Greetings members and friends:

As you know, the Historic Warrior Run Church and cemetery has been passed onto the Society from the state of Pennsylvania. This property is a local historic treasure and this year’s project at the church is the walkway from the service building to the west steps of the church. Of course, snow, ice and rain will be delaying progress but we think it will be a major improvement and historically accurate using slate. Board members are anxiously awaiting accommodating weather.

Another project at the cemetery last fall was straightening tombstones. For his Eagle Scout project, Austin Koch, a 9th grader at Warrior Run High School and Boy Scout Troop 622, and his group of volunteers straightened and repositioned tombstones, painted the gate and placed stoning around the cemetery wall. The service building roof was also replaced on the north side by Leon Hagenbach, Rich Nornhold, Steve Moser, Mark Keithan, Randy Watts, and Dan Phillips, as well as closing up the ceiling in the alcove.

The Hower Slote house also had repairs. For his Eagle Scout project, Pete Reasner, an 11th grader from Warrior Run High School and Boy Scout from Troop 622 in Turbotville, and his volunteers repaired and painted window shutters, window trim and will be repairing windows during better weather this spring.

We would like to recognize and applaud our volunteers for their help and expertise in supporting the Society with their hard work in maintaining these local historic treasures. Every member and volunteer is important in supporting the education and preservation of these local landmarks and history, for without volunteers these treasures would not still be standing. Our historic buildings were built with bricks forged along the Warrior Run, hand forged nails, and local lumber.

Our events are completely staffed by volunteers, so many of you, there hands-on for each and every event and project. You are our Local Treasures!

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Karen Y. Houser
Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Spring Banquet
The Turbotville Community Hall
April 30, 2019  $15.00 Per Person

Menu:
Beef W/Gravy
Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Pickled Cabbage
Baked Corn
Glazed Carrots
Cake & Ice Cream

*Dinner will be served Buffet Style

Please Contact Cathy Metzger For Reservations
Phone (570)713-4816 or email cemetzger02@windstream.net
Reservations Requested By April 15, 2019
****Reservations Must Be Paid In Advance/No Refunds****

Heritage Society Annual Banquet

Bob Swope will be the banquet speaker. Bob is the author of four local history books. His most recent book is The West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna in the American Revolution. This is an excellent read for local historians who are looking for information leading up to and through the American Revolution. Yes, the Susquehanna Valley had an important role in the outcome of the Revolution and this will be the core of his topic for the evening.

Bob is a member of the Warrior Run – Fort Freeland Heritage Society. Bob achieved a master’s degree from Bucknell University and taught for a number of years at Warrior Run, before moving to New Hope, Virginia, where he continued research and work as a historian and author. Bob’s first three books are real-photo postcard histories of towns and townships in the Warrior Run area. Bob will have all four books available for sale on this evening.

Randy Watts

WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY
RAISE THE REGION 2019 EVENT

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania is excited to announce Raise The Region 2019. The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society has registered for this event. It is a 30-hour event beginning Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. through Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Raise The Region is to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties support local nonprofit organization’s fundraising. If someone wishes to donate go to the following link. (www raisetheregion org) All donations are tax deductible and will help make your favorite nonprofit’s mission possible. We appreciate your support as always.

Cathy Metzger,
Treasurer

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society
Donations 2019

Watsontown Centennial Lioness Lions Club of PA
Melissa Christ
Jackie & John Varner in honor of Randy & Betsy Watts
By Tabitha Goodling
For The Daily Item

TURBOTVILLE — A local girl scout has earned gold for her contribution of a brick fire pit to her community church.

Maris Kilgus is a Warrior Run High School senior who has received the Girl Scouts’ highest honor, The Gold Award. She earned this award when she committed her time and effort to create a firepit at the outdoor pavilion of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Turbotville.

“Zion has limited outdoor areas, and I wanted to expand the picnic pavilion area to include a firepit for more social gatherings,” Kilgus said, adding her target audience was Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Youth Group, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, other Zion church groups, and the community.

Lyndsey Mackie, major gifts officer for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania said the project was a good fit for the Gold Award standard.

“Girls are able to select an issue that is meaningful to them and create a unique take action project that works to address the issue they have selected. Each project must have the following components: leadership, education, and advocacy, a national or global link, sustainability, and make a lasting impact on the community,” Mackie said.

Kilgus is committed to her church youth group as well as Girl Scouts and found a way to serve both through this project.

“I am active in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Youth Group. Scout troops meet at the church for weekly meetings. Zion members and the Scouts desired more of a community meeting area, and when getting together, food around a fire creates camaraderie, builds and strengthens friendships, and serves as an upbeat experience for everyone.”

The project took 70 hours for Kilgus to complete from September 2017 to October 2018.

The responsibility of this project and the achievement of the Gold Award helps Kilgus plan for her future.

Maris Kilgus, a Warrior Run High School and Girl Scout Gold Award winner, built this stone fire pit at the outdoor pavilion of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Turbotville.

Kilgus spent over 70 hours between September 2017 and October 2018 planning and constructing the stone fire pit outside the church.

“Upon completion of the project, girls submit a final report to GSHA for approval. Once the final report is approved, the Girl Scout has officially earned her Gold Award. Becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout allows girls to be eligible for unique scholarships and automatically places them a higher rank if choosing to enter a branch of the armed forces,” Mackie said.

Kilgus’s adviser was her church pastor, Rev. Erwin Roux.

“Zion is really glad that Maris took on the fire pit project. Our congregation likes our pavilion and this will add another enjoyable feature. The youth group will especially benefit, and it will keep the group enjoying the outdoors into Autumn. Maris also arranged for the addition of two new benches to our prayer garden, and they are easily carried over for more seating around the fire. Maris and her family have a big heart for Zion church, and we are glad that she was able to use memorial gifts given in honor of her grandparents to help with the project. It is a fitting remembrance of them,” Roux said.
## Board Meetings - 2019

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Board of Directors
(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2017 - 2019
Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Bradd Mertz
Doug Ertel
Sue Whitmoyer

2018 - 2020
Traci Pawling
Ruth Webb
Scott Pawling
Cathy Metzger
Landon Koch

2019-2021
Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

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Maris Kilgus / Ethan Whitmoyer

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Heritage Days - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch
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Hall Williams *
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* denotes deceased member

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

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