

# *When the Great Influenza Pandemic Struck Southeast Pennsylvania*



## *A Talk by Roberta McManus*

In 1918, as America hoped for the end of the First World War, an influenza outbreak began that killed more people than died in the trenches and on the battlefields. The New London Area Historical Society and the Franklin Township Historical Commission invite you to hear Mrs. McManus tell the story of the havoc the virus caused, and how communities fought back. In an era when modern transportation was young and the horse still relied upon, the deadly flu encircled the world in only four months. Millions died worldwide before the pandemic ended, and southeastern Pennsylvania was hit especially hard. What lessons can we learn from our past as we fight the flu and other infections today?

Roberta McManus, an Avon Grove graduate, taught science in the Oxford Area School District for four decades. She continues to stay involved in education through her work with the Oxford Educational Foundation and the Lifelong Learning Institute at Immaculata University.

*Join us on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7 PM, at the New London Academy (the New London Township building), 902 State Rd, New London, PA (1/2 mi. east of Rte. 896). The talk is free, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served afterward.*