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Southeastern Board Budget 'Up In Air'

By Bob Niedbala, Staff Writer

MAPLETOWN — The Southeastern Greene School Board will be making "drastic cuts" in order to avoid a large property tax increase next year, but despite whatever action the board may take, the district could still face a tax increase of at least 25 mills.

Although the board failed to adopt a final budget at its meeting Tuesday, June 18, it did vote to hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29, to consider a budget. It was noted that the district must first complete the paperwork necessary to refinance debt on the Bobtown and Penn Pitt schools.

Several board members questioned after the meeting about where cuts would be made would not elaborate. "We've made reductions; things are reasonably well intact," said Mark Brozik. He also said cuts will be across the board.

The budget "is still up in the air," said Board President George Billetz. "We're hoping to bring it down less than 33 mills." With budgets, "you always overestimate."

Drastic cuts have been made in the budget, said business manager Floyd Geho, who added that he is recommending that the board adopt a budget with at least a 25 mill tax increase.

At its last meeting, the board ap-

proved a \$4,169,533 tentative budget, which included a 33.22 mill property tax increase. In addition to refinancing, the board had talked about cutting five teacher positions and eliminating student activities, such as sports programs.

Joe Spiker, presenting the Athletic Committee report, said the committee had made "substantial cuts" in the athletic budget, but did not cut any programs. Cuts the committee did approve include dropping one of the three wrestling coach positions and making students who participate in sports carry their own medical insurance.

In other action related to the budget, it was reported that the closing on refinancing of the bonds on the two schools will be held June 28. The refinancing involves adding about \$4 million in interest costs to the project and extends the time in which it will be paid off to the year 2007.

It will, however, reduce the amount the district must pay on the debt during the next two years. But in the third year, the district will actually be paying more than if it had not refinanced the project, said Geho.

Geho also reported that he is still waiting for the state to send him copies of the educational program of the Clairton School District. The Clairton District received "distressed" status from the state a few years ago. Geho said the district wanted to see how Clairton resolved its problem.

The Southeastern School District had asked the state to grant it distressed status but the request was denied. "They said 'you got yourself into this mess, you've got to get yourself out,'" said Geho. He also noted that about 100 of the 500 school districts in the state are facing deficit budgets.

"The root of all evil," said Geho, "is that the state is sitting on the money and not keeping up funding the districts to the point they should." The districts face increased cost, and must go to local taxpayers to keep up, he said. Southeastern Greene received a \$83,000 increase in its state subsidy this year. Geho called the increase a drop in the bucket.

Geho also reported that the district had asked the county commissioners to consider a reassessment of property values.

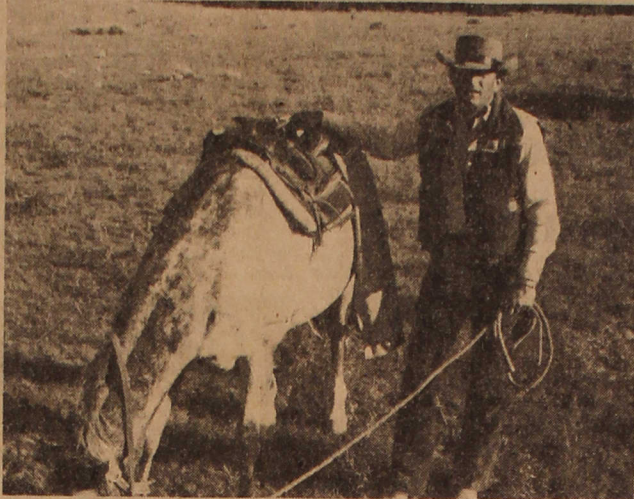
In other action, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Geho, who will resign to take a job as business manager of the Uniontown School District.

- Answered questions on the budget from a resident concerned about class sizes and the shifting of students from one elementary to the other, by saying that class sizes would remain within a reasonable range (19 to 29 students) and that about eight to 15 students will be moved from Bobtown to Penn Pitt.

- Accepted the apparent low quote of \$2,084 for industrial arts supplies, which was presented by the Paxton-Patterson Co..

Local 'Cowboy' Takes Working Vacation



Waynesburg businessman Carl Duffield took an unusual vacation this month when he worked on a cattle ranch in Colorado in an authentic western atmosphere.

His Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys

By Jim Moore, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — Carl Duffield, who can normally be found at his hardware store on East High Street, has recently returned from an unusual "vacation" at a 75,000-acre cattle ranch in southern Colorado.

It was far from a vacation because Carl spent his days on a horse rounding up cattle among the cactus, canyons and rocky hills on the Jack Stroh ranch near Walsenburg, Colo.

"We're not talking about a 'dude ranch' setting. We're talking 1800s western complete with a chuck wagon, bedroll under the stars, and taking care of your own horse. And for this opportunity to roll back the pages of time, Carl was required to pay \$500 for the privilege and get to Pueblo, Colo., for the start of the trek.

This unusual venture actually began a few years ago when Carl read a syndicated story in the Sunday paper about a ranch that would sign on a few dudes twice a year to "help" with the cattle drives. The story made it clear the dudes would be living and working under authentic old-West conditions during their stay.

To prepare for the grueling trail ride, Carl began taking riding lessons from Sue Lewton at the Greene County Fairgrounds and took several trail rides at the High Noon Stables near Mt. Morris.

Carl was told from the beginning to leave tape recorders, radios, baseball hats or tennis shoes at home. He ordered a pair of custom-made chaps, at a cost of \$89, because they were absolutely necessary for a working cowboy.

He was allowed to carry a pistol or rifle but carried the pistol only one day because it was just another piece of equipment flapping on his belt and he soon found out it was better to ride with the least amount of equipment as possible.

Carl was joined at the ranch by 10 other dudes, including two women. The dudes represented a cross-section of society. One was a retired Marine from Wisconsin, another was a retired government employee and one man was a truck driver.

Carl and the others were issued a tin plate, tin cup and a knife, fork and spoon. Eight of the campers brought their own horse. Carl was given an Appaloosa with a fancy name but it meant little because the "real" cowboys said horses don't know their name anyway and you might just as well call him "horse."

Although the day usually started at 6 a.m. Carl was usually awake and looking forward to the daily ride at 4 a.m. Breakfast usually consisted of hot cakes and biscuits. Lunch was most often the traditional "sunofagun stew" made from leftover from the previous night's supper. Supper featured steak, roast, potatoes and desert of some type.

Most people turned in early but Carl, fascinated by the starry nights and howling coyotes, was usually the last one in the sleeping bag.

"I liked to hear the stories told by the cook or one of the regular cowboys," Carl said. On the first night Carl noticed he was the only one to place his bedroll near the chuck wagon. He realized why he was alone the next morning when the cook began banging pots and pans long before daylight.

When the cattle were finally pinned in the corral, the cowboys quickly branded the new calves, notched their ears, inoculated them and placed tags which contained insect repellent on their ears. It took about 30 seconds to do all this to a calf.

Each day the dudes were assigned a specific camp duty including cook's helper, wrangler, or perhaps riding ahead to find the next camp site. Carl usually finished his assigned duty and proceeded to get involved in some other phase of the trail work. He quickly earned the respect of the foreman who was so impressed with the Greene County cowboy that he was invited back to the ranch as a guest this fall for the annual elk hunt.

A special side-trip was a visit to an old log cabin and cliff-side hut used by outlaw Thomas (Black Jack) Ketchum who rode with the "Hole-In-The-Wall" gang back near the turn of the century. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid were the gang leaders.

The hideout is not a tourist attraction because it is located on private property. Ketchum, he was told, lived at the hideout for two years after shooting the sheriff in Walsenburg but was eventually caught and hanged by authorities.

Carl was also required to learn the special language of the cowboys and the many "codes" of ethics. Following a late return from searching for a camp site one evening, one of the dudes mentioned to the foreman that perhaps he had been lost. The dude was told that cowboys never get lost although they might not know where they are at a time.

Dudes were discouraged from "grabbing leather." This is a term used when a rider grabs the saddle horn or uses both hands to remain on the horse.

Back in Waynesburg, Carl said he was surprised he got along so well but was proud he earned the respect of the foreman and other cowboys. "It was not a passive, pleasure ride. I was completely out of my element and a vastly different lifestyle but I did well," Carl concluded.

When asked if he would continue riding now that he is home, Carl said he is torn between his old favorite of golf and his new favorite of horseback riding. He was still pondering the question when he left the office.

Township Sues Coal Company For Damages

WAYNESBURG — The Greene Township supervisors have filed suit in Greene County Court against the Viable Coal Co., Carmichaels R.D.1, to recover money spent on repairing township roads which were damaged by coal trucks.

The suit alleges breach of contract for failure of the coal company to carry out an agreement it entered into in 1983 in connection with operation of a strip mine in the Willow Tree section of the township.

In exchange for being permitted to haul over roads posted with a 10-ton weight limit, the company agreed to maintain the roads or, if the township made repairs, to reimburse it.

The complaint cites repairs made on numerous occasions between the fall of 1983 and the spring of 1985, and states that the company never responded to bills sent to it to cover the township expenditures. It also states the repairs were made in response to complaints, including one from Greensboro Postmaster Mark Oldham on Feb. 14, 1984, that "the road was not passable and mail could not be delivered."

The supervisors are asking the court to order Viable to reimburse them for the \$28,042 it spent on the roads, as required by its agreement with the township.

J-M Board Shaves Mill From Budget

By Bob Niedbala, Staff Writer

JEFFERSON — After shaving about one mill from its tentative budget, the Jefferson-Morgan School Board recently adopted a \$4.8 million budget, calling for a 15-mill tax increase next year.

The board approved a budget listing total income and expenditures at \$4,870,276, which is an increase of \$627,616, or 14 percent, over the district's 1984-85 budget.

