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The Trains Are Coming!

The Barrett Township Historical Society will welcome the Steamtown trains twice this summer.

Plan to visit the trains on July 31st and August 28th. Expect more details to be announced during the monthly meetings or in flyers.

If you want to ride the train, get your tickets on-line at:

<https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10088803>

Or stop by the Cresco Station Museum on Sunday

afternoon and learn more. You can also visit us at : www.barrethistorical.org . Come visit us and learn about Barrett's history.

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

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Presidential Message

Time to Celebrate Barrett Townships History

As the winter progressed and the pandemic waned the Executive committee has been busy. The monthly program meetings at the Friendly Community Center have resumed thanks to the efforts of the Program Committee co-chaired by Melinda Bender and Mary Price, along with Marie Guidry who produces the wonderful flyers advertising them. Our space at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library once again has changing exhibits thanks to the efforts of Ellen Davis. Jackie Magann and Joanne Seese continue to archive the materials in our collection and make them available at the LRC on Tuesdays 10 am to 2 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm. The Cresco Station Museum is also open to the public on Sundays from 1 – 4 pm thanks to Mickey Miller who ensures enough volunteers are on hand to greet the visitors and answer their questions. This isn't all we've been doing; we have a full summer of fun in the works.

On Sunday, May 29, from 1 – 4 pm, the Barrett Township Historical Society is holding a party to celebrate the reopening of the Cresco Station Museum. We have an exciting afternoon of events planned for the day highlighting the Cresco Train Station Through the Years. The Lexington Band will be on hand playing tunes that span generations. There will be guest appearances by a wandering puppeteer, Phoebe Snow and Smokey the Bear. The Station Museum and the Library and Research Center will be open inviting everyone to take a look at the incredible treasures in the society's collection. Augmenting the day's exhibits will be antique cars and crafters demonstrating their artistry. In addition to the open exhibits and all-day activities there will two cake walks, the first at 1:30 and the second at 3:30. A popcorn trolley and homemade ice cream will be free to all comers and a food vendor will be offering up all American fare. At 3 pm, we will take time to rededicate the Museum and recognition of Karl Weiler, and the Weiler Family Foundation, for their efforts to restore the Cresco Station and the old Cresco Post Office to once again hold a prominent place in our community.

This will be an "all hands-on deck" undertaking. We are looking for volunteers to make the event is one to remember. We will need help with all aspects of running an event of this magnitude' set up and clean up, traffic control and parking, manning the museum and the LRC, greeting visitors and patrolling the grounds to make sure that things stay as clean as possible. But that's not all – if you like to bake, we need your help. Put on your aprons and bake your favorite cake so we can give it away to lucky participants in the cake walks.

The big celebration isn't all we have planned there's more, much more. In June and July there will be a special exhibit in the LRC of wedding gowns through the twentieth Century. There will be train excursions visiting from Steamtown in July and August. Also, in August the LRC will have an exhibit remembering the worst natural disaster in Barrett Township's history the Flood of '55. With all of this going on we will continue to hold the program meetings every third Friday of the month.

Yes, the BTHS has big summer plans. We hope you can find the time to join us for these exciting events. If you would like to bake a cake or volunteer to assist us with making these events run smoothly, please call BTHS at 570-481-4622 or send us an email at stationmuseum@gmail.com.

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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2022 Board of Directors

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Treasurer's Report

Stu Malin, Treasurer

DATE:	04/16/22
Checking	\$1,735.55
Money Market	\$4,162.70
CD ESSA (2/15/23)	\$8,489.18
Investment	\$42,000.00
CD ESSA (11/21/21)	\$5,924.67
Total	\$63,312.10

2022 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	Open
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.
 Apr 12, 2022
 May 10
 June 14
 July 12

General Membership Meeting Dates

NOTE: Change in Time of Meetings
 Venue: Friendly Community Center
 Apr 22 at 7:00 pm in 2022
 May 13 at 7:00 pm
 June 17 at 7:00 pm
 July 15 at 7:00 pm

Committee Reports:**Cresco Station Museum** Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum is on winter schedule: We are open the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1 pm – 4 pm until June. Beginning in June the museum will be open every Sunday from 1 pm – 4 pm through the summer.

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

For the current year, Our Total Income to date is \$ 1,171.00.

Our Total Expenses to date are \$ 327.00.

Please note our financials on page 3.

Historian Jacqueline Magann

Nothing to report.

Hospitality Sharon Kuhns

Programs have begun again, for which we are delighted. However, due to COVID, we are not currently serving refreshments.

Information Systems OPEN

Nothing to report.

Library Research Center Jacqueline Magann

It has been a winter of many workday cancellations because of bad weather; but the spring welcome wreath is on the front door and we are ready to greet all of you. We continue to go through boxes, do inventory (see our inventory list on page 21) and find a place for items. June and early July will be a wedding gown display. The month of August will be devoted to the flood of '55. We still need volunteers; please consider it! Call Joanne at 570-460-9279 or Jackie at 570-595-9233 or 570-994-3880 or leave a message at the Library and Research Center at 570-481-4622.

