

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 5** *The PA Coal Company's Gravity Railroad Through the Eyes of Alson Vandervoort*
Illustrated lecture by Kurt Reed, 2:00 p.m. at the Catlin House (see page 4)
- NOVEMBER 10** *Annual Regional Book Fair Authors' Reception*
Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet NEPA's most fascinating authors.
7:00 p.m. at the Catlin House (see page 5)
- NOVEMBER 11** *Annual Regional Book Fair*
Start your holiday shopping now for the local history lover in your life!
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mall at Steamtown (see page 5)
- NOVEMBER 15** *Red Cross First Aid Commemoration*
Opening reception, student exhibit, and dramatic presentation relating Lackawanna County's role in the development of First Aid and its founder, Dr. Matthew Shields.
Fee for Performance: \$5.00 Sponsorship support from Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority
6:00 p.m. at the Red Cross Building / 7:30 p.m. performance at the Century Club
- DECEMBER 3** *Meet General Meade, Pennsylvania's Great Military Commander and Citizen*
By Pennsylvania Humanities Council Speaker Anthony Waskie, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor Temple University, Civil War historian and a specialist on Meade's life and career. Sponsored by the Scranton Public Library
2:00 p.m. at the Catlin House
- DECEMBER 7/8** *Holiday Open House at the Catlin House*
Members-Only on Thursday evening, General Public on Friday evening
7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Catlin House (see page 6)

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The Lukasik Brothers By Dan Glodek

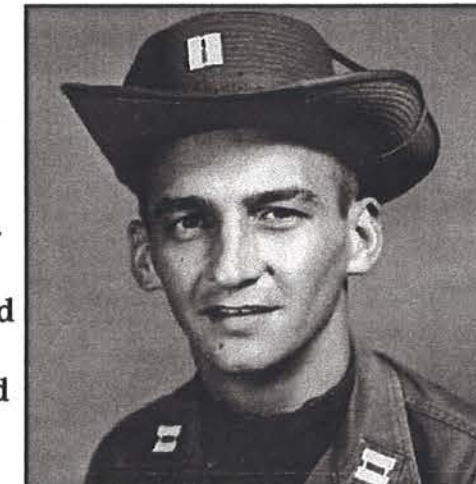
Over the years, countless cities, towns, and hamlets have proudly erected monuments and memorials honoring their war dead and enshrining those who distinguished themselves in the service of their country. Dickson City is no exception. One family in particular, the Lukasik family, etched its name in the annals of the borough's history.

The Lukasik's humble household included four brothers and one sister. The three older brothers sought careers in the Air Force.

In 1964, John, the third brother, was a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. After two years of study at the University of Scranton, he received his Congressional appointment to the Academy from Representative Stanley Prokop. Those days proved to be significant to our escalating involvement in Viet Nam.

During the early sixties, our military forces were engaged in a tenacious advisory role to the unstable government of South Viet Nam. Little by little, those first steps slowly led to a giant leap into a long and very unpopular war. Fifty eight thousand American lives were lost.

One February evening, Cadet John Lukasik



Maj. Bernard F. Lukasik

was immersed in the routine of his studies, when the somber voice of the radio broadcaster announced that his brother, Captain Bernard Lukasik, an Air Force pilot, had been killed.

The young cadet wasted no time in seeking the facts. His brother had been shot down while giving supporting fire for friendly ground forces from South Viet Nam. His efforts went above and beyond the call of duty. Making one daring pass at a hostile and heavily-armed enemy with his vulnerable T-28 aircraft would have taken sheer guts. Capt. Lukasik made six passes.

The confirmation of his death was a paralyzing reality, not only for his family, but for all those who knew him. As fate would have it, he was one of the first casualties from northeastern Pennsylvania in this war.

Ironically, the day prior to his death, Capt. Lukasik had daringly flown his T-28 in an attack against Viet Cong troops. During the course of their attack, the flight leader was shot down and made a crash landing. Capt. Lukasik followed him down and made sure that the pilot was clear of his burning plane.

Only after being assured of his leader's safety did he return to the air. He made several passes at the encroaching enemy. Even after expending all of his ammunition, he continued to make dry runs, keeping the V.C. at bay until other fighters came to his assistance. Lukasik continued until he was certain that endangered airmen were out of harm's way. Only then did he leave

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Historians,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your participation in our *Fund for the Future* annual campaign. Chairperson Kathy Keating and her committee have done an outstanding job. To date, we have raised \$4910.00.

