

Charges against student's mother, principal dismissed

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Everyone preferred charges against everyone else, but nobody won.

Charges of disorderly conduct and harassment filed against Kingston Township resident Laura Cibula by Dallas High School principal Frank Galicki, and a counter-charge of harassment against Galicki filed by Cibula were dismissed by District Magistrate James Tupper after a 2-1/2 hour hearing May 19.

The charges stemmed from an altercation between Cibula and Galicki March 29 at the Dallas High School, in which Galicki said that Cibula pushed him and Cibula said that Galicki pushed her.

Represented by attorney Bruce Anders, Galicki testified that Cibula and her son, Richard, had encountered him in the school parking lot March 29 at 7:30 a.m., requesting a meeting to discuss a situation March 28 with Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 teacher Joanne Drayer, in which Richard was accused of threatening to shoot Drayer.

During the subsequent meeting with Mrs. Drayer, superintendent Gerald Wycallis, assistant superintendent Dr. Gilbert Griffiths and assistant principal David Bieri, Mrs. Cibula became "visibly upset" and continually interrupted Mrs. Drayer, Galicki said. "She was more than upset from the minute she entered my office," Galicki said. "She paced around and refused to sit down with us."

Mrs. Cibula shouted insults at Drayer and himself, at one point raising her fist and acting as if she were going to hit Mrs. Drayer, Galicki said. He stepped between them while Bieri escorted Mrs. Drayer from the room.

When Galicki escorted Mrs. Cibula from the outer office, she attempted to question a student waiting there, Galicki said. After he told her for the third time that she wasn't allowed to do this, she cursed, insulted him and pushed him with her forearm, Galicki said.

Bieri and Mrs. Drayer corroborated Galicki's testimony.

"Mrs. Cibula said that I wouldn't have to worry about her son blowing me away, that she would take care of me herself," Mrs. Drayer said. "Then she lunged at me with her fist raised."

Dallas High School secretaries Mary Yankowski and Mary Krehly, math teacher Mrs. Sprau and athletic director Robert Cicon testified that they had heard Mrs. Cibula shouting from where they had been working in the outer office.

Red Cross plans pool safety program

The Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, will again sponsor the 2nd Annual Home Swimming Pool Safety Seminary on June 8, from 8-10 p.m. in the Chapter House, 156 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

The seminar will include pool chemistry, safety and chemical storage.

Call the Health Services, American Red Cross at 823-7161 to register. Seating is limited.

No one said that they saw Galicki push Cibula, although Bieri, Yankowski, Cicon and Sprau saw Mrs. Cibula push Galicki.

"It was a blatant push," Cicon said. "Her forearm went right into his chest, forcing him backward."

Mrs. Cibula, represented by attorneys Greg Germain and John Pasada, tearfully described her concerns about Richard's education.

"It came over me that something was drastically wrong," she said, her voice cracking.

"This harassment has gone on and on since I asked for a due process hearing because my son wasn't being educated. Me and my husband, we didn't have an attorney, but we had the truth."

Near tears, she said that the school had called her because Richard was talking about harming himself.

She said that when Galicki called her about Richard's alleged threat to shoot Mrs. Drayer, she called one of Richard's friends, who said that the statement wasn't true.

She went to the high school March 29 with Richard and her brother-in-law, Steven Cibula, to speak with Galicki.

"He was angry that I was there," she said. "He was nasty with me. I knew that this gun incident never happened."

She admitted speaking loudly, but denied insulting and cursing at Galicki.

"I'll swear on the Bible that I did not use that filthy language," she said. "I won't use it in my house and won't let my children use it. I swear to Almighty God I didn't say those things."

She also asserted that she never hit or pushed Galicki.

It was the other way around, she said. "We both reached for the door at the same time and he pushed against me with his hand. I wasn't hurt physically, but emotionally..."

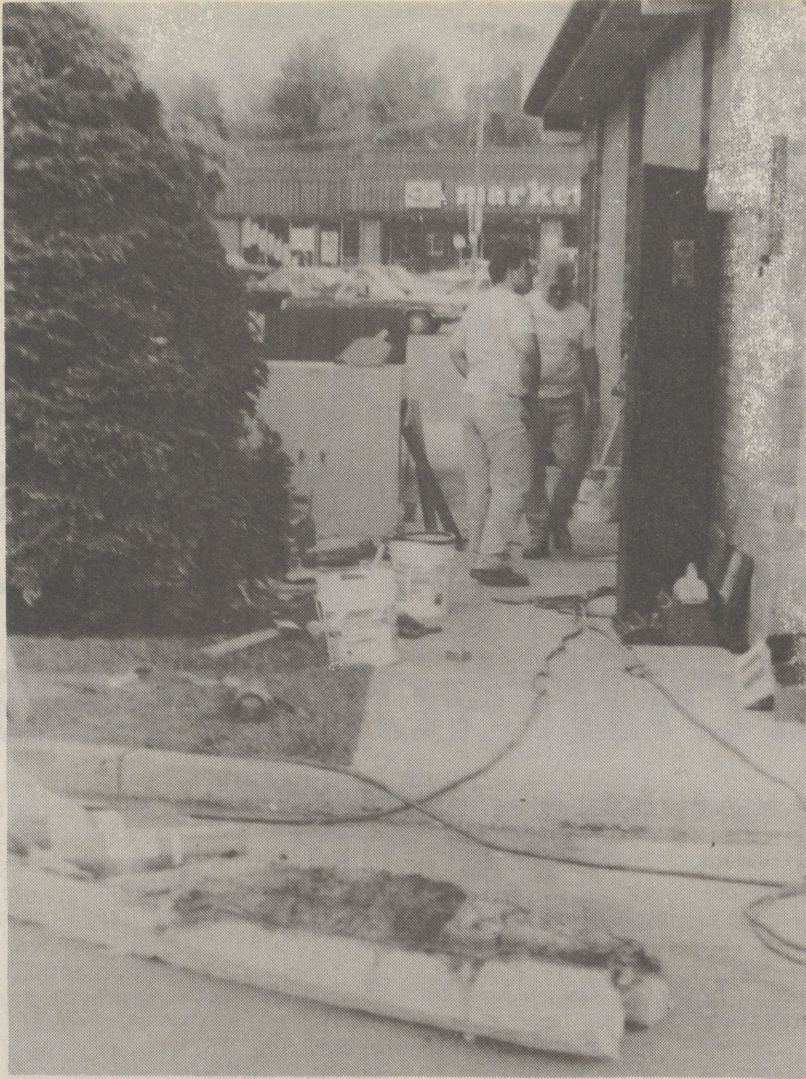
She said that her son is now in a partial hospitalization program in Wilkes-Barre due to the incidents at the school.

