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The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society Members,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday, and welcomed in the new year with family and friends!

The Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society board continues to meet monthly, and is planning to resume the yearly events. Currently we are in the process of finalizing the arrangements for our spring membership meeting Tuesday, April 26 at the Country Cupboard with speaker Dr. Joseph Fisher. The Strawberry Festival and Heritage Days are also on the calendar. Despite the work and time these events require, we miss being with the people we have worked beside for many, many years! I'm sure we can all share some really good stories throughout the 40 plus years of events! The Society is also participating in the Raise the Region Campaign at <https://www.raisetheregion.org> that is scheduled for March 9 & 10, 2022. The support is needed for repair projects at the Warrior Run Church and Hower-Slote house/barn.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Wreathes Across America at the Warrior Run Church cemetery on December 18, 2021. Over 50 people attended, and we were able to sponsor 98 wreathes, one for each military grave! Sue Fairchild, Regent of the Shikelimo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, organized a very heart-felt event honoring all the soldiers who fought for our country's freedom. The Shikelimo DAR plans to sponsor the event next year at the Warrior Run Church.

After walking around the cemetery, I thought it would be insightful to share how the two large monuments that are on the grounds of the Church came to fruition. I will only give history on the Sullivan Expedition monument in this newsletter. This information is referenced from the Pennsylvania State Archives and the Miltonian and Wilkes-Barre newspapers.

The large monument near the old entrance from Susquehanna Trail is a memorial to the expedition of General Sullivan whose troops fought against the Six Nations Indians in 1729. The monument was part of a Sullivan Expedition Celebration which Captain Frederic A. Godcharles of Milton, who was elected Curator of the State Commission, and State Librarian, had approval to spend up to \$10,000 for the event. The Sullivan, and Brodhead campaigns, were constituted as the second most important military operations in Pennsylvania and New York during the Revolutionary War. The celebration in 1929 marked the Sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the campaigns. There were 20 monuments erected between New York and Pennsylvania and 5,000 maps printed for the celebration. Maps were distributed by local auto clubs.

In Pennsylvania, it was decided that each camp site of Sullivan's Army would have its own marker erected on the present highway or as near to the original place as possible, with any variations being written within the inscription on the bronze plate. John B. Harbeson made the decision to have Professor Paul Cret, architect of the University of Pennsylvania, design the 9 foot in height Vermont granite slab with a 2' x 3.5' bronze tablet (uniform for all the monuments), bearing the Pennsylvania coat of arms at the top, followed by the name of expedition, and below a map of the entire route with all



the sites indicated by discs with a plug of larger size to mark the locality of the place there commemorated. Below the map are the names of cooperating organizations following that of the Historical Commission. It was also decided to include marking of principal sites for Brodhead's Expedition from Fort Pitt to New York State that reinforced Sullivan. Materials for the celebration were secured with local companies. Printed matter and a map for publicity were prepared for local observances, along with an official program from the State Library.

A commemorative stamp was valiantly fought for, and the New York and Pennsylvania Legislatures passed resolutions, but the Postmaster General remained unwilling to produce the stamp. Finally, he gave in to the delegation which "sat on his door step", and the two-center stamp was issued with a portrait of Major General John Sullivan and the anniversary of 1729-1929. There were 200,000 stamps printed in the initial order from the Postmaster General.



Some of those 250 people in attendance to the celebration at the Warrior Run Church, beneath the wide spreading trees, were descendants of Fort Freeland, Andrew Leshor Belford and Mary Louise Watson. Also Mrs. Jennie Montgomery Slifer spoke on behalf of the Warrior Run Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Frederic A. Godcharles delivered the address about the history of the fort from the time of its erection as a mill, thorough the period when it became necessary to stockade it. He graphically described the attack on the fort, July 28, 1779, when British Tories and Seneca Indians razed the structure and killed or captured 108 prisoners of men, women, and children. The men were marched over the mountains to Niagara and Canada, and women and children taken to Fort Augusta. Prior to the afternoon dedication for Fort Freeland on July 27, 1929, the Commission unveiled a tablet monument at Fort Augusta. After the dedication, the Commission had their meeting at Manufactures Club in Milton. July, 2022, will mark 243 years since the historic battle at Fort Freeland.

Please refer to the future newsletters, and the www.freelandfarm.org website for updated information on the Society's events. We continue to follow Covid-19 protocols and will update events based on Federal and State guidance.

Happy New Year to all!

Melissa Kilgus
Warrior Run-Fort Freeland, President
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Donations

The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society would like to thank John & Nancy Marr, Alan Hackenberg and Ed Rovenolt for their generous donation to the society. We are so thankful for all the support that we receive.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer





The Turbotville Community Fair Association Inc.

Leon Hagenbuch found some history on the Turbotville Community Fair Association at the courthouse several years ago and thought you may be interested in reading about it.

