

Monroe Twp. accident claims life of Dallas child

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Pennsylvania State Police Tunkhannock barracks are investigating a three-car accident on Route 309 in Monroe Township shortly before 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, August 8, which claimed the life of three-year-old Steven P. Harris of Dallas and closed Route 309 to traffic for two hours.

Police said that the child was a passenger in a 1990 Ford Escort operated by his father, Kenneth L. Harris, 29, also of Dallas. Steven's two month-old sister, Amanda Harris, was also a passenger in the car, police said.

Both children were riding in safety seats, police said.

The Harris vehicle was stopped in the northbound lane of Route 309, preparing to make a left turn onto State Route 2022 in Monroe Township, when a 1984 Chevrolet Suburban operated by Jodi L. Goble, 17, of Noxen, struck it in the rear, pushing it into the southbound lane and into the path of a

1979 Ford Bronco operated by Joseph Bugdo, 39, of Plymouth, police said.

The Bugdo vehicle struck the Harris vehicle in the side, according to the report.

Kenneth Harris was transported to the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released, police said.

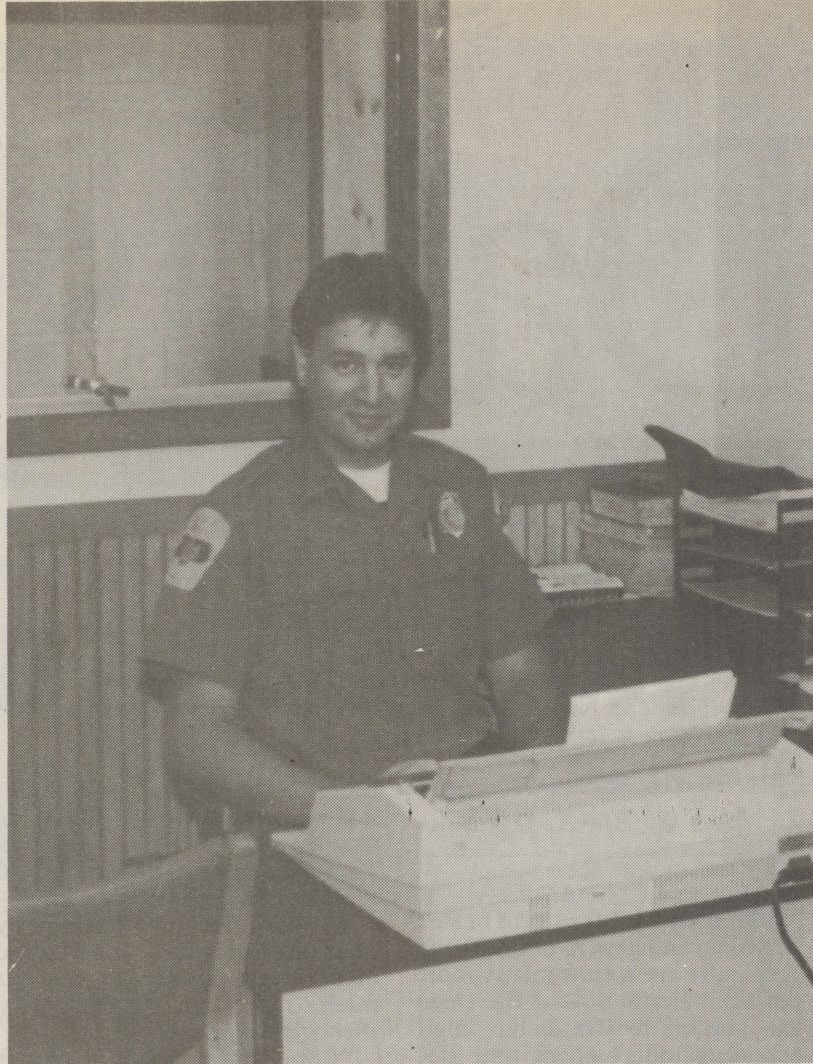
Steven Harris was transported to the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock, where he was pronounced dead of head injuries.

Passengers in the Bugdo vehicle, Denise Bugdo, 36, Amber Bugdo, six, Joseph Bugdo, eight and Ann Dundon, 82, were not treated for injuries.

The state police were assisted at the scene by the Kunkle, Noxen and Tyler Memorial Hospital ambulances and the MIC unit.

Trooper John Packer, Sr., of the State Police Barracks at Tunkhannock, is investigating the accident. No traffic citations had been filed as of press time.

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NEW DIGS - Dallas Township Patrolman Doug Higgins completes paperwork in the police department's newly enlarged office, which gives police more space, a secure evidence room and a private entrance. The township's meeting room was also enlarged.

Police cite driver in accident

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According to Lehman Township police, an two-vehicle accident in heavy fog shortly after 9:30 p.m. Saturday, August 7, at the intersection of Route 118 and the Huntsville-Idetown Road closed the highway for an hour.

