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Oldest Woman in Barrett Township has Died age 99 yrs, 5 mos, 17 days: What can we Learn from her Life?

Lorraine Cecelia (Haines) Tomko was a pixie of woman, tiny but mighty. She entered and exited the world as the last living child of her parents, George W. and Susan Sechler Haines of Continental No. 2, PA (not far from Uniontown). Born January 29, 1922, she was their 7th child, and was preceded in death by all of her siblings.

Just three years ago, Karen Tetor noted in the Village View that Lorraine celebrated her 96th birthday following her yoga class at which the following points to long life were noted: Staying Active, Staying Healthy, and Volunteering. To each of these points Sonia White (niece), Janise Tomko Spindel (daughter), Fred Ruben (friend), Karen Tetor (yoga classmate), and myself (editor & friend) will add some commentary.

According to Janise, her mom has always been active, beginning before she knew her mother. Lorraine graduated from South Union High School and, not long after, accepted the proposal for marriage from John T. “Bob” Tomko. (continued page 6)

Photo: Supplied by the family of Lorraine Tomko

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Presidential Message

I am extremely happy to inform you all that over the summer the BTHS has been very busy. It seems odd to have to write about an organization like ours being active but then these are odd times. With the availability of vaccines against COVID-19 and early enthusiasm to protect ourselves, families and neighbors many of the public health protocols were relaxed allowing us to reopen. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers the Cresco Station Museum and the Library and Research Center have been maintaining regular hours of operations since May. Visitation at both locations has been growing. Thanks to the efforts of the program committee we held the first Friday evening program since COVID restrictions were established in the spring of 2020 on September 17, at the Friendly Community Center in Mountainhome. Plans are being worked on for a full blown celebration of the reopening of the Cresco Station Museum in 2022. All of this effort is being done by an incredible group of volunteers I am fortunate to know.

For the first time in BTHS history we took out a full page add in the Village View to announce that all of these wonderful things were back. The page included a survey that residents could cut out and return to let us know in what ways we may better serve the community. It was also an appeal for membership and volunteers. Believe me when I say the society is aging. We must find a way to attract younger members and volunteers to keep the BTHS and the work we do, sharing the passion we have for the place we live, a vibrant organization into the future. Please talk to your friends and neighbors about joining today.

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

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Corrections to the July 2021 Newsletter

Whoops, an omission, deletion, mistake – I received some comments about the historical recipe section – that I didn't include a modern version of stroganoff. There are so many versions of stroganoff, I thought people could choose their favorite version to compare to the historical one. I will not make that mistake again. If there is something that needs to be corrected, speak-up. Please e-mail me at mkreeves@ptd.com or give me call at (570) 350-8760 remember I am now located in California if you are calling.

NOTE that General Meetings and PROGRAMs change time from 7 pm to 2 pm beginning in November.
The 2022 Membership Drive is ON – **Renew your Membership prior to April 2022.**

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	Ellen Lewis (appointed)
Corresponding Secretary	Hannelore Gaupp
Treasurer	Stu Malin

Treasurer's Report

Stu Malin, Treasurer	
DATE:	09/25/21
Checking	\$2,617.33
Money Market	\$6,153.80
CD ESSA (2/15/23)	\$8,489.18
CD ESSA (11/21/21)	\$5,924.67
Total	\$23,184.98

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.

Oct 12
Nov 9
Dec 14
Jan 11, 2022

General Membership Meeting Dates

NOTE: Change in Time of Meetings
Venue: Friendly Community Center

Oct 15 at 7:00 pm
Nov 12 at 2:00 pm
Dec 17 at 2:00 pm
Jan 14 at 2:00 pm in 2022

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Committee Reports:**Cresco Station Museum**

Mickey Miller & 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 in November. The Winter schedule will begin in December when we will be open the 4th Sunday of the month from 1 pm – 4 pm until Spring.

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

Total income to date: \$5,456.67 which includes a \$2,000.00 grant from the Pocono Vacation Bureau
Total expenses to date: \$ 4,154.84.

Please note our financials on page 3. As previously noted, the CDs are encumbered and not a part of the operating budget.

Historian Jacqueline Magann

Nothing to report.

Hospitality Sharon Kuhns

Programs have begun again, for which we are delighted. We are seeking volunteers for hospitality for each of our monthly meetings. 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 will be open in October and November on:

Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm and Sundays from 1 pm – 4 pm.

The Winter schedule will begin in December. We will then be open on

Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm and only the 4th Sunday of the month from 1 pm – 4 pm until Spring

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

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.

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Membership Jackie Speicher

As of October 8, 2021 total membership stood at 96 members.

