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First Drug Case Going To Court

WAYNESBURG — The first of what could eventually lead to many trials as the result of a two-year drug investigation in Waynesburg has been scheduled for later this month in Greene County Court.

At this point 16 people have been arrested on a variety of charges including arson, delivery of cocaine and threatening a witness.

The investigation has involved federal, state and local authorities in Michigan, New York, West Virginia, Texas, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Italy, the birthplace of one of the suspects.

Heading the investigation is Lt. David Clark of the Waynesburg Borough Police Department who has compiled more than 3,000 typed pages of statements and has spent countless hours investigating the cases and appearing at arraignments and hearings.

Arrests have touched all levels of society in the community. Charges have been filed against an attorney, store owner, funeral director, former policeman, director of charity organizations and blue collar workers.

Special arrangements have been made at the Greene County Jail to separate inmates who are cooperating and those who are not. Most suspects are free on bond but others remain incarcerated because they can't meet the high bonds.

The alleged ringleader, John Balsamo, 33, of 235 First Avenue, Waynesburg, has been lodged in Greene County Jail since June 29, 1984, in lieu of \$390,000 bond on a wide variety of charges.

It's doubtful he will ever be a free man in Greene County because it was learned shortly after he was jailed that he is an illegal alien. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization agency has filed a detainer and will take him into custody when local officials are finished with him.

Since being arrested at his West High Street pizza shop, Balsamo has been charged with criminal conspiracy, criminal solicitation to commit arson, delivery of cocaine, possession of cocaine and racketeering.

The first suspect arrested in the case, William Henderson, 41, of Sycamore has remained in jail in lieu of \$105,000 bond. Henderson, a former policeman in Michigan and Ohio, was arrested last June in Michigan where he was charged with cocaine possession.

Henderson, after a plea bargain, turned state's evidence and has been a key prosecution witness against several suspects. He has testified at various hearings that he, Balsamo and David Smitley, 35, of Waynesburg, made trips to New York City to purchase cocaine.

Smitley was subsequently charged with delivery of cocaine, solicitation to commit arson and arson. His bond eventually reached \$80,000 which he posted.

Also arrested early in the investigation was attorney Robert Berryman, 32, of Waynesburg, who is charged with 15 counts of possession, criminal conspiracy, possession with intent to deliver and corrupt organizations. His total bond was placed at \$45,000 which he posted.

Deputy Attorney General Gary Mogil will represent the commonwealth during the trial. He was appointed special prosecutor after Greene County District Attorney Charles Morris requested he be relieved from the cases.

Other suspects arrested include:

■ Barbara Coccarri, 38, of Waynesburg is charged with corrupt organization, possession of cocaine, criminal conspiracy and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. The director of two charitable organizations, Ms. Coccarri is free on \$25,000 bond.

■ John E. Collins, 32, of Waynesburg is charged with intimidation of a witness, retaliation against a witness, obstruction, criminal mischief, criminal conspiracy and harassment, corrupt organization and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. He is in Greene County Jail in lieu of \$115,000 bond.

■ Sharon Christopher, 25, of Waynesburg is charged with criminal conspiracy, possession of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver. She is free on \$25,000 bond.

■ Daniel Zimmerman, 24, of Waynesburg is charged with corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy and violations of the drug and cosmetic act. He is free on \$25,000 bond.

■ Charles Hughes, 27, of Morgantown, W.Va., is charged with corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy, possession of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver. He is in Greene County Jail in lieu of \$65,000 bond.

■ David Greenleaf, 35, of Parsons, W.Va., is charged with corrupt or-

ganization, a firearm's violation, possession of a controlled substance and violation of the drug and cosmetic act. He waived a preliminary hearing and is in Greene County Jail under \$100,000 bond.

■ Michael Jochynak, 27, of Dallas, Texas, has been charged with corrupt organization, possession of drugs, criminal conspiracy and possession with intent to deliver. He remains in Dallas where he is fighting extradition.

■ Michael Conklin, 24, of Waynesburg is charged with two counts of arson and criminal conspiracy. He is being held in the Greene County Jail. His bond was set at \$20,000 but remains under \$100,000 bond for other charges in Allegheny County.

■ Donald Hardy, 35, of Carmichaels is charged with two counts of violating the drug and cosmetic act and criminal conspiracy. His bond was set at \$15,000.

■ Richard L. Hunnell, 34, of Waynesburg is charged with corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy and violations of the drug and cosmetic act. He is free on a \$7,000 real estate bond.

■ Robert E. Borland, 28, of Silver Spring, Md., is charged with corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy, possession of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver. He is free on \$10,000 bond.



Observer-Reporter / Stan Diamond

Listening In

The attention of members of this kindergarten class at Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School would seem to be focused on a class happening and what the teacher is saying.

Actually, they are listening to a rehearsal by older students at the school for an upcoming concert. Their faces show what they think of the performance.

Judge Throws Out Charge Against Ex-Coach's Wife

WAYNESBURG — Echoes of a dispute which last year divided supporters of the Waynesburg Central High School football team were heard in Greene County Court March 1 when Judge Glenn Toothman dismissed a charge of harassment by communication brought against the wife of the former football coach.

State police filed the charge against JoAnn Vent on July 23, 1984, on the basis of a single telephone call made to Ellen Stuck of Waynesburg on June 26, 1984 — three months after the defendant's husband, Thomas E. Vent, had been fired from his coaching job.

In dismissing the charge, Toothman agreed with Mrs. Vent's at-

torney that a single anonymous call, in which the caller said nothing before hanging up, did not constitute harassment, holding that it requires repeated offensive conduct.

He also referred to the strength of defense attorney's argument that Mrs. Vent was singled out for prosecution from among a number of anonymous calls that were recorded to the Stuck residence after a "trap" had been placed on the phone.

"No doubt hard feelings existed between many families, but in this case the commonwealth is lending its power and authority to the alleged victim for the purpose of pursuing a personal vendetta against the defendant," the attorney argued. "Either

all of the callers should have been prosecuted, or none."

As part of the discussion of the case, it was noted that Ellen and Richard Stuck, whose son was a member of the high school football team, had become identified with the leadership of the group which sought Vent's dismissal during the latter part of 1983 and early 1984.

The issue created sharp divisions within members of the Waynesburg

Quarterback Club, as well as members of the football team.

The Stucks began to receive anonymous calls. Sometimes the callers would say nothing, sometimes they would breathe heavily and sometimes they would say a few words. Finally Mr. and Mrs. Stuck arranged to have a trap placed on their phone and all calls were recorded, leading to identification of several telephones from which anonymous calls were

placed, including the one from the Vent home on which the charge was based.

Vent came to Waynesburg from Grantsville, Md., when he was hired as head varsity football coach and a substitute teacher. In addition to being dismissed as coach last year, his teaching job was eliminated, leading to the filing of a grievance against the school district which was settled several months ago.

Greene County To Ask State For Higher Millage Limit

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Commissioners, concerned with the loss of federal revenue sharing funds and the impact on the county budget, took a different tack recently in trying to solve the problem.

Previously the board had discussed the possibility of changing the property tax assessment ratio thereby increasing the revenue generated by each mill of property tax. There was also talk by Commissioner Dan Baily about the possibility of a mineral depletion or coal severance tax.

Commissioner L.R. Santore introduced another possibility at the Feb. 28 meeting which was unanimously approved by the board.

The resolution calls for the state legislature to change the county code to allow counties to raise the millage limit from 20 mills to 30 mills.

Santore told the board he had discussed the plan with state Rep. Barry Stout, the executive director of the Pa. State Association of County Commissioners and commissioners in other counties and all agree the

proposal has a good chance of being approved in Harrisburg.

Noting it would cost the county in excess of \$12,000 to prepare and mail notices of a ratio change, Santore said the county save such costs by having the millage limit raised.

Commissioner John Gardner asked Santore if the measure could receive legislative approval before the deadline the county faces if it should have to proceed with a ratio change for 1986. Santore said he has been assured it was possible before the May 31 deadline.

Following the unanimous vote to proceed with the request, Commissioner Dan Baily presented his own proposal calling for a mineral depletion plan that could lead to a coal severance tax. The proposal died for a lack of a second with Gardner saying he was definitely opposed to any severance tax because the coal companies are already paying about 44 percent of the taxes.

In other action, the board accepted a proposal from Greene County Industrial Developments, Inc. to admin-

ister the Small Communities Block Grant Program. Five individuals or firms had submitted proposals to administer the program.

Chief Clerk Herbert Cox gave a report on the Liquid Fuels Tax program noting the county had a balance of \$67,411 at the end of the last year and received \$88,797 during 1984. The county spent \$130,077 on various projects leaving a balance of \$26,131.

Bids for an insulated tray system at Curry Memorial Home were received from two firms but were tabled until reviewed by the county solicitor. Thermo Tray Corp. of South Plainfield, N.J., submitted a bid of \$12,090 and Aladdin Synergetics Inc. of Nashville, Tenn., submitted bids of \$10,781 and \$11,427 on two types of trays. Alladin also included additional items at no cost.

Health Care Concept of Greensburg was selected to administer Medicare and Medicaid programs at the Curry Memorial Home on the basis of a \$5,500 annual cost that includes 10 hours of consultation time with staff personnel. The contract will be for a one-year term.