Membership Jackie Speicher

The 2022 membership drive is on. Please see the membership form at the back of the newsletter and return it as soon as possible.

Newsletter

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

Calling all budding technology experts, wanna-be editors, and journalists. Step-up, step-up – this is your opportunity to take on the editorship of the Newsletter. This is the 7th edition of the Newsletter edited from sunny southern California. As you can imagine, there are hiccups in the arrangement. If

you are interested in helping out, please reach out to me, Darryl Speicher, or Jackie Magann. Contact me by email to: mkreeves@ptd.net or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018

Deadline for submission to the July 2022 Newsletter is June 26th. Send by email to: mkreeves@ptd.net or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

Oral Tradition OPEN Chair is Needed

Programs Mary Price & Malinda Bender

All programs are held at the Barrett Friendly Community Center on the dates and times indicated below:

April 22, 2022: “50 Things to Know About Birds in Pennsylvania” (with book signing) by Darryl and Jackie Speicher. Have a question about birds. This is the place to find out!

The program for the April membership meeting will highlight the birding adventures of Mountainhome residents Darryl and Jackie Speicher. Everything about their lives together has been intertwined with birds. They met at the Audubon Naturalist Society in Chevy Chase, MD. Darryl was the property manager when Jackie arrived as an education intern in 1987. They married in 1990 and moved to Seekonk, MA in 1992 when Darryl took a job with the Audubon Society of Rhode Island as manager of the Caratunk Wildlife Refuge. After the birth of their sons Jordan and Jacob they took off on a two-year tour of North America living in a tent and studying birds. Eventually they returned to Darryl’s childhood home and settled down. In 2000 they established the Pocono Avian Research Center in order to learn more about the birds of PA. In 2021 they coauthored a book titled “50 Things to Know About the Birds of PA”. On April 22 at 7 pm they will present an illustrated slide show of their work, some of which has been chronicled in their book. They will have copies of the book for sale and will be happy to sign them before and after the program.

May 20, 2022: “A Legacy of Stitches – Quilt Documentation”. The program will give the background of quilt documentation locally. A number of quilts through the ages will be shown. The records of each documented quilt is stored at the Monroe County Historical Association, Stroudsburg, PA.

June 17, 2022: “The Sommers’ Tradition Carried On”. A picture presentation of the activities at the Herm and Rhoda Sommers Homestead, now the residence of Sharon Rose and Dale Price. Herm Sommers was the uncle of Dale Price and the brother of Velma Sommers Price.

July 15, 2022: “Introduction to Beekeeping “

August 19, 2022: Flood of ‘55

February’s program “Stories from the Past” featured guest speakers Sharon Rose, George

Traugh and Mickey Miller. Sharon has written down many of Dale's stories and picked out some terrific stories to share from his "younger years". I can't wait to hear more of them. Hopefully, someday we will see them in print. George told some stories from his days working at Buck Hill and also stories from his days working at Theo. B. Price Lumbar Company. If you get the chance, ask him about Mickey and the "straw pile" or the story about Maryann and the piano. For those who didn't know how Mickey came to this area from Waverly, his father had met Mrs. Williams of William's Drug Store who was looking for summer help. His dad thought it would be a good job for Mickey, so he worked two summers at the drug store before going off to college in Syracuse. Mrs. Williams introduced Mickey to Maryann who was also going to the same college, and we all know where that story went. Everyone had a great time with much laughter. Many thanks to our storytellers. They did a fantastic job!

Our program for March was "A Peek Into The Archives" presented by Jacqueline Magann. Many articles from the BTHS were displayed including a copy of Life Magazine from April 17, 1964, featuring a "Tribute to General Douglas McArthur". The cost was 25 cents. There were copies of The Pocono Record from 1884 and the 1984 centennial edition as well as a 1908 Sears catalog. A copy of the May 1910 Agricultural Almanac had a note written on the front "He plowed the garden on April 5 and saw Haley's comet on May 10". There were many other treasures displayed including the high button shoes made of Lynx leather with the wooden shoe pegs dated 1860. Best of all, was a copy of the "Album of Days" given to Alonzo H. Price, Christmas 1888, which Jackie gave her presentation on. It is absolutely amazing all the information she was able to find about Alonzo's life!

As we are always open to suggestions for upcoming programs we would be delighted if you could contact me: Malinda Bender @ 570-595-3222.

Come and join in the fun!

*Don't forget that starting in April the time changes to 7 pm for our monthly programs.

Publicity Marie S. Guidry

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Research - OPEN

Ways & Means Committee

A new ways & means committee will need to be formed due to the majority of the current membership moving across state, or out of state. If you would like to volunteer for this important role, please contact Darryl Speicher.

The Cresco Station Museum Celebration

A Celebration of Cresco Station Through the Years – May 29, 2022

For nearly a century the train station in Cresco was the hub of community life for residents in Barrett Township. Built in the 1880s it was the community's access to the world beyond. What was once a three-hour buggy ride to the County Seat of Stroudsburg could now be done in 20 minutes. A trip to the Big Apple which would have taken days could now be done in a few hours. At home the train brought visitors to our burgeoning tourist industry, goods to our general stores and the US mail. It also carried away the materials produced in our mills such as lumber, sprags and leather, to far off places. By the turn of the Twentieth Century the Cresco Station was the community's primary artery of commerce and culture.

