

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

ONGOING	DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS SATURDAYS, 11 AM (STARTS AT LACKAWANNA COLLEGE) (THE SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER IS ALSO OFFERING TOURS ON SATURDAYS AT 1 PM)
SUN. JULY 27	FILM: A SHOP ON EVERY CORNER: MEMORIES OF THE GARMENT INDUSTRY 1 PM STEAMTOWN NHS \$6 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR
SUN. AUG. 3	1877 RIOT MARKER DEDICATION 2 PM AT LACKAWANNA AVE./WASHINGTON AVE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARGO AT 346-6179
SAT. AUG. 9	A DAY OF AMUSEMENT IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY: MARKETS, MARKERS, AND MARTINIS SEE PAGE 6 AND 7 FOR DETAILS AND WATCH FOR POSTCARD INVITATION COMING SOON
SAT. AUG. 23	HERITAGE EXPLORER TRAIN RIDE TO PIONEER DAYS 10AM FROM STEAMTOWN NHS. CALL YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR DETAILS.
SUN. SEPT. 14	WILLIAMSPORT DAY TRIP SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER
WED. SEPT. 17	LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER DETAILS TBA
SAT. OCT. 5/12	DUNMORE CEMETERY TOURS 2 PM
SUN. OCT. 19	AVONDALE DISASTER LECTURE BY BOB WOLENSKY, 2 PM AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
SUN. NOV. 9	SCRIMSHAW LECTURE BY KENNETH KENOWSKI, 2 PM AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
SUN. NOV. 16	PATRICK W. COSTELLO (1866-1935), BELLEVUE BREAKER BOY TO NATIONALLY RENOWNED PEN & INK ARTIST LECTURE BY TOM COSTELLO, 2 PM AT ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL BUILDING

CURRENT LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITS:

AT THE CATLIN HOUSE: **THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS** AND
THREE GENERATIONS OF HYDE PARK (THROUGH THE END OF JULY)

AT THE WILLIAM J. NEALON FEDERAL COURTHOUSE AND POST OFFICE:
COAL TO DIAMOND: BASEBALL IN NEPA AND **THE TOOLS THAT BUILT SCRANTON**

AT THE EVERHART MUSEUM: **FEATHERS & FASHION** (INSTALLED IN JUNE BY THE LHS)

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EVERHART'S GIFT TURNS 100

By Brian Clark

Out-of-town visitors who wander away from "The Office" tour can find a number of area sites that deserve tourist attention. One of them sits at the entryway to Nay Aug Park and is named after the Bucks County-transplant who was central in forming the museum.

An extensive interest in collecting and traveling combined with successful business ventures in and around Scranton put Isaiah F. Everhart in the position to open, stock, and endow a museum that 100 years later remains a Scranton landmark.



ISAIAH F. EVERHART, M. D.

It was Everhart's many business ventures – the Everhart Coal Company, the Scranton Forging Company, the Everhart Brass Works – that gave Dr. Everhart the means to travel, expand his collection, and eventually donate more than \$200,000 to build and endow the museum for the city of Scranton.

Everhart's interests in collecting – seeds, animals, skins, furs, fish – and his interest in science and nature filled his collection and laid the beginnings of the Everhart museum. We remem-

ber Everhart the benefactor, who gave the city its signature museum for arts and science. He rightfully deserves that credit. But Everhart was also a successful businessman who turned his financial success—and his hobby interests—into an entity that serves the community and reminds us of its original benefactor 100 years after its dedication.

The youngest son of James and Mary Everhart, Isaiah Everhart was born January 22, 1840 in Bucks County. He studied medicine at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster and the University of Pennsylvania, and worked at the West Philadelphia U.S. Military Hospital. After school, Everhart joined with the Union forces as a surgeon – initially as an assistant with the Eighth Regiment Penn-

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Dr. Isaiah F. Everhart endowed the city of Scranton with a cultural landmark. The Nay Aug Park museum, which bears his name, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.



*The Lackawanna
Historical Society 2008-09*

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**Restorations to the Catlin House
are Completed.**

We are pleased to announce that Phase Two of the Catlin House exterior restoration has been completed. Work included the cleaning of all masonry, and the repair and replacement (as needed) of all stucco and half timbering on the building as well as the restoration of the stairwell stained glass windows and installation of light reducing film on many of the windows. All exterior surfaces have also been painted with the help of paint analysis to ensure the best match to the original colors.