Welcome to our new members (names in bold) (as of September):

Amy Blitz

John Negri

David and Jennie Rogers

and thank you to all our renewing members:

Jean and Jim Bibber

Barbara Bittner

And a special welcome to our new Life Time Member

Susan McClure

Newsletter

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

This is the 5th edition of the Newsletter edited from sunny southern California. As you can imagine, there are hiccups in the arrangement. Are there any budding journalists with a flair for technology in our reading audience that would be interested in assuming the responsibility of Editor? If so, please reach out to me, or Jackie. Contact me by email to: mkreeves@ptd.net or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018

Deadline for submission to the January 2022 Newsletter is Dec 28th. Send by email to: 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 kickoff presentation of "The Murder of Theodore Brodhead" by John Abel was a big success. Everyone who attended enjoyed hearing about the process of writing his book of historical fiction as well as the story itself. He is an excellent speaker!

October's presentation is by zoom from The Mutter Museum in Philadelphia entitled, "Civil War Medicine". It is an overview of the role of medicine in the Civil War and a description of the impact on modern medicine. Examples include the invention of the ambulance and the development of specialty medicine. Come join us for an exciting look back in history.

November's presentation is "World War I: America's Civilian Army" by Bernadine Lennon. This presentation will show how militarily unprepared the United States was to declare war on Germany on April 6, 1917, and the role of civilian organizations in winning the war.

December's program: Come and join us for "An Old-Fashioned Christmas". Share your family traditions including games played, food eaten, and things you do to celebrate the season; stories from your childhood; special Christmases; and join in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols possibly accompanied by a harp. We are also working on a safe way to do a cookie exchange. Stay tuned for more information.!

January's program will be an "Old Movie Night". Movie to be announced.

Watch for our flyers around town and The Village View for more information on our upcoming programs.

*Don't forget that starting in November the time changes to 2 pm for our monthly programs.

Publicity Marie S. Guidry

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

Research - OPEN

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 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.

The Oldest Woman in Barrett Township Died July 16, 2021 (continued)

Contributed by Janise Tomko Spindel, Sonia White, Fred Ruben, Karen Tetor, and Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

She accompanied her husband as he served in the US Army during World War II, stationed stateside at military posts in Georgia and Texas until he was honorably discharged with the rank of 1st Sgt. (continued page 7)



Oldest Woman in Barrett

Photo: Aerial of Dry Cleaners submitted by Janise Tomko Spindel

At the end of WWII, Lorraine and her husband, along with her sister, Martha Bell, and Martha Bell's husband, Walter Melnikoff (parents to Sonia White past president of the BTHS), relocated to the Pocono Mountains. There they became owner/operators of Mountain Cleaners, the first full service dry cleaning, and fur storage facility in the area. Both Janise and Sonia grew up on the property as they had homes attached to the dry cleaners. They could see the work and

activities of their parents.

Following retirement and the closing of the dry cleaners Lorraine and Bob moved to Buck Hill Falls where Lorraine quickly became active **volunteering** with the Art Association. Fred Ruben remembers the first time he met Lorraine he was delivering items we were donating to Buck Hill Falls' annual up-scale flea market called "Gertie's Garrett". Lorraine was the driver behind the sale, she collected the items, helped to classify and identify the antiques, and then price the items. He was asked to call on Lorraine to see if he could help solve the problem of storage of items prior to the sale. When he arrived at Lorraine's house in Buck Hill Falls, it was packed with the antiques that would be sold later in the month at the annual sale – in the meantime, Lorraine could barely move about her home. He (Fred), Lorraine, and Janise put their heads together to determine who they could call to obtain storage space. In the end, Carl Weiler offered temporary space in his warehouse until the annual art show sale. From that time forward, Fred and Lorraine were fast friends.

According to Lorraine, as reported by Karen Tetor, staying **healthy** is an active commitment that includes a positive outlook, yoga, no tobacco, minimal or no alcohol, no daytime TV, stimulating your brain with a good book, and eating dark chocolate.

These activities certainly worked well for Lorraine, she was just 6 months and 13 days shy of her 100th birthday. Barrett Township has lost an amazing citizen, our oldest female nonagenarian.



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The Quilts of Valor

by Jacqueline Magann

The Barrett Township Historical Society will be hosting a display of Quilts of Valor in November 2021 on Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm and Sundays from 1 pm – 4 pm at the Society Library and Research Center, 145 Sand Spring Road, Cresco. There is no admission fee.

Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts began the Quilt of Valor Foundation in 2003 from her sewing room in Seaford, Delaware. Her son Nathanael's yearlong deployment to Iraq provided the initial inspiration and her desire to see returning warriors were welcomed home with love and gratitude provided the rest. Catherine hit upon the idea that linking quilt top makers with machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of awarding healing quilts to returning service men and women touched by war. These awarded quilts, called Quilts of Valor, serve as tangible reminders of appreciation and gratitude to service members.

