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Celebrating a Century

The Catlin House, home of the Lackawanna Historical Society, turns 100 this year. As part of our year-long celebration, here's a look at just a few other places and entities turning 100 in 2012.



Began as a corner drug store in South Scranton in 1912, **Andrew Brown's Drug Store** relocated and expanded its current location two times while growing the products offered to include medical devices and equipment as well as drug prescriptions.

Hoping to give girls the opportunity to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low brought together 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia in 1912 for the first **Girl Scout** meeting. More than 50 million girls have participated to date.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SUN., APR. 29, 2 PM **THE LAST DISPATCH RIDER** See page 5
Civil War lecture by Robert Harris at the Catlin House

FRI./SAT., MAY 11/12, 7 PM **YOU LIVE HERE YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!** See page 7
Local History Game Show at the Scranton Cultural Center

FRI., MAY. 25, 7 PM **REMEMBERING EDGERTON** See page 6
at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

LHS Downtown Walking Tours start in June. Tours will be offered as part of each First Friday through the Summer and will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday morning tours will also be available at 11 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call the Society for specific tour starting locations and additional information.

FRI./SAT./SUN., JUN 1-3 **ARTS ON FIRE**
at the Scranton Iron Furnaces. For more go to www.artsonfirefestival.com

WED., JUN 6, 7 PM **ANTHRACITE LABOR WARS** See page 7
Lecture by Bob Wolensky and Bill Hastie at the Catlin House.

SAT., JUN 9, 10 AM **CIVIL WAR TRAIN** See page 7
Call Steamtown National Historic Site for ticket information. (570) 340-5204

SAT., JUN 23, 12-3 PM **CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CATLIN HOUSE**

In 1912, the District Nursing Association, today known as the **Visiting Nurses Association of Lackawanna County**, was officially chartered. Nurses worked to provide care throughout Scranton to help those in need and to improve health throughout the community. Marking this anniversary is the University of Scranton's Hope Horn Gallery's exhibit "The Visiting Nurses Association of Scranton: One Hundred Years" through May 4.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio, of Coral Gables, Florida, incorporated print advertisements, direct mail, and live radio broadcasts in 1912, to build its current franchise of dance studios nationwide.

The **Lackawanna Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind** is also marking its 100th anniversary this year. The group was founded in 1912 and over the years has worked to teach blind individuals how to travel with a cane, established a prevention program, built a creative center, developed and broadcasted a radio show, and offered computer training classes and the services of a Braille printer.

Barbour's Bakery in Carbondale has been family-owned and operated since 1912. Originally on River Street, the store is now on Salem Avenue.



Two brothers founded **Avanti Cigar** in 1912. The company found much success with its the very popular **Parodi** line, and grew to include a selection of flavored cigars. Above Dominic Keating, one of the third-generation owners and head of Avanti production, speaks with LHS Curator and Trustee Ella Rayburn at the company's Scranton headquarters.

A Word from the President...

Birthdays are special and they definitely should be! A birthday commemorates another year of existence in what we all hope will be a lifetime of well being as we spend our time together in the world. The celebration of a birthday takes many forms, but what they all have in common is a shared sense of happiness and goodwill directed toward the main celebrant of the birthday. Early birthdays in life are the personification of pride and presence, whether it takes place at one, three, five, ten or sixteen. The middle years speak to accomplishment and establishing success as we move through the 20s and 30s, then into the 40s and 50s of our lives.

I have often observed among family and friends that at this point in time attitudes toward a birthday celebration can change. Some prefer less attention be given to the annual recognition of "that special day" in the 60s and 70s decades. Summarily, I find it interesting how we often tend to revere those who celebrate their 80s, 90s, and especially the 100th anniversary of a birth. What stamina, grace and strength can be demonstrated at that point in life. It is truly something to boast about with glee! Certainly, we can all recall persons receiving such testimony upon reaching that significant milestone in the various media we embrace today.

Well friends, in this year 2012, we will mark the 100th anniversary of the Catlin House, built on the site where it still proudly stands today as the headquarters of the Lackawanna Historical Society. There is more to be said and celebrated about this wonderful structure including its design, history, use and future. Be sure to read more about this grand 100TH BIRTHDAY and other centenary observances within our community in this issue of the LHS newsletter and those to follow throughout the year.

Enjoy a pleasant spring in good health.

Best regards,
Michael Gilmartin

About Membership... Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to: The Lackawanna Historical Society at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING

Remembering the Lackawanna Historical Society in your estate is a wonderful way to leave a lasting gift to the community. Planned giving, or charitable gift and estate planning, allows you to contribute to the Society's long-term financial health.