The project was completed by local contractor Jerry Ganz, Inc and the stain glass restoration was completed by Baut Studios. All work was overseen by Preservation Architect John Bowie and the Society's Building and Grounds Committee Members Tom Horlacher, Richard Leonori, and Ella Rayburn. We are most grateful to everyone who participated in this project for their willingness to share their time and talent.

As an added bonus, three new awnings have been installed to complete the overall exterior look of the building. If you have not visited the Catlin House lately, be sure to stop by soon to see the finished project totaling over \$235,000.

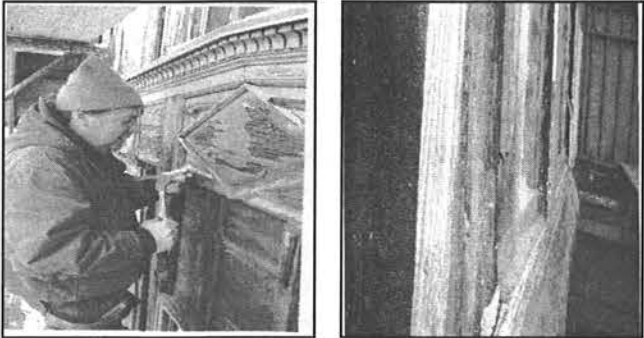
...And when you do, be sure to check out the sideboard in the dining room, which has also just undergone a restoration. The LHS Collections Committee approved the use of funding from the Collections Account for the restoration of the piece which is original to the Catlin House. To see photos of both of these restorations please turn to page 11.

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

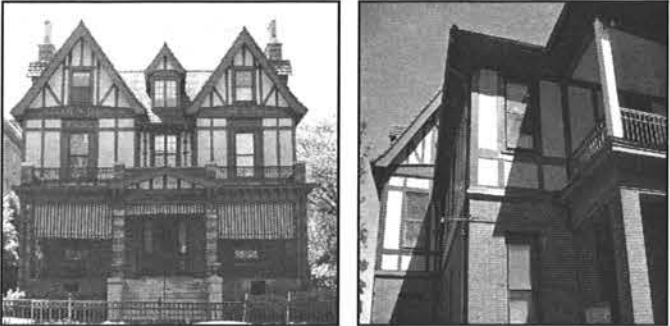
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BEFORE: CATLIN HOUSE EXTERIOR



AFTER: CATLIN HOUSE EXTERIOR



BEFORE: SIDEBOARD IN DINING ROOM



AFTER: SIDEBOARD IN DINING ROOM



Day Trip to Williamsport

On Sunday, September 14 the LHS will host a bus trip to Williamsport. The bus will leave the Catlin House at 8:30 a.m. to meet a step-on guide in Williamsport for a tour of *Millionaire's Row* including a visit inside one of the mansions. Then participants can explore the city and have lunch on their own before taking a cruise on the steamboat *Hiawatha*. The day will also include a visit to the *Thomas Taber Museum* and a tour of a local winery with a wine and cheese reception before a group dinner at the *Bull Frog Brew Pub*.

The cost is \$75 which includes bus, dinner and all scheduled tours. To reserve your spot, return the registration from with payment made to the Lackawanna Historical Society by September 1st.

**WILLIAMSPORT DAY TRIP
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

OF RESERVATIONS: ____ X \$75

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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TO THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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2008 Architectural Heritage Association Awards

Congratulations to all of the Scranton property owners who have been recognized for their efforts to preserve their buildings and our local history!

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224 Wyoming Ave.

Scranton Prep Addition

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1118 Columbia St., Stephen & Margo Opsasnick

1123 Columbia St., Michael J. & Rosemary Gavigan

906 Woodlawn Ave.

South Scranton

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100 Cleveland Ave., Donald J. Smith, Jr.

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914 N Webster Ave., Christian & Daniela Digregorio

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914 Quincy Ave., Beverly Ann Debarros

649 Quincy Ave.

1021-23 Mulberry St.

