

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Credit card spree leads to court

Charges of conspiracy and using a stolen credit card against Kingston resident Samuel Sprow were waived to Luzerne County criminal court following a preliminary hearing July 12 before District Justice James Tupper.

According to court documents, Sprow and a juvenile accomplice who admitted taking the card used it to make illegal purchases amounting to \$909 at the Chess King, Cheers, Foot Locker and Champ's stores at the Wyoming Valley Mall, at the Merry-Go-Round and Gap stores at the Steamtown Mall in Scranton and

at The Wall at the West Side Mall in Edwardsville on March 18.

On March 19, the pair and another juvenile attempted to make illegal purchases at two stores in the Lehigh Valley Mall, where clerks refused to make the transactions without authorization from the cardholder.

The Mastercard was stolen from Kingston Township resident Lauree Bailey, who reported another credit card also missing.

Dallas Township patrolman Wayman Miers assisted in the investigation.

D.U.I. CHARGE WAIVED TO COUNTY COURT

Charges of driving while under the influence (DUI) against Dallas Township resident Patrick Boyle, 30, were waived to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing July 13 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Represented by attorney Mark A. Ciavarella, Jr., Boyle was also cited for running stop signs at Church St. and West Center Hill Road and at Church Road and Rte. 309, after failing field sobriety tests.

His blood alcohol level was .124, according to court documents. The legal limit is .10.

The arresting officer was Dallas patrolman Michael Prokopchak.

TRUCK OWNER ALTERED PLATE, CHARGE SAYS

Charges of possessing altered vehicle plates and driving an unregistered vehicle against Harveys Lake resident Anthony Miranda, who also has a Maybrook, NY, address, were waived to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing before District Magistrate James Tupper July 13.

According to court documents, Miranda's pickup truck was pulled over by Dallas patrolman James Drury after Drury noticed its plate looked as if it had been altered.

A police records check showed that the plate, mounted on a 1988 Ford pickup truck, was originally issued for a 1982 Ford truck.

Miranda told police he couldn't get a clear title for the truck, which he bought in New York, and used the plate from an old truck instead because he needed transportation to work.

The license plate listed Miranda's address at Harveys Lake, while his driver's license listed a Maybrook, NY, address.

HIGH-SPEED BIKER TO APPEAR IN COURT

Numerous traffic citations and all charges against Fort Lauderdale, FL, resident Daniel David Rozelle, 37, concerning a high-speed police chase through three area municipalities, have been bound over to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing July 5 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

According to court documents, Rozelle refused to stop for a cruiser operated by Dallas patrolman James Drury, on Route 309, leading Drury and police from Kingston and Dallas Townships through Pioneer Ave., Fernbrook and Shavertown. He was arrested in the Echo Valley Trailer Park.

He has been charged with a misdemeanor of fleeing police and was cited for running three stop signs and speeding.

SERVES JAIL SENTENCE

Tunkhannock resident Phillip Toluba, 47, was released after serving 16 days in the Luzerne County Prison for persistent disorderly conduct after a preliminary hearing July 13 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

According to court documents, Toluba was arrested by Lake Township police chief John Masloski after screaming obscenities, threatening Masloski and accusing Masloski of harassing him in the Penn General store. Toluba, who was in a wheelchair, had been in the store for approximately 30 minutes and "was acting strangely," according to an employee who called police.

Toluba continued to scream obscenities at Masloski, telling him his hands were deadly weapons and he could take Masloski down even with a broken leg.

Lehman Township sergeant Sev Newberry assisted.

