF**

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

I would like to introduce you to Count Pavel Aleksandrovich Stroganov, the 18th-century Russian noble who inspired the famous dish Stroganoff.



Photo credit: Wikipedia

Beef Stroganoff or Beef Stroganov (Russian: бѣфстроганов, tr. befstróganov) is a Russian dish of sautéed pieces of beef served in a sauce with smetana (sour cream). From its origins in mid-19th-century Russia, it has become popular around the world, with considerable variation from the original recipe.

There is much folk lore as to the origins of the dish, poor teeth & poor health, or urgency in retreat to safety are but a few that circulate even today. When visiting the Stroganov estate in St. Petersburg Russia one is told that the French Chef working for the family invented the dish – yet that chef worked for the family long after the count was dead, and 20 years after the recipe was first published in a Russian cookbook for young brides.

Since there are so many different versions of the current Beef Stroganoff, I am presenting only the original version with edits for the ease of cooking. Compare it to your favorite version of Beef Stroganoff – let the taste tests begin.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1 to 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 medium onion
- 1 1/2 pounds beef, sirloin or the best you can afford
- 1 pint sour cream
- Oil (not olive oil)
- Salt and pepper
- Beef broth, optional

**Method:**

1. Wash and drain mushrooms. Slice stems off flush with the cap, then cut stems into quarter-inch disks and slice caps into quarter-inch slices. Place the mushrooms in a lidded pan, add a half cup water, put the lid on and turn the heat on low. Cook about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. The mushrooms are done when they are firm but still plump. This can be done ahead of time, but do not discard the liquid.
2. Combine honey, mustard, and 2 tablespoons of hot water. Stir well and set aside.
3. Trim fat from the meat. Place trimmed fat in a skillet over low heat and let it render slowly.
4. While the fat is rendering, cut onion in half from root to stem, then slice into thin half-rings.
5. When the fat has rendered, discard the unmelted chunks. Increase the heat to medium and add onion slices to the skillet. You will probably need to add a bit of oil as well, just enough to keep the onions from sticking to the pan.

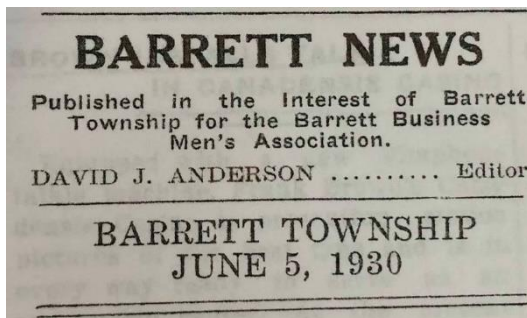
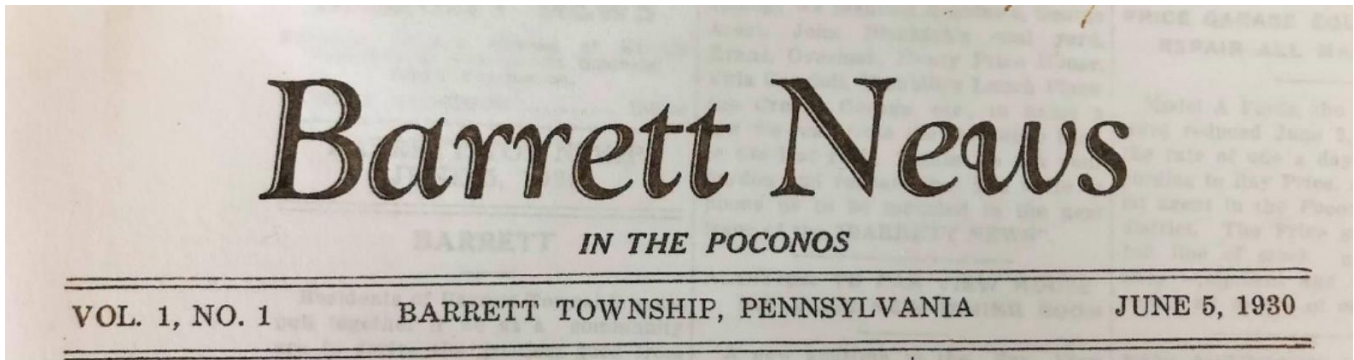
6. While the onions are cooking, slice the meat into very thin strips. Cut strips longer than 3" into shorter pieces.
7. Push the cooked onions to one side of the skillet, raise the heat to high, and add a bit more oil. Stir-fry the strips of meat until they are just cooked. This will only take a minute or so.
8. Turn off the heat. Add the broth from the cooked mushrooms (but not the mushrooms themselves) to the skillet. Add the honey-mustard mixture and stir to thoroughly combine. Put the lid on the skillet and let it season at room temperature for at least 15 minutes, but an hour is even better.
9. About 15-20 minutes before serving, begin reheating over medium heat. Add salt and pepper to taste. Five to 10 minutes before serving, stir in the mushrooms and the sour cream. Do not let the Stroganoff boil or you will lose the satiny, creamy texture that makes the dish special. If you would like a thinner sauce, add a bit of broth
10. Serve over your favorite starch, mashed potatoes (a la St. Petersburg), rice, noodles.
11. Serve with a side of Vodka straight from the freezer and toast Count Stroganov.



