

IN THE SERVICE

William R. Scruitsky has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of major.

Scruitsky is an intercontinental ballistic missile operational test and evaluation test manager with Headquarters, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM.

He is the son of Robert S. and Mildred M. Scruitsky, Chase.

His wife, Renee, is the daughter of Duane H. and Shirley A. Olson of Buffalo, MN.

The major is a 1982 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, and a 1986 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

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Sherri Newell, left, and Polly Whispell posed by the coffee bar at the New Mart in Trucksville, which is expected to open next week, on the site of the former N-Mart.

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Brand new 'New Mart' ready to open

By MEIRA ZUCKER
Post Correspondent

TRUCKSVILLE - After six months of construction, the new New Mart in Trucksville is expected to open early next week. "We have the most modern convenience store now," said Russ Newell, Jr., one of the store's owners.

New Mart, consisting of a convenience store and an accompanying gas station, is a part of Newell Fuel Service Inc., which is run by Russ Newell Sr. and Russ Newell Jr. The business began 40 years ago in a home office, and then expanded to a larger site in Shavertown.

"We moved to this location in 1980," said Russ Newell, Jr. The Trucksville building served as both company headquarters and the

site of their gas station and convenience store. With the onset of new environmental regulations, however, the Newells were forced to upgrade their tanks or close the gas station.

"We had to upgrade our tanks," said Russ Newell, Jr. Instead of simply closing, the Newells decided to take on the competition and upgrade the entire facility, from pumps to store to offices. "It's part of our business," Newell said. The expense was large for a family company, but they believed it to be essential. "It was a real good thing for the community," he said.

The extensive construction took six months. "We took the shell of the building and built around it," said Sherri Newell. Offices and conference rooms were added to the second floor. The surround-

ing land was leveled and a huge retaining wall was built. The old gasoline tanks were replaced with modern, environmentally-compliant tanks.

The new New Mart will feature a deli and made-to-order sandwiches. An extensive coffee bar, featuring coffee beans ground at the store, and a soda fountain will quench thirsty travelers. The convenience store will stock hundreds of needs for busy shoppers.

The station will carry Exxon fuel. Both self-service and full-service gasoline pumps will be provided day and night. The Newells point out that this is especially beneficial to older patrons and women. In addition, the station will have diesel and kerosene pumps. New Mart will be open 18 hours a day, from 6 am to midnight.

Chicory House contra dance will feature 'local talent'

The Chicory House and the Folklore Society will showcase some young local talent at New England Contra Dance on Saturday January 9 at 8 p.m. The dance is held at the St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue at Davis street in Shavertown. Music is to be provided by the Warrington family, with Bob Nicholson calling. No partner or previous experience is necessary.

Though the three Warrington youngsters, Ian, Ben and Lucy are just 18, 15, and 10 years of age, collectively they bring more than 20 years of musical experience to their performances. Ian and Lucy will be featured on fiddle, while Ben will add keyboard accompaniment. The Kingston residents have been featured musicians at previous contra dances and recently performed at the Sweetland Homestead and at classical music recitals in the Wyoming valley. Their performance at the dance will bring jigs reels and waltzes to life as dancers are guided through an evening figures that are fun and graceful.

Bob Nicholson is to be the caller. He is a dance organizer from Syracuse, NY and calls regularly in NY and Pennsylvania. He is the most popular caller in Northeast and Central Pennsylvania, having

called dances in Lewisburg, Pillow, and Scranton as well as many times in Wilkes-Barre. He gets everyone involved in the dance very quickly, including himself, as he is one of the few dance callers that calls as he dances.

Contra dances are similar to square dances, but are performed in two long lines. Pairs of dances work their up and down the set, interacting with other dances as they progress. The progression along the lines is what makes contra dancing a unique type of dance. A few contra dance figures have been borrowed from English Country dancing and square dancing.

Newcomers are made to feel at home easily, as the caller teaches each dance before it is actually done to the music. The caller leads the dances while they are being done to music, so dancers are able to perform each movement to the music.

The Chicory House is an all-volunteer non-profit coffeehouse, sponsoring folk music and dance in the Wyoming Valley. Admission to the dance is \$6 for adults and \$15 for families. Dancers are asked to wear soft-soled shoes and to bring a snack to share at intermission. Further information is available at 570-333-4007.



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The Grinch was here

"Sick to my stomach." That's how Dallas resident Keith Zinn, pictured, felt when he saw his pine tree missing just a few days before Christmas. His wife, Dorie, and children noticed the gap in their landscaping early one morning. Carl Miers, Dallas Township Police Chief, said this unfortunate "tree-napping" occurs once or twice every December. "Maybe they'll return it now that they're done with it," says Zinn, with a grimace.

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