

Sledding can be fun if we all take care

As adults, we all look back on our youth and fondly remember the fun we had sledding after the first good snowfall. Almost everyone has at least one story about a close call or a hair-raising incident. And some of us can tell stories about fatal accidents or accidents that left someone we know disabled for life.

According to Bill Dethlefs, director of the state Health Department's Division of Emergency Health Services, some 50,000 Americans are treated at hospital emergency departments annually for injuries resulting from sled, toboggan and snow disc accidents.

"These injuries range from sprains to broken bones, and when those broken bones are in the head or spine, they can be permanently disabling or fatal," Dethlefs said.

He said each type of sledding device presents its own hazards.

"Snow discs and similar devices are usually used by small children with little experience in handling such devices. Toboggans are better suited to older children and adults, and should be operated by more than one person. Neither the snow discs nor toboggans have steering or braking mechanisms and are difficult to control.

Sleds with metal runners do have steering mechanisms, but no brakes and are almost exclusively used where snow is hard packed, such as streets, roads and sidewalks.

Dethlefs advised parents to supervise younger children while sledding and to teach older children these few simple rules:

- Don't sled on the street unless it has been closed for that purpose.
- Check "off-street" hills for rocks, tree stumps and other hazards.
- Don't make a sledding run if there are people in the area who might get hurt.
- Learn how to stop or get off the device safely.
- Don't coast on to or through busy streets or highways.
- Keep the tow rope from slipping under the runners.
- When you reach the bottom, get out of the way of others coming down.
- Walk back up the hill to the side, out of the way of other sledgers.
- Don't take chances and don't show off.
- Don't risk a lifetime of permanent injury for a moment of fun.



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Enjoying winter weather

These youngsters took advantage of the icy weather—the area suffered last week and the time off from school for the Christmas holiday and went sledding. After making homemade sleds from old boards the boys used a field in Lehman to have some old-fashioned fun. In the top left photo, Aaron Campbell makes a desperate attempt to stay on his sled while his brother, Chris, shown in the right photo, laughs shortly after losing his sled completely. Jamie Welby found a little bit of snow but with several blades of grass still showing through, the going was pretty rough. Aaron and Chris are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell of Lehman while Jamie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Welby, also of Lehman.

Carbon monoxide is a winter time killer

Every winter you read about tragic and unnecessary deaths caused by that invisible killer—carbon monoxide.

Dr. James Fox, of the state Health Department's Division of Environmental Health, says this colorless, odorless gas strikes hardest in cold weather.

"That's because it is produced when coal, oil, charcoal, gas or kerosene are burned in a poorly ventilated room. Also, an automobile engine running in a closed garage may produce enough carbon monoxide to kill in a matter of minutes," Fox said.

Fox said once this gas is inhaled into the lungs, it enters the bloodstream. The gas attaches itself to the blood cells and displaces the oxygen. The body, deprived of oxygen, is literally asphyxiated internally.

Even an alert person has little time to recognize early symptoms. They include yawning, headache, nausea, dizziness, ringing in the ears, and abdominal pains. Gasp breathing and unconsciousness quickly follow.

A victim of carbon monoxide poisoning must get fresh air immediately.

Council offers grant programs to interested governments

State Senator Frank J. O'Connell (R-20) announced that the Governor's Energy Council is offering a grant program to co-fund feasibility studies of site-specified waste-to-energy projects with interested local governments.

"The Council will provide grants to successful bidders for a maximum of 50 percent of the cost of such studies up to \$12,500," O'Connell said. "A total of \$50,000 is available for this cycle."

The Luzerne County Republican said the Council is interested in proposals from local governments for a variety of waste-to-energy technologies and applications including, but not limited to, landfill gas recovery, direct incineration, resource recovery and refuse-derived fuel production.

The deadline for proposals is February 24. Interested municipal officials should contact the Council at Post Office Box 8010, Harrisburg, PA 17105, or telephone (717) 783-9982.