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720 N. Webster Ave., Adam & Jacqueline Katz

612 Clay Ave.

232 Monroe Ave., Lackawanna Historical Society

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1412 Oram St., James J. Dellacave

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1215 Schlager St., Jane E. McGowty

1603 Schlager St., Joseph A & Marie A Salvatori

1219-21 Schlager St., Thomas J. Norton

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1115 Bryn Mawr St., Mary C. & Karen M. Hape

1132 Bryn Mawr St., Joesph Joyce

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From the Archives

The Scranton Times Annual published a listing of local chronology of events that happened throughout the year. This entry caught our eye.

*"Wm. (Pussyfoot) Johnson
noted temperance lecturer,
spoke at Y.M.C.A."*

Prohibition, of course, came about in 1920, and the 21st Amendment repealed the attempt to ban alcohol. Regardless, William "Pussyfoot" Johnson arrived in Scranton to deliver a speech on May 14, 1920.

VOLUNTEER CORNER



The Lackawanna Historical Society would like to extend a thank you to all those who are working to keep the Catlin House beautiful. Our April Clean Up Day volunteers: Ann Marie O'Hara, Robert Savakinas, Tom Cipriano, Joanne Kavulich, Karen Tickner, and Ellie Axford.

Furthermore, we would like to thank our new volunteers Mason Palmatier, Paul Brojack, Brook Ruane, Ed Klecha, Treg Davis, and Dominic Serine. Also thank you to Chris Ewasho and all of our volunteers from the Friendship House. Stop by the Catlin House to see the beautiful garden which our volunteers made possible.

*Thank you to all of our volunteers!
You make what we do possible.*

Don't forget!

**You can get a free print of the
Everhart Museum or Lackawanna Station
both celebrating centennial anniversaries
by bringing a new member to the LHS.**

For Your Information

Recently the LHS was contacted by Bernadette Lepre to let us know there is still available spaces for a trip to Gettysburg Tuesday, August 12 through Wednesday, August 13. For more information please call Bernadette at: (570) 282-8046.

NEWSBREAK

The Lackawanna Historical Society

is honored to have received a

Certificate of Merit

from the

Architectural

Heritage Association

of Northeastern Pennsylvania

*for work completed which adheres to the
original style of the Catlin House.*

Go to page 10 to see a complete list of awardees.

Summers Around 1940

By Sharleen and Dennis Martin

Ah, summer vacation! These words are music to any school-age child's ears whether in 1938 or 2008. And what would a child do during those blissful months of freedom?

According to her diaries dating from 1938-1943, Cynthia Thomas spent her time at Lake Scranton. These diaries were donated to the Lackawanna Historical Society by the author herself: Cynthia Thomas Stuck.

Cynthia's family owned a home in the Hyde Park section of Scranton and each summer her family headed to Elmhurst where they owned a summer home. It was here that she and her mother spent their time from the end of June to Labor Day. Meanwhile, her father joined his wife and daughter after a day at work in Scranton – "downtown" as she called it in her diaries.

Cynthia loved to sleep late during the summer months but she rarely did as there was so much to do at the lake. Her summer usually began with a dinner out with her parents to celebrate her making the honor roll before they headed to Elmhurst. Once she reached the lake, she spent time playing with friends both those that lived nearby and those who came to spend the night. She also spent time with her family making cook-

ies, playing board games, going on picnics, learning how to swim, and taking trips to places such as the Archbald Pothole and Bushkill Falls. She went to camp each summer where she made jewelry, crocheted bags, canoed, and tried to achieve higher levels of swimming proficiency. In her free time at the lake, she loved to read and tend to her victory garden.

Cynthia found time to spend with her parents while at their summerhouse. She and her mom would slather on mosquito repellent and go out to pick wild strawberries. The best strawberry shortcake was made from those berries, she noted. If they wanted blueberry muffins, they would step outside the door and pick what they needed. Her father once took her swimming at a waterhole near the D.L & W. bridge, but she came back needing a bath because she was black from soot. They did not repeat the adventure. Her mother had to boil water on the stove to prepare a bath.

Looking back on Cynthia's summers we can see how times have changed since the 1940's. Today's children might spend time on a computer or play video games whereas Cynthia constructed a tree house with a friend. While today's children might watch a space shuttle blast off on television, Cynthia listened to Howard Hughes' airplane land on the radio.