As with the tentative budget approved last month, the bulk of the increase in the budget will cover the cost of the junior-senior high school renovation project. According to Business Manager Forrest Cottle, an amount equal to 11.7 mills of the total 15-mill tax increase is due to the renovation project.

"It's a good budget," Cottle said. "You're looking at only a 3.3-mill increase if it wasn't for the renovation project." If you delete the renovation

project from the budget, the district's tax increase would be "in the ballpark with neighboring districts," he said.

The board voted unanimously to adopt the budget. However, three board members, Vito Virgili Jr., Margaret Simmons and Karen Sabo were absent.

To cut the tentative budget by one mill, the board dropped a computer for use in the business office, which would have cost about \$12,000. The only other major cut, said Cottle, was for repairs on the elementary school locker room floor, which was to cost about \$11,000. Cottle noted that since the tentative budget was approved, he had to add about \$7,000 to the budget for repairs on a hot water tank.

Other major increases included: employee salaries, which increased \$170,000, or 7.9 percent; Blue Cross / Blue Shield payments, which increased \$11,592 or 8.4 percent; and Social Security payments, which increased \$25,811 or about 0.25 percent. Cottle said the increase in teacher salaries and benefits equalled a little more than 3 mills of the total increase.

With the property tax increase, the district's millage will jump from 99 mills to 114 mills. The district also will continue to levy a \$5 per capita tax, \$5 occupation privilege tax and a 0.5 percent real estate transfer and

earned income tax. The district increased the real estate tax last year by 10 mills.

In other business, Superintendent Kenneth Macek reported that ceiling removal in the junior-senior high, which is part of the renovation project, is right on schedule. He also said the closing for the \$3.5 million bond issue which will finance the project will be completed on June 26.

The board also approved the 1985-86 vocational-technical school budget, which includes about a 7 percent increase. Jefferson-Morgan will send 49 children to the school next year and pay about \$148,000.

The board accepted the recommendations of the administration and awarded bids for general supplies for the 1985-86 school year. Cottle said supplies increased about 16 percent mainly because the district purchased new textbooks.

The board also approved a five-year transportation contract with Central Cab. The average increase per year is about 4.1 percent, said Cottle. The district will be served with buses no older than 10 years old.

The board also voted to continue the Career Awareness Explorers Program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, at a cost of \$250; and approved a contract with the University of Pittsburgh for assistance on the district's long-range plan at a cost of

\$3,000. It was noted that about \$1,300 for the university's assistance will come from a state grant.

The board also granted the administration permission to apply for several grants for computer hardware: a \$9,400 ECIA grant, \$1,900 federal vocation grant and \$860 consumer homemaking grant.

The board appointed board member Floyd Haney vice president. He will replace Clarence Virgin, who had been selected to board treasurer.

The board voted to send a letter to the Ten Mile Joint Sewage Authority asking for more information on the authority's proposed treatment system.

Waynesburg College Appoints Director

WAYNESBURG — Daniel Giosta, who served as managing editor of the Waynesburg Democrat Messenger since 1979, has been named director of college relations at Waynesburg College, effective June 10.

He succeeds Edward A. Marotta of Waynesburg, who has been named director of public information at Washington & Jefferson College.

Giosta's appointment was announced by Dr. J. Thomas Mills, president of Waynesburg College.

1983 Vital Statistics Listed

WAYNESBURG — Greene County ranked second among Pennsylvania's 67 counties in the number of babies born to teen-age mothers in 1983, according to a new study issued in Harrisburg.

Of the 565 children born in the county that year, 18.8 percent were born to women under the age of 20—a figure exceeded only in Philadelphia County where 19.2 percent of births were to teen-age mothers.

The statistic is contained in the latest report by the State Health Data Center in Harrisburg, which each year publishes a vital statistics for Pennsylvania based on the latest year for which complete information is available.

County population, it estimates, had risen from the 40,474 residents recorded in the 1980 census to 41,100 by 1983.

The report on 1983 births indicates that Greene County had a birth rate of 13.7 percent as compared with a state

average of 13.3 percent, based on the number of births per 1,000 residents.

Two of the 565 babies were born to women under the age of 15; 104 to women between the ages of 15 and 19; 177 to women between the ages of 20 and 24; 188 to women between the ages of 25 and 29; 75 to women between the ages of 30 and 34; 11 to women between the ages of 35 and 39, and eight to women between the ages of 40 and 44.

While the county ranked well above the state average for teen-age mothers, it ranked well below the state average of 20.1 percent in terms of unmarried mothers. Of the 565 births, 78 were to unwed mothers (13.8 percent), of which 31 were teen-agers.

The county also ranked below the state average in terms of the years of education of the women who had babies in 1983.

Of the 565, 3.2 percent had an eight

grade education or less (2.8 percent statewide); 22.7 percent had between 9 and 11 years of school (14.8 percent); 52 percent had a high school education (49.9 percent); 11.9 percent had some college (15.5 percent), and 9.9 percent had a college degree (16.3 percent).

Heart diseases continued to be the leading killer in the state, accounting for 41.1 percent of all deaths. It accounted for 187 of the 390 deaths recorded in Greene County in 1983. Cancer resulted in 73 deaths to retain its second-place ranking. The death rate of 9.5 percent was slightly lower than the state average of 10.2 percent.

Of the 390 who died, just 37 were under the age of 55; 61 were between 55 and 64; 100 were between 65 and 74; 114 were between 75 and 84, and 78 were 85 years of age or older.

The vital statistics report also records that there were 328 marriages and 133 divorces in Greene County during 1983.



Seven Injured

The driver and six passengers were injured when this car overturned on Route 21 at 4 p.m. Monday, June 17, after it collided with a car that pulled into its path from Elm Drive, near the entrance to Greene Shopping Plaza, east of Waynesburg. State police said Charles W. Houston, 33, Carmichaels, and all six passengers in his car were released from Greene County Memorial Hospital after being treated for relatively minor injuries. They were identified as Patricia Houston, 31; Dorothy Johnson, 60; Elizabeth Blasko, 14, and three small children, Renee, Rachel and Rebecca Romah. The driver of the other car, Ruth J. Mehal, 62, Jefferson R.D.1, was not injured.

Pittsburgh Area Teens Extend A Helping Hand

By Christie Molzon Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — For the third year in a row, teen-agers from the Pittsburgh area are rehabilitating homes in the county as part of a youth ministry program.

Approximately 25 volunteers are working in Waynesburg and Jefferson this week to fix up five homes. They are part of the St. Louise-DeMarillac Youth Ministry of Upper St. Clair, representing five parishes.

On Wednesday, June 12, work was progressing at the home of Rose M. Grable of East Franklin Street. There the group was hammering away on the porch and front steps, repairing the kitchen ceiling and fixing the windows and front door so they would open properly.

The work was greatly appreciated by Mrs. Grable, who has lived in the same house for 64 years. "I've got an

old house and old stuff," she said, "but still it's home to me."

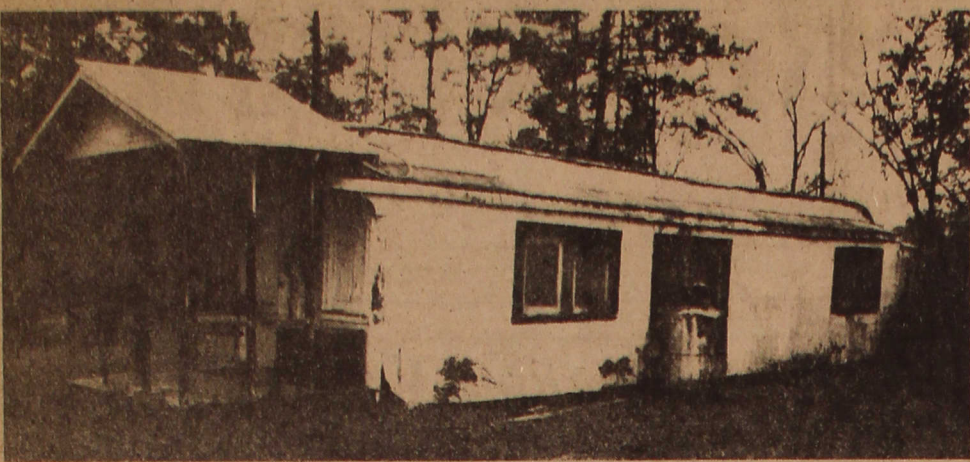
According to Sister Louise, the youth minister, the project is really a two-way street. "There's so much they get out of it," she said of the students involved. "This gives them experience in working with the poor, and to use their skills and abilities. The community building is so strong, they grow emotionally and spiritually."

The service project originally started among college students, but now high school students and skilled adults are involved. During the year, the students sponsor fund-raising projects in order to buy materials for their week of labor. Home referrals are made with the Washington-Greene Community Action Corp. through its senior services program. In addition to Mrs. Grable's home, the

group has been working on another house on East Franklin Street as well as three in the Jefferson area.

The students, ranging in age from 13 to 18, are not paid for their work. They cook their own meals and sleep in St. Ann's Church in sleeping bags throughout the week. Each night they hold a meeting to discuss the projects they are working on and what they have learned. Friendships are quickly made and some students make it a point to return and visit with the people whose homes they worked on the year before.

For Mrs. Grable the repairs mean she can continue to be self-reliant. Although her home has been flooded twice, she still appreciates being able to live on her own at the age of 85. "This is home and I can be here on my own," she said. She looked at the students and flashed a broad smile. "I'm sure glad they're here."



Under the siding is a passenger car that once ran on the W&W Railroad between Waynesburg and Washington.

Narrow-Gauge Railroad Car Returning To County

WAYNESBURG — One of the passenger cars on the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad, which ceased operations more than 55 years ago, may soon be back in Greene County.

