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Jacktown Fair Is Under Way

WIND RIDGE — Nancee Ziefel, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ziefel III of Graysville, is Miss Jacktown Fair 1983.

The West Greene High School student was selected from among six candidates as part of opening night festivities at the 118th annual Jacktown Fair which will run through Saturday.

The new queen was crowned by Parade Marshal Floyd Finch and by Janice Marie (Dee Dee) Gray of Wind Ridge R.D.1, Miss Jacktown Fair 1982. The ceremony was held on the fairgrounds stage following a parade which wound through Wind Ridge to the applause of hundreds of spectators.

The parade, perhaps the largest ever held to open the fair, enjoyed perfect weather conditions and the midway was well-filled by the first-night crowd. Attractions are being furnished by the Hannah Amusement Co.

Theme of the parade was "Changing, Yet Enduring." Nearly 100 units were in the line of march, including the West Greene and Cameron high school bands, several floats, antique cars, several units of horsemen, the Koal Krackin' Klowns, the Syria Clowns from Osiris Temple in Wheeling, and fire company units from throughout the area. A drill team from the Pittsburgh area was in the line of march and entertained a large audience following the crowning of

Miss Jacktown Fair. Girls in Miss Ziefel's court of honor are Theresa Amos of Sycamore, Diane Carter of Holbrook, Becky Miller of Pine Bank, Annette Tharp of Sycamore and Pam Yanak of Rogersville. Miss Ziefel was selected on the basis of an essay which she wrote.

Among those participating in the parade and ceremony were Debbie Tekavek, the reigning Coal Queen; Michelle Morris, Waynesburg Miss Rain Day; Connie Ross, West Greene Miss Merrie Christmas; Lauren Patterson of Waynesburg, the Greene County Wool Queen; and Pam Cree of Carmichaels, Washington-Greene County Dairy Princess.

Harry (Mike) Gardner, president of the Richhill Agricultural Society which stages the fair, served as master of ceremonies. He introduced Dr. Thomas Mills, president of Waynesburg College; Judge Glenn Toothman; County Commissioners Joseph Pawlosky, L.R. Santore and Richard Cowan, and state Reps. H. William DeWeese and Roger Raymond Fisher.

Judging of display halls at the fairgrounds was completed Tuesday, with judging of livestock scheduled to begin this morning. On the program for this evening are a program of gospel music at 7 p.m. by the Rev. and Mrs. George VanRiper and both lightweight and heavyweight pony pulling contests at 8 p.m.

Central Greene Employees Ratify New, 3-Year Contract

WAYNESBURG — Classified employees of the Central Greene School District have ratified a new

contract which calls for hourly wage increases of 50 cents in each of the three years of the contract.

The proposed agreement was approved by a large majority of the 60 members of the Pennsylvania School Service Personnel Association at a meeting Thursday. They include secretarial and clerical employees, maintenance personnel, janitors, cooks and instructional aides. The PSSPA is a branch of the PSEA.

Walter Stout, school district business manager, said the 1983-84 raise, which is retroactive to July 1, equates to a pay increase of approximately 9 percent.

In addition to the pay raise, members will receive vision care in the second year of the contract.

House Panel OKs Locks, Dam Bill

Replacement of two locks and dams on the Monongahela River came a step closer to reality Friday.

A U.S. House water resources subcommittee approved a \$12.4 billion water projects bill that includes \$95 million for Lock and Dam No. 7 at Greensboro and more than \$63 million for Lock and Dam No. 8 at Point Marion. The measure now goes to the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, which will conduct hearings on the bill next Wednesday and Thursday.



Nancee Ziefel, 16, was selected Miss Jacktown Fair

Woman Bound Over On Shooting Charge

WAYNESBURG — Linda Diggs, 37, of 155 Woodland Avenue, Waynesburg, was bound over to court on charges of attempted criminal homicide and aggravated assault following a preliminary hearing before Magistrate John Watson.

Mrs. Diggs will remain free on bond already posted.

She is charged with shooting her husband, James (Junior) Diggs, 36, with a .357 Magnum during a family argument in their apartment at 155 Woodland Avenue on Saturday, July 9. The bullet struck Diggs below the right eye and exited behind his right ear.

Diggs, the first witness called, told the court he had been fishing all day and most of the evening before returning home at about 11 p.m. He said his wife was not at home and he had not seen her since the previous day.

At about 11:15 p.m., he said an employee at a local tavern called and said his wife was ready to come home. Diggs said he picked up his wife and they argued all the way home.

"She accused me of running around with another woman and I told her it was a damned lie," Diggs told the court. Diggs said he also questioned his wife about her activities for the past two days.

The argument continued in the apartment, Diggs said, and eventually Mrs. Diggs slapped her husband. Diggs said he slapped her back. "She told me that I had better sleep lightly," he added.

Diggs said his wife went upstairs to the bedroom, but returned in about five minutes with her hands behind her back. She said, "You will never

slap me again." It was then, according to Diggs, his wife pointed the gun at him.

After warning her that she might go to prison for shooting him, Diggs said he went to the phone to call police. "I saw her cock the gun and I dropped the phone and moved to my left," Diggs said.

Diggs said the force of the bullet knocked him to the floor and, fearful that she might shoot again, he pretended to be dead. Diggs said after his wife put the gun down, he told her to call an ambulance because he was dying.

Diggs was first taken to Greene County Memorial Hospital and then transferred to University Medical Center in Morgantown, W.Va., where he was hospitalized for two days.

Also testifying at the hearing were Waynesburg Police officers Timothy Stevenson and Det. David Clark.

Stevenson said he interviewed Mrs. Diggs briefly the night of the shooting and also later interviewed other witnesses. Clark said he later took over the investigation and also interviewed several persons.

Defense attorney John Hardisty asked that charges be dismissed because no evidence was presented that would indicate "intent" as the law requires.

District Attorney Charles Morris countered that intent was apparent because Mrs. Diggs deliberately went upstairs to get the gun and despite having an opportunity to leave the scene, cocked, aimed and fired the weapon only five feet from the victim.

Watson ruled the prosecution had presented a prima facie case and bound the case over to court.

Mrs. Diggs did not testify.

DER, Ten Mile Authority May Settle Sewer Dispute

WAYNESBURG — The groundwork has been laid for a possible consent agreement which would end the lawsuit brought recently against the Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority by the state Department of Environmental Resources.

Authority solicitor William Hook of Waynesburg said a proposed agreement will be prepared by DER attorney John Ehmann spelling out steps for completion of a feasibility study by Betz-Converse-Murdock Inc., the authority engineer.

"We (authority members) held a meeting with Ehmann last Friday and seemed to be close to a verbal agreement," Hook said. "However it will have to be reduced to writing and the terms approved by the authority before I could say that we have reached any settlement," Hook said.

The authority is comprised of representatives from four municipalities in Greene County — Jefferson and Morgan townships and Jefferson and Clarksville boroughs, and from East Bethlehem Township in Washington

Dry Sky Breaks Rain Tradition

WAYNESBURG — Waynesburg's Rain Day tradition seemed destined to suffer a setback for the second consecutive year as the courthouse clock struck 11:30 p.m. Friday with no real sign of the elusive rain the town eagerly awaited.

"It's hard to understand," Rain Prophet John L. Daily said. "I don't know whether I was wearing my hat backward or whether I put my socks on wrong this morning, but something sure went batty. It's virtually unheard of to have this happen for two straight years, and that's why I'm still hoping that something will save us before midnight strikes."

Statistics seemed to bear him out. Another miss would mark just the 15th time in 108 years that it has failed to rain in Waynesburg on July 29. One other time it missed for consecutive years, but that was a long time ago and the years have long been forgotten.

Borough Gets Building Plan

CARMICHAELS — Carmichaels Borough Council approved architectural plans for a new borough building at its meeting Monday night.

The preliminary plans were prepared and presented by Craig Church of C.S. Church Associates, an architectural and engineering firm in McMurray. They are designed to use material readily available locally and easily used by local volunteer labor which is expected to do much of the work.

They call for a wood frame construction of 1,868 square feet with a gable roof. Church estimated the cost of materials at from \$35,000 to \$45,000. It is a T-shape with rough dimensions of 68 by 38 feet, to include space for a magistrate's office and hearing room, a secretary's office, tax collector's office and council meeting room. There will be a separate entrance for police headquarters.

President Betty Morris gave a rundown of the borough's financial situation with regard to the building project. The borough paid \$18,000 for two lots at the corner of George and Pine streets as the location for the structure. They have been paid for and the borough now has \$30,000 in money market funds to be used for the building. In addition, there is approximately \$8,000 remaining in the general fund through tax collections in June and July.

A resolution was passed to borrow \$22,700 at 7½ percent interest from the First National Bank of Carmichaels. Morris explained this money will be used for the building and paid back later from the money market funds. She also said that had met with Judge Glenn Toothman and with the Greene County commissioners to begin inquiries about moving the magistrate's office into the new building once it is completed, thus providing a monthly rental income.

Church was authorized to proceed with the preparation of working drawings so that construction can begin sometime this fall.

