**Protecting the little ones** 

Kingston Township patrolman Wade Curtis fingerprinted Shavertown resident Therese Pitcavage for a child's identification card at the Kingston Township Ambulance's August 20 open house. Ambulance personnel also provided free blood pressure screenings, refreshments and

## DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

demonstrated how victims are rescued from being trapped in cars.

## Inmate pleads guilty to harassment, drug, assault charges dismissed

Aubrey Andrew Black, Jr., an inmate of B block at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID), pleaded guilty to harassment at a preliminary hearing August 17 before District Magistrate James Tupper. Related charges of simple assault and possession of cocaine were dismissed, according to court rec-

The charges reulted from an incident during a routine random cell search December 29, 1994,, in which corrections officers John Robaczewski and Alphonso Stepanski found 10 plastic glove

fingertips filled with a white powder, which the Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab determined to be cocaine.

During the search, Black rushed at Robaczewski and tried to leave the cell. Both corrections officers wrestled Black to the floor. Robaczewski's head was banged on the metal bed frame, while Stepanski's glasses were broken.

Black was sentenced to 15 to 30 days in prison, to be served consecutively with his present incarceration. He was represented by public defender Leonard Omolecki, Jr.

WITHDRAWN, OTHER

Felony charges of forcible rape

against Brian A. Hosey of Harveys

Lake were dismissed and two

misdemeanor charges of indecent

assault were forwarded to trial at

a preliminary hearing August 18

before District Magistrate James

The charges resulted from an

incident in which Hosey allegedly

forced a woman to come into his

trailer home and forced her to

have sex after telling her he would

drawn in an agreement, Tupper

torney Gerald Wassil. The arrest-

ing officer was patrolman Scott

The rape charges were with-

Hosey was represented by at-

give her a ride to her home.

RAPE CHARGES

**CHARGES STICK** 

Tupper.

#### INMATE TO STAND TRIAL FOR POSSESSION OF POT

Keith Vernon Johnson, an inmate of A Block at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID), waived his right to a preliminary trial August 17 before District Magistrate James Tupper on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

According to court records, SCID corrections officers Jeff Oncay and John Robaczewski found a plastic flove fingertip containing two glassine packets of marijuana during a routine cell search March 6.

Johnson told SSCID Lt. Donald Jones he had found the marijuana in the exercise yard near the basketball court.

Johnson was represented by public defender Leonard Omolecki, Jr.

#### INMATE TO FACE TRIAL FOR BREAKING JAW

Charges of assault and harassment against Frank Stanton Tuohey, an inmate of C Block at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID), were sent to Luzerne County Court after a preliminary hearing August 17 before District Magistrate James

A related felony assault charge was dismissed, according to court

The charges resulted from an incident June 17 in which Tuohey allegedly attacked fellow inmate Daniel Edward Bidwell, who had been sitting on a picnic bench watching a chess match in C Block's day room.

Tuohey allegedly hit Bidwell twice with his fist, causing a laceration of Bidwell's right eyebrow and a fracture to the left side of his jaw. Tuohey allegedly continued to hit Bidwell with both fists about the head, arms and face.

Bidwell was treated for his injuries at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Tuohev was represented by public defender Leonard Omolicki,

#### ASSAULT CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of assault against Angela Thomas and Kevin Allabuagh of Shavertown were dismissed at a preliminary hearing August 17 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The charges resulted from a domestic dispute.

Both parties pled guilty to harrassment. Each paid a \$150 fine plus court costs.

# Road bids are opened, tabled

JACKSON TOWNSHIP - The supervisors opened bids for drainage work on Salansky and Pine Tree roads and tabled them for further study. Apparent low bidder was Stella Excavating, at \$5,345 for Pine Tree Road and \$1,245 for Salansky Road. Other bids were submitted by American Asphalt and R. N. Fitch and Sons.

The supervisors unanimously approved the purchase of an oil furnace for the apartment over the equipment garage for \$2,796 from Newco Heating.

The supervisors also unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the Jackson Township Fire Company as its designated rescue unit, for insurance pur-

#### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of

William J. Thede, et ux, to Kerry A. McCarthy, Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, Dallas Borough, \$120,500.

Leon J. Rutkoski, et ux, to David E. Fritz, et ux, Lot 14 Deer Meadow, Dallas Borough, \$327,500.

William G. Rice, et ux, to Mark J. Rice, et ux, Lot 188 Orchard View, Dallas Twp., \$15,000.

Marino J. Santarelli, et ux, to Mark G. Contreras, et al, Lot 17 Pheasant Run, Dallas Twp., \$242,500.

Peter Berti, et ux, to Theresa A. Kennedy, Hillcrest Drive, Dallas Twp., \$115,000.

Thomas G. Sharkey, et ux, to Charles P. Gelso, et ux, Lots 61, 62, 63, Shrine Acres, Dallas Twp., \$295,000.

