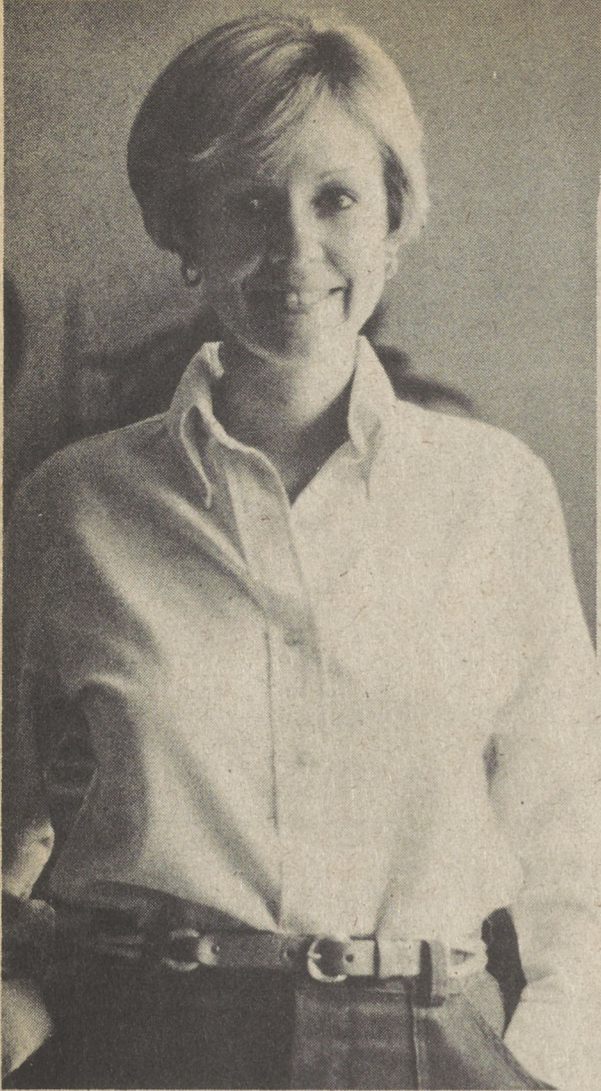


Judi Blase says "good to keep active"



Judi Blase

by Joan Kingsbury
"It's good to keep active" says Judi Blase, this year's president of the Back Mountain Jay-Cettes. For the past two years Judi has been very involved in the Jay-Cette's many community service projects.

Her first major responsibility was chairing the hobby and craft tent at the Fall Fair. This is a tremendous task requiring hours of volunteer work. Planning the booth's activities begins in January for the following September. Judi jokingly said she felt like moving into the tent

during the tenure of the fair, the year she was chairman. Although she is not serving as chairman this year, Judi is assisting chairman Maryann Popielarz.

The Back Mountain Jay-Cettes is an organization of women ages 18 to 35. According to Judi, presently there are about 22 active members. The club meets the second Monday of the month at various places in the Back Mountain. Open to all women, the requirement that a member have a husband belonging to the Jaycees has been eliminated. Although the

club meets only once a month Judi says that between community service work and committee meetings she devotes at least three nights a week to Jay-Cette activities.

Last year the club brought Santa Claus to the Back Mountain via helicopter. Area children had the opportunity to tell Santa about their Christmas wishes and have their pictures taken at the nominal fee of \$1 without their parents having to take them into Wilkes-Barre to do so. This year Back Mountain children will be able to visit Santa at one of the

area schools. A small Christmas store providing inexpensive gifts is being planned as well.

The children's booth at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is maintained by the Jay-Cettes providing lots of interesting items to catch a youngster's eye.

Upcoming club fundraisers include a car wash to be held at McDonald's, a disco dance to be held in September and a flea market in October. At Eastertime, the Jay-Cettes sell Gertrude Hawk Candy.

Belonging to the club is not "all work and no

play". Various family activities including a Halloween party, picnic, and campout are held for members and their families.

To promote new membership the group recently held a wienie roast at the Blase's Harveys Lake dock.

Judi describes herself as a typical Dallas girl, having grown up in Dallas and graduating from Dallas High School. A commercial artist, she

works in the art department of The Times-Leader. She is also an Avon representative.

Sailing, interior decorating, baking special birthday cakes and raising house plants rate high on Judi's list of favorite pastimes.

She proudly related that one of her most exciting experiences this year was becoming Kelly Aileen Killeen's godmother.

Judi is a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Pall tells of summer in Israel

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last spring, The Dallas Post featured the Rev. W. James Pall in the 'Know Your Neighbor' column. At that time he was planning a summer in Israel at an archaeological field school. Pall has returned from the 'dig' and related travel and in the following article tells about his experiences as a volunteer archaeologist and shares some impressions of Israel.)

by the Rev. W. James Pall

"Did you find anything?" "Dig up anything interesting?" "Just what did you find there?" "Could you keep anything that you found?"

These and questions like them are what people must often ask me about my summer at the Lahav Research Project.

Often, those asking seem to wait for answers about hidden treasures; a cache of coins, a silver chalice or perhaps a golden menorah.

Lately, archaeology has received much public attention, thanks to King Tut. Unfortunately, the average archaeologist is lucky if in an entire

lifetime, he finds one object worthy of the kind of attention that young Tut received.

What we found was something worthy of museum exhibition—w hole or restorable pottery; bronze bell, loom weights, a tiny statue, a scarab. More often our discoveries were a mass of pottery fragments, bones, shells and flint stone, known collectively as material culture.

