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## **TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting**

Time's running out to make a reservation for the Society's Annual Dinner on Thurs. night, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Endless Winds Vol. Fire Company on Route 154 in Shunk! Reservations can be made by sending or dropping off \$15 for each person by next Sat. (8/13 at 5 p.m.). The Sullivan County Historical Society's mailing address is P.O. Box 252, Laporte, PA 18626. We're located behind the courthouse on courthouse square at 458 Meylert Street.

The speaker this year is Brian Valencik. Brian retired after 31 ½ years as a Forest Ranger for Sullivan County. One of the stories he's shared thus far is this:

"I was driving down High Knob Road one day when I saw a doe with a very small fawn. I stopped, grabbed my camera, and followed them. The doe was startled when I approached and ran away. The fawn just stood there looking at me so I talked to it. It came closer. I talked to it some more, and it came closer, and closer, and closer . . . ."

Another – "The local WCO (Game Warden) stopped by my office one day. He said can you help me, the Governor is coming for a visit and I have to find a bear in a den with cubs to show him. We went up the road to a den I knew about. We approached it and the WCO said crawl in there on your hands and knees and listen to see if you can hear any cubs squealing. If the sow wakes up, yell and I'll pull you out by your legs . . ."

This is just a sampling of many of the first hand stories that Brian has to tell. This annual event is open to all the public and if you choose not to attend the dinner but just the talk, that is free to all. The talk will begin after a short annual meeting at 7 p.m. So, if you like nature and would enjoy hearing about the adventures of Brian, please feel free to make a reservation.

Meanwhile, the museum is still officially open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. until Sat., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. After that you'll find us the following week at the fair on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (9/1, 2, 3, 4) from noon to 8 p.m.