Planned giving has become increasingly popular because it can be tailored to your financial situation. Your gift can be funded through cash, marketable securities, mutual funds, real estate, life insurance, and/or retirement plans. Your gift can be structured around your circumstances so that you may find you can do more than you might have thought possible.

Tax incentives for publicly supported charities are the most advantageous under the tax law. Your bequest is tax deductible.

Who Is It?

An LHS member has asked for the Society's help in identifying this young man. The photograph was taken in Scranton about 1900. Please call or email us if you can help us solve this mystery.



You Live Here, You Should Know This! Returns

On May 11 and 12, from 7-9 p.m. at The Scranton Cultural Center's Shopland Hall, the Lackawanna Historical Society will host its 3rd annual You Live Here You Should Know This! local history game show. WNEP's Ryan Leckey will host the Friday games and Entercom Communications' Tony Bartocci will have the honors on Saturday evening. The games begin at 7 p.m. on both nights and will consist of teams of four, answering questions about events, people, and happenings throughout Lackawanna County in a Family Feud styled format. Teams will consist of NEPA personalities and some of our favorite local history experts. 2009 champions Catherine Cullen and Dominic Keating, along with 2010 championship team member Margo Azzarelli will return in new team line-ups in hopes of regaining their titles. Former Mayor David Wenzel, a runner up from 2009, will also be competing this year with the likes of noted local news personality David DeCosmo, acting sensation Conor McGuigan and Pennsylvania State Senator John Blake, just to name a few. The event, which is created and implemented by local students from Valley View and Riverside high schools, is sure to be an exciting one! Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on both nights and tickets will go on sale in May. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Call the LHS for additional details and stay tuned to the website for complete team listings.

ANTHRACITE LECTURE

Make plans to learn about Anthracite Labor Wars in the Wyoming-Lackawanna Coal Field from 1890-1935 with speakers Bill Hastie, a former mineworker for the Knox Coal Company and an anthracite historian, and Bob Wolensky, an adjunct professor of history and sociology at King's College.

The talk focuses on the Anthracite Labor Wars of the 1910s, 1920s, and 1930s at the Pennsylvania Coal Company, particularly events in the collieries in Dunmore, Old Forge, Forest City, and Pittston.

The event is scheduled for June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Catlin House. Call the Society for more information.

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SLATED TO VISIT THE LACKAWANNA VALLEY

On June 9, 2012, the Lackawanna Historical Society is proud to co-sponsor the Civil War Train with Steamtown National Historic Site and The Delaney DeLacy Guard of the Sons of Union Veterans which will run from Scranton to Carbondale and stop in Jessup. Stops will include music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band and a presentation by James Getty as President Lincoln. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at Steamtown National Historic Site. Call (570)340-5204 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Community Calendar



ACCESSING PENNSYLVANIA DEATH RECORDS

A group of Pennsylvanians working to make death records more accessible is pleased to announce the passing of Senate Bill 361, making state death certificates from 1906 to 1961 and birth certificates before 1906 available to the general public at the State Archives in Harrisburg. An index of the certificates can be found online through the Pennsylvania Department of Health website. To learn more visit the www.pahr-access.org or contact email pahraccess@ptd.net.

FROM TAYLOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALL (570)346-6179 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*May 15, 6 p.m. - Metal Detectors meeting at Taylor Presbyterian Church.
*June 9, 5 p.m. - **Growing Up in Green Ridge** party and book signing in the rear of Brunetti's Pizza (1924 Sanderson Avenue). Join us and Mayor Doherty for the launch of Arcadia's Green Ridge Images of America Book. There will be food, fun, and beverages, and it's free to the community. You don't have to live in Green Ridge to attend; everyone is invited.

REMEMBERING EDGERTON

On May 25 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scranton, the Lackawanna Historical Society will host a program on Edgerton, a forgotten mining community that was once located in East Jermyn, near Aylesworth Park. Local residents Joe Krenitsky and Dale Keklock will share their research, including artifacts collected from the site, to present the history of the "patch town" that existed from about 1883 to 1905 and show a DVD tour of the site. In addition, the Black Sage Band will perform original songs about life and death in Edgerton.