New Contract For 40 Months

Many Miners From The Clyde Mine Are Happy To See Their Strike End

By Suzanne Elliott, Staff Writer

FREDERICKTOWN — Joseph Timchek of Carmichaels is a happy man. After a little more than four and a half months not working, he is back in a profession he loves — coal mining.

Timchek, a 15-year veteran of the mining profession, is a third-generation coal miner and the union president at the Clyde Mine in Fredericktown.

"It was miserable being on strike," Timchek said. "We were not getting any paychecks and were losing money that we would normally be making."

Timchek and his 132 co-workers went on strike to get the same benefits and wage increases the United Mine Workers and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association agreed on in September. Of those, 110 are now back at work at Clyde. The rest are

expected to return within the next two weeks.

Workers were granted a new 40-month contract on Feb 15. Terms of the new contract include a \$10.25 month raise, an increase in fringe benefits and benefits for pensioners.

The contract is retroactive to Oct. 1.

Timchek said he was receiving \$150 a week during the first part of the strike and \$200 the second half. The strike came from a strike fund set up by United Mine Workers District 5.

Each miner has a small fixed percentage taken out of his paycheck that goes into the fund. Timchek said the UMW recently started the fund. The limit on the fund for all districts set by the union is \$70 million.

Miners' medical and insurance benefits were paid for by the union.

For holidays, he said, miners were given additional benefits for food and gifts.

It was rough, Timchek said, living on the strike funds with house and car payments to make. Sacrifices had to be made in all aspects of his daily life.

While on strike, union members served four-hour picket duty shifts. Timchek said there were no problems with non-union employees attempting to cross the line.

"We were more fortunate," he said.

Donald Redman, president of District 5, said he was pleased with the contract the Clyde miners received.

Strikes, Redman said, usually occur when union heads decide to call one, or when a contract expires. Standard agreement lengths run from 36 to 40 months.

Strikes vary in length. Redman said that miners were on strike 116 days in 1978. The strike in 1981 was shorter. It lasted 67 days.

There are 28 mines and approximately 8,000 miners in District 5.



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Lined Up

Work on extending a sewer line along old Route 21 to the Curry Memorial Home has begun, as these pipes laid end to end along the road's shoulder show. The \$190,000 project by the Franklin Township Sewer Authority is being funded, in part, by a \$75,000 grant from the state Department of Community Affairs. Contractor is SI Industries of Bridgeville.



Ralph Dickerson Sr., right, executive vice president of the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, talks with Archie Trader, center, Greene County United Way president; and John Loeper, Greene County United Way vice president, prior to an awards dinner Thursday night.



Ken Stillwell, right, executive director of the Greene County United Way, presents special awards during a dinner Thursday night, from left, to Allan Matthews, Margaret Johnston, Marion Rush and John Loeper.

County United Way Re-Elects President At Awards Dinner

WAYNESBURG — Archie A. Trader, general manager of Weyerhaeuser's Jefferson Vener Plant, was re-elected president of the Greene County United Way during the sixth annual meeting and awards dinner held Thursday night at the Greene County Country Club.

Elected to serve with Trader were John Loeper and Lois Hewitt, both as vice presidents; Karen Sabo, secretary, and Peter Rogers, treasurer. Ms. Hewitt, Jefferson Division manager for West Penn Power Co., also was named Greene County United

Way campaign chairman for 1985.

Elected to the board of directors were Sam Steinmiller, Dr. Dolores Zoldos, Margaret Moore, Paul G. Fortney, Jim Scott, Dr. David Szarell, Pete Rumsky and Katy Tsai. Others on the board of directors are Charles Baily Jr., Gordon Curry, the Rev. William Davis, Andrew Franks, Dr. Lawrence Martin, Karen Sabo and Archie A. Trader.

The new board of directors set their first meeting for 5:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Greene County Office Building, Waynesburg.

Ralph Dickerson Jr., executive vice president of the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, was the main speaker. He praised the Greene County volunteers for their tremendous success over the past year and outlined some of the challenges which face us in the years ahead.

Also addressing the meeting were representatives of four of the Greene County United Way beneficiary agencies. They included Marion Rush, American Red Cross chapter chairman; Margaret Johnston, representing the Greene County Library Sys-

tem; Allen Matthews, executive director of C.A.R.E. Inc.; and Bruce Kline, Boy Scouts of America district executive.

Dr. Nancy Davis, Central Greene School District superintendent and United Way allocations committee chairman; Charles Baily Jr., of the Baily Agency and admission committee chairman; and John Loeper, manager of radio station WANB and 1984 campaign chairman; reviewed the highlights of their committee's activities for the year.

Special recognition was given the employees of U.S. Steel Corp. Cumberland Mine in Kirby for contributing \$45,000 to the 1984 campaign. The award was accepted by Joe Peroni, transportation coordinator, a member of the UMWA, and Vince McGarvey.

Employees from several area firms were given special recognition for their contributions to the 1984 campaign. The chairman's award for exemplary leadership giving was presented to C.A.R.E., Inc., and the sil-

ver award for outstanding giving was presented to the Greene County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Certificates of achievement in employee giving were presented to Alltel Pennsylvania Inc., Carmichaels Area School District, Central Greene School District, Emerald Mine Corp., Flushing Shirt and Manufacturing Co., Inc., Gallatin National Bank, GARC, County of Greene employees, Greene County Library System, Hatfield Power Station, Parents Anonymous, Waynesburg College and Weyerhaeuser Co.

More Candidates File For Election In County

WAYNESBURG — Greene County's two incumbent jury commissioners became the first persons to file nominating petitions as candidates for a county office in the May 21 primary election.

Both Democrat Bernice Kuharcik of Mather and Republican Rosalind B. Laur of New Freeport will seek additional four year terms in the office.

Candidates have one more week to circulate and file petitions, with the filing deadline being Tuesday, March 12.

Others have filed petitions as candidates for various local offices. Those filing as Democrat and Republican candidates:

DEMOCRAT

Synthia A. Montgomery, judge of elections, Freeport Township; Wreatha L. Mason, inspector of elections, Springhill Township; Wreatha L. Mason, auditor, Springhill Township; Brian L. Mason, assessor, Springhill Township; Homer W. Nicholson, supervisor, Cumberland Township.

Esther M. Ross, inspector of elections, Morgan-Mather; Susan L. Shriver, judge of elections, Whiteley Township; William J. Wise, supervisor, Freeport Township; Paul F. Rhodes Sr., constable, Washington Township.

Mary Ann Kushner, judge of elections, Monongahela No. 3; Catherine M. Eddy, inspector of elections, Wayne-West; Paul (Jack) Kelly, supervisor, Franklin Township; Wylie F. Cheek, constable, Aleppo Township; Joyce E. Watson, tax collector, Center Township.

Verona Stahan, assessor, Whiteley Township; Columbus J. Henry, supervisor (4-year term), Greene Township; Richard J. Fuller, supervisor, Springhill Township; Connie R. Grimes, judge of elections, Washington-Ruff Creek; Lynn Jones, tax collector, Carmichaels Borough; James

I. Waychoff, supervisor, Perry Township; Arthur L. Patterson, supervisor, Gilmore Township; Helen Evosirch, inspector of elections, Morgan-Chartiers Teegarden; Danny Sampson, supervisor, Springhill Township.

Dorothy A. (Judy) Hartzell, auditor, Morris Township; Edward J. Gluvna, tax collector, Monongahela Township; Lonny R. Walters, council, Jefferson Borough; Oliver W. Kelley, constable, Franklin Township; Margaret DeFrancesco, judge of election, Morgan-Chartiers; Florence E. Calvert, auditor, Wayne Township; Denise L. Gould, tax collector, Monongahela Township; Verna Mae Lovetere, judge of election, Rices Landing; William G. Higgins, constable, Whiteley Township and Charles E. Wamsley, supervisor (four year term), Greene Township.

..And More Candidates

WAYNESBURG — With just 12 days left for filing of nominating petitions, business in the registration office at Waynesburg has begun to pick up.

While no one has filed for any county offices as yet, the number of petitions from people who are running for various municipal offices has been increasing on a daily basis, according to election officials.

The most recent candidates to file are:

Janet R. Kerr, Democrat, tax collector, Wayne Township.

Annette Pierson, Democrat, tax collector, Aleppo Township.

Melvin E. Strobe, Republican, supervisor, Springhill Township.

Francis Fox Jr., Democrat and Republican, school director, Waynesburg Borough.

Laura R. Miller, Democrat, inspector of election, Washington-Sycamore.

Linda L. Miller, Republican, auditor, Springhill Township.

Craig Lint, Democrat, auditor, Monongahela Township.

Sharon Roach, Democrat, inspector of election, Perry Township.

Earl Cook, Democrat, supervisor, Aleppo Township.

Donna L. Main, Republican, tax collector, Center Township.

Donald E. Main, Republican, supervisor, Center Township.

Ralph Mason, Democrat, supervisor, Aleppo Township.

Perry Richard Moore, Democrat, supervisor, Wayne Township.

Lola Tornabene, Republican, auditor, Jackson Township.

Irene McVay, Democrat, inspector of election, Aleppo Township.

Geraldine S. Cumberland, Republican, inspector of election, Waynesburg, Ward 2, Precinct 1.

