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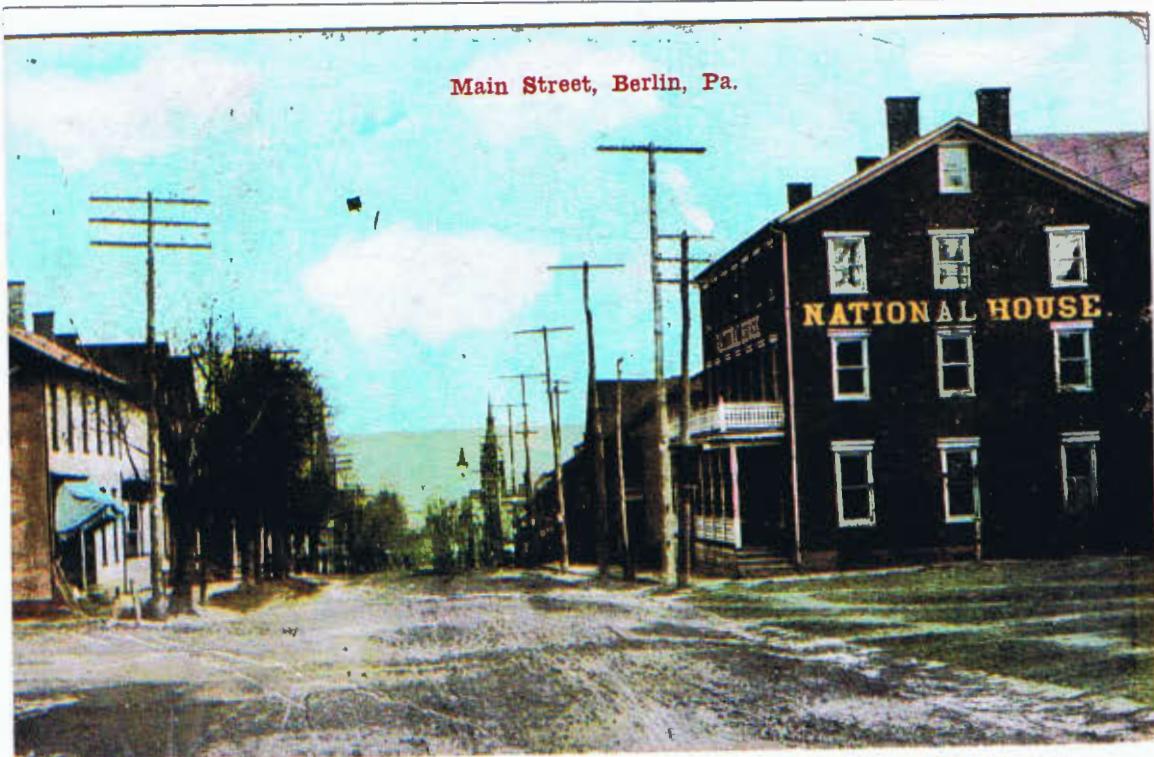
The Leader, Frank L. Groff, Berlin, Pa.



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NOW – DECEMBER 10, 2024



NEW NATIONAL HOTEL

Barn, animals lost in early morning fire Monday

Madolin Edwards

The Daily American
USA TODAY NETWORK

FAIRHOPE — A medium-sized barn and a few small farm animals were lost in an early morning fire Monday.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Brad Flick said the fire was fully involved when the firefighters got to the barn along Pine Valley Road in Allegheny Township for the 7:48 a.m. call. The cause of the fire is undetermined,

he said.

"Road conditions weren't the best. They were covered in ice and sleet ice, and there was foggy conditions as well," he said. "It wasn't very good weather for fighting a fire."

Firefighters from Berlin, New Baltimore, Shanksville and Hyndman in Bedford County, as well as Berlin ambulance responded to the call. They returned to service around 1:30 p.m., Flick said. There were no injuries.

Dec 16, 2024

THE KENNETH RAY BENNING FARM FIRE 1991 PINE VALLEY ROAD, FAIRHOPE



THE CUMBERLAND HIGHWAY
SOUTH OF BERLIN. A WINTER
FROM THE PAST!

TO MOVE BARBER SHOP TO LANE BUILDING

Carpenters are at work on the Lane building, lower diamond, tearing off the old front of their stock room which will be replaced with a glass front, and making necessary changes to the interior, for the occupancy of Mr. Painter, the barber.

Mr. Painter came here from Stoystown last summer and since that time has been conducting his business in the Buckman shop. He feels that he could do a better business on Main street and will relocate as soon as the room in the Lane building is ready for occupancy.

Mar 1931

DAY, MARCH 6, 1931

HILLCREST BRIEFS

A birthday dinner was held on Sunday, March 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker, the celebration being in honor of the following persons: Doris Laverne Walker, Mrs. Norman Handwerk, Frank Handwerk and Ray Walker. In the center of the table was a birthday cake on which there were three candles which represented the age of the youngest one. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Handwerk and daughters, Ruth and Hazel; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Handwerk and daughter, Jeraldine; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grove and daughter, Melba; Miss Alma Walker, and Messrs Ezra Baer and Barron Walker.

