

Weaver

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a labor-intensive process which can take up to 30 hours.

The actual weaving and final finishing can take another 30 hours. Because of the large amount of labor involved, Vaida charges between \$1,200 and \$1,500 for a queen-size heirloom coverlet.

An unusual tapestry greets visitors to Shuttlebug, a Tibetan mountain scene with tiny clear, rose quartz and amethyst crystals woven into the fabric.

Vaida had first painted the scene on the warp threads, then used a special weaving technique to create softened figures. The tiny crystals add glitter and interest to the piece.

"I don't know if anyone else in the area does this technique," she said, showing off the template for another tapestry on the large loom.

Starting with the design painted onto the warp threads, Vaida will then weave an intricate design into the fabric.

Created for a local customer, the tapestry's Native American theme features thunderbirds (the sacred bearer of happiness), sun rays (constancy) and stylized butterflies (everlasting life.)

"I love it when customers tell me to be as creative as possible," Vaida smiled.

Vaida first became interested in weaving when she was looking for a business which she could operate from her home.

"I am a firm believer in being home with your children while they are young," she said. After seeing a loom for sale at the Bay Window Shops, she bought it, took weaving lessons and set up Shuttlebug in her garage. Later she added several other looms, including a model which can produce fabric up to 60 inches wide, and takes up half of the shop.

Now Vaida has customers from New Jersey, Florida and New England, and is expanding her business to Connecticut.

Because Vaida can set up appointments for customers and works while her children are in school, her home business has worked out well for her two children, Aria, 13, and John Michael, 11, and her husband, John, who is director of fine arts at Wyoming Seminary.

Vaida is a member of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association and the founder of Mayor Namey's Riverfront Parks Advisory Committee in Wilkes-Barre, responsible for the care and development of Nesbitt Riverfront Park.

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The supervisors also:
• Approved the Indemnity Agreement between Kingston Township and Mr. and Mrs. Alan

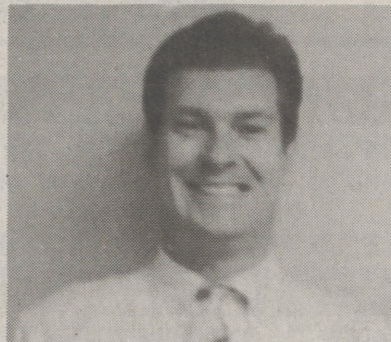
Spangenberg of 6 Breeze Way, Shavertown, regarding their road damage deposit.

• Approved the Minimum Municipal Obligation reports for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Funds for 1994.

• Appointed Father John O'Bell of St. Therese's Church as Chaplain to the township police department.

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expenses. The money must be spent before 1995.

Among the suggestions given to the board by superintendent Gerald Wycallis during the school board's work session September 13, were the following (with the approximate cost in parenthesis):

Painting the lockers in the senior wing of the high school (\$7,500); bleacher repair in the middle school and high school gymnasiums (\$7,500); a new scoreboard at the high school football field (\$10,000); placing vinyl on the bleachers at the high school football field (\$12,000); replacing ceiling blocks in the middle school (\$2,500); re-caulk windows at schools (\$6,000); replacement of scoreboard in the middle school gymnasium (\$4,000); carpet replacement in the elementary school (\$5,000); door replacement in Westmoreland (\$5,000); purchase of a forklift for maintenance (unknown); possible development of six to eight acres of land behind the high school into athletic fields (unknown); purchase of motion alarms at the schools to prevent vandalism (\$5,800); purchase of computers and software (\$52,000).

The administration brought this partial list to the board's attention and recommended that the members consider them for possible improvement. Wycallis also asked the board members for suggestions of their own. The improvements Wycallis recommended to the board totaled \$283,000.

In other matters:
The board briefly addressed the situation of 11 teachers who recently opted for early retirement. An arbitrator awarded a total of \$340,000 in incentives for the teachers. Board member James Richardson said the board is appealing the decision and the money will be held in a separate account until the appeal process is completed. No date has been

set for the appeal.
The board approved the appointment of the following full-time and part-time teachers:

Mrs. Karen Metz, full-time, Dallas Elementary; Mrs. Bonnie Palmatier, full-time, Westmoreland Elementary; Mrs. Maryann Yurko, long-term substitute, Dallas Elementary; Mrs. Louise Roberts, full-time temporary, Dallas Middle School (science); Ms. Megan Gilroy, part-time temporary, Dallas Sr. High School (mathematics).

In addition, Mrs. Linda Doughton and Miss Shelby Girard were appointed to teach the gifted programs in the Dallas Elementary and Westmoreland Elementary schools, respectively.

Also, the following were appointed as additional instructional substitutes for the 1993-94 school year: Melinda Genet, elementary; Christine Harvey, elementary; Scot Marshall, science; Lisa Sabatino, elementary; Helen Smitka, elementary; John Sobocinski, elementary.

The following senior high school coaches and advisors were appointed for the 1993-94 school year: Sheila Bonawitz, head cheerleading coach; Ann Marie Dana, cheerleading assistant coach; Richelle Straka, head girl's volleyball coach. Jason Maniskas was appointed as a volunteer assistant coach in the middle school while Kevin Straka was appointed as a volunteer assistant girl's volleyball coach in the senior high.

Wycallis welcomed back the students and faculty for the 1993-94 school year and stated that no major problems were experienced during the first day of school. He also noted that 690 students are currently enrolled in the high school while 644 are enrolled in the middle school. The superintendent also said the district will implement a bus safety program in the near future. No date was discussed.

Obituaries

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THOMAS JONES

Thomas Jones, 74, of Jackson Road, Shavertown, formerly of Wilkes-Barre died Sept. 11, 1993 at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Thomas A. and Elizabeth Thomas Jones.

A registered nurse, he was a graduate of Binghamton, New York State Hospital School of Nursing and served on the nursing staff of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, Retreat State Hospital, Hunlock Creek and the State Correctional Institution, Dallas. He was an Army veteran of World War II, wounded in France, he received the Purple Heart.

He was a member and elder of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church and its former Celts Group.

He and his wife, the former

GRACE WARD

Grace Troutman Ward, 74, of Warden Place, Harveys Lake, died Sept. 10, 1993 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late George and Minnie Miller Taylor.

She resided in Harveys Lake for the past 20 years.

Prior to retiring, she was employed as a cake decorator by the former Blue Ribbon Bakery, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Eugene Troutman; son, Terry; brothers, Paul and Gerald.

Surviving are her husband,

Jeanne Burkert, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary in August.

He was preceded in death by infant children, Kert Thomas Jones and Thomas Jones; brothers, David and John Jones.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are children Mrs. Donald Jackson, Liverpool, NY; William K. Jones, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Joseph Yanoski, Lehman; Miss Alicia K. Jones at home; sister, Miss Rachel Jones, Wilkes-Barre; brother, James Jones, Philadelphia; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

Memorial donations may be made to The Building Fund, First Welsh Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Mercy Center Convent Auxiliary, Dallas, 18612; Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre 18702; or the American Cancer Society, c/o the Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre 18702.

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