### 91 Years Ago, Barrett Township Published its first Newsletter

by Jacqueline Magann

Recently, while filing at the Library Research Center, I came across the first edition of the Barrett News. This newsletter was published in the interest of Barrett Township. Below are a few highlights from companies that are still in business today in one form or another.



Header on front page, and insert on second page indicating the editor and the interested parties for which the paper was primarily published.

The Pine Knob Inn is now a private home, although it operated as an Inn into the 1990, and later as a restaurant. ->

### STOCK COMPANY AND TALKIES AT SEIG'S MOUNTAINHOME

A new Movietone machine, with showings five nights a week beginning July 1 and a stock company presentation on Monday evenings will attract crowds to Charles F. Seig's Mountainhome Casino this summer. At present the talkies are exhibited Wednesday and Saturday nights only with the presentations of the Edinger-Cooke stock company on Monday evenings. This company presents unusually fine bills and has already gained the popular fancy much as it did last summer.

The soda parlour next to the Casino is fully equipped to handle the demands for soft drinks and ices on hot summer nights and the store carries a full line of groceries, hardware supplies, shoes, hats and caps and men's furnishings. A feature of the Gulf gas station operated by Mr. Seig is the recognition of the Gulf Courtesy card, whereby holders may charge their purchases of Gulf auto products.

### PINE KNOB MAKES MANY ALTERATIONS

A remodeled dining room and stairway, and the installation of private baths in the repainted and renovated guest rooms mark the opening of the Pine Knob Inn under the direction of Steffens and Wulber for the second season. A radio and a tennis court have been added to the recreational facilities available to the guests of this comfortable inn and cottage settlement.

Mick's Garage still stands, and operates as Mick's Motors. ↓

### MICK'S GARAGE EXHIBITS CHRYSLER "77" AND PLYMOUTH

Mick's Garage and auto agency is carrying a full line of stock car Plymouth and Chrysler models and is equipped to service all cars of these makes and furnish all parts. The Chrysler Seventy-Seven, which recently was reduced in price, is on display in the garage. The Mick's fleet of six taxi cabs will again serve travellers through Barrett.

Seig's has been a number of different businesses over the years, but currently is the Mountainhome Farmstand. While you cannot watch a movie, you can get beautiful fresh grown fruits and vegetables, and lovely potted plants. <-

### Thank You to Our Business Members

As we begin our 28th year as the Barrett Township Historical Society, we want to take time to express our gratitude to our Business Members who have annually supported our Society through dues and by allowing us to sell Calendars and notecards in their shops. Their support is greatly appreciated. We wish you continued success in your business and look forward to many happy years of mutual admiration.

#### Steeles Ace Hardware Store

Lori and Richard McMaster



Little Green Bookshop / Mary Ruvane

## Condolences to Our Members

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Condolences to the Joan (Jenney) Shafer, family and friends of Garry Shafer, who died April 21, 2021.

**G. Garrison “Garry” Shafer III**, 91, of Stroudsburg, died Wednesday morning April 21, 2021 at Lehigh Valley Hospice-Pocono in East Stroudsburg.

Garry was the loving husband of Joan (Jenney) Shafer with whom he shared thirty-six years of marriage.

Born in Stroudsburg, he was the son of the late Attorney George Shafer II and Viola (Comstock) Shafer.

Garry graduated from Stroudsburg High School, class of 1947, and Hobart College, Geneva, NY, class of 1951. He was employed by Continental Insurance Company, New York, as an Underwriter and later as a Special Agent. Upon returning to Stroudsburg he worked for Coleman Insurance as a Fire and Casualty agent and Stroudsburg Glass Company (later Pocono Hotel & Bar Supply) as President. He later worked at Stroud Ford as Rental Manager and Weichel Buick as Service Advisor.

Garry was also a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War serving as a Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps (C.I.C.).

He loved Stroudsburg and the Poconos with a passion and was a member of the Dutot Museum, Monroe County Historical Association, and Barrett Township Historical Society.

