

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Muchler sends police officer to hospital

Charges of making terroristic threats, simple assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct against Trucksville resident Robert Muchler were sent to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing July 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Related charges of aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person and harassment were dropped.

The charges stemmed from Muchler's arrest June 12 by Kingston Township patrolmen James Ibbotson and Frank Ziegler, in which Muchler kicked both officers in the legs, resulting in Ziegler being hospitalized for treatment of his injuries, according to court records.

Muchler also threatened to kill the officers and his wife, Jane Muchler, whom he had also pinned in a chair, hit and kicked.

It took both officers to place Muchler into handcuffs. He also struggled with police when they tried to get him into leg restraints, kicking Ziegler in the left leg.

CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of endangering the welfare of children and simple assault against James Henderson, 42, of Firecut Road, Wyoming, were dismissed after a preliminary hearing July 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Henderson was given credit for 20 days served in the Luzerne County Prison on a related charge of disorderly conduct, according to court records.

The charges resulted from an incident in which Henderson was arrested by Kingston Township patrolman Frank Ziegler after a 14-year-old girl, the daughter of his girlfriend, said he slapped her and hit her in the head with a telephone receiver, leaving red marks and puffiness on the right side of her head.

The girl refused medical treatment at the scene.

Because the girl refused to testify against Henderson, the charges were dropped.

MULTIPLE CHARGES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

Charges of criminal trespass, harassment and stalking, loitering and prowling at night and receiving stolen property against Brian R. Higdon, 24, of Pittston were sent to Luzerne County court after a hearing July 30 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The charges resulted from incidents June 5 and 13, investigated by Kingston Township patrolmen Frank Ziegler and James Ibbotson, in which Mathers Drive resident Kimberly Lewis accused Higdon of entering her home after police had earlier told him to leave, according to court records.

The officers also observed Higdon running from the rear of Lewis's home June 14 and recovered Lewis's wallet and credit cards from his vehicle.

Williams completes recruit training

Marine Pvt. Richard E. Williams, son of Charlotte and Richard E. Williams, II of Harveys Lake, recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. where he learned the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill with teamwork and self-discipline emphasized.

Williams is a 1991 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

Rare plant won't endanger creek work

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - The bad news is the borough still hasn't received permission from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to dredge accumulated silt and debris from a section of Harveys Creek at the Outlet.

The good news is the project won't be stymied by an aquatic plant recommended for designation as a threatened species, which has been found in a 100-foot section of the creek near the bridge.

The borough council has been trying since April, 1994, to get state approval for a dredging project to remove silt which accumulated behind several beaver dams and lodges, causing the creek to back up into people's yards and flood part of a road.

"I talked to DEP biologist Larry Oliver this week and he said he plans to meet with biologists Thursday or Friday," said councilman Martin Noon. "Oliver hopes to make up a plan and get our permit going next week."

Biologists found the plant in a 100-foot section of the creek between the bridge and the first large tree - the place which Noon says is causing the least concern to residents.

"We're more worried about the next 800 feet of creek bed," he said.

Once the permit is approved, it must advertised for 30 days, Noon

said. Then the borough may advertise for bids for the dredging project.

The plant, Ranunculus Trachophyllus, commonly known as the Northeastern white water crowfoot, a cousin of the buttercup, has been documented in only six places - including Harveys Lake - in Eastern Pennsylvania, according to native plant project manager Kathy McKenna of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry.

"It's ecologically significant, one of the state's original fauna," McKenna said. "It's an important part of our natural heritage."

McKenna has visited the Outlet as part of a Bureau of Forestry team which located the Northeastern white water crowfoot in the lake several feet above the bridge and in the creek near a drainage pipe from Outlet Drive.

The Bureau of Forestry has recommended to the state that dredging operations to remove the silt be allowed downstream from the plants clustered near the drainage pipe. Aquatic plants such as the Northeastern white water crowfoot can't be simply dug up and transplanted because they won't survive, McKenna said.

"We're taking a chance with the dredging," she added. "Once the silt is removed, the water may move faster in the creek bed and further endanger the plant. It's a chance we'll have to take."

McKenna believes the plant also once inhabited the marina area at



The Northeastern white water crowfoot, documented in only six places in eastern Pennsylvania, has been found at the Outlet at Harveys Lake in an area where the borough has been trying to get permission to dredge silt and debris from the creek bed.

the inlet, but was crowded out by Cabomba Caroliniana or fan wort, an alien introduced plant which spreads rapidly. A few fan wort plants have also been found at the Outlet, but don't seem to pose any immediate threat to the crowfoot plants, she said.