The Turbotville Community Fair Association was formed June 24, 1935. The association was made up of citizens in the counties of Northumberland and Montour. The purpose of this association was to promote and sponsoring of agricultural and other exhibitions of mechanical, artistic, horticultural.

The fair at one time was out the road behind the Turkey Hill. The people in the area complained there was too much dust from the fair, so they moved the fair into town. In 1970, the Turbotville Community Fair Association ended and all the tents and other assets were given to the Montour DeLong Fair Association.

CHARTER COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

TO:

TURBOTVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR
ASSOCIATION, INC.

ENTERED JUNE 24, 1935

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN K. MORGANROTH, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY:-
We, the subscribers, all of whom are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Counties of Northumberland and Montour, in said Commonwealth, have agreed to associate ourselves for the purpose set forth in the following articles and are desirous of acquiring and enjoying the powers and immunities of a non-profit corporation or body politic in law under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved the 5th day of May, A.D., 1933.

We therefore hereby associate ourselves for the object specified in and under the following articles and become incorporators of said corporation and pray your Honorable Court that if the same is lawful and in due form and within the provisions of the said act and the purpose given in the said articles to be lawful and not injurious to the community, then to so certify on these articles and to order and decree thereon that the same are approved and that upon the recording of the said articles and order that the aforesaid corporation shall come into existence for the purpose stated herein.

ARTICLE I. The name of the proposed corporation is and shall be the "Turbotville Community Association, Inc."

ARTICLE II. The location and postoffice address of its initial registered office in this Commonwealth is Turbotville Vocational High School, Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania

ARTICLE III. The purpose or purposes for which it is to be formed are: The promotion and sponsoring of agricultural and other exhibitions of mechanical, artistic, horticultural, agricultural and home products and activities of general educational value and community benefit and common interest, and the said corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its members.

ARTICLE IV. The term for which the said corporation is to exist shall be perpetually

ARTICLE V. The name, place of residence and postoffice address of each of the incorporators is as follows:

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Lloyd Appleman	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	G. Walter Muffly,	Turbotville, Pa.
Belva M. Cronis,	Turbotville, Pa.	D. R. Richel,	Ottawa, Pa.
Schuyler W. Deihl,	Turbotville, Pa.	C. Seidel Revenolt,	Turbotville, Pa.
Lee E. Elliott,	R.D.#3, Muncy, Pa.	Glenn F. Revenolt,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.
Harry Ewertt,	Turbotville, Pa.	Milford L. Revenolt,	Turbotville, Pa.
Ralph Fuller,	Turbotville, Pa.	Wyron B. Savidge,	Turbotville, Pa.
A. Grant Gaston,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	Elizabeth K. Sanders,	Turbotville, Pa.
Wm. H. Gold,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	W. J. Seibert,	Exchange, Pa.
Erma C. Gold,	McEwenville, Pa.	Amos J. Snyder,	Turbotville, Pa.
Raymond J. Kaefer,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	Blanche Snyder,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.
Oscar W. Kramm,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	James F. Smith,	Turbotville, Pa.
Oscar Maul,	Turbotville, Pa.	Howard W. Strouse,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.
Harold F. Martin,	Turbotville, Pa.	Imes Taylor,	Turbotville, Pa.
S. Les Menges,	Turbotville, Pa.	Geo. O. Wartman,	Turbotville, Pa.
Cyril Menges,	Wilton, R.D., Pa.	S. W. Williamson,	Turbotville, Pa.
Calvin Menges,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	Walter Barr,	R.D., Watontown, Pa.
C. E. Muffly,	Turbotville, Pa.		

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Oscar W. Kraus,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	James F. Smith,	Turbotville, Pa.
Oscar Maul,	Turbotville, Pa.	Howard W. Strauss,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.
Harold F. Martin,	Turbotville, Pa.	Irene Taylor,	Turbotville, Pa.
S. Lee Menges,	Turbotville, Pa.	Geo. C. Wertman,	Turbotville, Pa.
Cyril Menges,	Milton, R.D., Pa.	S. W. Williamson,	Turbotville, Pa.
Calvin Menges,	R.D., Turbotville, Pa.	Walter Barr,	R.D., Watsontown, Pa.
C. R. Muffly,	Turbotville, Pa.		

ARTICLE VI. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act as Directors for the first year and until the election of their successors are

S. Lee Menges, President,	Turbotville, Pa.
Myron B. Savidge Vice-Pres,	Turbotville, Pa.
Harry Everett, Secretary,	" "
Harold Martin, Treasurer,	" "
George Wertman,	" "
Calvin Menges,	" R.D.
Grant Gaston,	" R.D.
Glenn Revenolt,	" R.D.
Ralph Fuller,	" Pa.
Raymond Keefer,	" R.D.
Walter Seibert,	Exchange, Pa.
Walter Barr,	Watsontown, R.D.

