

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Former Asst. District Atty. charged with assault, terroristic threats

Attorney Charles R. Coslett, 43, of Franklin Township was arrested March 10 by state trooper John J. Hopkins and charged with the misdemeanors of simple assault and making terroristic threats and the summary offense of harassment.

A related charge of violating a protection from abuse order was withdrawn March 14 by deputy attorney general Richard Tomsho, in order to prosecute Coslett on the other charges. Under state law, defendant may not be tried on both the violation of a protection from abuse order and the incident which prompted the violation.

The charges stemmed from a domestic violence incident, in which Coslett's estranged wife, Donna J. Coslett of Shavertown told police he restrained her in the bedroom and upstairs bathroom of his home, throwing her on the bed and attempting to place her in handcuffs several times. Coslett allegedly told her she

wouldn't leave the home alive. Ms. Coslett told police she kicked him in the groin and he punched her in the face with a closed fist, which caused her left eye to become swollen shut.

She obtained a protection from abuse order against him in October.

She finally managed to get downstairs to the first floor and escaped after several attempts.

Coslett was terminated March 11 from his position as a prosecutor in the Luzerne County district attorney's office, from which he had been on unpaid leave since last October. He is also solicitor for the Greater Nanticoke and Northwest Area school districts and the West Side Vocational-Technical high school and has a private law practice in Kingston.

Represented by attorney Al Flora, Coslett is free on his own recognizance on \$5,000 bail and is not allowed to have any contact with the victim.

showed his blood alcohol level to be .219.

Lundy waived his right to counsel and is free on \$300 bail.

ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS

Kingston resident Tiffany Roese, 18, waived her right to a preliminary hearing March 14 on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor before District Justice James Tupper.

The arrest stemmed from an incident Jan. 19, in which she was arrested by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police pulled over a car owned by Roese and driven by Harveys Lake resident Michael Musial on Route 415.

The car had been parked in front of Noon's Service Station with its headlights on at 2:58 a.m.

Roese gave police a temporary driver's license identifying her as Tiffany M. Roese of Shavertown and registration and insurance cards registered to Susan F. Roese of the same address.

During a routine search of the car police found one unopened, one empty and three opened bottles of beer on the floor of the car. Police also found a photo driver's license issued to Tiffany M. Roese of Kingston and a maroon wooden bowl containing black residue and the smell of marijuana in the pocket of a jean jacket which Roese identified as hers.

Musial and passengers Jennifer Lee Yatsko, 20, of Sweet Valley; Steven Matthew Short, 18, of Harveys Lake and Michael Steven Mikolaitis, 19, of Hunlock Creek were issued non-traffic citations for purchase, consumption or possession of alcohol by underage persons and released.

Roese waived her right to counsel and is free on \$300 bail.



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Celebrating their grand opening

Observing Guaranty Bank's March 18 grand opening at its Pikes Creek office were customer service representative Debbie Goodrich, manager Donna Nork and tellers Elaine Buckley, Dee Ann White and Sherry Bronson. The bank is featuring a coloring contest, whose winner will be selected April 3 and receive an Easter basket of goodies. Hours for the lobby and drive-through are: Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The bank's phone number is 477-2245.

Bids dominate meeting

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - The supervisors opened bids for three projects at their regular March 20 meeting, then tabled them for further study.

The apparent low bidder to supply containers for the annual spring cleanup was Danella Environmental Technologies, at \$349 per container for a total of \$15,705. Other bidders were Waste Management of Scranton at \$353 per container, and J. P. Mascaro and Sons, at \$395 per container.

The apparent low bidder to remove an unused underground fuel oil storage tank at the municipal building was Linde Enterprises, at \$2,125. Other bidders were E. Gilarde Construction at \$2,550, T.E.E.M. Environmental Services at \$3,022, Corey Inc. at \$3,146, Datom Products at \$4,577 and Barrett Group Environmental Services at \$8,349.