In other business, council approved a request from Sara L. Ruth, president of the King Coal Associa-

tion, to provide two policemen during the Coal Show parade. The request was granted.

A request from Edward Walco for a Chamber of Commerce-King Coal sidewalk sale on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25-26, was approved. Permission was granted to have free parking in the borough on those days and permission to block Market Street from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday from the Hartley Inn to Edward's Department Store only.

The day, as usual, was a busy one for Daily.

Beginning at 6 o'clock Friday morning, he received telephone calls all day long from the wire services, television networks, radio stations and newspapers from all over the United States.

"They called from Red Bluff, Calif., and Los Angeles; from Miami and New Orleans, and from New Brunswick, Canada, and from a lot of places in between wanting to know if it had rained yet," Daily said. "Rain Day even got a feature spot on the 'Good Morning America' show on ABC television this morning."

UMW: Court Order Limits Strike Rights

WAYNESBURG — United Mine Workers argued in Greene County Court Thursday that a court order restricting the number of pickets at an entrance road off Route 21, near the Masontown Bridge, limits its right to engage in a legal strike against the owners of strip and a magnetite recovery plant.

But the question of whether the court order will be continued will not be decided until at least today, following completion of testimony in a hearing on the activity of pickets since the picket lines were set up Sunday night.

L&J Equipment Co., with headquarters in Carmichaels, contends that the pickets intimidated and threatened its employees to the point where they were afraid to come to work. The union contends that L&J employees are on strike because of unfair labor practices of James Filiaggi of Uniontown, one of the owners of the company.

It was brought out that a dual labor dispute is involved, with the UMW negotiating with both L&J and Halomet Inc., a firm which extracts magnetite from fly ash, which is a waste product of West Penn Power Co.'s Hatfield Ferry power plant.

The situation is complicated by the fact that L&J's Hatfield strip and the Halomet plant are on property which is reached by the same private road which provides access to the power plant. L&J filed a complaint in Greene County Court on Tuesday claiming the union was engaging in mass picketing.

At L&J's request, the court issued a temporary injunction limiting the number of pickets to four at the Route 21 entrance and at another entrance to the strip mine on Route 88. Thursday's court hearing was scheduled to determine if the injunction should be made permanent.

A full day of testimony was taken, but several witnesses remain to testify when the hearing is resumed at 10:30 a.m. today.

Thomas Rabbitt, a member of the UMW International Board, testified Thursday that both Halomet and L&J voted Sunday to go on strike, with Halomet employees walking the picket line with the start of their scheduled shift at 11 p.m. Sunday. He said L&J pickets joined the line at 7 a.m. Monday.

He said the union had 56 people on the line Monday morning as a show of strength, but stressed that the picketing was entirely peaceful. "I know of no act of violence or threat of violence," he said, denying that any of the pickets had clubs or firearms.



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Scene of the three-car accident Tuesday night which claimed the life of a 23-year-old Waynesburg man and critically injured a Graysville woman. It happened when a tow chain which was pulling a car broke.

Two Doctors Join Staff Of Memorial Hospital

WAYNESBURG — Two doctors have been named to the staff of Greene County Memorial Hospital, one who was born in this area, the other a native of India.

Dr. A.J. Patterson Jr., a Greene

County native, has returned to the county to practice general surgery in association with his father, Dr. A.J. Patterson, also a general surgeon.

The younger Patterson is a 1973 graduate of Waynesburg College with

a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1978. In June, he completed a five-year residency program in general surgery at West Penn Hospital in

Pittsburgh.

Patterson said he has always wanted to practice surgery in his hometown and is pleased with the opportunity to work with his father. His father has practiced general surgery at Greene County Memorial Hospital since 1952. The two physicians share an office at 223 East High Street in Waynesburg.

In an effort to keep from confusing the two physicians within the hospital, the younger Patterson is now referred to as "Doctor J" Patterson. He and his wife, Janet, an operating room nurse at Central Medical Center in Pittsburgh, have recently moved to 30 1/2 West Lincoln Street in Waynesburg.

Dr. Arunava Das, an orthopedic surgeon, joined the medical staff of the hospital on July 5. His office is located at 1150 Seventh Street, Waynesburg.

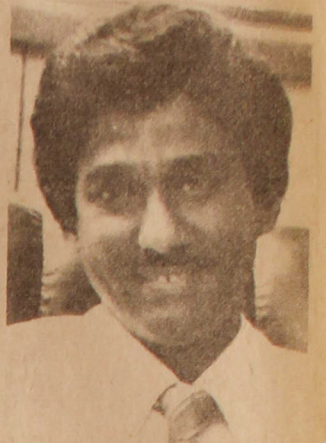
Das was born in Bombay, India, completed his undergraduate work at Calcutta University in India, and received his medical degree from N.R.S. Medical College in Calcutta in 1969.

Since that time, he has trained in a number of surgical and orthopedic programs, including a surgical internship and residency at Rutgers Medical School Affiliated Hospitals in New Jersey, a surgical residency at Harlem Hospital Center, New York, and a year's orthopedic residency in the Department of Orthopedics and Bone Tumors at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

More recently, Das was an Orthopedic Fellow at Elmhurst General Hospital of Mt. Sinai Hospital Services, New York, from July 1979 to June 1980. He completed his final



DR. A.J. PATTERSON



DR. ARUNAVA DAS

residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Catholic Medical Center, in affiliation with Downstate University Medical Center, New York. This residency training began in July 1980 and was completed in June 1983.

Das will be specializing in adult and pediatric orthopedics, sports medicine and total joint replacement. He also has an interest in surgery of

bone tumors. Das and his wife, Abha, and son, Arijit, aged two and one-half, have recently moved to Colonial Drive in Waynesburg. Das said his decision to come to this area was based largely on a desire to work in a small community with friendly people. "Like those I have met at Greene County Memorial Hospital," he added.

Work On Private Property May Cause Borough Trouble

WAYNESBURG — The borough made some extra money this week by tarring and chipping the parking lot at Fox Auto Sales on East High Street, but the job may cause a legal furor.

Information about the work on private property was hard to obtain Wednesday because William Thomas, the borough solicitor, and Glenn Richards, council president, were on vacation.

According to Robert Johnson, borough street foreman, the same work was done several years ago and this year's work was a regularly scheduled project. Johnson said Fox Auto would be billed for the use of equipment, the labor costs and a small profit to the borough.

Ken Fox, a member of the borough's street department, said Wednesday he was aware of the work

on private property. "I hope we can get more jobs because the borough can use the extra money," Fox said.

Fox said the borough has made extra money in the past by renting the street sweeper to Cumberland Township and private property owners. When asked if such action could be considered "kosher," Fox replied that any way the borough can make some money would be considered "kosher."

However, the state's Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has another idea about the legality of the work.

Anthony Salamone, chief of the Municipal Consulting Services Division, told the Observer-Reporter Wednesday that in his opinion the borough is not allowed to work on private property in this manner. "The work is highly questionable and I can

not see any way in which it would be justified.

The solicitor for another municipality, who wished to remain anonymous, said he would never approve such work. He stated the specific situation is not covered in the borough code and because such powers were never given the municipality, it would appear to be an illegal action.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's office in Harrisburg said the case would not be in the jurisdiction of his office.

An inquiry to the Harrisburg office of the State Association of Boroughs, resulted in little information. A spokesman said the question had never been asked of him and if it had been he would simply tell the municipality to check with its solicitor before doing the work.

Zoning Variances Granted

WAYNESBURG — Several variances were granted by the Waynesburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board at its August meeting Monday night.

W. A. Patterson was given a permit to build an addition to a convert a rooming house at 53 South Morris Street into an apartment house and to build an addition to the south side of the building, part of which will be used for a beauty shop. It is a permitted use since the house is in a local business zone. A side-yard variance was granted with approval of the owner of the adjoining property.

Morgan and Virginia Hunnell were granted a permit to convert a one-family house at 66 South Cumberland Street into two family dwelling, which is a conditional use in an R-1 zone.

Paul Tomasetti was granted a per-

mit to convert a house at 146 West Lincoln Street into two apartments. Official board action was not necessary because multiple family dwellings are a permitted use in an R-2 zone.

James E. Hughes was granted side and rear yard variances to build a two-car garage on the rear of his property at 551 Race Street. The variances were granted when he submitted letters of approval from owners of adjoining properties.

A side-yard variance request from Arthur L. Huffman to enable him to erect a carport on his property at 582 Braden Street was turned down because one of the neighbors objected to having the structure within 18 inches of his property line.

"We typically will not approve such variances unless all adjoining

property owners agree or there is an overwhelming reason for granting the permit," board chairman Robert Romanoski said.

Church Sponsors Trip To Washington, D.C.

WAYNESBURG — St. George Episcopal Church of Waynesburg will sponsor a one-day bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, Aug. 14. The group will leave the church at 5 a.m. and arrive in the capital in time to attend the 11 a.m. service at the Washington National Cathedral.

Officially called the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, the cathedral is the seat of the Episcopal Diocese in Washington. It has no local congregation and is inter-denominational in character, offering its ministry to all church.

Although built in this century, it is an example of traditional Gothic architecture, is the sixth largest cathedral in the world, and is filled with many artistic treasures.