Places in Lackawanna County

1 Archbald	O	L	Y	P	H	A	N	T	Q	S	C	V	G	Y	U
2 Blakely	Z	A	V	X	R	C	S	P	M	B	A	I	B	L	O
3 Carbondale	P	F	H	J	E	R	M	Y	N	K	S	V	L	G	O
4 Dalton	H	J	Q	U	X	Y	O	A	R	C	H	B	A	L	I
5 Dunmore	U	L	M	J	U	T	N	M	B	Y	F	D	K	T	D
6 Eynon	D	M	G	C	A	R	B	O	N	D	A	L	E	A	A
7 Jermyn	U	N	P	O	U	T	R	E	N	P	M	G	L	S	L
8 Jessup	M	A	Y	F	I	E	L	D	W	K	O	F	Y	D	T
9 Mayfield	O	M	Z	X	C	V	B	N	Q	Y	O	I	J	H	O
10 Moosic	R	O	E	F	L	P	H	E	J	E	S	S	U	P	N
11 Moscow	E	S	D	H	J	N	B	R	T	H	I	U	K	L	M
12 Olyphant	S	C	C	G	K	M	N	Y	P	U	C	O	D	L	I
13 Peckville	Q	O	W	E	R	T	L	U	O	P	R	A	X	Z	S
14 Riverside	D	W	Y	T	S	E	Q	H	S	E	H	F	D	Z	C
15 Scranton	F	V	L	T	V	A	N	D	L	I	N	G	I	P	R
16 Simpson	G	C	S	A	G	J	Q	Y	A	X	M	K	U	L	A
17 Taylor	I	U	W	A	H	Q	A	W	S	V	B	P	Y	O	N
18 Throop	H	M	K	Z	M	T	H	R	O	O	P	T	S	N	T
19 Vandling	Y	S	D	F	B	O	L	S	T	Q	S	R	N	O	O
20 Waverly	R	I	V	E	R	S	I	D	E	G	Y	I	L	K	N

In the Catlin House...

Welcoming two new interns

Carolyn Barber was born and raised in North Liberty, Indiana and moved to Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1998. Currently she lives in Nanticoke with her son Elijah-Paul and daughter Coral. Music and art have always been strong facets in her life. She has played the piano since she was a child, and both of her parents are vocalists. She completed her bachelor's degree in Anthropology at Bloomsburg University in 2008. She is completing her master's degree in Museum Studies with the University of Oklahoma, and she will graduate in the fall 2012. She is working on a project focusing on the Jones Musical Scrapbook Collection with the assistance of Nancy McDonald, author of "If You Can Play Scranton". The collection will be archived in boxes to prevent deterioration and some of the pieces will be digitized to be available to the public online. Carolyn says she's enjoyed her time with the Lackawanna Historical Society, and she hopes to continue to volunteer with us after her internship is complete.



NEW MEMBERS

Sustaining

Larry and Jennifer Hickernell, Scranton

Contributing

Erin and Joe Speicher, Carbondale

Family

Jeffrey Thomas, Timonium, MD
Edward and Barbara Petroski, Scranton

Individual

Kimberly Carson McGowen, Malvern
Robert Kanigel, Baltimore, MD
Joe Klapatch, Scranton
Daniel W. Emick, Scranton
Shane Dean, Scranton

Student

Carolyn Barber, Nanticoke

Leandra Morris is from Pulteney, New York, and she is attending Marywood University where she is enrolled in the Arts Administration program. She is organizing, cataloging, and preserving documents and photographs from the recently donated CMC archives. The materials will be shared with the Scranton Public Library to be part of their Lackawanna Valley Digital Archives. To assist us, CMC has agreed to provide funding for the project. Through this project she has been working with the scrapbooks, photos, and newspapers to find the stories behind the artifacts. Leandra says she hopes to open her own non-profit to help children get art supplies by working with art schools and getting students to donate their old slightly used art supplies to the organization.



With Much Appreciation...

- To Ted Baird who spoke to Society members in March about the West Lackawanna Avenue Viaduct.
- To Sherman Wooden who held a book signing and took the extra time to speak with each attendee personally.

New Map Case for Society

The Society would like to thank students and faculty at Johnson College for their assistance in building and installing a new map case at the Catlin House. Thanks to (from left) Mike Aniska, Matt Lehnert, and Ryan Gongliwski who built the map case. Also, we'd like to extend a special thanks to Joe Musheno, the chairman of Carpentry and Cabinetmaking at Johnson College for directing the project.

FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Iron Puddler

Dennis T. Ruddy

Silk Throwers

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Kovaleski
Mary Lynn McDermott
Mary Jane Memolo

Breaker Boys

Bonnie and Frank Ciero
Mr. and Mrs. Gerard J. Jacquinet
Tom Kingsley
Ann Mackrell
Chris McWilliams
Louis and Timmie Ott
Paul J. Rudrich
Lance Stange Jr.
Thomas Yeager

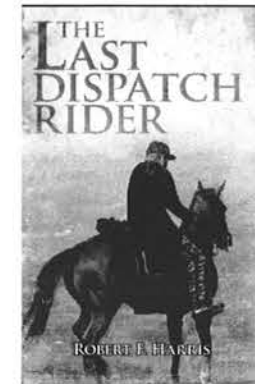


In its second year, *Dinner by Design* raised more than \$7,000.00 each for the Lackawanna Historical Society and the Scranton Cultural Center. Congratulations to Michael Gilmartin for co-chairing the event with Laurie Cadden, and thank you to all the staff at the Scranton Cultural Center and LHS for their hard work that made the event such a great success. The Society is proud to congratulate the top three people's choice winners at *Dinner by Design*. George Duffy won first place, second place was John Mackey, and Judy Sweeney took third place.

IN THE BOOKSTORE

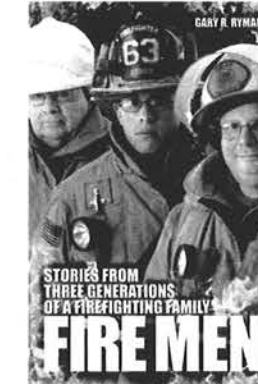


Stop by the Catlin House soon to purchase these newly-added items in the LHS book store.



The Last Dispatch Rider by Robert Harris

LHS Members: \$14.40
Non Members: \$16.00



Firemen: Stories From Three Generations of a Firefighting Family by Gary Ryman

LHS Members: \$10.45
Non Members: \$11.50

Capital Improvements Continue at the Catlin House

Thanks to Jim Rodway for donating painting services to the Lackawanna Historical Society in honor of his brother Alan Sweeney. His painter repainted the Catlin House hall and alcove earlier this month as part of the society's continued efforts to make some improvement to our headquarters as we mark its centennial year. As work continues, copies of Edward Langley's original architectural drawings of the Catlin House will be hung in the hall and stay tuned for more information as the Society begins a plan to upgrade the building's electrical and HVAC systems.

About Your Town

Located on Route 435 near Elmhurst Township, this wall marked with the name "Chicco" and a fish is the location of the old Chicco's Live Bait. The building burned in the 1950s.

Thanks to LHS Members Ed Petroski, Jr. for sharing this photograph. Send the Society a piece about your town or neighborhood, and we'll be happy to include it in a future issue as we relate and preserve the vital history of Lackawanna County.



Civil War Author Scheduled to Speak at the Catlin House

There was one last large Confederate army to fight at the end of the Civil War. A peace had been signed at Appomattox Court House. President Lincoln had been assassinated. General William T. Sherman prepared to lead a Union army against Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston. Shortly before the battle would begin, General Sherman sent Private Thomas D. Collins to deliver a dispatch to his front line calling off the impending battle because General Johnston had agreed to surrender terms.

While there would be other small skirmishes, the tale of Private Collins as the last dispatch rider is the focus of Robert F. Harris's second book. Mr. Harris, a former school superintendent in New Jersey and a licensed battlefield guide chose to tell the story of the young boy who joined the Union Army after running away from home at 14.

"He's a kid and does a manly job," Mr. Harris said.

Private Collins would return home within months before re-enrolling in the army. He would go on to win the Congressional Medal of Honor before his 17th birthday.

Mr. Harris was drawn to Private Collins' personal history because the Private is originally from the hometown of his wife. A Vietnam veteran with a lifelong interest in history, Mr. Harris said he was familiar with the life story of Private Collins. He saw the opportunity to tell the personal story of Private Collins with an eye toward the experiences and emotions he knew from the battlefield.

Mr. Harris will speak at the Lackawanna Historical Society on April 29 at 2 p.m. about the life of Private Collins and his book. Mr. Harris will also be able to answer questions about Private Collins, the battles, and the experiences during the Civil War.

He will also speak about another book he coauthored, *Dear Sister: The Civil War Letters of the Brothers Gould*. That book is a compilation of letters written by a group of brothers to their sister. The letters were shown to Mr. Harris who wanted to edit and publish them to connect to the themes of his own letters during his time in Vietnam.

The Lackawanna Historical Society has copies of *The Last Dispatch Rider* available for sale in our book store, and they will be available through the Society when Mr. Harris speaks.