

Answers to Road Rally (north)

Cambria County Historical Society

Site 1: A W Buck House (Historical Society)

1. 1889: there is a marker on the turret and a cornerstone in the front of the house
2. BLANCHE:
3. 7 Rooms

Site 2: The Cambria County Courthouse

1. Wales (the country). BTW "stream of coal" is Nanty-Glo
2. Baltimore - the courthouse used to have a huge clock tower later found to be "top-heavy"

Site 3: Admiral Peary Monument – Cresson

1. Joseph Pollia who also sculpted a statue of WWII Gen. George Marshall in Uniontown
2. 2009 was the "100th" anniversary of Peary's North Pole discovery
3. Mt. Aloysius College and the Sisters of Mercy had bleachers built to watch the 1937 ceremony

Site 4: Gallitzin Tomb – Loretto

1. 28-85 We are going to guess that it was a manufacturer's mark - Did you go in?
2. Violin showing a part of his cultured upbringing

Site 5: Mt. Assisi Gardens

1. 5 fish. There were also 4 large fish heads at the base but 9 was not an option.
2. A wooden house. Shwab's original wooden house sat here. It was moved over the treetops and is today Bonaventure Hall at the top of the hill.

Site 6: Kittanning Trail (1st) Eckenrode Mills

1. Turtle - The artwork was done by art students at Cambria Heights High School
2. 2024 - Of course the trail was used before that date but the first record of activity is around 1724
3. "Kittanning" This portion of the trail ran from Fort Shirley, Huntingdon Co. to Kittanning, PA
4. All of the above

Site 7: American Legion Park – Carrolltown

1. Tuberculosis - And although there was a famous TB Sanitarium in Cresson, Flick was associated with White Haven in Luzerne County.
2. M60-A3
3. COBRA - Introduced in 1967, it is sometimes referred to as Heuy Cobra or Snake.
4. Carrolltown Fairgrounds There is a nice sketch of it in the 1890 Cambria County Atlas

Site 8: Kittanning Trail (2nd) Plattsville

1. Village Life was the scene depicted by the art students at Harmony School District.
2. Plattsville - According to a friend of the Society who lives there the locals say Plattsville. Who knew?

Site 9: Kittanning Trail (3rd) Hart's Sleeping Place

1. John Hart trading with Villagers - Hart was granted a special license to fur trade with Native Americans in 1744, Hart communicated in signs and symbols. He would carve out a heart on a stone to represent his name. (seen on the tablet) Occasionally, when things were going to get hostile, the Indians would warn Hart and he would leave for a few weeks. Hart lived in a hollowed-out tree in Huntingdon County known as Hart's Log.
2. Stained Glass was use by the art students at Northern Cambria HS to form this brilliant blue sky.
3. Beaver skins were used to make hats from the mid 16th Century to the mid 19th Century.

Site 10: St. Joe's Mission Church

1. McGuire's Settlement (Loretto) is the site listed on the grave. Be sure to look up the story of how Weakland's arm was completely intact years after he was buried.
2. 70 (actually 69) the marker reads 1770 to 1840. He was born in December and died in May.
3. Weakland defending Gallitzin

The window depicts Gallitzin (who was sometimes in debt) being surrounded by his debtors, who are seen here as small men. To one side John Weakland uses a fence rail to drive them away. Years later when Weakland's body was moved to the cemetery in Chest Springs, the arm he defended Gallitzin with was found to be completely intact (uncorrupted).