REPUBLICAN

Laura Williamson, judge of elections, Gray Township; Joann Sapington, inspector of elections, Springhill Township; Burdell Brock, supervisor, Whiteley Township; Laura A. Cole, inspector of elections, Franklin-North; Margaret Riffle, tax collector, Aleppo Township; Mildred K. Miller, inspector of elections, Washington-Sycamore.

Harry T. Johnson, supervisor (six year term), Greene Township; Carl A. Bedilion, supervisor, Morris Township; Gail Anderson, inspector of election, Washington-Ruff Creek; Lois Davis, inspector of election, Jefferson No. 4; Martha O. Martin, inspector of election, Center Township; Mary M. Hawkins, inspector of election, Morgan Township and Carl C. Cooper, constable, Freeport Township.

election, Perry Township.

Richard Johnson, Republican, constable, Springhill Township.

Marsha L. Morton, Democrat, judge of election, Clarksville Borough.

Howard Pearson, Democrat, judge of election, Springhill Township.

Patricia Six, Republican, tax collector, Gilmore Township.

Deloris Kennedy, Democrat, auditor, Gilmore Township.

Nancy Hughes, Republican, tax collector, Springhill Township.

Leslie R. Dulaney, Democrat, auditor (6-year term), Aleppo Township.

Charles W. Varner, Democrat, supervisor, Aleppo Township.

Robert E. Phillips, Republican, supervisor, Wayne Township.

Mike (Iggy) Powelko, Democrat and Republican, school director, Southeastern Greene District.

Helen D. Bennett, Democrat, inspector of election, Gilmore Township.

Beverly Jo Kerr, Democrat and Republican, school director, Carmichaels Area District.

Doris L. Grim, Republican, tax collector, Richhill Township.

Barbara W. Mooney, Republican, tax collector, Morris Township.

Opal Saino, Democrat, assessor, Gilmore Township.

Kenneth A. Haines, Democrat, supervisor, Perry Township.

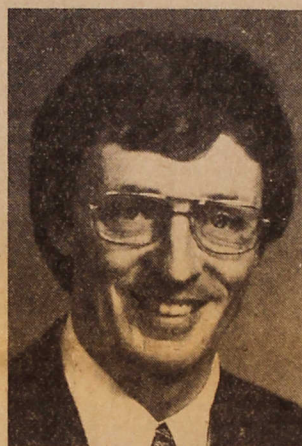
Peg Murphy Simmons, Democrat, school director, Jefferson-Morgan District.

Frances A. Murphy, Democrat, tax collector, Jefferson Township.

Ricky Teets, Democrat, supervisor, Wayne Township.

Carl W. Hildreth, Democrat, supervisor, Morris Township.

Both E. Varnell, Democrat, as-



MIKE O'CONNOR

Program Planned For Dairymen

WAYNESBURG — The first of three dairy programs to be held for Greene County dairymen will be Monday, March 4, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Building of the county fairgrounds.

Mike O'Connor, extension dairy specialist, will be talking about dairy herd reproductive management and herd health programs.

O'Connor is a Rhode Island native, and received his B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island and advanced degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with majors in dairy science. He also served three years in the Army with duty in Germany and Vietnam.

Other programs scheduled include a regional meeting on replacement heifer nutrition on March 7 in Greensburg. Transportation is still available. Reservations are required and can be made through the Greene County Extension Office.

The third session will be March 24 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the fairground's Community Building. Featured speaker will be Dick Adams, extension dairy specialist.

Sears-Roebuck Donates Money

WAYNESBURG — As part of the foundation's continuing support of independent higher education, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has announced a grant to Waynesburg College.

The grant was presented by N.A. Mitchell, representing the foundation, to Dr. J. Thomas Mills, president of the college.

Dr. Mills said the grant will be used to support on-going programs at the college. "We are pleased the Sears-Roebuck Foundation is continuing to support Waynesburg College," Dr. Mills said.

"We hope that other individuals and organizations will take the initiative in helping the college to con-

Scholarship Student Tells Of Trip Abroad

WAYNESBURG — Experiences as a Rotary Foundation scholarship student at the Netherlands International University, The Hague, Holland, was given in a two-part presentation to the Waynesburg Rotary Club by Kurt Marisa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Marisa, of Waynesburg.

Marisa completed a year-and-a-half of studies at the Institute of Social Studies receiving a master's degree in international affairs. A graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and West Virginia University, he spent part of 1983 and most of 1984 at The Hague, returning home in December. He plans a career in foreign affairs of some aspect of international relations.

His presentations were made during the club's weekly luncheon meetings. Marisa presented the local club with banners from Netherlands Rotary Clubs in Scheveningen, Aruba (Netherlands Antilles), and S-Gravenhage. He thanked the Rotarians for sponsoring him for the scholarship saying it fulfilled a dream he had since a boy to visit Europe.

During his time in Europe he said he visited some 21 countries, including Italy, Morocco, Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and all of western Europe.

Marisa said many Europeans looked on him as a representative of the state department and would question him on everything from the Middle East to nuclear arms and many current topic of interest. "Even though many of the discussions were spirited, I answered their questions forthrightly and openly," Marisa said.

He said he traveled across Europe using Interail and many of his contacts were with students encountered enroute to skiing trips to Austria, Romania, or to the winter Olympics at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Anti-American attitudes appear strongest in central Europe and third world countries, according to Marisa. He said criticism of America seemed to focus on American imperialism, colonialism, and CIA conspiracies. "In many places we are still marked with the stereo types of the rich, callous, rude American or somewhat uncouth cowboy throwing money around," he said.

"Western Europe," Marisa said, "generally seems to admire our ingenuity and industrial know-how but are skeptical of our grasp of the problems of the rest of the world such as poverty, ignorance and disease."



Conservation Award

Jonathan M. Pachter, left, manager of environmental permits for Consol, accepts the Conoco Environmental Conservation Award from Ralph E. Bailey, Conoco chairman. Pachter accepted on behalf of a four-man team comprised of

Firemen Kept Busy

CLARKSVILLE — Two field fires that Fire Chief Ed Lawrence said appeared to have been set deliberately kept Clarksville volunteer firemen busy Sunday evening.

Both alarms were called in about 7:30 p.m., one for a fire near the Pitt Gas Missionary Church and the other for a blaze some three miles away on property owned by U.S. Steel off the Clarksville-Dry Tavern road.

"Both were in fairly-remote areas," Lawrence said. "We were lucky to get them early before they could spread. The Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company was called on for



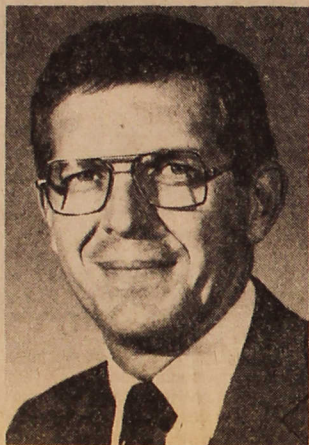
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District Chorus

Jenny Parker, a freshman at Waynesburg Central High School, has been selected to represent the school's Chorale Club at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Junior High District Chorus Festival at Wilkins Junior High School. A concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, in the Wilkins Junior High auditorium.



CHARLES R. BAILY



WILLIAM R. DAVIS

Two Waynesburg Businessmen Officers Of College Board

WAYNESBURG — Two Waynesburg businessmen have been named officers of the board of trustees at Waynesburg College. Attorney William R. Davis, a partner in the law firm of Maxwell and Davis was elected third vice-president. He has been a member of the board since 1973 and is a member of the executive committee of the board. He also serves on the Development Committee and the Finance and Property Committee.

Waynesburg College as well as the Faculty Handbook Task Force. Charles R. Baily, president of Baily Insurance Agency Inc., has been elected treasurer of the board. Baily, who has been a member of the board since 1978, is a member of the Executive Committee and also serves on the Development Committee and the Finance and Property Committee. He began his career with Baily Insurance in 1948, became a partner in 1959 and was named president in 1979. Active in civic organizations, his other directorships have included First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County and First National Bank and Trust Co. of Washington.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brochta of Jefferson announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby O'Brochta of Cheyenne, Wyo., to F. Kelley Woodward, also of Cheyenne, son of Mrs. Marjorie Woodward of Walhalla, N.C. The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School, and a 1975 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. She is employed by Drs. John Winter and Thomas Gasser. Her fiancé, a 1969 graduate of Walhalla High School, is employed by the Army National Guard of Wyoming as an aircraft systems foreman and pilot. A July 6, 1985, wedding is being planned at the Community Church of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colo.

NO CONSENSUS Most everyone agrees that reform is needed, but no one can reach consensus on what it needs to be.

Courage Of Women Is Topic

WAYNESBURG — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) met Monday in Benedum Hall on the Waynesburg College campus.

John Holleran, professor of history at the college, spoke on "Victimology." He chose as his subject five women who he said could have been victims of the laws and traditions of their times but who overcame obstacles for themselves and for other women as well.

Elizabeth Inman lived during the pre-revolutionary era when women lost all rights to their property when they married. She overcame this obstacle by negotiating pre-nuptial agreements with her husband that allowed her to retain and manage her personal property.

Mary Lyon, upset by lack of education for women, founded a college for women that offered natural sciences, physical sciences and languages — unheard of at that time for women. The college was Mt. Holyoke, founded in 1837. She obtained funding from Methodist and Congregationalist churches and was thus able to take girls from poor families as students.