It is the only building in the world with both a carillon and a peal of bells. The cathedral's musical program includes a men's choir and a boys' choir, both of which will take part in the service the tour group will attend.

New Post Office For Rices Landing

RICES LANDING — The U.S. Postal Service has announced that a contract has been awarded to construct a new post office in Rices Landing.

The facility will be located on the northeast corner of Routes 88 and 188. The contract was awarded to Dry Tavern Service of Rices Landing.

The estimated completion date is Jan. 1, 1984. Estimated construction cost is \$85,395 with an annual rental fee of \$12,000.

The Postal Service will lease the facility for a basic term of 15 years.

Frustrated? Bang Away!

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Unit of the American Cancer Society will give county residents an opportunity to "beat out your frustrations and at the same time help stamp out cancer."

A car donated by the Waynesburg Auto Center will be taken to the Greene Plaza on Route 21 on Saturday, Aug. 6, where from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. people will have a chance to pound on it with a heavy hammer. All proceeds will benefit the Cancer Society's county unit.

Former Greene Man Takes Council Seat

WAYNESBURG — Albert Hugh Swihart, a native of Greene County, was sworn into office Monday, July 25, as a member of city council in Niceville, Fla.

He is a son of Mildred Swihart of Waynesburg R.D.4 and the late Frank E. Swihart. He received 63 percent of the vote in an election which drew national attention because one of the other successful candidates was Jessie Alma (Granny) Edge, who at 83 is believed to be the oldest person ever to be elected to public office for the first time.

Child Hit By Auto

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — A five-year-old Waynesburg girl was transferred to the University Medical Center in Morgantown, W. Va., early Wednesday night with leg and head injuries after being struck by a car on East Greene Street in Waynesburg.

According to Waynesburg Borough Police, Dana Corwin, daughter of Gary and Brenda Corwin of Waynesburg R.D.5, darted from between two parked cars into the path of a vehicle operated by Chester Crouser, 73, of Rices Landing R.D.1, who was traveling east on Greene Street.

Swihart was graduated from Waynesburg High School in 1944 and was called to active duty with the U.S. Air Force in March 1945. He retired from the Air Force in March 1965 and continued to reside in Niceville, where he and his wife, Ruth, had made their home for some 10 years while Swihart served at nearby Eglin Air Force Base.

Following his retirement, the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce appointed him to be its secretary-manager, a post he held for two years before returning to work for the government as a public affairs officer in federal civil service.

Following service at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, he again retired in 1980 with more than 35 years of federal service.

After he and his wife returned to Niceville to live in retirement, Swihart again became involved in civic and government affairs, which culminated in his election to the council post.

Swihart's mother, who resides near East View, visited her son during his campaign and saw him sworn into office on July 25 in a ceremony which attracted wide media coverage from throughout the Florida panhandle area.



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New Superintendent

Nancy I. Davis was sworn in as superintendent of the Central Greene School District by Judge Glenn Toothman in an informal ceremony Tuesday in the court room. Mrs. Davis, who has served as assistant superintendent for the past two years, was named to the post last week to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Ronald Ferrari.

Joins County Bar

WAYNESBURG — Jefferson S. Bowman, who recently moved to Waynesburg from Kingwood, W. Va., was sworn in Wednesday as a member of the Greene County Bar Association.

He was admitted to practice locally by Judge Glenn Toothman in a brief ceremony in the court room. He was presented for admission by attorney John Hardisty.

Bowman graduated cum laude from West Virginia University in 1977 with a B.A. degree in political science. He received his law degree from the Washington University School of Law at St. Louis, Mo., and passed his Pennsylvania bar examination in April of this year. While in law school, he was won two American Jurisprudence awards.

Bowman is establishing an independent law practice in Waynesburg. His office is currently located on the second floor of the Hillcrest Shops building, but he plans to move within a week or so to an office at 166 East High Street.

He and his wife Alice have purchased a house at 203 South Morris Street. They have two daughters, Margaux, 4, and Meaghan, 3.



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Attorneys John Hardisty and Jefferson Bowman with Judge Glenn Toothman following swearing-in ceremony

Thrill Show Part Of County Fair

WAYNESBURG — The 40th anniversary edition of the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show will be performed at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, as one of the attractions at the Greene County Fair.

Billed as "the Greatest Show on Wheels," this year's version offers 21 high-speed, automotive events including planned Hollywood-type crashes.

The local showing is one of over 200 performances scheduled for the Chitwoods in 1983. Show founder Joie Chitwood Sr. is now chairman of the board of the Tampa, Fla., show.

While he still enjoys driving on occasion, Chitwood leaves the day-to-day man-

agement of the show and the rugged performance schedule to his two sons, Tim and Joie Chitwood Jr. Both star in, and manage, their own thrill show units.

The Joie Chitwood Thrill Show is the oldest traveling automobile stunt exhibition in the country. Organized in 1943, at one time, the Chitwoods faced competition from dozens of similar shows.

Today, there are no more than three or four major automobile stunt shows on the road. Joie Chitwood Sr. comments, "There is history and tradition in what we do. Despite wars and hard times, we have always carried on, bringing our entertain-

ment form to millions of fans each year. As long as Americans continue their love affair with the automobile, we'll be performing and showing them stunts they never thought possible."

T. Riley White, chairman of the Greene County Fair Board, recently said in an interview that a veteran showman once told him, "Go with the rubber and gasoline if you want to have a successful fair."

Riley took the man at his word and has scheduled one of the most popular events of the fair once again.

According to White, the thrill show and the demolition derby always draw the greatest crowds.



The Joie Chitwood Thrill Show includes many stunts such as this Space Rocket in the grand finale.

Vo-Tech Committee Takes A Look At Things To Come

By Stan Diamond, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — The Joint Operating Committee of the Greene County Vocational-Technical School meeting Thursday night got their first inkling of new programs that vo-tech schools may be required to offer in the near future.

Before approving a request by Francis Greesly, the school's coordinator, to attend a three-day vocational administrators' workshop in Carlisle on high-tech course offerings for vo-tech schools, they were given an insight of things to come for vo-tech curriculums.

School Director Norman Waldman said there is a movement on the federal level to require vo-tech schools to offer an adult program during the day either in some conjunction with the regular student body or separate. He said this will be especially true in high unemployment areas. Waldman told the committee

he would not be in favor of blending an adult program with the younger student programs.

He also told the committee that vo-tech schools may soon be required to offer at least one course in the area of high technology.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of Robert Washabaugh who was the instructor for air conditioning and refrigeration. He had accepted a teaching job at the Fayette County Vo-Tech School which is near his home in Uniontown. In a related matter, the board authorized the administration to advertise for a replacement for Washabaugh.

Waldman said he had received many applications for an instructor in the drafting course. The committee will review the applications and schedule interviews, with plans to fill the position at their Aug. 11 meeting.

The committee accepted a bid of \$995 from William Phillips of Waynesburg for the purchase of a 1978

Chevette being sold by the school. The car, which had been severely damaged in an accident, was donated to the school and had been repaired by students in the auto mechanics and auto body shop. Phillips' bid was the only bid received. The bid more than paid for what money the school had spent to repair the car.

A quote of \$640 from Phillips Home Improvement of Waynesburg, representing labor costs to replace the ceiling on a canopy in front of the school, was accepted by the committee. The only other bid was for \$3,950. The material has already been purchased by the school.

The committee approved advertising for replacement of the final section on the main school building. They expect to open bids for the project in September.

Waldman told the committee the school had received a \$1,000 from the Consolidation Coal Co. for the mine maintenance program.

Fun On Rain Day

WAYNESBURG — For the second year in a row it failed to rain in Waynesburg on July 29th.

The weather forecast for Friday gave Waynesburg residents a 40 percent chance of getting soaked and since so many outdoor activities were scheduled for Friday and Saturday, it seemed a certainty that some rain would fall.

It didn't. Still, in spite of this year's unhappy Rain Day ending, odds continue to favor some precipitation within the borough limits on July 29th. One hundred and eight years have passed since records have been kept on the unique weather happening and it has only failed to rain 15 of those years. That works out to a 86.1 percent chance of rain.

Pretty good odds, then, for Rain Day 1984.

WCHS Honor Roll

WAYNESBURG — The honor roll for the final nine-week period at Waynesburg Central High School has been announced:

SENIORS

Highest Honors — Jennifer Graham, Brian Gressly, Jessica Halow, William Haney, Jerri Headlee, Carol Hoey, Shari Huffman, Christine Kendall, Robin Leonard, Jill Maley, Colleen McCay, Bryan Popp, Darin Puthuff, Shelly Richard, Megan West.

High Honors — Kevin Durkin, Mark Edgar, Jocelyne Halow, Colleen Kress, Gwen McCullough, Michelle K. Morris, Barbara Mosley, Robin Nelson, Lauren Patterson, Valerie Quesada, Karen Rinehart, Douglas Shriver, Robin Shriver, Jeffrey Steelman, Angela Stinchick, Joy Wyckoff.

