

Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
Calendar of Events

Summer History Program - The Mystery and Ruins of Devils Hole

Sunday, June 30, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

The Devils Hole, partially located in Coolbaugh Township, is shrouded in mystery and mystique. There are several building ruins along Devils Hole Creek, exciting water falls, stories about an Elk Farm, peculiar artifacts, and a significant impact from the 1955 flood. Bill Leonard will present a program about the “Seven Mysteries of Devils Hole - Folklore, Tales, and Legends.”

Summer History Program - The Women Veterans Museum

Sunday, July 14, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum.

The museum in Mount Pocono was created to honor and celebrate women service members, veterans, and military family members for their past, present, and ongoing service to the United States. The founder Claudette Williams, a 30-year Army Veteran and Retired Sergeant Major, will talk about her firsthand experiences and her passion for preserving a legacy.

Summer History Program -Pocono Mountain Public Library

Sunday August 11, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

Ann Shincovich, Library Director, will present a program about the history of the Pocono Mountain Public Library, its beginnings, their wide array of services, and some stories.

D&H Annual Canal Festival – Saturday August 17, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

D & H Canal Park, Lock 31, 179 Texas Palmyra Highway (Rt. 6), Hawley, PA. CTHA will have an informational booth exhibiting the historic ice industry and information about Coolbaugh Township history.

Community Yard Sale – Saturday August 10 (rain date Aug 11) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Numerous vendors will be selling their wares in front of the Wills Mansion at 5590 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna. VFW Post 509 will be serving lunch and refreshments.

Visit to the Lackawanna Coal Mine – Friday September 20, 10:00 am

The CTHA will tour of this once abandoned and now restored hard coal mine that originally opened in 1860. The Coal Mine Tour is led by a miner, who will explain the fascinating methods used, and the heroic efforts involved, in deep mining's history. The mine is handicapped accessible with some restrictions. Meet at the Wills Mansion at 9:15 to carpool, or meet at the Coal Mine (Bald Mountain Road, Scranton) at 10:00 am.

Summer History Program - History of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association

September 15, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

The Tobyhanna Conservation Association was formed in 1966 by a group of local sportsmen, including the Gleogler Brothers. The Charter states that “Conservation, a state of harmony between man and the land, and the proper harvesting of fish and game so as to retain nature’s delicate balance, shall be the purpose of this organization.” The presentation by Bill Leonard will cover the history of the organization, including raising trout, youth programs, and some Gleogler Family history.

Steamtown Excursions to Tobyhanna –Saturday October 12, Arrive 12:15, Depart 2:45

Tour of Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Icehouse & Self-Guided Tour of Tobyhanna. Featuring the fall foliage and the once important Tobyhanna Huckleberry Industry.

Annual Dinner Program – Saturday, October 19, 3:00 pm at the Pocono Farms Country Club

Program on the History of Pocono Farms.

Summer History Program - Barns of Coolbaugh Township

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion

Coolbaugh Township once had a fair number of working farms with barns and associated outbuildings. Very few barns remain standing. Vern Cramer Saxe will present his findings and research about the remaining barns of Colbaugh Township.

Wreaths for Veterans – Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday December 7, 2:00 pm

The CTHA board will join with members of VFW Post 509 to place wreaths at the three Coolbaugh Township cemeteries and at the Coolbaugh Township Veterans Memorial in memory of our fallen veterans.

Annual Christmas Celebration– Saturday December 14, Noon to 5:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum.

The Wills Mansion Museum will be decorated for the holidays and there will be musical entertainment and refreshments. The celebration is open to all.

For more information visit the Coolbaugh Township Historical Assn Facebook page or call 570-894-4207.

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