Our recent trip to Gettysburg was great fun. The group enjoyed a superlative tour of the battlefield by Gary Roche, who is a retired battlefield guide, and the great, great grandson of Medal of Honor winner Patrick De Lacy. Our road trips are always exciting, and this was an exceptional one (see photo on page 11).

So many of our members tell me that they truly enjoy all that their membership has to offer. My candid response is: "Thanks to our staff and volunteers. They are what makes our organization stand out in all our endeavors." If you are not active in our Society, please call us! Volunteer!

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at our Members Only Christmas Open House on December 8th.

Sincerely,
Alan Sweeney

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

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the battle area and head for home base.

For being instrumental in saving the lives of the two crewmen, Capt. Lukasik was recommended for the Air Force Cross, the second highest military award for heroism. To complement this distinguished decoration, he also earned two Air Medals for consecutive periods of sustained service in armed conflict: the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and the Air Force Commendation Medal for service beyond normal duties.



In further recognition, President Lyndon B. Johnson sent two letters to Capt. Lukasik's widow, Joan. In them, the Commander-in-Chief expressed the gratitude of a grateful nation. As an additional act of acknowledgement, Congressman Joseph McDade of the Tenth Congressional District, introduced the circumstances of the Captain's heroics and death into the Congressional Record on March 2, 1969.

This family's amazing story of dedication, courage, and loss will continue in the next issue of our Journal.

September Sojourn Enjoyed by All

On September 24th & 25th, the Society hosted a trip to Gettysburg. Tour Guide Emeritus Gary Roche & his cousin Anthony DeLacy, both descendants of Scranton Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient Patrick Delacy, greeted the LHS group to provide a special outlook of the battlefield's history. The group is pictured at left and includes Anthony Delacy, Howard "the bus driver," Joan Glowinski, Virginia Marker, Bob Booth, Mary Jane Memolo, Dalida O'Malley, Ann Gilmartin, Ann Marie O'Hara, Bunny Golo, Mary Lou Davis, Mary Ann Moran, Sharon Gallo, Gary Roche, and Frank Gallo. Missing from the photo is Bob Savakimus, our photographer! Thanks to everyone who joined the Society for this adventure, and special thanks to Mary Theresa Connolly for planning the trip.

Member Feedback Needed on Fundraising Event

The LHS is considering a special event with TNT. 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.

This March 23rd fundraiser for the Society will be \$30. The price will include an opening night ticket, pre-show concert and reception, with an exclusive playwright Talk Back with Michael Downend and Karen Blomaine.

In order for the program to succeed, we need to sell at least 50 tickets. Therefore, we

are asking our members to fill out the form below and let us know if you would be interested in attending.

Member Survey

Check appropriate item(s) below:

___ Yes I would be interested in attending this March 23rd fundraiser event

___ I know of ___ people who would also be interested in this event

___ No, I would not be interested in attending this March 23rd fundraiser event

Mail your survey to:

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Or you may respond by calling the Society at 344-3841 or emailing us at lhs@albright.org

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Honor Extended

To Ella Rayburn,

on the occasion of her retirement

From Sue Razdilski & friends attending her retirement dinner

Memorial

In memory of Eric Axford

From Nancy Stahler

Volunteer of the Year Honored

The Society honored its own Robert Booth as Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Dinner, which was held on September 6th at the Radisson Lackawanna Station hotel.

Since joining the Society last year, this retired English teacher has been handling in-coming research requests. He utilizes the Society's library, as well as the Albright Memorial Library, the Weinberg Memorial Library, and various Cemetery and other records in his work.

His duties have had him corresponding with people all over the United States and as far

Society Welcomes New Faces

Tiffany Goldy has joined us as our new Yellowwood student. A bright and eager young woman, Tiffany helps with scanning, filing, photocopying, correspondence, and counts donations and tallies deposits. Tiffany has learned the library's ordering system and is in charge of keeping the library in order.

A Senior this year, Tiffany is planning her future by investigating local physicians assistant and dental assistant programs.

Tiffany is a polite and professional young woman, and we are very pleased to welcome her as an addition to our staff.

