

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**Pot busts at prison net 4 inmates**

Routine random searches at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (S.C.I.D.) resulted in the arrest of four inmates for possession of marijuana.

All cases have been sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court, according to documents on file with District Magistrate James Tupper. All five inmates were represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

Andre Howard, 39, was arrested February 11 after corrections officers saw him put a white plastic glove fingertip into his mouth while returning from the B-block shower room. The fingertip contained a vegetable substance which tested positive for marijuana, wrapped in two balloons.

Howard told corrections officers he found the fingertip on the floor near a soda machine. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

John E. Blocker, 23, was arrested June 3 after corrections officers found six hand-rolled cigarettes which tested positive for marijuana on a shelf in his cell

during a random search. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Vernon K. Walker, 32, was arrested June 9 after corrections officers found two hand-rolled cigarettes in his right sock during a routine strip search in the B-block shower rooms. The cigarettes tested positive for marijuana.

Walker told officers he had traded three packs of cigarettes to an inmate from C-block for the marijuana. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Eugene Robinson, 50, pled guilty to possession of marijuana after corrections officers arrested him June 6 during a routine strip search in the inmates' changing room. Officers found two packets containing 2.1 grams of marijuana in his right sock.

Robinson told officers he was bringing the marijuana to another inmate, who was supposed to give him one of the bags for himself.

Robinson will serve an additional 10 to 20 days after his original sentence is completed.

**D.U.I. DISMISSED, DRUG CHARGE STICKS**

Tunkhannock resident Mark Culver, 26, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia October 25 before District Justice James Tupper.

Related charges of D.U.I. were dismissed, according to court records.

The charges resulted from an incident in which police observed Culver driving erratically on Route 309, where he pulled onto the berm of the roadway and attempted to switch places inside the car with a passenger, Marian Kenney, who is the car's owner.

Police found a marijuana bowl on Culver during a routine search and a second pipe in the car. After failing field sobriety tests, he refused to take a blood alcohol test, which will result in his losing his driver's license for a year under the state Implied Consent Law.

He was then arrested on an outstanding warrant from Dallas Borough for receiving stolen property.

Represented by attorney Steven Urbanski, he is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$50,000 bail.

**D.U.I. ARRESTS IN KINGSTON TOWNSHIP**

Damian Cavuto, 25, of West Wyoming, and Lisa Bonomo, 18, of Wilkes-Barre, waived their rights to preliminary hearings on D.U.I. charges before District Justice James Tupper October 26.

Cavuto was arrested by Kingston Township patrolman Wade Curtis after running his car into a tree on Mount Olivet Road.

Bonomo was arrested after patrolman Wade Curtis saw her driving her pickup truck erratically on Route 309 near Harris Hill Road and hit a van.

**D.U.I. CHARGES SENT TO COUNTY COURT**

Herbert Lee, 46, of Dallas waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of driving while under the influence and fleeing police pursuit October 25 before District Justice James Tupper.

He was also cited for reckless driving.

The charge resulted from an incident in which Harveys Lake police observed Lee driving erratically on Lakeside Drive, nearly colliding with the cruiser at one point, and pursued him to a dirt road, where he stopped at a trailer home.

He was uncooperative with police during the arrest and accused police of harassing him.

After failing field sobriety tests, Lee took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .255, more than twice the legal limit of .11 percent. He was represented by attorney Michael Mey and is free on \$300 bail.

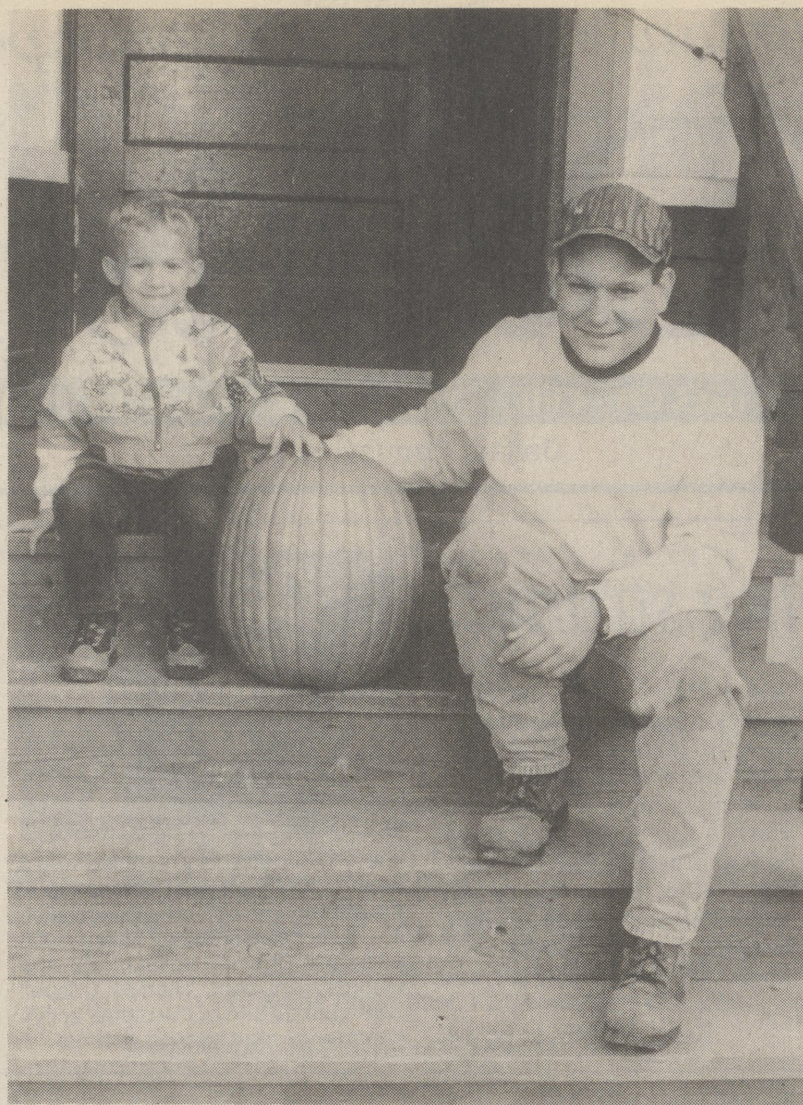
**PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSING BAD CHECK**

Harveys Lake resident Joseph Smith pled guilty to passing a bad check at a preliminary hearing October 27 before District Justice James Tupper.

