

# Hollitt returns to open gym for bodybuilders

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Sporting a new haircut and an extensive background in body building, Raye Hollitt has returned to the Back Mountain to open a gym for people who want to concentrate on toning up their bodies.

"The Gym by Raye Hollitt" will open along Memorial Highway this Saturday and Hollitt says that it will offer a lot for Back Mountain people who are serious about getting in shape.

"There is a need in the area for this," said Hollitt. "If you live back here it is tough to travel to Wilkes-Barre all the time to find a hard-core gym. Now we have a gym where people can concentrate on body-building."

Hollitt knows about body building as she has won numerous competitions in the sport. She first started training after her graduation from Lake-Lehman High School in 1982. She took body building seriously and won the first competition she entered.

She went to California in 1983 to continue her training. In 1988 she won the Miss L.A. Bodybuilding Competition, one of the biggest meets in the country.

While in California, Hollitt got involved in acting and starred in the movie, "Skin Deep" with John Ritter. Her appearance in that movie helped get her on the television series, "American Gladiators" where she is known as "Zap".

Hollitt will not be on the show next season since she and her husband have returned to this area and are opening the gym.

"I want to change the perception of what body building is," said Hollitt last week. "Women who want to tone their bodies don't have to look like men or act

*Raye Hollitt has won bodybuilding competitions and acted in movies and on television*

like men."

Hollitt said that many people are misled by the concept of body building. "People can take it to any degree they want," she said. "I made a goal to take it as far as I could, but others can set the goals they want."

Hollitt said that her gym can help people set the right goals and get on the right system. The gym will feature many free weights and "Flex" machines to help enhance specific muscles. It will also offer professional fitness instruction, a juice and food bar, and stationary bikes.

Hollitt noted that the gym will also sell a clothing line and will provide many training videos for its members.

Hollitt's husband, Ted Prior, will be one of the instructors at the gym. He is also active in body building and acting. During the 13 years he lived in California, he ran the first Gold's Gym and trained with many big-name bodybuilders. He has also appeared on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives."

Hollitt noted that she will be active as an instructor at the gym, but those who have seen her in films or on television may not recognize her new look.

Hollitt and Prior are expecting their first child in November. She is also sporting a new haircut, saying that she always said she would cut her hair when she was going to have a child.

Hollitt plans to continue to work out during the pregnancy.



She also says that she will return to "American Gladiators" after the baby is born.

For now, though, Hollitt is concentrating on her gym and

its grand opening this weekend.

The gym is scheduled to be open weekdays from 8:00-10:00 and on the weekend from 11:00-7:00.

## On the air

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on our time in the mornings. The first year was practice. I've been one of the back up crew ever since. It's a lot of fun. At first I was a little nervous, but after being anchor a couple of times, it came naturally and it's been good experience," said Wisneski now a ninth-grader.

The 15 technicians on the television crew are under the direction of William Roberts, also a faculty member. The technicians always work because they have to set up, do the video taping, work the cameras, do special effects, make their own graphics and set up for the broadcasting.

Ninth grade student Dave Seidel started as a technician in seventh grade. "I stayed in the technical part for the three years because it is so interesting and it gives me something to do. Activity periods can get boring at times. I have worked on all phases of the electronic equipment and also on the logo for the station. I usually work the console. The work would not be my first choice but maybe my second or third or just as a hobby," Seidel said.

Bill Camp also started as a member of the technical crew and is still with it in ninth grade. "I stayed because it is interesting and gives me something to do in the morning. I liked the technical end and became interested in electronics. I started on the camera until I got used to the other equipment such as the console. Electronics gave me the opportunity to try it out and see what it was like," Bill said.

At the end of each show, there is a listing of the crews doing the production. The school channel has its own special logo—a large sun rising against an orange and red background—and the logo comes on the screen prior to the show to alert the homerooms. Art work is also used by the students to alert the classes to the program about to come up and background music is used on every show.

Most of the news relates to general announcements planned

by the school and the programs usually run about seven minutes. The studio opens about 7:25 a.m. and the students start coming in to the broadcasting area as soon as it opens.

Dave Grossman, also in ninth grade has been in the program since seventh grade.

"I stayed with it," Dave said. "It's not demanding and it doesn't take too much of your time. It also gets me out of class a few minutes before to come report to the TV studio. I come in from the bus and drop off my books. The teachers bring in the news they want reported and sometimes some sports stories. We also do menus and the weather, which we summarize from the newspaper. Sometimes the teachers' news is too long and we as announcers can condense it. I might like to do this as a hobby when I am through school, but I have other plans for a career."

"The program is strictly voluntary," said Roberts. "The students who join usually stay for three years. Seventh grade students, as a rule, start as technicians and continue to advance to the reporting."

"The program also has its weather dog which hands over the weather report and does some of the show when we have an SPCA program. Last year Kermit the Frog was our mascot, but I suggested a dog would be nice. One of the students said she had a dog and brought it in. It was Maggie Redmond and she does a great job with it," Roberts continued.

"In February we did 'Sweets for the Sweets' and a student brought in a second dog which we used in that program," Roberts said.

"The program is for the students; it is whatever they make it. They get no credit for the program but they have fun while they learn. I have been working with the students about seven years. Warchal has been with the program from the beginning. It is great working with them, they are enthusiastic about it."

## Taxpayers

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find places to cut some of the programs. It would be better if the district would increase the millage more evenly each year; then it wouldn't be such a shock."

Mrs. Lori Avery of Noxen is not the least happy with the 18-mill increase. "Raising the property taxes 18 mills is ridiculous," she said. "The children aren't getting quality education. The softball team had to cancel their game this year because the fields were not kept in good condition by the maintenance employees."