Charlotte Gilman, born in 1860, came from a home where she was first abandoned by her father and later by her mother. She went on to become a poet and novelist and often wrote about the rights of labor, rights of women, and even suggested child care centers.

Jessie Ames, a white woman from Texas, organized a group of 250,000 people to prevent the lynching of blacks. In 1931 her organization was helpful in preventing the imprisonment of some black men in the Scottsboro case.

Lillian Roberts, a black woman born in 1928, was faced with numerous obstacles in her determination to help sick people. When no hospital would hire her as a nurse's aide because she was black, she took cleaning jobs in hospitals and eventually became a nurse's aide and later a graduate nurse. She was instrumental in founding AFSCME, a union for state, county and municipal workers.

County Picks Chairman For Daffodil Days

WAYNESBURG — Ninth annual Daffodil Days will be held March 19-24 in Greene County to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Margaret Ann King of Waynesburg has been selected as Daffodil Days chairman for the society's Greene County unit. She will coordinate the distribution of 20,000 freshly cut daffodils shipped from Washington state.

Cancer Society volunteers will be contacting businesses for advance orders for the flowers during the next few weeks. All proceeds will benefit the society's program of research, education and service.

"To the American Cancer Society the daffodil is more than a pretty flower," Mrs. King said. "It's a symbol of hope for the new season — hope for a world free of cancer. Everyone who buys daffodils during the promotion is giving a donation that will be used for research that can one day uncover a cure for cancer."

Daffodils will be available in bouquets of 10 for a donation of \$3. Orders can be placed by calling the Greene County Unit office, Waynesburg, 627-5259.

Employee Recognized

Ruth McCollum was presented a two-diamond necklace in recognition of her 30 years service with the Waynesburg office of ALLTEL Pennsylvania Inc.

The presentation was made by Gordon Curry, vice president of operations.

She began her career with the telephone company as a traffic operator in 1948, working until 1952, then returning to the same position in 1958.

In 1982, she was promoted to service representative and later transferred to the service center as a plant clerk.

Since November 1983 she has worked at the Conversation Station as a cashier-service representative. Mrs. McCollum lives in Clarksville and has three children, Norma, Greg, and Allen.

Daffodil Queen Named At Ball

WAYNESBURG — Annelie Jendhoff of Germany, guest of William Hinerman, was named Daffodil Queen at the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Ball held this past Saturday at the Waynesburg Elks Club.

The ball was held to provide an evening of entertainment while kicking off the unit's Daffodil Days.

Daffodil Days will be held the week of March 18. Flowers will be available in bouquets of 10 for a donation of \$3.

County Couple Attends Capitol Day

HARRISBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gapen of Greensboro R.D.1 attended the eighth annual Capitol Day of the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Associations (PCEEA) held last week in Harrisburg.

PCEEA sponsors the annual event to thank state legislators for their support of Cooperative Extension programs in Pennsylvania. Activities included afternoon visits with legislators and legislative aides in the Capitol building and an evening banquet held in Camp Hill. The speaker was Dr. Samuel H. Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of Extension in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Gapen are members of the Greene County Cooperative Extension Association.

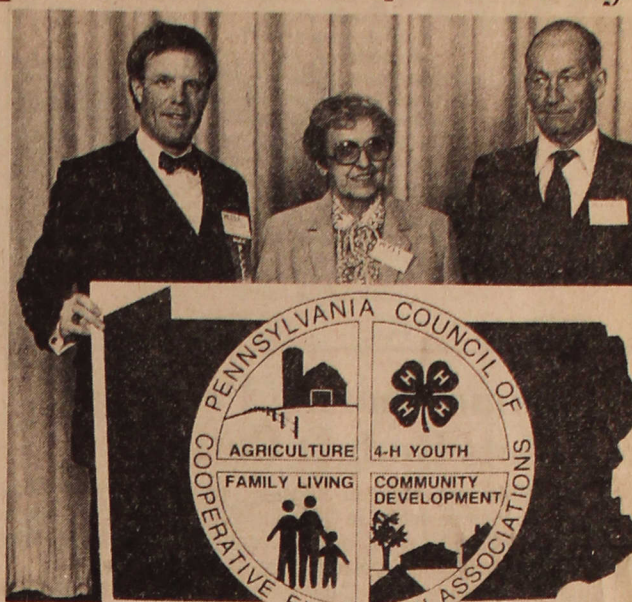
Last year the state legislature appropriated \$1.9 million for a Pennsylvania Computer Extension Network. The network will link Penn State's 67 county extension offices, four regional research stations, and the main campus. Smith said the network will be in operation by July.

"Implementation of the project has taken a mammoth effort from our faculty and staff," said Smith. "Those who are coordinating the program have done an excellent job."

"This is, in effect, a major overhaul of our system," he added. "We will be receiving the dividends of this project for years to come."

Smith said technology based on the "microchip" has revolutionized the agricultural industry and research. Information that took days, even weeks, to calculate can be done in a matter of minutes.

Operating through this system, Penn State's soil testing service did 82,000 samples last year. The dairy



DeWeese (left) with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gapen

testing program kept records on 347,000 cows last year. That is well over 10 million bits of information. The turnaround time for that information is just four days.

Without sophisticated computers, the efficient processing and delivery of the extension's educational services would be impossible. Every one of the computers placed in the offices as a result of the last appropriation is more powerful than the university's main frame computer was just 20 years ago.

"We need to reaffirm the unique partnership which has made agriculture and the extension delivery system so successful in this country,"

Smith said. Last year more than two million people got information from their county offices in Pennsylvania. Over 20,000 Pennsylvanians volunteered more than a million hours to help extension programs.

The evening program also included remarks by Penrose Hollowell, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture; Mary C. Grim, president of PCEEA, and Sally Brown Blair, a former 4-H member who talked about the importance of 4-H in her life.

The PCEEA is a statewide volunteer association that represents the 67 county volunteer Cooperative Extension Associations in Pennsylvania.

Local Students Win Essay Contest For Writings About Dental Health

Washington and Greene county students scored high in an essay contest sponsored by the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania on "Why Should I Take Care of My Teeth and Gums" in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month in February.

First place winners won tickets to a Pittsburgh Penguins hockey game and official hockey sticks. Sticks were also awarded to runners-up.

Entrants in the 15 dental branches of the society were divided into age categories: 6 to 9 years old and 10 to 14 years old.

Winners representing Washington County were Mark Dague, 8, and Shannon Snee, 12, both of Washington.

The Mid-Mon Branch winners were Brian Wilson, 8, Bentleyville, and Beth McCalmont, 11, Hickory.

In the Chartiers Branch, no younger category entries were received, so two winners were named in the 10-to-14-year-old category: Tina Oiler and Raine Riggs, both 12-year-old Avella residents attending school in the Burgettstown School District.

The Downtown Pittsburgh Branch contains no schools in its district, but members there selected two Washington County students as its recipients: Darcy Martin, 7, and Neal Isiminger, 12, both of Washington.

Greene County winners were Matthew Zabrosky, 9, Carmichaels; and Dan Houghton, 14, Waynesburg.

From the hundreds of entries in the 15 branches in the greater Pittsburgh area, 10 were selected as runners-up. Of those, four are from Washington County: Charity Miller,

8, Washington; Allyson Dietz, 9, Washington; Josh Molnar, 9, Avella; and Jennifer Leigh Posner, 10, Washington.

Tammy Mae Machesky, Mark E. Policz Wed

Tammy Mae Machesky and Mark Edward Policz were married at 7 p.m. Friday, February 15, 1985, in the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. John Harding officiating at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Machesky of Waynesburg R.D.1. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Policz of 1100 Park Avenue, Waynesburg.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street-length gown of winter white silk brocade with three-quarter length puffed sleeves and gathered sides tapered to the knees. All tradition was observed in her attire. She wore baby's breath in her hair and carried a colonial bouquet centered with a red rose surrounded by red and white pompons and baby's breath.

Sue Burns attended as maid of honor and wore a red silk street length gown. Kevin Policz attended his brother as best man.

A reception followed for members of the immediate family. A triple tiered wedding cake centered the table.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and will graduate April 9 from the Union-



MRS. POLICZ

town Beauty Academy. The bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of the same high school and is employed by West Penn Power Company at the Mitchell Power Station.

The bride's mother and sister-in-law held a shower for her on February 16 in the Waynesburg Bible Chapel that was attended by 36 guests.

The newlyweds are residing at 252 1/2 West Franklin Street, Waynesburg.



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Students Win Awards

Byron Hughes, seated, vocational-agricultural teacher at West Greene High School, is shown with the four members of the school's FFA Chapter who won awards in the state record book contest for Vocational Agricultural Supervised Occupational Experience program at Penn State University held recently. From the left the students are, Ed Amos, back, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Amos of Graysville R.D.s, who received a silver award for his home garden project; Joyce Pettit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Pettit of Holbrook R.D.1, who won a gold award for her three enterprise book of dairy cows, beef cow and calf, and corn; Jacob Courtwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Courtwright, of Wind Ridge R.D.1, who won a bronze award for his strawberry project; and Rob Parson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Parson of Wind Ridge R.D.1, who won a silver award for his home garden project.

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Scenes From The Past—Do You Recognize Them?



Workmen are pictured atop the old Waynesburg Brewing Company building which was located just across the Smith Creek Bridge in the Blairtown section of Franklin Township. The building was being razed.

