

# Boat accident charges sent to County Court

Charges against the operator of a boat which ran over the top of another boat September 1 have been forwarded to Luzerne County Court, according to Kerry Messerle, Region Manager of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

At a preliminary hearing October 16, District Justice Earl Gregory of Shavertown forwarded the following charges against Daniel Cochran, 23, of Dallas, to county court: A third degree misdemeanor count of reckless and negligent operation of a watercraft, a first degree summary charge of reckless or negligent operation of a watercraft, and three third degree summary charges: Failure to stop, render assistance and identify himself, failure to operate at a safe speed, and operating at greater than minimum wake swell within 100 feet of docks.

The third degree summary charge of failure to maintain a proper lookout was dropped, according to Messerle.

Cochran is free on \$1,000 recognizance bond.

Water Conservation Officer Sally Corl, a certified boating accident investigator, was the investigating officer.

Cochran was allegedly the operator of a speedboat carrying three passengers, when it rammed the rear of a slower boat and jumped over it, landing in the water at the front of the other boat.

After the collision, Cochran allegedly docked his boat and ran off. He was accompanied by his lawyer when he turned himself in to Harveys Lake police September 2.

The passengers in the two boats were treated and released from area hospitals.

The penalty for the third degree misdemeanor is a fine of \$250 to \$5,000 or 90 days in jail, or both. For the first degree summary the penalty is a \$100 fine or 90 days in jail or both. The penalties for the summary charges are \$25 fines.



## Steppin' out

All eyes were on the many students of the Back Mountain Dance Studio October 20 as a recital titled "Crazy Rhythm" was presented at the Lake-Lehman High School auditorium. Pictured rehearsing were, from left, Simone Allen, Katie Bartizek, Tiffany Cyprih, Lauren Adamchick and Alysa Scavone. The production was directed by Bob Oberst of the studio.

# Taxpayers Association will show how to write-in votes

The Back Mountain Taxpayers Association will have voting machines at the Carverton United Methodist Church on October 26 and 27 to demonstrate how to cast write-in votes.

The machines will be available in the church basement from 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

The Taxpayers Association has lined up three write-in candidates for Kingston Township supervisor

in the November 5 election: George Tucker, Robb Henderson, and John Manganiello. George Hontz Sr. will run as a write-in candidate in Dallas Township.

A "Meet the Candidates Night" will be held November 3 at 3 p.m. at a location to be announced. According to Frank Gelsleichter, president of the Taxpayers Association, the other candidates in Kingston and Dallas Township will be invited to the forum.

## Gas Leak

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"Each tank has a valve on top. A test showed that the seal wasn't properly made so PG&W workers were sent in with protective garb to make the seal," said Greco, who said that stopping the leak took about 15 minutes.

"I know there was some concern on the part of the residents," said Jim Siracuse, Luzerne County Emergency Management director. "In the case of a quick release, if you were to evacuate and bring them outside you would be exposing them to greater amounts of vapor. In the case of a short release you just shelter people rather than exposing them."

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol said that police were notified when "somebody came in the office and advised us of this chlorine cloud. The cloud was moving down the highway by the sewer plant. That's why we blocked traffic up. The cloud settled over the sewer plant."

Northbound traffic on Route 309 and traffic on Hillside Road was blocked for about an hour, Sabol said.

"When chlorine is released from the cylinder it turns into a vapor," said Siracuse.

While no one was injured by the leak, chlorine in a gas form is an irritant to the skin and lungs, and can be lethal after prolonged expo-

sure. "When you get a vapor and it comes into contact with water it forms hydrochloric acid. The rain actually strengthened it. You've got to realize what chlorine is added to water for - it's to kill bacteria," said Siracuse, who added that "a larger amount would have to be released to cause any major problems."

"We were milling around the building without breathing apparatus," said Siracuse. "The people who went into the building, they had breathing apparatus for their own protection. About ten minutes after that we were able to walk in the building without breathing apparatus."

In addition to Kingston Township police, Kingston Township Fire Police, state police, Luzerne Police, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough Police responded.

## Police report

### KINGSTON TOWNSHIP DRIVER LEAVES ACCIDENT SCENE

Peter Hughes, 31, of Madison Street, Wilkes-Barre, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and careless driving after he drove into the rear of a car stopped at the traffic light on Carverton Road at the intersection of Route 309 October 19, police said.

At approximately 11:53 p.m. Hughes drove his Pontiac Firebird into the rear of a Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Joseph Michael Falchek, 18, of Blanchard Street, Plains, police said. Falchek was able to provide police with the registration of Hughes vehicle.