As of August 28, 2021, there have been 280,883 quilts awarded.

A small group of quilters from our community have stitched quilt tops, machine quilted and awarded a Quilt of Valor to local recipients. These quilters include Jeannie Campbell, Ginger Fritz, Marie Guidry, Julie Mott, Debbie Van Kleef and Linda Vashlishan.

Quilts of Valor are done in the colors of red, white and blue. When each quilt is completed an identification patch is sewn to the back of the quilt.



Those in Barrett who are Quilts of Valor recipients include Steve Carrier, Neil Fritz (deceased), Richard Hendrickson (Army, Germany), Bruce Kilby, Frank Olsen (Army, aboard S.S. Stafford), Marty Price (Army, White House, Washington, D.C.), Donald Sack (Army, Vietnam), John Schriever

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Quilts of Valor (continued)

(Army, Germany), John Styk (Marines, Vietnam), and Daniel Vashlishan (Air Force, Vietnam), George Werkheiser. We thank them all for their service.

To learn more about the Quilt of Valor Foundation go to www.QOVF.org. For more information about the Quilt of Valor display at the Barrett Township Historical Society Library and Research Center in November 2021 please call Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233.

The Mountainhome Diner – 70 Years Old

By Jacqueline Magann

“Diners, as American as apple pie!, says Bea Locher in her 2002 column in the Village View, “Down Memory Lane”. She continues: “Diners were all the rage from the early 1920’s to the early 1970’s when fast food restaurants were coming into their own”.

Traditionally, diners were a community gathering place for companionship and conversation. The menu offered simple and satisfying home cooked meals for a moderate price. Diners were built to resemble a railroad dining car, in fact, some were actually converted dining cars. Manufactured dining cars were built in many different styles but they all had a basic common denominator, the very similar layout; marble counters separated in the center allowing easy access to the kitchen through swinging doors, swivel stools that were bolted to the floor, and a row of windows from one end to the other lined with booths each having its own wall mounted Juke Box.

Diners were extremely popular through the 40’s and 50’s, even in our own Barrett Township. It was in 1951 that the two DeLuca families, Phil and Ann and Dominic and Agnes with their son Benny, opened their diner in Mountainhome. A piece of land was purchased on Route 191 opposite the Mountainhome Methodist Church. A foundation was poured. A diner was purchased in the whole and then hauled in from New Jersey on a trailer and slid onto the foundation. Children watched from the parking lot of the Methodist Church. The diner was fully equipped and ready for business except for an air-conditioner which the DeLucas installed. Not only was the diner itself a first for Barrett but it was open 24 hours a day. Dominic would work the 8 am to 8 pm shift and Phil 8 pm to 8 am.



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Mountainhome Diner (continued)

In the front of the diner were booths, the counter and a short order grill where customers would watch their eggs, pancakes, burgers and more foods cooked. A wooden addition held the kitchen space, two public restrooms, a walk-in refrigerator and storage room with wooden shelving. A big juke box held all the records while small juke boxes were installed in every booth and on the counter. Originally, 5 cents would get you one selection or three for 10 cents.

SANDWICHES	
American Sausage On Hard Roll.....	\$2.65
American Cheese.....	\$2.15
Bacon And Egg.....	\$2.55
Bacon, Lettuce And Tomato.....	\$2.65
Bacon On Toast.....	\$2.35
Baked Virginia Ham.....	\$3.95
Cheeseburger.....	\$2.35
Cheeseburger Deluxe.....	\$3.65
Cheeseburger With Lettuce, Tomato, Onions.....	\$2.75
Cheese Steak With Fried Onions & Tomato Sauce.....	\$4.15
Chicken Filet.....	\$2.95
Chicken Parmesan On A Hoagie Roll.....	\$3.95
Chicken Salad.....	\$2.75
Egg Salad.....	\$2.25
Fried Egg.....	\$1.75
Fried Fish On Bun.....	\$3.05
Fried Ham.....	\$2.35
Grilled Cheese.....	\$2.15
Grilled Cheese And Bacon.....	\$2.85
Grilled Chicken On A Hard Roll.....	\$3.65
Grilled Ham And Cheese.....	\$2.85
Grilled Swiss Cheese.....	\$2.25
Gyro Sandwich.....	\$3.15
Ham.....	\$2.35
Ham And Cheese.....	\$2.85
Ham And Egg.....	\$2.35
Hamburger.....	\$2.15
Hamburger Deluxe With Lettuce, Tomato And French Fries.....	\$3.45
Hamburger With Lettuce, Tomato And Onions.....	\$2.55
Hot Corned Beef On Rye.....	\$3.95
Hot Dog.....	\$1.55
Hot Pastrami On Rye.....	\$3.95
Italian Sausage On Hard Roll.....	\$2.65
Lettuce And Tomato.....	\$1.75
Liverwurst.....	\$2.45
Meatballs On Hard Roll.....	\$2.55
Meat Loaf.....	\$2.55
Pork Roll On Hard Roll.....	\$2.05
Reuben Sandwich.....	\$4.15
Roast Beef.....	\$4.05
Roast Pork.....	\$3.95
Roast Turkey.....	\$3.95
Salami.....	\$3.95
Steak Sandwich With Fried Onions And Tomato Sauce.....	\$3.95
Swiss Cheese.....	\$2.25
Tuna Fish Salad.....	\$2.95
Veal Parmesan On Hard Roll.....	\$3.95
Western Egg.....	\$2.75