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Ratica of Fredericktown are announcing the birth of their second child, a son, Brian Scott on Feb. 16. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ratica of Low Hill, Brownsville and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Gamble of Teagarden Homes, Clarksville. Brian was greeted at home by his three-year-old brother, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will B. Marshall of Waynesburg R.D.1 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 3. They have six children: William of Pittsburgh; Mary, at home; David of Eastlake, Ohio; Paul of Seattle, Wash.; Barbara of Freeport and Victor of Waynesburg.

Dorothy P. Huffman of Jefferson was recently honored on the occasion of her 80th birthday. A party was held at the home of her daughter, Marge Broadwater. Her children, grandchildren and sisters attended.

In area servicemen news: Air Force Sergeant Patrick Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bright of Wind Ridge, has arrived for duty at Kadana Air Force Base on Okinawa and Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven K. Murdock, son of Mrs. Leah A. Ratulowski of Waynesburg, is a crew member aboard the newest Coast Guard cutter Northland.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rinehart and daughter Karen of North Maiden Street, Waynesburg, left Friday morning for an extended visit with their son, Rick in Greensboro, N.C. where the latter is a home-improvement contractor.

Revenue Sharing Program Attracts Budget Cutters

When President Reagan recently proposed the federal revenue sharing be ended in October of this year, it sent shock waves through all levels of local government, which have come to rely heavily on the program since its inception in 1972.

But while chances that Congress will override the request currently look good, it could mean no more than a one-year reprieve since revenue sharing is already scheduled to terminate in 1986. Chances of its being renewed do not look good.

The Greene County commissioners are already using anticipated loss of the \$425,000 a year they receive through the program as rationale for a campaign to have the state legislature increase the ceiling on county property taxes from 20 mills to 30 mills.

It emphasizes the point that loss of the program would almost invariably mean an increase of the burden on local taxpayers.

Since the program was begun, counties, cities, boroughs and townships have received millions of dollars, with the major benefit being there are virtually no strings attached.

The money is not allocated for any specific program or project, but can be used by the municipalities as they see fit. The theory behind it is that local officials best know the needs of their communities.

In the opinion of most local officials it is the best form of aid the federal government provides. The funds have been used for a wide variety of projects, from road repairs to school improvements.



Fact and Folklore

John O'Hara

Waynesburg Shocks Titans With Pressure

By John Barker, O-R Sports Staff

WAYNESBURG — It took only two minutes and fifteen seconds, but it was devastating.

That's the actual time of Waynesburg College basketball team's defensive assault on Westminster here Monday in the semifinal round of the NAIA District 18 playoffs.

Using a full-court press, the Yellow Jackets forced a young Westminster team into four of its 12 first-half turnovers and went from having a tense three-point lead to having a 33-22 advantage with five seconds left in the first half.

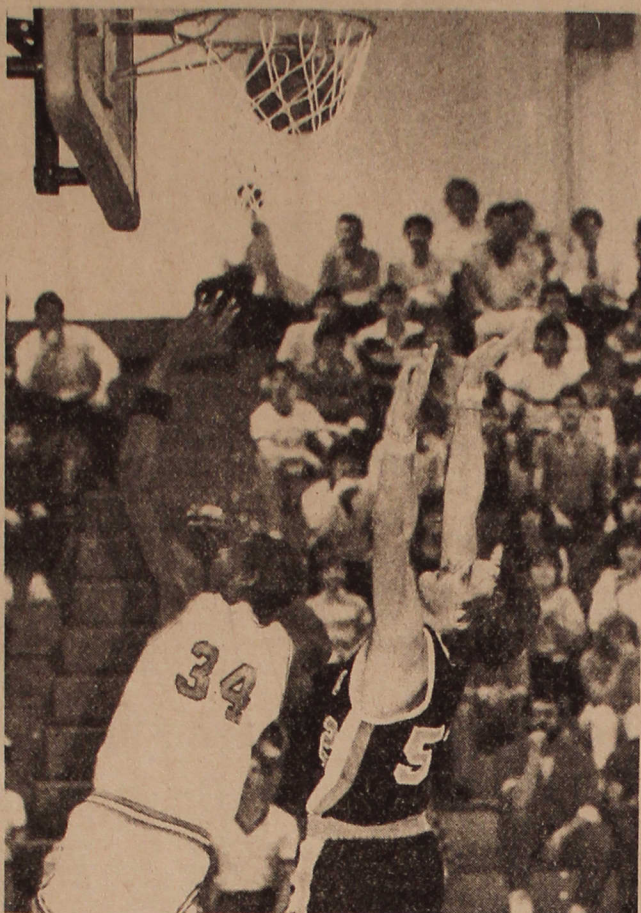
After that it was never closer than nine points as Waynesburg cruised to a surprisingly easy 79-56 win at nearly-sold out College Gym. Waynesburg now advances to the District 18 championship game Wednesday night when it hosts St. Vincent at 8 p.m.

St. Vincent defeated Geneva, 70-66, Monday night to advance to the title game. The winner of Wednesday night's game will earn a trip to Kansas City, Mo., for the NAIA National Playoffs.

Waynesburg, which earned the right to host the championship game by finishing first in the district during the regular season, is looking to repeat as district champs for the first time since Edinboro did in 1975-76.

"I think everybody realized what we had to do to win and that got a fire under us," explained Waynesburg's Paul Stanley, who finished with 21 points. "We played with a lot of intensity. I think we are thinking about going back to Kansas City. That gets us excited."

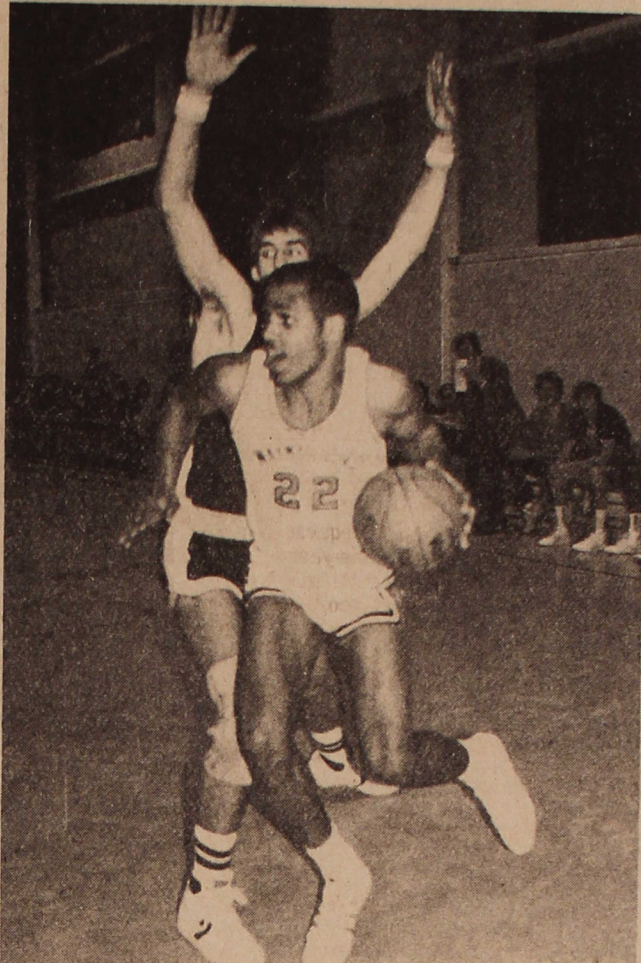
Stanley was certainly excited in the first half scoring 13 of his points and four in Waynesburg's spurt against the Titans. With Waynesburg ahead, 25-22, Westminster committed four turnovers. Theron Hogue, who finished with 10 points for the Jackets, converted one into a layup, Stanley hit two spinning jump shots and Harold Hamlin, who scored a game-high 23, finished with two free throws



Observer-Reporter/Christie Molzon
Harold Hamlin (34) of Waynesburg puts up a shot against Westminster's Bill Bailey.

to give Waynesburg a 33-22 lead. It all came off a pressure defense. "I think it (defense) was what did it," said Waynesburg head coach Rudy Marisa. "We don't always do those things well. We have to be

intense. But we've practiced since day one for a situation like this. "We did it (press the opposition) against Behrend and my fondest wish was to do it against Westminster and have it work. It worked and it got us



Observer-Reporter/Christie Molzon
Waynesburg's Theron Hogue drives toward the basket.

the lead." The pressure defense also enabled the Jackets (22-4 overall) to extend their winning streak to 12 games, a school record. Westminster fell to 15-12 overall.

"I felt that (pressure defense) opened the game up," Westminster head coach Ron Galbreath said. "We went to sleep a little bit with our ball handling and I give Waynesburg credit because they capitalized on our

mistakes. That's the mark of a good team and when we turned it over they jammed it down our throats."

The Titans played well at the start, however, and led in the first half as Russell Bruce, who finished with 10 points, sank four jump shots. But forward Rich Kunselman, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, struggled and scored just two points in the first 20 minutes.

Kunselman did finish with 14 points and 13 rebounds while Kevin Reid added 13 points for Westminster, but much of that came in the second half with Waynesburg leading by as much as 24 points, 59-35, with 10:50 to play on a thundering one-handed dunk by Hamlin.

"We felt we had to change up the defense a little bit on them and slow Westminster down a little," said Stanley, who passed former Jacket Mike Taylor's single-season scoring mark in the game. "We felt our press could rattle their young people and I think it frustrated them. We got some breaks and we scored off them. It happened so fast it caught them off guard."