Obituaries

JANE SCHOOLEY

Jane Nixon Schooley, 97, of Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, died Jan. 5 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are a son, David N., a retired executive of The Boston Store, with whom she resided; daughters, Mrs. Fred Woolbert, Forty Fort; Mrs. Sheldon Jones, Bluefield, Va.; sisters, Mrs. M. Cass Roberts, Watkins Glen, N.Y.; Mrs. Leroy Trescott, Woodbury, N.J.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held Jan. 7 from the Trucksville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Thomas A. Clemow, pastor, and the Rev. Wesley Kemp, chaplain at Leader West Nursing Home, officiating. Interment, Cedar Crest Cemetery on the church grounds.

JOSEPH ENOSH

Joseph M. Enosh, 61, of 50 Park Ave., Swoyersville, died Dec. 30 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Linko; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Hilensky, Mountain-top; Margaret, Enosh, at home; sister, Mrs. Anna Straub, Ashley; five grandchildren.

Funeral was held Jan. 2 from the John J. Baloga Funeral Home, Forty Fort, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville. Interment, parish cemetery.

EUGENE ALTPETER

Eugene J. Altpeter, 65, of RD 1, Box 60-A, Harveys Lake, died suddenly Jan. 3 at Ideal Hospital, Vestal, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, the former Yvonne Hunter; daughter, Leigh Ann, Denver, Colo.; sister, Mrs. Patricia Kessenich, Isle of Capri, Fla.; brother, Jerome, Seattle, Wash.

A mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 7 in Our Lady of Victory

Church, Harveys lake, with The Rev. George A. Jeffrey as the celebrant. Interment was private.

DR. CARLTON DAVIES

Dr. Carlton Davies, 68, of RD 1, Box 135A, Mehoopany, previously of Dallas, died Jan. 1 while visiting his daughter in Madison, Ga.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Davis; daughters, Diane L. Davies, of Madison, Ga.; Linda G. Murphy, Hyattsville, Md.; son, Marc Davies, Philadelphia; three grandchildren.

Funeral was held Jan. 8 at the Mehoopany Methodist Church.

EDWARD MANGAN

Edward T. Mangan, Box 248-3, RD 3, Dallas, died Jan. 6 at the Watkins Nursing home, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Krisanda, formerly of Ashley; sons, Edward, Tom and Patrick, both of Wilkes-Barre; Stephen, Naticoke; daughters, Mrs. Maureen Ruggere, Wilkes-Barre; Mary Gail, Naticoke; and Barbara, Wilkes-Barre; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Mrs. Rosemary

Faegenburg and Mrs. Ann McVey, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brothers, Leonard, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Patrick, Bethlehem.

Funeral was held Jan. 9 from the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, Ashley, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Leo's Church, Ashley. Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

TORQUATO ORLANDINI

Torquato (Corry) Orlandini, 71, of 26 Lindbergh St., Swoyersville, died at his home Jan. 8 following a heart attack.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Ceconi; daughters, Mrs. Rosalie Steadle, Horsehead, N.Y.; Mrs. Geraldine Kerkowski, Dallas; Mrs. Coreen Stec, Dorrance; sister, Jennie Orlandini, Wyoming; Leni Puchalsky, Carverton; seven grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. from John J. Baloga Funeral Home, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Holy Name Church. Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

POLICE BLOTTER

Auto lands in culvert

A freak accident, attributed to icy road conditions, occurred in Dallas Township last Monday night when a car nosedived into a supposedly shallow culvert and became lodged eight feet down from the surface of the road.

The vehicle, driven by Andrew Fedor, 76 of RD 3, Wyoming was traveling on Wyoming Road in the vicinity of the East Dallas Methodist Church when the accident occurred.

Dallas Township Police report the driver lost control of his 1973 Plymouth Valiant going around an icy curve and literally slid down into the culvert which abuts a small stone bridge. A witness, Arthur Bonovina of Mill Street, Pittston who was traveling behind the vehicle rescued both the driver and his wife from the vehicle immediately, fearing it might burst into flames.

