

**CURATOR'S REPORT**  
**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JUNE 11, 2024**



**LONGVIEW FARM**

**FORMERLY OWNED BY SIMON E.  
JR. & RETA (PECK) LONG**

**BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**

## WORK CONTINUES AT THE SAYLOR LOG HOUSE SITE!



Allen Long is shown in the left picture as he is works on stone casing the exterior of the chimney at the Saylor Log Cabin along Vine Street in Berlin on May 15, 2024.

Tammy Rohrs is pictured in the right photo standing in front of the newly constructed combination outhouse and tool shed on May 15, 2024. It was constructed at the rear of the Saylor Log House by long-time building contractor, John F. Long. He was assisted by Ralph Barron.

Numerous persons have been involved in the construction and finish work at the Saylor Log House at the Berlin Area Historical Society. Ruth Alice (Lehman) Saylor has provided funds for the log house in memory of her late husband, Terry Saylor, a graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley High School in 1965.

## WORK IN PROGRESS – BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## ANOTHER BUSY DAY AT THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Allen Long** was finishing up the exterior work on stone casing the chimney at the Saylor Log house. **Allen and Ralph Barron** were seen taking down the scaffolding around the chimney.

**John Long and Bruce “Chip” Landis** used the lift to attach a new rope to the flag pole. The rope and new flag were donated to BAHS by board member, Richard Berkley.

Two Scotty’s Potties were delivered for use along Mulberry Street for the upcoming Block Party at the community lot across from the northern side of our office and genealogy building.

Our Canon copier needs repaired or replaced! **Kay Ann Cober** has donated memorabilia to the John and Lucille Lichvar Sports Section at the Berlin area Historical Society.

## GERANIUMS PLANTED IN THE FLOWER BOX



On May 5, 2024, Carol Miller was seen planting these beautiful geraniums in the flower box under the sign – the Berlin Area Historical Society – in front of our genealogy and office building. The flower box was a project of **Robert Mowry** to earn his Eagle Scout Award some years ago. Robert currently lives in Chicago. His parents, Jim and Esther (Ringler) Mowry reside along Ringler Road in Stonycreek Township. Lynn Donner originally created the sign. Karl Brick restored the lettering in recent years.

## SIMON & RETA (PECK) LONG FARM SOLD

David and Mary Ann Marker have sold the former Simon E. Jr. and Reta Marie (Peck) Long farm, located off the Garrett Short-cut, to Nathan James and Destinee Yvonne Hornberger, formerly of the Lititz area.

The new owners plan to operate a dairy operation on the farm that originally belonged to Simon's parents.

In April 2024, Auctioneer Mike Knepper and his associates conducted an on-site auction of farming equipment for the Marker family. (See picture of the former Long home on the cover of this month's Curator's Report.)

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## NEW MILITARY BANNERS GRACE THE STREETS OF SHANKSVILLE AND BERLIN!

In time for Memorial Day activities in May 2024, wonderful displays of military banners have gone up on the streets of Shanksville and Berlin. During a drive through both communities, you see the banners representing many of those who have served our country – some who gave their lives to insure the freedom of the United States of America goes on.

## MAY DONATIONS

**Richard Berkley** donated a new flag to fly over our genealogy building. **Emily and Gene Bittner** donated an older map of Somerset County and a 1971 Bervalon. **Mary Margaret Werner** donated several old cameras, a Meyersdale Centennial booklet, Snyder's of Berlin sweatshirts, a Schrock's Travel bus bank, two Berlin Sesquicentennial books, Our Town Remembered (Meyersdale Book 11), and a Werner History update and a Werner-Seifertshausen, Germany genealogy.