Tractor trailers would use Route 191 to drive to New York City before Routes 80 and 84 were built. The diner was busy at night serving those drivers. Even back then in this usually quiet neighborhood those late-night hours became a challenge. Barrett had no police force then; so, if a problem should arise, people had to rely on the State Police, and it took a while, putting it mildly, for them to respond when called. Sam Everett, Sr., who was Sheriff at the time, and Tom Sommers, a security guard at Buck Hill, would stop in from time to time to check on things and to make their presence known.

A Pocono Record article from 1956 reported: "Regional police today are seeking a pair of young thugs responsible for three armed robberies during the night in Monroe County. The stick-ups netted the bandits a total of \$225. Their largest haul was made about 3 am at Dom and Phil's diner in Mountainhome where they obtained about \$165 from the cash register."

Phil DeLuca recalls that he and Madelyn Nolan, a waitress from Newfoundland, were

on duty at the time. Two bandits about age 17 and age 20 entered the diner. Both had their faces masked with red handkerchiefs and wore light colored caps. One of the masked men pointed a gun at Phil and said, "It's a hold-up". Phil laughed at him. "I thought it was my friend Mike Landi playing a joke on me". Leaning over the counter DeLuca said he started to pull the mask from the bandit's face but the latter jammed the gun into his ribs and ordered him to "back away". The gunman covered DeLuca while his companion ordered the waitress to turn over the money in the cash register. The bandits left in a get-away car. They were apprehended and served jail sentences.

Mountainhome Diner (continued)

The \$165 stolen was hard earned. A sampling of the sandwich menu shows that the highest priced sandwich was a Reuben or Cheese Steak at \$4.15. The lowest was a Fried Egg sandwich at \$1.75 or a Hot Dog at \$1.55.

Phil DeLuca died in 1957. Benjamin DeLuca then became a partner with his dad Dominic who retired to Scranton in 1964.

Stanley Bender and his wife Hilda then bought the diner. They, along with their son Claire and daughter Joyce (Powell), were owners until 1975.

Following the Benders were Sam Hateakes and Sam Rallis. The next owners were George Kehagias and Andy Gaitanos who bought the diner in 1986. Andy's twin daughters, Anna and Athena, were college students and helped whenever possible.

Sometime during these years, a dining room was added to the side, the interior was renovated eliminating the short order grill, and the exterior was replaced – a major overhaul that changed the entire image.

Jimmy and Voula became the next owners. Today the diner is owned by the Abdullataitif family.

Rich DeLuca, Phil's son, told me he began in the diner as a dishwasher and did many other jobs. He remembers being "head" donut maker. Rich said the donuts sold out as fast and he could make them.

The phone booth in the rear parking lot was one of the last to be removed from Barrett.

Rich remembers when the soft ice cream stand was built in 1956. He, as a skinny kid, put on weight!

After 70 years the diner continues to serve the community and tourists as does the soft ice cream stand, both a landmark in Mountainhome.

♪♪ "Dinner at the diner; nothing could be finer" ♪♪

Sources: Cindy and Rich DeLuca,
Lauren DeLuca Luke (daughter of Phil DeLuca)
Village View article, June 2002, by Bea Locher
Pocono Record

CCC Day at Promised Land, a Big Hit for BTHS

By Darryl Speicher

On Saturday, August 14, Darryl and Jackie Speicher manned the Barrett Township Historical Society's table at Promised Land State Park's annual Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Day. The CCC was one of the first federal programs under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, designed to get young men back to work during the Great Depression. The CCC was in operation from 1933 to our nation's entry into WW II. They built parks and infrastructure and planted trees.

The Citizen's Conservation Corps is responsible for doing much of the work that we enjoy today as State Park and State Forest land. Promised Land State Park holds an annual event celebrating the history of the CCC and honoring the "boys" of the local CCC camp that built much of the park as it is today. The Barrett Township Historical Society has participated in the past by hosting a booth where participants of the CCC Day celebration can learn more about the communities surrounding Promised Land.