The apparent low bidder for a project to repair gutters on Center Street near the Kingston Township ambulance garage was James T. O'Hara at \$44,598. Other bidders were Stella Excavating at \$45,045, Don E. Bower at \$48,705, Vincent Construction at \$52,980, Slusser Brothers at

\$55,394, R.N. Fitch at \$56,659, Linde Enterprises at \$56,743, Lycopring Supply at \$58,814, E. Gilarde at \$59,980, Locust Ridge Quarry at \$65,700, J & H Concrete at \$73,130, American Asphalt at \$73,526, Wyoming Sand and Gravel at \$95,997 and Brdaric Excavating at \$100,996.

In other business the supervisors unanimously approved the township's participation in the Back Mountain Road Materials Cooperative Purchasing Program, authorized township manager Jeff Box to obtain federal flood and blizzard relief reimbursement for repairs and authorized the township engineer and manager to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids to replace guide rails on several township streets.

"These rails have been damaged through normal wear and tear, and haven't been replaced in several years," Box said. "We estimate their replacement at about \$31,000. It's always cheaper to order the guide rails in larger quantities."

The supervisors announced the recreation commission's annual Easter egg hunt on March 30 at 2 p.m. at the Center Street park. The rain date will be April 6.

Illegal gaming machines seized at Legion post

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DALLAS - It wasn't a fun way to spend a lunch hour.

In a 1 p.m. raid March 12, State Police Liquor Control Enforcement officers raided from the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 and confiscated four video poker machines, three older model six-card pinball machines, \$5,994.25 in cash and other items.

Administrative charges are pending against the post's Home Association, according to sergeant Robert Scott, who is also investigating possible Pennsylvania Crimes Code violations against the organization.

"These machines are legal if the players only win free games awarded by the machine," Scott said. "When the machines are used as gambling devices, which award monetary prizes or credits for free food, they're illegal."

Video slot machines are also illegal, but it hasn't been determined that any were at the post home, he added.

Post adjutant Tom Reese said he didn't know anything about the machines, which are run by the Home Association.

Donald Hazeltine of the American Legion Post 672 Home Association said the game machines had been at the Legion for several years. He refused further comment.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the first two weeks of March:

- Richard T. Johnson, et ux, to Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co., Lot 2 Fox Hollow, Dallas Twp., \$67,000.
- Lenora Glennie Willson, to Michael J. Sanfilippo, et ux, Lot 106 Hamilton Rd., Dallas Twp., \$93,000.
- Bernard J. Smith, et ux, to Back Mtn. Rentals, Rose Manor, Dallas Twp., \$12,000.
- Ruth M. Generose, et vir, Robert Bilbow, Hunlock Twp., \$1,000.
- Hillbrook Corp. to Steven M. Young, et ux, 5.93 ac. Hillbrook Frms, Kingston Twp., \$88,500.
- David Alden Vernon, executor, to Kevin L. Rose, et ux, Highland Ave., Kingston Twp., \$35,000.
- Woodbridge Associates, to Jerome F. Fabian, Lantern Hill Road, Kingston Twp., \$65,000.
- Leroy G. Crawford, executor, to Paul M. Moore, Lake Twp., \$67,000.
- Garry S. Gold, et ux, to William E. Lindley, et ux, Lots Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp., \$92,000.
- Ann Mary Kabeschat, estate al, to Joseph G. Albert, Trustee, Lot 11, Dallas Terrace, Dallas Borough,

- \$2800.
- Gerald T. John, et ux, to Jeffrey E. Pickler, 619D Meadows I Condo., Dallas Twp., \$220,000.
- Ralph S. Smith, Executor, to Frank A. Hinchey, et ux, 4 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$208,550
- Scott D. Mather, et ux, to Jeffrey D. Hinds, et ux, Dallas Twp., \$104,000.
- Maude S. Earl, estate al, to Thomas E. Kretchik, et ux, 1 ac. Franklin Twp., \$80,000.
- Maude S. Earl, estate al, to Thomas E. Kretchik, et ux, 58.11 ac. Bodle Rd., Franklin Twp., \$120,000.
- William J. Morrissey, et ux, to Terrence J. Herron, et ux, 3 Hemlock Gardens, Harveys Lake Bor., \$17,000.
- Ronald J. Yaros, Jr., et ux, to John P. Hermanofski, et ux, Hunlock Twp., \$71,000.
- Mark N. Perlmutter, et ux, to Ronald A. Olson, et ux, 2 ac. Jackson Twp., \$305,000.
- Woodridge Associates to Diane M. Lombardo, 3.0212 Woodridge II, Kingston Twp., \$100,000.
- Stanley C. Ushinski, et ux, to Raymond C. Hall, 118.5 ac. Lehman Twp., \$300,000.