Honors — Michelle Booth, Laura Cahn, Bryan Cumberland, Debra Dunton, Rhonda Fisher, Whitney Francis, Dolly Goodwin, Bobbie Gressly, Marjorie Held, Ronald Hostutter, Leah Hoy, Suzette Hoy, Carol Huffman, Charlotte Kiger, Jerilyn Miller, Jay Morris, Michael Mulholland, Christine Pazzula, Michael Roberts, Chrystal Rush, Karen Schifko, Shelley Starr, Gregory Statler, Leonard Stephens, Todd Strope, Lori Trader, John Whipkey, Barbara White.

Honorable Mention — Cindy Booth, Lee Ann Gooden, Pamela McIntyre, Sue Moon, David Moore, Rebecca Patterson, Wendy Richards, Mike Teagarden, Lisa Tharp, Jack Woods.

JUNIORS

Highest Honors — Kimberly Hickman, Roshan Khorsandian, Daniel Lemley, Randy Litton, Lee Neubauer, Alexander Pavick, Derek Reeves, Richard Rush, Martha Wood, Stephen Zollars.

High Honors — Richard Bartholomew, Pamela Blaker, Eric Chambers, Ronda Durbin, Jennifer Espenshade, Joella Huffman, Kimberly Kiger, Lisa Murdock, Corby Orndorff, Rebecca Sloan, Fred Wheaton.

Honors — Joseph Adams, Cheryl Amos, Lisa Baldwin, Tabetha Bierer, Susan Buterbaugh, Arthur Cain, David Celento, Bryan Cumberland, Charles Cunningham, Richard Howard, James Hughes, Veronica Koval, Jeff Lapping, Eric Lippencott, Brenda Logan, Brett Mankey, Christin Mardis, Kameron Marisa Jeff Morehead, Suzanne Patterson, Richard Powell, Melissa Rumskey, James rush, Gregor eese, Kimberly Stewart, Michelle Strope, Timothy Torri, Lorna Varner, Rebecca Wood, Jeffrey Wright.

Honorable Mention — John Bennett, John Conaway, Charles Cumberland, Lori Cumberland, Scott Ely, Katrina Funk, Kevin Gray, Jennifer Hagen, April Haney, Trina Horner, Mark Jarek, Terry Jewell, Diana Phares, Greg Rush, Dorteia Simmons, Jeffrey Zollars.

SOPHOMORES

Highest Honors — Darcy Hoskinson, Seema Mishra, Donald Williams.

High Honors — Diane Bogan, Marsha Bussey, Michelle Bussey, Sherry Flynn, Melody Melton, Troy Milliken, Rhonda Weaver.

Honors — Mary Bedosky, Charles Blair, Natalie Braddock, Rhonda Calvert, Paula Cole, Felino Cruz, Kim Dean, Sherry Deems, Grant Duffield, Beth Ely, David Ferrier, Douglas Fisher, Tim Jackovic, Charles Lemley, Candace Lewis, Karl Main, Amy Osso, Jenny Pool, Michelle Seybold, Lela Whipkey.

Honorable Mention — John Barlow, Randy Bennett, Scott Brewer, Barbara Brock, Christi Fisher, Tina Harding, Patty Harris, Kelly Hoy, Kathy Morris, Randy Throckmorton.

FRESHMEN

Highest Honors — Debbie Brumley, Anuradha Mishra, Kathy Stoneking, Tracy Walls.

High Honors — Dayna Kraich, Heath Lemley, Rodney Rodavich, Stella Shultz, Virginia Stewart, Julie Tewell.

Honors — Amy Bartholomew, Diana Boyd, Laura Brown, Amy Celento, Shaundra Davidson, Heather Durkin, John Fowler, Diane Goff, Mary haney, David Helms, Steven Hunnell, Bruce Jones, Cathleen Koast, Darlene Lint, Traci Loar, Charles Longstreth, Marjorie Marotta, Robert McConville, Marjory McCord, Scott Morris, Paul Orndoff, Samantha Ross, Daniel Rush, Joni Rush, Judy Stiles, James Wood.

Honorable Mention — Robert Bailey, Donald Bell, Robert Brown, Gary Evans, Robert Kiger, Ted Kiger, Joselyn King, Milton Morris, John Parker, Debbie Patterson, Catherine Pavick, Barbara Raber, Pamela Sheets, Marita Smith, Steven Stuck.

Vehicle Burned

WAYNESBURG — A 1979 blue Chevrolet Luv truck was found abandoned and burned Sunday on a rural road in Dunkard Township, two miles west of Davistown.

State police said the truck was stripped of all identifying numbers so the owner is unknown.



Kelly Morris won the Rain Day Umbrella Contest.



Shannon Fuller's pet 'Two' won frog-jumping contest.



Miss Rain Day gets huts from Becky Wilson.



Attorney Dave Pollock makes a splash.

Legislator Assails Proposed Mining Regulation Changes

HARRISBURG — An Allegheny County legislator has charged that the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is endangering thousands of homes in southwestern Pennsylvania, including ones in Greene County, by suspending portions of mine subsidence regulations and pushing to weaken protections against damages caused by longwall mining.

State Rep. Thomas Michlovic, D-Allegheny, a member of both the House Conservation and Mines and Energy Management Committees, said the temporary lifting of regulatory protections for homeowners against damage caused by subsidence settling into deep mine voids "is only the first step towards watered-down regulations."

"DER secretary Nick DeBenedictis wants to replace the absolute protection owners of older homes now have against damages caused by mine subsidence with a program of negotiated compensation for damages," Michlovic said. "At the same time, he is pushing for increased longwall mining, which, although

more efficient, requires longer continuous mining, sometimes under homes, utility lines, streams and water sources."

Michlovic said weakening of regulations limiting longwall mining would have its first effect on the southwestern corner of the state — Greene, Washington, and Fayette counties.

"The DeBenedictis plan is economically unrealistic for the people of this area," he said. "These counties have a high percentage of elderly residents and public assistance recipients. Water supplies already are limited and endangered by deep mining."

Michlovic noted a higher percentage of homes dependent upon well water than the state average in these counties plus an indication by local planning officials that demands on municipal water supplies in the three counties will double by the year 2000.

"While there is a great fear that groundwater supplies will be unable to meet demand by the end of the century, each new deep mine could require as much as 500,000 gallons of water a day just to operate," he said.

Longwall mining removes all coal from a seam on an area-by-area basis, allowing the surrounding rock to collapse into the cavity as each area is vacated. If the tunnel is deep enough and rock formations are suitable, surface subsidence usually is minimal and harmless. In traditional "room and pillar" mining, only 50 percent of the coal is removed with the remaining coal forming pillars to support the rock overhead. When necessary, the rooms formed by mining are reinforced through "roof bolting" and shoring up with timbers.

"Certainly longwall mining is more profitable for coal operators because they can remove virtually all of the coal in a seam," said Michlovic. "However, with the current law's absolute prohibitions against mining-caused surface subsidence damage, most mining firms are unwilling to face the cost of claims of home and surface damage. DeBenedictis wants to change that."

Actually, the present law guarantees protection only to homes built over mines before 1966. New homes — where owners have not signed away subsidence protection rights — are covered only by a general, Common Law right to sue.

Michlovic charges that DeBenedictis wants to replace those protections — which clearly place the liability for damage on the mining company — with a complicated process of negotiated compensation for damages, and that the DER secretary has attempted to portray his proposed weakening of the law by labelling it a reform to include all houses no matter when they were built.

"Under DeBenedictis's proposal, if a homeowner did not like the compensation offered, he could go to court. But the companies that want to longwall include the largest mining operations like the steel mill-owned mines and the utility owned mines. What chance does the average homeowner stand against their battery of corporate lawyers?" asked Michlovic. "At least under the current law, the 1966 Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, the homeowner can go directly to court if a suitable settlement is not offered and get a crack at a jury of his or her peers."

Michlovic said he would oppose efforts by DeBenedictis to amend his proposals into legislation in the House of Representatives without a full public discussion open to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania who will be most affected by the changes. Michlovic said a full public airing is also necessary before major changes in mining practices are made through changes in regulations decided on behind closed doors.

Midtown Auto Seeks Damages

WAYNESBURG — Midtown Auto Sales, Waynesburg, is attempting to recover \$2,693 in damages from a man who took a car at gunpoint and later wrecked it.

The action was filed Friday in Greene County Court against Edison McClellan of Graysville R.D.1, who was subsequently convicted of the crime.

According to the complaint, McClellan went to the automobile agency on Aug. 28, 1981 and had a salesman take him for a demonstration ride. During the ride he forced the salesman from the car at gunpoint and later the same day wrecked the car on Route 88.

Driver Injured

WAYNESBURG — Arleigh Closser, 18, Sycamore R.D.1, was admitted to Greene County Memorial Hospital with a pelvic injury following a one-car accident at 3 p.m. Monday on Route 18, a half mile north of Sycamore.

State police said the Jeep he was driving skidded on the wet pavement and went over an embankment, pinning him beneath the vehicle.

1982 Coal Queen To Tour Coal Mine

CARMICHAELS — Debbie Tekavec, 1982 State Bituminous Coal Queen, will make an underground tour of the Nemaacolin mine on Thursday.

