



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

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Message From The Brick Maker

When I drive through a town, I think of what was there 50 to 100 years ago. Driving into Turbotville, I remember Turbotville Block Co. on both sides of Main Street. The owner, Allen Stamm, lived on the West side in a house he had moved back from Main Street. It is the only building left of what was the Block Company.

Going north, to the right, is Phillip Reifsnnyder Blacksmith shop, dating back to 1825. Lyon's Drugstore was next to the Turbotville Hotel. On the left side was the Turbotville Bank, on the corner and two doors up was Lyle's Store. The other side had Cooper's Hardware, the old Post Office and Williamson's Meats before they moved next to Rt 54.

At the intersection to Paradise Street, the big brick house, north of the alley, is where S. L. Menses lived. He sold the Grit Sunday paper on the side porch. You dropped 15 cents into a cup. One of the oldest houses in Turbotville is across the street; it was built for Rev. Bryson's daughter. Rev. Bryson was a minister at the Warrior Run Church for over 50 years.

Moving on to the curve in town, 2 major fires occurred in this area, 1900 and 1957. I remember the one on July 5, 1957; it was a very windy day. Somers & Smith Store and some houses burnt down. The store was never rebuilt.

On down the street is a long white metal building; the metal siding covers brick. It was the old Silk Mill, built in 1916, and employed a lot of people from town. Another grocery store, Fuller's, and next to it was Alex Watson's Hardware Store; he sold out in 1964. It is now OIP.

The RR Station was on the south side of the tracks and Dewart Milk Products was across the tracks. I wonder how many people remember the large pond behind the Tin Cup Restaurant. On the west side of Main Street you had Clark's Mill. I can remember the workers at the Mill, Frank Miller, foreman. His son-in-law, Bill Webb was in the office and Bill Moser, Dick Shoemaker, Wilbur Snyder and John Strouse were in the mill.

Across Rt 54 you had Hackenburg Chevrolet and Charles Sabb Furniture. Do you remember the slogan, "When you deal with Sabb you will never sob".

Hope you enjoyed the tour....

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Thank you to everyone who participated in Raise The Region and

donated to our society. We had 14 gifts totaling \$705. The First Community Foundation Partnership will contact the Society within thirty days for additional funding that was contributed. Remember this fund-raiser for next year!

Dinner Menu & Reservations

Roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked corn, glazed carrots, pickled cabbage, dinner rolls, water and coffee, and for dessert- ice cream and cake.

Price is \$14.00 per person and your reservation must be in to Cathy Metzger by **April 10th**. Email cemetzger02@windstream.net, cell. 570-713-4816 or mail your check to Her at PO Box 176. Dewart. PA. 17730

Heritage Society Annual Banquet

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, social / displays / 6:00 p. m. dinner will be served
Turbotville Community Hall, Church Street

Our speaker for the evening will be Carol Shetler, a researcher since 1980. Her program will focus on the **100th anniversary of World War I**. Carol will be sharing her research of some of the local veterans and her WWI project to refresh the history of this event. Carol is a member of our society and has been an important volunteer doing the promoting genealogy interest at Heritage Days for about 15 years. She is also a member of the Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild and their recent show was dedicated to the WWI centennial. Carol will be displaying some of these quilts. We look forward to her presentation.

The Turbotville Community Hall was built following WWI in appreciation of the local veterans' sacrifice and service. It was to be a visual remembrance of what the war was about in regard to our country and efforts towards world peace. Who among us can give a good perspective to this war? Some, possibly because of a personal connection with family members, who served. It was to be a war to end all wars! However, wars have continued; to mention a few, WWII, Vietnam, and Desert Storm.

Invite friends, who are aware of their family connections to this time in history, to come join us for the evening. In a small, but important way, we want to show honor and appreciation for their service, sacrifice, and protection our country. Bring along any WWI memorabilia that you can share.

Reservations: Cathy Metzger, 570-713-4816, email - Cemetzger02@windstream.net



Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 10, 2018 11:00 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.
Warrior Run Church

It's hard to believe, but it's time to plan the 2018 Strawberry Festival. The success of the event depend heavily on volunteer participation. And, with this in mind, we are asking everyone to offer even a few hours of their time, making this the continued community favorite that it is known to be!

We need helpers on the 9th of June to assist with ice cream, pies and BBQ. If that day doesn't work for you, the day of the festival we will need volunteers from set-up through clean-up. Work stations including, but not limited to, grillers, food and pie kitchens, staff to cover breaks and especially folks to help clean up at the end of the day. There are jobs for EVERY physical ability. If every person would give a few hours, besides the amazing friendship that would be shared, the workload is evenly distributed.

If we all work together.... we all win! Thanks for everything you ALL do to make this society a fantastic success.

Wayne Greiner,
2018 Strawberry Festival Chairman

To volunteer, please call:
Wayne Greiner 570 604-7451 or Terri Greiner 570 604-7717



If the TREES in the grove at our Historic Church could speak!!!!

Ever let your mind wander to a time in the past? No doubt, you have heard, "If the walls could speak, what would they share?" Take time to visit, sit and meditate in the grove at the Warrior Run Church or wander through the cemetery and let the past whisper to you. You can develop a special appreciation of the quietness of this place. Consider walking the half-mile loop path that winds along the Warrior Run creek, around the parking lot and along the roads on the property. If you have not done so, consider reading the book written by Bob Franks on the Warrior Run Church.