D.U.I. CHARGES WAIVED TO COUNTY COURT

The following defendants waived their rights to preliminary hearings on charges of D.U.I. March 14 before District Justice James Tupper:

• Trucksville resident Joseph A. Dickson, 24, who was arrested Dec. 25 by Kingston Township officer Wade Curtis after his car nearly struck the police cruiser on North Main Street. He was also cited for driving with a suspended license and careless driving, according to court records. Dickson failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a blood alcohol test, which under the state's Implied Consent Law results in forfeiture of his driver's license for a year.

According to a routine police check of his driver's license, Dickson has two driver's licenses under two different spellings of his last name, with two different dates of birth.

Represented by attorney Demetrius Fannick, Dickson is free on \$300 bail.

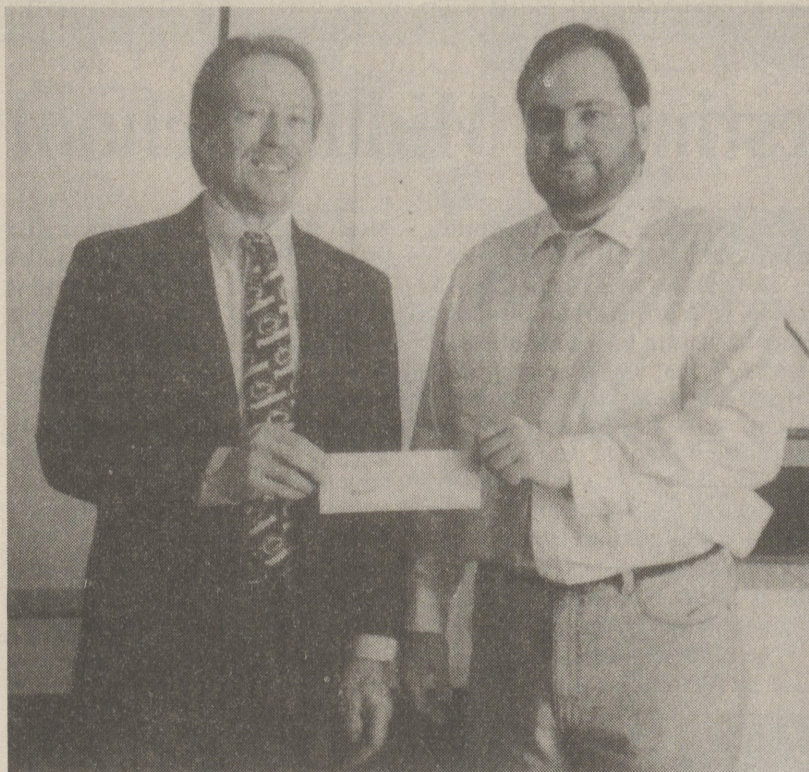
• Dallas Township resident Donna Major, 34, who was arrested Feb. 4 by Dallas Township patrolman Wayman Miers after driving her car into a ditch on Lower Demunds Road. After failing field sobriety tests, Major took a blood test which showed her blood alcohol level to be .226, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

Represented by attorney Sam Falcone, she is free on \$300 bail.

• Dallas Township resident Michael Anthony Lundy, 54, who was arrested Feb. 22 by Dallas Township patrolmen Robert Jolley and Jeffrey Dennis after police observed him driving erratically on Ransom Road and pulled him over.

After failing field sobriety tests, Lundy took a blood test which

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Business group donates to land trust

Dr. Thomas Winter, acting chief executive at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus, addressed the Back Mountain Business and Professional Ass'n. last week. He is treasurer for the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust. After the meeting John Alaimo, BMBPA president, right, presented a donation to the land trust to Winter.

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