

# Baseball stadium offers many uses

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

Those of us who revel in the coming of spring and baseball are doubly enthralled this season with the opening of the Lackawanna County Multi-Purpose Stadium, and the Class AAA Minor League professional baseball franchise—the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons.

Under the inspired leadership of John McGee, a Scranton attorney and accountant, the project has transpired over 11 long years since his first efforts to bring professional baseball back to the region.

Through the cooperation of many persons and organizations including government and the private sector, not only has baseball been brought back to the Pocono-Northeast, but a modern Baseball Stadium, comparable to any minor league stadium in the country has been constructed and is available not only for the 73 baseball games of the Red Barons, but for other outstanding events as well.

The Stadium franchise represents assets which can have economic and quality of life benefits to Northeastern Pennsylvanians and others. For a small payment of \$3, \$4, or \$5, fans can attend the game and enjoy a recreational asset which is economical and exciting. Few other recreational facilities can provide the same thrill at equal costs.

The franchise represents an economic asset in income flow to Northeastern Pennsylvania with the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), having completed an economic impact analysis which determined that the Stadium and Class AAA Minor League Professional Baseball Franchise would generate up to \$74,000,000 over a 10-year period of time in direct and indirect sales.

The Lackawanna County Commissioners sponsored the Stadium Project through the Lackawanna County Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority, and have created a new positive value for the county and the region.

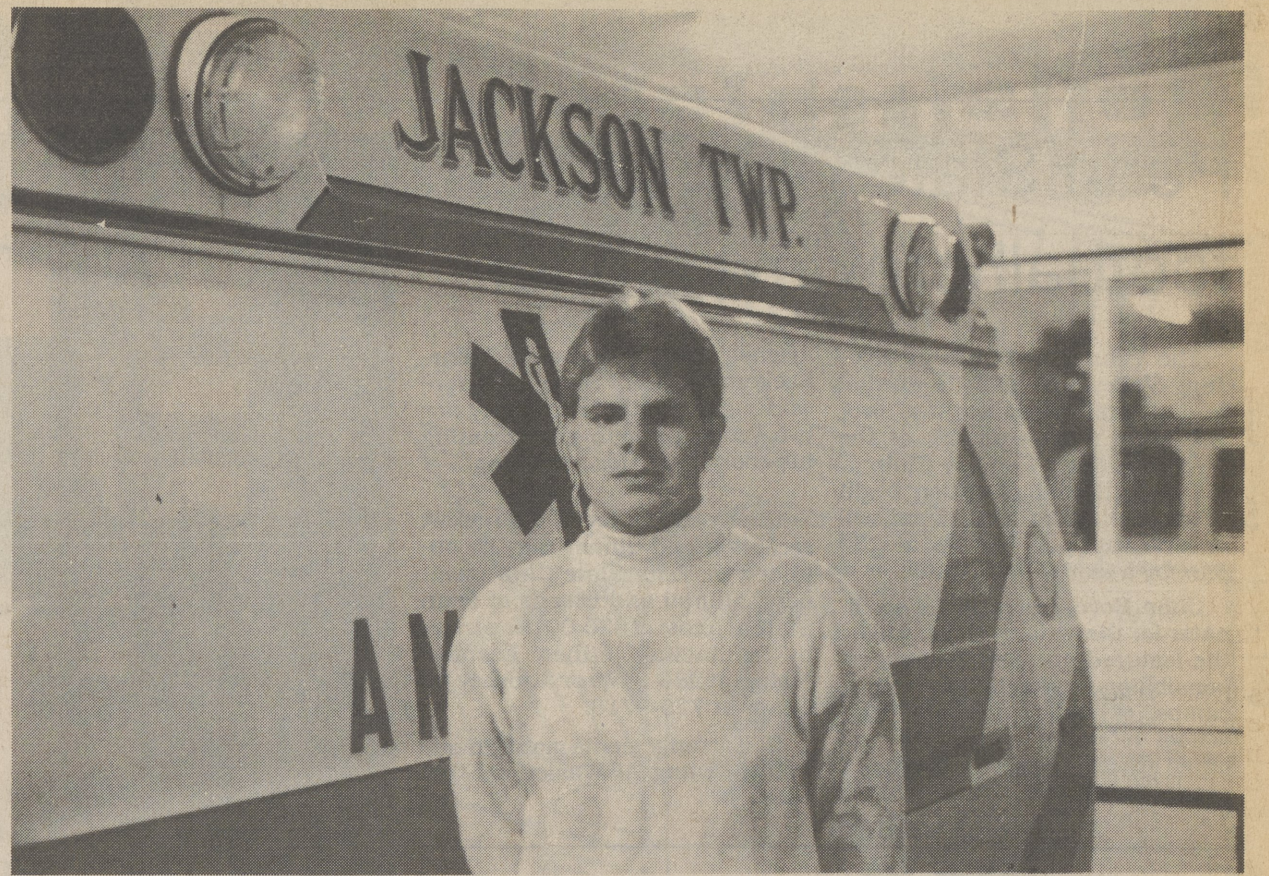
Sports has always been big in Northeastern Pennsylvania. With the initiation of the new Red Barons franchise, sports will become even bigger, and the Stadium will attract major sporting events which otherwise might be located elsewhere in Pennsylvania.

