

'Pendragon Plaza,' at site of former auto dealership, will take shape soon

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TRUCKSVILLE - A Welsh dragon is coming to the Back Mountain, but it doesn't breathe fire or consider maidens to be the ideal fast food.

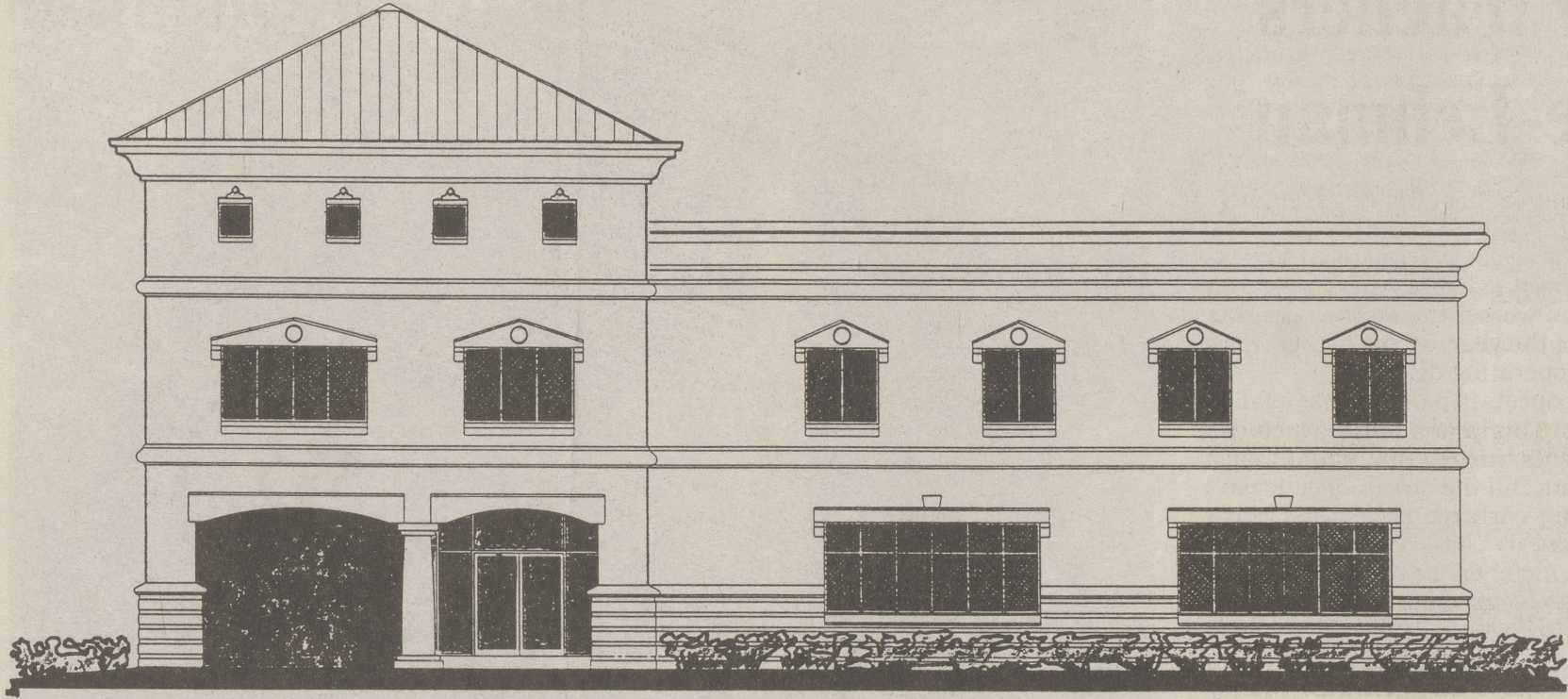
It's the symbol of Pendragon Plaza, a new professional and retail facility being developed by George and Carol Isaacs on the site of the former Howard "Duke" Isaacs auto dealership on Route 309.

