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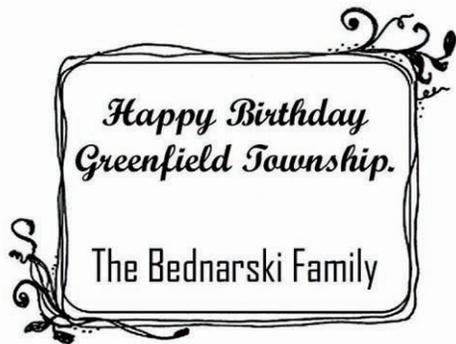
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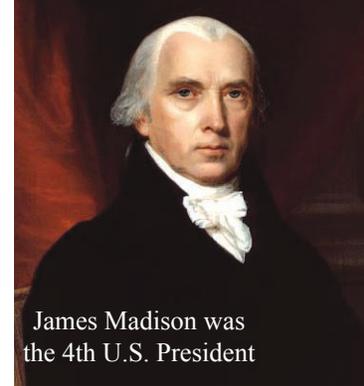
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James Madison was the 4th U.S. President

- Andrew Petrilak, 98 is the oldest living resident
- Eileen Evans, 88 is the next oldest living resident
- Andrew & Margaret Petrilak celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary

2016 Anniversaries:

- Greenfield High School: 100
- The Barn: 70
- Baseball Field: 50
- Greenfield Township Fire Company: 50
- Greenfield Township Lions Club: 50
- Planning Commission: 40
- Municipal Building: 30
- Greenfield Township Historical Society: 20

The 2010 Greenfield Township Census Reports:

- 2,105 people
- 828 households
- 608 families
- 98.5% White
- 0.5% African American
- 0.1% Native American
- 0.2% Asian
- 0.6% Other

In 1925, property taxes in Greenfield Township was \$6.00, a penalty late fee was 12 cents.

Newton Lake = 102 Acres

On March 5th at the Designer Bag Bingo, Erica Muto of Archbald (right, center), won a Dooney & Bourke handbag and the 50/50 raffle drawing of \$767.50, helping to raise funds for the Historical Society. More than \$6,500 was raised during the Bingo event for the Bicentennial Celebration.



From left to right: Lisa Bonczkiewicz, Nicole and Charlie Lubash, Bruce and Marisa Evans Jr., Melanie Wansacz, and Dave Nicoteri.

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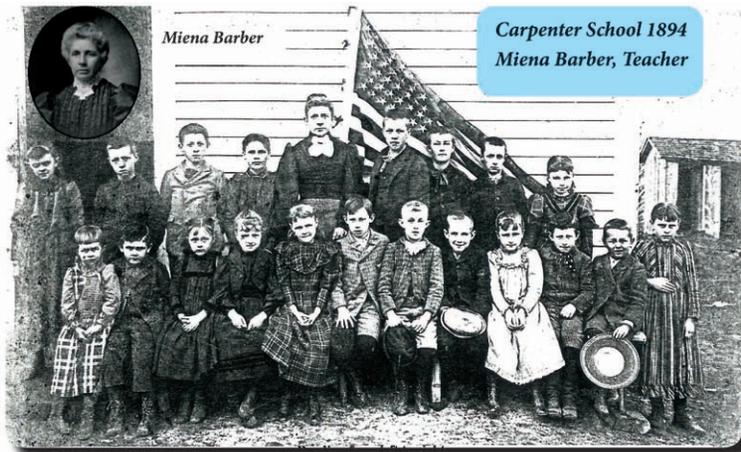
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- Greenfield Power Equipment (Rte 247)
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- Orazzi's Blue Ridge Inn (Rte 106)
- Country Hearth Antiques & Gifts (Main St., Clifford)

Author: Patricia Peltz

Carpenter School

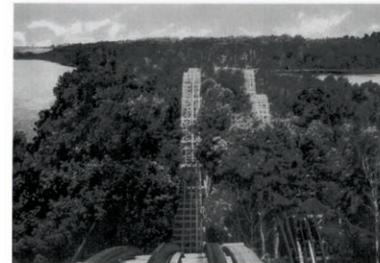
The one-room Carpenter School was located on Creamery Road. Teachers were: 1906 Ruth Miller, 1909 Eva Sampson, 1912 Jennie Miller, 1914 Walter Taylor, 1916 Gertrude Edmunds, 1918 Augusta Miller. The Carpenter School closed in 1920. Students from the one-room schools that closed were transported to the new Greenfield consolidated school by horse and wagon or sleigh. Harley Decker, Nathan Decker, Daniel Whitmore, and Raymond Gardner were drivers.