As the century progressed the federal government built a new post office across the street from the station to handle the increasing wave of correspondence. Spurs lines were run to accommodate growing businesses and Cresco was the center of community connections for folks in and around Barrett Township. This would change as our national love affair with the automobile took off. As car ownership grew traffic at the crossing became overly congested so in the 1930s a bypass was built over the tracks. The individual freedoms brought by the automobile and trucking diminished the need for the railroad. The last passengers to Cresco stepped of the train in 1968.

The abandoned station stood as a relic of the past. In the 1970's the building was leased to the Weiler Brush Company for storage. By the end of the decade it was a desolate place and drew the attention of local vandals but Karl Weiler had a grand vision, one that would once again restore the Cresco Station to a place of prominence in the community. Perhaps one day the old station might become a museum. The Weiler Family Foundation purchased the train station and the old post office across the street and major renovations began.



In 1993 a group of local residents got together with the mission of keeping the communities legacy alive and the Barrett Township Historical Society was formed. This new organization provided the conduit to fulfill Karl's vision. With renovations complete the Weiler Family Foundation entered into an agreement with the Historical Society to operate the station as a museum.

The Crseco Station Museum opened in 1999 and is still in operation. Stocked with artifacts of every description the museum gives residents and guests the opportunity to step back in time and glimpse what life was like in the halcyon days of Barrett's past. In the quiet of the museum one can still feel the bustle when upwards of a 1000 people a day disembarked from the train to stay at one of the townships many guest houses and inns.

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Over a century old, the buildings showed signs of serious fatigue, and the museum was closed to replace the aging floor. Once again, the Weiler Family Foundation provided the necessary funds to ensure the job was done properly. With the work complete and exhibits restored plans were made to hold a grand reopening celebration on Memorial Day weekend in 2020. Then a global pandemic struck and all such plans were put on hold. As the pandemic abates plans are once again in the works to hold the celebration.

The Barrett Township Historical Society hopes that you will join us on Sunday May 29, 2022 from 1 - 4 pm in celebration of the reopening of the Cresco Station Museum. The day's events will be a remembrance of the Cresco Station Through the Years. In addition to visiting the Station Museum and the Library and Research Center, now housed in the old post office across the street, the event will feature live music by the Lexington Band, antique cars, traditional crafts, food, homemade ice cream, a popcorn trolley, two cake walks and a visit from Smokey the Bear and Phoebe Snow, the embodiment of rail travel using anthracite coal. At 3 pm the Historical Society will honor Karl Weiler and the Weiler Family Foundation for all of the loving work done to once again make the Cresco Station the center of Barrett Township's Cultural identity.

The Historical society is looking for volunteers to help with the celebration, setting everything up, manning the museum and LRC, assisting with parking, greeting celebrants and cleaning up afterwards. We are also calling on all Barrett Township bakers to put on their aprons and make a cake to be given away during the cake walks. If you are interested in helping us Celebrate the Cresco Station Through the Years please call the BTHS at 570-481-4622 or send us an email at stationmuseum@gmail.com.



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Corrections to the Jan 2022 Newsletter

Whoops, an omission, deletion, mistake – it seems I don't even know my own e-mail. For the last several issues, I have had my e-mail listed in contradictory terms as either @ptd.com or @ptd.net. Savvy e-mailers, determined to reach me, used both emails and were successful with the @ptd.net. So, my correct e-mail is mkreeves@ptd.net or you can give me call at (570) 350-8760 remember I am now located in California if you are calling.

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Exhibit of Hockey Memorabilia

by Darryl Speicher



For the next two months, the Barrett Township Historical Society display at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library will be an exhibit of Hockey Memorabilia on loan by the Speicher Family of Mountainhome. The Speicher's are big hockey fans. Darryl and Jacob Speicher have both played hockey competitively and been a part of championship teams.

Among the most valued artifacts on display is the jersey Darryl wore as a 12-year-old in 1974, when the Philadelphia Flyers won their first Stanley Cup awarded to the National Hockey League Champions. It is autographed by team captain and Hockey Hall of Fame member Bobby Clarke.

That year the Flyers defeated the vaunted Boston Bruins lead by the legendary Bobby Orr. There is a Bobby Orr autographed jersey in the exhibit.

The Flyers and the Bruins played in one of the earliest Winter Classic outdoor games. It was held at Fenway Park. In honor of the occasion Darryl had a custom Philadelphia Flyers jersey made. The name plate says STANLEYCUP and the number is 74. Since then the jersey has been autographed by 6 members of that Stanley Cup winning team, they are: Bernie Parent, Bill Barber, Gary Dornhoffer, Bob Kelly, Orest Kindrechuck and Dave Schulz.

There is a 1980 USA hockey Miracle on Ice replica jersey on display with an original copy of Sports Illustrated documenting the greatest upset in sports history when the US hockey team defeated the Soviet Union to win the gold medal at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics.