This year the BTHS was a bevy of activity. Jackie got out her stitching horse and demonstrated how a leather worker hand stitches leather. She put out the tools and tack necessary to do the job correctly. The demonstration drew the attention of adults in the crowd, who had very interesting questions about the work she was doing. For the kids we provided hands on crafts they could make paper pinwheels and threaded friendship bracelets. Naturally with all of the activity going on the Speicher's were able to disseminate information about the work the BTHS does keeping history alive in the region.

BTHS participation at events like this are extremely important for many reasons. It keeps the work we do in front of the public, generates interest in visiting the Cresco Station Museum and the Library and Research Center and it provides a wonderful opportunity for BTHS to mingle with other like-minded organizations. Darryl and Jackie got to meet the folks from the Green Dreher Historical Society, Promised Land State Park and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Upper Delaware National Scenic River. In all CCC Days at Promised Land was a fantastic Day for the BTHS.



The COVID-19 Vaccine Booster, what you need to know.

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus may decrease over time and be less able to protect against the Delta variant. Although COVID-19 vaccination for adults aged 65 years and older remains effective in preventing severe disease, recent data (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>) suggest vaccination is less effective at preventing infection or milder illness with symptoms. Emerging evidence also shows that among healthcare and other frontline workers, vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infections is decreasing over time. This lower effectiveness is likely due to the combination of decreasing protection as time passes since getting vaccinated (e.g., waning immunity) as well as the greater infectiousness of the Delta variant.

Who can get the booster?

As of October 4, 2021 the following individuals are eligible for the booster (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J):

- People aged 65 years and older and adults 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions.
- Long-term care setting residents aged 18 years and older
- People with medical conditions aged 18-49 years
- Employees and residents at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission
- Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers as previously detailed by the CDC
 - First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
 - Food and agriculture workers
 - Manufacturing workers
 - Corrections workers
 - U.S. Postal Service workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers

What is different about the J&J booster?

For individuals who received either the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccine, it is recommended to wait 8 months post second dose prior to receiving the booster. For the J&J vaccine, the recipients only need to wait two months after their single dose to get their booster.

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.

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HAIKU (inspired by Japanese Poetry)
Gertrud Raemisch-Schumm

Short non-rhyming poem
17 syllables, 3 rows
5 – 7 – 5

Slowly the night fades.
Mists are lifting to reveal
another new day.

Blue sky and sunshine.
Heavenly summer morning.
Brilliant colors glow.

I was awakened
by a live concert today
from my feathered friends.

I see a faint light.
Sun is opening one eye
to tell: "Night has gone."

Who is walking there?
a solitary turkey.
"Do you have no friends?"

A fly is sunning
itself on the wall outside.
What a simple life.

But would I like it?
"No" is my simple answer.
Is there a reason?

Yes, my time on earth
is filled with so many thoughts.
The days are too short.

Yet, does a fly think?
Who can answer that question?
Science does not know.

Yes, go and see it:
The small fly still suns itself
on the wall outside.

Historical Recipe side by side with today's version : Squash Pie

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

It's that time of year when pumpkins and squash are plentiful, and one begins to think about Pumpkin Pie or squash pie for the Thanksgiving table.

Pumpkin Pie Origins

Although pumpkins are native to North America, and the Indians introduced them to settlers to what is now Canada and the US, the name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for large melon: "pepon." The French changed "pepon" to "pompon" when they were exported to France and introduced there. The English termed it "pumpion" or "pompion." Pumpkin or large melon.

1621 –

Early American settlers of the Plimoth (Plymouth) Colony in southern New England (1620-1692), may have made pumpkin pies, of sorts, without crusts, perhaps pumpkin custard or pudding. They *stewed pumpkins or filled a hollowed out pumpkin shell with milk, honey and spices, and then baked it in hot ashes.*

Northeastern Native American tribes grew squash and pumpkins. The Native Americans brought pumpkins as gifts to the first settlers, and taught them the many uses for pumpkin. This led to serving pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving in America about 50 years later.

1651 –

Francois Pierre la Varenne was a famous French chef and author of one of the most important French cookbooks of the 17th century, *Le Vrai Cuisinier Francois* (The True French Cook). It was translated and published in England as *The French Cook* in 1653. This cookbook contained a recipe for "Tourte of Pepon (Pumpkin)" that featured a pastry shell:

Tourte of Pumpkin – Boile it with good milk, pass it through a straining pan very thick, and mix it with sugar, butter, a little salt and if you will, a few stamped almonds; let all be very thin. Put it in your sheet of paste; bake it. After it is baked, besprinkle it with sugar and serve.