The King Coal Association, which stages the annual Coal Show in Carmichaels, announced plans for the tour at its meeting last week. It will mark the first time a coal queen has made such a visit.

The invitation was extended by Larry Grayson, superintendent of the Nemaacolin mine, in observance of the 30th anniversary of the Coal Show. The queen will be escorted through the mine by Grayson and by David Menhart, chairman of the mine committee of Nemaacolin Local 6290.

Miss Tekavec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Tekavec of Uniontown, will

complete her reign as queen at the 1983 Coal Queen Pageant on Sunday, Aug. 21, when seniors from 18 area high schools will compete for the title of 1983 queen. Twenty of the past coal queens have indicated they will be present for the 30th pageant and will also attend a special dinner in their honor on Saturday, Aug. 20.

The 1983 show will officially open at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, with Rich Trumka, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, as guest speaker. The opening will be held at the Carmichaels Area High School athletic field and will be followed by the annual state mine rescue contest.

The King Coal Association announced that a new event, a Decal swap meet, will be part of activities this year.

Convicted Burglar Sentenced

WAYNESBURG — A Graysville area man who was convicted of burglary three months ago was sentenced Friday to serve 2 1/2-to-6 years in the state penitentiary.

The defendant, Kenneth Eugene Cumberland, 36, Cameron Star Route, was found guilty of burglary by a Greene County Criminal Court jury in March. He was charged with breaking into a West Waynesburg

storage building owned by Levine Iron and Metal Co. on Oct. 8, 1982. He has been in the county jail since his arrest and will be given credit on his sentence for time already served.

In imposing a sentence which exceeded the state's minimum guidelines, Judge Glenn Toothman said he was considering the fact that Cumberland had a prior criminal record.

all around greene

NAMED MANAGER

Arvel D. Reeves of 596 East Greene Street, Waynesburg, has been appointed district sales manager for the northeastern United States for the Fairbanks Morse Engine Accessories Operation of Colt Industries, Roscoe, Ill.

Announcement of the appointment was made by B.J. Smallwood, the company's national sales manager.

Reeves, who attended Waynesburg College, comes to his new post from Altronic Division of the Economy Engine Co., where he was a sales and service representative. Prior to that he was with U.S. Steel's Mining Division.

He will be responsible for sales in the northeastern United States and will be based in Waynesburg.

CITED IN HAWAII

William L. Millikin of Waynesburg Lodge 757 was recognized as a newly-elected exalted ruler at the 119th convention of the Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being held in Honolulu, July 24-28.

Mr. Millikin is one of more than

2,300 exalted rulers nationwide, the elected leader of each Elks Lodge.

It was reported at the convention, that the Elks donated more than \$25 million to various charities during 1982.

TO HAVE BIRTHDAY

Dr. John Homer McNeely, a resident of the Guardian Angel Rest Home at Carmichaels, will observe his 96th birthday Monday, Aug. 8.

He formerly resided at Jefferson, where he maintained a dental office for many years.

NEW ARRIVAL

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Moore of 548 North Porter Street, Waynesburg, on July 16, 1983 in Greene County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was named Brianna Rae. Brianna has a sister, Nikki.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. (Bud) Moore of Waynesburg R.D.5 and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Lorence Sr. of Clarksville.

Mrs. Moore is the former Cindy Tyukodi.

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Refurbished Store Fronts Pay Off In Many Ways

Visitors to Waynesburg last Friday may not have experienced the rain they were led to expect on July 29, but they did get a good opportunity to see some of the early results of the town's downtown facelift project.

One native who had not been back for some time was very complimentary concerning results of the storefront renovations which are keyed to restoration of the buildings' original appearances.

Many others who came in for the Rain Day celebration had equally nice things to say, and one former resident felt strongly enough about the improvements to express her thanks in a letter to the editor.

"Those who worked on the restoration have my thanks for the foresight and hard work necessary to produce such appealing results. Waynesburg's Main Street looks terrific," she wrote.

Their remarks are at odds with those of one town resident who recently was heard to express reservations about the work being done by the Economic Redevelopment Corp. He wondered if the money being spent would pay off in terms of increased downtown business activities.

While there are no guarantees, we are inclined to believe that an attractive store front is a definite inducement for shoppers to visit that store, just as a shabby one repels them.

Above all, the investment being made in Waynesburg will certainly pay off in making the borough a much more attractive place in which to live and work.



between the bookends

by marcia mckenna biddle



With the death of Ross MacDonald last week, another master of the mystery novel is gone. MacDonald was born in 1915 in California, earned advanced degrees and was a Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Michigan, and became a teacher. About 1950, he retired in Santa Barbara to write.

The hero of his novels, if there is one, is Lew Archer, private detective. Archer is tough, lonely, and cynical. The novels are as much studies in psychology as seen through these cynical eyes as they are mysteries. They may portray a kind of unappetizing California life style, but their territory is really the mind, in all its twists and troubles.

Most of the people Archer runs into need to be taken straight to the nearest mental health center. But it's always too late for that, as the sins of the fathers are invited on the children in terrible, destructive ways. To solve the current crimes, Archer has to dig into family histories and dig up both secrets and bodies buried for twenty or thirty years.

My favorite is probably "The Galton Case," with its more or less up-bet ending. MacDonald maintained the mystery novel traditions of keeping the solution hidden until the end of the book and providing a satisfactory ending without too many loose ends, but in the meantime havoc has been wreaked upon most of the characters, including Archer himself. During the Galton case, he spends a week in the hospital, a result of having paint spraying in his eyes. Worse things happen to other characters.

At the beginning, Archer is hired by a lawyer to find a man who has been missing for twenty years. The man's elderly mother is very rich, and willing to pay for the chance of finding her son. MacDonald was extremely adept at setting up such a puzzle, complicating it, and at drawing descriptions and character in a few words. "The old lady waved us into chairs and turned her eye on me. It was bright and alert but somehow inhuman, like a bird's eye. It looked at me as if I belonged to an entirely different species."

Old Mrs. Glaton tells Archer, "He's my only son. He must be alive, and he must be somewhere. Nothing is lost in the universe."

"Except human beings," thinks Archer. And there is the theme of the MacDonald-Archer books—lost souls, wandering around in a universe which contains only chaos. Archer deals with souls which are more lost than most, though.

The "The Underground Man," Archer met a woman who is typical: "Her voice was flat, her face was without expression, though it was marked by the traces of past expressions around the eyes and at the corners of the mouth. She looked both young and old. Her body was muffled in a quilted pink robe, and I couldn't tell if she was a well-preserved middle-aged woman or a dilapidated girl. Her eyes were the color of the darkness in the corners of the room."

This woman is just a minor character in a drama in which, again, a man is searching for his father, who had abandoned his years before.

Besides that, a small boy is kidnapped, and a brush fire is spreading, threatening the homes of several of the cast of characters. Archer's California landscape is beautiful, but barren and threatening, a metaphor for his characters' lives: "The private asphalt lane would through aeres of mature avocado trees. Their broad leaves were shrieking at the tips as if the fire had already touched them. Darkening fruit hung down from their branches like green hand grenades."

Or, "the edges of the sky had a yellowish tinge like cheap paper darkening in the sunlight. There was no wind at all now, but I could smell the inland desert and feel its heat." It's a landscape suited for the lost people who inhabit, and MacDonald used it beautifully, to set his mood.

He was describing more than the ocean when he wrote, "Even the water in the marian was unquiet, lifting the float under feet and letting it fall. The world was changing, as if with one piece missing the whole thing had come loose and was running wild." What a writer he was.

Miner Hurt Seriously In Accident

CLARKSVILLE — Frank Check, 25, Uniontown, is listed in critical condition in West Virginia University Hospital, Morgantown, with injuries received in an accident at the Gateway Mine, Clarksville, early Thursday morning.

He suffered a fractured skull, severe facial lacerations and a compound fracture of the left ankle. He is a roof bolter at the mine.

Thomas Schumaker, safety committee chairman for United Mine Workers Local 6330, said a large piece of slate fell from between the temporary roof support and rib shortly after Check and his working companion had moved their bolter into position. The slate caught him on the ankle and pinned him against the side of the machine.

Schumaker said the accident happened between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. Check was taken to Greene County Memorial Hospital and then transferred to the hospital in Morgantown, where he is a patient in the intensive care unit.

The safety committee chairman said that both state and federal inspectors investigated the accident later in the day and determined that there was no violation of regulations which contributed to the accident.

Theft Investigated

GREENSBORO — State police are investigating the theft of a 12-volt battery and gasoline from a parked truck owned by Angela Furia of Greensboro. The incident occurred sometime Monday or Tuesday.

Faces From The Past-Do You Recognize Them?



This graduation picture, believed to be of Center Township High School, was found recently during renovation of a Rogersville home. There was no identification but perhaps one of the classmates will be able to recall the names.

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

Last week, the historic Jacktown Fair at Wind Ridge, the undisputed oldest continuous fair in the United States, was discussed in this column. This week it is the Greene County Fair, which will open next Monday for its allotted one week — day and night, of course — which opens Monday with many attractive events.

It is operated by the Greene County Fair Board, with Larry Marshall as manager, through the office of the county commissioners.