Capping the sweaters on display is the Paupack Bucks jersey worn by Jacob Speicher when they won the Northeast Pennsylvania Scholastic Hockey League Jr. Varsity Championship in 2012. Autographed pucks on display include a Wilkes Barre Penguins commemorative St. Patrick's Day puck signed by Sydney Crosby. What makes it unique is the fact that Syd the Kid never played in Wilkes Barre. There is also a Flyers puck autographed by Peter Forsberg, who was considered the greatest player in the NHL during the late 90s and early 2000s.

Rounding out the exhibit are Gordie Howe, Wayne Gretzky, Eric Lindross, Mike Madano and Mike Richter trading cards, various commemorative posters and pucks and a pair of game worn gloves used by former Flyers captain Dave Poulin. Also on display are Darryl's skates from the 70's when he played PM intramural hockey at the indoor rink at Buck Hill and the jersey he wore as a certified USA Hockey referee.

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“A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet”; the crocheted bouquets of the Olympic Games

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

If you were one of the 10.7 million who spent some time in front of the television during the winter Olympics you might have noticed something different this year during the medal ceremonies. The floral bouquets that each medalist received was handmade, they were hand crocheted. Each bouquet had six flowers: one each of a rugosa rose, Chinese rose, lilies of the valley, laurel, sweet osmanthus, and an olive branch (Editor’s note – the olive branch is the universal symbol of peace).



The crocheted flowers for the bouquets were made by volunteers in China who crochet as a part of craft groups. Flowers were made all over the country and sent to a central location for assembly into the bouquets. The main bulk of the roses were made by one craft group in Shanghai. The large rose took on average 5 hours to complete. The total bouquet takes about 35 hours of work.

You have an opportunity to see a crocheted bouquet (although not one from Beijing) during the Bridal Gown show. Come see the gowns and have a chance at winning the crocheted bouquet. (See story on Bridal Gowns page 18)

Sources: CGTN Beijing, Hong Kong Free Press, US Olympic Committee Website, Interweave.com

Henry Price

By Jacqueline Magann

Henry Price, son of Icabod and father of Alonzo H. Price, was born December 23, 1840, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. He had 9 siblings. He grew up on his father’s farm in Mountainhome and received a good common school education. He assisted in the extensive lumbering and farming operations there.

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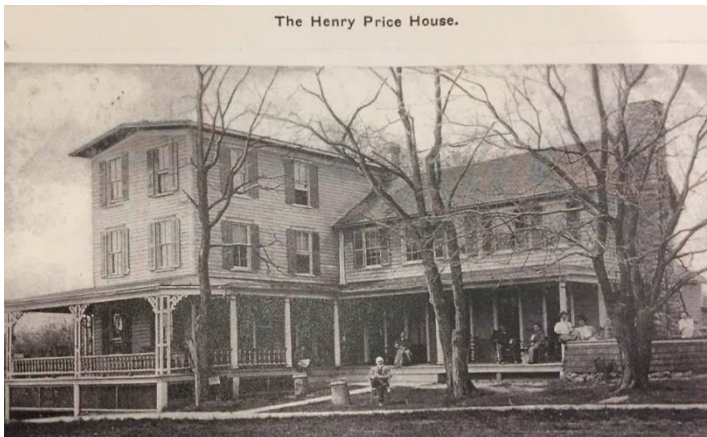
Henry enlisted in the Union Army at age 22. He was mustered in November 1862 in Philadelphia and assigned to the 176th Regiment as a wagoner for 9 months under Captain Samuel Keller. From Philadelphia the regiment proceeded to Washington, D.C., via Baltimore. Henry was assigned to General Foster's command. Moving to Suffolk, Virginia, the regiment was on duty there one month. From there they marched to Halley Landing, North Carolina, for about 4 ½ months where Henry performed special duty rejoining his regiment at Beaufort, South Carolina, performing picket duty for some time. He moved by boat to Hilton Head where he was stricken with fever and sent to New York. His term of enlistment expired on August 17, 1863. He mustered out in Philadelphia and went home.

After recovering from his illness Henry engaged in the manufacture of wintergreen oil for about 5 years, operating a distillery for that purpose on the old homestead.

In 1870 Henry bought 100 acres of his father Icabod's land, improved it and built a house. At age 32 Henry married Fredericka Mick, daughter of Jacob and Rachel Mick. Henry and Fredericka had 5 children: Alonzo, born March 25, 1873; Elsie E., born October 7, 1875; Olive A., born October 31, 1877; Mabel L., born December 24, 1879; and Aman Henry, born July 24, 1886 and died in 1890.

Henry was a member of the Democratic Party and the Mountainhome Methodist Episcopal Church in Mountainhome, Pennsylvania.

Henry and Fredericka were proprietors of Price's Mountain House, also known as the Henry Price House. It was located on what today is known as Henry's Crossing Road, Mountainhome.