The passenger, Celia Fedor, was transported to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in the Kingston Township Ambulance suffering from head injuries. Two wreckers were needed to pry the badly damaged vehicle from the culvert. Investigating officer was Dallas Township Patrolman John Appel.

Youngster injured

Shelby Jayne, age 6, of 332 Highland Avenue, Trucksville was injured in an accident reported by Kingston Township Police. The child, a pedestrian, slipped on an icy shoulder of the road near her home and was struck by a vehicle operated by Charles Weed, 19, of White Birch Village, Dallas.

Police report the girl's lower left leg was fractured after being struck by the right rear wheel of the car. Charges filed against Weed following the accident which took place at 12:20 in the afternoon were Driving at Unsafe Speed, Bad Inspection Sticker, Unregistered Vehicle and Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages.

Parole violator found

Terry Lee Campbell, 35, a parole violator who had been missing from the Back Mountain area for over a year, was taken into custody last week by Dallas Township Police. Campbell was recaptured on Eddingers Hill Road near the Valley View Trailer Park.

Police report Campbell had returned to this area from Texas to spend the holidays here. He was turned over to authorities from the Pa. Parole Board and placed in Luzerne County Prison on a parole detainer pending action on his case.

An arrest was also made by Dallas Township Police at the scene of a companion of Campbell's who was charged with Hindering the Apprehension and Prosecution of Campbell. Arrested was Timothy Schlauch, 19, of Mahonoy City and Corsicana, Texas, who had reportedly provided Campbell transportation here.

Slauch was also charged with Public Drunkenness after having allegedly caused a disturbance by banging on doors in the trailer park. He was arraigned before Magistrate Michael Collins and confined to Luzerne County Prison in lieu of \$2,500 bail pending a hearing before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

Beauty salon robbed

Dallas Township Police are investigating a burglary at Carol Carroll's Beauty Salon on Route 415. Entry was made by prying a lock open. An undisclosed amount of cash was reportedly stolen.

Windows shot out

The shooting of a window in New Goss Manor with pellets from a BB gun is also under investigation by Dallas Township Police. The incident occurred at the home of Susan Levinson, 17 Highland Drive.

Charged with driving under influence

A charge of Driving Under the Influence has been lodged against Frances Zeveny, 45 of Oval Drive, Lakeway Manor. Kingston Township Patrolman Joseph Bren apprehended Ms. Zeveny traveling north on Route 309 in Trucksville in a 1973 Chevy Malibu.

Police report the vehicle was being operated in an erratic manner at 10 to 15 miles per hour when they stopped the vehicle. Police were subsequently informed by Raymond Mackiewicz that his vehicle had been hit by the defendant who did not stop after the accident.

A breathalyzer test was administered at the Kingston Township Police Station. A hearing for Ms. Zeveny on the charges will be held Jan. 12 before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

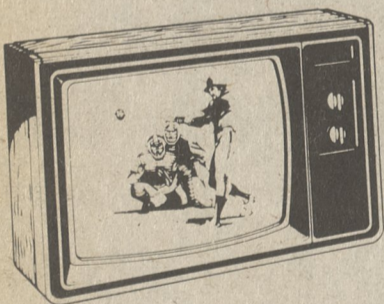
Kingston Township Road Department collects trees

The Kingston Township Road Department will be picking up Christmas trees the week of Janu-

ary 16 through January 20. Residents desiring to have the trees removed should place the tree

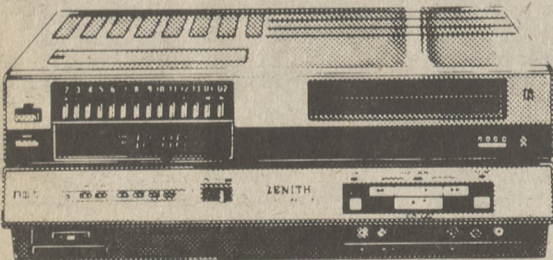
on the curb by 7 a.m. All tree stands must be removed prior to the pick up.

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