

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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- Friday, March 23, 7 p.m. LHS evening at the theater with TNT (page 5)
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- Saturday, April 21, TBA Annual Civil War Ball and additional weekend events *details TBA*
- Sunday April 29, 2 p.m. NEPA Philharmonic at the Electric City Trolley Station and Museum, *details TBA*
- Saturday, May 12, TBA Annual Places of Worship, *details TBA*
- Sunday, June 10, TBA Historic House Tour in the Hill, *details TBA*

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Do You Know What ?

The Lackawanna Historical Society Did in 2006

2006 was a busy and productive year for the Historical Society, featuring an array of interesting programs, exhibits, and educational events. The Society served 3,384 people through its programs educational activities, and tours. An additional 320 people visited the Society's headquarters to conduct research in our library, and 203 people corresponded with our office to request research assistance. Customers to the book store totaled 678.

Programs and Activities

Our regular programming is always popular, and this year was no exception. Audiences totaled 1,626 people. February saw a visit by Living Historian Carolyn Evans, who presented Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" speech. The Society cooperated with the University of Scranton to promote "The 'Good War' in American Memory: Local, Personal, and National Dimensions of the Way Americans Recall World War II," a lecture by Dr. John Bodnar. Local historian Nick Petula presented a lecture, "Brewed in Scranton," on in April.

The highlight of spring had to be the second annual Civil War Day, commemorating our local Civil War Veterans, co-sponsored by the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Thanks to Jenn and John Ochman for helping to organize the ball and for once again offering their talents as dance instruc-

tors. Held at the Century Club, the ball was an elegant affair enjoyed by all who attended.

The spring ended in May with a presentation by area high school students. Artists Jennifer Hill-Kaucher, Liz Parry-Faist and Ivana Pavelka used the collections of the LHS as a catalyst for a visual arts project with a local history theme. Our annual Places of Worship Tour took us to the Abingtons. Thanks again to Society Trustee Richard Leonori for sharing his expertise on local church architecture, and to all who participated.

The summer walking tours started up again in June with LHS tour guides Ann Marie O'Hara, Marion Dunleavy, Maurice and Rita MacNamara, Leni Piasky, and Clementine Fasbender. Also this summer, local poet Jennifer Hill-Kaucher did a reading of her latest collection, "A Proper Dress." Inspired by articles and images from the Society's collection, the poetry is accompanied by original works by visual artist Liz Parry-Faist. The audience greatly enjoyed the program. The summer continued with a free jazz concert, featuring Doug Smith's Dixie Land Jazz Band, at the Archbald Railroad Station in July. In August, despite a rain out, Society members enjoyed a trolley ride to a Red Barons game.

In September, members sojourned to historic Gettysburg, where licensed tour guide and Patrick DeLacey descendent Gary Roche led a tour of the battlefield.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,

Another year is upon us, and already we are planning some exciting activities for the year ahead. In addition to our regular spring line-up, we are working with the Northeast Philharmonic & the Electric City Trolley Museum on a special program that should be of interest to everyone. Details will be announced soon.

Our staff and volunteers are very busy working at the Catlin House to accomplish an assortment of projects. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary Ann at 344-3841, and I know we can find a job for you.

In 2007, we will also begin the second phase of exterior restoration of the Catlin House. Historic Architect, John Bowie is preparing the architectural drawings and plans and we hope to begin construction by late spring. One part of this project is already completed: refinishing and restoring our front entrance way. If you haven't stopped by the Catlin House in a while, be sure to visit soon and check out the completed door. It is truly exquisite.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a member of the Lackawanna Historical Society, and extend a special thanks to our members who contributed to the Fund for the Future. The 2006 campaign is an important source that, combined with the Keystone Grant and funding from the LHVA, will aid us greatly in accomplishing our goal to complete the exterior restoration of the Catlin House.

Remember, it is only through the support of our members that we can continue to plan successful programs and promote local history. If you have ideas or comments, we would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Alan Sweeney

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Raffle Winners Announced

Raffle winners were drawn during the Holiday Open House on Friday, December 8, 2006.

And the winners are...