Galbreath, who said he's sticking with his pre-season choice of Waynesburg reaching the NAIA national tournament, agreed that the Jackets' press troubled his team.

"It threw us out of our tempo and caused some turnovers," said Galbreath, who started no seniors. "We went through that little spell then in the second half they got the fastbreak going and they were making their shots and we weren't. That was it."

Waynesburg and St. Vincent split in their two games this season. Both games were marred by fights. Tim McConnell, Waynesburg's point guard, said he expects a physical but good game against the Bearcats.

"I don't want to fight them and we won't even be thinking about that," McConnell said. "I don't think what happened will distract us. We want to play our game and win it to go to Kansas City. If we play our style we should have no problem."

Jackets' Defense Didn't Rest

By Tom Rose, O-R Sports Editor

WAYNESBURG — There was a time when defense seemed to be a dirty word around here.

The Waynesburg College Yellow Jackets have always been a basketball fan's delight to watch. Under head coach Rudy Marisa they have been masters of the transition game and clinicians in the art of shooting.

And as their record illustrates, 20 victories in six of the last seven seasons and two NAIA District 18 championships in the last four years, the Jackets have no reason to fight success.

But something strange is starting to happen during this latest Waynesburg winning streak, which reached a school record 12 straight with Monday night's 79-56 thrashing of Westminster in the semifinals of the District 18 playoffs.

The Jackets are not only playing defense in different varieties, but they can attribute this victory to the art of forcing and then capitalizing on forced mistakes by the opposition.

With Waynesburg holding a slim 25-22 lead and two minutes left to play in the first half, Marisa ordered his players into a full-court, zone press. While the Westminster Titans were prepared for it, they didn't know when to expect it.

And when Waynesburg unleashed its pressure, the Titans fell victim to it.

"We knew Westminster had some young guards and we wanted to put some pressure on them to try and make something happen," sophomore forward Harold Hamlin, who finished with 23 points, said. "We have a lot more quickness this year and we're trying to use that defense to get some steals. That was our motive tonight."

The Jackets' motive brought results, as they forced four consecutive turnovers at mid-court and then set their familiar running game into motion.

"What was important though is that we capitalized on our turnovers," point guard Tim McConnell, who had two of those steals, said. "Getting two points at the end of a turnover is important for a team. That's really a four-point play. It's something we need to do more."

And based on the Jackets' recent success with the various defensive strategies, it's something you may see more often.

"That press made the difference," Westminster head coach Ron Galbreath said. "It threw us out of our tempo for a brief spell and that was just enough. Then in the second half they came out and started hitting everything and got that fast break going."

"We expected them to do it; they used it a bit against Behrend (a 92-51 first round playoff victory) and we looked for it. But when they hit us with it, it still came as a bit of a surprise at the time to our players. Obviously, it was very effective."

Waynesburg's run at the end of the first half lengthened its edge to 33-24 at halftime. And when the Jackets

outscored Westminster 19-6 through the first 6:16 of the second half for a 52-30 bulge the near-capacity crowd began turning its attention to reorts on the tight Geneva-St. Vincent game that would produce Waynesburg's opponent in Wednesday's District 18 championship game here.

St. Vincent would eventually prevail 70-66, setting up what Marisa called "A dream game for the fans and media."

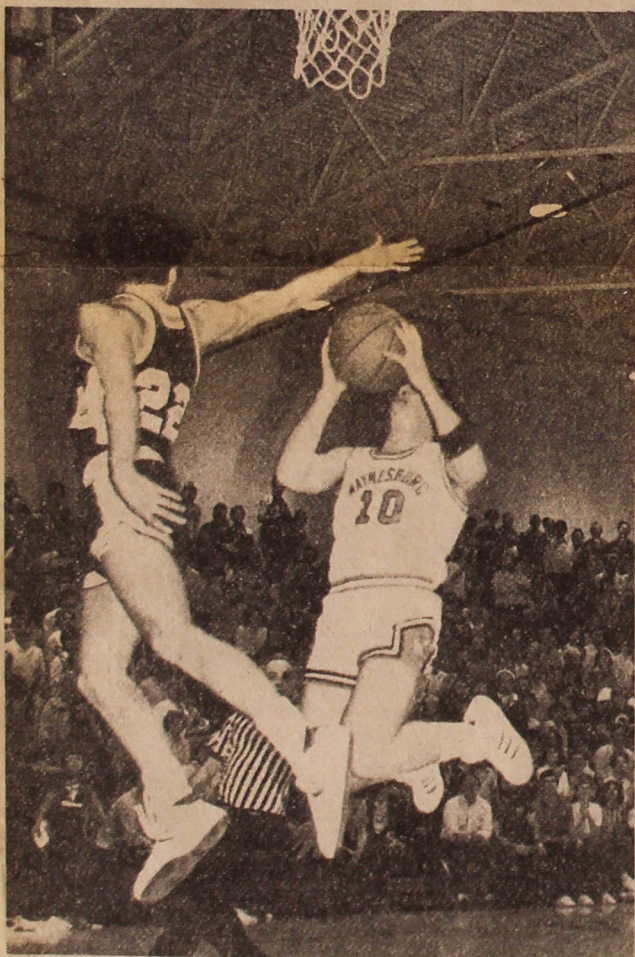
The teams split during the regular season, each scoring wins on the road. The second meeting was marred by a fight involving players and spectators

from both teams.

"That's out of our minds," Hamlin said. "It's time to play basketball."

And defense.

"Our guys can play it," Marisa said. "It just hasn't been a big part of our repertoire. Tournament time is a good time to change defenses."



Observer-Reporter/Christie Molzon
Tim McConnell (10) of Waynesburg leaps toward Westminster's Les Ward (22) on his way to the basket.

County Waters To Be Filled With Brook, Rainbow Trout

Leslie Hass, state waterways patrolman for Greene County, has announced the schedule of pre-season stocking of adult fish in Greene

County streams. Stocking of 1,800 brook trout and 4,300 rainbow trout is scheduled for Duke Lake in Ryerson Station State Park near Wind Ridge on Thursday, March 7. The truck will arrive in Wind Ridge at 1 p.m. that day to go to the lake.

Former Resident Is Leading Racer

FLORENCE, Ky. — Steve Neff, a 34-year-old Waynesburg native tied for the Latonia riding lead with 25 wins, is just five wins shy of the all-time win mark at the Northern Kentucky racing oval.

Neff, who won the Latonia riding title last winter / spring session with 73 wins on 436 mounts, currently has 231 wins at Latonia. Billy Phelps holds the all-time mark with 236.

After 35 racing dates through Feb. 24, Neff has 194 mounts — tops in that department — and 25 wins. He leads all riders with 36 seconds. His 423 in-the-money percentage tops all Latonia riders as well. He has two stakes wins to his credit this session.

Neff has averaged a win each day during the past 10 race dates. He scored three wins on one card twice this session.

The Enlow Fork of Wheeling Creek will be stocked with 570 brown trout and 1,330 rainbow trout on March 12. At the same time Templeton Fork of Wheeling Creek will be stocked with 210 brown and 490 rainbow trout. The meeting place for both stockings will be at Ackly Bridge on LR 30007 in Richhill Township at 1 p.m.

The Ryerson State Park office at 1 p.m. April 3 will be the meeting place for stocking various sections of Dunkard Fork of Wheeling Creek. A total of 1,350 brown and 3,150 rainbow trout will be stocked in three sections of Dunkard Fork.

The Amity ball field at 12:45 p.m. March 26 will be the meeting place for stocking of 540 brown and 1,260 rainbow trout in Whiteley Creek. On the same day, 510 brown and 1,190 rainbow trout will be placed in Ten Mile Creek in that area.

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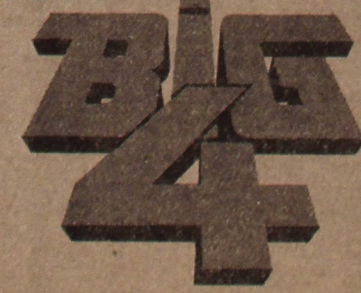
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Greene County Obituaries

Gerald W. Stout

Gerald W. Stout, 30, Bobtown, died Wednesday, February 27, 1985. He was born at Waynesburg March 24, 1954, a son of Ruby Harn Stout of Jefferson and the late Larry Stout. He was employed at the Nema-colin Mine and was a member of Nema-colin Local 6290, United Mine Workers of America.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Veronica Michniak Stout; two daughters, Nicole Marie and Angela Lee, both at home; his maternal grandmother, Florence Harn, his paternal grandmother, Rueah Flynn, and a brother, Donald Stout of Dilliner.

Michael J. Gashie

Michael J. Gashie, 62, of Greensboro, died Tuesday, February 26, 1985, in University Hospital, Morgantown, W. Va.

He was born September 3, 1922, at Shoaf, Fayette County, a son of the late Michael and Augustina Medved Gashie.

Mr. Gashie was a member of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Greensboro, and the United Mine Workers of America Union. He was a retired coal miner having been employed for 40 years by the Duquesne Light Co. Warick Mine at Greensboro.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Shimko Gashie, three daughters, Mrs. John (Margaret) Kurliko, of Dilliner, Mrs. Joseph (Barbara) Baker, of Lexington Park, Md., and Rosemary Maple, of Waynesburg; two sons, Michael A. and Richard A. Gashie, both of Greensboro; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Mary) Skzarch, of Bobtown, and Augustina Wolfe, of Troy, Mich.; and two brothers, Paul Gashie, of Greensboro, and Frank Gashie, of Dilliner.