The most recent phase of the unusual story began over a year ago when Leslie Lytle of Gibsonia was attending the Fall Festival at the Greene County Historical Society museum.

A member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Railway Society, Lytle was particularly interested in the old W&W engine which is on permanent exhibit on the museum grounds. He also purchased a copy of "Three Feet On The Panhandle," written by Larry Koehler and Morgan J. Gayvert.

The 208-page, fully illustrated book traces the history of the old narrow-gauge railroad between Waynesburg and Washington. There was a mention of some railroad rolling stock being sent to a clay mine in Georgia in 1930.

Lytle took a chance and called Attapulgus, Ga., to see if any train

cars were still around.

Being a small town, the first person he contacted recalled the Atapulgus Clay Co. used narrow-gauge trains between the office and the quarry to haul supplies, tools and company officials. The contact suggested Lytle call company Superintendent Tom Malone, a long-time employee of the firm.

Malone recalled the old W&W car was used exclusively to haul company executives to the working area, but the practice was discontinued in the 1940s when the firm was purchased by Englehart Industries.

But the railroad car remained on company property and was used mostly for storage over the years. Eventually the car was moved to another property and was used as living quarters.

Ironically, the car is now owned by a company employee named General Greene. Local museum officials have been in contact with him and have agreed on a \$500 price tag for the old car.

Tin sheeting was nailed to the car several years ago and local officials are glad because the sheeting has protected the rare car from the elements.

Farley Toothman, president of the local historical society, is currently trying to raise money and make plans for transporting the car to Greene County.

Toothman is hopeful the car can be refurbished at the recently purchased machine shop in Rices Landing. Although the wheels and seats are missing, local workmen can either rebuild or obtain the missing items.

The society is currently negotiating with Conrail officials to either purchase, lease or otherwise obtain the old W&W terminal on First Street, Waynesburg, for the purpose of establishing a W&W Museum, Toothman said.

A meeting is planned later this month to plan further action in this regard.

The last W&W passenger train traveled the 28-mile route in July 1929.

Wife's Children Taken From Waynesburg

Fairmont Man Convicted In Child Custody Case

By Bob Eichenlaub, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — Donald Wayne Stephens of Fairmont, W.Va., was convicted recently on charges of burglary and criminal conspiracy in connection with taking his wife's two children from the Waynesburg home of their father and stepmother.

But while the jury found him guilty of illegally going into the home to get the children, it cleared him on a charge of assault arising out of an allegation that he had bound and

gagged the stepmother before he, his wife and a friend left the house with the children.

The incident occurred Jan. 17 at the mobile home of David F. and Valerie Conaway in Rohanna's trailer court, where the two children, Crystal Gail Conaway, 7, and David Michael Conaway, 6, were living.

Stephens and his wife, Erma Lorraine Stephens, who is the mother of the children, were living in Jamaica, N.Y. Together with a friend, they had returned to Waynesburg the day prior to the incident to attend a custody hearing, which was scheduled for Jan. 18 in West Virginia.

Police charged that the three went to the Conaway home with the intention of illegally taking the children. They charged that the friend, who has never been apprehended or completely identified, used a gun to get into the house and that Stephens then used a rope and gag he brought with him to tie up Mrs. Conaway, after which they took the children to return to New York.

While the little boy testified that he saw his mother being threatened with the gun, her testimony that she was tied up was not corroborated by any other witness, although her father testified that there was still a piece of the gag cloth in her hair when he came to the house shortly after the

Stephens had left.

Even though his wife pleaded guilty to burglary and conspiracy on Tuesday, getting a suspended sentence with 23 months probation, Stephens denied the children were taken against the will of Mrs. Conaway. He claimed that she had agreed to allow them to return to New York and had their clothing ready when they arrived at the house.

Following the verdict, a member of the jury said that one of the critical points was that the little girl was outside the house waiting for a school bus when Mr. and Mrs. Stephens arrived at the home.

"She would hardly have sent her off to school if she intended to send the children back to New York," the juror said.

Following return of the verdict, defense counsel David Pollock was granted 10 days in which to file post-trial motions. The court agreed to permit Stephens to remain free under \$20,000 bail pending passage of sentence.

District Attorney Charles Morris said he was satisfied with the verdict, since the jury had convicted the defendant on the burglary charge. Under sentencing guidelines for a first offense, it could result in a minimum jail sentence ranging from four months to 12 months.

Professor To Receive Gregg Award

Pauline H. Glod, professor emerita, will receive the John R. Gregg Award for Loyalty and Service given by the California University Alumni Association.

The presentation will be made at the annual Alumni Day luncheon on Saturday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Gallagher Hall.

The Gregg award, formerly called the Dedicated Californian award, is named in honor of the late John R. Gregg, Class of 1907, who served as treasurer of the Alumni Association for 60 years (1907-1967). It is given to members of the university family who have given dedicated and loyal service to the association and to the university.



Rose Grable and Sister Louise hold hands following a day's work. Behind them stand Susie and Lola Stieham of Upper St. Clair and Tamara Shipley of Scott Township.

Motorist Drove West Virginian To His Death? Jury To Decide

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Court has refused to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the driver of a car who allegedly upset another motorist to the point where he drove his car into the path of a tractor-trailer, killing himself and injuring his two passengers.

In an opinion and order handed down recently, Judge Glenn Toothman dismissed preliminary objections filed on behalf of Deborah Jean Callahan and Neil P. Melvin of Eighty Four. They had sought to have the damage suit dismissed on the grounds that there was no causal connection between Miss Callahan's earlier action and the fatal accident.

The accident occurred Jan. 17, 1984, on Interstate 79, a mile north of the Mt. Morris interchange. It resulted in the death of Harley Bennett of Madsville, W.Va.; serious injuries to his 15-year-old granddaughter, Tamyra S. Haller, and injuries to one of her friends, Tonya Snyder, 15, of Madsville.

Anna Bennett, as administratrix of her husband's estate, and her daughter, Constance E. Bennett of Morgantown, as mother of Tamyra, filed the

lawsuit in September seeking damages from Callahan and Melvin.

According to the complaint, Bennett was stopped at a red light on Route 19 in Morgantown when his car was struck from behind by Callahan, who was driving a car owned by Melvin. It states that when Callahan fled the scene, Bennett gave chase in an effort to stop her and obtain her identity.

The plaintiffs claim that Callahan

made an illegal turn onto I-79 and repeatedly attempted to drive her car into Bennett's vehicle in an effort to run him from the highway and throw off his pursuit. When the chase got into Greene County, Bennett gave up the pursuit and used a dirt turnaround through the medial strip to return to Morgantown. As he turned into the southbound lane, an oncoming tractor-trailer crashed into the rear of his car.

Two New Americans Recall Pain Of Viet

By Christie Molzon, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — Six years ago Vinh and Tai Hua got off a plane in Pittsburgh, not quite sure what city they were in. They had just spent 11 months in a Malaysian refugee camp after escaping from South Vietnam in a small boat with 70 other people. They spoke no English and were on their way to Waynesburg under sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church.

Today Vinh and Tai are students at Waynesburg College. They will graduate next year with degrees in chemistry and both have summer jobs with the Department of Energy.

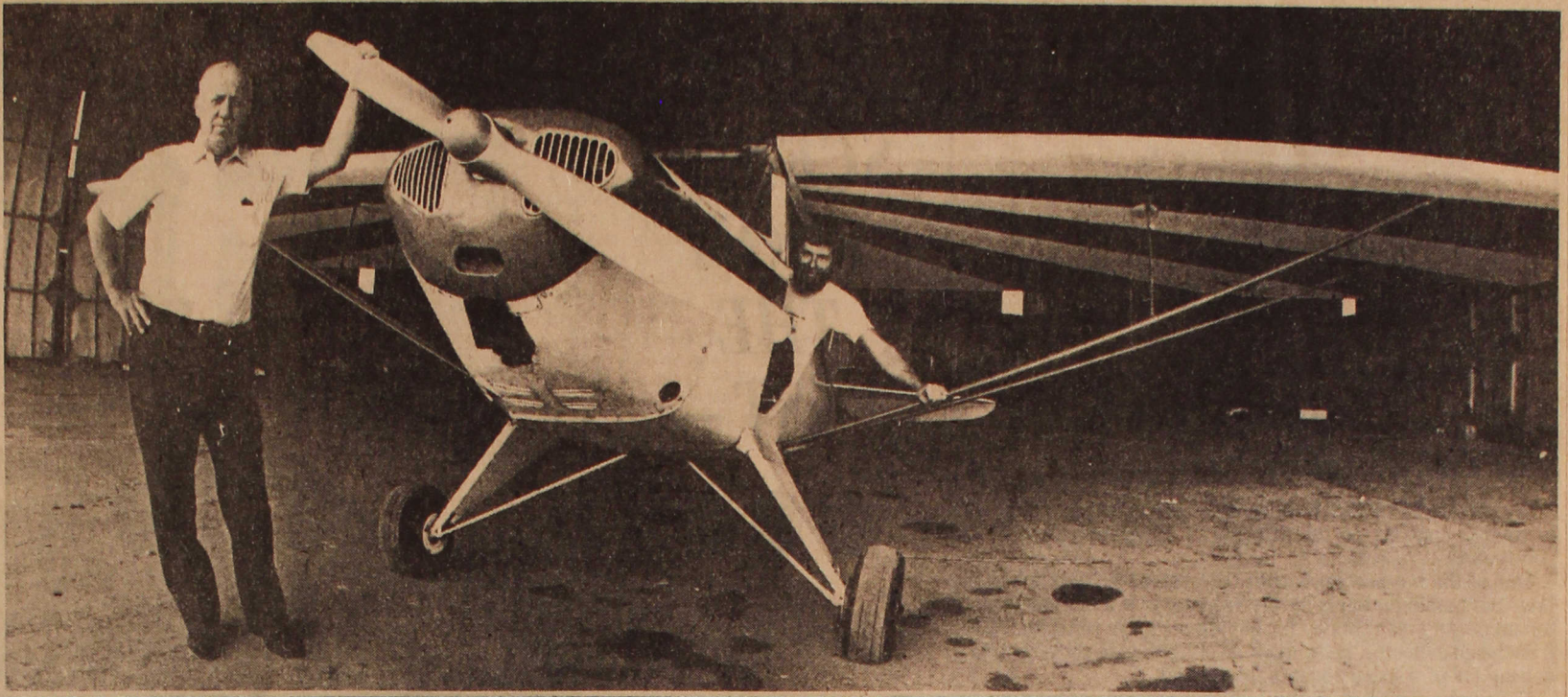
And, last month, they became American citizens. Vinh is now 24 years old, and his brother is 23. They were only children during the Vietnam War and remember little of it except the 1986 Tet offensive. "That is when the war came to the city," Tai said of their home in Saigon.