1st Prize, Windsor Chair
Marilyn Wentland

Runner-Up, Vintage Tonka Truck
David Ackerman

2nd Prize, Electric City Harley Davidson
gift certificate
Muriel Fischer

3rd Prize, Electric City Harley Davidson
gift certificate
Richard MacGregor

Who's in the Picture?

If you can identify any of the athletes in this 1923 photo of the Knights of St. George, please let us know.



Answers to Trivia Questions

1. Slocum Hollow
2. 1866
3. George and Selden Scranton
4. Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company
5. William Henry
6. Joseph Hand Scranton
7. Joel Amsden
8. Elliot S. M. Hill

ODDITIES

By Ella Rayburn

Genealogy is a loosely-defined hobby, so it seems. Going through records, sometimes we find unrelated materials the genealogist left behind. This piece must have amused Hilda Brown in the same manner as we find it funny. "County Bumpkins" was a source of humor throughout the last century.

Joe and his family had spent their lives in a one-room cabin. Joe's kids and his ma had slept generally in a space as big as your living room. Joe could spit from one corner of his house to the other with ease. When an oil company bought a well in Joe's back yard, he took his family and moved to Wichita. Here is a letter a pal of his received shortly after:

Dear John,

We got a house. It has six rooms. One room we eat in, another we just kind of set in. Then there is a room where ma does nothin but cookin. But the wash room is the one we all like best. There is a looking glass on the wall where you can see yourself. Under the glass is a big bowl where you can wash your hands and face. When you get real dirty there is a big tub against the other wall where we wash ourselves all over. Then there is another bowl with a handle on it that sits on the floor. This had us all fooled for a while, but we got it figured out now. It is to wash your feet in. It had two lids on it when we moved in here, but I took them off as they kept falling on my feet. The top lid ma is using for a dough board and we framed Pa's picture with the other.

Come and see us sometime.

Yours truly,
Harvey

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The Society has raised \$11,846 on the 2006 fund drive.

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to this campaign
and for your continuous support.*

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Catlin House Immortalized as Art

Local artist and Society friend Judy Youshock has made the Catlin House into a work of art, literally. The Society purchased the 24 x 30 piece, Batik on Ricepaper, from the artist. It currently hangs in the County Commissioners' office main meeting room.

In Memory Of Leo Walsh

On September 27, 2006, the Lackawanna Historical Society lost a great friend when Leo Walsh, an LHS volunteer since 1994, died. An Old Forge native, Leo joined the Society a few years after he retired from a teaching career at Queens College of the City University of New York, where he served as Assistant Chairman of the English Department, Director of Composition, and Chairman of College Honors in the Western Tradition program.

Leo first joined the Society in February 1994 when he registered for our first Docent Training Program. He attended six Wednesday evening sessions with twelve other volunteers to learn about the LHS exhibits. A few years later, Leo registered for a second tour guide training course, this time to become a down-town walking tour guide. By 1996, Leo was not only guiding tours but was assisting in the training of new guides. He remained active in the LHS until his illness prevented it: guiding tours, assisting with special events, and offering general support through gift memberships and encouragement of program attendance.

In addition to volunteering as a Lackawanna Historical Society Tour Guide, after his retirement, Leo also served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, was a member of the board of the Taylor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and authored the centennial history of his parish, St. Lawrence O'Toole in Old Forge. In addition, Leo taught several semesters at the University of Scranton, always making sure to bring his classes to the Catlin House for a tour and an overview of our library.

Leo's love of local history was evident, and his appreciation of his own heritage was obvious, especially to those of us who had the pleasure of enjoying some Old Forge pizza with him! He was a truly wonderful friend to all who knew him, and left a deep impression on everyone at the Society who was lucky enough to spend time with him.

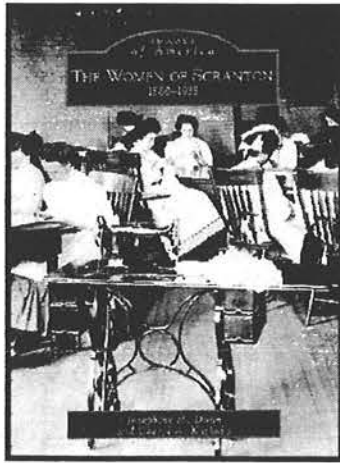
As further evidence of Leo's love for local history and support of our organization, we were pleased to learn that Leo remembered the Society, leaving a contribution in support of our continuing mission.

NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

The Women of Scranton

By Josephine M. Dunn
With Cheryl A. Kashuba

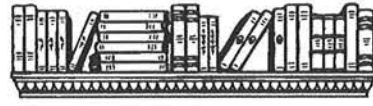
The Women of Scranton: 1880–1935 portrays the famous ladies, daring women, and heroines of everyday life in a booming coal town. Coal may have been king, but the intrepid women of America's progressive era saw to it that Scranton became not merely an economic hub, but a "city beautiful." No



area of political, cultural, educational, or religious life in Scranton was untouched by their driving commitment to progress. Through historic photographs, readers will meet Scranton's first generation of college-educated women; political activists and suffragettes; the first women lawyers and physicians; women's clubs dedicated to philanthropy,

education, health, and civic betterment; women merchants and entrepreneurs; teachers and women's religious orders; and the immigrant women who dreamt of a better tomorrow.

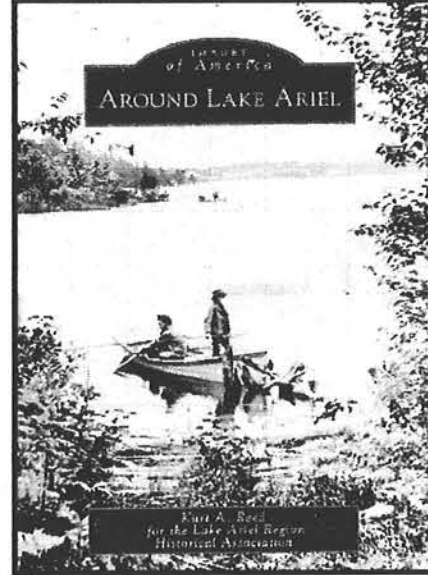
Many of the images are from the LHS collection. Meet the author on January 22nd, at 4 to 6 p.m. at the Century Club for a book signing.



Around Lake Ariel

By Kurt A. Reed for the
Lake Ariel Region Historical Association

The modern day village of Lake Ariel is located in Lake Township. The town and the surrounding area have a long and colorful heritage. The early pioneers settled at the southern end of the lake and established the area known as Jonestown and Jones Lake. The northern end of the lake was initially called No. 19, for the stationary steam engine on the Pennsylvania Coal Company's Gravity Railroad. While one newspaper account claims that the lake was named for a spirit in Shakespeare's *Tempest*, another claimed the lake was renamed Lake Ariel from Isaiah 29, the home of David. *Around Lake Ariel* features historic images of the steam launches and the amusement park that drew hordes of vacationers to the area, as well as the summer homes of many of Scranton's leaders that were built along the lake's shores.



Tours, the Festival of Trees, the Scranton Civic Ballet's Holiday Celebration of the Arts, and the Holiday Open House, they celebrated Women's History month in March with "Women of the Century Club and Other Stories," written and directed by Julie Esty. In August, they captivated audiences with "Historic Scenes on Courthouse Square," a series of historic vignettes by Cheryl Kashuba and her son Matthew Kashuba. Both productions were funded through grants from the Lackawanna County Council on the Arts. Past Player Dominick Azzarelli made his directing debut with "Witness to Suffering: The Birth of First Aid in America." Written by Cheryl Kashuba, the play starred Tom Cipriano and Bob Balitski and premiered at the Century Club in conjunction with the Red Cross events.

Exhibits

Three exhibits were also presented in 2006, beginning in March with the installation of the exhibit on Laotian Customs and Traditions. Thanks to Souphalack Sphabmixay, President of the local Laotian American Association, and to Danny Sphabmixay for their enthusiasm and generosity with the exhibit. In August, an exhibit of Catlin Prints

The October 2006 issue of National Geographic featured an article on America's best idea: the national parks. "Most historians," the article notes, "trace the origin of America's 'best idea' to the frontier artist George Catlin who, in 1832, after a tour sketching the tribes of the Great Plains, expressed hope that the government might set aside a vast section of the West for 'a nation's Park, containing man and beast, in all the wild and freshness of their nature's beauty.' It was not until 32 years later that the government made a move to establish the park system.

accompanied the fund-raising event "On the Frontier with George Catlin." The December Holiday exhibit featured a collection of vintage Tonka Trucks from the 1950's through

the 1980's. The trucks are on loan through March from Society member Robert Savakinas. Thanks to Bob for his generosity in putting this exhibit together.