In recent years the fair has been built around the fine harness racing program which is subsidized in part by the state racing commission with funds pro-rated to the counties out of proceeds from pari-mutual betting at licensed tracks.

The fair has always been an enjoyable event with good grandstand shows, well-filled exhibition halls, outstanding livestock and many special events. A lot of emphasis is placed on 4-H events, including the popular baby beef and fat lamb shows and sales, through which future farmers of Greene County get a lot of practical experience.

The fair originally was started as a Waynesburg fair. It kept going through the worst of the Depression years until it was suspended during the World War II era. It was taken over by the county about that time and is now one of the county's most valuable recreational assets.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inghram, who both spent their early life in Waynesburg and who now reside permanently in Texas, have returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Waynesburg for several weeks.

Mr. Inghram, an executive of the Peoples Natural Gas Co., was one of a selected group of employees who supervised the introduction of natural gas into northern Pennsylvania. While they were still living in

Waynesburg, Mrs. Inghram had leading roles in home talent theatrical musical productions presented by the late Charles Correll and Fremar Gosden, who later became famous as the comedy team of Amos and Andy.

Riley White of Waynesburg, harness race director at the Greene County Fair, served as racing director at the Clearfield Fair harness races earlier this week.

A former rider in horse shows in

Pennsylvania and other states, Mr. White is a qualified judge and started of harness races at meets throughout the state.

You're showing your age if you say you remember when kids were not allowed to swim in a creek during the "dog days" season of August for fear they might get some ailment that no one ever seemed to be able to define except that it was too dangerous to fool with.

W. Greene Reduces Debt On Bond Issue

ROGERSVILLE — West Greene School Board voted to refinance the \$5.2 million bond issue on the addition to the West Greene Middle-Senior High School at a special meeting Thursday night. By doing so, the board reduced the debt service by \$936,433.

Chris Shelby, from Russell, Rea and Zappala, Inc., the bond purchasing firm, said the new bond issue will give the district a yearly reduction of about \$30,000 to \$35,000. The savings for this year alone will be \$89,487.

Shelby said the anticipated closing on the new bond issue is Aug. 24 in Pittsburgh. The bonds were given a Triple A rating.

The board also named Gallatin National Bank to hold the escrow account and First National Bank of Carmichaels as paying agent.

By a 5-to-1 vote, the board decided that all purchase orders must come before the board for approval. Anne Bower cast the only dissenting vote.

Pay raises for three secretaries for three years were approved. The increase will give the secretaries an additional 90 cents an hour for the first and second years and 95 cents for

the third year. The assistant principal position will be advertised and reposted with applications accepted until Aug. 15.

Also at the meeting, the board approved a number of textbooks, but delayed approval of one on Graphic Arts.

The regular meeting of the board has been changed to Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Graysville Elementary School. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

public records

WAYNESBURG — The following deeds were recorded during the past week in the office of Greene County Register and Recorder Thomas Headlee:

- Cumberland Township**
Robert and Linda B. Gazy, Eighty Four R.D.2, to William S. and Rebecca E. Baily, Carmichaels, lot, \$3,000.
Vance A. Hootman, Washington R.D.2, to Edward F. and Mary Ann Hickman, Washington R.D.5, lot, \$500.



Fact and Folklore
John O'Hara

Well, it did NOT rain in Waynesburg on its reputed infallible Rain Day of July 29, but it was a close one at that and there have been recent showers since.

The success record is now 93 times in 108 years for that legend, but adherents are already looking toward another match-up for John Daily, Waynesburg barrister by vocation and Rain Prophet by avocation.

He suffered a defeat and lost a hat to professional golfer Tom Kite by a matter of hours, not days, and is already looking ahead to making another bet next year. One of the possibilities he might consider is no less a personage than Bert Lancaster, the internationally known performer in many phases of the theater and movies.

How come Lancaster? That's easy.

Lancaster, to the knowledge of a few native residents, actually started his multi-national theatrical career in Greene County. Even though few persons are aware of that fact, it's an easy one to verify because it was made at the famous Jacktown Fair during the Depression days of the 1920's.

Lancaster, who at that time was just out of college at Ohio State University, was assigned to fill a request for a performer by a booking agency which is still booking talent into county fairs. That assignment to the Jacktown Fair was the first in his long theatrical career.

He still remembers that first appearance, except that he thought for years he was somewhere in Virginia instead of Greene County.

The story that Lancaster thought he was somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon line comes from the Sander's booking agency, which for years has booked the midway shows for the Greene County Fair. At the time he was just starting up the booking agency ladder, as Lancaster was on the acting ladder, and their paths have crossed a number of times in the years since.

The reason Lancaster might be a logical candidate for a Rain Day hat bet is not only the fact that he had his career start in Greene County, but that he is the star of a movie which is scheduled to be made this year in nearby Brownsville.

For two years straight now, Daily has had the misfortune to lose his annual wager to people in the sporting world. Pittsburgh sportscaster Myron Cope turned the unlikely trick in 1982, and Kite had the virtually unprecedented luck of repeating this year.

Maybe it's time to get away from the world of athletics and turn to that of the theater.



Waynesburg mail carriers retiring Friday from the left are, Charles Martin, Bud McClelland, and Robert Conklin.

3 Post Office Employees Retire

WAYNESBURG — Three employees at the Waynesburg Post Office will not be reporting to work next Monday — they have retired and taken with them some 115 years of cumulative government service.

Robert I. Conklin of 755 Woodland Avenue, Waynesburg, has been a member of the custodial staff for 34 years having started in April 1949. With almost five years of service with the U.S. Army during World War II,

he will have nearly four decades of service to government.

Lawrence F. (Bud) McClelland of 70 North Morris Street, Waynesburg, started as a clerk in the local post office in May 1948. He has been a rural carrier on the R.D.3 route for the past several years. Counting 31 months service in the U.S. Navy, he will retire with nearly 38 years of government service.

Also retiring will be Charles J. Martin of Waynesburg R.D.3, who started his local post office career in 1947. He also worked for the postal service in Kansas City and with the General State Authority in Erie before taking a clerk's position in Waynesburg. Martin also served with the U.S. Army.

Substitute carriers Paul Schmitt and Ron Chopyak will be elevated to full-time rural carriers.

CLASS REUNION

The Jefferson-Morgan High School Class of 1978 will hold its five-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Waynesburg Elks Lodge.

Classmates who did not receive previous information are asked to contact 966-7452 on weekends or 592-5931 after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

De Hass, Bocchini Marry

Saint John Church in Uniontown was the setting for the exchange of wedding vows between Barbara Jean De Haas and Anthony Louis Bocchini on Friday, July 15.

The Rev. Paul Whalen performed the 7:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony.

The soloist, Henry Molinaro sang "Turn Around," "The Wedding Song," "One Hand, One Heart" and "Here, There and Everywhere."

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest P. De Haas II of Carmichaels. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bocchini of Nemaocolin.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Laura Ashley gown of white moire taffeta, featuring a strapless bodice, fitted waist with cummerbund and front-tying sash and full skirt.

A matching white moire taffeta Eisenhower-style jacket with leg of mutton sleeves completed the bride's ensemble. Her silk, floral horseshoe band headpiece held a two-tiered veil adorned with four small, pink and white satin bows with cascading streamers. She wore a double-strand pearl necklace belonging to her mother. The bride's bouquet consisted of an assorted silk floral arrangement.

Serving as maid of honor was Gretchen De Haas Sheets of Buckhannon, W.Va., sister of the bride. She wore a Laura Ashley gown of sea-green blue and pastel pink floral design.

Junior bridesmaids were Melissa and Megan Titus of Sewickley and Julie and Katie Denver of Colorado Springs, Colo., all nieces of the bride. Best man was W. Perry Bocchini of Johnstown, brother of the bride-



MRS. ANTHONY BOCCINI

The ring bearer was Christopher Denver of Colorado Springs, nephew of the bride.

A reception for 225 guests was held at the Uniontown Country Club.

Out-of-town guests were from Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, Kentucky, Minnesota, Colorado, Texas and California.

The bride is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work at West Virginia University where she will graduate in December 1983. She also is a licensed practical nurse and is employed as director of social services at Greene County Memorial Hospital.

The bridegroom is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, and Duquesne University, with a master of science degree in accounting. He is a professor of accounting at West Virginia College as well as a business and education consultant. The groom is also a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Following a honeymoon trip to Boston, the couple will reside in Waynesburg.

Joyce A. Yuras Weds Thomas G. McCombs

CARMICHAELS -- Joyce Arlene Yuras and Thomas Gabler McCombs were married Saturday, July 16, 1983, in St. Hugh's Roman Catholic Church in Carmichaels.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Yuras of Ceylon Road, Carmichaels, are parents of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. John A. McCombs of Maple Street in Carmichaels are parents of the groom.

The 3 p.m., double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph V. Stack. Stan Ferek was organist and Charlene Smith the soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white embossed batiste over angel skin featuring a high neckline, long sleeves, natural waistline and circular skirt which fell into a chapel train with a deep ruffle of schiffli lace. The bodice was accented with English net, schiffli lace and pearls. She wore a fingertip veil of silk illusion held in place by a Camelot headpiece of lace and pearls. She wore a gold necklace and earrings that were gifts from the groom and carried a cascading bouquet of yellow roses, baby's breath, silk white stephanotis and greens.