1670s –

By the 1670s, recipes for "pumpion pie" began to appear in English cookbooks. The pumpkin pie recipes started to sound more familiar, including spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Often the recipes added apples, raisins or currants to the filling.

1796 –

It was not until 1796 that a truly American cookbook called *American Cookery*, by an American Orphan by Amelia Simmons, was published. It was the first American cookbook written and published here, and the first with recipes for foods native to America. Simmons' pumpkin puddings were baked in a crust and similar to present-day pumpkin pies.

2010 –

The world's largest pumpkin pie was made on Sept. 25, 2010, in New Bremen, Ohio, at the New Bremen Pumpkinfest. The pie consisted of 1,212 pounds of canned pumpkin (Libby's), 109 gallons of evaporated milk, 2,796 eggs, 7 pounds of salt, 14.5 pounds of cinnamon, and 525 pounds of sugar. The final pie weighed 3,699 pounds and measured 20 feet in diameter. That's quite a feat of pumpkin pie baking!

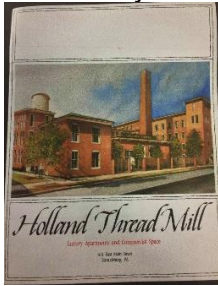


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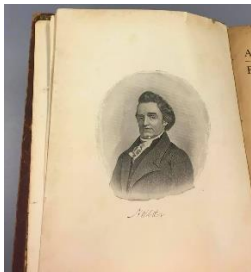
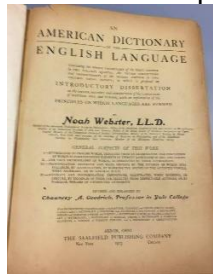


Recent Society Acquisitions

As enumerated by Jacqueline Magann

We would like to thank the donors of many of the new articles recently donated to either the LRC or the Station Museum. We feel it is important to the membership to itemize these items, acknowledge the donors and detail the location of the newly received item. This will be a new feature in the Newsletter going forward. Some additional things have been received that will be listed in the next newsletter.

Item	Donor	Location
Barrett Township Sesquicentennial Scrapbook: A memorable scrapbook of the events of the Barrett Township Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2009 produced and donated by Madeleine Forssell. It is a great addition to the Library Research Center for posterity.	Madeleine Forssell	LRC Available for public review – come see the lovely scrapbook.
Memorabilia of Spruce Mountain House	Sally Price Gomez	LRC Available for research
Materials from the Doctor Tattersall Building	Rick Scudato	Being Inventoried
Bell by American Bell Company, New York, used at the former Holland Thread Mill, Stroudsburg, PA	The LeRoy Shoemsmith Family 	Donated to the Monroe County Historical Association as the bell belongs in Stroudsburg. 
Sessions pendulum spring movement wall clock belonging to Elsie Bernice Deubler Starner (Marie's grandmother). Note: additional info about the clock below.	Marie Starner Guidry	LRC On display. 

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<p>Book: <u>An American Dictionary of the English Language</u> by Noah Webster, 1903</p>	<p>James and Maureen Siglin</p> 	<p>LRC In archival preservation, may be seen on request</p> 
<p>Chalk writing slate belonging to Beulah Bender Siglin, born in 1871, used as a student at the Krummel Hill One Room School House. (Jim's great grandmother)</p> <p>Photo of School and Slate</p>	<p>James Siglin</p> 	<p>LRC On display in the school corner</p> 
<p>Utt – Shaller Genealogy authored by Carole and Mike Sheppard</p>	<p>John Styk</p>	<p>LRC In family history section as a reference tool.</p>
<p>School memorabilia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Price's Diploma from Barrett Township HS at Canadensis, June 15, 1923 (signed by George W. Bush school Principal) (Mary Price was Mary Wicks mother) • Souvenir booklet about the close of the school year (no date) belonging to Lilian Price • Illustrated booklets of "Best Wishes of your teachers" x 2 from the Barret School district one room school house Mountainhome, all grade level (38 students), from the term Sept 10, 1906 – April 1907. Teacher Helen Robacker. 	<p>Mary Wicks</p>	<p>LRC On display in the school corner</p>

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Recent Society Acquisitions (continued)

Sessions “Kitchenklock” Wall Clock donation from Marie Starner Guidry:

According to Kendrick Bisset the “Kitchenklock” made by the Sessions Company from around 1902 until 1935 is a mechanical clock (wind-up). This clock has an eight day movement; that is, it will run for eight days on one winding. It is time only, without chime or strike.

The clock was donated by Marie Starner Guidry. It had belonged to Marie’s grandmother, Elsie Bernice Deubler Starner. Elsie was a teacher in several of the One Room School Houses in Barrett Township. At whichever One Room School House she was assigned she took the clock with her. The Monroe County Teacher’s Book lists Elsie at the Coveville One Room School House 1915-1916.

