

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**DECEMBER 10, 2024**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS OVERFLOW UPON YOU IN  
2025!**



**RESEACHER/GENEALOGIST STEW SAYLOR WORKING WITH MICKI McGEE, PhD OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY ON THE PAUL ROTH FAMILY. HER MOTHER, PAULINE ROTH GRADUATED IN BERLIN IN 1943.**

**MICKI McGEE was so delighted with the information that she obtained that she sent the below letter written on October 24, 2024. She paid \$200.00 to become a life member of the Berlin Area Historical Society and she provided a donation of \$100.00.**

***Dear Berlin Area Historical Society friends!***

***I cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome and generosity I received on my recent visit to Berlin. Find out more about Paul Roth and Ida Grace Wefzel has been a life-changing experience – and I think I've only just begun to understand some of the forces that shaped their lives. Thank you. Thank you so much!***

***And the Berlin yearbook ....unbelievable! Unexpected. Extraordinary.***

***Please enroll me as a life member of your fine organization and accept my modest donation. With time I hope to add some more to this contribution!***

***Warm wishes to you all, Micki.***

***(She also sent along some publications that she has written.)***



**A CRAFTSMAN  
SNOWBLOWER  
DONATED BY  
LANDIS TRUCKING.  
DON & POLLY  
(FLAMM) LANDIS**

Larry DePhillips donated a 1907 Listie calendar from the W. K. Walker & Company Feed and Farm Implements; a 1975 Boswell Police Depart Calendar; a 50th Anniversary booklet for Windber (1897-1947); a 1908 Jenners calendar for Matthews and Ling; a 1953 Somerset Lincoln-Mercury Sales (Ford Company's 53rd Norman Rockwell Anniversary calendar); a picture of the BR Water Tower and Siding Tipple at the Wells Creek Mine; and two July 1977 Somerset Daily American flood newspapers.

Did you ever hear the name **surcingle** being used for the strap that went around the cow's body to hold the milk machine in place? Some remember a **surcingle** being a belt, band, or girth passing around the belly of a horse to bind a saddle or pack fast to the horse' back. **Surcingle** is an unfamiliar word for your curator – a former farm boy!

## DONATIONS:

**Geraldine Egolf** donated Bittner Genealogy, pictures and a glass slipper with initials "L.W.B." (Leonard W. Bittner). **Mary Anne Showers** donated a news article featuring the dedication of our Humble Log House printed in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat. **Larry Pritts** donated a program booklet for the American Music Theater's 2024 Christmas show.

On November 29, 2024 **78 persons attended the beef dinner** at the Berlin Community Building for those who assisted with the construction of our "Humble Log House". Spouses and the Board of Directors were also invited. **Photographer Robert Brant and Stew Saylor** partnered in presenting a slide show of the two log houses coming together into our Humble Log House.

**Windy Ridge** cut limbs off the tree who branches stretched over our roof. Earlier a large branch of Paul Glessner's tree toppled with limbs coming to rest on our back room at the historical center. **Donna Schmucker** donated a pitcher and bowl set. **Elmer Altfather** donated the book, "Mills of Lancaster County" by Donald Kautz. **Elaine Gumbert** donated a pair of glasses from the firm of Dr. E. R. Levy. **Tom and Brenda Walker** put on loan an antique whiskey jug and a crock, two 1958 Blue Mason jars, an antique kraut cutter and an apple peeler.



**A WOODEN  
DYNAMITE BOX  
DONATED BY  
THE MARY  
(ENGLEKA)  
HOSTETLER  
FAMILY.**



**DYNAMITE BOX LIKELY  
ORIGINALLY OWNED  
BY WILLIAM ENGLEKA,  
A WORKER AT THE  
MACDONALDTON MINES.**

# Shanksville Victor By 13-7 Score

Exploding with nine runs in a heavy third inning, Shanksville slapped a 13-7 defeat on Stoystown-Kantner in a Central Somerset County Baseball league contest on the latter's diamond Friday evening.

The game extended for two hours and a half although only five innings were played. It seemed as though the third inning would never be completed as runners were either occupying the sacks or trotting over with markers all of the time.

At that, a brace of Stoystown pitchers gave up 10 safeties, but the Stoystown field was just like a sieve.

