

Did You Hear?

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Joel A. Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gerber, Route 1, Bainbridge, recently completed cadet basic training at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Formerly called "New Cadet Barracks," or "Beast Barracks," it is an intense eight weeks in which new cadets learn the demanding standards of military courtesy, personal appearance and physical fitness expected of a cadet.

A 1980 graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, Gerber received a congressional appointment to the academy.

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16th District Congressman Bob Walker's Mobile Office will be in the *Susquehanna Times* area Friday, September 5. The office will be at the Marietta post office from 10 am to 12 noon and at the Maytown post office from 1:15 to 3:30 pm. The office will be in Mount Joy October 8 and November 12.

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Franklin Groff Fellenbaum, 30 South Market Street, Mount Joy, was one of 123 students to receive a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg State College August 23. He received his degree in geoenvironmental study.

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Lancaster Co. Youth Amateur Hockey League forming teams

The Lancaster County Youth Amateur Hockey League is now forming teams for the 1980-81 season. There are still openings available on these teams: Mites (ages 6 through 8); Squirts (ages 9 and 10); Pee-Wee (ages 11 and 12); Bantam (ages 13 and 14); Midgets (ages 15 and 16); and Juvenile (Junior C, ages 17, 18 and 19). Membership is not limited to Lancaster County.

For registration forms and further information, contact Harold R. Hilsher, R.D.#2, Box 154, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Phone 717/653-5905.

Letter to the Editor

"A dream come true"

Dear Editor:

Dreams become realities when men of vision lead the way. Such is the case of a retired elementary school building in Marietta, PA.

In 1971 the Donegal School District decided to build a new elementary school instead of renovating the existing facilities. The building was advertised to be bid upon for purchase. There was only one bid received for the purchase of the deteriorated elementary school; the bid submitted by the Marietta Jaycees in the amount of \$7,500.00. The Marietta Jaycees' bid was honored by the school board and the Jaycees became the new owners of an approximately 25,000 square feet, split level building, complete with 50,000 square feet of playground area.

The next five years were spent by the Marietta Jaycees developing plans and ideas for renovation of the building into a community center, despite the doubts that many people in

Availability employment mobile unit

Availability, one of Lancaster's largest personnel agencies, has developed a unique program to help the county's unemployed find jobs. The agency is putting a traveling employment center on the road throughout Lancaster County in an effort to bring jobs to those who want them.

Availability has purchased a Vogue mobile home which is being modified to accommodate job applicants and potential employers. Beginning in September, the Availability mobile unit will travel to most of Lancaster County's towns and villages where persons seeking jobs can receive free employment counseling and apply for open positions.

Availability president Ted Johnson says, "By going directly to the person we are giving him a convenient and attractive way to find a job. At the same time, we are also making it easy for potential employers to find job applicants when our mobile unit is in the area. By catering to both the employer and the employee, we hope to be able to significantly cut Lancaster County's unemployment rolls."

The Availability mobile unit will also appear at civic functions and trade shows throughout the year. Communities or organizations interested in learning more about the mobile unit should contact: Ted Johnson, Availability, 30 North Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602; 717/291-1871.

the community had as to whether anything would really be done with the building. The chapter performed repairs on the building in addition to some renovation work during this period. At one point it seemed that maybe the "Doubting Toms" were right. How could such a small chapter (forty members) expect to be able to accomplish such a major undertaking?

The old adage "The tough get going when the going gets tough" exemplifies the Marietta Jaycees. The members kept plugging away until somebody hit upon a possible solution: federally funded community development grants.

The chapter approached this new source of help with a renewed vitality and fervor. The paper work was endless and the meetings lengthy. The Marietta Jaycees, however, persisted in pursuing a dream that many said was impossible. The chapter's perseverance began to get results in 1979 when we were awarded an \$18,500.00 grant for architectural plans to be started and for one very large section of roof to be replaced.

