

Dispute

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a total of 106 hours from October 9 through Thursday, November 2, one of those days from morning until about 12:45 a.m. the next morning. She received \$312 for the total hours.

Neither did she have a clerk the final two days of her time in the office since the woman who filled that position had injured herself and was unable to report to work.

When council offered Strosnider \$6,000 she asked them if she accepted would they include a clause that she would be paid extra money for extra hours. The members said if she worked extra hours one day she could take compensatory time the next. Strosnider said she did not agree with that condition because she said there is not sufficient time to take hours away from the work.

Strosnider said she did not resign Thursday night, but wrote a letter of resignation Friday, submitting it retroactive to Thursday night.

Attempts to contact council president Donald Shaffer Monday night and Tuesday were unsuccessful, but Councilman Jerry Machell did comment on the issue.

"The second item on the budget was the manager's salary," Machell said. "When there was not enough money, it became a tight deal. I felt there was room to negotiate. There was \$3.90 per hour listed in the budget for a clerk which we don't have, and I thought we should have asked her if she was willing to add this to her salary and work without a clerk since we were tight for money," Machell continued.

When asked why council did not raise taxes if more money was needed, Machell said since council had raised taxes last time, they were afraid it would cause an uprising if taxes were increased

again this year.

"The road workers were given only 25 cents more per hour and have done nothing about to-date, grant applications to be filled in and submitted to the proper agencies, water connection problems, sewage lines, employees to supervise and dozens and dozens of letters and other paperwork," Strosnider explained.

Strosnider said that she worked the police are in arbitration," Machell said. "I'm sorry to see Kathryn go. I was hoping there was room for negotiation. She did an excellent job and I'm sorry council couldn't see the way clear to keep her."

Mayor Paul LaBar said he hated to see Strosnider leave. "She was excellent in her position, well-organized and efficient. She did more than her share of the work and was very dedicated. I doubt that the borough will get anyone as good as Kathryn. She earned more than she was ever paid," LaBar said.

Strosnider is not the only person gone. A fifth policeman was to be added to the department this month but was cut from the budget.

The 1990 proposed \$417,000 budget as changed by council has a large amount allotted to road repairs, recreation, and \$10,000 for a proposed new heating plant for the borough building.

The borough has had three managers in the past year, Bob Brown, who resigned, was replaced by Gary Allabaugh who left under unusual circumstances, and Strosnider, who prior to assuming the manager's job was the borough clerk. When she became manager, Margaret Davis accepted the position as clerk but resigned due to illness in the family and was replaced by Deborah Kelly, who resigned last week.



ART GALLERY RENAMED - Seen at a recent exhibition of WPA artist Seymour Fogel are, from left: Dr. Pasquale DiPasquale, Jr., Misericordia president; John Churnetski, chairman of the Misericordia board of trustees; Betty McDonald, representing the Marquis George MacDonald Foundation; Brian Benedetti, art gallery director; Angela Kelly, assistant gallery director; and Linda Stallone, executive director of institutional advancement at Misericordia.

Misericordia gallery named for MacDonald

College Misericordia's Art Gallery in Regina Hall has been re-named The Marquis George MacDonald Art Gallery, said Dr. Pasquale DiPasquale, Jr., Misericordia's president.

Misericordia's board of directors and the Marquis George MacDonald Foundation recently celebrated the dedication of the newly remodeled and relocated art gallery in Regina Hall, a one story building adjacent to the Rosenn Plaza. The gallery's new name acknowledges the late Marquis George MacDonald, a philanthropist who created the foundation. MacDonal, the first Papal marquis in this country, was active during his lifetime in a number of charitable organizations. He died

in New York in 1961.

The Marquis George MacDonald Foundation assisted Misericordia with the costs of the recent renovations to the art gallery, said Linda Stallone, executive director of institutional advancement at Misericordia. The foundation also has given the first contributions to an endowment for the arts at Misericordia.

"This renewed facility for the arts is another indication of Misericordia's commitment to the fine arts," DiPasquale said.

By refurbishing Regina Hall, formerly a classroom, and turning it into an art gallery, Misericordia can offer its 1,300 students and the community professional fine

arts exhibitions and cultural events, Stallone noted. Misericordia is celebrating its 65th anniversary by featuring a variety of fine arts events in the gallery throughout the year.

Power

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The pharmacist in Stapinski's said the power was off for about three or four hours but the store remained open. "We used flashlights to work," the pharmacist said.

Ed Davis of Jedia's Restaurant was annoyed to say the least.

"I lost about \$1700 Sunday," Davis said. "Between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. is the busiest time of our day on Sunday. We had a full restaurant but could not prepare the food to serve them, so we had to close."

"This is the second week it has happened, we had an outage the Saturday before and between the two times I lost about \$2,700. I have a gas grill but that only kept the food hot a short time."

"The last time the company said a tree fell on wires in the vicinity of Weis Market but there are no trees in that area," Davis said.

Joseph Szklany, manager of Friendly's Restaurant, said the outage also affected their business. "We had no power for hours and it was during the time of day that you can't serve just anything. If it was later in the afternoon we could have served ice cream. About all we could do was have our employees do work around the restaurant," Szklany said.

Early Monday morning the bright yellow service trucks bearing the blue UGI logo could be seen in various areas of the Back Mountain as the employees went through checking the various starting and stopping points of the wire distribution.

Jaycees to raffle turkey

The Annual Turkey Raffle sponsored by the Back Mountain Jaycees is now underway. Ticket donations are \$1 each or three tickets for \$2 with all proceeds benefiting the Back Mountain Jaycees Christmas community programming and events. Prizes include a 20 lb.; a 15 lb.; and a 12 lb. turkey. The raffle date is set for Saturday, Nov. 18.

The members of the Back Mountain Jaycees will have "Turkey Raffle" tickets available at the Giant Markets in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston on Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are also available at the Double K Market, Hanover Township; Parrish and Brown Printers, Wilkes-

Barre; and from any Back Mountain Jaycee member or by calling 825-0599.

Funds from this event will benefit the community through various Jaycee projects being held during the Christmas season. These projects include the "Underprivileged Children's Shopping Spree," "Children's Santa Claus Visits," and the annual visits and gifts given to local nursing homes.

The Back Mountain Jaycees are a community oriented leadership training organization open to men and women from 21 to 40 years of age. The Jaycees meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Castle Inn, Route 415, Dallas at 8 p.m.

Mercy offers driver class

Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, has joined with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to offer a 55 Alive Mature Driving Course to older residents of the Wyoming Valley. The 8-hour classroom refresher course is designed to help drivers 50 years of age or older sharpen their skills and improve their driving habits.

The program will be conducted on November 16 and 17 from 1-5 p.m. in the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, 8 Church Street,

Wilkes-Barre. The instructor for the course is AARP Representative Carl Morris, and the fee is \$7.00 to cover instructional materials and booklets.

The driver refresher course is open to all Mercy HealthQuest members or any individual over the age of 50 who would like to sharpen his or her driving skills. For more information, or to register for the course, contact Mercy Hospital's Marketing Department at 826-3395.

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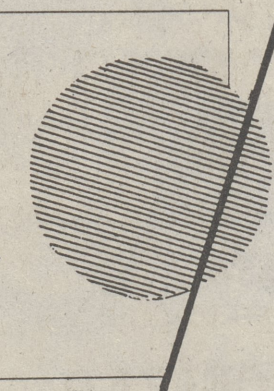
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