Like many Vietnamese who had grown weary of the killing, the Hua family believed peace would come with the end of the war. That was not to be and soon

Free Rides

Larry Grimm, sitting in his 1941 Taylor Craft plane, and Homer Naylor are members of the Washington Flyers Club, which will be offering free rides at the Washington County Airport this weekend. Free rides will be offered to anyone making donations to a fund drive for the families of two local cancer victims. Grimm's antique will be one of several planes used.

Observer-Reporter



Love Of Nature Shows In Local Man's Works

By Bob Niedbala, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — Stephen Murdock drew many of the ideas for his works of sculpture from what he saw growing up in this area: the natural features such as trees, hills and rivers, as well as the man-made objects, such as coal tipples, oil derricks, bridges and barns.

The 33-year-old Waynesburg artist said it is the structure of the land and objects that fascinate him, and provide him with the ideas to create his abstract works.

Murdock's sculpture was selected to be in this year's Three Rivers Art Festival in Pittsburgh and will be displayed in the Wintergarden at PPG Place. The festival continues through June 23. His sculpture also was displayed in the 1983 Three Rivers festival, and received a juror's discretionary award.

In addition to the Three Rivers festival, Murdock said during the past year his work has started to be accepted in national juried shows and has been displayed in shows across the country.

Murdock grew up in Greene County but left to attend college. He had decided early that he wanted to be an artist. "It may seem sort of ridiculous to say, but it was in second grade," he said. Although his career plans varied during the years, his inclination for art never did.

"In college I had a double major:

industrial arts and art. After the first semester, I dropped industrial art," he said. Murdock received a bachelor of arts degree in art education from Fairmont State College, a bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from Marietta College and a master of fine arts degree in ceramics from Ohio University.

Murdock said even though he received a lot of encouragement from his parents and friends, most wondered how a person who decided to be an artist intended to make a living. "Most people have an image of a starving artist," he said, adding that the image is somewhat true. Murdock said he recently read that about 84 percent of the artists in the United States make their living outside of their art.

While doing his own art work, Murdock worked as a production potter and taught art at a high school in Parkersburg, W.Va., and at various colleges in the Ohio Valley. He currently is employed in color research and development with the O'Hommel Co. of Carnegie, which makes stains and various ingredients for pottery and porcelain-enamel.

It was only about a year ago that Murdock returned to Waynesburg. For a place to work, he set up a studio in a small two-room building on a secluded road near the Greene County Historical Museum.

In his works, Murdock combines several art forms. A work might in-

clude a sculpture made of wire, pieces of ceramic and slate; it may also include a drawing which adds a background to the work — Murdock said in his earlier sculptures he relied on lighting and shadow to create background.

What are important in his works are line and structure. "I was always fascinated going into an old building that was falling down, (such as) an old barn," he said. "What fascinated me was the structure."

Murdock said the linear quality of his works he drew from objects such as power lines or bare tree branches.

Murdock said his works have been described as "light and fragile, very delicate to look at." For the most part, they are made of wire, where he has placed a piece of slate or where wires intersecting, may be the only areas in the work with mass.

One of the works of sculpture in Murdock's studio resembles the supporting framework of a building, revealed after most of its concrete covering has been removed. In this work, wire fencing resembles the steel or wood beams; ceramic forms which envelope the wire at places, the fragmented remains of the concrete that still clings to the supports.

Another work resembles a topographical map, with a mesh of wire taking on the features of unconnected land masses. Other layers of wire, shadows and a drawing appear to form a substratum.

Murdock refers to some of his works as "physiological structures," because he said they concern the effects of nature on the land and on man-made objects.

"Only man makes things in a repetitive pattern," he said. "Nature makes a pattern, but it is never the same." With man-made objects, nature gradually changes them, making each individual. The objects are "reclaimed by nature... reborned, changed into something else," he said. Natural objects are also acted on by nature's forces. "Nothing is permanent; nothing is an end," he said.

The process of change seems to be represented by the fragmented pieces of ceramic or slate in parts of his works. They create the appearance that something is missing or that some part might have fallen off.

The fragmented pieces create ambiguity, Murdock said. It's like seeing a piece of a broken work of pottery in a museum. Each person reconstructs in his mind what the whole might have looked like. It's likely that each person will also envision something different.

To interpret the works, a person must rely on his own experience and knowledge. "Each has a different reference point," Murdock said. He added, however, that what he tries to do in a sculpture is get people to follow a certain line of thought in viewing it.

Murdock said he sometimes will work on his sculpture everyday for a month, then might not do anything for a few weeks. He also works harder during the winter. The work is pleasurable, he adds. "Once you get things moving," he said, "time seems to stop... You can't wait to see what happens."



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New Garden Center

A new business in Carmichaels is the Carmichaels Garden Center which recently opened along Route 21 in the former Areford Supply building. The business has bedding plants, a produce market, as well as lawn and garden tractors and parts for sale. A flea market also operates in the building. The business is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Owner is Marge Strope. The phone number is 966-2950.

County Abandons Small Bridge In Richhill Twp.

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County commissioners have agreed to abandon a small county bridge in Richhill Township in connection with the approaching construction of the sixth and final dam to control floodwaters in the Wheeling Creek watershed.

Anne Bower, executive director of the Wheeling Creek Watershed Commission, said that bids for the dam will probably be taken in July or August, leading to start of construction in November. The structure will cost an estimated \$8.2 million, with \$7.3 million coming from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the balance from the watershed commission. Purpose of the system is to prevent flooding from Wheeling Creek at Wheeling, W.Va.

The pony truss bridge the county will abandon is on Richhill Township Route 324. A section of that road, along with parts of two other Richhill Township roads, a section of road in West Finley Township, Washington County, and the middle portion of State Route 62186 are to be abandoned in the 1,000 acres of land which have been purchased in the dam flood plain.

The dam will be in a remote and undeveloped area near Majorsville, in the extreme northwest corner of Greene County. It will control floodwater in the Enlow Fork of Wheeling Creek, which at that point forms the boundary between Greene and Washington counties.

Unlike the other five dams already built, PA-648, which is the designation assigned to the final dam, will have no permanent pool of water. It will be built as a "dry dam," which will permit normal stream flow except in periods of heavy rainfall.

Because of the unique nature of the Enlow valley in terms of a habitat for wildflowers and small animals, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has purchased land over and above that which the watershed commission has acquired to provide for the backup of water when flooding occurs.

Once the dam is completed, all of the property will be deeded to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which will manage it as a nature preserve.

"The roads and bridges have to be abandoned because they could be under water in the event of an extreme flood," Mrs. Bower explained. "They will remain in place, but gates will be erected across the roads so that the Game Commission can control access to the area."

The other bridges involved are on the state highway, which runs along the Washington County side of the creek, crossing into Greene County at two points.

Mrs. Bower said the dam will be 95 feet high from bedrock to the top of the structure. It will have a concrete spillway measuring 250 feet across. The conduit through the earthen dam will be equivalent in size to six feet in diameter to permit normal stream flow when there is no flooding.

In other developments at the commissioners' meeting, Chief Clerk Herbert Cox reported that the final two payments of federal revenue sharing funds for the 1985 fiscal year will be some \$26,000 higher than anticipated. Rather than receiving \$97,619 in both July and October, the county will receive \$110,845 in each of the payments.

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County Wool Queen Contestants Sought

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Sheep and Wool Growers Association is seeking contestants to vie for the title of Greene County Lamb and Wool Queen.

The public speaking and personal interview portions of the contest will be held Thursday, Aug. 1, in conjunction with the headline competition at the Jacktown Fair in Wind Ridge. The 1985 queen will be crowned in conjunction with the headline contest at the Greene County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The queen will represent Greene County in the Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen contest to be held in Harrisburg this fall.

To be eligible, a contestant must either be from a family which raises sheep or must be actively taking part in a 4-H or FFA sheep project. Contestants must be residents of Greene County and must be 17 years old and not older than 23 by Oct. 1, 1985. They must be single and the person chosen as queen must agree not to marry during the year of her reign.

The queen will be selected on the basis of appearance, poise, personality, intelligence, knowledge of the sheep and wool business, and speaking ability.

The 1984 county queen is Pam Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerr of Carmichaels. She is an active member of the county 4-H program and has carried projects in market lambs, breeding sheep,

macrame, horse and pony, rabbits and strawberries.

