

Cemetery

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the pair recently recollectored how integral a part of their lives the property has been.

Alice, born in Sweet Valley on the fourth of July, 1912, said she remembers how as a child she and other children at the church would make wreaths to place on the graves.

"We lived here all our lives. A lot of the people that died, we knew," she said.

Most of the graves are from long before most people could remember. Many are from the mid 1800s and others into the early-mid part of the 1900s. Curiously, one of the headstones has a burial date of 1996.

The Wallaces have helped to

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Albert Wallace
Lives near cemetery

take care of the place in one way or another for years.

"I used to mow about 15 lawns there every week for I don't know how many years," said Albert, who was paid to do so by families that had purchased lots.

The couple described a soldier's memorial that previously stood in the middle of the cemetery. They said at one point more than 20 years ago a couple that had become too old to take care of raising and lowering the flag there asked the Wallaces to take over the responsibility.

"They came here on my front porch to see if we would put the flag on and we did, until they took the cannon and there was no flag pole anymore," said Alice.

The couple said they took the job very seriously. On Memorial Day, Flag Day and the Fourth of July, they would raise the enormous flag to wave above the



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Don Gross and George Barski, Community Bible Church volunteers, spent time last week doing routine maintenance at the cemetery. The pair are looking for living relatives or other volunteers to help with more major maintenance now needed.

graves and cannon no longer there. The flag is now carefully folded in a small box in the attic.

"We're about ready to drop off and no one going to know where the flag is," she added.

Don Gross and George Barski, members of the neighboring church, said every week for five years they have been spending three to four hours maintaining the cemetery grounds.

The men, who have been attending the church for more than 40 years say the cemetery is in desperate need of basic care that they alone cannot provide.

They are hoping living family

members of those buried in the cemetery will come out of the woodwork and help with the upkeep either financially or through donated time.

Needed now, they say, is straightening of tombstones, filling in sunken areas, liming and fertilizing of the grass and weekly mowing.

"This hasn't had a drop of fertilizer in 20 years," said Gross. "(We need) Just enough to pay for some things."

They said they're not really sure how the church became responsible for the upkeep, which involves mowing, weeding, pick-

ing up and straightening headstones. Gross said taking care of the property wasn't always as difficult.

"The church used to pay a couple of younger kids to do it. That's when membership was higher," he said. The number of members has dropped from a couple hundred to less than 50.

Albert Wallace, who served as a township supervisor for 25 years, said he doesn't understand why people just don't seem to care.

"They don't care. There's too much going on. Nobody has time to do stuff like that," he said.

Miller

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the paperwork is far more than that required by most colleges, and "planning to attend the Naval Academy takes a little more foresight."

Sherman could remember only one student that applied for the Naval Academy in 2002 and two in 2003. Out of those three applications, Miller is the only student accepted thus far.

The U.S. Naval Academy's website lists some of the initial requirements that applicants must meet: be in the top 20 percent of their high school class, take honors courses, have a strong math background, participate in athletics, have a good attitude and moral character, and receive an official nomination from one of several available sources, including a U.S. Representative, two U.S. Senators and the Vice President of the United States.

The nomination process is extremely important — an applicant will not be considered without a nomination. Miller was one of many hopefuls reviewed by U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, and in the end was one of Kanjorski's 10 official nominations.

The competition for acceptance to the Naval Academy is fierce. About 11,553 students began the application process for the graduating class of 2005, and only 1,180 made it through the 10-step process and will attend.

Miller was able to stand above the rest. He is involved in the student council, played varsity football, was the junior class president, and is involved with his local church.

The process was a lot of work, but for Miller it was a better choice than enlisting directly into the Navy. "When you graduate from the Naval Academy you not only have a four-year education behind you, you are also a Naval Officer," he said. For the first year and a half, Miller will study the core curriculum, but after that, he plans to concentrate on, and graduate

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Joseph Miller
Lake-Lehman senior
accepted to U.S. Naval Academy

with a degree in, Aerospace Engineering.

Miller will be required to serve a five-year active-duty term, and officers that pursue aviation are typically required to serve eight to nine years of active duty service, depending on training.

Miller looks forward to this change in his life. "I'm a tad nervous about leaving," he said, "but I always wanted to try something new. It's a whole new experience, and I'm excited about it."

Miller begins his training July 1, in the plebe summer program, which lasts seven weeks. It is designed to turn civilians into midshipmen, as students at the academy are known.

Students start each day at dawn and end long after sunset. The program is designed to be extremely difficult and push each student to his or her limits. The hope is that when student leave the plebe program they are self-disciplined, organized, efficient with time management, in top physical condition, and can think clearly under stress and react quickly to the unexpected. These are the qualities that the Academy believes make an outstanding United States Naval Officer.

Miller is well aware of what lies ahead of him, and looks forward to this new challenge. He received his official acceptance certificate from his blue-gold officer on April 22 at Lake-Lehman High School.

Kindergarten

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son Elementary School.

One of the reasons Kunkle cited was the ability of such programs to close the gap between students from varying backgrounds. He said while some had been in pre-school programs others had had no exposure whatsoever to socialization and education.

"We felt it (full-day kindergarten) would give us more instructional time to develop readiness skills. We felt they'd be able to enter (school) more on an even keel," said Kunkle.

He said the benefits became obvious after the first year.

"We definitely saw when these students went to first grade their readiness skills were far ahead of what they would have been with a half-day program," said Kunkle.

"Plus, there are other benefits we could provide them with; the lunch program, assembly programs and field trips became available."

"It was a program that was very near and dear to me a long time ago," said Kunkle.

Gate of Heaven School in Dallas has had full-day kindergarten for at least 15 years, said Mary Tigie, Principal.

Tigie also listed special programs, such as computers and music, as some of the benefits that come with a full-day program. She said she believes there are some misperceptions about full-day programs.

"I think parents think, 'Oh,

they'll get tired, or 'It's too much.' But she said in reality, she has found the opposite to be true. With more hours in the academic day, she said teachers and students are able to take their time, allowing for easier transitions and ultimately "they (students) are supported in their developmental stages."

"I think in a half-day program you have so many time constraints. Children don't learn by hurrying," said Tigie.

Dallas Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Speziale said recently that research on full-day versus half-day has been mixed, but that it seems to be tipping in favor of all-day programs.

"There's been a lot of research of full-day kindergarten and half-day kindergarten. While kids seem to excel more (with full-day), there's research to suggest it evens out by third grade. I think what we see now is an acceleration of the curriculum it-

self," he said.

In light of that, Speziale said he thinks children in the Dallas district could benefit from such a program.

Audobon trip to hear nesting owls.

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audobon Society is hosting a field trip to hear nesting owls atop Red Rock Mountain on Saturday, April 26. Meeting time is 8 p.m. at the Ricketts Glen parking lot. Event is free and open to the public. Contact Jim Hoyson at 696-4925 or birdder@aol.com to register.

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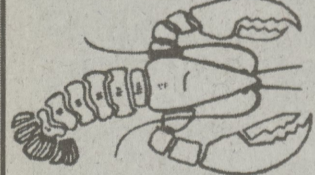
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