Ads from the booklet "Mountain and Lakes Resorts on the Lackawanna Railroad" describe the Henry Price House: *Open April 15 to December 1. Accommodates 50, rates \$9 to \$15 per week. Special cottage to rent, 7 rooms and bath. Bungalows and tents. 1 ½ miles from the Cresco Station. All modern improvements. The patronage of nature lovers and those seeking comfort and recreation is solicited.*

Nearly 200 feet above sea level; established 29 years; trout fishing and vegetables from our farm. Write early for booklet to the Henry Prices, Mountainhome, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

Henry died August 16, 1909, at age 68 according to Casper Buck's funeral notes. He and his family are buried at Oakland Cemetery, Mountainhome. Reverend Samuel Cooper conducted the funeral services. Henry Price was the grandson of John Price, early settler in Monroe County.

A handwritten note on the inside front cover of Alonzo's "Album of Days" says:

April 26, 1960

3:45 A.M. in morning

The Henry Price Estate burned to the ground (written as is, no letter d)

Sources: "Beers Historical Comm. and Biography of N.E. Pennsylvania"

Casper Buck Funeral Notices

Civil War Veterans, Bates

People file at BTHS Research Center

The Price Family of Barrett Township, Violet Hallet Price

Resort file at BTHS Research Center

Silent Town Cemeteries of Barrett, Paradise and Price Townships,

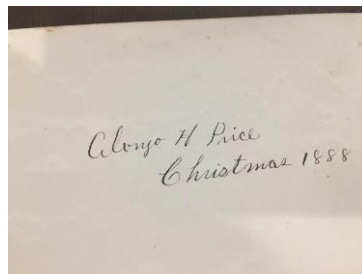
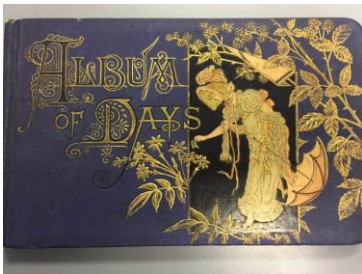
Michelle Harrison Kintner

U.S. Census, Barrett Township, PA

Album of Days

By Jacqueline Magann

While working on the Archives General Program for the Society in March of this year, I came upon a small album Emily Sieg had given me years ago. It is called "Album of Days". There is a signature on the fly leaf, Alonzo H. Price, Christmas 1888. That would make the album 134 years old!



What a find! The historian in me kicked in! Who was Alonzo H. Price, who were his parents, where did he live, where did he go to school, who were the signers in the album?

I found 31 signatures altogether, some familiar surnames of early settlers in Barrett. The sentiments expressed and the signatures show the Palmer method of Penmanship, done in pen and ink. The colored illustrations are of the days of the week.

I was able to identify 18 of the signers in U.S. Census records for Barrett. Others, I will just name. They are:

Aman, Ida L.

Boorem, Joseph H.

Carlton, George W., age 17, son of Joseph and Evaline

Clark, Evelyn, age 18, daughter of John Clark, Jr., and Mary

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Coslar, Mary, age 9, daughter of Moses and Addie
Crane, William
Decker, Sadie
Freeland, Ada E., age 18, daughter of John D. and Phoebe
Freeland, George D., age 12, son of John D. and Phoebe
Gibson, C. C.
Godshall, A. J.
Heller, Rose (Rosalea), age 12, Stepdaughter of Charles W. Decker & Ellen
Houck, Charles
Metzgar, Maggie, age 15, daughter of Frank and Alvina
Mick, Fred, age 14
Price, Alonzo, age 15, son of Henry and Fredericka
Price, Lizzie, age 15, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth (deceased)
Price, M. A., age 15, daughter of Benjamin and Leahann (Lavina)
Price, Molly
Reinhart, Henry
Reinhart, Minnie, age 13, daughter of Martin and Matilda
Rinehart, S. S.
Shafer, Maggie, age 18, daughter of Garrison and Mary
Shafer, William A., age 16, son of Garrison and Mary
Shaller, S. J.
Sheppard, William F.
Utt, H. A., age 14, son of Ely and Catherine
Utt, Saidie, age 18, daughter of Ely and Catherine
Widmer, Floyd

In order to find and follow Alonzo, I turned to the 1880 U.S. Census, Barrett Township, Pennsylvania. Alonzo is there, age 7. His parents are Henry and Fredericka Mick Price. He has 3 siblings: Elsie, age 4; Olive, age 3 and Mabel, age 5/12. Henry, Alonzo's father, is a farmer. (*Editor's note: see previous story on Henry Price*)

Now that we know Alonzo was 7 years old in 1880, we know that he would be attending one of the 7 One Room Schoolhouses in Barrett, probably one closest to Mountainhome. A map of Barrett in the Peggy Bancroft book, "Ringing Axes and Rocking Chairs" illustrates where those One Room Schoolhouses were located.

Following the census, we find Alonzo in 1900 (no 1890 census available, it was destroyed in a fire). He is age 27, living with his parents, single and working as a farm laborer. One sister, Mabel, age 20, is also living at home.

The 1910 census disclosed that Alonzo's father is not counted in the census and Fredericka is listed as a widow, an employer in a summer boarding house. Alonzo is age 37 and single. Elsie, age 34,

and Olive, age 32, are single. They are neighbors to Casper Buck, farmer and former funeral director in Mountainhome, along with George G. Shafer. Upon further research we learn that the boarding house was The Henry Price House, also called Price's Mountain House.