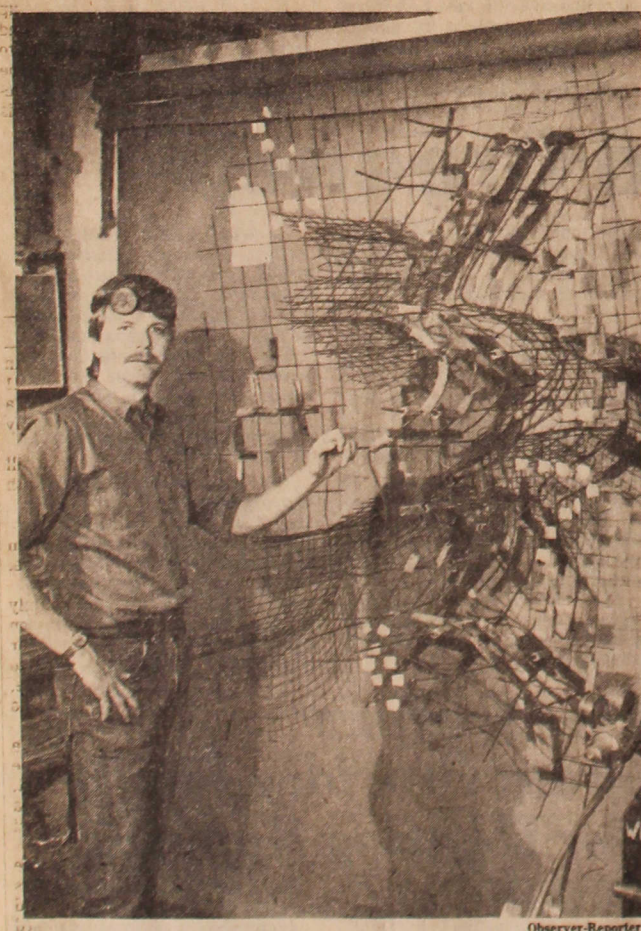
She won the headline contest at the Jacktown Fair in 1982 and 1983 and at the Greene County Fair in 1984. She won the headline contest at the 1983 Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg in 1983.

Applications for the 1984 contest can be obtained from Barbara Varner Curry, Box 609, Cameron R.D.5, W.Va. 26033. They also are available at the Greene County Extension Service office, Waynesburg.

Applications should be completed and returned to Mrs. Curry by July 20.

East Beth. Firemen Holding Fund Drive

FREDERICKTOWN — The East Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Department is conducting its annual truck fund drive during June in the township and Deemston Borough. The firemen will be in uniform and wearing badges.



Stephen Murdock with his sculpture

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Police Chief Gives Talk On Abuse Of Children

WAYNESBURG — "Child Abuse — The Silent Epidemic" was the topic that Waynesburg Police Chief Tim Hawfield presented to Waynesburg Rotarians at their weekly meeting.

Using a slide-tape format, Hawfield presented a sobering picture of child abuse, which he said affects more than two million children annually.

Medical authorities cite child abuse as the leading cause of death in children, claiming some 15,000 victims a year, he said. Another 30,000 are left with permanent brain damage.

As part of his program, Hawfield showed colored photographs of the tell-tale marks of child abuse — cigarette burns, whip and lash stripes, shackle burns, bruised faces and many others.

The film strip began with descriptions of child abuse depicted in writings of ancient Egypt and Greece, and down through the centuries to modern America. As recently as 1930, the report said, the use of child labor was still widespread in the United States. It was not until 1938 that Congress

passed legislation needed to curb child labor. In 1974 the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect was established.

The program pointed out that while no child is exempt from abuse, 75 percent of such cases involve children under five years of age. The "most abused" are under the age of two.

Research shows that 50 percent of child abuse cases involve the poverty-stricken elements of society.

Hawfield told the Rotarians about a number of cases in Waynesburg and

Greene County, stressing the emotional impact the cases have on police when they are called to investigate.

Several agencies, both private and government-sponsored, provide help for the victims of child abuse, he said. This help may include removal of victims to another home, counseling for the abusers, and financial and other help for afflicted families.

The police chief stressed the importance of reporting cases of child abuse, either by family members or those outside the family who are aware that it is happening.

FAMILY ALBUM

Marcene A. Riggle, Robert Shutz Wed

St. Vincent DePaul Roman Catholic Church in Wheeling, W.Va., was the setting for the June 14, 1985, ceremony that united in marriage Marcene A. Riggle and Robert L. Shutz. The Rev. Ben Kasteel officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. K. Wayne Riggle of Aleppo. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Rosalia Shutz of 1685 National Road, Wheeling and the late John L. Shutz.

Lorna Vazquez of Morgantown, W.Va., sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Attendants were Martha Meyer of Wheeling and Barbara Kizminski of Wheeling. The flower girl was Melissa Hoover of Bloomington, Ill., a niece of the bride.

Fred Shutz, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were John Shutz of Wheeling, brother of the bridegroom and Alan Riggle of Ontario, Calif., brother of the bride.

The new Mrs. Shutz is a graduate of West Greene High School. She attended West Virginia Northern Community College and is employed as a



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computer programmer at the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., Wheeling.

Her husband is a graduate of Wheeling Central High School and is employed as a sexton at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The couple plan to reside in Wheeling.

Jeanne L. Lemley And Jay Riggerbach Marry

East View Assembly of God Church was the setting for the May 25, 1985, ceremony that united in marriage Jeanne Louise Lemley and Jay Lemoyne Riggerbach. The Rev. John DeNicola officiated the double-ring ceremony, with Patty Headlee as organist; Earlene Fowler, pianist, and Derek and Robin Smith and Rick Headlee, soloists.

Parents of the bride are Bruce Lemley of Waynesburg R.D.3 and Patricia L. Davis of Carmichaels R.D.1. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Riggerbach of 495 North West Street, Waynesburg.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white sheer organza over satin, fashioned with a high collar and sheer overlay, long-fitted sleeves with pearls and sequins and tiny buttons down the back. The full skirt had lace appliques and deep ruffles that flowed into a chapel train. Her picture hat was of lace and had satin ribbon and white silk flowers with an open crown. She wore diamond earrings borrowed from Mabal Scandale, a pearl

necklace and pearl ring from her grandmother and pearl earrings from Susan White. She carried silk roses and daisies in white and purple; two silk handkerchiefs pinned to the back of her flowers were given to her by her grandmother Keller and deceased grandmother Lemley.

Patty Lippencott was matron of honor for her niece. Attendants were Robin Smith, Gina Hixenbaugh and Jodi Riggerbach. They wore lilac gowns. Heather Lippencott served as a junior bridesmaid. She wore a white gown, with lilac ribbon. Ashley Holbert served as flower girl.

Mark Miller of Annapolis, Md., served as best man. Ushers were David Shaw, Randy Clark, Bill Lemley and Scott Riggerbach. Chad Cappellini was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 300 people was held at the Waynesburg Elks Lodge. Tammy Rush made the wedding cake and Martha Tharp made all the silk flowers.

Out-of-town wedding guests were from West Virginia, Maryland, Vir-



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ginia, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and Alabama.

The new Mrs. Riggerbach is a 1982 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and is employed by Rite-Aid Pharmacy. Her husband is a 1979 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and 1982 graduate of Penn State University. He is employed by Sherwin Williams Co.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Deep Creek, Md.

Lori Wilson, Mark Pochron Exchange Vows

RICES LANDING — A wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., followed the marriage on Saturday, June 1, 1985, of Lori Jean Wilson and Mark Stephen Pochron.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Wilson of Rices Landing R.D.1. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pochron of Rices Landing R.D.1.

The double-ring ceremony was performed at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Nazimacolin, by the Rev. Francis A. Nazimek. Anna Marie Belan was the organist and Pauline Lint, the soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She selected a gown of white chiffon accented with silk venice lace and seed pearls. The Queen Anne neckline was trimmed in venice lace and the full, sheer sleeves were finished with fitted cuffs. Her skirt was enhanced with appliques of schiffli lace and a border of schiffli ruffles and flowed into a cathedral-length train.

She wore her mother's veil of silk illusion, which was attached to a queen's crown of pearlized orange blossoms, and she carried a cascade



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of pink roses, carnations, stephanotis and baby's breath. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls which was a gift from the bridegroom.

Karen Pochron of Rices Landing, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Debbie Ryzeczek of Point Marion, cousin of the bride, served as matrons

of honor. Bridesmaids were Sandy Walters of Upper Middletown, cousin of the bride; Ginger Lofstak of Oakdale, and Candy DeFrank of Rices Landing. The attendants wore royal blue gowns.

Jayme Wilson and Justin Tracanna were the flower girl and ring bearer.

John Pochron Jr. of Rices Landing served as best man. Ushers were Clyde Tracanna of Rices Landing, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Michael Wilson of Rices Landing, brother of the bride; Scott Tekavec of Rices Landing, and Tom Shuman of Clarksville.

A reception for 400 guests was held in the Masontown VFW post home. Renee Tracanna, sister of the bridegroom, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and West Virginia Career College. She is employed as a dental assistant by Dr. James V. Weimer of Masontown.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and California University of Pennsylvania. He is self-employed at True Value Hardware Store, Dry Tavern.



ENGAGED — The engagement of Lisa Ann Shriver and Michael David Patterson of Waynesburg has been announced.

Miss Shriver is a daughter of Dorothy C. Shriver of Waynesburg and H. Leslie Shriver of Tucson, Ariz., and is employed by IGA Foodliner, Waynesburg. Her fiancé is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Patterson of Waynesburg and is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Eustis, Va. Both are 1981 graduates of Waynesburg Central High School.



TO WED — The engagement of Barbara S. DeVito, daughter of Albert J. DeVito of Jefferson and the late Pauline Hill DeVito, to Anthony J. Prah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Prah of Uniontown, has been announced by the bride's father.

Miss DeVito is a graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and California University of Pennsylvania. She is a teacher in the Central Greene School District in Waynesburg. Her fiancé is a graduate of Uniontown High School and is employed by Hatfield Ferry power station near Mason town. An Oct. 12 wedding date has been set.