Educational Events and Tours

In keeping with our mission to promote a broader awareness of local history, educational programs served 907 people and included 9 lectures by the director to local organizations, and two Museums as a Classroom programs. Group tours included Scouts, elementary, high school and college students, Red Hat Societies, and visiting tourists. Guided architectural walking tours were provided for 413 people, including regularly-scheduled summer walking tours, guided tours for The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority's Ambassador's program, and bus tours for groups from Ohio and the Landmark Society of New York.

Continuing Partnerships

It is only with our active partners that we are able to truly accomplish our mission. In 2006, the Society continued to work with the *Scranton Times* on the popular feature "Then and Now." In October, we expanded this partnership with a weekly local history column in the *Sunday Times*, written by Society staff person Cheryl Kashuba.

As always, much of our work was facilitated by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, which offers continuing funding and opportunities for collaboration with like-minded organizations. The Society received additional funding from Lackawanna County, The PHMC, and the Scranton Area Foundation's PPA.

Thanks to our members for your continued interest and support. We hope that 2007 will prove to be as exciting!

Read our local history column online at the
Sunday Times-Tribune:
www.thetimes-tribune.com

ALIVE TO THE CALL:

WOMEN IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA 1880—1935

During the Progressive Era, women throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania were actively involved in culture, politics, business, education, and philanthropy. This exhibition documents their presence in the region through art and artifacts loaned by historical societies. The exhibition runs January 14 through March 30, 2007.

On Sunday, February 4, Josephine Dunn, Ph.D. will present a lecture, "Alive to the Call: Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania," in Brennan Hall, Room 509, at the University of Scranton from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A public reception will follow at the Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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This year's annual dinner, "History of Scranton Community Concerts," held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, was a great success, with emcees Chris and Barbara Norton. The Society teamed with Wendy Popek and Community Concerts for this lecture and performance by Doug Smith and company. The annual Dunmore Cemetery tours took place in October. Thanks to Julie Esty, the Past Players, and the staff and trustees of the Dunmore Cemetery for their work in planning and executing this popular event. In November, Kurt Reed presented the lecture "The PA Coal Company's Gravity Railroad Through the Eyes of Alson Vandervoort." November also brought the Third Annual Regional Book Fair, co-sponsored by the Luzerne County Historical Society, held at the Mall at Steamtown. This year we added an Author's Reception at the Catlin House. Authors enjoyed mingling with one another and with the public in an informal atmosphere. Thanks to Bob Savakinus, Alan Sweeney, Cheryl Kashuba, Cathy Chamoni, Rich Albert, and Gay and Jim Clifford for their help.

Also in November, we collaborated with the Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross to commemorate the founding of first aid with a student contest and an original play about Dr. Shields (see Past Players section). Thanks to Maureen Pesavento, Jenny Washney, and the Century Club for their collaboration. In December, we welcomed PHC speaker Anthony Waskie, Ph.D., who presented "Meet General Meade, Pennsylvania's Great Military Commander and Citizen," sponsored by the Scranton Public Library.

Finally, we ended the year with a number of Holiday celebrations. The Society participated in the annual Festival of Trees at the Electric City Trolley Museum, with a tree themed "An Old Fashioned, Home-made Christmas." Thanks to Tiffany Goldy and Steven Jenks for decorating this year's tree. Thanks to Past Players Joanne Bogdanovich, Jack and Christine Schaefer, and Margo Az-

zarelli, who donned period costumes and turned out for the Festival's opening. The Society also set up an exhibit at the Scranton Civic Ballet's Holiday Celebration of the Arts at the Scranton Cultural Center. Thanks to Past Players Joanne Bogdanovich and Dominick Azzarelli for adding a special flare to the event by appearing in period costume to promote the Players and the Society. Once again, the Society had a booth at the Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Emporium at Lackawanna College. Thanks to Membership Chair Ellie Axford for organizing the booth and coordinating the volunteers. Also thanks to Ellie and her committee for a great year! Membership for 2006 totaled 559.