Children from the 1940's such as Cynthia and children today do share some similarities such as saying goodbye to a loved one going off to war. In Cynthia's case, it was her cousin, Helen, who joined the WAAC (Women's Auxiliary Army Corps) and worked in army intelligence in North Africa.

Times may have changed but the words "summer vacation" are still music to children's ears. Visit us at the Catlin house to see an exhibit of the Thomas family currently on display through July.



the school had separate entrances for boys and for girls.

The school is connected to the convent with an enclosed passage to keep the sisters from traveling outside while going to and from the school.

The convent can house 20 sisters and has a chapel that can hold 40 individuals with a small balcony that opens off the second floor. Nativity's Parish Priest Fr. Loughran wanted the convent's chapel the most fitting for its sacred use. Mr. Reilly answered Fr. Loughran's request by making the chapel the gem of his architectural design. The chapel's altar is of Italian rosato marble with mosaic glass inlays, and a rose window portraying the Nativity of our Lord. The communion rail is hammered from Swedish wrought iron. There are windows on both sides, totaling six in all, with grisaille background and medallions containing scenes from the life of the Virgin Mary.

These two buildings may not be as well known as other architectural landmarks in Scranton nor has there been any celebration of the milestone that has been reached.

But many individuals walked these halls in the 75 years. The IHM Sisters no longer live in the convent; it is now home to a Pre-Kindergarten Class. The city of Scranton now has only three parochial grade schools. But these two buildings have remained. You can still see the convent's chapel as it appeared 75 years ago. The only changes in the school, aside from its name, are the dress code of the students and a few modernizations of the classrooms and kitchen and the auditorium's dual use as a basketball court.

The next time you are looking at the architectural gems of the city of Scranton remember to head to South Scranton where, at 635 Hemlock Street, sits a little-known gem now called Marian Catholic.

Memorials

In Memory of James Gavern

from

Joseph F. Cimini, Dunmore
Theresa A. Baker RNC, BSN,
Pediatric/ Adolescent Unit Moses Taylor Hospital
Scranton City Chapter, DAR
Attorney and Mrs. Dominick Keating, Dunmore
Ella S. Rayburn, Scranton
Robert & Elizabeth L. Yoder, Lewisburg
Alan Sweeney, Scranton
Irwin & Donna Adler
Robert & Mary Ann Savakinus, Carbondale

In Memory of Maria Keating

from

Alan Sweeney, Scranton

In Memory of Maurice E. MacNamara

from

Alan Sweeney, Scranton
Irwin & Donna Adler
Robert & Mary Ann Savakinus, Carbondale

In Remembrance

LHS loses two very good friends.

In April, former caretaker Jim Gavern passed away. With his wife Mary Ann, Jim worked for the Society for 8 years and was a true craftsman who could fix practically anything. Whether he was building additional shelves to store the Society's collections or tracking down a wild bat who somehow got into the building, Jim did it with a smile. He and Mary Ann treated the Catlin House as if it were their own home and their loving care was evident by the condition of the building. In addition to his work as handyman, Jim also shared his gift of music every year at the Society's Holiday Open House. He added so much to the festivities whenever he sang, which he always did even when he was vacuuming!

In May the Society lost volunteer Maurice MacNamara. Maurice, who was the 1997 Volunteer of the Year, dedicated countless hours to the Society researching and writing the Then and Now feature for the Scranton Times and leading tours of the Catlin House. He especially loved talking about the Civil War and anyone who ever worked at the Catlin House with Maurice was fortunate to listen to his personal recollections of growing up in Scranton. His memory was exceptional and his details on local history a real bonus to the LHS. Both men will be dearly missed.



Only The Name Has Changed

By Mark A. Cruciani
Class of 1976
Nativity of Our Lord

On September 6, Marian Catholic School (grades Pre-K to eighth), located at 635 Hemlock Street in South Scranton, will be 75 years old. Before the reorganization of Catholic schools by the Diocese of Scranton, Marian Catholic was known as Nativity of our Lord School. The school, along with the convent, was part of the Nativity parish. When it was planned three-quarters of a century ago, most parishes built their own neighborhood grade schools near or next to the church.

On September 6, 1933, the parishioners of the Church of the Nativity in South Scranton ended years of anticipation with the formal dedication of the new school and the convent for the IHM Sisters of the parish.