Newton Lake

On the shores of Newton Lake was a 50-acre amusement park by the same name. The Newton Lake Park was established in 1917 by Frank Wagner and was a popular summer destination for families for sixty years, attracting tens of thousands of visitors each year. In 1919 a large dance hall was added.

Rides at the park included a miniature railroad, ferris wheel, whip, bumper cars, kiddie rides, 50-passenger lake excursion boat, carousel, and roller coaster. The roller coaster was added in 1924 and ran through woods out and back along the shore of the lake.



Roller coaster at Newton Lake Amusement Park



Bird's-eye view of the park



Heydey Ride



Pete Petrus ran the Excursion Boat

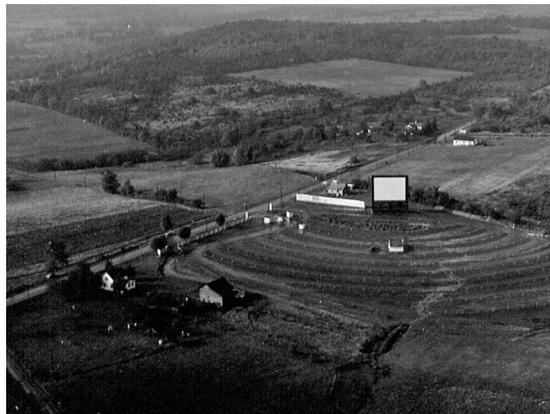
Finch Hill Baptist Church

At the intersection at the top of the hill stands the Finch Hill Baptist Church. This stately country church was organized more than two hundred years ago on August 11, 1805 in the log cabin home of Benjamin Bucklin near Dundaff. There were twenty-eight charter members.



Finch Hill Baptist Church with Carriage Barns, circa 1910

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GREENFIELD DAY: ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY



Greenfield Day is an annual event held each August at the Municipal building. It's a day to bring family and friends together to celebrate the township's rich history and help raise funds to complete the Heritage Museum.



The Historical Society hosts a raffle drawing with prizes ranging from gift baskets, floral arrangements, business services and much more! Historical Society merchandise is always available for sale. You can purchase items at the monthly Fire Company breakfasts.



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Finch Hill Corners: “The 4 Corners of Life”

by Bob Jadwin, Corresponding Writer

If you journey west from Carbondale or East from Clifford, North from Heart Lake or South from Dundaff you will pass through Finch Hill Corners, as it is locally known now. It seems at first to be like any of other of thousands of country crossroads, just an intersection of 2 highways; but for people like me who have been traveling through it since the late 1940's and those before that, this place is known to us as "The four Corners of Life." That nickname came from the uses that occupied each one of the corners. On what is today's vacant corner once stood a tavern. When I was a boy it was run by Marty Conners, after Marty passed away it was bought by the Petinatto family from Carbondale. It was just a white house, sitting close to the road, with neon lighting that announced its presence to travelers or just seekers of good food, refreshment and entertainment, provided by Marty himself.

People say he could tell a good story, and was smart enough to get his crowd caught up in passing good natured joking across the bar to him, after which he would pass it back to them or someone else. While Marty was the entertainment, so was everybody else that came in, most just didn't realize it, he was that accomplished.

Marty Conner's Tavern was supposed to be the first stop in "The 4 Corners of Life." According to legend you would go to Marty's for a beer or a few drinks, enjoy some good food, and leave only to return again and again. It is said that when you finally went to Marty's enough times you could "drink your money away" and end up in the poor house. The poor house was just across the road, the poor house was on the 2nd Corner of Life. You have to look hard for it today, the trees are much bigger and that makes it more tucked away and hidden. But it is still there and you can see it if you look from the corners toward Clifford, across the old John Booth farm. It's a long deep red brick building with white windows. It was an actual working farm and was built to house the ones of us who were poor and had lost everything or had nothing; the victims of the Stock Market crash and the depression. The story of the corners says that after you spent all of your money at Marty's you went across the street to live at the poor farm until you died, and when that happened you were taken to the 3rd Corner of Life.