Turning to the 1920 census we find that Alonzo is out of the house and Fredericka, his mother, age 71, is listed as a boarding housekeeper. Alonzo's sister Elsie, age 44, is the manager of the boarding house and that Alonzo's sister Olive, age 42, is assistant manager of the boarding house. The dwelling # is 213 in the census.

Also, in the 1920 census we find Alonzo, age 46, his wife Rachel Metzgar, age 32, and daughter Henrietta, age 6 years and 11/12. Alonzo is a farm operator living at dwelling # 214 which means he is in the house next door to his mother.

The 1930 census shows that Alonzo is age 57, head of household, working a general farm, living with wife Rachel, age 42, daughter Henrietta, age 17, who is single, his mother-in-law, Amy Metzgar, age 83, widow, and a servant, Peter Shaffer, age 25, single.

The 1940 census shows Alonzo, age 67, head of household, living with his wife Rachel, age 52. Henrietta, age 27, is not counted in the 1940 census.

The 1950 census will be out this month and not available yet for us to reference. So, we need to pull other sources. I went to "The Price Family" book by Violet Hallet Price and "The Silent Towns" book by Michele Harrison Kintner

I found Alonzo in "The Price Family" book, born 1873, great, great grandson of John Price, early settler and progenitor of the Price family in Barrett. I also found new information on Alonzo's family. Alonzo had a baby brother, Aman Henry Price, born July 24, 1886, who died in 1890. Aman never made it into any census.

In the "Silent Towns" book I found the death dates of:

Henry Price	August 1909, age 69
* Fredericka Price	1926, age 78
Alonzo Price	1959, age 86
Elsie Price	1926, age 51 single
Olive Price Slocum	1956, age 79
Mabel Price Aberle	1922, age 43
Rachel Price	1963, age 75

* Fredericka and daughter Elsie Price both died in 1926.

The Price Family is buried in the Oakland Methodist Cemetery, Mountainhome, Pennsylvania.

In my search of the “Silent Towns” book, I discovered that the birth date on Alonzo’s tombstone gives the year 1878. That date does not agree with our research. I had to seek additional research material.

I pulled in two other resources: First, Beers Historical Comm. and Biography of N.E. Pennsylvania, where Alonzo’s father Henry in his autobiography names his children and their dates of birth. Henry gives Alonzo’s birth as March 25, 1873, which verifies our research. Also, I was able to go to the official Civil War records for Henry Price, Alonzo’s father. The Civil War record lists his children and their dates of birth. This information also verifies that Alonzo was born on March 25, 1873. Could it be that the #3 was deciphered as a #8?

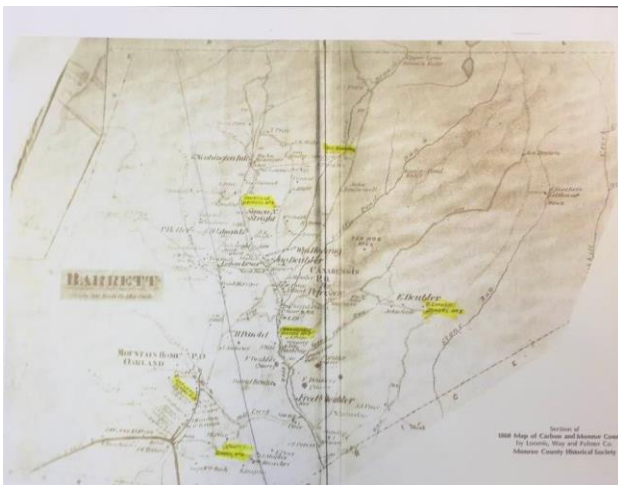
I have not been able to find Alonzo’s daughter, Henrietta, in the census or “Silent Towns”. She may have married and taken on a new last name.

Our search of Alonzo from age 7, then age 15 when he was given the “Album of Days” at Christmas, until his death in 1959 has been completed. He was a Tuesday child, and as the Album tells us: “Tuesday’s” child is full of grace”.

Oral history, another source of information, given by Malinda Price Bender, relative to Alonzo, remembers as a little girl visiting Alonzo and his wife. She called them Uncle Lon and Aunt Rachel.

Locations of One Room Schoolhouses

- #1 Oakland School, Route 390
- #2 Canadensis school, Route 447
- #3 Coveville School, Route 447
- #4 Quarry School, Halfway between Mill Creek and Sand Spring
- #5 Seese Hill School, Upper Seese Hill Road
- #6 Spruce Cabin School, Lake Road
- #7 Krummel Hill School, Route 390, Skytop Road



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Sources:

Barrett Township Historical Society Archives

“Album of Days”

“Beers Historical Comm. and Biography of N.E. Pennsylvania

Civil War Veterans, Bates

Casper Buck funeral notes

One Room Schoolhouses

People file at BTHS Research Center

“The Price Family of Barrett Township” Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Violet

Hallet Price

Resort file at BTHS Research Center

“Ringing Axes and Rocking Chairs”, Peggy Bancroft, illustrated by Edna Palmer

Englehart

“Silent Towns Cemeteries of Barrett, Paradise and Price Townships”

Pennsylvania, Michele Harrison Kintner

U.S. Census, Barrett Township, Pennsylvania, 1880 – 1900 – 1910 –

1920 – 1930 – 1940

Monroe County Archives, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Oral History: Malinda Bender

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Another COVID booster; Do you need it?