Deceased are two brothers, Joseph and Lawrence Gashie.

Luella Tharp

Luella Tharp, 85, of 2511 Bentley Drive, Salem, Ohio, a former resident of Greene County, died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 1985 in the Hutton Nursing Center at Salem.

She was born July 25, 1899 at Wadestown, W. Va., a daughter of Tomp and Sarah Jane Phillips Cummins. Her husband, Samuel L. (Roy) Tharp, whom she married July 25, 1917, died June 15, 1979.

Mrs. Tharp resided for many years at Wind Ridge. She later moved to Waynesburg, where she made her home for seven years before moving to Florida and subsequently to Ohio.

She was a member of the Rogersville Christian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Clara) Cole of Rogersville; three sons, Paul D. Tharp of Cambridge, Ohio, Samuel L. Tharp Jr. of Columbiana, Ohio, and Donald J. Tharp of Tampa, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Two sisters and a brother are deceased.

Barbara Leahew

Barbara (Lillian) Leahew, 78, of 13 Carmichaels Arbors, Carmichaels, died Friday, March 1, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born November 7, 1906, a daughter of James and Suzanne Kearns. Her husband, Andrew Leahew, died in 1979.

Mrs. Leahew had resided most of her life in Waynesburg and had worked as a nurses aid for the Curry Memorial Home.

She was a member of the Washington Street United Methodist Church and had also attended the Greene Valley Presbyterian Church in Carmichaels.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Esther Leahew of Pittsburgh; three grandsons, Ronald, Richard and Russell Leahew, all of Pittsburgh; one granddaughter, Cheryl Swickline of Pittsburgh; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Goldie Yeager of Beaver Falls.

One son, Robert Paul Leahew, is deceased.

Ida M. Herod

Ida M. Herod, 82, of Carmichaels Arbors, Carmichaels, died Saturday evening, March 2, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 22, 1903, a daughter of John and Sadie Leahew May, and had lived in the Carmichaels and Greensboro areas virtually all her life.

Her husband, Cecil S. Herod, died in 1958.

Mrs. Herod attended Greensboro Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mike (Edith) Chekosky of Greensboro R.D.1 and Mrs. Charles (Dorothy) Metcalf of Penn Pitt; four sons, Cecil E. Herod of Fostoria, Ohio, Harold E. Herod of Wycliffe, Ohio, Ralph E. Herod of Hopwood and the Rev. Leonard A. Herod of Greensboro R.D.1; 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edna Jordan of Carmichaels and Betty Crane of Washington; and five brothers, Charles May and Lawrence May of Washington, George May of Oregon, Robert May of Greensboro R.D.1 and John May.

A son, Jack Herod, and three brothers, Joseph, James and Ralph May, are deceased.

Ruby T. Closser

Ruby T. Closser, 73, Jefferson R.D.1, formerly of Albert's Trailer Court, Waynesburg, died at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 1985 in Greene County Memorial Hospital after an illness of one year.

She was born August 22, 1911 in Morris Township, near Nineveh, a daughter of the late Elwood and Ethel Conklin Thompson. She resided during early life at Sycamore and for the past 15 years in the Waynesburg area.

Her husband, James W. Closser, died June 29, 1971.

Mrs. Closser was a member of the Bates Fork Baptist Church at Sycamore and of the Auxiliary to the Waynesburg Eagles Lodge. She formerly worked at the G.C. Murphy Co. store in Waynesburg.

Surviving are a brother, Hershel Thompson of Waynesburg; 11 nieces, and one nephew.

Two sisters, Laura Rutan and Dorothy Eberle, and two brothers, Raymond and Russell Thompson, are deceased.

Thomas Miner

Thomas Miner, 60, Gainesville, Fla., formerly of Khedive, died Thursday, February 28, 1985 at Gainesville.

He was born February 21, 1925 at Smithfield, a son of the late Wade L. and Sara Farr Miner of Clarksville. He was a retired employee of the Republic Steel Corp., Youngstown, Ohio, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Esther Bailey Miner of Khedive; two daughters, Linda Delmark of Gainesville, Fla. and Mrs. Paul (Lynn) McClary of North Olmsted, Ohio; two stepsons, Gerald Bailey of Jefferson and Denzil Bailey of Khedive; a stepdaughter, Lisa Efav of Washington; three grandchildren; Erica and Angela Delmark of Gainesville and Patrick McClary of North Olmsted, Ohio; two brothers, Ralph Miner of Chicago, Ill. and Clifford Miner of North Little Rock, Ark., and three sisters, Mrs. Richard (Winona) Robbins of Bridgeton, N.J., Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Watson of Clarksville and Mrs. Wayne (Margery) Heiser of Lakewood, Ohio.

Three brothers, Dean, William and Charles Miner, and a sister, Francis Hall, are deceased.

Services were held Saturday, March 2, at Gainesville, Fla.

Gwendolyn Wiedebusch

Gwendolyn E. Wiedebusch, 79, Cheat Lake Canyon, Morgantown, W. Va., died in her home at 6:35 p.m. Thursday, February 28, 1985 after a long illness.

She was born May 2, 1905 at Smithfield, a daughter of Frederick and Ida Blanche Davis Phillips. Her husband, J.A. (Jack) Wiedebusch, died December 26, 1972.

Mrs. Wiedebusch resided most of her life in the Morgantown area. She was a Protestant by faith.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Frankenberg of Jefferson and Mrs. Sally Moore of Cheat Lake Canyon, Morgantown; three nieces and three nephews.

Preston E. Grandon

Preston Eugene Grandon, 65, Charlotte, N.C., who formerly resided in the Cameron, W. Va. area, died Wednesday, February 27, 1985 in the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte.

He was born April 4, 1919 in Belton, near Cameron, a son of the late John E. and Lydia Gregg Grandon. He served with the Army during World War II.

Mr. Grandon was a graduate of West Virginia University and was employed as a chemical engineer with the American Cyanamid Company at Charlotte.

Surviving are two sisters, Hazel Noel and Georgia Anderson, both of Warren, Ohio, and two brothers, Glen E. Grandon of Cass, W. Va. and Baxter Grandon of Bristolville, Ohio.

Widow Files Suit In Husband's Death

WAYNESBURG — The widow of a Blacksburg, W. Va., man who was struck by a tractor-trailer while crossing a street in Waynesburg has filed suit against the driver and owner of the rig and against the owner of a tavern which, she claims, served her husband liquor after he was visibly intoxicated.

The lawsuit, asking damages in excess of \$10,000, was filed in Greene County Court Tuesday by Donna Bell of Blacksburg on her own behalf and on behalf of her son, Anthony.

She claims that injuries suffered by her husband, Donald Bell, on March 3, 1983, resulted in his death on Nov. 18, 1983. He was struck while crossing East Greene Street by a tractor-trailer driven by Jerry R. Minton of Cameron, W. Va., and owned by McKean Trucking Co., Wheeling, W. Va.

In addition to claiming that the driver was negligent and that the brakes on the rig were defective, the plaintiff named as co-defendant William Morris, owner of the Bill-Mar Tavern in West Waynesburg.

She contends that the tavern operator was negligent in serving drinks to her husband until he became intoxicated, and then permitted him to leave the bar in that condition.

Mary T. Kurtz

Mary T. Kurtz, of 295 South Morgan Street, Waynesburg, died at 2 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 1985, in the Binghamton General Hospital, Binghamton, New York. She had been in her usual health.

She was the daughter of the late Frank and Maria Tomko Radachy Sr. Her husband, Harley M. Kurtz, died July 3, 1956.

Mrs. Kurtz had resided most of her life in the Waynesburg area where she was a member of St. Ann's Church.

Surviving are two sons, Melvin F. Kurtz of Destin, Fla., Ronald C. Kurtz of Binghamton; seven grandchildren. Mrs. Robert (Karen) King of Ft. Washington, Md., Kara and Kelly Kurtz, both of Binghamton, Melvin Kurtz of Williamsport, Md., Norman Kurtz of Orlando, Fla., Eric Kurtz of Birmingham, Ala., Ronald C. Kurtz Jr. of Boston, Mass.; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Grande of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Rose Morris of Millsboro, Mrs. Margaret Drotos of Fredericktown; and two brothers, Mike and Joe Radachy, both of Masury, Ohio.

Deceased are one sister, Christina Radachy; five brothers, Frank J., Steve, John, Luke and George; and one great-great-grandson, Brandon Artz.

Ronald L. Young

Ronald L. Young, 38, of Aiken, S.C., formerly of Clarksville, died Wednesday, February 27, 1985 after a year-long illness.

He was born June 30, 1946 in Waynesburg, a son of Lena Belle Lint Young of Clarksville and the late Denzil Young. He graduated from Jefferson-Morgan High School in 1964 and attended California University of Pennsylvania. He was employed as a quality engineer for the Mackenzie Kunte Corp. in Aiken.

