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Jackson cops to get \$10/hour for training

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Jackson Township police officers will make a higher pay rate during training than they do while on duty according to a resolution passed by the township's supervisors Monday night.

During the board's monthly meeting, the supervisors held a discussion on whether or not to pay five police officers \$40 per night to attend medical training. The board finally agreed to foot the bill on a 2-1 vote.

Township police chief Don Jones asked that the board foot the bill for 36 hours of medical training for the five officers. The cost for the training was \$100 but Jones also asked that the supervisors pay the men \$40 per night while at training.

"In the past the supervisors have paid the \$40," said Jones. However, he added that the supervisors stipulated that the money be paid only for a certain number of times.

Jones asked that the supervisors waive the limit and pay the officers for the nine nights of training.

Supervisor Joseph Stager was apprehensive about spending the money. "I am wondering if there isn't some sort of obligation for a person to keep up his credentials for his profession," said Stager.

Jones said that the officers would foot the bill for such a class if "...we were getting paid what they do in some of the metropolitan areas."

Stager continued to question whether or not all the officers should be paid \$40 for four hours of training per night. Jones noted that only one of the officers was part-time, and felt they all should be paid the same.

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This man's a real clown

Jim Eason of Dallas spends his free time entertaining people young and old as a "white-faced" clown with the Irem Temple troupe. Story and more photos on page 3. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

High oil prices spur homeowners to save energy

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tensions in the Persian Gulf, half a world away from the Back Mountain, have revived interest in energy conservation here. Area contractors say that they haven't been so busy since the last oil price shock in the late 1970's.

One of the more popular ways of making a home less costly to heat is installing more insulation, according to Susan Rittenhouse, one of the owners of Common & Co. Contractors in Shavertown.

Rittenhouse said that since home heating prices have gone up, so has the company's business.

"I hate to say that anyone is benefiting from such a tragic incident as what has happened over there, but things have really become busy around here," she said. "People are becoming more aware

of the energy situation and they know heating costs are going up, so they want to do what they can to keep their costs down."

Rittenhouse said that demand for insulation has risen dramatically since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent increase in oil prices. "Before, people believed that since insulation was something that couldn't be seen it wasn't needed," said Rittenhouse. "But now they are realizing how effective insulation can be and they are maximizing the amount in their homes."

Windows, roofs and siding are other areas in which homeowners are trying to fight the energy crunch.

"Insulated windows are becoming increasingly popular," said Rittenhouse. She added that good

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Wood and coal stove sales are heating up

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

If the increase in requests for wood and coal stoves and central heating systems is any indication, the Mideast crisis appears to have triggered memories of 1979 and an earlier increase in prices and shortages of oil.

"It's unbelievable," said Len DeLeur of Back to Basics in Kunkle.

"We can't keep up with the requests. We have people coming in for wood or coal units, furnaces and boilers, hot air and hot water units."

"Primarily, they're asking about coal, but some want oil. Coal, without a doubt is the most popular. Our wood sales are dropping. Sales on high-efficiency fireplaces are increasing, at least in our area. The largest increase is in central heat since the Mideast crisis."

DeLeur says the prospect of higher prices is motivating most of his customers.

"People are buying to save oil

expense. They're anticipating \$2.00 per gallon before another month. The average person's budget is not enough for those high prices. The bottom line is that people are tired of lining the oil companies' pockets.

The demand for stoves and heating units may result in shortages

DeLeur also said that even 'part time' burners are energy saving and that people are buying the free standing stoves, burning coal and circulating the heat around two-story houses with cold air returns.

Ironically, the increased activity may create a shortage of stoves and heating units. "The Mideast crisis and the chimney cleaning season are making it busier than ever," he said. "We are going through units faster than we had anticipated. The influx of so many people this early will create a shortage. I think we will see some spot shortages."

Gary Baker, owner of Wood Stoves at The Barn in Lehman,

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Time running short for voter registration

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With the November 6 general election quickly approaching, area residents are running out of time to make sure they can participate.

The deadline to register to vote in the next election is Tuesday, October 9, according to a spokes-

person at the Luzerne County voter registration office. Individuals who have recently moved or who have not voted in the last couple of years should check to see if they are registered.

In order to vote a person must be at least 18 years old and must be a U.S. citizen residing in the election district at least 30 days

prior to the election.

There are many places in the area where residents can pick up registration forms. One of the busiest will be the voter registration office across from the county courthouse in Wilkes-Barre. A spokesperson for that office said that registration has been slow for this election but she expects things

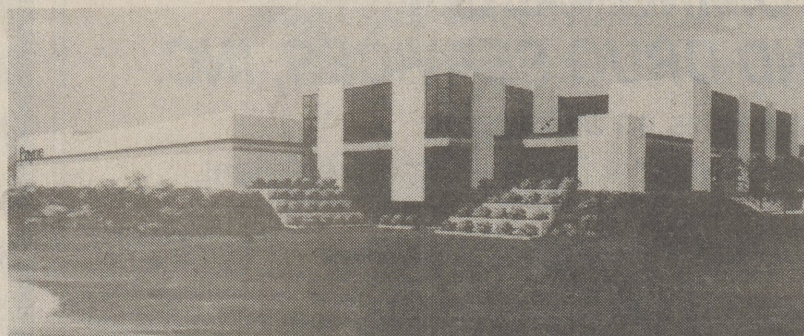
to pick up within the next week. "Like everything else they wait until the last minute to register," she said.