Beyond the external influences, the Stadium location at Montage and the growth corridor which the Montage Area currently represents, is a significant new economic activity area to the region.

When those activities already in place are added to those planned, the Montage Area clearly will become, in the 1990's, a major economic player in the regional geography.

The official address and phone number of the Scranton/Lackawanna Red Barons is as follows: Red Barons Tickets, P.O. Box 3449, Scranton, PA 18505 or call (717) 969-2255.

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V.A.S. CERTIFIED- Jackson Township Ambulance Chief Jay Wilkes stands in front of the ambulance. The volunteer company recently passed a stringent inspection to insure professional service to residents. (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

## Jackson Twp. Ambulance retains PA Dept. of Health 'professional' status

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
Post Staff

Jackson Township Volunteer Ambulance has passed a stringent inspection to retain its status as a guaranteed professional medical care unit.

The ambulance company passed the "Voluntary Certification Program for Ambulance Service (VAS)" last week. "VAS certification assures the community that they are receiving care from trained professionals who are volunteering time to help others," said Jay Wilkes, ambulance chief. The ambulance has retained VAS certification since January 21, 1983.

To pass VAS certification, according to Wilkes, "the ambulance company must be able to assure service for the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year."

Also, the ambulance must assure an emergency medical technician will respond on every ambulance call. An EMT is trained for five months on emergency medical care. The training includes CPR, airway management, recognizing and treating medical emergencies, and other life-saving procedures. After successful completion of the training program and a state exam, the Pennsylvania Department of Health certifies program graduates as EMTs.