Elsie was the wife of Floyd E. Starner and mother to Gordon V., Marion B., John D. and Charles E. Starner. Elsie was born in 1896 and died in 1942 at age 46.

Time to say Good-Bye to the Bissetts

By Jacqueline Magann

It is never a good time to say good-bye. However, we shall be doing just that as the Bissetts prepare to sell and move to Illinois, Donna’s homestead, to be with Donna’s mom.



Kendrick’s family has owned the house on Spruce Cabin Road for many years. He came here as a child to vacation and splash in the creek. Donna and Kendrick spent their honeymoon at the cottage and made plans even then to retire to Mountainhome, and they did.

Donna and Kendrick joined the Barrett Township Historical Society before they moved here and visited the Cresco Station Museum on vacations. They have been living here about eleven years.

How do we begin to put on paper all the times the Bissetts have volunteered unselfishly over the years and then how does one say “thank you?” Both Donna and Kendrick have enriched the Society in his or her own way.

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Kendrick, with his knowledge of everything trains and his enthusiasm and pleasure to share was exemplified when he set up train displays at the Cresco Station Museum events. He loved to tell the story of trains, the Cresco Railroad Station, Phoebe Snow and the '55 flood effect on the rails. People listen, especially children. Kendrick has given programs at other societies in the area.

Kendrick and Joanne Seese have worked together to produce the Society calendars. Those calendars have been published since 2013. Thanks to Kendrick the calendars are well indexed and documented, an important reference tool. Kendrick has spent many hours at the large table in the L.R.C. identifying and cataloging the Society's Map and Drawings collection. Some feat!

He has served as chairman of the Information Systems, purchasing and setting up the complete Wi-Fi system, phone and printers while teaching the rest of us how to change printer ink and such. Kendrick is a man who can whip out his laptop in a wink to find an answer for you when a question arises. He worked with Jim Berger and the Research Committee to produce the '55 flood sign in front of the L.R.C. Kendrick is a ladder man, helping to hang clocks and the soda fountain sign and adjust blinds. He has also provided a tool kit for L.R.C. needs.

Donna is unstoppable too! She has served as Society President and Recording Secretary. She has worked with Jim Berger to update the Policies and Procedure Manual and made sure each Executive Committee and Board of Directors member got a copy.

Donna has hand quilted a quilt of her design and donated it to the Society as a raffle prize. She has represented the Society at many venues, particularly at Northampton Community College with her trusty "pull-along" on wheels to get from the parking lot.

Donna has kept her e-mailing busy with reminders – reminders – reminders so all are on time, at the right place and on the right day for Society doings. If one had a question, the answer was "call Donna".

Both Donna and Kendrick have served on the Cresco Station Museum Committee and the Library Research Committee. Both have contributed articles for the Newsletter. Both have agreed to house bricks from the demolished Barrett Consolidated School to be sold as a fund raiser for the Society. They have been known to don orange vests and put out orange cones to act as crossing guards at the crosswalk between the Museum and the L.R.C. on busy "event" days at the Museum.

Last, but not least, they have been at the L.R.C. awaiting an office furniture delivery truck; and, when it arrives, they help haul boxes of unassembled office furniture indoors. They unpack and assemble the lot by themselves. Amazing! Then, they collect all that cardboard and lug it to recycling.

On Program nights at the Friendly Community Center, they arrive early to unlock and make sure the electronic equipment is set up for the speaker.

Donna and Kendrick have supported the Society financially with generosity.

We are forever grateful for all they have done for the Society. We wish them a healthy and blessed future in their new environment. They shall be missed.

Condolences to Our Members

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Condolences to past president Sonia White on the death of her Aunt Lorraine C. Tomko, who died July 16, 2021.

Lorraine C. Tomko January 29, 1922 - July 16, 2021

Mrs. Lorraine C. Tomko, one of the oldest residents of Buck Hill Falls, PA, passed peacefully on July 16, 2021 at The Hill at Whitemarsh in Lafayette Hill, PA.

Mrs. Tomko celebrated her 99th birthday on January 29th. She was born in 1922 at her family home in the town of Continental No. 2, PA, not far from Uniontown. She was the youngest daughter of George W. and Susan Sechler Haines.

Mrs. Tomko graduated from South Union High School and, not long after, accepted the proposal for marriage from John T. Tomko. She accompanied her husband as he served in the US Army during World War II, stationed stateside at military posts in Georgia and Texas until he was honorably discharged with the rank of 1st Sgt.