Mr. Young's Masonic affiliations included membership in Beallsville Lodge 237, the Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, and the Pittsburgh Consistory.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Karla Jessmer Young, whom he married February 12, 1972; a brother, John (Jack) Young of North Huntingdon; two nieces, Marsha Young Clelland of Mather and Tracey Young of Cincinnati, Ohio, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A sister, Ruth Ann Young, died in infancy.

public records

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

- Franklin Township**
Charles Miller, Waynesburg R.D.6, to Simon Cumberland, Waynesburg R.D.1, 70 acres, \$15,000.
Estate of Joseph C. Hewitt, Waynesburg R.D.5, to Terry and Betty R. Amos, Waynesburg, house and lot, \$12,000.
Lydia Ashton, Greensboro, and others, to J. K. Willison Jr., Waynesburg, one-third interest in two acres of coal, \$250.
- Morgan Township**
Sheriff Remo Bertugli to First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County, house and lot, \$45,000.
- Springhill Township**
Sheriff Remo Bertugli to Margaret J. Miller, Littleton, W. Va., four lots, Deep Valley, \$6,000.
- Wayne Township**
People Natural Gas Co. to Jack L. Bartholomew, Brave, 9.5 acres, \$750.
- Whiteley Township**
James L. and Jane S. Brewer and others to Terry and Betty Amos, Waynesburg, house and lot, South East Street, \$32,000.
Irene E. and Frank E. Kowalozky, Uniontown R.D.6, to Walter Rex Nelson and Judy Renee Henderson, Waynesburg R.D.2, 50 acres, \$85,000.

Three Arrested In Connection With Forgery

WAYNESBURG — Three persons have been arrested in connection with a \$450 forged check presented at the Red & White Market in the Waynesburg Shopping Plaza last month.

State police have arrested Charles R. Smith, 23; Karen K. Scott, 31 and Robert W. Rutan, 27, all of whom listed their address as 325 South Morris Street, Waynesburg.

Smith is charged with forgery and criminal conspiracy and following arraignment before Magistrate John Watson, was placed in the Greene County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Scott, charged with criminal conspiracy, was released on her own recognizance after bond was set at \$5,000.

Rutan, who was already in jail, was returned after his bond was established at \$5,000.

They were arrested by state police.

Divorce Granted

WAYNESBURG — Charles R. Sokol of Nema-colin was granted a divorce from Melinda Siebert Sokol of Marysville, N.C., in a final decree handed down Tuesday in Greene County Court.

They were married July 5, 1976, and have one child.



Observer-Reporter

Fire Damages Home

A mobile home occupied by Mrs. Louise Tewell suffered moderate damage early Thursday morning along TR 546 in Jefferson Township. Fire damage was confined to the bathroom, although other rooms were damaged by smoke and intense heat. Kurt Murray, assistant chief of the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, the fire probably started as the result of an electric wire in the furnace. Mrs. Tewell had left for work at 6:45 a.m. and the alarm was sounded at 8:10 a.m. when Mrs. Tewell's sister, who lives nearby, drove past the mobile home. Jefferson firemen were assisted by volunteers from the Waynesburg and Carmichaels fire companies.

hospital register

Greene Memorial

ADMISSIONS
Ruth Russell, Waynesburg
Tammy Spencer, New Freeport
Nancy Rutherford, Clarksville
Maureen Shea, Waynesburg
Cleo Pierce, New Freeport
Helen Cole, Waynesburg
Udoris Turner, New Freeport
Ellen Lemley, Waynesburg
Barbara Carney, Waynesburg
Fred Courie, Carmichaels
Sarah Morris, Holbrook
Catrina Collins, Jefferson

DISCHARGES
Robert White, Waynesburg
James Ebb, Waynesburg
Albert Bizub, Nema-colin
Leah Eggers, Waynesburg
Catrina Collins and son, Jefferson
Margaret Chesney, Carmichaels
Deborah Stimml, Mather
Michael Worch, Masontown
Craig Barnish, Clarksville
Harold Tharp, Waynesburg
Ruth Moser, Masontown
Margaret Thomas, Waynesburg
Jo Ann Gillispie and daughter, Wind Ridge

Marie Frye, Clarksville
Walter Swiger, Waynesburg
Donna Smith and daughter, Carmichaels
William Haley, Fredericktown
Anna Harkey, Carmichaels
Mark Clipper, Rices Landing
Elizabeth Chambers, Carmichaels
David Stoneking, Waynesburg
Alice McCullough and daughter, Sycamore

BORN
To Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, Jefferson, March 2, 1985, a son.

Monongalia

ADMISSIONS
Mildred Scott, Waynesburg
Alma Beach, Mt. Morris
Kenneth Nyswaner, Clarksville
Oscar Butcher, Hundred
Terry Lash, Bobtown
Erin Rush, Carmichaels
Blaine Wotring, Greensboro
Anna Jones, Spraggs
Anna Jones, Spraggs

DISCHARGES
Floyd Birch, Mt. Morris
Helen Jackson, Dilliner
Orville Bargerstock, Carmichaels
Kathryn Fox, Waynesburg
John McNelly, Waynesburg
Lois Peruzzi, Bobtown
Frank Pincavitch, Greensboro
Heidi Wise, Brave
Lois Peruzzi, Bobtown
Frank Pincavitch, Greensboro
Heidi Wise, Brave
Kathryn Fox, Waynesburg

Court Accepts Guilty Plea On Incest Charge

WAYNESBURG — Larry Clinton Czako, 34, Waynesburg R.D.4, pleaded guilty in Greene County Court Tuesday to charges of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, statutory rape and incest.

The plea was accepted prior to scheduled start of his trial on the charges, which were brought by state police for alleged offenses at his former home in Wayne Township over a period of more than two years.

Judge Glenn Toothman scheduled sentencing of the defendant for Monday, March 25. He will remain free until that time under \$40,000 bond.

Czako also faces sentencing on a charge of aggravated assault. He was found guilty of the charge in a jury trial in December but sentencing has been deferred pending the outcome of an appeal for a new trial.

STAYED HOME

The good old days was the era when people who couldn't afford a winter vacation stayed home.

Waynesburg Plans Hearing On Businessman's Request

WAYNESBURG

The Waynesburg Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on a proposal for location of a concrete ready-mix facility on property just inside the borough line adjoining West Waynesburg.

Richard A. Raymont of Waynesburg told the board the storage bins would be located more than 100 yards from the nearest homes on West Street, on seven acres of land in what is known as "Victor's Bottom," near Levine's Iron and Metal.

Raymont said he would initially employ three people in the operation, with the possibility of future expansion. Access to the property is a road off West High Street.

While the land is zoned for industrial purposes, the zoning board expressed concern over possible dust and noise. It deferred granting of a permit until the public hearing is held at the April 1 meeting to give residents in the area an opportunity to express

Graysville Man Burned

GRAYSVILLE — William R.D.1, is in serious condition in the burn unit of Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh after suffering second and third degree burns in an accident at his home Saturday.

According to his wife, Riley was working on his car when the carburetor backfired. He suffered severe burns to the face, chest, neck and hands.

He was taken to Greene County Memorial Hospital by a relative and then flown to the Pittsburgh hospital by helicopter.

Public Notices

Administrator's Notice
ESTATE OF BETTY L. McDERMOTT of Jefferson Township Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters of administration having been granted by the Register of Wills in and for Greene County, Pennsylvania, on the estate of the above named decedent, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent, to make known the same; and all persons indebted to the said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to:
FRANCIS M. McDERMOTT
Rices Landing, PA. 15357
Administrator
THOMPSON AND BAILY
Attorneys
3-18-15

Administrator's Notice
ESTATE OF Edward Wiseman of Center Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters of administration having been granted by the Register of Wills in and for Greene County, Pennsylvania, on the estate of the above named decedent, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent, to make known the same; and all persons indebted to the said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to:
John Shuber Jr.
R.D.#4
Waynesburg, PA. 15370
Administrator
H. Terry Grimes
Attorney
3-8-15-22

Public Notices

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
Estate of LUCY J. ROSE late of Wayne Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
HELEN M. PHILLIPS
3288 University Ave.
Apt. 404
Morgantown WVA 26505
Executrix
THOMPSON AND BAILY
Attorneys
3-8-15-22

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Estate of Hice F. Lemley late of Waynesburg Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
SARAH A. WIDUP
213 Willow Road,
Waynesburg, PA.
Linda W. Moon
630 Rolling Meadows Road
Waynesburg, PA.
Executrix
William R. Davis
Attorney
3-8-15-22

Public Notices

Administratrix
C.T.A. Notice
ESTATE OF OCIE B. LEMLEY a/k/a OCIE LEMLEY of Carmichaels Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters of administration c.t.a. having been granted by the Register of Wills in and for Greene County, Pennsylvania, on the estate of the above named decedent, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent, to make known the same; and all persons indebted to the said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to:
Mary E. King
793 East Greene Street
Waynesburg, PA. 15370
ADMINISTRATRIX c.t.a.
FLOYD A. KING, Esquire
SAYERS, KING, KEENER & WILLIAMS
Attorneys
3-1-8-15

EXECUTRICES NOTICE
ESTATE OF NANCY J. HELMLEY late of Carmichaels Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
NANCY MCSKER
85 Grandville Street
Newark, Ohio 43055
WILLIAM A. MARCHINE
MCMINN
519 Old Waynesburg Road
Carmichaels, PA 15320
Executrices
WILLIAM R. NALITZ, Esquire
SAYERS, KING, KEENER & NALITZ
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