Mrs. Carl Braesecker was visiting friends in Berlin on Tuesday.

Prayer services were held at Pine Hill Lutheran Church last week.

The Society of Farm Women quilted a quilt at the home of Mrs. Norman Hay. Those present from this community were: Mrs. Joe Stahl, Mrs. Ray Walker, Mrs. Earl Dickey, Mrs. Morgan Dickey, Mrs. Allen Hay, Mrs. Ralph Hay, Mrs. H. P. Berkley, Mrs. George Lane and Mrs. R. B. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leech spent the week end at the home of Mr. Leech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leech.

John H. Rhoads was transacting business at Meyersdale on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Butler was a visitor at Ed. Braesecker's one day last week.

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TURNER'S STORE – ORIGINAL NAME OF PINE HILL.

Pine Hill was originally known as Turner's Store in honor of the Lewis A. Turner family, who established the original store in the village. This same building later was owned and operated by the Henry Gumbert family. The century-old, store building, rooming house, and personal living quarters was torn down in May 1978 at the western end of the village. Under face boards on the front of the store was discovered the lettering for Turner's store.

OLD FASHIONED AUCTION IN PINE HILL

On October 1, 1976 an old-fashioned public auction was held at "Breezy Point" in Pine Hill. The long-time residence of Tillie Stahl and her parents, Samuel and Drucilla (Walker) Stahl was opened up to the public after being closed for approximately 20 years.

Samuel Stahl was a long-time blacksmith in the village. Farmers and home owners from surrounding neighborhoods visited Pine Hill, depending upon Samuel Stahl's services as well as to patronize Henry Gumbert's Store, which also housed the Pine Hill Post Office.



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DONATIONS:

Meyersdale Library donated their 150th anniversary publication entitled "Meyersdale at 150 – Images of a Small Town". Anita Hankinson donated a copy of her Francis Knepper Family Tree notebook. (Hours and hours of research and a model for others wanting to preserve their family's history).

David Onstead donated folders, binders, and office supplies. Terry DePhilips' latest donations include some Berlin post cards; an 1898 Somerset Opera advertisement; a Johnstown Flood booklet (1977); a 1923 Sacred Art Calendar from Sibel Brothers Funeral Directors in Somerset; and The Quecreek Miracle (July 24, 2003), a supplement to the Daily American.

UPDATE ON STEW SAYLOR

We have missed Stew Saylor and his many contributions much of the past month while he has been recovering from back surgery in Pittsburgh plus physical therapy as a patient at Meadow View Nursing Center. After being released from Meadow View to his home on December 13, Stew suffered a setback and became a patient at the Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh.

On January 8, while continuing his recovery on the 10th floor of that facility, Stew shared upcoming plans for being moved to West Penn Hospital for additional physical therapy. Cindy Flamm has been taking care of financial issues for BAHS while Stew is recovering.

Our prayers are for Stew to make great strides in his progress so he will soon be able to continue his many activities in the community and here at the Berlin Area Historical Society.

OUR 39TH PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER OF PLAINS, GEORGIA

On December 29, 2024, Jimmy Carter, the peanut farmer who won the presidency in the wake of the Watergate scandal and the Vietnam War, died at the age of 100 years. After the White House he redefined life as a global humanitarian. His wife Rosalynn died at 96 years in November 2013.



LUCAS CALVERT AND HIS FATHER, JEFF CALVERT AT THE GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOUR

CHRISTMAS TOUR AT THE GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE

The December 28, 2024 Christmas Tour at the Glade One-Room School and other activities at the nearby Unity United Church of Christ were deemed successful adventures. Unity members provided special activities and refreshments. Weather conditions caused the event to be postponed to the following weekend.

Since Christmas and New Year's Day fell on Wednesday, BAHS remained closed those days as well as several additional days in early January because of weather related issues. BAHS has the policy of staying closed on days when school is canceled.

Glade One-Room Schoolhouse

Historic Christmas Tours

Saturday December 28th

6:30PM, 7:15PM, & 8:00PM

Parking at Unity UCC

2074 Huckleberry Highway Berlin, PA 15530

(Parking is also available by the schoolhouse for those who need easier access).



Bring the whole family to experience an historic Christmas that would have been celebrated in the early 1900's hosted by the Berlin Area Historical

Society! Unity UCC will have some time period activities with refreshments in the social hall between tour times. You will walk with a guide from the church to the one-room schoolhouse at the times designated above to immerse yourself in a Christmas celebration from the past with a real decorated tree, caroling, and traditions that would have taken place! There will be a fire started in the schoolhouse in the potbelly stove but be sure to dress for the weather. No registration is required for this free event!

Take a step back in time and appreciate the history of this building while learning about old Christmas traditions!

Contact Leanne Calvert 814-341-0589 or Tine Hillegass 814-442-3094 with questions

ADVERTISING THE CHRISTMAS TOUR AT THE GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE. DEC. 28, 2024