"It's also aggravating that the board tried to cut the late bus runs. We need the bus run out here in Noxen. It is the activity we have to keep the kids off the streets. If the district kept up the quality education, I wouldn't mind the increase so much."

Prior to last week's action, Superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta had proposed a 14-mill increase with certain recommended cuts or curtailments. In presenting the 14-mill increase, Borchetta explained that major increases in the 1990-1991 budget

amounted to \$890,000 over the budget he proposed, which would have meant a very large millage increase.

"That is why I recommended the cuts and curtailments in order to keep the millage down to 14-mills," he explained at that time.

Board president Jeffrey Fritzen emphasized to the board that the 18-mill proposed budget adopted Tuesday night was only a tentative one.

"The board will have time to meet and discuss and evaluate the proposed budget and during the time between May 22 and June 28, will be able to change it, cut other items or increase the millage just as we have done tonight,"

Fritzen explained. The board adopted the 18-mill budget in order to refrain from cutting certain education equipment and supplies and eliminating curtailing and altering programs dealing with personnel.

The next budget meeting will be held June 18 at which time the board will study carefully items which might be cut from the budget or what additional revenue will be available.

## Softball game set for today

The district softball title game between Dallas and Crestwood scheduled for Tuesday was postponed by rain. The game will be played today (Wednesday) at 4:00 p.m. at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre.

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## Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from May 17, 1990 to May 23, 1990. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Money transfers are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

James A. Fazzi Sr. to John M. Simonitis, 50 Birch Dr., Swyersville property L 21, 22, Crystal Spring Village, Kingston Twp., \$120,000.

Robert O. Hale to Daniel A. Dembowski, RD 2, Box 89, Harveys Lake, property Lake Twp., \$15,500.

John K. Gabriel to Nicholas Arnone, PO Box 54, Lake Boro, Shawanese, property Harveys Lake, \$3,000.

Barbara J. Rutt Roberts to Wm. T. Roberts, 360 Harris Hill Rd., Shavertown, property P/oL9, Midway Manor, Kingston Twp.

Robert D. Elias to Patrick J. Delaney, 38 Crestview Dr., Dallas, property Pioneer Ave., Dallas, \$70,000.

Wm. G. Rice to Barbara Goldsmith, 53 Dorchester Dr., Orchard View Terrace, Dallas, property Dorchester Dr., Dallas Twp.

Lloyd Naugle to Bradley Naugle, RR 3, Box 104, Hunlock Creek, 1.323 acres, Lake Twp.

Kenneth E. Beisel to Brian E. Hospodar, 1123 Warden Ave., Trucksville, property 2 parcels, Warden St., Kingston Twp.

Harveys Lake Water Co. to General Waterworks Corp. 950 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, Pa. Attn. Frank J. McGuire, property Cor. Ridge Ave. & Hillside Ave., Lehman Twp., \$4,557.

General Waterworks Corp. to Harveys Lake Water Co. Inc. Attn. Frank J. McGuire, 950 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, property Ridge Ave. Lehman Twp.

General Waterworks Corp. to Shavertown Water Co. Inc. 950 Haverford Ave., Bryn Mawr, property 14 parcels, Dallas Twp., Kingston Twp.

Clara Mellner to Alan Updyke, Box 41, Sweet Valley, property North View, L 45, 46, 47, Lake Twp.

General Waterworks Corp. to Dallas Water Co. Inc. 950 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, property 14 parcels, Dallas Twp., Dallas Boro.

Shavertown Water Co. to General Waterworks Corp. 950 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, 14 parcels, Kingston Twp., Dallas Twp., \$425,000.

Dallas Water Co. to General Waterworks Corp. 950 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, property 14 parcels, Dallas Boro, Dallas Twp., \$700,000.

J.R.H. Inc. to Donald L. Hoffman, 307 Wright Ave., Kingston, property Idlewood Dr., Dallas Twp.

Robert S. Hiller to Ricky J. Taddel, Box 109, RD 6, Lower Demunds Rd., Dallas, property L3, Bl 14, Sec. J, \$100.

Maxine R. Kapral to Wm. C. Betts, 53 Spring St., Shavertown, property Spring St., Kingston Twp., \$80,000.

Matthew R. Collura to Walter William Smith, RD 1, Box 56, Harveys Lake, property L111 Barnum Plot, Lake Twp., \$50,000.

Margaret C. Flynn, to Charles

Coslick, 10 Split Rail Lane, Dallas, property Weiss St., Dallas, \$1,000.

Emmet L. Hoover to Adele L. Wagner, RD 1, Box 142, Harveys Lake, property Lake Twp.

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John S. Losh to John M. Losh, RD 4, Huntsville Rd., Lehman Twp., Dallas, property Lehman Twp.

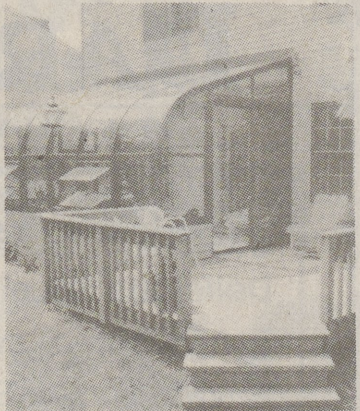
Wm. E. Kelly to Steven H. Greenberg, 165 Church St., Dallas, property L11, Sec. B, Goss Manor, Dallas Twp., \$82,500.

Lisa Williamson to Joseph Pagliani, Country Club Rd., RD 5, Dallas, property Harveys Lake.

Estate Rosalia Gelso to Josephine Giacometti, 322 Monument Ave., Wyoming, property Green Rd., Kingston Twp.

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