



The Warrior Run - Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

November, 2023

Dear Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society Members, and Friends,

The Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society is winding down with our big events, and fund-raisers for 2023. We want to thank all the volunteers who help the Society throughout the year with their time, talents, and monetary donations. The community attendance at this year's events, and for the ham bbq sales was very positive, and this support helps us maintain the Historic Warrior Run Church, service buildings, cemetery and equipment.

Our last two events for 2023 season are the Christmas Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 9 at 7pm at the Historic Warrior Run Church (dress warmly and join us for cookies), and the Wreaths Across America program hosted by the Shikelimo DAR chapter on Saturday, December 16 at noon. The Wreaths Across America ceremony starts promptly at noon in front of the cemetery gates, and anyone who wishes to place a wreath, including children, may do so. The Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who served, and to teach the next generation the importance and value of freedom.

It was an honor serving this dedicated organization as President for the last three years. I want to thank everyone who has helped me in one way or another! Especially my fellow board members who are a great group of people who give a lot of themselves to keep this Society going. I have learned a lot about the people who started the Society, their ambitions, as well as my own continued curiosity in the local history here in the northern part of Northumberland County. There is always something to do within the organization, so please join us to volunteer throughout the year.

At our November Nominating meeting, the following people have been voted in as our new slate of officers, with the other members continuing to serve on the board:

President-Landon Koch
Vice President-Melissa Kilgus
Secretary-Heidi Eppenbach
Co-Secretary-Sue Eppenbach
Treasurer-Cathy Metzger
Asst. Treasurer-Al Reeves
Membership-Cathy Metzger
Corresponding Secretary-Heidi Eppenbach
Co-Corresponding Secretary-Cathy Metzger

Committees:

Audit/Finance-Melissa Kilgus, Cathy Metzger and Scott Pawling
Nominating-Heidi Eppenbach
Co-Historians-Leon Hagenbuch and Randy Watts

Doug Ertel, Peggy Gelnett, E. Jane Koch, June Moser (new), Steve Moser, Dan Phillips, and Ethan Whitmoyer.

The Society wishes you and your families a blessed holiday season, and a wonderful New Year for 2024!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Melissa Kilgus

Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society, President





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October 9, 2023

Dear Volunteers and Demonstrators,

The Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society Board would like to thank you for taking the time, and sharing your knowledge and help at the 42nd Heritage Days weekend. Unfortunately, the event didn't start well in the rain with approximately 381 visitors, but we ended on Sunday with a total of 1,076 in attendance for the weekend.

We realize the preparation, travel, and time commitment this event involves over a two-day period. The objective of the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society is to interpret the history and heritage of the Warrior Run and the surrounding areas by means of educational programs, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, public events, and exhibits. This event more than fulfills that goal, and allows us to meet others that share the same interests while socializing with our fellow demonstrators and volunteers.

As the board starts planning the Society's next year's events, you will be contacted after plans are finalized for Heritage Days next spring. We look forward to working with you in the future, and are always looking for additional volunteers and new ideas to make this event more of a success.

Our upcoming events include a Ham BBQ by the quart sale on Saturday, October 28, and you can contact any board member to place a preorder. We hope you can join us welcoming in the Christmas season at our annual Candlelight Service at the Historic Warrior Run Church on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7:00pm. Also, the DAR, Shikelimo Chapter, and the Society are sponsoring Wreathes Across America for the third year. Anyone is welcomed to place a wreath on a veteran's grave on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at noon in the Historic Warrior Run Church cemetery.

The Board is truly thankful to your dedication to our mission and it is people like you that make an impact on the Heritage Days event.

Sincerely,

The Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society, Board of Directors

<i>William X. Heyer</i>	<i>Reggie Melsett</i>	<i>Doug Edd</i>
<i>Ol. Reeves</i>	<i>Suz. Espenbach</i>	<i>Heidi Spenbach</i>
<i>Ethel Whitte</i>	<i>Dan Phillips</i>	<i>Steven Moser</i>
<i>Leon W. Haggard</i>	<i>Cathy Metzger</i>	<i>Emily J. Koch</i>
<i>Randy Webb</i>	<i>Paul C. KO</i>	

Churches of Turbotville

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on Paradise Church on Paradise Street

St James Evangelical Lutheran Church-was on church -now Holy Spirit on Rt.44

Trinity Reformed Church on Church Street

Turbotville Baptist Church on Broadway Street is now torn down and new house on lot. The early history of this congregation is unwritten. If its early pastors kept any records, they are lost. There is now no record extant from which any data can be gathered prior to 1837. It is probable that records were kept. In the oldest record now on hand, there appears a page of "Baptism Records." The earliest of which is that of "Christiana Waleiser, 1807". This is followed by a number of others, at which "The Parents" were the sponsors. The date of the organization of this congregation is not recorded. The first church was a union church. It was a log building, erected by the Lutheran and German Reformed people of this community on the site now occupied by the St. James (G.S.) Lutheran Church. It was a union church indeed. Rev. F. Engel, who preached here 1815-1817, belonged to the Reformed Church, and was pastor for both Lutheran and Reformed congregations. Services were held in this church till 1853, when it became necessary to put up a new building. This necessity involved the congregations in a bitter fight. Rev. Simon R. Boyer, the Lutheran pastor, and part of his congregation insisted on building a Lutheran church. The Reformed minister and his people, together with some Lutherans, were equally determined to build a union church. The union element having a majority, a union church was built by the side of the old log church. When almost completed, it was set on fire and completely destroyed, together with the old log church. The result of this unfortunate event, was an immediate separation of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations, and the erection of Trinity Reformed Church on the ground owned conjointly with the Lutherans. Serious troubles arose among the Lutherans, which also resulted in a division. Part of the congregation built a large brick church on the spot where the union church burned down. This is St. James Lutheran Church with a membership of about 250. Zion, the mother congregation, under Rev. S.R. Boyer, built its present house of worship on Paradise Street in 1856. The above facts almost force upon us the conclusion that "church fights" are a good thing. When all was peace, these people felt too poor to build one church. When all was strife, they built four, and paid them cash. The records have been faithfully kept since 1851, and contain many interesting and important items, which cannot be presented in so brief a sketch.