Second Lawsuit Filed To Stop New Pizza Shop

WAYNESBURG — A Waynesburg resident who is fighting establishment of a pizza shop on North Morris Street filed a supplemental lawsuit in Greene County Court recently setting forth additional reasons why the zoning board should be barred from granting a permit for the facility.

Farley Toothman, who owns residential property near the lot where the shop would be built, had earlier filed legal action asking the court to force the zoning board to consider the state ban on new sewer taps in the borough as a reason why Paul L. Calihan of Marietta, Ohio, owner of

the Domino Pizza chain, should be denied permission to build.

The supplemental lawsuit sets forth reasons why Toothman believes the board acted improperly in voting on May 6 to grant such a permit. He claims:

- The conditional use section of the ordinance under which the permit was granted requires submission of a site plan to the borough planning commission and action by borough council.
- The ordinance requires posting of the property giving notification of the hearing, which was not done.

- No stenographic record was made of the hearing held as part of the public meeting.
- The board ignored a section of the ordinance on the distance required from a residential zone, and failed to consider the overall impact of a fast food pizza shop in what he considers a largely residential area.
- That board member Lonnie Dusenberry took an active part in the hearing and voting while knowing that he planned to resign from the board because of a conflict of interest with his position as a member of borough council.

Interest In Animal Shelter Renewed

WAYNESBURG — The idea of establishing an animal shelter in Greene County was revived at a recent meeting of the county commissioners.

Martin Niverth, executive director of the Greene County Conservation District, reported that additional funding is being made available by the state Department of Agriculture for shelters and holding pens, as well as the salaries of county dog control officers.

The money, totaling \$2.1 million statewide, is being made available from the Dog Law Fund as a means of bolstering the state dog law enforcement program.

Niverth noted that the county actively considered establishment of an

animal shelter in 1979 and attempted to obtain participation by local municipalities toward the cost of building and operating it. At that time it was estimated it would cost \$60,000 to erect, of which the state would contribute up to \$15,000.

"We still have a lot of problems with marauding dogs in the county and the need for a shelter still exists," Niverth said. "Now that more state money is being made available, it might be appropriate to again pursue the idea."

Under the new program, the state will provide up to 75 percent of all costs, to a maximum of \$50,000, for new dog shelter construction. It will also pay up to 100 percent of costs, to a maximum of \$2,500, for construction of as many as four holding facilities in each county.

The program also makes available 50 percent of the salary of county dog control officers, up to a maximum of \$6,000. At one time Greene County had a dog control officer whose salary was paid through the CETA job program. When CETA funding was cut off, the position was eliminated.

Niverth said that the county has until Oct. 1 to apply for funding. The commissioners directed him to further explore the possibilities of the new program and to present recommendations.

In other developments at the meeting, Commissioner Dan Bailey announced that Rep. H. William DeWese of Waynesburg will introduce legislation in the House of Represent-

ation to increase the tax on coal production in the county in 1983.

The tax would be levied at the rate of 5 cents a ton on all deep and surface coal mined in a county, 5 cents on each 55 gallons of oil brought out of the ground, and 5 cents on each 200,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Bailey, who proposed the legislation several months ago as a means of helping solve the county's fiscal problems, estimated that a 5 cents per ton tax on coal would produce some \$450,000 per year in Greene County, based on the nine million tons of coal production in the county in 1983.

Bailey said he sees no validity in the coal companies' argument that such a tax would damage the industry.

"I work in a coal mine and know the business," he said. "There's no way they'll convince me that this tax will hamper the production of coal."

The commissioners considered a report from the Department of Environmental Resources that the sewage treatment plant at Paisley Industrial Park, Carmichaels, was in violation of the state clean streams law.

They said that a technician from the county treatment plant at Curry Memorial Home has already taken care of most of the malfunctions cited in the report. They involved the comminutor, settling tank scum returns and one of two blowers.

With regard to a claim that the plant was discharging sewage without an NPDES permit, the commissioners said that none was ever

Crucible Residents Raise Money For Playground

CRUCIBLE — They held spaghetti and halubki dinners, sold sandwiches and went door-to-door soliciting donations, all to raise money to construct a playground in Crucible. And their efforts paid off.

A vacant and seldom-used lot behind Crucible Fire Hall is now a magnet for area kids.

The neighborhood is often filled with the laughter of children playing on the swings and merry-go-rounds, or the shouting of young men jostling for a basketball in a pickup game on the new court.

The playground is the work of a small group of Crucible residents. After years of listening to people talk about building a playground for the community, they decided to act.

"People kept complaining, we need a playground in this town," said Jim Walters, one of the founding members of the Crucible Playground Committee. For years no one did anything. And when they did, their efforts were thwarted by the inability to obtain property on which to put it, he said.

Walters said he does a lot of traveling in his job as a state auditor and noticed that every town he visited had a playground.

Besides the ballfield, which sits across from the fire hall, the only place for children to play in Crucible was in the schoolyard, which is equipped with an old set of swings, he said.

Walters said the idea of constructing a playground in the community has been around for some time. Residents had earlier asked National Mines Corp. if it could build one on property the company was no longer using. But the request was denied.

Despite the setback, Walters' interest in the project continued. He later asked the officers of Crucible Volunteer Fire Department about using the property behind the fire hall. Eventually the department granted his request.

Once property was obtained, Walters and a small group of residents visited the Cumberland Township Supervisors to ask for assistance. Walters said he also had contacted the state Department of Community Affairs and the county commissioners and was unsuccessful in getting a commitment from either of them.

The township supervisors, however, offered some hope. "They told us, 'you show us what you've done;

you show us that you are really interested in it and we'll see what we can do,'" said Walters.

The group drew up plans for the playground and in March 1984 called a town meeting to find out if there were people in the community interested in working on the project. The meeting drew about 50 people. "We had a pretty good turnout," said Walters.

Officers were elected and committees formed, including a fund-raising committee, which was successful in raising more than \$1,000 for the project within a few months.

The supervisors, apparently satisfied with the interest shown by the residents, also agreed to help.

Walters gave credit to the township supervisors for the work they did on the project. He also had very kind words for the women on the fund-raising committee.

Although the organization started out with a number of volunteers, most of the work was done by this committee, he said. Committee members went door-to-door soliciting funds for the playground, made sandwiches to sell at bingo, the King Coal Show and other community events. It also held spaghetti dinners and a halubki dinner.

County Court Absolves School District

WAYNESBURG — The South-eastern Greene School District has been absolved of any liability for damages arising out of alleged attacks on two students by a school bus driver.

The Greene County Court, in an opinion handed down recently, sustained preliminary objections filed on behalf of the school district and seven school board members who were named as co-defendants in a lawsuit brought in July of last year by Teddy Cree of Greensboro and Glennora Cree of Dilliner R.D.1.

Remaining defendants in the case are SJM Diversified of Dilliner, a school bus contractor, and one of its drivers, Ralph Keener of Dilliner R.D.1.

The Creees claim that on Oct. 14, 1983, Keener assaulted their two sons, Robert, 16, and John, 13, while they were passengers on his school bus.

According to the complaint,

possession, knocking him back into his seat. It states that when Robert, the older brother, questioned Keener about his actions, the driver struck him and threw him out of the bus onto the pavement, where Keener attacked the boy again while he was lying on the ground.

It states that Keener then took the older brother into Mapletown High School, where he again struck the youth in the presence of the principal.

While the school board removed Keener from the approved list of drivers at a special meeting in November 1983, it subsequently reinstated him without a special hearing and without notice to the plaintiffs, the plaintiffs charge.

In dismissing the school district and seven board members as defendants, the court noted that Keener was an employee of the bus contractor and not of the school district.

The court ruled that none of the

damage-claims which a school district has under the the Local Agency Act.

Divorces Granted

WAYNESBURG — Two final decrees in divorce were handed down Monday by Greene County Court.

Kelly Ann Riddell Davis, Waynesburg, from Randy Scott Davis, Jefferson R.D.1. They were married Sept. 20, 1982, and have two children.

Cindy Jo Baney Dolan, Carmichaels, from Keith Thomas Dolan, Anchorage, Alaska. They were married Feb. 25, 1983, and have one child.

Store Burglarized

WAYNESBURG — Cigarettes and an undetermined amount of money were taken by burglars who broke into Dye's Store, Jollytown.

State police said the store was entered sometime Sunday night.

Greene Obituaries

Madeliene Hughes

Madeliene McKee Hughes, 84, of Rices Landing, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 16, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital, following a long illness.

She was born September 9, 1900, in Carmichaels, a daughter of the late Thomas and Florence Everly McKee.

Her husband, Thomas Hughes, died in 1927.

She was a retired teacher and had taught school for many years in the Jefferson-Morgan School District. She was a member of the Jefferson-Morgan Education Association, the Retired Teachers' Association, the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association.

She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Emerald Chapter 135, Waynesburg and the Brooks-Crago American Legion Auxiliary, Rices Landing.

She was a member of the Hewitt Presbyterian Church in Rices Landing.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Taylor of Carmichaels and Miss Martha McKee of Mt. Morris; two brothers, Jack McKee of Rices Landing and Russell McKee of Mt. Morris; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Donald McKee, Thomas McKee Jr. and Robert McKee.

Dorothy Connor

Dorothy Connor, 85, of Bridgeville, died Friday, June 14, 1985, in Twin Pines Hospital, Kirksville, Mo.

Born December 24, 1899, in Waynesburg, she was a daughter of Carr Hart Bowly and Eva Kendall Bowly.

She was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Bridgeville.

On October 25, 1924, she married Ray Connor, also a native of Waynesburg, who survives. The couple had resided in Bridgeville since 1925.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one daughter, Jane C. Wiseman of Carthage, Mo., three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Wilbert G. (Ted) Smouse

Wilbert G. (Ted) Smouse, 46, of 291 Huffman Street, Waynesburg, died at 6 p.m., Friday, June 14, 1985, in the Greene County Memorial Hospital. He had been in his usual health, death was due to an apparent heart attack.