Police said that a 1993 Ford Festiva operated by David Kovalchick, 37, of RR 1 Sweet Valley was traveling east on Route 118 when it was broadsided by a 1982 Ford Escort operated by Marilyn J. Ostapovicz, 54, of Nanticoke, traveling south on the Huntsville-Idetown Road.

After striking the Kovalchick vehicle, the Ostapovicz vehicle went over a steep embankment on the south side of Route 118, while the Kovalchick vehicle came

to rest against a guardrail, police said.

Kovalchick was transported to the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where he is listed in fair condition, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Catherine Detwiler, a passenger in Kovalchick's vehicle, was treated at the Nesbitt Hospital and released, hospital officials said.

Ostapovicz was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and traveling at an unsafe speed, according to the report.

Lehman Township Patrolman Benjamin Bigus investigated the accident.

The Lehman Township Fire and Ambulance Company was assisted at the scene by the Dallas Ambulance and Medic-1.

Elmcrest Homeowners to hold kids' picnic

The Elmcrest Homeowners' Association will hold a picnic for children of the Elmcrest development Sunday, August 15, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Featured activities will include games, face painting, contests with prizes and snacks, according to association president Susan Pall.

Children should bring a toy or prize valued at less than \$1 to be used for contest prizes. Parents are asked to bring a favorite "kids' snack" to share.

Parents of children interested in attending the picnic may contact Susan Pall at 675-0212.

Back Mountain briefs

Bloomington U.M. Ice Cream Social Aug. 14

The Bloomington United Methodist Church will have an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m. The menu includes waffles, hot dogs, barbecues, deviled eggs, salads, pie and homemade ice cream.

Maple Grove Church chicken B-B-Q Aug. 21

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church will hold a Chicken Barbecue on the church grounds, Saturday, Aug. 21, noon until 5 p.m. In case of rain the barbecue will be moved inside. Tickets can be purchased ahead or at the door. The church is located in Pikes Creek, about 1/3 mile from Sheldon's Diner on the Sweet Valley Road.

Riverfront Sing-along Aug. 15

The Riverfront Parks Committee will hold a sing-a-long at Nesbitt Park Sunday, August 15, beginning at 1 p.m. Pack a picnic lunch, enjoy the view of the Susquehanna and listen to renowned singer-songwriter, Don Shappelle as he commemorates the river in song. Open to the public. Free.

Dallas Baptist missions program Aug. 15

Dallas Baptist Church will present a free public program with Watchman Ministries, introduced by Diana Roseboom, Indianapolis, Indiana, Sunday, August 15, at 7 p.m. This is a Ministry of Song and Dance, related to Israel's heritage. Diana will be accompanied in Traditional Gospel music by her mother Joyce Roseboom. Diana recently returned from her first mission trip to Israel, and will return in September to continue her missionary work.

Volleyball tourney to be held Aug. 14

The Bud Light Men's Doubles and Coed Doubles Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Beach Club, Harveys Lake. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Jim Donnelly at 823-4635. Lots of prizes!

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Board of Directors of Back Mountain Memorial Library

New look, more office space for Dallas Township building

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Visitors to the Dallas Township building on Route 309 may notice that the inside of the building has had a facelift.

Tax collector Leonard Kozick now has the front office all to himself. The planning commission and supervisors' meeting room and the polling place, which formerly met in Kozick's office, have a new meeting room, complete with handicapped-accessible restrooms and a thick moss-green carpet, which will also serve as the township's South District polling place.

Converted from a section of the former garage by roadmaster Frank Wagner and his crew, the meeting room's new entrance is on the building's south side, facing the Country Club shopping

center.

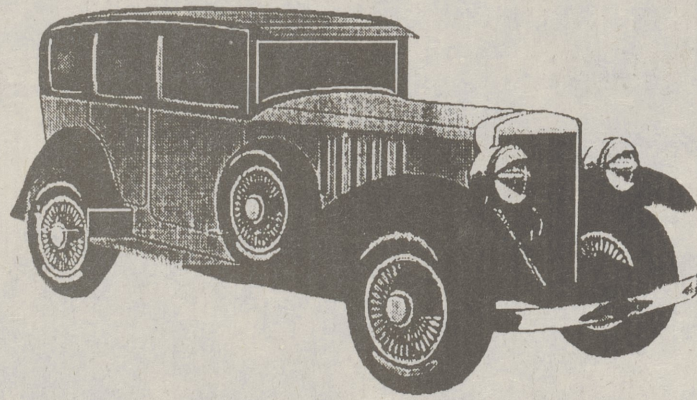
The antique mahogany supervisors' meeting table, formerly supervisor Phil Walters' mother's dining room table, stands in the front of the room, next to the American flag.

The police station has a new entrance, on the building's north side by the parking lot, a secure evidence storage room and more office space.

"I had our men do the work, which saved us around \$22,000," Wagner said. "It took a while because we did it in our spare time over the winter between snow storms."

Township secretary/treasurer Glenn Howell said that the remodeling cost approximately \$24,000, or less than half of what the township would have spent if it had hired a building contractor to do the job.

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