Diagonally from the Poor Farm, and just across 247 from Marty's corner, still sits Finch Hill Church. Its a friendly looking white country church, and like all churches, visitors are welcome. It is here that legend



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS! A design contest was held at Lakeland Jr/Sr High School in February to commemorate the Greenfield Township Bicentennial celebration. The theme of the contest was “The 4 Corners of Life.” First place winner was Emily Killiany, grade 12 and second place winner was Celine Twardzik, grade 10. Winners received a \$50 Michael’s gift card and \$50 in cash. Both designs are featured on the front and back cover of this program. Posters of the first place design is available for sale.

says that you were taken from the Poor Farm for your funeral service, here to the 3rd Corner of Life. From here was a short journey to the 4th and final corner just on the other side of Route 106, diagonal to where Marty's Tavern was.

The Cemetery of our Mother of Sorrows still remains the occupant of the 4th corner of life, as it did in the "old days" and will always continue to. And as legend tells it, this was your final resting place; the fourth of "The 4 Corners of Life"; a man could stumble across them and stay forever.

Oh what a great people were these forefathers of ours. With no TV or video games for entertainment, they sat back and relaxed, pondered, and made up a story about a simple country crossroads that not only made sense, but was a story that could be passed down for all time to recant and enjoy. Ah yes, those old timers; the ones that had nothing much to do but look around and ponder. I don't seem to see anyone doing anything like that now, but maybe that's because nowadays we are too much in a hurry to get on the other side of the crossroads, we're just too busy to stop and see what's there.

Finch Hill Corners, "The 4 Corners of Life," one of the same place, but one name conjures up a story that legends are made of, a story that identifies this spot as a particular place in the world, and in time.

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Museum Facts:

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The Museum broke ground on August 12, 2007

Greenfield Twp. Historical Soc. plans museum by old school

By Tom Fontana

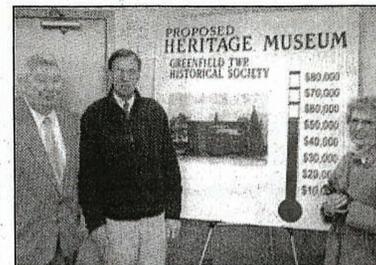
The first historic event for the Greenfield Twp. Historical Society happened about 10 years ago. The second is well on its way to happening this year.

If all goes as planned, the Society will open the new Greenfield Twp. Historical Society Museum in August, in time for the Annual Greenfield Days on August 12. The building, designed by township supervisor and the Society's chairman, architect Joe Slobodnik, is rising quickly next to the Carpenter School on the Greenfield Twp. municipal grounds at Finch Hill.

The Carpenter School, built in 1850 in the western side of the township, was deeded to the township years ago on the condition that it be restored.

"In 1996, the Greenfield Twp. Historical Society was formed for that purpose," explains Society vice-chairman Frank Gardner, "and the one-room schoolhouse was moved to the Greenfield Twp. municipal grounds in 1997, where it has served to display historic artifacts collected over the years."

The schoolhouse was



NEW GREENFIELD MUSEUM — Planning for the opening of the new Greenfield Twp. Historical Society Museum are, left to right, are Historical Society vice chairman Frank Gardner, chairman and architect Joe Slobodnik, and secretary/treasurer Clara Gardner. (NEWS photo by Tom Fontana)

restored, and donations of old photographs, historic artifacts, books and desks came pouring in from a variety of sources.

"We got so much that the Carpenter School became too cluttered with our collections," states Society secretary/treasurer and co-founder Clara Gardner, "so we decided to start asking for donations to build a museum and restore the schoolhouse for tours showing what it was like to get an education over 100 years ago."

Township supervisor Joe Slobodnik, who is also Society chairman and a co-founder, is a local architect and has designed the museum building, which is being constructed by a Greenfield Twp. firm, McGraw Construction. The 22 ft. by 40 ft. museum will feature glass showcases for the museum collection, as well as a second floor storage area.

"No grants or taxpayer funds are being used to pay for the museum," Slobodnik says. "The building is being paid for totally with donations, and we have over 60% toward our goal of \$70,000."

Many of the donations were given as memorials and the items purchased with those dedications will be labeled with the name of the person being honored. For instance, a 25% memorial for the \$3,000 wood floor can be purchased for \$750. Also, annual memberships in the Society can be purchased for \$10 single, \$15 family, or \$100 for a lifetime membership.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the building fund and future of the museum can send donations to Greenfield Twp. Historical Society, 423 Hickory Ridge Rd., Greenfield Twp., PA 18407.

Donations are still being accepted for furnishings and supplies for the museum. Send donations to the Greenfield Township Historical Society, 423 Hickory Ridge Road, Greenfield Township, PA 18407.

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