He was born in Waynesburg on December 17, 1938, a son of Blanche E. Fordyce Smouse of Waynesburg and the late Vernon L. Smouse.

Mr. Smouse had resided all of his life in Waynesburg and was affiliated with the First Christian Church. He was a member of the Waynesburg Eagles Arie 598 and was a former employee of the Democrat-Messenger.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Shirley Stewart Smouse, whom he married November 6, 1973; a step-daughter, Kathleen Stewart of Waynesburg, one sister, Mrs. Clay (Barbara) Faddis of Rices Landing; and two brothers, Jack Smouse and Carl (Doug) Smouse, both of Waynesburg.

Mary M. Krempa

Mary Mestaneck Krempa, 81, a former resident of Ronco and the Greensboro area, died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 1985, in the Slovlena Home for the Aged, Cleveland, Ohio.

She was born April 29, 1904, in Czechoslovakia, a daughter of the late Martin and Mary Mestaneck. Her husband, Ladislav Krempa, died in 1974.

Mrs. Krempa was a member of St. Hugh Catholic Church, Carmichaels.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph S. Krempa of East Lake, Ohio and Margin Krempa of Masontown; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Markiewicz of East Lake, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was the last of her family. A son died in infancy and a grandson is also deceased.

Ray Carroll Chambers

Ray Carroll Chambers, 49, of 6104 Palm Street, Portage, Mich., and formerly of Cameron, W.Va., died at 1:02 a.m., Friday, June 14, 1985, in the Portage Memorial Hospital.

He was born January 15, 1936, in Cameron, a son of Alvin and Clara Antel Chambers of Cameron.

Mr. Chambers was retired from the United States Navy and was employed with the Master Craft Corp. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was a member of the Christian Disciples of Christ in Kalamazoo and the American Legion Post 18 of Cameron and the Masonic Lodge 17 of Cameron.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Shirley Wendt Chambers; one daughter, Terri Venise and a son, Ronald Carroll, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Gary (Carolyn) Barnett of Park Forest, Ill., Mrs. Howard (Sandra) Duley of Gambrills, Md.; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Alma Burnette Nichols

Alma Burnette Nichols, 72, of 124 Schroyer's Lane, Carmichaels, died Friday, June 14, 1985, in the Laurel Health Center, Uniontown, following a long illness.

She was born October 9, 1912, in Carmichaels, a daughter of John and Ethel Wright Burnette.

Her husband, Merle W. Nichols, survives.

Mrs. Nichols was a lifelong resident of the Carmichaels and Nemaacolin area and a member of the Greene Valley Presbyterian Church. She had previously worked as a chef on coal barges.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Phillipson of Carmichaels; a brother, John (Bill) Burnette of Nemaacolin; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Parker Ellis Burnette and a sister, Marie Burpette.

Priscilla Pinkney

Priscilla E. Pinkney, 88, of Smithfield R.D.2, formerly of Rices Landing, died Wednesday, June 12, 1985, in Uniontown Hospital.

She was born April 2, 1897, in Johnston, a daughter of the late John and Jenny Gordan Mardis.

She was a member of the Masontown Mennonite Church.

Her husband, David, died in 1981.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Mary Belle Kessler of Crucible, Mrs. Leroy (Evelyn) Clark of Smithfield R.D.2, Mrs. Clarence (Betty) Shaw of Deltona, Fla., Mrs. Emma Moore of McClellandtown R.D. and Mrs. Margaret Davidson of Rices Landing; two sons, George Pinkney of Uniontown and John Gildroy of Mt. Pleasant; 46 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, George Craven of Trenton, N.J.

Quiller B. Huffner

Quiller B. Huffner, 88, a resident of the Anderson Nursing Home, Cameron, W.Va., died at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in Wheeling Park Hospital, Wheeling, W.Va.

He was born March 23, 1897, at Cameron and prior to his retirement was chief of police in that community. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Cameron and of the American Legion and Veteran of Foreign Wars posts at Moundsville, W.Va.

His wife, Katherine M. Huffner, died in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Jack R. Huffner of Orlando, Fla.; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Wallace N. Jackson

Wallace N. Jackson, 50, of 43 Coral Circle Street, Augustine, Fla., formerly of Carmichaels, died Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in St. Augustine.

He was born September 26, 1934, in Birmingham, Ala., a son of Elsie Cox Jackson of Tracy City, Tenn. and the late William Jackson.

His wife, Charlotte Bliss Jackson, survives.

He was a foreman at the J&L Steel Corporation's Nemaacolin Mine.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Terry) Gashie of Greensboro; one son, Wally Jackson of Carmichaels; one grandchild; two brothers, Edward Earl of Carmichaels and William Harold Jackson of California; and one sister, Mary Ellen Carr of Oregon.

Services were held Tuesday, June 11, 1985. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion.

Loren Glen Goff

Loren Glen Goff, 43, of Spraggs, died Thursday, June 13, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 9, 1941, in Morgantown, W.Va., a son of Glen Goff of Thomas, W.Va., and the late Bertha Joseph Goff.

He was a coal miner and a member of UMWA Local 2400 and the Waynesburg Moose Lodge.

Mr. Goff was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a Protestant.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are his wife, Margaret Simons Goff; a daughter, Diane M. Goff, at home; a brother, Monroe W. Goff of Morgantown; and a half sister, Audrey Strognider of Springfield, Mo.

Cumberland Twp. Awards Contract For Sewage Plant

CARMICHAELS — The Cumberland Township supervisors awarded a contract recently for construction of the Crucible Sewage Treatment plant to Rizzi and Sons of Pittsburgh.

The supervisors opened bids at their May 29 meeting. Rizzi's bid of \$322,572 was the lowest of the six bids received. The supervisors added, however, that by eliminating one pumping station and making other changes, they had been able to reduce the total cost of the work to \$287,000.

Chairman William Schifko said the bid also had been approved by the township solicitor and engineer.

The supervisors also started condemnation proceedings against three properties. After receiving complaints about the properties, the township zoning officer conducted inspections and ruled the buildings unsafe.

The buildings involved are a house on Nemaacolin Road owned by Robert E. Shaw, an old barn on Route 300101 owned by L&J Equipment Co. and a structure on a property owned by Stanley Lake. The supervisors said they will now ask the solicitor to begin condemnation proceedings.

The supervisors also approved amendments to the 1977 realty transfer tax ordinance. One change will allow a grandparent to transfer property to a grandchild without paying the tax. This exemption had previously applied only to the transfer of property between parents and their children. Other amendments applied to the method of transfer of property between corporations.

The ordinance may be examined at the township building. The tax remains at 1 percent: half goes to the school district and half to the township.

The supervisors also adopted guidelines for placing liens against properties in Crucible on which buildings have been demolished under a state Department of Community Affairs grant.

The DCA required that the township place liens on the properties and asked that the guidelines show how money from the liens will be spent. The supervisors said to insure that the money will remain in Crucible, any funds from the liens will be placed in a special fund and be used for blight removal in the town.

James Walters of Crucible attended the meeting to announce that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held July 14 to open the new Crucible playground.

He also asked the supervisors what could be done about a group of garages in Crucible that are in bad condition. He was advised to contact building officer Phil Donaldson.

Prizes Awarded In High School Art Contest

CARMICHAELS — At the Carmichaels Area Chamber of Commerce meeting recently, Coral Brodak presented prizes to the winners of the chamber's high school art contest. The chamber had asked students at Carmichaels Area High School to draw pictures of the Greene Academy. The winning drawing will be reproduced on the chamber's 1985 Christmas tree ornament.

Pat Bowser of Nemaacolin won fourth place, a check for \$10; Debbie Fox of Carmichaels won third place, a check for \$15; and Shannon Pratt of Carmichaels won second place, a check for \$25.

The drawing that took first place was done by George Minor of Nemaacolin. Minor received a \$100 bond. Minors' drawing of the Carmichaels Covered Bridge also had won the contest last year.

Steve McCann reported that about 305 copies of the chamber's booklet, "History of Carmichaels Businesses," have been sold to date.

Chamber members voted to hold a sidewalk sale on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29 and 30, during the week of the Bituminous Coal Show.

Members also agreed to investigate replacing the four welcome signs at the entrances to Carmichaels.

Woman Injures Neck In Crash

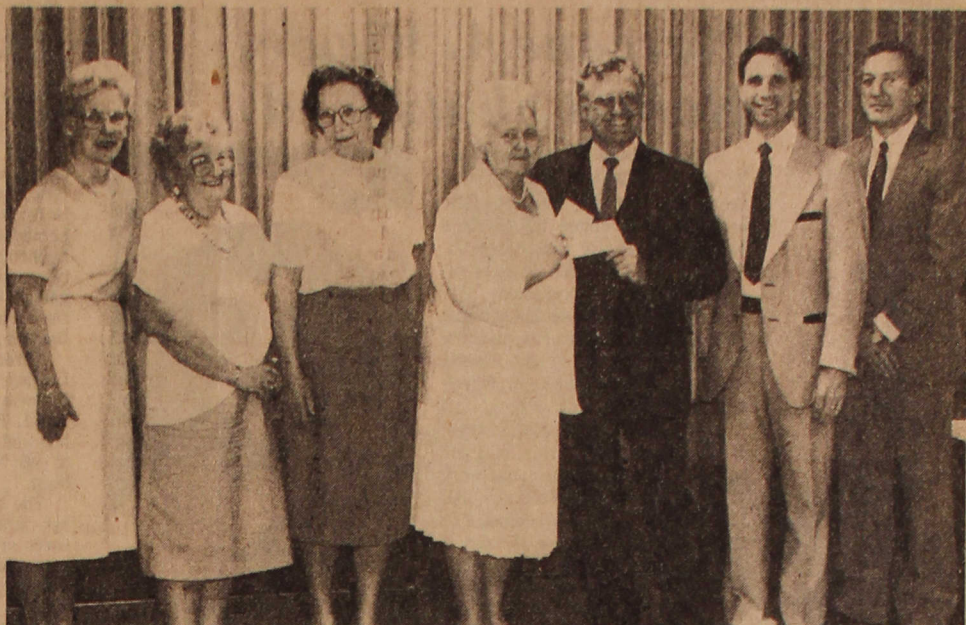
JEFFERSON — Patricia J. Dezyner, 21, of Woodland Avenue, Waynesburg, suffered a neck injury in a one-car accident at 1:40 a.m. Monday along Route 188 near Jefferson.

