

Wertmans

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larger eat-in business. Jan always liked to cook and had done some catering before the business started. It was very important to her that all of the food be homemade. "I always cooked for the family. I'd rather have homemade food," she said. Good cooking must run in the family. Her mother, Bertha Thompson's, cole slaw salad is the most popular side dish in the place.

Like many new businesspeople, the Wertmans learned as they went along. "We learned from watching others. You get better ideas as you go," she said. "It was trial and error in the beginning." As word-of-mouth travelled they built up a loyal clientele that includes individuals as well as large companies in the area, such as Commonwealth Telephone and Offset Paperback, Inc.

The family has worked hard for their business. "We all work hard. There are a lot of hours in the food business," said Jan.

With all those hours together, tensions are bound to run high at some point. "We're a very close family. But, you do get on each other's nerves. It can be stressful," said Jan. "Since we are family it's easier to get over things that might be said. It's a way to let off steam. A number of people with family businesses say the same thing."

Jim, the oldest, said it's a challenge to work with the family. "We certainly don't visit each other on weekends," he said, shooting a smile at his sister.

"We're close though," said Janice, 31. "We started helping

out and it got more and more permanent. We put in extra effort because (the business) is for ourselves." John, who is the youngest at 28, has worked at the deli since it opened.

Jan said if she owned the business by herself and had other employees she would never get to see her family.

After Jim passed away, the family turned to each other and the work for support. "It was terrible in the beginning," said Jan. "All the customers were so good to us. It happened right before Christmas and we had to be open." The Wertman children went to work the night their father passed away because catering orders had to be completed. The business had to be run.

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Jan Wertman
J&J Deli

"That was the toughest time. We have come a long way. I think that he'd be proud of us," she said.

In addition to expanding their store space, the deli recently acquired a beer license and plans to be open on Sundays. "We're going to get 72 seats in here," said Jan. With extra hours, the family hopes to hire more people and allow themselves more free time.

The deli has become an integral part of the family. "It's our life. I wouldn't know what else to do," said Jan.



Series on parenting coming Sept. 14

The Wyoming Valley Council of Churches and the Back Mountain Ministerium are sponsoring a seven-week series, open to the public entitled: "Caring for Children through the Lifespan: A Wholistic Approach to Parenting". The series will begin Sun., Sept. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will continue every Sunday evening through October 26. Trinity Presbyterian Church on Irem Road in Dallas will host the series. Cost of attendance is \$5 per adult for the entire series, and childcare will be provided. Dr. Jeffrey Fremont, a private psychologist with a practice in Forty Fort, initiated this program. He will speak for three of the seven sessions. Other speakers include Jean Warrington, Director of the Wyoming Valley Montessori; Jo Ellen Gittens, Nurse Practitioner; Sandy Champi, School Psychologist for the Wyoming Area School District; Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis and Kathy Yaklic, Director of youth and adult ministries for the Diocese of Scranton. Call the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches at 825-8543 for more information. Pictured in photo from left, Rev. Janell Wigen Associate Executive Director for the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches; Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis, Interim Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas; Dr. Jeffrey Fremont; Susan Harper, Executive director of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches.

Dershimer

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every day that was fun was pretty amazing," he said.

After a two-year stint in the army, he decided to take advantage of his G.I. Bill and go to college. "In the years after high school I watched friends going to college. I realized I could do it too."

Dershimer earned his associate of arts degree from Polk Community College in 1969 and went on to get a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Central Florida two years later.

He found a degree in communications fit in well with his experience at Cypress Gardens, where he worked during and after college.

"While in the ski show we did television shows, photography and ads," he said. He studied television and film production and worked as a cameraman for a news station in Miami.

Recently Dershimer was honored as Polk Community College's 1997 Distinguished Alumnus, an honor that pleased and surprised him. "A lot of people have gone through the college. I don't see myself as anything outstanding and unusual," he said modestly.

For the past 20 years Dershimer has been an insurance agent and now owns his own business in Winter Haven. "Sales of insurance fits in well with my background," he said.

He and his wife Margie have a home on a lake where he waterskis three times a week before work. They have two children, David, 23 and Chrissy, 22.

Dershimer is the son of Mary and John Dershimer and the stepson of Eric Weber. He has three brothers, two of whom live in the area. Gordon Dershimer has been a business teacher in the Tunkhannock School District for 27 years and Eric Weber owns Arrowhead car dealership on Memorial Highway. His other brother, Jack Dershimer, is a truck driver who lives in Oregon.

Gordon said he is very proud of his brother's achievements. "It's a nice reflection on his lower school as well as his college," he said. "We come from an ambitious family who are highly motivated."

Dorne White, who has known Dershimer since grade school, said he isn't surprised by his achievements. "He is an interesting and outgoing person. He makes you feel comfortable and he's direct and honest," said White, who remembers when Dershimer and his brothers, Gordon and Jack, went water skiing on Harveys Lake at Christmas time. "He's always doing crazy stuff," he said with a laugh.

Dershimer said he feels very fortunate to have the friends and family he has both in Florida and in the Back Mountain.

New cop

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Fowler applied for the grant in January. "The way our work load is going, we need another cop," he said. "There are always needs, but not enough of a budget to meet those needs. It's like that all over," explained Fowler.

Once the grant gets approved, the hiring process will immediately begin. "It should go quickly," said Fowler. The last full time officer was hired approximately three years ago.

Ted Wright, council member, said he has a few questions that need to be answered before he can vote for the new officer. "I want to know what they intend to do with the extra officer. I question if we need one and want to know how

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Dallas Borough police chief

we will pay for this at the end of three years," he said.

"I just have concerns. If I get legitimate answers I will vote to hire this person. As of now, I'm sitting on the fence," he said.

The council will hold its work session Sept. 15 and its regular meeting Sept. 16 at the borough building.

Meadows Nursing Center seeks volunteers to help

The Volunteer Department at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

Help Activities Department on any morning Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. with coffee hour, exercises, crafts, games, reading to residents.

Bingo Assistant on Friday 2-3:45 p.m.

Accompany residents to outside appointments as necessary in Meadows Van.

Friendly Visiting: daily 2 to 4 p.m.

Play piano or other instrument to entertain residents.

Passing ice to residents' rooms morning and afternoons (flexible hours).

Community and church groups to entertain, visit or plan a special activity for residents.

Escort residents to Beauty Shop at the center Wednesday afternoons for 1:45 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers who are interested in helping in various positions or on an "on call" basis are welcome to apply by calling Marilyn Gregorski, 675-8600, ext. 138.

Reserve spot for Christmas Craft Sale

The fifth annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held at the O.E.S. building, Woodlawn Avenue and Foster Street (behind C.V.S.), Dallas. It will be held on Sat., Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available. There will be a Welsh Cookie sale. Tables will be furnished for vendors, large table \$10; small tables \$5 each. For reservations please call Irene G. Transue, Dallas, 675-1367.



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2. Submit up to three of your favorite photos by Friday, Sept. 12. The subject matter is your choice, but remember that photos will be judged on originality, composition and overall quality.
3. Include a completed entry blank. You may use the one below, or fill one out at the office of The Dallas Post or at Dallas Photo when you drop off your photos.

That's all there is to it. We'll hold your photos for pickup after the contest is over, and winners will be notified by phone or mail. Winning photos will be published in the September 24 issue of The Dallas Post along with a brief article about the circumstances in which they were taken.

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