ARTICLE VII. The said corporation is to be organized upon a non stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII. The amount of assets which the corporation will have to support its corporate functions is cash paid into the treasury in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

ARTICLE IX. The Board of Directors shall have vested in it authority to make By-laws for the administration of and proper dispatch of the business of the corporation which shall be subject to the power of the members to change or repeal the said By-laws.

WITNESSETH, we the aforesaid incorporators and subscribers hereto affix our names with the consent that a Charter be approved according to our petition.

Witness our hands and seals this 17th day of June, A.D., 1935.

WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

RAISE THE REGION 2022 EVENT

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania is excited to announce Raise the Region 2022. The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society has registered for this event. It is a 30-hour event beginning Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. till Thursday, March 10th, 2022, 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 organizations fund-raising. If someone wishes to donate go to the following link. (www.RaiseTheRegion.org) All donations are tax deductible and will help make your favorite nonprofits mission possible. We appreciate your support as we always have. It's been a rough year with cancelling all our events. We hope this year is better for all of us.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer



Strawberry Festival

The board is looking for a chairperson of the Strawberry Festival. You would have a great group of people that will help you with their areas of expertise! We also have a notebook with information to help with the shopping. The committee needs someone that will make us all a cohesive unit. If you want to consider it, or have questions, please contact me.

Thank you!

Melissa Kilgus
570.538.5593

“People who
THINK
Like you do—
And People who
don’t—
Make the best
partners.”



Spring Membership Banquet

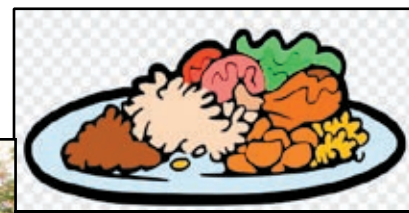
The spring membership banquet has tentatively been scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Cupboard. You will have a choice of either a roast beef or broasted chicken dinner which includes the vegetable of the day, a piece of cake and drink for \$18.99 each.

We are waiting on a confirmation, but we hope that Dr. Joseph Fisher will be the speaker; he has written several books, including one about the Revolutionary War in our area.

Please contact our treasurer Cathy Metzger at 570.713.4816 for questions or mail your check to 2575 Turbot Ave., Watson town, PA 17777, with your meal choice. If the dinner is canceled, people who signed up will be contacted and checks refunded.

We hope you all can join us!!!

Melissa Kilgus



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board Meetings - 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
January 10	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
February 14	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
March 14	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
April 11	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
May 9	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
June 13	6:00 p. m.	WR Church
July 11	6:00 p. m.	WR Church
August 8	6:00 p. m.	WR Church
September 12	6:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
October 10	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
November 14	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
December 12	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

Calendar of Events - 2022

April 26	Spring Dinner	6:00 p. m.	Country Cupboard
	Last Tuesday of the month		
June 12	Strawberry Festival	11:00 a. m.	WR Church
	Second Sunday in June		
August 14	Annual Picnic	4:00 p. m.	WR Church
	Second Sunday in August		
Ocotber 1 - 2	Heritage Days		Hower-Slote Grounds
	Board meeting not to immediately follow		
November 14	Membership Meeting	7:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Bldg.
	Election/Regular Board Meeting		
December 10	Candlelite Service	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
	Second Saturday in December		



Newsletter Articles

Please email articles and photos to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the information in an email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word or an Open Office document. PDF files don't work well with the newsletter format. We want you to be a part of our newsletter, so don't be shy. Help us to make our newsletter very interesting and informative.

Karen V. Houser

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2020-2022

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Sue Eppanbach
Doug Ertel
June Moser

2021-2023

Landon Koch
Cathy Metzger
Daniel Phillips
Heidi Eppenbach
Ethan Whitmoyer

2022-2024

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

(Student Members)

Officers

President - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)

Vice President -

Secretary - Heidi Eppenbach (570-568-1870)

Assistant Secretary - Sue Eppenbach (570-568-1870)

Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)

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

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

Audit/Finance - Scott Pawling (570-538-9582), Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)

Nominating Committee - Randy Watts (570-437-4048), Steve Moser (570-649-5124)

Historian - Vacant

Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leaders

Church - Jane Koch (570-538-1756), Landon Koch (570-538-4588), Doug Ertel (570-538-5711)

Church Grounds - Jane Koch (570-538-1756), Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Randy Watts (570-437-4048)

Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)

Strawberry Festival - Committee

Heritage Days - Betsy Watts (570-437-4048), Jane Koch (570-538-1756)

Candlelight Service - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)

House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Steve Moser (570-649-5124), Rich Nornhold (570-538-9733)

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

Alfred Reeves

Ruth Webb

* denotes deceased member

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

Bringing our history to life....

Place
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Here

*Warrior Run
Fort Freeland
Heritage Society*

*P. O. Box 26
Turbotville PA 17772*

*E-mail:
info@freelandfarm.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:

Cathy Metzger

2575 Turbot Avenue

Watson town PA 17777

cmetzger507@gmail.com 570-713-4816

(make checks payable to WR/FFHS)

