

Force unleashed!

Women's network brings together talent, resources

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A powerful force has been unleashed in Northeastern Pennsylvania through a variety of techniques designed to utilize talent and resources which heretofore may have been underutilized to benefit Northeastern Pennsylvania.

A women's network has been organized in Luzerne County to bring to the attention of the community the important role which women play in the County and the likelihood of increasing this role in coming years.

Through the auspices of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, a series of women's roundtables have been held to discuss issues of importance to women including housing needs, and related topics. This has led to a series of recommendations which have been made as to the opportunity for new legislation which would be helpful in securing housing, particularly for single women with children.

In Lackawanna County, the Planning Council for Social Services completed a report on this topic which has enabled public attention to be placed on the problems facing low-income women. In still other parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania, more attention is being placed on ways and means by which women can enter the mainstream of leadership.

Each of the women's roundtables has discussed a number of issues affecting Northeastern Pennsylvania. Primary concern has been placed on the need for housing accommodations which would provide both transitional and or more permanent housing for women who must raise children by themselves and cannot afford traditional housing costs.

In too many cases, it is a situation where housing is unavailable let alone at a cost which is in keeping with the income of that family. Thus, the problem of housing and jobs to support a family under these types of circumstances as well as finding places to take care of children while the mother works has become a difficult problem facing many parts of the country, as

well as Northeastern Pennsylvania.

At a recent meeting of the State Legislative Delegation from Northeastern Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), information was presented concerning these types of issues. Recommendations were made to consider state legislative programs which would help alleviate this type of problem.

Some of the other issues discussed at the women's roundtable meetings included the following:

- Need for day care facilities within industry to encourage women to continue to work.
- Need for social services in a "one-stop" center to more effectively implement such resources.
- Need to expand job opportunities for women.
- Need to effectively provide for opportunities which will enable women to have leadership positions in managerial and administrative roles.

Both from the vantage point of creating ways and means by which women can increasingly take on responsible positions in Northeastern Pennsylvania and helping to alleviate problems which are com-

pounded by parallel head-of-household and job responsibilities, the issues and their solutions are important to the region's future.

Networking of information and sharing of ideas and new projects to help overcome these types of problems is an important contribution which programs such as the Women's Network can make.

Such a process which has been initiated in Luzerne County could, in fact, be considered at a regional level as well. Thus, all public and private sector entities and individuals in Northeastern Pennsylvania should encourage this sharing process and at a minimum, support the network concept and aid in expanding ways and means by which a Women's Network can help focus attention on these types of issues. It is a vital link in forging a quality future for Northeastern Pennsylvania in the years ahead.

(Howard J. Grossman is the Executive Director of the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania. His column appears periodically in The Dallas Post.)

People in the news

NATALIE A. ZIOLKOWSKI, 15, Dallas, will perform a solo variation on Saturday, July 26, with The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Summer School Program at Carlow College's Antonian Theatre, Pittsburgh.

Natalia will be a 10th grade student at Bishop Hoban High School this fall. She is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Ballet Theatre Company which will be performing at the opening of the Paramount Theatre in Wilkes-Barre on September 19.

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Company will be performing on November 19, 1986 in Scranton as part of the Community Concert Association series.

FOUR BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS have been honored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for being active partners in their children's education.

Honored are Mrs. Jean Klimek, Shavertown; Mrs. Rosemary Perrotto, Trucksville; Mrs. Olga Welch, Dallas; and Mrs. Patricia Zikor, Trucksville. All four women are volunteers at the Dallas Intermediate School.

The commendations completed the second year of the Parent Partner Recognition Program, a joint effort by the state Education Department and the Pennsylvania Associations of Elementary and Secondary School Principals. Parents were selected by the principals of the schools their children attended based on "consistently active and positive contributions" to their children's education.

The program was one component of a parent involvement campaign launched by Thornburg under his education reform program. "Turning the Tide: An Agenda for Excellence in Pennsylvania Public Schools."

MONICA A. FLYNN, of 18 Marabee Ave., Dallas, has been named to the first semester Dean's List at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Each of the students named to the list has achieved at least a 3.45 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

DAVID ALAN BURNAFORD, RD 5, Box 416, Dallas, has been named to the Spring semester Dean's List at The University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut.

In order to be named to the Dean's List at The University of Connecticut, a student must hold a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a scale in which 4.0 is perfect.

Burnaford is studying Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BONNIE L. COOK, of Dallas, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Cook is a fourth-year Pharmacy major at PCPS and one of 18 Luzerne County residents to be named to the Dean's List at the Philadelphia institution.