In 2006, volunteers offered over 1500 hours of service to the Society. We are truly grateful for their support.

The year's grand finale was our annual Holiday Open House. Thanks to all the LHS volunteers and everyone who decorated and worked this event: Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Joanne & Steven Kavulich, Leni Piasky, Karen Tickner, Maurice & Rita MacNamara, Rich Albert, the Azzarelli family, the Bogdanovich family, Bob Booth, Elaine & Birdie Carroll, Cathy Chamoni, Bill & Bridget Conlogue, Doug & Shannon Forrer, Mark Cruciani, Chris & Daniela DiGregorio, Marion Dunleavy, Tiffany Goldy, Donny Kirchner, Betty Nebesky, Jenn & John Ochmann, Ann Marie O'Hara, Ella Rayburn, Dwane & Meredith Reese, Bob Savakinus, Chris & Jack Schaefer, David Searing, Pam Gluck, Tracy Capalongo, and Santa Ron's Brass Elves.

Past Players

The Past Players had a break-out year, expanding the arena of local living history productions. In addition to their appearances at Civil War Day, the Dunmore Cemetery

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Life of Honorable
Jonathan Jasper Wright

The Society is pleased to welcome Sherman F. Wooden, who will help us celebrate Black History Month with a February lecture focusing on the life of Judge Jonathan Jasper Wright. Born in 1840, Wright was the first black lawyer in both Pennsylvania and South Carolina. A man known for legal firsts, He was also the first black man to serve on the South Carolina state supreme court.

Mr. Wooden currently serves as Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Scranton. His education includes Bachelor and Masters degrees from Howard University, and doctoral work at Catholic University of America. A native of Montrose, Sherman also serves on the Black History Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, on the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University and on the Lackawanna County Association for the Blind, and is a Commissioner on the Governor's Advisory Commission for African Affairs.

Please join us for the lecture on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Catlin House.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Women of
Northeastern Pennsylvania

Dr. Josephine M. Dunn will join us in March for a lecture celebrating the women of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Dunn is Assistant Professor of Art History, Art and Music Program, at the University of Scranton. Her recent research has sent her to area historical societies, where she has uncovered surprising and relevant details that shed light on the history of the area's women. Please join us as she shares her insights on the Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Catlin House.

Sneak Peek

April shines with exciting events. Watch for details on our April 15th Members'-Only tour of the Albright Memorial Library, with library Director Jack Finnerty.

The Annual Civil War Weekend kicks off on April 21st. This year's event promises to be extra special as we travel to Carbondale to pay tribute to some up-valley veterans. More surprises are in store, so watch for further details in our next newsletter.

Save the Date

The Society is cooperating with TNT for a fundraising event. The play *An American Wife*, by Michael Downend and Karen Blomain, is set in the Scranton area just after World War II.

A soldier comes home to his Irish family with a Polish bride. The audience is taken through a year in their lives as they get to know one another again after having been immutably changed by the War. Sweet, funny, and true to life, it flows through time and space like a song from the era.

Date: March 23rd
Cost: \$30.

Ticket includes: opening night ticket, pre-show reception, an exclusive playwright Talk Back with Michael Downend and Karen Blomain, and other surprises.

Reception begins: 7:00 p.m.

Showtime: 8:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P.: Anyone interested in attending should reserve their tickets by calling the Society no later than February 22nd.

THE LUKASIK BROTHERS

PART II

By Dan Glodek

The first part of our series ended with the death of Captain Bernard Lukasik. Part II continues with the lives and service of this dedicated family.

Tragically, nine years after the Captain's death, history cruelly repeated itself. On March 22, 1973, Joseph, the oldest son, was killed while on temporary duty in Turkey as a member of a NATO tactical team. According to the official report, while performing a routine weapons delivery training mission at the Esh Keshir (near An Kara) weapons range, in the rear seat of an F-100 aircraft, with a Turkish pilot in the front seat, the aircraft failed to recover from a steep-dive weapons delivery maneuver and plummeted to the ground. His death was instantaneous.