The following was written on page 3 of *The Scranton Times* on September 6, 1933. *Graced by the presence of His Eminence Denis Cardinal Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia; Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly, head of the Scranton diocese, and Bishop Thomas K. Molloy of Brooklyn, N.Y. and scores of other dignitaries of the church. The dedication of these two monuments to the zeal and thrift of the Nativity parishioners was carried out with all the pomp and ceremony customarily found on such occasions.*

People jammed the streets around the church property. There were numerous priests involved in the dedication. The dedication itself included a procession through the school, convent, church, and grounds with Cardinal Dougherty stopping at each

place to confer his formal blessing. The city of Scranton had a squad of policemen and 11 firemen along the grounds and procession route.

The school became the thirteenth parochial school in the city. It was designed by Robert J. Reilley and his associate Major John F. Rowley in a Gothic style. This style of the school and convent blended with the church and rectory built years before.

The school and convent are constructed with granite quarried from the Allentown area, with carved and molded limestone enrichments around the doors and windows that were brought in from Indiana. The red tile roofs are made of burnt clay and match the church and rectory. The buildings are also fireproof throughout and are also zoned as to prevent the spread of smoke that could be generated from a fire.

When you walk into the building from the front doors on Hemlock Street you enter a spacious foyer with a chandelier and wainscoted with Italian marble with the coat of arms of Bishop O'Reilly in the center of the floor.

Off from the foyer are the coat rooms, retiring rooms for ladies and men, and a committee meeting room that connects with the principal's office. Pass the foyer is the auditorium which can seat 800 people with a stage and equipment with a modern (for the 1930s) kitchen. The second and third floors hold 16 classrooms, a library with a librarian's office, a medical room, and a teachers' lounge. At the time

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sylvania Cavalry and culminating as the surgeon-in-chief of the Military District of Lynchburg (Virginia). He left his wartime duties on August 11, 1865.

Following the Civil War, Everhart traveled to Europe – visiting medical schools to continue his studies but also to tour the major industrial and art centers of the world. Everhart set out again on an extended trip in 1893, this time to tour Mexico, the Pacific Coast, and Alaska. During these tours – and through many smaller trips within Pennsylvania – Everhart began to amass a collection that filled his house at Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street and eventually his museum.

Everhart settled in Scranton in 1868 where he quickly began work in his field of expertise—medicine. Scranton was a part of Luzerne County when Everhart arrived. As Scranton continued to develop, and Lackawanna County was born, Everhart found himself assuming a role in the community. He declined to run for office, but he served as a member of Scranton's first Board of Health and was a member of the Scranton State Hospital.

Everhart joined several business ventures in the city, often teaming with his brother James. Isaiah Everhart involved the Everhart Coal Company, the Everhart Brass

Works, and the Scranton Forging Company.

Everhart married Annie V. Ubil on January 2, 1871. She bore him one son – Edwin – and died in 1898. Edwin, arrested for plotting his father's murder, died in 1934.



Isaiah Everhart
1840-1911

Without a large family to receive an inheritance, Everhart turned to fill the needs of the city. Everhart gave \$100,000 to build the museum and donated another \$100,000 to serve as an endowment. The museum was formally dedicated on May 30, 1908. Many of Everhart's items from years of collecting found their way to the museum.

Everhart, who expected his extensive collections from throughout Pennsylvania would be of some scientific use, died three years after the dedication—on May 26, 1911. In the century since its founding the museum has served as a monument to one of the great men of the community. It has also preserved and shared his lifework with generations of Scranton children and untold visitors from outside Everhart's adopted town.

WELCOME to Lauren Propst the new Administrative Assistant at the Lackawanna Historical Society. Lauren is a graduate of Keystone College, The University of Scranton, and recently received her History M.A. from Lehigh University. She has worked at the historical society since April.

WELCOME to Drew Wechsler! Drew, a student at Sarah Lawrence, is interning at the historical society for the summer indexing scrapbooks from the 19th and 20th century.

Congratulations to Lindsay Zrudlo who graduated from Yellowwood June 9th. Lindsay has worked at the Historical Society since September of 2007 as part of her high school education. She will continue to work as the housekeeper at the Catlin house while pursuing her career in cosmetology.

In April, the LHS received a donation
In Honor of Alan Sweeney
from Judith Ann Perry of West Chester.