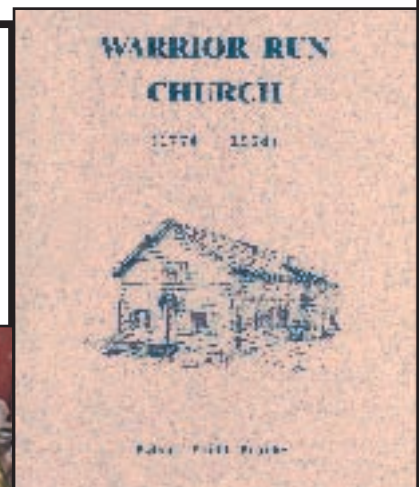


Then "live for the moment" in appreciation of what the past has been. Consider becoming a volunteer by giving time to keep the church grove looking nice during the grass-growing season. Cleaning up branches is always needed and can be placed on a pile near a tree or moved to the branch pile at the lower, west end of the property. We can schedule you to run a weed eater or mower for a couple of days. Just call Jane Koch, Mark Keithan, or Randy Watts.

We always plan our first clean-up before the Easter Sunrise Service. This year that will be Saturday, March 24. Come join in! Many hands make the work lighter. Consider worshiping with us early on Easter Morning before attending your regular church worship. The Watsontown Presbyterian Church will be conducting the service at 7:00 a.m., in the Warrior Run Church, with the rays of the rising sun streaming through the windows.

Easter Sunrise Service *Sunday, April 1, 2018 7:00 a.m.*

Please join us on Easter morning for a special sunrise service at the Historic Warrior Run Church. Dress in warm clothes and enjoy being transported back in time before beginning your traditional Easter morning with your family and friends.



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

SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR 2019

Our organization was officially established at a public meeting in June 12, 1978. In a few months, we will be **40 years old as an organization**. It does not seem possible to those of us, who were around for that beginning. The charter members are so glad for others, who have joined them along the way. For this June 10, 2018, Strawberry Festival, we should add an anniversary cake to go with the ice cream!!! Throughout the 40th year, help make it extra special by being fully on board as a Society member.

The following summer, July 28, 2019, will be **240 years**, since the Battle of Fort Freeland on July 28, 1779. This was a very important event towards our independence to become the United States of America. There should be an extra effort for reflection to this local historic event, which happened 240 years ago. Especially, the patriots and families of that time, and their influence to local and national heritage. With good planning, we need to commemorate this event. Share any ideas with Board members and be looking ahead to joining in with the celebration.

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society
Calendar of Events - 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
April 1	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 a. m.	WR Church
April 9	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
April 24	Spring Dinner	6:00 p. m.	Turbotville Comm. Hall
	(Last Tuesday of the month)		
May 14	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
June 10	Strawberry Festival	11:00 a. m.	WR Church
	(Second Sunday of June)		
June 11	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
July 9	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
August 12	Annual Picnic	4:00 p. m.	WR Church
	(Second Sunday of August)		
August 13	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
September 10	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
October 6-7	Heritage Days		Hower-Slote Grounds
	(Board Meeting not to immediately follow)		
October 8	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
November 27	Membership Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Library
	(Last Tuesday of the month)		
November 12	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
December 8	Candlelite Service	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
	(Second Saturday of December)		
December 10	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge



UPDATED BY-LAWS

As we look back when the Society was established, we also need to keep moving forward with new ideas and improvements. The Board of Directors reviewed the By-laws that were last updated and adopted in October of 2005. At the March 2018 Board meeting, the following updates were voted on and approved, and will be re-voted on for their adoption at the April board meeting.

- Throughout the By-Laws, the broad term non-for-profit will be replaced with 501(3)(c).
- Update to Article V, Memberships: Updated sentence in Section IV: The November meeting for electing Directors and Officers will be combined with the monthly Board meeting.
- Update to Article VII, Standing Committees: Added to F: The biannual November election meeting of the Directors and Officers will be combined with the monthly November Board Meeting held the second Monday of the month.
- Update to Article VIII-Additional or Special Committees: Update last sentence: A Society member in good standing can co-chair with a Director for a Committee or Special Committee.

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Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2016 - 2018

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

2017 - 2019

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Bradd Mertz
Doug Ertel
Sue Whitmoyer

2018 - 2020

Traci Pawling
Ruth Webb
Scott Pawling
Cathy Metzger
Landon Koch
Wayne Greiner

(Student Member)

Maris Kilgus / Ethan Whitmoyer

Officers

President - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279)

Vice President - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)

Secretary - Melissa Kilgus (570- 538-5593)

Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)

Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)

Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)

Audit/Finance - Scott Pawling, Melissa Kilgus (570- 538-5593)

Nominating Committee - Randy Watts, Steve Moser (570-437-4048)

Historian - Vacant

Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leadership

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

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

Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-538-9582)

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

Honorary Board Members

Janet Hause *

Jane Shuman *

Betty Miller *

Virginia Hartman *

Donna Meyer

Ruth Moser *

Preston Webb *

Mike Slease *

Hall Williams *

Bob Franks

Rich Nornhold

Al Reeves

* denotes deceased member

CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT

Bringing our history to life....

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Fort Freeland
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E-mail: info@wrffhs.org

*Check us out on the web!
www.freelandfarm.org*

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: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

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

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