We are also pleased to welcome new intern Steven Jenks. A graduate student in history at the University of Scranton, Steven is assisting with research pertaining to the Society's new weekly column in the *Scranton Times*, as well as assisting Bob Booth with filing newspaper articles, and even helping out with a living history production. He has proved a great help to the office staff, and is gaining valuable experience and insight into the operations of a small historical society.

New volunteer Andrew Ponti, a Secondary Education and History major at the U. of S., has been assisting Bob Booth with research requests and helping out with office duties. Much thanks to Andrew and to all of our hard-working volunteers!

away as Wales! Bob is always helpful and professional.

In addition to fulfilling research requests, Bob gladly pitches in to answer phones or greet visitors when the office gets hectic. We have come to rely on him greatly.

In addition, we have grown very fond of this man, and affectionately call him "Uncle Bob."

Bob Booth is a wonderful addition to the Society, and we are proud to have honored him this year.

On behalf of the entire Historical Society, Bob, we sincerely thank you!!

FALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Ghost

And

Other Scary Stories



October 28

8:00 p.m.

Taylor Memorial Church

South Main Street, Taylor

Limited seating to the first 85 guests

Donations will be accepted to benefit the Taylor Beautification Committee

Watch for some familiar faces from *Past Player* productions!

Not recommended for children under 12 years of age!



The PA Coal Company's Gravity Railroad Through the Eyes of Alson Vandervoort

Alson Vandervoort worked on the Gravity all his life. His first job was the laying of the track. The only known person to have worked for the Gravity from start to finish, he ended his career with the Gravity R.R. when he helped remove the track.

A slide show presentation by Kurt Reed will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Catlin House.

Mr. Reed is a lifetime resident of Wayne County. Descending from some of the earliest settlers, he has a passion for his local history. Mr. Reed has lectured throughout the country. Join us for this afternoon event.

Society Receives Grants

The LHS is happy to announce that we are the recipients of a Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) grant, in the amount of \$5,597, to support arts programming. PPA is the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Scranton Area Foundation.

The LHS has also received \$10,000 in General Operating Support from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

The following appeared in *Cricket* magazine:

Nov. 1890

"Intelligence has been received by Judge Hand to the effect that the plans for the Albright Memorial building have been altered, and that the edifice will be constructed of Indiana gray limestone, instead of brick as originally intended. It is expected that work will be commenced in a few weeks on the foundation, which is to be finished this winter, and that the superstructure will be completed next spring. The amount subscribed for the purchase of books to date is \$24,735."

"The event of the season...was the presentation of *Carmen* by the Emma Juch operatic Company" at the Academy of Music.

"Lewis Morrison delighted large audiences with his impersonation of the polished and good-humored devil in *Faust*, and the lover of scenic effects was more than satisfied with the mechanical contrivances and copious supply of fireworks that formed important features of the occasion.

2006 ANNUAL DINNER A SMASHING SUCCESS

On Sept. 6th, the Society partnered with Scranton Community Concerts for *All the Big Stars Perform in Scranton: America's First Community Concert Association*.

Thanks to program presenters Chris & Barbara Norton, to Doug Smith & Lexington Entertainment for providing the musical interludes, to the Trustees and staff of Community Concerts, and to Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Scranton Area Foundation for its continued funding of arts programs such as this.

Please see page 4 for additional information on our most recent PPA award.

SOCIETY DOCUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR NATIONAL PROJECT

The Society has had the honor of having two documents from its collection photographed as part of a national project. *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln* is a long-term project dedicated to identifying, imaging, and publishing all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime (1809 to 1865). The documents are published both comprehensively in electronic form, and selectively in volume form.

The *Papers* is made up of three series: Series I—Legal Paper—documents from Lincoln's quarter-century legal career; Series II—Illinois Papers—correspondence and all other non-legal documents prior to Lincoln's inauguration; Series III—Presidential Papers—correspondence and other records from Lincoln's presidency.

The documents from the Society's collection include a commission and an appointment, both signed by President Lincoln. They were added to Series III, the Presidential Papers.

ORDER YOUR CATLIN REPRODUCTION

If you are an admirer of the paintings of George Catlin, you will be interested in this special opportunity. From among our collection, the Society has chosen three prints to be digitally reproduced by Lizza Studios. The prints are:

- 1-Group of North American Indians
- 2-Buffalo Hunt Approaching in Ravine
- 3- Buffalo Hunt Chasing Back

Printed on high-quality acid-free paper, these 14 1/2 x 21 inch prints sell for \$125 each. Call or stop by the Society to order your print.