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

As with other preventative vaccines for diseases, they work best to prevent disease by each individual being vaccinated. People are best protected against infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 when they stay up to date with vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccines continue to protect people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who have received a booster. The following table from the CDC summarizes the booster scenarios which you can use to discuss with your healthcare provider or pharmacist as you seek a booster vaccine.

Primary Series COVID-19 Vaccine	Who should get one booster	When to get your booster	Which booster can you get
Pfizer-BioNTech	Everyone 12 years and older Who can get a second booster: Adults 50 years and older	At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 18 years and older should get an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) for the first booster in most* situations The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine Teens 12–17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster
Moderna	Who should get one booster: Adults 18 years and older Who can get a second booster: Adults 50 years and older	When to get your booster: At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster	Which booster can you get: For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) is preferred in most* situations The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
Johnson&Johnson Jansen	Who should get a booster: Adults 18 years and older Who can get a second booster: Anyone who received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for both their primary dose and booster Adults 50 years and older who first received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of what type of booster they received	When to get your booster: At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster	Which booster can you get: For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) is preferred in most* situations The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine

* Please see additional details at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html?s_cid=11706:cdc%20covid%20booster:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22

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Bridal Time Travel – Gowns Through the Ages

By Jacqueline Magann

The Barrett Township Historical Society will be hosting “Bridal Time Travel – Gowns Through the Ages”, a display of wedding gowns 1900 to 2021 at the Society Library and Research Center, 145 Sand Spring Road, Cresco (opposite the Cresco Station Museum), the month of June and early July. Opening day will be Sunday, June 5, 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Thereafter, the dates and times are as follows:

Saturdays 1-4	Sundays 1-4	Tuesdays 10-12
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There is no admission fee. If you have a gown from 1910-1919, 1920-1929, 1940-1949, 1960-1969, please call or e-mail Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233 and jmagann30@icloud.com or Madeleine Forssell at 570-460-0115 and irishorB20@gmail.com.

1910's

The fashionable look

The empire line gown was the most popular with less full skirts than the 1900's

Waistlines began rising higher

Bretelles were commonly seen

Sleeves were generally worn short or to the elbow

Much of the dress had intricate lace designs

Veils were commonly worn from a headpiece with floral and lace details

'Mob cap style veils' were also common

Why this look?

This decade signified the end of the Edwardian era and the fashion that went along with it

It was during this decade that cars became more reliable meaning that people could travel further distances for their weddings

As a result of this, the concept of having an out of town wedding became more popular during this decade with more and more weddings taking place at country clubs and country estates

1920's

The fashionable look

Dresses became slightly shorter (on or below the knee)

Cloche style veils were worn from a flapper headband but were now longer and flowed into a train

Dresses had a straight silhouette with a swing hemline

V-necklines became popular

Dropped hip waistline

Long sleeves were still common

Why this look?

Post World War I society meant that there was a transatlantic exchange of style, particularly from the French, bringing about the 'Flapper trend'

American Jazz and dancing became more popular, calling for a looser fit

This style was defined by shorter hemlines and dropping the waistline to the hips as well as high heels (between 5-8cm)




Gowns may be dropped off at the Research Center on Saturday, May 21; Sunday, May 22; and Monday, May 23 from 1 to 4 PM. Please call Jacqueline at the contact above to make an appointment.

We are looking for hostesses during the display and brides' pictures we may display on a screen.



Those signing the guest book will have their name entered in a door prize drawing each of the Sundays.

Source of info panels: Cosmopolitan Magazine

Historical Recipe: The Groom's Cake

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Since we are talking about weddings, let's not forget the groom and the Groom's Cake. This cake tends to be a southern tradition in the US. But, groom's cakes have antecedents in England. Specifically, this tradition dates back to mid 17th century Yorkshire. In the 1600's both the bride and the groom were baked individual pies for the wedding, a bride's pie and a groom's pie.

The groom's cake grew into a more widespread tradition during the Victorian Era, during which it became commonplace for each wedding to have three cakes: a wedding cake, a bridal cake, and a groom's cake. The wedding cake would be served to the guests at large, the bridal cake would be served to the bridal party, and the groom's cake to the groomsmen. At this time the groom's cake was always a fruitcake, while the bridal cake was usually a sponge or a short crust. The bride's cake was meant to be light and the groom's dark. It's likely for this reason that groom's cakes are often chocolate nowadays, to keep with this tradition.

The groom was actually responsible for baking and decorating his own groom's cake on the day of the wedding, an aspect of the tradition that would intimidate most men today. Even being baked so soon beforehand, the groom's cake was served prior to the wedding and the leftovers were sliced up and boxed to be handed out to the unmarried women at the wedding. It was said that if a single woman slept with a slice of the groom's cake beneath her pillow (hopefully still in the box), she would dream of her future husband.

