

KT ambulance unit passes special certification

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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A local ambulance retained its right to carry a technical piece of life-saving, anti-shock equipment last week.

About 15 emergency medical technicians from Kingston Township's ambulance gathered last Tuesday night to be reviewed and tested by a physician on the application of MAST. All 15 EMTs passed the test to certify the unit.

MAST stands for Medical Anti-Shock Trousers. This double-layered, inflatable nylon suit encloses the body from the lower rib cage to the ankles.

Dr. Jill Hunt, a doctor at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, oversaw the entire program and tested each EMT.

"The MAST pants inflate, causing pressure against the body," she explained. "The pressure will transfer blood from the lower parts of the body to the upper torso. This will supply the vital organs such as the heart, brain, and lungs, with more oxygen."

This autotransfusion permits more time for the ambulance to transport a patient to the hospital, according to Hunt.

The pants are used in the medical field to help keep a patient from going into shock, or not having enough blood in the vital organs to sustain life.

Ambulances groups must re-certify MAST every year to be able to carry the life-saving equipment on board the ambulance. If the unit failed to re-certify, MAST would have to be removed from it.

The anti-shock trousers were originally developed in 1903 by Dr. Crile for use in head and neck surgery. In the Vietnam war, MAST was applied to pilots to prevent pooling of blood in their legs while pulling out of a high-speed dives, which could cause the pilot to become unconscious.

In 1973, MAST was introduced to the emergency medical field. It is used to prevent patients from going into shock at the scene of an accident or other emergency.

If the EMT determines shock is near, he or she calls the hospital and ask a doctor for permission to

inflate MAST.

If the doctor authorizes inflation, the EMT must use an airpump to inflate MAST to an acceptable amount of pressure to raise the blood pressure to a safe level.

The EMT then must monitor the patient until arriving at the hospital. A failure in the suit and some side effects of MAST use could cause harm or death to a patient if not noticed by the EMT almost immediately.

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a connection of DAMA to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority," Carmon said.

Although only a preliminary study, Carmen said the connection is an option DAMA should look into. The estimated cost for pumping water from DAMA to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority is \$3.9 million.

Fifty percent of the cost to upgrade the treatment plant will be reimbursed to DAMA by DER.



ROAD REPAIRS - The "tar and chip" program is underway at Harveys Lake. This section of road at Keefer Plot is the first of many roads to be resurfaced this summer as part of the project. (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

Keefer Plot roads first to be redone

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American Asphalt has begun tarring and chipping Keefer Plot at Harveys Lake, and other roads are soon to follow.

American Asphalt's \$41,074.76 bid was accepted by the borough in May. The bid covers work to be done only at Keefer Plot.

"Nineteen streets have been proposed," said Councilman Richard Boice. "They will be going out for bids." American Asphalt was

the only company to bid on the Keefer Plot section. It is unclear whether the company plans to bid on other sections.

The "Tar and Chip" program involves the tarring and chipping of all dirt roads in the Harveys Lake area. No definite completion date has been set for the entire project.

"Hopefully, by the end of the summer, all roads will be tarred and chipped," Boice said. The roads are being resurfaced in double-

layers.

Boice explained that the completion date relies heavily on the weather. "We have seen a lot of rain this summer," Boice said. "If we see good weather, we will go to town."

After Keefer Plot is completed and bids are accepted for the other phases, the project will move to roads which already have acceptable drainage. After these roads, the remaining roads will be repaired and resurfaced.

Pregnancy center opens in Dallas

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Crisis Pregnancy Center, 49 Gerald Avenue, Dallas, opened June 8, to help women of any age who may be facing perhaps the greatest personal crisis of their life.