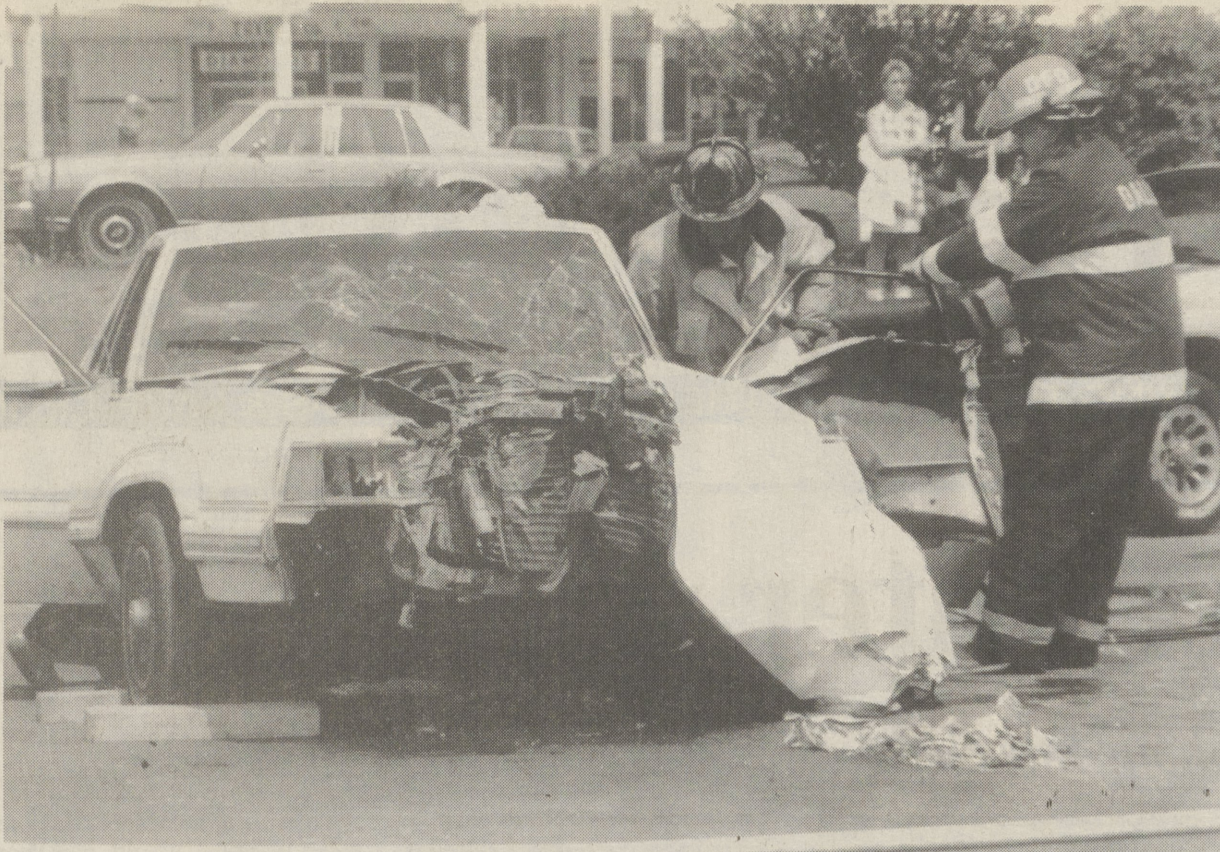
West Side Flower Club picnic Aug. 8

The annual picnic of the West Side Flower Club will be held at Pavilion #3 in Kirby Park August 8 beginning at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts.

A catered dinner will be served at noon. Games will follow. Corn on the cob and hot dogs will be served later in the afternoon.

Reservations should be made with Marion Kunigonis, club president, as soon as possible. A check for \$5 per member should accompany the reservation. Guest of members are welcome at a charge of \$7 per person.

The next formal meeting will be September 12, in the social hall of the Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston, at 6 p.m.



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE
Louis A. Yasenchak, 75, was freed from his car by Dallas firefighters, who had to cut the door off, after his car struck a tractor-trailer at the Route 309-415 intersection Thursday afternoon.

Car plows into truck at intersection

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS— Traffic on routes 309 and 415 was slowed to a crawl for an hour July 13 after an accident between a car and a tractor-trailer shortly before 2:30 p.m.

Police said a 1980 Mercury Zephyr operated by Louis A. Yasenchak, 75, of Shavertown, failed to stop for a red light at the intersection and sideswiped a 1986 Peterbilt tractor-trailer owned by Valley Distributing, Inc., in Lallin and operated by Kevin E. Sutton, 28, of Wyalusing.

