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Message From The Brick Maker

We have come a long way – but where are we going?

In 1953, the Warrior Run Area Joint School was formed. A farm, known as the Patterson Farm, was purchased for the new Junior-Senior High School. The farm house and barn were on the south – east location of the farm.

Around 1976, the Williamsport Area Community College began to construct two ponds in front of the house. The heavy equipment operations class used the site as a training project. It was mentioned that while they were there, they could knock-down the house. The house was in very bad condition. I can remember walking by it; the windows were broken, the doors were open and you could walk right in. The ground hogs had taken over the basement since no one had lived in it for twenty years.

Some people in the area knew the history of the site. The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society was formed to save the house, which would be known as “The Hower – Slote House.” Hower owned the land and gave it to his daughter, who married James Slote, a local contractor.

I think of all the people who worked on this house. A new roof was needed and the old roof tore off, slate on the north side and standing seam over wood shingles on the south side. We would get twenty to twenty-five people on a Saturday to work on the project. Wood shakes were put on the north side one year and the next year the south side was done. If we would have a work day now – you would be lucky to get ten people to show up. Times have changed. I read recently in the Sunbury Item that in 1976 the state of Pennsylvania had 200,000 volunteer Firemen and now it is down to 50,000. They now have more training than before and people don't have the time to give.

The WRFFHS is in the same boat. The Boys Scouts have been a big help over the years. I can think of five improvements done or being started - repainting the wall, stone walk at the church, cleanup north entrance to church, straightening and fix tombstones at church cemetery and painting at the Hower-Slote house. The Scouts are always helping to clean up and put away after Heritage Days. A huge Thank You to the Boys Scouts for a great job!

We still need help for some upcoming projects. Painting trim on high areas of the house, building a blacksmith shop east of the barn and help setting up for Heritage Days. If we get ownership of the Warrior Run Church, a lot of maintenance has to be done each year to maintain the site - painting, mowing, and trimming to name a few. So, if you ever have thought of helping – Now is the time.

Thank you,

Leon Hagenbuch, President

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Heritage Days

Always the first
Saturday and
Sunday of October



Rain or Shine!

Present this card at the admissions gate and save \$1.00 on an adult admission. One discount per person please. Not to used with any other special offers.

First Saturday and Sunday of October



Stroll among hundreds of period costumed crafters, tradesmen and demonstrators as they explain the skills used in central Pennsylvania daily life from 1770 to 1870.

Taste foods prepared on antique cook stoves and open hearths. Battle re-enactment each day.

Visit the 1835 Warrior Run Church and the 1829 Hower-Slote House.



Walk among Revolutionary War and Native American encampments.
Rain or Shine!

Located at : 246 Warrior Run Blvd.
Turbotville, PA 17772

An interactive festival your family will enjoy!

For more Information go to:

Website: www.freelandfarm.org

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FREE PARKING NO PETS NO SMOKING
Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society



Heritage Days

October 7 & 8, 2017

Heritage Days are fast approaching and we should be preparing for a fantastic event. Mark your calendars and help where you can. We will pray for good weather, but we always have a good time.

Tell your family and friends to come spend the day with us, and be transported back to earlier times where life was easier in some respects and harder in others. It will make you appreciate our modern-day conveniences.

We hope to see you there.



Newsletter Articles

Please email articles to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the report in the email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word document or an Open Office document. PDF files cannot be used in the producing of the newsletter.. If you have a photo you want to share, you can send that to me, as well. Thank you for all the information you send making our newsletter very interesting and informative.

Karen Y. Houser

07/10/2017

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2017

REPORT

The 2017 Strawberry Festival held Sunday, June 11, in my opinion went very well. The success of the event rested with an absolutely perfect day and the volunteers who gave of their time and talents. Mild temperatures, an abundance of sunshine and a slight breeze drew people to the beauty of the church and the lovely shade of the trees.

As the day of the festival approached, I was made aware due to rain and cool temperatures, the owners of Windy Hollow Farms were not going to be able to supply the full amount of strawberries. After contacting numerous local vendors, I was able to secure the needed berries from "The Melon Man". He was very gracious and offered the berries at an amazing price. Other minor issues with supplies were easily remedied.