All of this was very systematically excavated, registered, collected, and cleaned. Then it was 'read' and most of it was discarded.

Reading material culture and soil layers is the key to revealing information about life and activities in a specific area at a specific level.

Dating is one of the most important aspects of this process. I have brought some of the discarded objects home for "show and tell". Some of the pieces are four to five thousand years old.

For the new corner in Mid Eastern Archaeology the romantic notion of treasures and fame soon fade. Getting up at four a.m., working in 100 degree (and higher)

temperatures, being constantly on guard for the dreaded scorpion and pit viper, all became part of the daily routine. I wore out two pair of work gloves and finished off a pair of work shoes.

It doesn't take long until volunteers are asking themselves and each other why they have actually paid money to do volunteer archaeology. Is it worth it?

Each individual must, of course, decide whether archaeology is worth the time and money it demands in spite of the instaking process by which living conditions that it offers.

I found the summer to be one of those valuable learning experiences that no classroom experience can rival.

The obvious area of learning is archaeology. I have a deeper appreciation for the painstaking process by which ancient sites are unearthed. Our dig was in its third season this summer.

Based on the discovery of a bowl in the 1977 season, theories are being tested which, if proved, would reveal our site as the ancient city of

Rimmon. This city is mentioned in the Biblical books of Joshua (15:32) and Zecharian (14:10)

Or we may be slowly uncovering the ancient city of Ziklag. Only time and the help of many volunteers for many seasons will reveal the truth.

Before I went to Israel, the mid-east situation was very difficult for me to understand. Now, I have friends who are Israelis and friends who are Palestinian Arabs. They have helped me not to decide which side is right but rather to understand and appreciate how very complex and urgent solutions to political problems are.

A weekend field trip to the north and one to the south gave me wider exposure to the land and people of Israel. Both trips included many archeological sites and cities that played prominent roles in the histories of both the Jewish and Christian communities.

It is always good to come home again and share my experiences. I suppose the second most frequently asked question is "Will you go again?"

I can't answer that with certainty. My new appointment as pastor of the Wyalusing U.M. Church has one drawback. My summers are not as free as they were when I was in the teaching ministry.

Someday I would like to return when the Lahav Research Project is completed.

Brooks return

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brooks and Noell and R.J., Mrs. John Lopasky of Lehman recently returned from a vacation in Houston, Texas, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lopasky.

Sara Barakat in junior year at Dickinson

Sara B. Barakat of Dallas will begin junior year studies at Dickinson College with the start of the fall semester in September.

A history major, Sara is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anees B. Barakat of Sterling Ave., Dallas. She plans to graduate from the central Pennsylvania liberal arts college in 1981.



DONATION FOR PAINT—Joseph McDonald, president, Back Mountain Kiwanis Club, presents Mrs. Nancy Kozemchak, assistant librarian, Back Mountain Memorial Library, with a check for purchasing paint for use by the library.



AT WORK—Riding-Ho 4-H Club members aiding the Wyoming Valley Crippled Children Association prepare for their first annual horse show.

Riding-Ho 4-H Club helps crippled children

On July 14 the 4-H members and leaders from the Riding-Ho 4-H Club volunteered their time and equipment to help the Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association prepare for their first Horse Show held at the Lehman Show Grounds.

They all pitched-in in

the picking of rocks from the show ring. Those who helped are: Marci, Evan and Mike Brown, Robin and Jody Casterline, Wendy, John, Linda and Butch Grey, Terri Hislop, Molly Hughes, Donna Sue James, Butch Morgan, David and Marty Sinnott, Bobby, Chris, Kim and Linda McLaughlin,

Myrtle Cook, Sandy Russel, Gail Heller, Sue, Jackie and Tina Atherhult.

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Chad Mullison for their help.

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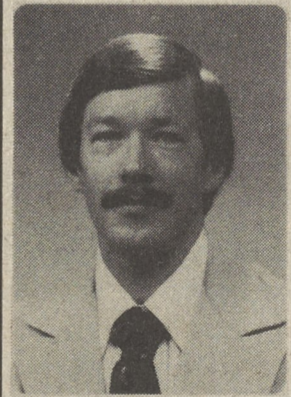
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DR. CURTIS L. GOODWIN

Dr. Curtis L. Goodwin announces the opening of his optometrical practice in the Back Mountain Professional Building at the intersection of Routes 415 and 309, Dallas.

A resident of Beaumont, Dr. Goodwin graduated from Tunkhannock Area High School in 1971. In 1975, he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, from East Stroudsburg State College. While attending East Stroudsburg State College, Dr. Goodwin was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Liberal Arts Honor Society and Sigma Zeta Honorary Science Fraternity.

Dr. Goodwin earned his O.D. degree at Indiana University, School of Optometry in Bloomington, Indiana. While at Indiana University, he was a member of Omega Epsilon Phi Optometry Fraternity, Indiana University Optometry Students Association and American Optometric Association, Student Chapter. As a senior, he served in externships at Fort Knox, Kentucky and in the Contact Lens Research Clinic, Bloomington, Indiana. On graduation day, Dr. Goodwin was the recipient of the Wesley-Jessen Contact Lens Research Award.

Dr. Goodwin is the son of Mrs. Marjorie Goodwin and the late Herbert Goodwin. He is married to the former Kathy Begin, of Lemon, Dr. and Mrs. Goodwin are residing in Beaumont.

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