The Yasenchak vehicle, traveling north on Route 309 in the passing lane, passed several other cars stopped for the red light at the Route 415 intersection and struck the rear side of the truck, which was turning left on Route 309 south, police said.

The tractor-trailer had the green light and was the second vehicle to pass through the intersection

"It looked like he was trying to time the light."

John Morgan
Accident witness

after the light turned red for northbound traffic, police said.

After the impact the car's engine compartment caught fire and was extinguished by passers-by, who also pulled passenger Eleanor Yasenchak, 73, from the car.

Sutton told police that all he saw was a white flash in the corner of his eye, then heard a loud noise and knew something had hit him. "He ran the red light," he told *The Post*.

Sherman Edwards, a driver for Moss Trucking, was in the tractor-trailer behind Sutton. He confirmed the events that led to the crash. "The car was coming northbound and ran the red light," he said.

Man faces drug, other charges

Dallas resident Christopher Morris, 25, was arrested by Dallas police July 12 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was also cited for public drunkenness and obstructing traffic after police received a complaint shortly before 4 p.m. that a man wearing a white T-shirt and dark shorts was running in and out of traffic and jumping in front of cars on Route 415 south.

Police found him in the Pump 'n' Pantry, with dirt covering his face and the front of his shirt. He

smelled strongly of an intoxicating beverage, according to the report. Police found a 4 1/2 inch syringe in his pocket after a pat-down search.

Morris was taken to the Dallas Borough police department, where ambulance crew members checked him out. He told crew member Maggie Davis he had "shot up a bag of heroin the previous night and was drinking and smoking marijuana during work."

He was taken by the Dallas ambulance to the Nesbitt Hospital for urine and blood tests.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded in the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of June 30 - July 6.

Charles N. James to Charles N. James, et al, .37 acres, James Subdv., Dallas Borough, \$4,100.
Dorothy D. Feldmann, to Jarie Pfeiffer, Hillcrest Dr., Dallas Twp., \$11,000.

Michael Dev. Inc. to Pamela A. Bertinelli, Bluff Pointe, Dallas Twp., \$82,900.

Ralph S. Tmth, trustee et al to Jack H. Hiller, et ux, 11-13 Smith Heirs Subdv. Fairmount Twp., \$16,500.

James W. Lewis, et ux, to Robert Dopko, et ux, Lot 16, Walden Park, Harveys Lake Bor., \$9,000.

Carolyn H. Reif, estate al, to Gerald S. Levandoski, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$85,000.

Ronald L. Edwards, et ux, to Paul E. Scheizer, et ux, See Deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$164,000.

John G. Frank, et ux, to Rita McDermott, 66 East Ave., Harveys Lake Bor. \$53,000.

William R. Hockenbury III, et ux, to Gary M. Karwaski, et ux, Orchard St., Kingston Twp., \$160,000.

Francis E. Peciriane, partner to Madling K. Salorzano, 2.51 ac. Hillbrook Farms, Kingston Twp., \$330,000.

Emiline Smith estate al, to Harry L. Smith, Kingston Twp., \$50,000.

Angelo J. Bertinelli, et ux, to David M. Payne, Jr., et ux, 33, 34 Lakeview Dr., Kingston Twp., \$120,000.

Luz. Co. Housing Auth. to Beverly J. Booth, 11 Carverton Rd., Kingston Twp., \$84,500.

FFB to Philip J. Santarelli, See Deed, Lehman Twp., \$309,000.

Sylvan Lake Inc. to Walter D. Shoemaker, et ux, 31 Silvan Lake Terrace, Ross Twp., \$10,000.

Myrtle A. White, estate al, to Stephen J. Luscan, III, et ux, See Deed, Ross Twp., \$45,000.

Correction

Two photos from the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction that appeared in last week's issue were credited incorrectly. The photo of auctioneers that appeared on page 4 and the photo of John Shaskas that appeared on page 3 were taken by Dave Kozemchak. The Post regrets the error, and thanks Dave for his help.

Seeley to head business department

Dr. Robert D. Seeley, Shavertown, was recently appointed acting chairman of Wilkes University's department of business administration and economics.

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