Prior to this fatal training accident, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Lukasik was presented with German Air Force command pilot wings at Ramstein AB in Germany. He was the chief of the training division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He was recognized for his outstanding performance in training German Air Force pilots for a period of five years.

The emotional burden from the untimely loss of two older brothers could have easily broken the spirit of almost any ordinary young man, but the fortitude of the third brother was never weakened. Upon graduation from the Academy, John Lukasik was trained as a navigator. He served a substantial portion of his aviation career in the airlift business, where he was a crew member in C-130s and C-121s. Along with his airborne responsibilities, he was proficient in a number of diversified operations. In spite of his busy schedule, he was able to earn an MBA degree from the Florida State University.

In the tradition of his late brothers, Lieu-

tenant Colonel John Lukasik distinguished himself in the Air Force. While in service, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

After twenty exemplary years in service, he was cited for bravery as a crew member while serving his tour of duty in Viet Nam. To cap a fine career, his final assignment came as he was designated as Professor of Aerospace Studies at Boston College.

After leaving the Air Force, Yosh (as his friends called him) embarked on a new challenge and lucrative career in civilian life. He was able to put his knowledge and experience to work in a position with the Sanders Association in Nashua, New Hampshire as an integrated logistics manager working electronic warfare systems.

Soon, however, John was unexpectedly sidelined by an illness. A worldly and steadfast warrior, he was seriously challenged by this formidable foe.

A courageous and hard-fought battle ended with John Lukasik's death on October 13, 1987 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, Massachusetts.



Captain John Lukasik

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MORE BOOKSTORE NEWS

Check out these other titles...

Scranton Mayors,
by David Wenzel, Scranton's 27th mayor
A Proper Dress, by Jennifer Hill-Kaucher &
Elizabeth Parry-Faist

*Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures:
A Visitor's Guide to Scranton, the
Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond*

By Daniel K. Perry

More than a guidebook, this new volume is a compendium of fascinating regional trivia, spectacular photographs, maps, and clear directions — everything you need to explore all that NEPA's crown jewel has to offer. History buffs will be especially interested in the old photographs as well as the segments detailing such treasures of local history as the Roebling Bridge, the Scranton Iron Furnaces, and the Knox Mine Disaster.

Continued from page 6 Cancer was the foe that took the third Lukasik brother. What was its underlying cause? Who's to say? Some have cautiously speculated that Agent Orange was at its root.

Captain Bernard Lukasik's name was among fifty-eight thousand others who are engraved in the black granite panels that comprise the Viet Nam Veterans' Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. His name appears on Panel 1E-Row 44.

The Captain and his brother, Lt. Colonel Joseph, are both buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Bernard is interred in Section 35—headstone number 1427. Joseph's grave is one row over, and eighteen stones apart. His marker number is 1545 B. The Air Force Academy is John's final resting place.

In Dickson City, Pennsylvania, Bernard and Joseph's names are inscribed on the military memorial that stands in front of the Borough Building. John's name does not appear there. However, as a token of appreciation, the town designated Lukasik Drive in their honor. For many, they are sadly missed, but not forgotten.

MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNION, VOLUNTEER!

The Lindhill Institute will be recreating the Trial of Lincoln Conspirators on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at the Columbia County Courthouse in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. This program is a fully-costumed event. Anyone interested can go to their website at www.lindhill.org or call them at 570-574-5625.

Lackawanna County Trivia

This month, the LHS Journal introduces a new feature. Replacing "This Day in History," this new piece showcases our county's history. We start with the early history of Scranton. How many of these questions can you answer correctly?

1. What was the name of the early settlement along Roaring Brook that later became Scranton?
2. In what year was the city of Scranton incorporated?
3. What were the names of the first two Scranton brothers to settle here?

4. What business did the Scranton brothers found?
5. What individual provided the impetus that started their business?
6. The Scranton brothers had a cousin who came to Scranton and invested in the company. He remained in Scranton, and his descendants live in the area still. What was this Scranton's name?
7. What is the name of the civil engineer who laid out the city of Scranton?
8. Who was Scranton's first mayor?

Answers on page 11.