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS JAMES W. HADDLE, son of James W. Haddle Jr., Route 1, Dallas, recently participated in the International Naval Review on July 4 as part of the Statue of Liberty Centennial Celebration while stationed aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Yorktown, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

Twenty-one naval ships from 14 countries joined 11 U.S. Navy ships in the review, with this being only the fifth such gathering of military vessels in U.S. history.

For the Yorktown, this review held special meaning. Not only did the cruiser celebrate her second birthday, but the Yorktown commemorated her namesake's visit to New York Harbor as an original International Naval Review participant.

In 1893, when the State of Liberty was a newcomer, ships from 10 nations, including the gunboat USS Yorktown, commemorated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America during the first International Naval Review in New York City.

A 1980 graduate of West Side Vocational Technical High School, Pringle, Haddle joined the Navy in January 1981.

KEVIN M. McLAUGHLIN, son of William A. McLaughlin of RD 1, Harveys Lake, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

McLaughlin is an administration specialist at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., with the 833rd Air Division.

His wife, Cindy, is the daughter of Ralph and Nellie Road of RD 2, Harveys Lake.

CPL. MATTHEW W. EVANS, son of Matt Evans of 91 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, and Barbara Evans of 117 Church St., Dallas, has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course at Ford Ord, Calif.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Evans is a squad leader with the 31st Infantry at Fort Irwin, Calif.

JAMES F. JOLLEY, son of James and Lorraine Jolley of 175 Oak St., Trucksville, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Jolly is a special purpose vehicle and equipment mechanic at Eielson

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KAREN L. WILLIAMS, PAUL W. WARREN

Couple plans to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Williams, Sweet Valley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen L. to Paul W. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Warren, Washington Crossing, Pa.

Miss Williams is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and the Pennsylvania State University with a BS degree in Physics. She is employed at the Applied Physics Laboratory of John Hopkins University, Laurel, Md.

Mr. Warren is a graduate of Pennsbury High School and the Pennsylvania State University with a BS degree in Industrial Engineering. He is employed at General Electric, Syracuse, N.Y.

The wedding is planned for September 27 at the United Methodist Church, Lehman, Pa.

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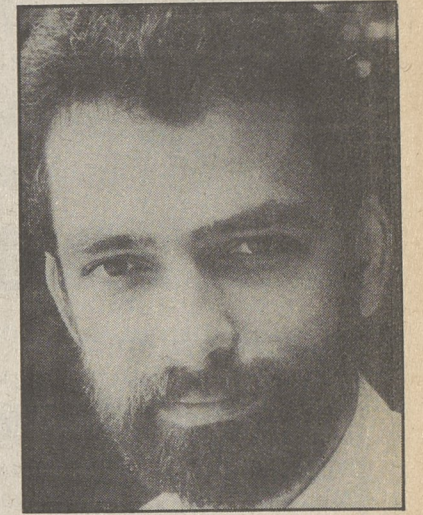
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Mackey named to post

Richard W. Mackey has been named Controller in the Business Office at Keystone Junior College, according to Margaretta B. Chamberlin, President.

A graduate of Keystone Junior College, Mackey received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from Wilkes College. Prior to his appointment at Keystone, Mackey served as Assistant Comptroller at Wilkes College and held the position of Director of Finance at Maternal and Family Health Services.

Mackey is a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons 531 and the Church of Christ United, Kingston. He and his wife Lori and son Glen reside in Dallas.



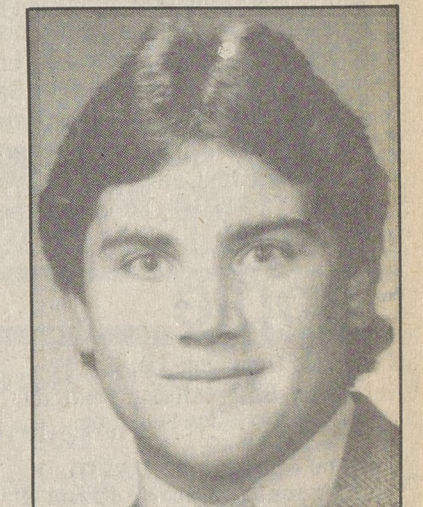
RICHARD W. MACKEY

Holthaus appointed

Following a nomination from U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D-PA) Dallas resident Richard Holthaus, Jr. has accepted appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

A 1986 graduate of Dallas Senior High School in Dallas, Richard received the school's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and the Presidential Academic Award. In addition to his impressive scholastic record, Holthaus actively participated in competitive school sports including tennis and wrestling. His other extra-curricular activities included the Chess Club and The National Honor Society.

The newly appointed cadet is the



RICHARD HOLTHAUS JR.

son of Richard and Ruth Holthaus who have another son, Ryan and two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca.

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