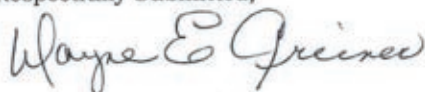
Special thanks to the volunteers who were available on Saturday the 10th of June to help with food prep and set-up: Peggy Gelnett and her stemmers, Rich Nornhold, Gary Truckenmiller and all of the ice cream makers, pie and BBQ makers and the amazing crew who prepared the grounds and set the tables and tents. Also, a big thanks to Mike Weaver for the use of his large tent. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the Warrior Run School District for allowing us the use of their facilities. Without them we would have not been able to prepare and store a lot of the perishable food.

On the day of the Festival there was concern from some members that there was a lack of staff, but as the morning progressed, volunteers came out in large numbers. A heartfelt thanks to the folks that answered the call to cook, serve, grill, scoop and cashier. Again the stemmers filled in at other duties after strawberries were finished.

A huge thanks goes to the most thankless job of the festival..... the grillers. These gentlemen are worth their weight in gold!!! Thank you to the folks who stayed well past the last customer to clean. Al Reeves never ceases to amaze: increasing the amount of antique cars participating at the Festival. I truly believe this year had the most cars ever. Great job!! It seemed to me the visitors stayed longer this year as to enjoy the food, beautiful day and the gorgeous site.

Looking toward next year, and taking into consideration the "constructive comments" that were offered, I will be the first to admit there were glitches. You have my word that I will work hard to enhance the overall experience for each visitor and strive to meet the realistic expectations of the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wayne E. Greiner



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society
Calendar of Events - 2017

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| September 11 | Board Meeting | 7:00 p. m. | Hower-Slote House |
| October 7-8 | Heritage Days | | Hower-Slote Grounds |
| October 9 | Board Meeting | 7:00 p. m. | Hower-Slote House |
| November 13 | Board Meeting | 7:00 p. m. | Hower-Slote House |
| November 28 | Membership Meeting | 7:00 p. m. | HS Library |
| December 9 | Candlelite Service | 7:00 p. m. | WR Church |
| December 11 | Board Meeting | 7:00 p. m. | Hower-Slote House |



*Historic Warrior Run Church
Annual Candlelight Service*

*Saturday, December 9, 2017
7:00pm*

*Warm Mulled Cider and cookies will be
served after the service.*

*Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.
Come in historic attire if you choose!*

** Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society **

Annual Membership Picnic
August 13, 2017

The annual membership picnic was held at the Historic Warrior Run Church grove on a Sunday afternoon. Hotdogs and hamburgers were provided by the society. There were approximately 40 people in attendance with many different dishes they had prepared to share. David Seybold brought his tasty zucchini chowder, Brook Karns brought homemade tandy kakes, Cathy and Dan provided a yummy pasta salad,... I could keep going but we let you anticipate what could be at the next August membership picnic.....You must come!



WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY
DONATIONS 2017

McEwensville Garden Club
First Presbyterian Church



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2015-2017

Traci Pawling
Ruth Webb
Scott Pawling
Cathy Metzger
Landon Koch

2016-2018

Randy Watts
Al Reeves
Peggy Gelnett
Melissa Kilgus
Steve Moser

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Leon Hagenbuch
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Bradd Mertz
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Committee Leadership

Church -Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel (570-538-1756)

Church Grounds - Mark Keithan (570-538-5610)

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Strawberry Festival - Wayne Greiner (570-604-7451)

Heritage Days - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch

Candlelight Service - Al Reeves

House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

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Betty Miller *

Virginia Hartman *

Donna Meyer

Ruth Moser *

Preston Webb *

Mike Slease *

Hall Williams *

Bob Franks

Rich Nornhold

Al Reeves

* denotes deceased member

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*Check us out on the web!
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KEEP your membership current

****Note your membership status on the mailing label ****

Membership is key to our group's mission. It's an important step towards funding our projects and goals. Your membership allows you to receive four annual newsletters which inform you of the calendar of events, our organization's achievements and ways to become an active member.

Please register me/us as:

- ☐ LIFE MEMBER (\$200 per person in one payment)
☐ CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$20.00 per adult person per year)
☐ STUDENT MEMBER (\$1.00 per year – having student status)
☐ SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$50.00 or more per year as a special support member)

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

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To update your WR/FFHS membership status, please mail this form with the proper amount to:

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