Supervisors declare emergency

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP – In their eagerness to declare an emergency during last week's heavy snowfall, the supervisors seconded a resolution declaring the emergency in concert.

The declared emergency will make the township eligible for any available state or federal reimbursement to help pay for some of the cleanup. It will cover snow removal, but won't pay for road salt or cinders.

The supervisors also unanimously denied a request from Captain Roy Evans of Canandaigua, NY, to rezone a property at 20 North Memorial Highway from residential to business (B-2) so that he can open a craft shop there.

In other business, the supervisors unanimously approved the appointment of manager Jeff Box as head of the police and nonuniformed pension funds, the final payment of \$3,933.70 to Jerry Gross HVAC for work on the municipal building's heating and cooling systems and the final reading of an ordinance requiring permits for all on-lot sewage systems.

Zoning and codes enforcement officer Ben Gorey was unanimously authorized to attend three building Officers' Codes Association (BOCA)-sponsored training in Reading, at a cost of \$837.20 plus expenses.

Hunter charged in shooting at park

Plains resident Ronald E. Reed was arraigned before District Justice James Tupper on a charge of failure to stop and give assistance at an accident in connection with a Nov. 29 hunting accident in Frances Slocum State Park, Kingston Township, in which Kingston Township resident John Voytko was wounded.

The charge is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, up to two years in jail and loss of hunting privileges for 10 years.

Neither Voytko nor his brother-in-law and hunting companion, Anthony Oliveri, could identify the shooter, according to court records.

Oliveri told officers he heard one shot close to sunset, a scream and two more shots from the same area as the first. He then heard Voytko calling for help because he had been shot.

During the subsequent investigation, wildlife conservation officer James Jolley of the Pennsylvania Game Commission interviewed all hunters who had been in the area at the time of the shooting, including Reed and his nephew, Darrin R. Fernandes, who was hunting with him.

Reed originally told Jolley he had fired a shot at about 4:30

p.m., then heard two more shots, yelling and a shout, "I got a buck!"

Fernandes told officers he heard three shots which sounded like they came from the same gun. He ran towards Reed and asked if Reed had hit a deer. Reed replied that someone else had shot, and refused to allow him to go look for another uncle they were hunting with, Fernandes said.

During a second interview with Jolley, Reed said he had been hunting with a .30-30caliber Marlin lever action rifle, had fired one shot at a Y-buck, which was about 60 yards away, and saw the deer move down the hill to the left.

When he went to see if he had hit the deer, he heard two shots 200 to 300 yards away to his left and someone calling, "A.J! I got a deer!"

He then left the woods with his nephew, he said.

Reed told Jolley he didn't know anyone had been shot and didn't see anyone over the hill from him. Officers found two spent .30-30 caliber gun cartridges and a partially empty pack of Marlboro cigarettes 62 yards from the place where Voytko was shot.

His preliminary hearing before Tupper has been scheduled for January 18 at 10 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Exeter resident Kevin P. Burns, 36, was charged Jan. 12 with public drunkenness, reckless endangerment, disorderly conduct and multiple counts of aggravated assault after threatening police officers during an arrest at the Kandle-Lite Lounge on Carverton Road in Kingston Township.

Kingston Township officers Buckler and Maransky had been notified by the Exeter police that they were looking for Burns, who had an outstanding warrant for D.U.I., in connection with an earlier incident in Exeter.

The Exeter police had traced a phone call from Burns to the Kandle Lite, where Buckler learned he had rented a room and was with another person who had a gun.

When Buckler found Burns in the parking lot, Burns told the officer he had a gun, then tried to leave in a taxi. Burns then left the taxi and ran across the parking lot, where Buckler and Maransky caught him.

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Police later found the object Burns was carrying and had told them was a gun was actually a cellular phone.

The preliminary hearing will be held Jan. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

TWO WAIVE D.U.I. CHARGES TO COURT

Forty Fort resident Daniel Yadrnak, 40, and Dallas resident Joseph Solinski, 50, waived their rights to preliminary hearings Jan. 11 before District Justice James Tupper on charges of D.U.I.

Yadrnak was arrested Nov. 22 by state police corporal James Degnan after being observed driving erratically on Route 309. A blood test indicated his blood alcohol level was . 13. The legal limit is . 10.

Solinski was arrested Nov. 15 by Lehman Township patrolman Martin Maransky after being involved in an accident at Route 415 and Briar Crest Road. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested after refusing to take a blood alcohol test.



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New business opens in Shavertown

The Waterlily, featuring custom floral arrangements, house plants, dish gardens made on the premises, wall hangings, Raggedy Ann dolls, stuffed bears, basketry, sculpture and paintings, held its grand opening January 14 with a sculpture exhibit by area artist Edna Ceola. Winners of a \$50 gift certificate were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smallwood of Dallas.

The business is owned by Julie Roan, Jerry Scott and David Stout, who has 12 years experience as a custom floral designer.

The owners thank area residents for their patronage and plan to have specials for Valentine's Day.

Harveys Lake Crime Watch meets Jan. 31 The Harveys Lake Crime Watch

will meet Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the borough building. An open house with refreshments will be held at 7:30 p.m. following the meeting. The drawing for the 50-50 raffle will be held during the meeting. Tickets are still available for \$1 from any Crime Watch member or Drury's Restaurant.

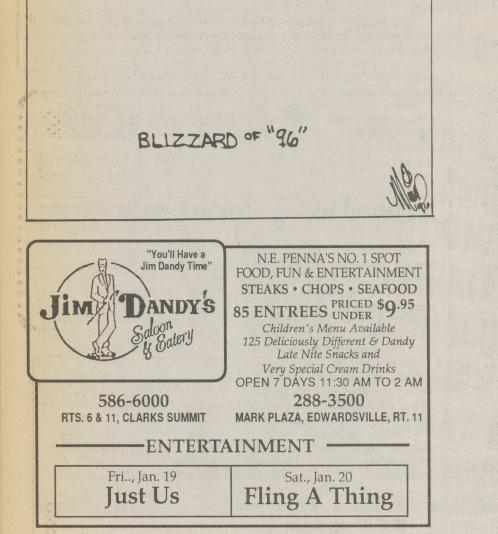
Harveys Lake slates Yule tree pickup

Harveys Lake Borough will have a Christmas tree pick up on Friday, January 19, weather conditions permitting.

KT planners cancel special meeting

The Kingston Township Planning Commission special meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 1996 is cancelled. A new date for the special meeting will be selected at the next regular meeting on February 6, 1996 at 8 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

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