We are grateful
to Ms. Perry for her support.

A DAY OF AMUSEMENT IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY:

The Details

Join us for a Day of Amusement in Lackawanna County: Markets, Markers, and Martinis on August 9th. The Catlin House will be holding a marketplace at 10 a.m. offering 20% off all items in our bookstore plus a special sale of artifacts and archival materials that have been de-accessioned followed by the 2 p.m. official marker dedication at Rocky Glen Park and an evening reception at the Electric Trolley Museum with many surprises throughout the day. Stay tuned for more details on this event!

Markers and a Short History of Rocky Glen Park

The idea for Rocky Glen Park was first conceived by Arthur Frothingham in 1886. The park was built on 225 acres including a 40-acre lake, and began to truly flourish in the early 1900's when the Laurel Line established passenger service to the site, which lasted for almost fifty years. An early favorite was the *Great Pippin* roller coaster which was built in the 1920's and operated until the 1940's. In 1919, John Nallan, Joseph Jennings, and A.J. Duffy purchased the park from Frothingham and maintained their interest until 1950 when it was sold to Ben Sterling.

With Sterling's purchase, a new era began at Rocky Glen including the construction of the park's most famous coaster, the *Million Dollar Roller*

Coaster. It was constructed in 1945 and was ahead of its time with the peak height of ninety-six feet and a ride length of 4,700 feet. During the first three years of operation, 3 million people rode this massive coaster. Throughout the 1950's and 1960's the park hosted many top-name entertainers and concerts including the *Flomen* television series and *Chuck Connors of The Rifleman*. In 1970, the park was purchased by a national park corporation and converted into a ghost town village with a saloon with staged gun-fighter shoot-outs. A new coaster was built closer to the highway and had various names including *Comet*, *Jet Coaster*, and *Rocky Glen*.

In the 1980's the park was sold to a local group of investors and renamed the *New Rocky Glen*. Several new rides were added and *Sandy Beach* lake area were restored for picnics. *Sandy Beach* again surfaced as a major influence on the park, hosting performers such as *Money*, and *Jerry Garcia*, but with competition from newer mega-parks and rising insurance costs the park closed for good in 1987. It is still noted today as one of the longest lasting regional amusement parks having operated for almost 101 years.

The Lackawanna Historical Society and Rocky Glen historian, Robert Savakinus were recently awarded a Pennsylvania State Historical Marker to recognize the park's significance as an important part of Northeastern Pennsylvania's recreational heritage. Join us on August 9th at 2 p.m. at the site of Rocky Glen Park in Moosic for the official dedication.



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In the 1980's the park was sold to a local group of investors and renamed the *New Rocky Glen*. Several new rides were added and *Sandy Beach* lake area were restored for picnics. *Sandy Beach* again surfaced as a major influence on the park, hosting performers such as *Money*, and *Jerry Garcia*, but with competition from newer mega-parks and rising insurance costs the park closed for good in 1987. It is still noted today as one of the longest lasting regional amusement parks having operated for almost 101 years.

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...MARKETS, MARKERS, and MARTINIS

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As part of the August 9th Day of Amusement, the Lackawanna Historical Society will be holding a Marketplace at the Catlin House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This very special marketplace will provide three special sales for your amusement.

- We will be offering a 20% discount on all items in our bookstore.
- Since selling maps and books through the newsletter has worked in the past, we will be selling these and many other items that have been de-accessioned from the LHS collection. In the past, we have received several items that are duplicates of objects already in the collection or items that do not uphold our mission. These donations, while generous, have created an assortment of unusable collections at the Catlin House. We invite you to stop by the Marketplace and hope that you find a home for these interesting items in your own personal collection.
- A special basket raffle will be available featuring an assortment of items that have been donated by local businesses for your amusement.

How you can help:

If you have any treasures from the past in your home that you would like to donate to the Lackawanna Historical Society for The Marketplace, please drop them off by August 1st so we can include them in our sales list.

Martinis

Be sure to join us for the grand finale of the *Day of Amusement* with an evening reception and opening of a new Rocky Glen Exhibit at the Electric City Trolley Museum. The reception will include a sampling of local restaurants and wonderful martinis named after some of our favorite Rocky Glen rides.