According to police, her car left the highway while rounding a curve, struck an embankment and rolled over.

15-Year-Old Driver Overtakes Car

WAYNESBURG — A 15-year-old boy escaped injury when the car he was driving overturned at 1:15 p.m. Monday on Route 88 in Monongahela Township, half a mile north of Spur 616.

State police said the motorist, whose name was withheld because of his age, lost control of the car on a curve and ran onto the berm, causing it to flip onto its roof.



Auxiliary Donates

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary Tuesday presents \$10,000 to the hospital for its "Essentials for Excellence" campaign and \$1,000 for the pediatrics department. The auxiliary has pledged \$10,000 a year for the next 15 years to the hospital. The money is raised through operation of the gift shop and Cherry Door. Pictured are: from left, Lucinda Thomas, treasurer; Helen Clayton, corresponding secretary; Ellen Biery, recording secretary; McClees Waychoff, president; Michael Flynn, hospital administrator; Steve Mariner, assistant administrator; and George Muir, comptroller.

hospital register

Greene Memorial

ADMISSIONS
Marjorie Knotts, Waynesburg
Emma Townsend, Masontown
Catherine Long, Millsboro
Marjorie Rinehart, Waynesburg
Burl Price, Waynesburg
Ellen Gaskill, Waynesburg
Virginia Brumage, Waynesburg
David Keys, Clarksville
Sherry Neff, Prosperity
Geraldine Johns, McClellandtown
Ruth Gump, Waynesburg
Margaret Chesney, Carmichaels
Tina McNett, Carmichaels
Margaret Benci, Carmichaels
Ernest Hohenshell, Carmichaels
Roman Zaverack, Waynesburg
Karan Martin, Waynesburg
Hazel Walker, Waynesburg
Patricia Loughman, Sycamore
Sherry Metz, Prosperity
Hazel Daniels, Greensboro
Ronita White, Fredericktown
Lynette Basinger, Waynesburg
Toni Kennedy, Waynesburg
Lawrence Gaus, Waynesburg
Hubert Whitfield, Waynesburg
Bessie Bishop, Jefferson

DISCHARGES
Connie Loughman, Sycamore
Mary Carlson and son, Waynesburg
Emma Townsend, Masontown
Donna Carter and daughter, Waynesburg
William Bober, Crucible
Sheila Callaway, Waynesburg
Estella Moore, Holbrook
David Keys, Clarksville
Kathy Shaneyfelt, Clarksville
Ronita White and daughter, Fredericktown
Lynette Basinger and daughter, Waynesburg
Patricia Laughman and daughter, Sycamore
Karen Martin, Waynesburg
Tonya Lippencott and son, Crucible
Jacqueline Barnes, Waynesburg
Margaret Benci, Carmichaels
Edward Kimmel, Graysville
Hazel Daniels, Greensboro

BORN
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandt, McClellandtown, a son, June 17.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Loughman, Waynesburg, a daughter, June 13.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Basinger, Waynesburg, a daughter, June 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lee White, Fredericktown, a daughter, June 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Waynesburg, June 18, 1985, a daughter

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USAF GRADUATE
Airman Brian J. Bartholomew, son of Jacqueline C. Hamilton of Sewickley and William R. Bartholomew of 61 West High Street, Waynesburg has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

HONORED BY COLLEGE
Tracy L. Stuck of Waynesburg is among 32 upperclass students at Westminster College chosen for the 1985 orientation staff, according to Mary F. Dorsey, assistant dean of student affairs and orientation coordinator.

Miss Stuck is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stuck of 1145 Park Avenue.

ON ACADEMIC LIST
The National Secondary Education Council has announced that William Thoma, son of Patricia Skrzycki of Clairton has been named an Academic All-American at Clairton High School.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lint of Carmichaels. He was nominated for the award by his counselor, Daniel F. Hill.

Monongalia

ADMISSIONS
Leroy Morris, Mather
Wilma Evans, Mt. Morris
Mary Mapstone, Greensboro
Ochel Bean, Blacksburg
Nancy Speicher, Dilliner
Anona Daugherty, Nemaacolin
John Bartolovich Jr., Waynesburg
Lloyd Tressler, Carmichaels
Nina Adams, Mt. Morris
Georgia Fowler, Lake Lynn
Elza Shriver, Waynesburg
Floyd Birch, Mt. Morris
Paulette Yucha, Mt. Morris
Mae Lemley, Mt. Morris
Mary Dugan, Nemaacolin

DISCHARGES
Nina Adams, Mt. Morris
Freda Pratt, Carmichaels
Elsie Shingleton, Masontown
Wayne Jackson, Dilliner
Wilma Juracko and son, Mt. Morris
Paulette Yurcha, Mt. Morris
Susan Fisher and son, Mt. Morris
Anna Moninger, New Freeport
John Bartolovich Jr., Waynesburg
Raymond Gaines Sr., New Freeport
Wilma Evans, Mt. Morris
Linda Collins, Mt. Morris
Jeffrey Brewer, Brave
Wilma Juracko, Mt. Morris
Glenn Lemley, Waynesburg
Susan Fisher, Mt. Morris
Linda Collins, Mt. Morris
Freda Pratt, Carmichaels
Ochel Bean, Blacksburg
Nancy Speicher, Dilliner
Cora Stewart, Washington
Lloyd Tressler, Carmichaels
Pearl Ross, Carmichaels

BORN
To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jurecko, Mt. Morris, a son, June 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Mt. Morris, a son, June 13.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Patitucci of McClellandtown, on Friday, June 14, 1985.
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yucha, Mt. Morris, a daughter, June 16.

Local Cyclist Is Seriously Hurt

A Waynesburg man was seriously injured Sunday morning when his motorcycle crashed on Interstate 79 just north of the Waynesburg exit.

William K. Lidey, 38, was taken to Greene County Memorial Hospital with head injuries. He was later transferred

Tournament Nears

HUNDRED, W.Va. — The 18th annual Hundred Softball Tournament will be held July 5-18 at the city park with games each night at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

Sponsored by the Hundred High School Athletic Boosters Club, all proceeds benefit athletic programs at the high school.

The fast-pitch, double elimination tourney offers \$200 to the first place team and \$100 for second prize. Trophies will be awarded to the top two teams, most valuable pitcher, most valuable player and individual trophies to members of the winner team.

Entry fee is \$60 and two new Dudley softballs. Those interested should contact: Forrest Pettit at 304-775-7760 or 304-775-4500 or Donald Barr at 304-775-2523 or 304-775-4441.

Alley Is Issue In Franklin Twp.

WAYNESBURG — The Franklin Township Supervisors recently dealt with questions from property owners about road regulations.

George Stennett, owner of a Sherman Avenue property, asked the township to vacate an unused alley between Sherman and Woodland avenues. Stennett made the same request eight years ago but the township approval was overturned by the court because of procedural errors.

Robert Keener, an attorney representing adjacent property owner Mrs. Lucinda Greenlee, told the supervisors his client was opposed to the vacation because such action would deny access to the rear of her property.

Action was tabled while the supervisors studied the request.

A request for a lot-split on property owned by Heck's Properties Inc. to the Waynesburg Masonic Hall Association was tabled until a prepared module plan is submitted.

A representative for Tembec, which owns a degasification plant along TR 796, informed the supervisors that a road bond, with a three-year renewal clause, would be offered by his firm. The township was concerned that truck traffic will damage the road.

A parking problem along Route 21 in West Waynesburg was discussed, but no action was taken pending the possible adoption of a new ordinance to enforce regulations. Emway officials are concerned with parking on the south berm of the highway, which blocks the view of employees leaving the mine.

Date Changed For Habitat Meeting

The Habitat for Humanity meeting originally scheduled for Monday, June 17, will instead be held Monday, June 24, in the First Baptist Church in Waynesburg.

Babysitting will be provided.

Public Notices

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
Estate of JOHN PEJCAK, Jr. late of Cumberland 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.

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Crucible, PA. 15325

EXECUTRIX
MAXWELL & DAVIS
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Attorney
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Public Notices

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
Estate of MARY DELLA JOHNSON a/k/a MARY D. JOHNSON 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.

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KEENER & NALITZ
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Waynesburg, PA. 15370
Attorney
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO the provisions of Act 1983-295, approved December 15, 1982 of the filing in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 17th day of June, 1985, a certificate for the conduct of a business in Greene County, Pennsylvania, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of **Good Samaritan Personal Care Home**, with its principal place of business at R. D. 1, Box 542, Rices Landing, Pennsylvania 15357. The name and address of the person owning or interested in said business is **George A. Swaney and Nettie B. Swaney**, his wife, of House 441, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, 15320.

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Waynesburg, PA. 15370
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TO ATTEND CAMP — Susan Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Elliott of Rices Landing, has been selected by Brooks-Crago Post 816, American Legion, to attend the 40th annual Keystone Girls State session to be held June 23-29 at Millersville University. A student at Jefferson-Morgan High School, she is active with the student council, Varsity Club, Interact Club, newspaper and yearbook staffs and the student advisory committee. She is a member of Hewitt Presbyterian Church.