FAITHFUL TO OUR HERITAGE

PART III

By David Ackerman

This third article in a series that highlights the contributions of our various houses of worship focuses on our Jewish heritage.

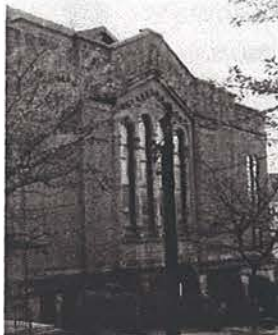
The Jewish community in Scranton dates back to the Golden Era when the coal industry was at its peak. Industrial growth brought with it a need for businesses and services. A number of these needs were filled by Jewish merchants who arrived from European countries. Families such as Oppenheim, Samter, and Hoden contributed greatly to the city's economy, and their names are still known to us.

Jewish families in the area founded a number of different congregations. From 1845 to 1860, a group of dedicated Jewish men met at Alhambra Hall on the 400 block of Lackawanna Avenue. These men conducted services with the various members acting as religious leader. An interesting anecdote is that, during the high holidays, the only house of worship for them was in the city of Wilkes-Barre. They would travel in a covered wagon for the trek. The journey was taken by the men only. Women were exempted from worship service until 1868. The journey was fraught with danger, including attacks by Indians.

The oldest existing congregation in the city is Anshe Heshed, which had its first permanent home at the Linden Street Temple in 1867. Later, it moved to the Madison Avenue Temple. The congregation now has its home at Temple Heshed, located on Knox Road near Lake Scranton. Its stained glass windows depict the insignias of the original Twelve Tribes of Israel and the regalia worn by the high priests of ancient Israel.



Madison Avenue Temple



Temple Israel

is home to Scranton's Orthodox congregation. Anshe Sfard was founded in 1892, and later merged with the B'nai Israel congregation, which in turn merged with Linden Street Temple. The congregation began construction of Beth Shalom about 1965.

Other congregations in the area's history include Temple Israel in Dunmore; the Linden Street Shul; the Penn Avenue congregation, later named Penn Monroe Shul; Bichor Chalim Shul; Ohav Zedek; and the Red Shul.

These congregations are part of the rich history of our area, whose immigrants brought with them the religions that meant so much to their lives and their heritage. They remain an important part of life in Lackawanna County today.



Temple Beth Shalom

2007 REGIONAL BOOK FAIR



Don't miss this excellent opportunity for one-stop shopping for local history. Local authors will be selling and signing their publications.

Meet the Authors Reception

Friday, November 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
at the Catlin House

Regional Book Fair

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Steamtown Mall, Scranton

Co-sponsored by the Luzerne County and
Lackawanna Historical Societies

Authors who have registered so far include:

Leanne Brogan	Jack E. McGuigan
Mary Theresa Connolly	Darlene Miller-Lanning
Lucia Dailey	Philip Mosley
Mary Liz Donato	Nick Petula
Aileen Sallom Freeman	Jack Smiles
Caleb N. Ginyard III	Alan Sweeney
Cheryl A. Kashuba	Lloyd Wagner

If you know of a local author who might like to participate, please ask them to contact the Society.

RECENT EVENTS

Children Enjoy Kids' Day

The Society held its first ever *Kids at the Catlin House* on Saturday, September 30. Volunteers Leni Piaski and Joanne Kavulich, along with Ann Marie O'Hara, entertained the children in period dress with period-appropriate games. With rapt attention, the children listened as volunteer Karen Tickner, also in period dress, read from the diary of fifteen-year-old Alice Scranton.

The children enjoyed the day so much that they did not want to leave!

The Society received this lovely note from one of the mothers:

Dear Mary Ann & Staff —

Thank you so much for hosting "Kids at the Catlin House." My daughters, Casey & Kate, had a fabulous time. They were so very interested & learned a lot.

Please keep us in mind for future programs. They can't wait to come back.

*Sincerely,
Gretchen Welby*

Dunmore Walking Tour a Success

On October 1st and 8th, the Lackawanna Historical Society conducted its 10th annual Dunmore Cemetery Walking Tour with the *Past Players*.

This year's event was something of a mystery tour, as the guests did not know who they would encounter along the fourteen stops of the tour.

