

Shooting victim now 'satisfactory'

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - The condition of Fred Kirkendall, Sr., who police say was shot by his son, has been upgraded to satisfactory, according to a spokesperson for Community Medical Center in Scranton, where Kirkendall is a patient in the trauma unit. Kirkendall's son, Fred, Jr., is incarcerated at the Luzerne County Prison without bail on one charge of criminal homicide, one count of criminal attempted homicide and two counts of aggravated assault in connection with the shotgun slaying of his grandfather, Charles Besteder, 81. Fred Kirkendall, Sr., was wounded in the June 11 attack. Kirkendall, Sr., sustained wounds to the right chest and back after being shot with a .16 gauge shotgun.

"Some of the pellets lodged in his right lung and spine," said police chief Carl Miers, whose officers are handling the investigation. "He has trouble speaking and the doctors say he'll be paralyzed from the waist down. He's on a ventilator to help him breathe." Doctors are also concerned about the blood flow to Kirkendall's legs, Miers added. The suspect's preliminary hearing, originally scheduled for June 21 before District Magistrate James Tupper, has been continued, with no new date set. He will be represented by attorneys from the Public Defender's office, Miers said. Visiting home on an eight-hour pass from Clarks Summit State Hospital, James Kirkendall, Jr., told a witness and police he shot his father and grandfather June 11 because Satan had told him to.

Burglary suspects on bikes nabbed at park

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - Two young burglary suspects hoping to elude police by fleeing the scene on their mountain bikes were arrested June 12 in Frances Slocum State Park. According to township police, Ronald E. Kuzminski, 19, of Larksville and a 14-year-old male juvenile from Edwardsville were arrested after being identified by one of the victims. The suspects had stolen a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol and two loaded clips from a home on Mount Olivet Road, then fled a second home after being spotted by the owner. The suspects fled on their bikes through the woods into the state park, police said. Park ranger Wilmer Faux re-

ognized Kuzminski from a radio message and held him in custody until police arrived with the victim who identified him, police said. During the investigation Kuzminski admitted to more than 30 burglaries at homes on the West Side, police said. He was arraigned before District Magistrate Feissner on two counts of burglary, two counts of criminal trespass and one count of criminal mischief. He is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in lieu of \$50,000 bail. The male juvenile is in the custody of juvenile detention authorities. Sergeant Michael Moravec and patrolman Robert Parrish were assisted in the investigation by Dallas Township patrolman Jeff Dennis.

51 zoning permits in Kingston Twp.

Kingston Township zoning officer Benjamin Gorey issued 61 permits and collected \$4,249 in fees during May.

The largest projects are a new home owned by Dennis Brislin at 122 Wellington Street, valued at \$164,890, a modular home owned by M. Shaver at 289 Cliffside Ave., valued at \$43,000; and a mobile home at Echo Valley Trailer Park, valued at \$39,000.

Permits for additions were issued to E. Lispi, 190 Terrace Ave., valued at \$55,000 and J. Turner, 183 Harris Hill Road, valued at \$12,320.

Permits were issued to R. Strohl, 223 Cliffside Ave., for external repairs valued at \$19,000, to R. Heffner, 176 Manor Drive, for an inground pool valued at \$17,000; and to Orloski's Service Station, 12 Carverton Road, for new pumps valued at \$15,000.

Jackson Township zoning permits

Jackson Township zoning officer John Krupa issued 10 building permits during May.

The largest projects are new homes on Weavertown Road owned by Ted F. Blazick, valued at \$65,000, and on Chase Road, owned by M and J Cope, valued at \$108,000, a detached garage on Conyngham Ave., owned by Jonathon Nelson, value at \$14,000, and a swimming pool at Oak Drive, owned by Richard Malcolm, valued at \$16,000.



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Three brothers, three Eagle Scouts
Trucksville residents and Eagle Scouts Scott Banta, left, and his brother, Russ, center, recently attended a Court of Honor which awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to their youngest brother, Mike, of Troop 155.



Kindergarten graduates
The children from Little People Day Care School, Dallas, recently held their 11th annual kindergarten graduation ceremony in Walsh Auditorium of College Misericordia. The graduates are first row, from left, Chelsea McHale, C.J. Lambert, Brooke Coslett, J.I. Zach Wallover, Daniel Kuligowski, Sarah Jayne Hourigan, Dylon Elston, Kasey Corbett. Second row, Ellen Williams, Guy Roberts, Amanda Cooper, Johnny Ashley, Danielle Krawetz, Tyler Robinson. Third row, Heather Whipple, kindergarten teacher.

Publishing day changes for week of July 4

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The office of The Dallas Post will be closed all day Tuesday, July 4. All news and advertising deadlines will be on our regular schedule, but early submissions will be appreciated.

Property transfers

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of June 2 - June 8.

Ned A. Sutliff, et ux, to Laura Lee Wesley, et al, 0.28 ac. Dallas Twp., \$24,000.

Elizabeth L. Derby to Kathleen Smith, et al, 2.86 acres, Parcel 2A, Franklin Twp., \$60,000.

Eleanor J. Kern, et al, to Laura Mary Lewis, 2 parcels, Harveys Lake Bor., \$175,000.

Ronald G. Carrero, et ux, to Kevin R. Fulton, Birchwood Terrace, Jackson Twp., \$108,000.

John D. Sicher, per atty. in fact to Donald R. Sutton, et ux, 0.481 acres, Lot 28, Sutton HL, Jackson Twp., \$128,000.

Joseph M. Yenason, et ux, to Carl E. Organeck, et ux, Lot 132, Meadowcrest, Kingston Twp., \$84,000.

Lakeside Construction & Mgmt., to Allen Fell, et ux, Beverly Ave., Kingston Twp., \$20,000.

Ferne E. Smith Estate to Carl Dan Smith, et ux, 2.94 acres, Lake Twp., \$16,000.

Anthony P. Sayre, Jr., to Daniel Martin, Andys Rd., Lake Twp., \$8,000.


Glenn Lee Johnson, et ux, to George W. Evans, 10.34 acres, Mountain View, Lehman Twp., \$149,500.

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