"My son was slandered in the newspapers. All I want is for us to be left alone," Mrs. Cibula said. "I want my son to be educated. That's all that I ever wanted, but they keep picking on him."

Her brother-in-law, Steven Cibula, who was also present during the meeting with Galicki, corroborated her testimony.

In dismissing all charges against both parties, Tupper said that there was no point in dragging them through the court system.

"What point would it serve?" he said.



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COOLING OFF SOME HOT CASH - Workers from William Dill Construction Co. remove some burnt insulation from the First Eastern Bank building, where a minor fire, possibly from a welder's torch, ignited it shortly after 3 p.m. May 23.

Smoky fire shuts bank

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A small, smoky insulation fire shortly after 3 p.m. May 23 caused the Dallas branch of First Eastern Bank to close an hour early.

According to Dallas fire chief Brett Slocum, workmen renovating the building's interior accidentally set some insulation on fire, possibly with a welding torch.

A bank spokesperson said the fire had started to spread to the attic and rafters before it was extinguished.

Bank personnel forced to leave

the building chatted nervously as they gathered in the parking lot, some wiping their eyes as firefighters vented the acrid smoke from the building.

"It was a relatively minor fire," Slocum said. "They had it out by the time that we arrived. We took care of a couple of hot spots while they removed the burnt insulation."

The minor soot and smoke damage wouldn't prevent the bank from opening for business Tuesday, according to the bank's spokesperson.

Genealogical Society to meet May 26

The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will meet May 26, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 386 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

There is free parking behind the building, with an entrance from Pringle Street.

The speaker will be Linda Munley, Registrar of Wills for Lackawanna County.

Plans will be made for field trips in June, July and August. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call Joe Bryer, Blakely, 383-0725; or Dean Sawyer, Forty Fort, 288-7609.

Memorial Day observances

The following area observances and events will take place during the Memorial Day weekend:

JACKSON TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jackson Township Vol. Fire Co. will be held at the Fire Hall Honor Site on Chase Road, May 28 at 2 p.m.

Rev. Rudolph Libeck, PhD, will lead several prayers. Remarks will be made by M/Sgt. Neno Sartini USAF, RET. and Mike Balash on POW/MIA's Issues, Post 2, Wyoming, Pa. Veterans of the Vietnam War.

Members of the 109th Field Artillery and Marine Wing Support Squadron will also participate.

The Ladies Auxiliary will present a Memorial Wreath, carried by Boys Scout Troop 232 and Eagle Scout Sam Wilkes.

A tribute to Louis Broody will be included in the service. Chairpersons for the service are Irene Kasko Preslipski; Desiree Evans; Charles Kasko, SFC. Steven Stempien and Karen Richards.

DALLAS BOROUGH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr. will be guest speaker at the Memorial Day Services held by Daddow-Isaac Post 672, The American Legion, Dallas, May 30. The parade will leave the Legion Home at 9 a.m. and proceed to the Memorial in Dallas Center where a short service will be held. Michael Trosan, Dallas Senior High School will recite the Gettysburg Address. A wreath will be laid and the Dallas Senior High School Band will play.

The parade will proceed to Warden Cemetery, the corner of Lake Street and Center Hill Road, where Lemmond will speak.

Commander Walter I. Galka will also speak followed by a salvo from the firing squad, John George, Commander.

Additional Service will be held at Chapel Lawn Memorial Park at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Greg Scholes is parade Marshal. For information call Post Adjutant Tom Reese at 675-5929.

SWEET VALLEY FIREMEN'S FAIR

The Sweet Valley Vol. Fire Company will hold its annual Memorial Day Fair and Parade weekend.

The fair will open May 26 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. for family nights, with a ride special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for \$6.

Entertainment will be provided from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 by "Neil Metcalf and the Outsiders."

May 27, the grounds are open 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. with entertainment provided by "Laredo" from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

May 28, the grounds are open from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. with "Southbound" playing from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. A Pet Parade will start at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day, grounds are open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. with Hess and Family playing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fireman's Parade will begin at 1:30 followed by a Fireman's Bucket Brigade. The fairgrounds are on Main Road, Sweet Valley behind the Ross Twp. School.

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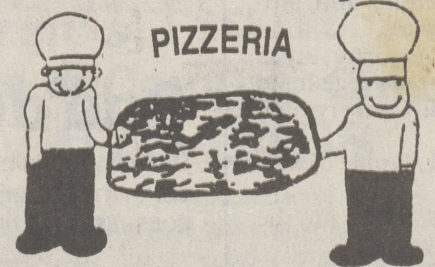
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