



CAR/TRUCK COLLIDE - This care driven by Beryl Thomas, 83, of Dallas, collided with a trailer truck October 1 on Main Road in Dallas Township. Rescue personnel got her out of the car, and she was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she was treated and released.

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Two unusual accidents involving cars and tractor-trailers kept Back Mountain police busy Friday, October 1.

Dallas Township police are investigating an accident between an empty GMC dump trailer operated by Franklin Harvey, 38, of RR 2 Tunkhannock and owned by Ken Pollock, Inc., of Hunlocks Creek and a 1988 Chrysler operated by Beryl Thomas, 83, of Dallas, shortly after 4 p.m. on Main Road, Dallas Township.

Police said that the Thomas vehicle pulled out from the intersection of North Main Street and

Main Road, striking the tractor-trailer's right rear tires. The impact left the Thomas vehicle resting on its left side wheels, with the right side wheels wedged over the guard rail, police said.

Ms. Thomas was transported by the Dallas ambulance to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she was treated and released, according to a hospital spokesperson.

A second accident four hours later on Route 118 in Lehman Township left the Lehman Township police cruiser wedged between a tractor-trailer and the guardrail in the highway's eastbound lane.

According to the Pennsylvania

State Police Wyoming Barracks, the cruiser, operated by patrolman Sev Newberry, 52, of Hunlock Creek, had been traveling east on Route 118, and hit the guardrail in an attempt to avoid a head-on collision with a tractor-trailer operated by John Propst, 34, of Muncy, PA, owned by Avis Truck Service of Muncy and leased to McCormick Trucking. The truck had failed to return to the highway's westbound lane after passing another vehicle.

Neither driver reported injuries, police said. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage.

Charges are pending against the truck driver, according to the Lehman Township police.

Friends helped Reese family in time of need

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Although she attended the Trucksville Nursery School for only a few months, nearly everyone there knew Wendy Reese, who died at home Sunday following a long battle with illness.

Wendy always came with her mother, Jennifer Reese, to drop off her older sister, Amanda, at classes. As she grew, she joined the school's play group.

When Wendy was diagnosed with a brain tumor, her family at the Trucksville Nursery School rallied to help out.

The mothers' group learned to quilt so that they could make one to raffle off as a fundraiser for the Reese family, school director Linda Mazur recalled.

"The mothers decided the second year to make four smaller lap quilts so that more people would have a chance for one," Ms. Mazur recalled.

Other mothers organized a sale

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of official Trucksville Nursery School sweatshirts, donating the profits to the Wendy Reese fund.

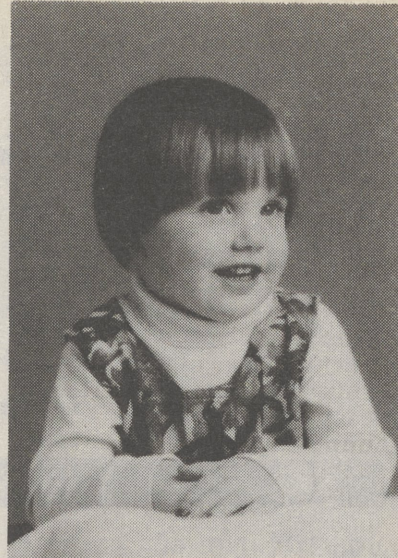
Later moms sold T-shirts for Wendy throughout the Back Mountain.

Their labor of love raised "a substantial amount" of money and provided a support group for the family, Mazur said.

"Many of the mothers in the Parent Enrichment group form nice friendships. They're very close-knit and supportive of one another," Mazur said.

Jennifer Reese said that the family is very grateful to their friends at the school, St. Therese's Church and their friends and neighbors in the Back Mountain for all of their help during Wendy's illness.

Whether it was raising money for Wendy's care, running errands, helping with housework, coming in to read to Wendy or bringing



WENDY REESE
In December, 1991, when she was nearly 3 years old.

her a stuffed animal, someone was always ready to lend a hand.

Wendy's big sister, Amanda, was a great help also. Mrs. Reese said, also noting that Hospice St. John and Wendy's round-the-clock nurses were especially good to the family.

"Wendy was quiet, very good-natured and easy to get along with," Ms. Mazur recalled. "She touched all of our hearts."

Time/temperature sign returns to Dallas center

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Many people took it for granted until it was removed.

Then they found out how much they had depended on it.

A group effort brought it back. Absent from the front of the building since Mellon Bank bought United Penn Bank, the sorely-missed time and temperature sign has re-appeared at a new location at Dallas Corners.

"Zillions of people asked what had happened to it. They really missed it," said Bob Besecker, who donated the sign's new site on Route 415 alongside his real estate office and will pay its electric bill.

After many requests from borough residents, the Dallas Borough council authorized manager Milt Lutsey to contact Mellon Bank about replacing the familiar and convenient sign.

"After Mellon took over United Penn Bank, all of United Penn's old signs ended up at Fieseler Signs in Pittston," Lutsey said, crediting Mellon Bank's vice president Edward C. Niewinski with working with him.

"Mellon Bank officials told me that they didn't want to put one on their building, but said that I could have one to put somewhere else as their gift to the community. All that I had to do was go up and pick one out."


Accompanying Lutsey to Fieseler's, Dallas road crew employee Charles Shuraitis helped him select the best sign for the new location and built its sturdy stand.

"It's a logical location, more visible than the old one," Besecker said. "I would have loved to have put one up myself, but they start at \$11,000. I have a small office and couldn't have afforded that on my own. It's a great idea for the town."



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A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY - Showing off Dallas Borough's new time/temperature sign recently donated by Mellon Bank are, from left, borough manager Milt Lutsey, Robert Besecker, Mayor Paul LaBar, Mellon Bank's Dallas Branch vice president Paul Nicholson and borough employee Charlie Shuraitis, who made the sign's stand.



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