The spokesperson said that individuals can go to the office to register or call and a form will be mailed to them. Other places that

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Fall Community Events

- RUMMAGE SALE:** Maple Grove U.M. Women. Wed. and Thurs. Sweet Valley Rd., 2/10 mile off Route 118
- CHICKEN BAR-B-Q:** Trucksville U.M. Church, Fri. and Sat. 5-7 PM. Takeouts available. 696-3897.
- RUMMAGE SALE:** Alderson U.M. Women, Fri. 10-4, Sat. 10-3. Alderson U.M. Church, Harveys Lake
- FALL SALE:** Carverton U.M. Church, Sat. 9-3.
- SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** Jackson U.M. Church, Smith Pond Rd. Sat. 4:30-7 PM.
- ROAST BEEF DINNER:** Ruggles Methodist Church, Route 29. Sat. 4:30-7 PM.

Area Navy man back from Persian Gulf

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Airman Brian Baker, a member of the United States Navy, has been to the Mideast and back since Saddam Hussein took over Kuwait. He spoke by telephone with The Post last week, relating the action that took place during his weeks there.

The son of Lee and Evelyn Baker of Kingston Township, Baker has been in the Navy for two and a half years. Stationed at Norfolk VA, Baker is aboard the U.S.S. Dwight Eisenhower which left Norfolk March 8 for maneuvers in Mediterranean waters and was still in the Mediterranean aboard ship in August.

"Within 36 hours of Iraq's takeover we were part of the blockade, but on ship we didn't know what was going on," Baker said in a recent interview by phone. "The news was about six days old when we would hear it," he said. "The thing we were most afraid of was chemical warfare," Baker said.

"The Eisenhower is a carrier and there were 14 ships positioned around it while we were there. If the crisis is not settled by next year our ship will go back," Baker said. "We are trained for that type of duty."

"While we were there the morale was not bad because the

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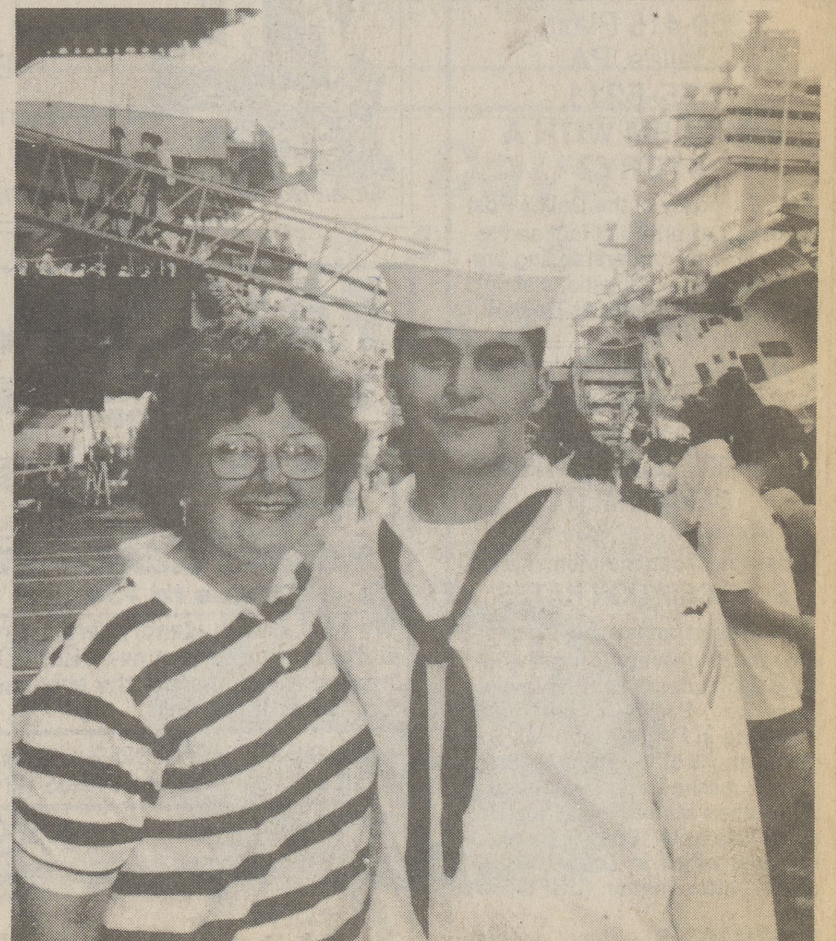
Brian Baker
Former Back Mountain resident back from a tour in the Mideast

people were keeping busy. In my opinion, we should not negotiate; Saddam has more against him than he has for him. The fact that all of the countries have united against him isn't going to help either. Jordan is playing it both ways as far as I'm concerned."

Baker believes if the members of the embargo decide to attack in a combined effort of Army, Navy and Air Force, Saddam will be defeated. "I believe he could be defeated by air," he said. But Baker thinks there would be a cost attached to that tactic. "I don't believe he will let the men he is using as desert shields go. If we attack, they will be lost."

"Negotiations won't hurt. The longer we wait, everybody has time to keep building up so he's at a standstill. Until sanctions are put on the air travel that's the only means of supplies getting in to Saddam." (It was only two days after talking to Baker that air

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BACK FROM MID-EAST - Navy Airman Brian Baker, above, poses with his mother, Evelyn Baker on his return from the Mid-East. (Photo Courtesy/Evelyn Baker)