

Wilkes to renovate athletic complex

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The project, with a fall completion date, will include expansion of the McBride Fieldhouse and the visiting team facilities and construction of a link between the two buildings.

Also planned are a new weight room, locker rooms, training room, a trainer's office, conference room and more.

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Wilkes University
Ralston Field Athletic Facility
Bakker & Lewis Architects

RENOVATIONS — This is a drawing of the planned renovations to the Wilkes athletic complex

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Newly appointed athletic director Phil Wingert expects the improvements to boost athletic recruitment.

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Most recent renovations took place in 1965.

WWV accepts land donation

By **MELISSA SCOTT**
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Wyoming Valley West School Board at a meeting Wednesday accepted 50 acres of land donated by the late J. Donald Munson.

Munson left part of his estate adjacent to the West Side Drive-In to the district in his will, provided the district use the land to build a high school or education center. The only request Munson made is that any facility built on the land be called the Marion E. Munson High School or Education Complex. The offer would have expired Dec. 5.

As far as how the gift will affect plans to relieve overcrowding in the district, board president Ray Lowery said that has yet to be decided.

"The board, including new board members, will have to decide what to do with the building program," he said. "There are many on the board who feel something has to be done."

Also at the meeting, high school principal Irvin DeRemer told the board the new parking policy has been a success this year. The

district has created 152 parking spaces for students. The fee for a parking permit is \$30 per car per year.

Some of the spaces were made available thanks to St. Stephen's Church, DeRemer said. Other parking spaces were made available in back of the school.

Each student is assigned a spot and given a permit to hang on the rearview mirror. This year, 128 of the students are seniors and 24 are juniors. Each student who originally applied for a permit has been accommodated. But since then others have expressed interest and there is currently a waiting list of eight or nine students, he said.

DeRemer asked the board to consider a parking monitor, to work for about one and a half hours each morning to insure students and faculty are parking in the proper spots.

In other business, the board honored Dr. William Boyle, who has served the district for 24 years as team physician. The board presented him with a plaque thanking him for his commitment to the students for more than two decades.

Also at the meeting, board member Daniel Chipeco resigned his appointment to the West Side Vocational Technical School Board of Directors. Robert Walsh will fill out the rest of his term.

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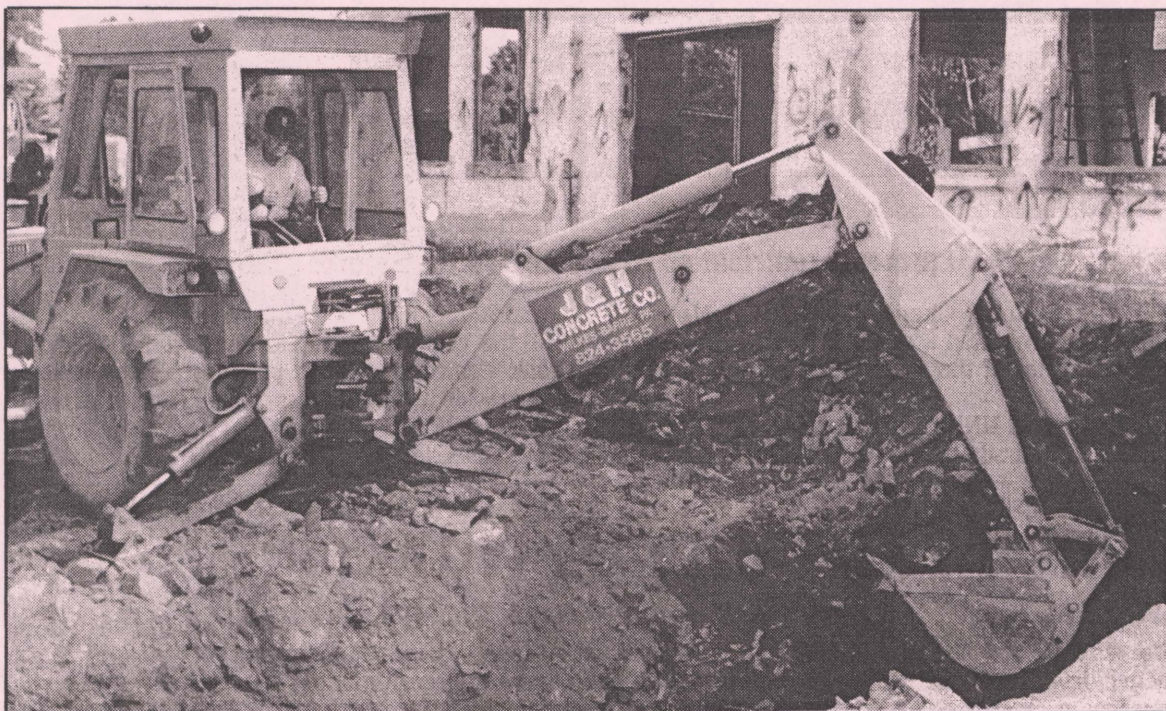
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Shown is a portion of the work site.

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REMOVAL OF OLD SCOREBOARD AT RALSTON

FIELD MARKS PROGRESS OF RENOVATION

PHOTO: WILKES-BARRE -- Construction crews continue to work on renovations to Wilkes University's athletic complex at Ralston Field. A new scoreboard is part of the \$1 million renovation and expansion project which will also upgrade the visiting team facilities, and build a link between the two fieldhouse buildings. A trainer's office, conference room, office space, laundry room, and several new locker rooms are also in the plans.

The old scoreboard was retired in time for the Wilkes University football team's game with Plymouth State College. The Wilkes University Colonels beat the Panthers 35-24.

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PHOTO: Workers from Power Builders of Kingston continue the renovation of the Wilkes University fieldhouse at Ralston Field. Men's and Women's field sport teams will use the revamped facilities this fall.