He will be dearly missed by his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Gregory Scott Shafer and wife Kathy of Lexington, KY, and George Garrison Shafer IV of Fort Pierce, FL; two grandchildren, Matthew Garrison Shafer (Leigh Beth) and Ali Shafer Grise (Alex); two great grandsons, Noah Shafer and Levi Grise; niece Jan Randolph, and sister-in-law Kay (Jimmy) Lennon. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria Randolph, a niece, Ann Bryan, a sister-in-law, Margaret E. Bruns and a brother-in-law, Russell J. Johnson. (as published in the Pocono Record)

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Editor's Note: Joan Shafer notified us about her husband's death and kindly reminded us about his donations that now reside in the Cresco Station Museum. Garry was proud of his Mountainhome Shafer ancestry and wanted to preserve some of the memorabilia for future generations. Thank you, Garry and Joan, for remembering BTHS.



## CRESCO ANNIE CHAPTER 16



Photo: Tim O'Malley, Member, O Gauge On-Line Forum.

Hi Everybody, Cresco Annie here. I told Mickey Miller and the other Station volunteers that I would include a report or update on the Station news in my diary entry. Nothing exciting has happened to me lately. No trips on the train, no visits with my good friend Phoebe Snow, haven't even seen John. There is a train that goes by almost every day with lumber for the yard across the track but it doesn't stop here at my Station. I don't know when

it's coming but some time, if I'm looking out my store window, I can see people up on the overpass with cameras, waiting to get that perfect train shot, similar to this one taken by Tim O'Malley in 2018. It does look neat to see the train coming around the bend or under the overpass. I do miss all the people coming to listen to the music, eat hot dogs and ice cream, check out the old cars in the parking lot, and especially tour the Museum and visit my store.

Oh, I did have a bit of excitement one Saturday a few weeks ago (June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021). A photography club arranged to visit and take pictures of the Station, the Research Center and surrounding area. There were 25 or 30 and they spent about 3 hours wandering around and taking pictures. It was very exciting and I felt like a magazine model with so many cameras pointed at me. Why, I even saw one lady lying on the floor, camera aimed at the ceiling in my store. She was very interested in my old fruit and vegetable cans. I am anxious to see the pictures from this visit. I was very flattered when I heard a lady saying she liked the way the store looked and the grocery store owner, that's me, was so pretty.

Let's see, what else? We have been open a few Sundays now and it's been so nice to see people. We had a young boy who was so interested in trains and was hoping a train would come past. He asked if any still came by because the rails were so rusty. We told him yes but we never know when, and, wouldn't you know, just as he was getting in the car, one came by. That was one excited youngster! He got to see the train. I think that really made his day.

Another Sunday a man and his daughter visited and spent a couple hours looking around. I heard him tell someone they were settling some family business in the area and would be returning to their home in another state in a few days. They also wanted to visit the Research Center to get some

ancestry information, which they did the next Tuesday before they left. It sure is wonderful that we can provide such interesting places for folks to visit and have so much to share with them.

I'm sorry I don't have any adventures to share with you. I haven't even had a chance to see John. I think he's still out in the little building waiting for a chance to visit across the parking lot. Maybe the next time the Station is open the door will be unlocked and we can hop on the train and take a trip to Hoboken or Scranton. That would be wonderful. I hear they may start to run a train to New York sometime soon. I would love to visit some of my old haunts in New York City. I wonder if the City has changed much since the last time I was there?

Oops, I have to get back to my store. Someone is coming and I can't be here at the old typewriter. Until next time, bye for now.

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.

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

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2021 Membership and Dues Information 2021

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_
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Regular Membership

Individual \$20.00
Family \$30.00
Business / Organization \$50.00

Sustaining Membership

Friend \$51 - \$99.00
Patron \$100.00 - \$249.00
Angel \$250.00 - \$499.00

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime \$500.00 and up

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# NEWS FLASH

Malinda Bender and Mary Price are the new co-chairs for the Program Committee.

The new program committee met and discussed programs which were quickly and decisively decided on for the remainder of the year beginning in September. Many still are to be confirmed but are tentatively on the schedule and will be held at the Friendly Community Center.

Confirmed:

September 17, 2021 @ 7 pm "The Murder of Theodore Brodhead" by John Abel

"Tentative" Programs for the remainder of 2021 are:

October 15, 2021 @ 7 pm Civil War Medicine (possible zoom program from the Mutter Museum),

November 12, 2021 @ 2 pm Greene-Dreher in the Great War and Book Signing by Bernadine Lennon (not confirmed),

December 17, 2021 @ 2 pm either a program or a Holiday Cookie Exchange with Christmas caroling.

Another program queued up is "The Fifty Things to Know About the Birds in PA" and Book Signing by Darryl and Jackie Speicher. Many other ideas for programs have been suggested, and we would love to hear from our many readers with your ideas. Now that COVID is dwindling down and we are free to meet, let's make this a GREAT year for the Barrett Township Historical Society!

Watch for Flyers at Lewis' Supermarket, or in the Post Office, or advertised in the Village View.

\*\* Please note that beginning in November, the programs will be held at 2 pm so that people will not need to drive in the dark. In April, the programs will return to the 7 pm timeslot. \*\*