The fan wort may have also crowded out another rare native aquatic plant, Beck's water marigold, which produces yellow daisy-like flowers and would have thrived at Harveys Lake, McKenna said.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of July 14 - July 20:

Mabel Harter, to Peter T. Scott, et al, 331 West Center Hill Rd., Dallas Borough, \$232,000.

Schraeder Hoelzer Inc. to Jeffrey I. Mattas, et ux, 1 Highland Blvd. Dallas Borough, \$165,000.

George D. Major, et ux to Lee J. McCarthy, III, Church St., Corr. Deed, Dallas Twp. \$92,900.

Warren Dr. Water Service to Overbrook Water Co. Warren Dr., Dallas Twp., \$100.

Thomas A. Quare, et ux to Sadie M. Gunn, Lot 4, Lakewood Plot, Harveys Lake Boro. \$73,000.

Arthur H. Scott, et ux, to Paulette R. Zerfoss, Maple St., Harveys Lake Boro. \$65,000.

Wendy L. Dahl, et vir., to William T. Huntington, Hillside Ave., Harveys Lake Boro. \$34,000.

Cornelius A. Salavatterra, et ux, to Robert L. Tambur, et ux, see deed, Harveys Lake Boro., \$425,000.

Thelma Reakes et al, to Dwayne A. Kline, et ux, 3/4 ac. see deed, Jackson Twp. \$30,000.

Anna Brown to Robert Boedecker, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$70,000.

Mark A. Crossley, et ux, to Paul J. Strasser, et ux, Lot 4 Hickory St., Kingston Twp., \$118,000.

Janet Cornell Beccaria to James S. Wright, et ux, 6.13 ac./J. Beccaria Subdv. Lake Twp., \$36,000.

Robert Prudhoe, et al to Dale D. Masters, et ux, 52.214 acres, Ross Twp., \$45,000.

D.U.I. CHARGE SENT TO COUNTY COURT

A charge of driving while under the influence (D.U.I.) against Patrick H. Peaslee, 39, of Wilkes-Barre was sent to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing July 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The charge resulted from an incident in which Peaslee was arrested by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin, who had observed him driving erratically and weaving in traffic on Route 309. Police found several empty beer cans behind the seat of Peaslee's truck, which they searched after he failed field sobriety tests, according to court records.

Peaslee's blood alcohol level was .116. The legal minimum is .10.

Dallas Township patrolman Wayman Miers and Kingston Township patrolman Walter Davis assisted in the arrest.

Trucksville UM to hold flea mart Aug. 5

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will sponsor the second annual Flea Market on the Lawn August 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 8 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

The UMW will also host a table of homemade baked goods and candy and its famous "Sharp-sharp" cheese.

A few spaces are still available for \$10, with vendors supplying their own tables. To reserve one, call the church office at 696-3897 or Barbara Glowack at 696-1093 and a reservation form will be sent.

The Trucksville United Methodist Church is located on Church Road in Trucksville.

Rain date is August 12.

Gabels celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent Gabel, formerly of Kingston, recently observed their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married June 29, 1935, in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, by the late Rev. O'Leary. Their attendants were the late Harold Gabel, brother of Mr. Gabel, and the late Irene Emerick Evans, sister of Mrs. Gabel.

Mr. Gabel is the son of the late Jacob and Marie Gabel of Shavertown. He was the general superintendent of Sordoni Construction Company, Forty Fort, until his retirement in 1977, after 41 years with the company.

Mrs. Gabel is the former Emily Louise Emerick, the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Sebolka Emerick of Shavertown. Mr. and Mrs. Gabel are former parishioners of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

The couple has three sons and a daughter: Gerald, Phoenixville, PA; Leon, North Wales, PA; Carol, Washington Township, NJ; and Paul, Binghamton, NY. They also have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabel reside with their daughter and son-in-law at 527 Monroe Avenue, Washington Township, NJ, 07675.

A family dinner was held on July 1, at the William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA.

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Ice Cream Social at Loyalville Aug. 12
The Chestnut Grove Club of the Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold an Ice Cream Social in the Church Hall, August 12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Serving: wimpies, hot dogs, baked beans, salads, ice cream, pie and beverages.
The church is located on the Loyalville Road, West off Route 118 or East off Route 29.

Camp Meetings '95 at Orange Aug. 4-6
Camp Meetings '95 will be held at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle, Village Road, Orange, Pa.
Schedule of services: Aug. 4, 7 p.m.; Aug. 5 and 6, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. with dinner served at 4:30 p.m.
The theme is "A Time to Rejoice," with old-time gospel singing and instrumentals, followed by Pentecostal preaching.
All services will be held outdoors under the pavilion. Everyone is invited.

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