No one was injured in the accidents. The investigating officer was Ptl. Charles Rauschkolb.

### CITED AFTER ACCIDENT

Stanley Hilstolsky, 76, of Church Road, Wyoming, was cited for a stop sign violation after an accident at the intersection of Mount Olivet Road and Church Road October 16, police said.

Hilstolsky emerged from a stop sign from Church Road onto Carverton Road pulling into the path of a car driven by William Edward Hopple, 42, of Cornelia Street, Pittston, at about 1:20 p.m., police said.

Hopple told police that he tried to stop, but collided with Hilstolsky's pickup truck. Neither driver was hurt, and both vehicles were driven from the scene, police said.

Police said Hilstolsky was cited for a stop sign violation.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Charles Rauschkolb.

### CITED FOR STOP SIGN VIOLATION

Police said that Lettie A. Culver, 81, of Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, was cited for a stop sign violation after a two-car accident at the intersection of East Center Street and North Main Street October 16.

Culver told police that she had just exited a parking lot on North Main Street and stopped at the stop sign at Center Street. She told police she looked both ways but did not see an approaching car.

As Culver pulled out of the intersection, her car was struck by a car driven by Catherine J. Jorda, 42, of North Lehigh Street, Shavertown. After the crash, Culver's car traveled 40 feet northeast of the intersection before stopping.

Jorda was unhurt, but Culver was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, police said.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Michael Moravec.

### DALLAS TOWNSHIP SIGN STOLEN

A "Do Not Enter" sign was stolen from the Dallas Senior High School between 1:15 p.m. October 13 and 1:09 p.m. October 14, police said.

The investigating officer was Ptl. Douglas Higgins.

### VAN EGGED

Robert T. Popielarz reported to police that between the evening of October 13 and the morning of October 14, someone threw eggs at his van parked at his home. Pumpkin leaf bags were also ripped apart.

Investigating officer is police chief Carl Miers.

### UNDERWEAR STOLEN

Underwear and a teddy bear were reported stolen from a female student's dormitory room in McHale Hall at College Misericordia October 19, police said.

The student told police that she had been receiving threatening phone calls and a notes since the end of September. Her telephone cord was also cut.

No force was used to enter the room, police said, leading them to believe a key or door jam was used.

University security changed the room's door lock and provided a new telephone.

## Rollers

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into whether the borough can operate its own cable television system.

During the summer, borough resident Conrad Hislop submitted a proposal for the borough to install its own cable television system.

Sgarlat said that he's checked with equipment manufacturers and "the numbers I come up with are pretty close to what Mr. Hislop said. We could do it for about \$400,000."

"Maybe it's too late," said councilman Richard Boice, "but I think that we should put something on the ballot."

The borough is also investigating purchasing a new backhoe.

They've found a used 1984 backhoe for \$29,800, and a new backhoe would cost about \$40,000, according to councilman David Abod.

Boice said that the borough's present backhoe was built in the 1970s.

In other business, the council: Appointed Paul Steidinger foreman of the borough's Department of Public Works.

"Paul Steidinger has been with us awhile, and has exhibited the know-how and the drive," said Abod.

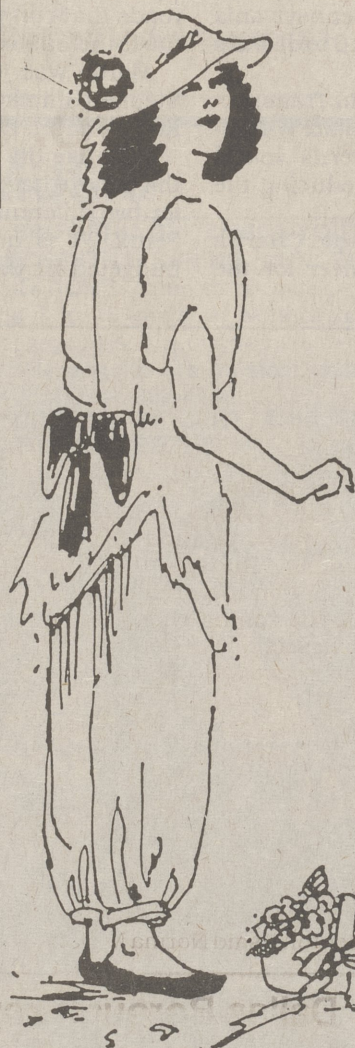
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