Personalities portrayed included Mayor Ezra Ripple, baseball player and World War I veteran David Owen Williams, Mrs. John Cleland, Irving Finch, and Nellie Kellet, a crowd favorite.

Thanks to Dunmore Cemetery and the *Past Players* for making the event our most successful ever. Cast members included: Julie Esty, who wrote and directed this year's program, Megan Esty, Doug Forrer, Chester Kowalski, John Moran, Joan Glowinski, Jennifer Ochman, Tom Cipriano, Bridget Conlogue, Nelson Wood, Jackie Wood, Christopher Wood, Karen Tickner, and Kelly Kirchner.

To the entire cast: *Bravo!*

Celebrate the Season in LHS Style

Members Only Holiday Open House

On December 7th at 7:00 p.m.
the Lackawanna Historical Society
will host its annual Members Only Open House.

Don't miss this wonderful chance to see the Catlin House shine.

Please note that we will also conduct the election of 2007 Officers and Trustees
at 7:15 p.m. during the Open House, slate to be announced.

Santa Ron & the Brass Elves will provide musical entertainment beginning at 7:30



Books Make Great Holiday Gifts



Mayor Wenzel Announces Release of New Book

Scranton's Mayors, a history of the mayors of Scranton, will be released to the public on October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The proceeds from the first 50 copies will be donated to the Lackawanna Historical Society.

Written by Mayor David Wenzel, Scranton's 27th mayor, the book contains short biographies of early mayors of Scranton, as well as more extensive coverage of the mayors from Hanlon forward.

Presently, there are five living former mayors: Judge James Walsh, Eugene J. Peters, James B. McNulty, Wenzel, and James Connors. Along with current Mayor Chris Doherty, each of the mayors will read passages from the book and sign copies. The public is invited to attend.

Consider These Titles for Your Gift List

North American Indians:
George Catlin

Edited by Peter Matthiessen
(\$17.95)

Stories From the Mines

by Greg Matkosky
& Thomas M. Curra
(\$29.99)

Overbrook Town Shop Recipes

By Ruth Kellogg McCurdy
& Flora Sell Coan
(\$12.00)

Don't forget these favorites:

SCRANTON

WISH YOU WERE HERE

GATEWAY TO THE CLOUDS

DIARY REVEALS DETAILS OF SCRANTON'S PAST

By Karen Tickner

Among the Society's holdings is the 1869 diary of Alice Scranton, fifteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Hand Scranton, who lived in the old Scranton Estate. The pages contain interesting details of a daily life.

Mr. Scranton's business often took him to New York, and on January 20th, he sailed on the "Steamer Cuba" for Liverpool, England.

A common means of getting around town was walking, and Alice seems always to have been walking to and from town on errands for her mother. A trip to Nettleton's store resulted in a new pair of shoes for \$6.00.

The street car, buggy, and sleigh made weather a constant concern, and many of Alice's entries report snow, sleet, ice, and mud.

The winter brought fun, though. Skating was a common pastime, and the swamp where the Courthouse now stands was a popular spot.

Among the Scranton family's friends, Alice lists a number of recognizable names. She writes of calling on Jennie Albright, whose family would be the namesake of the Albright Memorial Library.

The name of Mrs. Catlin appears often. This would refer to the first Mrs. Catlin, the former Mary Archbald. Alice writes of calling on Mrs. Catlin and of walking home from church with her on a number of

occasions. Dr. Isaiah Everhart's name appears several times, as the family called for him whenever there was illness or injury. Alice's January 14th entry notes that the good doctor attended her little brother Louis when he broke his arm playing on some rocks behind the family home. On that date, Dr. Everhart also enjoyed some activities with the Scranton family. Alice even mentions that he had gone skating with her on one occasion.

Perhaps the most notable name in Alice's diary appears when she writes, on March 4, 1869, that "Grant was inaugurated President of the United States this noon." This entry goes beyond portraying the everyday life of a young Scranton girl by showing her response to national events.

Yet, the details of Scranton do bring that period of our history to life for the modern reader.

These details revealed in Alice's diary give us a direct link to the people and places of our heritage, making the connection real through the eyes of a young girl who lived it.

As I continue through the days of Alice's diary, I look forward to discovering more and more interesting details of life in nineteenth century Scranton as it was experienced by this young lady.