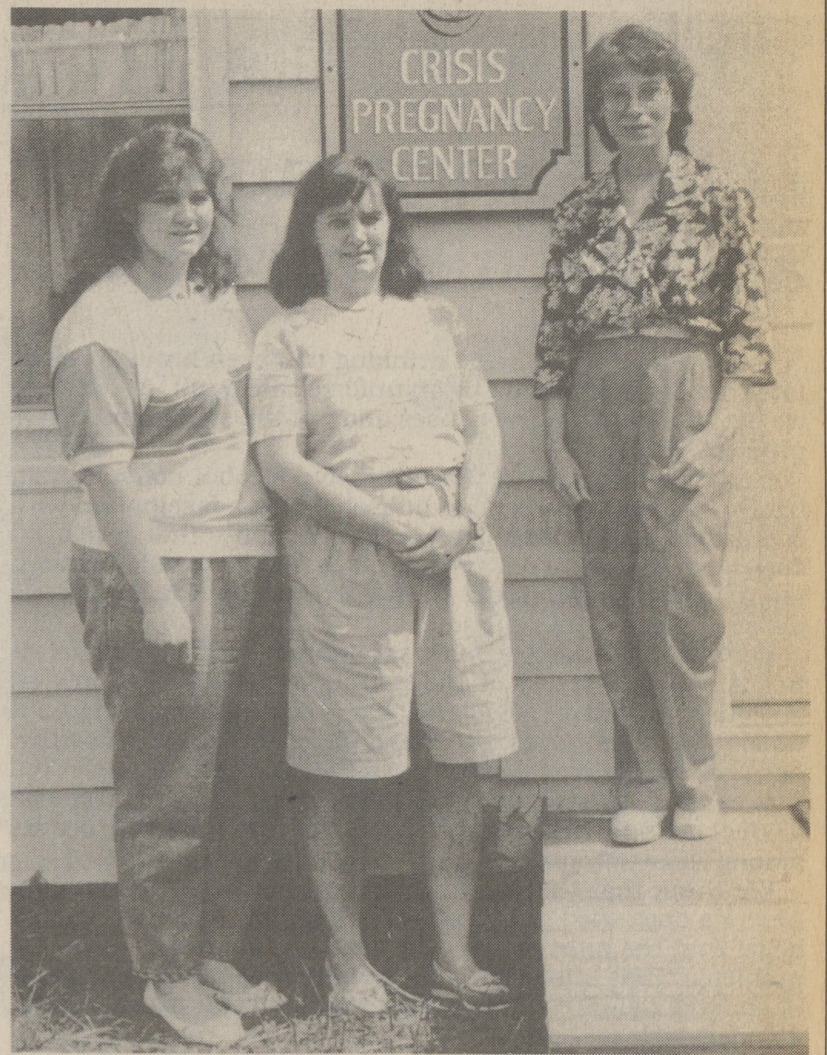
The Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) will offer confidential support to any woman experiencing an untimely or distressful pregnancy. The center will assist without charge by meeting medical, legal, financial, social or other needs, for as long as their help is needed.

The CPC is staffed by trained volunteers and operates on financial donations from concerned individuals and organizations.

The center staff says it will help any woman facing a pregnancy crisis regardless of age, or whether single or married. The center is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian agency and gives confidential counseling. The staff members are trained to be supportive and caring and some of the members are trained in post-abortion counseling.

A branch of the Wyoming County Agency, the response to that center which opened in Tunkhannock prompted a group of professionals to open the local office. The local center is open afternoons but usually first contacts are made by the client over the CPC 24-Hour Hotline at 675-4770.

The center, which is sponsored by the Christian Action Council, offers complete support for the pregnant woman, including free pregnancy testing, counseling, arranging for ongoing medical care, offering living arrangements in a private home, post-abortion counseling, childbirth classes, nutri-



CRISIS CENTER LEADERS - Linda Roskos, Crisis Center director; Carolyn Trosky, and Roberta Klein, co-directors of publicity pose outside the new Crisis Pregnancy Center. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

tional education, maternity clothes and baby items, short or long-term foster home care for the baby, guidance in parenting skills, adoption information, and legal aid, if necessary.

Susan Roskos is executive director of the Dallas Center. Carolyn Trosky and Robert Klein are co-directors of fundraising and publicity, and there are 10 members on a functioning board.

Besecker named to Dallas Twp. planning commission

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Staff Writer

Robert Besecker, Dallas Realtor, was appointed to the Planning Commission by the Dallas Township supervisors at their meeting June 20 at the township building. Besecker was appointed to the

position left open by the resignation of Jack Tinner.

The supervisors also appointed Gary Hozempa as a member of the township's zoning board.

A motion was approved by the supervisors to again notify William Shutter that he must repair the roads in his development before

the township will take them over.

The supervisors also approved a resolution to join the Kingston Township supervisors in applying to the Department of Community Affairs for a grant to support the Back Mountain Communications Center.

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