Matron of honor was Brenda Moore of Rices Landing. Bridesmaids were Rose Whipkey and Jan Warrek of Carmichaels, both sisters of the bride, and Mindy Kikta of Mason-town, sister of the groom. They wore seafoam green chiffon gowns.

Best man was Nelson Mundell of Nemaocolin. Ushers were John McCombs III of Washington; Jerry



MRS. MCCOMBS

McCombs and Tim Jones, both of Carmichaels.

At 6 p.m. a reception for 600 guests was held in the Carmichaels fire hall. Out-of-town guest were from New Jersey, Ohio, and West Virginia.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Smokey Mountains and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

The bride is a 1972 graduate of Carmichaels Area High School and is employed by Greenway Manufacturing of Nemaocolin. The groom is a 1966 graduate of Carmichaels Area High School and a 1970 graduate of Lafayette College. He is a teacher at Carmichaels Area High School.

The couple is residing at 102 Fair Street in Carmichaels.

Pamela Sue Bland, John A. Blaker Wed

The Oakview United Methodist Church east of Waynesburg was the setting Saturday, July 23, for the wedding of Pamela Sue Bland and John Allan Blaker.

The double ring service was celebrated at 6 p.m. by the Rev. William Ryan, with Freda Strosnider as organist. The soloists, Joy Rush and Jonna Shultz, were both accompanied by Dan McCollum.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bland of 445 Dark Hollow Road, Waynesburg. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaker of Waynesburg R.D.6.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father. She selected a gown of white taffeta styled with a high Victorian neckline, three-quarter length sleeves trimmed with bows and Wedgewood lace, and a natural fitted waistline accented with silk venise lace which followed into a semi-cathedral train with a border of venise lace and tiers of ruffled Wedgewood lace. Her camelot cap with pearls and venise lace held a waltz-length veil and sheer illusion veiling.

Janet Hunnell attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a plum hoop gown. Bridesmaids were Sandy Bland, sister of the bride, Colleen McCay and Tammy Harding. They wore lilac hoop gowns.

Sarah Beth Yeager and Joshua Rose, cousins of the bridegroom, were flower girl and ringbearer.

Lloyd Blaker served his brother as



MRS. JOHN BLAKER

best man. Ushers were Kenny Smith, Jeff Bland, brother of the bride, and Larry Staggers.

A reception for 150 guests was held in the church social room, with out-of-state guests attending from Virginia, Ohio and Connecticut. Amy Barrett attended the guest book.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School. The bridegroom, who graduated from Waynesburg Central High School in 1979, is employed by the Curtis Machine Co. of Washington.

Following a wedding trip to Sea World and Geauga Lake, the newlyweds are residing at Waynesburg R.D.6.

Gail Rucci And James Hook Wed

CHARLEROI -- Gail Frances Rucci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hamercheck of Richeyville, and James Hook of Waynesburg, son of the former Judge and Mrs. John I. Hook Sr., were united in marriage on Sunday, June 19, 1983.

The Rev. Stephen Hurnyak performed the 3 p.m., double ring ceremony in St. John's Lutheran Church of Charleroi, with the Rev. Edward Sadvary and the Rev. John Rankin assisting.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore an ivory dress with a picture hat. Matrons of honor were Marge Slovic of Daisytown R.D., who wore a lilac dress and picture hat, and Patricia Hamercheck of Rices Landing R.D.1, wearing a mauve dress and picture hat. Rochelle Smitley was the flower girl and wore a lilac and white dress. All carried silk cascade arrangements of ivory, lilac and mauve.

Dale Hamercheck of Rices Landing R.D.1, brother of the bride, served as best man. Usher was Gregory C. Hook of Waynesburg, son of the groom. Ringbearers were Christain Nyswaner of Clarksville and Johnny Slovic of Daisytown, godson of the bride.

A reception for the family and guests was held at the Lone Pine Country Club in Washington. The wedding cake was done in off-white and lilac and was made by Margaret Belvis, friend of the bride. Out-of-town guests were from West Virginia, Ohio and New York.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a trip to St. Martin/St. Marteen in the Dutch West Indies.

Pastor's Wife Is Speaker

HOLBROOK -- Ginny Moore of Carmichaels will be the speaker for a Women's Retreat to be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, at the Herman Varndell residence, Holbrook R.D.1.

Mrs. Moore is the wife of the Rev. Albert E. Moore, pastor of the Carmichaels Community Chapel. She has been a Bible teacher for 18 years, teaching in Texas, Hawaii, Alaska and Pennsylvania.

There will be four teaching sessions at the retreat starting at 6 p.m. Friday, as well as special music and recreation. The general theme is "Suffering of Humanity."

Additional information can be obtained by calling 499-5294.



GRADUATE -- Beth Ann Stockdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stockdale of Waynesburg, recently graduated from Pittsburgh Beauty Academy, Charleroi. She attend the school on a full scholarship. She is a 1982 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and is presently employed at Frederick's Beauty Unlimited in the Waynesburg Plaza.



ENGAGED -- Mary T. Lubich of Rices Landing announced the engagement of her daughter, Diana Jean, to John E. Moskola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moskola of Monessen. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late John Lubich of Rices Landing. She is a 1978 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and received her bachelor of art degree in elementary education from Waynesburg College. Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Monessen High School and has a bachelor of science degree in general business from Waynesburg College. He is now employed as a merchandise manager with Thrift Drugs in St. Mary's. A June 1984 wedding is planned.

Cattle Judging Starts At Fair

WIND RIDGE -- A large crowd was on hand Wednesday night as the 118th annual Jacktown Fair moved into high gear following a successful opening Tuesday night.

Judging was held Wednesday morning for dairy cattle, swine and horses and will continue today for beef cattle, swine and sheep.

In dairy cattle judging, Richard O. Hunter of Tollgate Ayr Farms, West Alexander, had the champion Ayrshire heifer and Jeff Money of Sycamore R.D.1 the Ayrshire junior champion.

J.G. Dinsmore of West Finley had the champion bull and female in the Brown Swiss Breed, while Tollgate Ayr Farms exhibited the champion Holstein female. Robbie Helphelstine of Wind Ridge had the champion intermediate Holstein heifer.

Gary and Ronald Six showed the senior and junior champion female of the Milking Shorthorn breed.

Jeff and Rod McConn of West Alexander had the champion pigs in swine competition. Charles Brooks of

Carmichaels showed the champion Percheron mare.

Aleppo Grange 2054 was awarded first place in grange display competition, with second place going to Harvey's Grange 1444, Graysville.

In 4-H competition, the New Freeport Club captured the blue ribbon in clothing displays and the Nebo Club first place in foods. The Sugar Grove Club placed second in both categories.

This evening is designated as family night, with special events including a Ladies' Lead Line (sheep showing) contest at 6:30 p.m., an old-time fiddlers concert, and a program of country western music at 8 p.m. by "Starfire."

Cedar Park's Amazement Park Revue will be presented on the fairgrounds stage at 8 p.m. Friday.

Events on Saturday, the concluding day, will include a tractor-pulling contest at 1 p.m.; musical performances during the afternoon, and light-weight and heavy-weight horse pulling contests starting at 8 p.m.



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Snowflake gets a pat from her owner, Marti Lightner

Things Change, Article Shows

WAYNESBURG -- Things were a little different in the military service 50 years ago according to a story in the June 30, 1898, edition of the The Waynesburg Independent.

The old newspaper, now in the possession of John Milliken of East Lincoln Street, Waynesburg was found in the former Ernest Clayton residence on the South Side.

The story has a dateline of Alliance, Ohio, and the headline, "An Angry Recruit." It is as follows:

"During yesterday morning's drill of Company F, Eighteenth Pennsylvania, one of the new recruits developed an ugly streak and refused to go through the manual of arms because he did not have a rifle. The sergeant, to humor the man, got a rifle from one of the older men and

handed it to him.

The fellow threw the gun on the ground, tore off his blouse and cap and flung them at the rifle. In a minute he was under arrest and marched to the guardhouse. He has been guilty of gross insubordination before, and the guard who was stationed at the door of the guardhouse will shoot him if he tries to run away."

CLASS REUNION

The Waynesburg High School Class of 1946 will hold its annual, informal get-together at Rohanna's Restaurant on Saturday, Aug. 13 with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Friends and classmates may attend the dinner or just drop in sometime during the evening.

Mapletown High School Announces Honor Roll

MAPLETOWN -- William Guappone, principal of Mapletown Junior-Senior High School, has announced the honor roll for the final six-week grade period:

SENIORS

Highest Honors -- Angela Jones, Nancy Lint.

High Honors -- Evonne Bigley, Sherry Brown, Louis DeMola, Donna Headlee, Albert Jordan, Diane Jordan, Theresa Kuhn, Greg Sanders, Cindy Spearen, Richard Stump, Rhonda Whipkey, Michael Yelenik, Sheila Zalar.