The charge resulted from an incident March 16, in which Smith bought a snowblower from Lehman Power Equipment and paid for it with a check drawn against a closed bank account.

Although Smith promised to bring the money in to cover the check, but never paid the company, according to court records.

He must pay a \$200 fine, \$81 in court costs and restitution of \$796.



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**The Great Pumpkin has landed**

Winner of Brothers' Mercantile's first annual Pumpkin Weight-Guessing Contest is Kingston Township resident Lew Baines, showing the 34.25-lb monster off with his son, Eric, 3. Baines won two juicy T-bone steaks, which his family ate Sunday night. "They were good," he said. Brothers' Mercantile is located in the former Moore's Store on Lower Demunds Road near Ransom Road.

**Library**

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\$1,600, while Harveys Lake said it would budget \$1,000. Lake and Ross townships promised shares of \$600 apiece and Lehman Township said it would donate \$700.

Lehman, Franklin, Jackson and Ross townships and Harveys Lake didn't donate anything last year, while Lake township had sent the library \$500.

Although Lake-Lehman couldn't contribute the full \$4,600 the library had asked for, it increased its share by \$700 to \$3,700.

Still pending are donations from Franklin, Dallas and Kingston townships, which are still working on their preliminary budgets, Rosenthal said. Dallas Township has been asked for \$4,400, while Kingston Township has been asked for \$2,700 and Franklin Township, \$400.

Jackson Township was the only municipality to turn down the library's request.

"We suggested holding a fundraiser for the library in the township - something like an ox or pig roast," said supervisors' chairman Walter Glogowski. "So far nobody has come back to us to volunteer their services or to help explore a location with kitchens and ample seating. There are lots of good ideas out there, but we need people

*"So far we're on target."*  
Bruce Rosenthal  
Library board member

to help realize them." Last year the library lost \$6,000 in state funding, which is calculated by the amount of municipal support each local library receives. Well-supported libraries receive more state money than their poorer cousins.

In order to make up the entire \$240,000 library budget through a special property tax, as is being done in Lackawanna County and is being considered in Wyoming County, homeowners would pay an additional .296 mills, Rosenthal estimated.

"A one-mill library tax in the Back Mountain would generate \$810,000 - enough to build a 12-story library," he said.

This year the annual fundraising auction generated \$61,000, or about 26 percent of the library's operating budget, while private donations accounted for \$98,420, or about 42 percent, and state aid of \$38,480 and county aid of \$25,500 made up a total of 27.4 percent.

**L-L tax face value period ends Nov. 8**

November 8 is the last day to pay Lake-Lehman School District taxes at face value. All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours and those which are post marked on or before November 8 will be accepted at face value.

Anyone mailing in their taxes and would like a receipt should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please check with your local tax collector for office hours.

**Lakeside Nursing Ctr. hosts health fair**

A Health Fair will be held November 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Old Lake Road, Dallas. Refreshments, free drawing, Pearle Express, blood pressure and cholesterol screening will be available.

**Orange Church to serve Election Day meals**

The Orange United Methodist Church will serve its traditional Election Day lunch and supper in the church hall November 7. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will include soup and homemade sandwiches.

The roast beef supper will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00.

**Polling place changed in Franklin Twp.**

Franklin Township's new polling place is the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Hall on Orange Road.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of October 13 -19.

Edward G. Gensel to Craig D. Rice, et al, Grandview Ave., Dallas Twp., \$114,000.

Eugene D. Sperazza, et ux, to Phillip G. Decker, et ux, 10 Pheasant Run, Dallas Twp., \$285,000. Gerard M. Black, et ux, to Edgar J. Lashford, et al, 10 Orchard View, Dallas Twp., \$124,900.

Dorothy Lees Davis, estate al, to Richard Lee Brown, et ux, 80 Midland Dr., Dallas Twp., \$78,000.

William A. Pearman to Michael Young, et ux, 175 Orchard View, Dallas Twp., \$140,000.

Edward D. Napierkowski, et ux, to Myron V. Suchodoloski, et ux, 1,965 ac., Franklin Twp., \$120,000.

Frank D. Dedula, estate al, to Thomas W. Hanlon, et ux, 3 Dedula Sub., Franklin Twp., \$100,000.

Charles J. McAvoy, et ux, to Donald M. Shinal, et ux, 2, 3 Chadsford Estates, Franklin Twp., \$60,000.

Gary C. Menn, et ux, to Luz. Co. Housing Auth., Keefer St., Harveys Lake Bor., \$80,000.

Alan M. Scott, et ux, to Thomas J. Adams, IV, 26-28 Maple Knoll Rd., Harveys Lake Bor. \$23,400.

Dale Realty Ltd., to Raymond A. Pietro, et ux, 2 ac L7 Sutton Farms, Jackson Twp., \$75,000.

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