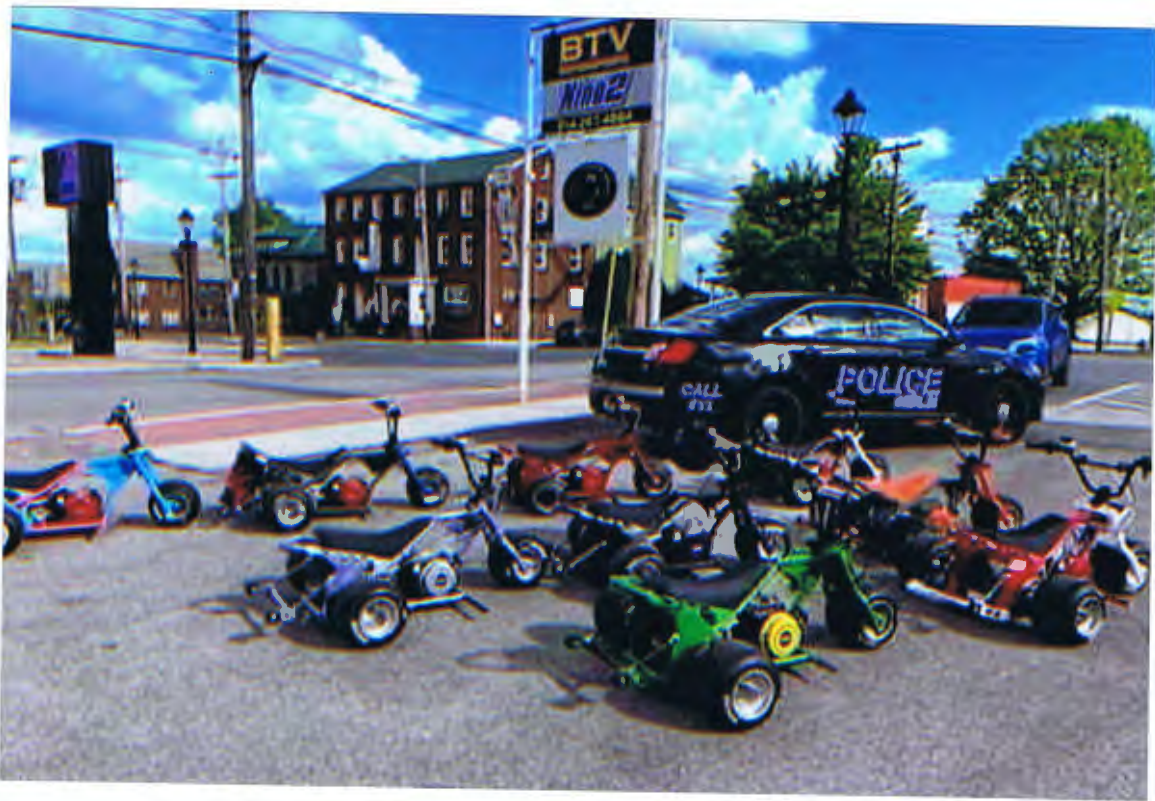
**Berlin Fife and Drum Corps** placed on loan a quilt made by Jean Ogburn from old Fife and Drum uniforms and a fife used at Gettysburg during the Civil War by Peter Pritts.

## BERLIN FIFTH GRADERS VISIT BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some 67 fifth graders at the Berlin Brothersvalley School toured the Heritage Haus, the barn, and the genealogy-office building in May. They were given the option of interviewing an older adult or telling about their tour at BAHS for an essay contest. The top three essays were written by the three students pictured below. Each one received a prize of \$50.00.



**LEFT TO RIGHT: DANIEL GUIDO, LUKE SHAFFER AND FINLEY WEBRECK**



**THE TECK-ED CLASS AT THE BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BUILT TRYKES DURING THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR. TEACHER FOR THEIR CLASS WAS DAN MILLER. ON MAY 17, 2024 STUDENTS RODE THE TRYKES WITH A POLICE ESCORT THROUGH BERLIN. THEIR TRYKES ARE PICTURED AT THE TRAIN STATION ON THE UPPER DIAMOND IN BERLIN. BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS PROVIDED MONETARY DONATIONS TO FUND THE SCHOOL PROJECT.**

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**Deist Brothers  
 Are Injured  
 In Mine Blast**

*Oct 21, 1949*

Harry and Leonard Deist, brothers of Berlin, are patients in the Somerset Community hospital following injuries received in an explosion in the new Carver mine near Roxbury Friday morning.

The accident happened at 11 a.m. Thursday while the brothers were working in a new house coal mine, opened recently by Harry and Frank Carver on the Carver farm. It was believed that a charge of dynamite exploded prematurely.

Harry Deist suffered cuts of the head and face and burns of the arm. Leonard Deist received cuts of the face and injury to the back.

**LET'S FACE FACTS!**

1. New Inspection Period Started May.
2. Having your car inspected now will enable you to avoid last-minute rush.
3. Some essential parts are still hard to get.

**Walker Buick Co.**  
 363 W. Main St. Phone 394 Somerset

*June 1947*

**NOTICE THE TWO WEST MAIN STREET, SOMERSET ADDRESSES OF THE CAR DEALERS ON THIS PAGE.**

**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**

# THE 45<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CLASS REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1978 AT BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Front row (l to r): Amy (Knepper) Petenbrink, Virginia (Day) Suder, Gwen (Tataleba) Hartman, Ann (Hankinson) Bowser, Cindy (Burk) Miller, and Julie (Smiley) Richter.

Middle row (l to r): Reggie Bush, Martin McKenzie, Tim Weighley, Jeff Hillegass, Joanne (Leslie) Dively, and Lori (Flamm) Gindlesperger.

Back row (l to r): Jay Ferguson, Tim Ackerman, Scott Twombly, Dan Ludy, Dave Werner, David A. Hay, Rob Cugini, David Foust, Jackie (Harding) Good, and Kim (Bittner) Gillingham.

**2023. Our thanks to Amy (Knepper) Petenbrink for the identification!**

## THE CLASS MOTTO:

**If there is any good that we can do in this world, let us do it now, for we will never pass this way again.**



**LARRY PRITTS, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ROY NAUGLE'S FEED STORE, STANDS NEAR THE WAYNE FEEDS SIGN THAT THE BILL AND MIKE MERRILL FAMILIES HAVE DONATED TO THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN MAY 2024.**