SHANKSVILLE	ABR	H	O	A
Walker 2b	3	2	1	1
Zeigler cf	2	2	1	2
D. Landis c	1	0	0	5
Raymond ss	4	1	2	0
Schmucker 1b	3	3	2	7
E. Landis 3b	3	1	0	0
Igee lf	4	2	2	0
Swet rf	4	1	1	0
Baltzer p	2	1	1	0
Livengood p	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	13	10	15

STOYSTOWN-KANTNER	ABR	H	O	A
J. Berkebile, Sr. cf	4	2	2	0
Sharpe ss	3	2	3	0
I. Berkebile, Jr. lf-p	2	2	0	1
E. Berkebile c	3	0	1	5
Weyand 1b	2	0	1	7
Shaffer p	1	0	0	0
Deaner 3b	3	0	0	1
G. Zola 2b	3	1	1	1
V. Berkebile rf	1	0	1	0
H. Lazier p	0	0	0	0
I. Berkebile, Sr. p-lf	1	0	0	0
Lazier rf	1	0	0	0
D. Berkebile lf-p	0	0	0	0
E. Zola p	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	7	9	15
Stoystown	331	00	7	
Shanksville	029	11	13	

**ERRORS**—J. Berkebile, Sr., Sharpe, Weyand, E. Zola 2, Schmucker, Landis. Two base hits—Baltzer, Raymond, Spangler, Three base hit—E. Berkebile. Double plays—Walker to Schmucker. Earned runs—Stoystown 6, Shanksville 7. Hit by pitchers—Walker (by I. Berkebile), Livengood (by Lazier), Zola (by I. Berkebile). Bases on balls off—Shaffer 7, Lazier 2, I. Berkebile 1, Baltzer 1, Livengood 1. Hits off—Shaffer 5 in 3 innings; Lazier 1 in 1/3 inning; I. Berkebile 4 in 42/3 innings; Baltzer 8 in 2 innings; Livengood 1 in 3 innings. Struck out by—Shaffer 2, Lazier, I. Berkebile 2, Baltzer 4, Livengood 1. Winning pitcher—Baltzer. Losing pitcher—Shaffer. Umpire—Berkebile. Scorer—Koontz. Time—2:30. *MAY 1947*



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*MAY 47*

## OBITUARY

### MRS. J. GRANT ROSE

Mrs. Rebecca Cunningham Rose, 72, of Confluence, R. D., died Monday afternoon at her home. She is survived by her husband, J. Grant Rose, and the following children: John Rose, Gray; Albert Rose and Mrs. Myron Queer, Berlin; Harry Rose of Confluence; Mrs. Edward Lee of Akron, O.; Oral Rose, living in Ohio; Mrs. Melvin Cameron, Markleton; also two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Faidley, Connellsville; Mrs. Lyda Shearer, living in South Dakota, and a brother, Ira Cunningham of Dawson.

Friends are being received at the Humbert Funeral home, Confluence, where funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. George H. Goffman officiating. Burial will be in the Jersey cemetery.

*June 1 1947*

## Meyersdale News

By KENNETH J. BOLDEN

### VAUGHAN-MEYERS WEDDING, TUESDAY

Miss Harriet Arlene Meyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Meyers, Glencoe, and Virgil E. Vaughan, Berlin, were married at the Mt. Lebanon Evangelical and Reformed church at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Gindlesperger who performed the double ring ceremony. Miss Kathleen Boger played the wedding march and several other selections. Donald Hay sang, "I Love You Truly," "The Lord's Prayer" and "O, Promise Me."

The bride was given away by Carl Hay, her brother-in-law, and the best man was Eugene Vaughan of Huron, O., brother of the bridegroom.

The maid of honor was Miss Eileen Meyers, sister of the bride, wearing a gown of chartruesse and the bridesmaids, Lois Koontz and Dorothy Moser, were dressed in aqua and pink gowns.

The bride wore a beautiful white duchess satin wedding gown with sweetheart neckline, a long train and finger-tip veil. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias.

The ushers were Bruce Rodeniser, Roy Laughery, William Meyers and Robert Wehl. The church was decorated elaborately in palms, ferns and lovely baskets of white gladioli, larkspur and carnations.