The ball had finally started rolling, and as the chapter persevered, it gained momentum. The second year of federal funding (1980) brought \$40,000.00 to the building for replacement of the gymnasium floor, electrical, plumbing and necessary safety systems in 25 percent of the building. The federally funded Community Action Program was contacted and arrangements were made to provide free labor to the Jaycees for certain aspects of the renovation by using CAP's on-the-job training program for its participants. The administrator of the Head Start program of Lancaster County was contacted and plans were developed to utilize a portion of the building for a Head Start Day Care Center.

The members did not just sit back and expect to receive federal funding for the entire project. Money was budgeted for improvements, work parties were scheduled for week-ends and evenings. From 1978 to September 1980, the Marietta Jaycees have catalogued in excess of 4,500 man-hours of work on the building. In this same period of time, the chapter has expended over \$25,000 of its own funds which are solely supported by the twelve Ways and Means projects run throughout each year.

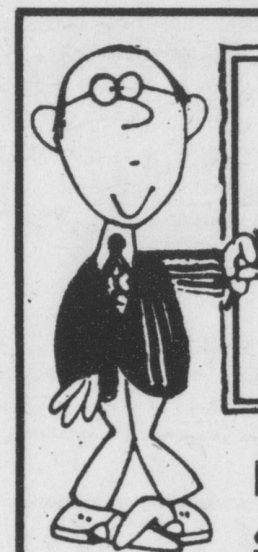
In September 1980 the Head Start program will begin by occupying a portion of the building. The

Marietta Youth Athletic Association is planning to start a Saturday morning basketball program for the youth of the town in November 1980. Many churches, the boy scouts, and other organizations are developing activities in which the completed portion of the building will be used. Community redevelopment funds have been approved for 1981 in the amount of \$63,000.00 for renovations in additional portions of the building, which will be used as meeting rooms for organizations in town.

All of this is happening nine years after a small group of men known as the Marietta Jaycees dared to dream an impossible dream, pursued that dream, and shed a great deal of blood, sweat and tears in order to provide their community with a much needed, centrally located, recreation center.

My highest praise goes to the members of the Marietta Jaycees, past and present, for their ideas, perseverance, endurance and dedication to making a dream a reality.

Respectfully,
Larry Gillham
Internal Vice President
Marietta Jaycees



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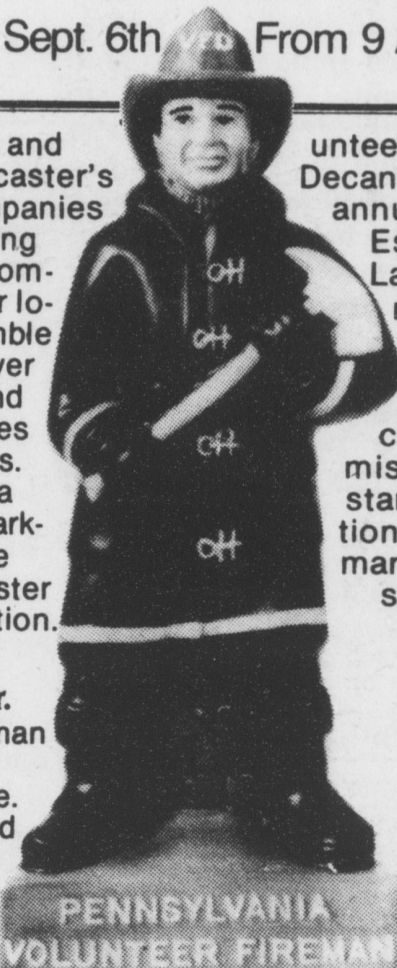


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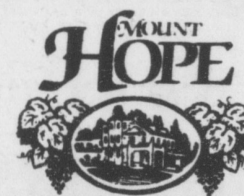
Saturday, Sept. 6th From 9 AM to 6 PM

Share the fun and excitement as Lancaster's Volunteer Fire Companies test their firefighting skills in Olympic competition. Watch your local Volunteers scramble up ladders, maneuver squirming hoses and form bucket brigades — all for cash prizes. It's a good time for a good cause, with parking donations to be presented to Lancaster County Fire Association.

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