At the end of WWII, Lorraine and her husband, along with her sister, Martha Bell, and Martha Bell's husband, Walter Melnikoff, relocated to the Pocono Mountains. There they became owner/operators of Mountain Cleaners, the first full service dry cleaning, and fur storage facility in the area.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, John, and their youngest daughter, Robyn, as well as brothers Charles, Oscar, Thomas, Russell and Kenneth, and sister, Martha Bell. Lorraine is survived by her daughter, Janise R. Tomko, and her daughter's husband, David J. Spindel, both of Philadelphia, PA, and by her niece, Sonia M. White, of Canadensis, PA. She is also survived by cousins, nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New Jersey.

(as published in the Pocono Record, July 20, 2021)

Editor's Note: Sonia White was the president of the BTHS from 2011 to 2012.

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The BTHS Remembers those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 and solemnly gives tribute to their memory on the 20th anniversary of 9/11



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CRESCO ANNIE CHAPTER 17

One Sunday night, a few weeks ago, after the Station closed, I decided to fix myself a cup of tea. It took a while to get a fire started in the old black stove in the Stationmasters room. For some reason the smoke wouldn't go up the chimney but finally I got it going and soon had a nice kettle of water boiling. I found the tea cups and tea bags in my store and set about to make my tea. I asked my daughter and granddaughter if they wanted a cup but they were busy in the waiting room playing with the old doll house so they said maybe later. I had just poured my first cup when I thought I heard a soft knock at the door. It wasn't at the usual door, the one to my store, so I was a bit alarmed by it at not sure whether I should answer. But I heard it again and someone was calling my name, so I unlocked it, pushed it open, stepped back, and, and there stood my John, looking like he had just gotten off the train. (Odd, I had not heard the train whistle or the bell, I guess I was too busy getting the fire started in the old stove.) I won't go into detail about greeting John or what we had to say to each other. Somethings are for private times. It's enough to say we were very glad to see each other. "

After our greeting, John suggested, since it was a full moon and warm night, and that he had some spare time we might take a walk down along the tracks. That sounded like a wonderful idea and I told the others we were going out for awhile, to keep the door closed and listen for my knock to get back in. They giggled, rolled their eyes at us, and agreed.

John was right, it was a beautiful summer night, crickets chirping, an old frog croaking over in the pond, "chug-a-rum, chug-a-rum" and I think I heard a hoot owl calling to some friends, We wandered down the path toward the big curve, chatting quietly, and enjoying each other's company'

Suddenly, John stopped, looked around, and quietly said, "Did you hear that?' I listened and said "I think there is someone coming through the woods". I shivered, and held John's hand tighter. Whomever it was, was coming closer and John and I stepped in the woods by the track and tried to not make noise. I was afraid whomever was coming would discover me out of the Station and John didn't belong here. We quietly waited; John picked up a big stick to be ready for whatever came. Suddenly it got very dark and the moon went behind a cloud. There were more coming and we were ready to run when we heard a gruff growl and out came Momma Bear and her two cubs. They didn't pay any attention to us and just moseyed on down the path. They were also out for a stroll in the moonlight. We waited until we were sure they were gone down around the bend and we decided it was time to head back to the safety of our Station.

Just as we got back to the Station John said, I think I hear a train coming. And low and behold, the old steam engine came down the track, heading toward Hoboken. The engineer motioned toward John and said "This is your ride; you'd better hop on now". We only had time for a quick hand

squeeze and John was gone. (I'm so happy I have hands to squeeze. I know I promised to tell you all about my hands, and I will, the next time I write in my diary. It's an interesting story.)

I went inside, and found my now cold cup of tea. I decided not to relight the fire. It had been too hard getting it started in the first place and I didn't want to have to call the fire department. They would not have understood a fire in that old stove. My family was waiting for me and by the time I told them about Momma Bear and her little ones the sun was coming up and we had to get back to our places in case someone came in to sweep up or check for cobwebs. They do that sometimes. Next time I will tell you all about my hand mystery.

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's Fall and the start of our annual membership drive. Now that we have resumed our programs, we hope that everyone will be able to get out and support the Historical Society by attending a general meeting, enjoying a program, or visiting the Cresco station museum or doing research in the Library Research Center. As we initiate our 2022 membership drive, we ask that all members, past and present, to please rejoin the society for the strength and preservation of the society, while you are at it, consider volunteering.

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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Membership and Dues Information – 2022

Last Name(s) _____ First Name(s) _____ & _____

Family Members on membership: _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ New ____ Renewal ____

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Regular membership

- Individual \$20
Family \$30
Business/Organization \$50

Sustaining membership

- Friend \$51 - 99
Patron \$100-249
Angel \$250 - 499

Lifetime membership

- Lifetime \$500 & up

Additional donation \$ _____ enclosed

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Committee member: education, hospitality, research, newsletter, collections
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