The congregation has been served by the following pastors: Rev. F. Engel, 1815-1817, Rev. J. Rebas, 1817-1826. Rev. F. Waage, April 1826 to April 1829. Rev. William German, 1829-1830. Rev. C. F. Stoeve, 1836-1845. Rev. Simon R. Boyer, April 1846-1859. Rev. J. Albert, Nov. 1859-Nov. 1866. Rev. J.F. Wampole, Oct. 1867-Nov. 1876. Rev. A.P. Pflueger, 1876-1891. Rev. E.H. Eberts, as supply, Nov. 8, 1891 to July 1, 1892; as pastor from July 1, 1892-to the present time. Article written by Leon Hagenbuch



Judy Michael - Person of appreciation to the WRFFHS

Judy Michael is a wonderful example of what life should be about. Judy has a heart of generosity and has guided others to live the same way. This is what the WRFFHS was formed to do. To educate, pass along heritage, and pass a spirit of generosity to the next generation.

A small note on Judy Michael? She formed an exhibit called the Country Kitchen for Heritage Days and continued this for 30 years. This exhibit involved the kitchen tasks of a woman's job to make a home. Sharing this heritage with the public, Judy would prepare a meal to be shared with invited Heritage Days workers at the end of that Saturday and Sunday. Judy prepared Glenda Yost to continue the Country Kitchen when it was time for her to step away. In credit to what Judy Michael is about, Glenda Yost is also a shining example of Judy and guided the Strawberry Festival for a number of years. Glenda is married to Jim Yost, and together Jim and Glenda have done so much for our Warrior Run School District communities as well as our Heritage Society.

As the Country Kitchen continues to the future, there will be a sign now noting the exhibit as "Judy's" Country Kitchen.

At some point, Albert Mabus also became involved in helping Judy at the Country Kitchen. Albert's connection to Judy is, when Albert was in high school, he and his sister Nancy were in need of a new home. Orphans would be the easier way to say it. Judy made room for two more kids to join her family. The home was not large and once was the exchange place for horses, when the stagecoach went up Jack McKee's Heights from Exchange on the way to Muncy. Albert noted the need for more help on Sunday evening Heritage Days to getting things back into the barn storage. Being a Scout Master, he offered to guide the support of the Boys Scouts. Ever since, the boy scouts and their parents has become an amazing take down process. Albert, a Warrior Run State Wrestling Champion, is like Judy and Glenda. They have a heart of Gold, that gives back and gives back to the community. Albert has often expressed credit of what Judy and others were to him and he works to passing that action forward.

One interesting story that Glenda shares was how the preparation went to the killing, feathering, and dressing of the chickens. Glenda had watched how Judy would do this. If interested, Glenda can give the details. Glenda announced that she would do the Country Kitchen on one condition. To not be doing any killing of the chickens.

When Judy needed to step away, Judy continued to make pies at home and donate them to the society for our events. Judy married Vic Michael, who was into Ham Radio. Vic put up a very large tower in their back yard. Stories are told of them being in communication to people all over the world. Radio and telephone communication became a continued success to their sons. The Michael old stagecoach house has now been sold, becoming the home to another Warrior Run Wrestler.

We are sending along Judy's new address, in hope that Others may consider sending a kind note in appreciation of what Judy Michael has been about to the WRFFHS and in other ways to you.

Judy Michael, 452 Batton Road, Millville, PA 17846

On behalf of myself and the WRFFHS. Thank you, Judy Michael, for your heart of Generosity.
And Always an Attitude of Gratitude.





Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society
Board Meetings - 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
December 11	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

Calendar of Events - 2023

December 9	Candlelite Service Second Saturday in December	7:00 p. m.	Warrior Run Church
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PLEASE JOIN US!
*Historic Warrior
 Run Church*
Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 9, 2023
 7pm

41 Warrior Lane
 Watsonstown, PA 17777

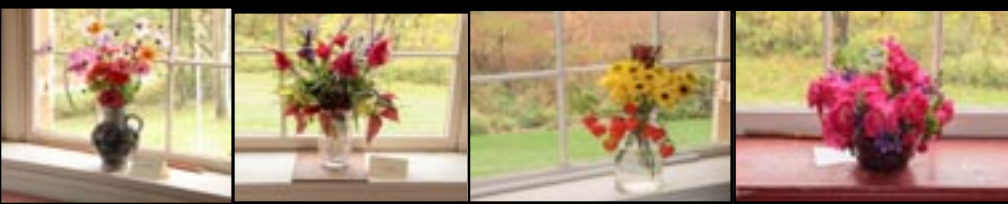
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**Saturday,
 December 16, 2023
 Noon
 Historic Warrior
 Run Church**

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 Y. Houser



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2021-2023

Landon Koch
Cathy Metzger
Daniel Phillips
Heidi Eppenbach
Ethan Whitmoyer

2022-2024

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

2023-2025

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Sue Eppenbach
Doug Ertel

(Student Members)

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Assistant Secretary - Sue Eppenbach (570-568-1870)
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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 - Leon Hagenbuch
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 - Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816), Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Randy Watts (570-437-4048)
Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)
Strawberry Festival - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816), Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816)
Heritage Days - Committee
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 *
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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....

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Here

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Fort Freeland
Heritage Society*

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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:

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☐ 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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