Presented here is probably the most famous Groom Cake in the 21st Century. The Chocolate Biscuit Cake (or Tiffin Cake) that Prince William served as his Groom Cake. It was his mother Diana's recipe, and his favorite cake.

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Prince William's Groom Cake

Prep Time 20 minutes

Cook Time 10 minutes

Cooling time 3 hours

Total Time 3 hours 30 minutes

It is best when made the day before it is eaten.

Ingredients:

2 pounds dark chocolate, roughly chopped (about 50% cocoa)

1 pound unsalted butter

pinch salt

¼ cup whipping cream

⅓ cup golden syrup (can use dark Karo)

1 pound digestive biscuits (McVities are best), broken by hand into postage stamp sized pieces

For the Chocolate Ganache:

½ cup whipping cream

1 tbsp corn syrup (to prevent separation)

8 ounces dark chocolate chopped

Instructions:

1. Melt the butter over medium low heat.
2. Add the chocolate and salt and continue over medium low heat until the chocolate is fully melted.
3. Remove from heat and stir in the whipping cream and golden syrup until smooth.
4. Fold in the broken biscuits and pour into a 9 inch spring form pan that has been lined with plastic wrap or parchment paper.
5. Chill in the fridge for at least 3 hours or overnight.
6. Remove from pan and glaze with chocolate ganache.

To make the Chocolate ganache

1. Scald the cream in the microwave until almost boiling.
2. Pour over chocolate in a small bowl and let stand for five minutes.
3. Stir until smooth then stir in the corn syrup.
4. Pour over the cooled biscuit cake using a spatula to help cover it evenly.



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Sources of information: Bakery Blog – Gambino's Bakery; Bride's Magazine; Wikipedia; 1962 Encyclopedia of European Cooking.

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CRESCO ANNIE & Wedding Traditions

Chapter 19

My dear friends, most of you know that I don't talk to the human folk that come and go from the Cresco Station which is now a museum, that's mostly Micky Miller, and that dear lady Jackie

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Magann who runs the Library Research Center. But just the other day, I overheard Jackie talking about the Wedding Gown show that she and Madeline Forsell were going to put on in June and the next thing you know I was talking about Wedding Traditions and Superstitions. Or at least I think I was talking about them – at any rate, Jackie began to write some of them down, the same ones that I was thinking about. So here is our list of Wedding Traditions and Superstitions – you can thank Jackie for the list, since I don't type.

Rain or Shine: Many people believe that rain on your wedding day is an omen for bad luck yet to come; yet others believe that rain, needed to replenish and sustain all life, is a blessing on your wedding day and that if you are a bride upon whom it rains you will live a happy, productive life filled with good fortune and many children.

Luck: A torn veil, beggars, black cats, lambs, doves and chimney sweeps are all considered great luck for the bride. It was believed that a bride could solicit good luck by: wearing gold earrings, entering and leaving the church on a right foot, feeding a cat out of a wedding shoe, wearing something old, new, borrowed and blue and sewing a penny or silver coin in the hem of her wedding dress or placing it in her shoe.

Boutonniere: It was and still is common practice for the groom to wear a flower from the bride's bouquet.

The Veil: Originated by the Romans, was a method devised to protect the bride by confusing and interfering with the malevolence of wicked spirits.

The Bride Feeds the Groom: The practice of the bride and groom feeding each other a piece of the wedding cake is an old and very beautiful custom which symbolizes their desire to nurture and provide for each other throughout their life together.

Tin Cans, Honking Horns and Old Shoes: When drivers in a bridal procession honk their horns or motorists beep their horns upon seeing a bridal party, they are taking part in a very ancient and cross-cultural tradition of scaring away evil spirits who are said to be sensitive to, and repelled by, loud noises.

Wedding Cake: An old practice in England was to bake a ring in the wedding cake as a symbol of the happiness of the wedding day. A year of happiness was predicted for the guest who received the piece of cake that contained the ring.

Superstitions: Many superstitions surround the wedding cake. It was believed that a bridesmaid who carried a piece of the wedding cake in her pocket until the bride and groom return from their honeymoon would soon be married.

Source: Yesterday's Bride, Anthony Jude Cavo

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is April, when we would normally say we have completed our annual membership drive. However, we still have some members who have not sent in their renewals, and we are seeking new members. 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. For the 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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 Angel \$250 - 499

Lifetime membership

- Lifetime \$500 & up

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- Library and Research Center?
- Committee member: education, hospitality, research, newsletter, collections
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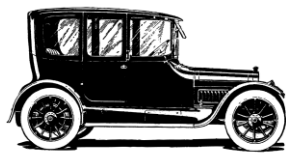


Live Music by the Lexington Band * Rededication Ceremony and Recognition of Karl Weiler at 3 pm



Cake Walks at 1:30 and 3:30 ***** A visit by Phoebe Snow and Smokey the Bear

Everything to please you: Antique Cars, Live Craft Demonstrations, Exhibits in the Museum, and the Library and Research Center. Plus **Free** homemade ice cream & popcorn. There will be a commemorative book celebrating the Station's past. Yes, there will be Food.



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