Honors -- Charles Beattie, Janet Bellis, Richard Griffin, Tracy Haines, Lisa Jamison, Frank Jeffries, Lisa Kuis, Mary Landman, Bruno Mandarano, Rodney Mason, Walter Morris, David Ncle, Hager Randolph, Tammy Sullivan, Terry Wise, James Wrick.

Atypical -- Steve Brown, Steve Daniels, Karen Sapp.

JUNIORS

Highest Honors -- Kent Ganocy.
High Honors -- Lisa Franks, Douglas Miller, Micky Sheranko, Mabelle Speicher, Ann Tarasuk, Tammy Savage.
Honors -- Terry Beck, Michael Friend, Pamela Gallatin, Yvonne Keener, Robert McCorkle, Kathy McMillen, Pamela Sowden, Carol Zelina, Laurie Kelly.

SOPHOMORES

Highest Honors -- Aimee Cettin, Randi Swearingen.

High Honors -- Shawn Arbogast, Barry Bock, Geoin Cloutier, Judy Dorsey, Kimberly Paugh, Michael Work.

Honors -- Cathy Brewer, Shari Coffman, Tracy Friend, Elizabeth Homistek, Mariam McCormick, Laura Meneare, Rebecca Stafford, Karri Wilson.

FRESHMEN

Highest Honors -- Fred Tarasuk.

High Honors -- Ruth Bane, Brian Kency, Kimberly Mitchell, Diane Vernon.
Honors -- Brian Bailey, Kelly Beck, Michelle Dils, Kelly Friend, Holly Gopen, Hope Hellen, Jon Julian, Michael Kuriko, Vaughana Opfer, Jennifer Salosky, Mark Sanders, Tammy Sowden.

Atypical -- Mark Siverling, Howard VanPelt.

EIGHTH GRADE

Highest Honors -- Andrew Barrish, Darrell Donley, John Roebuck.
High Honors -- Carolyn Cumpston,



MRS. MICHAEL EVERLY

and West Virginia, after which the newlyweds left for a wedding trip to Ocean City, Md.

The bride graduated from Waynesburg Central High School in 1979 and from West Virginia Career College in 1980. She is employed at the West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown. The bridegroom is a 1980 graduate of Central Preston High School and is assistant manager of the Foodland store at Kingwood.

Mapletown High School Announces Honor Roll

Daniel Michniak, Mark Watson, Amy Zalar.

Honors -- Kenny Adams, Lada Barzanti, Richard Clites, Jeff Cree, Chris Hegedis, Eric Helmick, William Holbert, William Jamison, Jamey Meneare, Chris Metcalf, Jui Mocniak, Timothy Muilenburg, John Spearen, Michael Sbrinovich, Michelle Stoneking, Georgia Treece, Tina Vecchio, Michael Yanak.
Atypical -- Ron Cralton.

SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors -- Michael Bitley, Frank Bogden, Tracy Brozik, Paula Gaskill, Steven Hegedis, Billy Logue, Susan May, Janet McMillen, Steve Roebuck, Heather Rogers, Linda Stafford, Lisa Weston, Christine Yoskovich, Ann Zalar.

Honors -- Yvonne Balog, Michael Brown, Chris Clites, Karen Dusenberry, Thomas Flynn, Janis Graznak, Christian Gump, Melissa Heney, Diana Hetz, James Kelley, Chris Peruzzo, Beverly Phillips, Marcie Podolinski, Amy Salosky, David Stoffcheck, Mark Swistok.

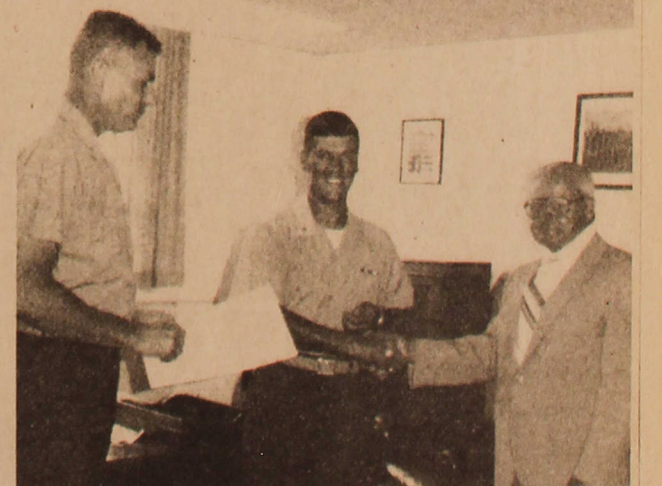
Marine Promoted To Major

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Major Philip C. Knapik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Knapik of Clarksville, was promoted to his present rank during ceremonies held July 1 at the U.S. Navy Headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Knapik has served in the U.S. Marine Corps since his graduation from West Virginia University in 1972. He later received his master's degree from the University of Hawaii where he also taught a class in junior achievement.

A 1968 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School, he is currently assigned to the budget and finance department.

He is married to the former Patricia Maust of Berlin, Pa., and they are the parents of a daughter, Paula. They are residing in Dale City, Va.



Major Philip C. Knapik, center, was promoted ceremonies held this month in Arlington, Va. Looking on are his father John, right, and General Davis, right.

Greene County Obituaries

Anna L. Waters

Anna Louise Waters, 75, of Rices Landing R.D.1, died at 5 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 1983, at her home after an illness of three months...

Jane H. Moore

Jane H. Moore, 79, of R. D. 1, Core, W. Va. died Thursday, July 29, 1983 in the Greene County Memorial Hospital...

Ann L. English

Anna Linton English, 74, of Mars, formerly of Waynesburg, died Monday, August 1, 1983.



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Louise W. Minor

Louise W. Minor, of 235 West College Street, Waynesburg, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, 1983, following a brief illness.

Vincent Wayne Eddy

Vincent Wayne Eddy, 23, of 52 West Franklin Street, Waynesburg, died at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, as the result of injuries suffered in a highway accident.

Donna L. Singer

Donna L. Lemley Singer, 45, of 1320 North Third Street, Harrisburg, formerly of Waynesburg R.D.3, died unexpectedly at 10:08 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 1983, in Harrisburg Hospital.

Demonstration Set

CARMICHAELS — A display of the old and still-popular art of quilting will be held in Greene Academy, Carmichaels, during the annual Covered Bridge Festival on Sept. 17-18.

Firefighters Granted Loan

HARRISBURG — State Rep. Bill DeWeese has announced that the Greensboro fire company has been granted a low interest loan in the amount of \$19,350.

County Court Orders Nine To ARD Program

WAYNESBURG — Nine persons were admitted to the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program following hearings Thursday in Greene County Court.

Livestock Sale Prices Given

WAYNESBURG — Prices paid for livestock at the weekly auction held in West Waynesburg this past Thursday were as follows:

Arbogast of 164 South Richhill Street, Waynesburg. They were placed on probation for one year, ordered to attend driver improvement school and pay \$250 plus court costs.

\$300,000 Is Sought For Girl Hit By Car

WAYNESBURG — The mother of a Waynesburg child who was hit by a car last year has filed suit in Greene County Court seeking compensatory damages plus unliquidated damages in excess of \$300,000.

Food Available

Food is available for the unemployed of Greene County every Tuesday at 30 South Morris Street in Waynesburg from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Each family will be served once a month until the grant monies run out.

Rogersville Man Gets Promotion

MONONGAH, W.Va. — Gary L. Fudala of Rogersville has been promoted to superintendent of Consolidation Coal Co.'s Loveridge Mine at Monongah, W.Va.

Passenger Sues Driver

WAYNESBURG — Donald E. Swift of Nemaacolin filed suit in Greene County Court Friday to recover damages for injuries he suffered in a highway accident on Aug. 6, 1981.

LOCAL MAN HONORED

John R. Harlow of Greensboro has been listed in the 1983 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," on the basis of being nominated by the national Jaycees.

Canning Takes Care

CANNING TIPS

Although some of us planted our gardens later than usual because of the weather, others were luckier (or braver) and planted theirs earlier. Soon they will have produce to freeze or can.

farm / home notes

by carol a. christen

greene county extension home economist

Home canned foods can help you serve more nutritious, better balanced meals year around. They can also help you save money on your food bill.

Divorces

WAYNESBURG — Two final decrees in divorce have been handed down by the Greene County Court.

Public Notices

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Estate of JOHN KAHLA late of Waynesburg Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE Estate of Andy Mike Fuddia late of Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

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Non-Union Employees Get Salary Hike From County Commissioners

WAYNESBURG — Salary increases for about 85 non-union county employees were approved by the Greene County commissioners at their meeting Thursday.

Attorney R. Wallace Maxwell met with the commissioners on behalf of the Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company's Emergency Ambulance Service.

The commissioners agreed that payment should be made and said they would schedule a meeting with Maxwell and fire company representatives and the Curry Home administrator to work out the problem.

First Federal Offers New Service Automatic Bank Tellers Are Installed

WAYNESBURG — First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County has unveiled its new automated teller machines.

Greene Key is part of CashStream, one of the largest networks of automated teller machines in America.

Brewer said Greene Key applications are available at all three First Federal offices.