"Pendragon means 'high chief' in Welsh and was the last name of the legendary Welsh kings Uther and Arthur," Isaacs said. "My wife suggested it because my great-great grandfather came from the same area in Wales as King Arthur. I'd love to incorporate the Pendragon symbol into our logo."

Isaacs learned about King Arthur and Uther Pendragon from Celtic history and the Arthurian legends, which he enjoys reading.

Bids for the first phase of the development will be let in early July, with construction to begin shortly thereafter, Isaacs said. He plans to have the building ready for occupancy in January, 1997.

"We're trying to avoid the strip mall look," said architect and engineer Lynn Wallack. "The two-story building will have a tradi-



This traditional two-story building will be the first phase of Pendragon Plaza, which will house the Grange Bank, professional

offices and retail establishments on Route 309 in Trucksville. It is on the site of the former Howard "Duke" Isaacs dealership.

tional appearance, part brick and part plaster."

Each floor will contain 6,000 square feet of space suitable for professional offices and commercial retail establishments, he added. The Grange Bank will be

the anchor tenant. Eventually the five-acre site will house a total of 40,000 square feet of space, with two more buildings planned.

Parking for 200 cars, a traffic signal and a special deceleration lane on the southbound side of

Route 309 for safety reasons are included in the initial plans, Wallack said.

Before construction can begin, the entire site must be cleared of asphalt and concrete footers and the utility poles along the high-

way relocated. The main showroom was dismantled last year, with the former body shop and GMC truck dealership slated for demolition as the development progresses.

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Chrysler-Plymouth car dealership on the site at the intersection of Route 309, Pioneer Ave. and Harris Hill Road for 58 years, beginning in 1936 with a one-car showroom.

Later the family acquired a block building from antique car restorer Tiny Gould, which was transformed into a body shop. It still sports its original "Body Shop" sign. Several small lots were added to the site in 1963 when Route 309 was widened.

The landmark blue building housing the showroom with its large front windows, parts department and car service bays in the rear was erected in 1974, with the GMC truck dealership and service area added in 1979.

Isaacs later sold two lots on the site's north end for the car wash and several small professional offices in the Main Line Plaza.

The dealership was acquired by Ertley Motorworld in 1994.



Gate of Heaven students who raised \$1,000 for missions, from left, first row: Joseph Barry, Ann Evans, Beth Charnick, Liz Parlaski, R.J. Barna, Michael Son, Jamie Pikul, Jacqueline Reisser, Brad Feleccia, C.J. Adamchik, Tim Carroll, Jim Persico, Russell Susko. Second row: Laura Charnick, Jessica Holton, Kirsten Nelson, Shannon Leary, Nicole Charney, Shannon Lupien.

GOH class raises \$1,000 for missions

"Awesome!" This is how Mrs. Rosalie Albert describes her seventh grade students at Gate of Heaven School. Mission schools and children in over 100 countries are benefiting from the generosity and hard work of the students this year.

Under the leadership of president Michael Son, vice president Laura Charnick, treasurer Shannon Leary and secretary Brad Feleccia, the class raised over \$1,000 to donate to missions all over the world.

Each class member played an active role in accomplishing this task by donating a portion of their allowances, donating goods to the class bake sales or by creating posters to be displayed throughout the school. When asked why they did this, their reply was simple: they want to make the lives of less fortunate children better.

The class is quick to point out that the missions are not the only beneficiaries of this project. The students themselves benefited as they learned leadership, teamwork, and budgeting.

The students would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Hagen, cafeteria supervisor, the homeroom mothers for assisting at the bake sales, and their parents for their

cooperation in accomplishing this endeavor. As for thanking Mrs. Albert for her guidance, the students were unanimous. "She's awesome!"

Ham 'N Yegggers raise \$3,040 for library

The 50th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will begin on Thursday, July 11 and continue through July 14. As has been traditional in the past, one of the initial fund raiseers each year is the auction Ham 'N Yegg campaign. Ham 'N Yegg contributors as of May 23 have brought the total donated for 1996 to \$3,040.

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