Mary P. Milligan to Mary P. Milligan, et al, Lot 1 High View Acres, Fairmount Twp., \$13,300.

Ruckno Assoc. Inc. to David M. Donavan, et ux, Indian Rock Subdivision, Jackson Twp., \$33,000.

Mark Sowcik, et ux, to Joan A. Kovaleski, Pioneer Ave., Kingston Twp., \$78,000.

Scott P. Parkhurst, et ux, to Frederick R. Buckman, Lot 4 Parkhurst Sub., Kingston Twp.,

James A. Haughwout, to Mark Sub., Kingston Twp., \$1,000.

Maplecrest Water & Civic Assoc. to Maplecrest Water Co., 3 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$35,000. Martin L. Sinnott, et ux, to Kenneth J. Oberst, et al, 1.52

acres, Lake Twp., \$14,000. Ronald Grabowski, et ux, to Thomas P. Noon, Lot 2 Grabowski

Steven Angeli, et ux, to Mark T. Connors, Ross Twp. \$42,000.

# POLICE LOG

#### **JACKSON TOWNSHIP** HORSES GO A.W.O.L.

According to Jackson Township police, two equine escapees were apprehended August 20, one at 6 a.m. and one at 9 a.m.

Three officers chased the horses, owned by Dr. Dombroski of Follies Road, and caught them on Huntsville Road in Shavertown, where one had taken refuge in a garden in the back yard of the Yascur residence.

Patrolman Scott Ravert, assisted by police chief Donald Jones and an officer from Lehman Township, apprehended the horses and remanded them to the custody of their owner.

"Fingerprinting them was the hardest part," joked assistant police chief Jerry Leedock.

#### FIVE CARS INVOLVED IN TWO ACCIDENTS AT SAME LOCATION

According to Kingston Township police, a 1985 Fort Thunderbird operated by Lori Zlotnicki, 21, of Edwardsville, was involved in a rear-end accident with a 1988 Cadillac operated by Helen Sherknsas, 52 of Wapwallopen at Route 309 and Carverton Road August 19 shortly after 4 p.m.

Police said the both vehicles were traveling north and had stopped for the traffic light at Carverton Road. The Zlotnicki vehicle pulled forward when the light turned green, then began to buck and stall. It stopped and was hit in the rear end by the Sherksnas vehicle.

No injuries were reported to police.

While stopped for the two-car accident, three other cars traveling north on Route 309 at the Carverton Road intersection were involved in a second rear-end accident, police said.

A late model Volvo operated by Simon Becker, 47, of Dallas, struck the rear end of a 1994 Toyota operated by Peggy Southern, 28, of Skaneateles, NY, pushing it into the rear end of a 1987 Pontiac Grand AM operated by Eric Williams, 21, of Scranton, which had stopped for the first accident.

Julie Becker, 24, of Dallas, a passenger in the Becker vehicle, was thrown into the windshield and transported by the Kingston Township ambulance to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she was treated and released. Patrolman Wade Curtis

tigated both accidents.

#### PEDESTRIAN HIT BY CAR

According to Dallas Township police, a 1987 GMC van operated by James Brown, 42, of Shavertown, was involved in an accident with a pedestrian August 16 shortly after 9:15 a.m.

Police said Brown was driving south on Route 309 near the Ferguson Ave. intersection in the right lane when he saw Cecelia Steinard, 74, of Dallas, walking across the highway from the opposite side. He told police he tried to stop but she walked into the side of his van.

Steinard was taken by the Dallas ambulance to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she left the emergency room before she could be treated.

Patrolman Elliot Ide investigated the incident.

#### **DRIVER IN 2 ACCIDENTS** IN TWO MUNICIPALITIES

According to Dallas Township and Kingston Township police, a 1979 Dodge van owned by Robert Shotwell, 25, of Shavertown, and operated by Rodney Joel Samson. 27, of Shavertown, was involved in two accidents August 17 be tween 9 and 10 p.m.

Police said the Samson vehicle was traveling north on Manor Drive when it sideswiped the driver's side of a 1985 Plymouth Grand Fury operated by Ray E. Burd, 44, of Kingston Township, which had been traveling south. After Burd turned his car around and began to follow Samson. Samson slowed his van down an pulled to the right of the road near the intersection with Mount Olivet Road.

The Samson vehicle then sideswiped the passenger side of Burd's vehicle and headed down Crispin Road to Church Road, police said.

Samson then ran a stop sign at the intersection of Church and Ransom roads and struck a stone embankment.

Samson was taken by helicopter to Community Medical Center in Scranton, where he was released August 20, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Police cited Samson twice for driving without a valid operator's license and hit and run. He was also cited for driving on the wrong side of the roadway and running a stop sign. Shotwell, the owner of the van, was cited for not having an insurance card.

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