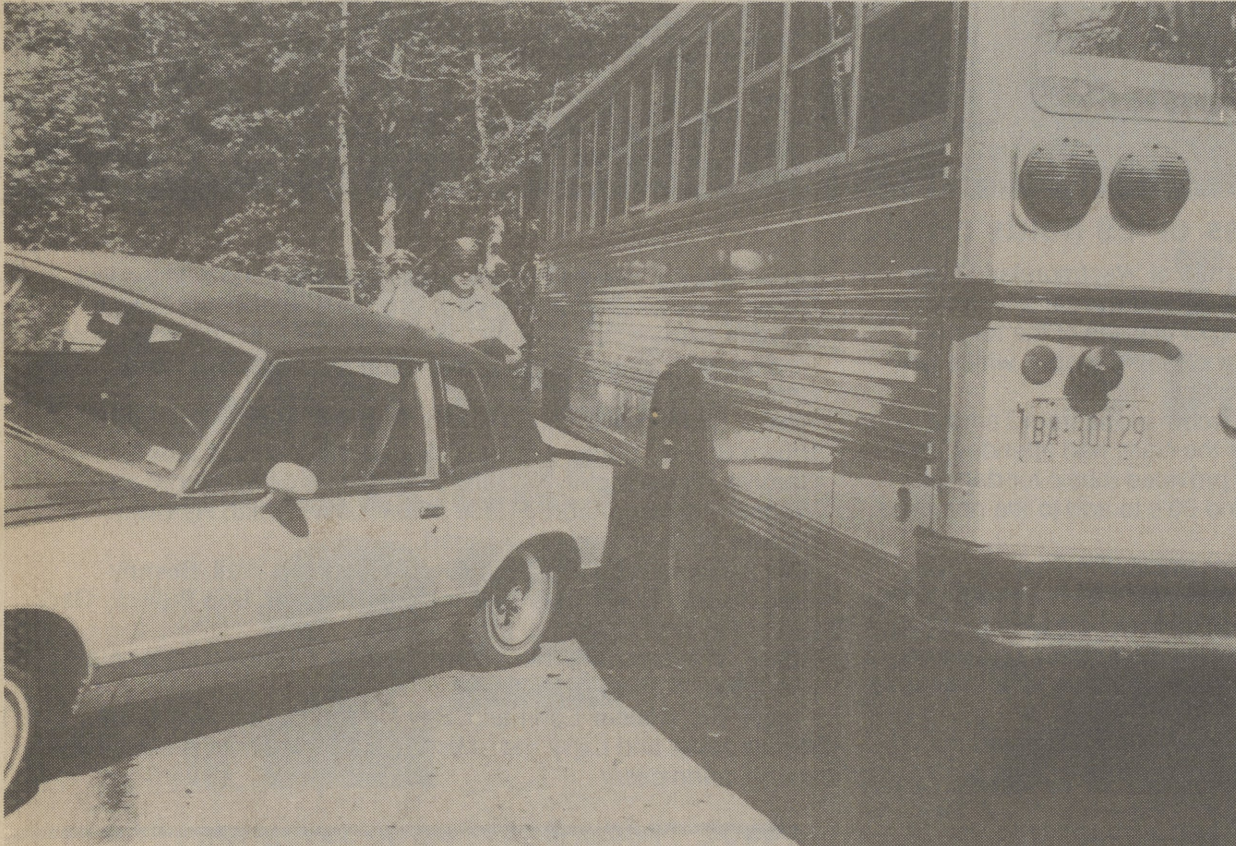
To assure an EMT with every call, VAS certified ambulances are required to have at least six EMT members. According to Wilkes, Jackson Township has eight EMTs.

A Department of Health representative inspected the ambulance to insure equipment meets required standards listed by the department. "They give a field inspection of the ambulance consisting of

every piece of equipment to see that we have the equipment, and the equipment is tested to be sure it works adequately. The inspector told us it was one of the better equipped ambulances in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"One other necessary requirement to pass VAS certification is to have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding community ambulances that would assist us with personnel and equipment if needed," Wilkes explained. Jackson Township has such agreements with local ambulances including Kingston Township and Lehman.

Wilkes explained that VAS certification is important for an ambulance to have. "Without VAS, (Jackson Township Ambulance) could not guarantee that people would receive professional service at any time in Jackson Township or any communities we assist."

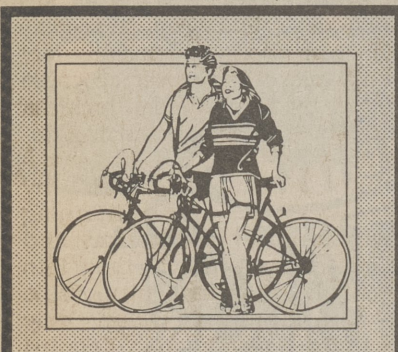


### Car and bus collide in Jackson Township

A charter bus full of children collided with a car Friday at 8:50 a.m. along Sutton Road in Jackson Township. No injuries were reported. The bus, owned by Coach Service and Leasing Co., Wilkes-Barre, was carrying 22 children to the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes-Barre. Driven by Susan Golembeski, 44, 187 W. Church St., Nanticoke, the bus was traveling up a hill on a curve when it was struck by a car traveling down the hill driven by Joann Gavin, 30, 1075 Sheffield Road, Shavertown.

According to police, the drivers saw each other and both turned to the right. The rear, driver's side of the car struck the driver's side of the bus. The car then struck an embankment alongside the road. Jackson Township officer Jerry Leedock investigated the accident. Assisting at the scene were Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, and the State Police. (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

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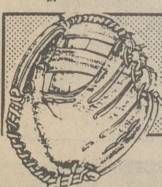


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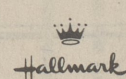
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