A reception was held at the bride's home for 75 guests. The bride cut the first slice of the four tiered wedding cake, her sister Mrs. Carl Hay completing the cutting, Mrs. C. A. Purbaugh, and aunt and namesake of the bride poured, assisted by Mrs. William Meyers, the bride's sister.

The couple left for New York City and Canada on their honeymoon. Upon returning, they will live at their new home, outside of Berlin.

*MAY 1947*

## VIRGIL E. VAUGHAN

Who remembers Virgil E. Vaughan being an earlier owner and operator of the store that later became Dale O. Walker's store along the Cumberland Highway, four miles south of Berlin? Virgil was married in May 1947 to the former Harriet Arlene Meyers of "Dry Acres Farm" in Northampton Township.

**REBECCA (CUNNINGHAM) ROSE, WIFE OF GRANT ROSE, (ABOVE OBITUARY)  
WAS THE MOTHER OF MAMIE E. (ROSE) QUEER, THE WIFE OF MYRON L. QUEER OF  
BERLIN. MYRON WAS A WORLD WAR I VETERAN AND A SON OF LEVI AND CATHERINE  
(HOFFMAN) QUEER.**

Shanksville-Stonycreek High School  
Class of 1969

55th Year Reunion October 5, 2024



**SEATED: IRENE (BARKMAN) KELLY, KATHERINE ZEIGLER, CATHY (BOYER) MESHANKO, DEBBIE (YODER) YODER, CAROLYN (WILLKOW) LAMBERT, AND CINDY SCOTT**

**STANDING: MARY LOU (SNYDER) BERKEBILE, PATRICIA MAUST, LARRY EMEIGH, JEFFREY YODER, SONDRA (SHAULIS) STEVENSON, WILLIAM LAMBERT, AND BLAKE LOHR.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2025**

As you enjoy your cookies, hot chocolate or coffee, we wish you a happy and healthy entrance into 2025.

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for your services and assistance in making things happen at the Berlin Historical Society and at the one-room Glade School. A thank you to all those who assisted at the Dec. 15, 2024 Christmas program at the Glade School and those from Unity United Church of Christ who assisted in making the evening a successful holiday highlight.

**David R. Hay, Curator**



# CLASSIC GERMAN BEEF ROULADEN

"Get ready to savor the flavors of Germany with this classic Beef Rouladen recipe!"

Thinly sliced beef, rolled with a savory mix of onions, bacon, and pickles, then slow-cooked in a rich gravy. A hearty, comforting dish that's sure to become a family favorite!

Here's the recipe:

## Ingredients:

- 1.5 lbs beef top round, sliced into thin cutlets
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 6 slices of bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped dill pickles
- 2 tbsp mustard
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups beef broth



## Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C).
2. In a pan, cook bacon until crispy, then set aside.
3. In the same pan, sauté onions until softened.
4. In a large bowl, combine cooked onions, pickles, mustard, thyme, salt, and pepper.
5. Lay beef cutlets flat, spread a tablespoon of the onion mixture on each, then roll up and secure with toothpicks.
6. In a large Dutch oven, brown the rouladen on all sides, then add flour to coat.
7. Gradually add beef broth, cover, and transfer to the preheated oven.
8. Braise for 2-3 hours or until tender.



**DAVID AND VIRGINIA HAY STAND IN FRONT OF PIONEER SIMON HÖH S (HAY') BIRTHPLACE IN GERHARDSBRUNN IN THE RHINELAND-PFALZ AREA OF GERMANY IN OCTOBER 2024. THIS MARKED THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAY'S FIRST VISIT TO THE FARMING VILLAGE. CURRENT OWNER MARIANNE HUBER AND HER LATE HUSBAND, EDGAR HAVE HOSTED DAVID & VIRGINIA IN THIS HOME NUMEROUS TIMES. THEIR SON, WALTER, LIVED WITH DAVID AND VIRGINIA FOR 6 MONTHS IN 1991-1992 AFTER WALTER COMPLETED FOUR YEARS IN THE GERMAN NAVY.**



**ADRIENNE DAY OF THE BERLIN LION'S CLUB PRESENTS DAVID R. HAY WITH THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BERLIN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PLAQUE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024. A HUMBLING SURPRISE!**