

Family evicted from Harveys Lake home

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HARVEYS LAKE - A woman, her two sons and their dogs have been forced to find a new home after the house they were renting was condemned.

Health inspector John Roper, fire chief Frank Lutinsky, SPCA humane police officers Robert Arnold and Edward Dubil and codes enforcement officer Paul Grimes inspected the home along Route 415 Friday afternoon and ordered Ann Miller and her sons to leave after they found rooms stuffed with trash and electrical wires hanging from the ceiling. The names of her sons weren't available.

"You can't even walk in there," said V.I.S.I.O.N. director Vince Kabacynski after inspecting the house with borough officials. "Our main concern was that they couldn't even get into some of the rooms because they were so packed with trash. There was an enormous amount of newspapers, magazines, shopping bags and other items piled from floor to ceiling."

The Millers are staying with a family friend until they can find another home, he added. V.I.S.I.O.N. is providing them transportation to and from the condemned house to remove their personal belongings and clean out



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Ann Miller and her two sons, tenants at this Harveys Lake home on Route 415, were evicted from the home Friday and the building condemned by borough officials. Owner Forrest Habblett will be cited for code violations.

what they can of the accumulated garbage.

Codes enforcement officer Paul Grimes said the home's ceiling is caving in and at least 40 large bags of household trash are piled in the front, side and back yards. More trash is stored in one of four junk cars in the front yard and an old refrigerator sits on the front lawn. An open, running septic unit occupies part of the back yard.

"The smell inside and outside was unbelievable," Grimes said. "It's a fire hazard," Lutinsky said, shaking his head.

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The SPCA is holding the Millers' cat and 11 dogs until the owners can find another place to live. Arnold and Dubil didn't re-

port any animal cruelty violations, according to shelter manager Ed Cross.

Grimes said he plans to cite the Millers for keeping the garbage and junk cars in the yard. He also plans to cite owner Forrest Habblett for an unsafe structure.

More citations and further action are pending, Grimes added.

Habblett, 77, is serving a three to six-year sentence at the State Correctional Institution at Retreat for one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. He pled guilty January 9, 1995, in Luzerne County Court Criminal Court and reported to prison January 23.

County fair features changes

"Net surfers can now find the 1996 Luzerne County Fair at a website on the Internet through EPIX Internet Services.

The fair's website address is <http://ww2.epix.net/~fair>.

This year's fair features unlimited S&S Amusement rides, parking, admission, entertainment and exhibits for \$5. Kids under 18 months are free.

At the entrance gates fairgoers will receive a wristband, which will allow them to ride the rides. If

it is torn or altered in any way, it will not be honored by the ride company and a new band will need to be purchased.

The fair board hopes to increase revenue enough to pay off a loan on the newest commercial exhibitor building; continue to develop the fair grounds; start plans for an entertainment amphitheater and begin the steps for permanent restrooms.

The fair will be held September 4-8.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

High-speed motorcycle chase results in charge, citations

Pittston resident David Carl Rhodes, Jr., 19, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on a misdemeanor charge of fleeing police pursuit July 24 before District Justice James Tupper.

He was also cited for driving through a stop sign, exceeding the posted speed limit, reckless driving, removal or fraudulent use of a registration and driving without an insurance card.

Related citations for driving on the wrong side of the road, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving through two more stop signs, driving with the wrong class of driver's license and improper display of a license plate, and a related misdemeanor charge of reckless endangerment were dismissed, according to court records.

Rhodes was arrested June 3 by

Kingston Township officer Franklin Buckler, who was investigating a complaint of a motorcycle racing on the roadway in the vicinity of North Lehigh and Division streets.

He refused to pull over and led police on a high-speed chase from Vine Street to West Eighth Street near Municipal Road in Franklin Twp., reaching speeds of more than 90 mph. While driving on Lower Demunds, Wyoming and Mt. Olivet roads, Rhodes illegally passed several cars and drove in a circle straight at the cruiser.

The pursuit ended when Rhodes crashed the cycle. He and a passenger, Megan Risch, were injured but refused treatment at the scene.

Rhodes was represented by attorney Joseph Yeager.

D.U.I. CASES WAIVED TO COUNTY COURT

The following defendants waived their rights to preliminary hearings on charges of D.U.I. July 24:

- Shavertown resident Matthew L. Faux, 23, who was arrested March 28 by Lake Twp. officer John Young after police observed him driving erratically on Routes 118 and 29. When police first pulled him over he gave them a false name and date of birth, which he later admitted to.

After failing field sobriety tests he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .133. The legal limit is .10.

He was also cited for careless driving. Related citations for failure to keep on the right side of the road and driving with a suspended or revoked license were dismissed. Faux was represented by attorney Michael Butera.

- Dallas resident Scott Whitesell, 30, who was arrested June 5 by Lake Twp. officer John Young after being involved in a

one-vehicle accident on the Outlet-Loyalville Road.

He was taken by ambulance to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where a blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .110.

Related citations for driving at an unsafe speed and not using a seat belt were dismissed. Whitesell was represented by attorney Theodore Krohn.

- Noxen resident Deborah Doughton, who was arraigned Feb. 16 in connection with a car accident Oct. 10, 1995 on Dug Road in Kingston Twp.

After rescue personnel freed her from the wreck, she was taken by helicopter to Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre for treatment. A blood test taken at the hospital showed her blood alcohol level to be .153.

She was also cited for driving at an unsafe speed and driving without an insurance card. A related citation for driving with a suspended or revoked license was dismissed.

Doughton waived her right to legal counsel.

Rules

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proved the preliminary plan, providing that the Bullocks set up an escrow account to pay for any necessary engineering fees, obtain approval of the sewage module from the sewage enforcement officer and the Department of Environmental Protection and submit an impact analysis on the effect of silt discharge and possible chemicals such as fertilizers from the development on Lake Louise.

All the required materials are already in the engineering plans, according to commission solicitor Charles McCormick. "Someone just has to find it and assemble it for us to study," he said.

The impact analysis requirement was added after

homeowners, members of the Lake Louise Association, wrote to the supervisors expressing their concerns on the development's possible effect on the lake's watershed, land, lake water, aquatic life and wildlife.

"This is a valid concern," Dorrance said. "In my lifetime I have seen things done to the township from stretching the requirements."

Topographically, the lake and its watershed lie downslope from Tall Pines, he noted. Lake Louise drains into Sutton Creek, a well-known area trout stream, and eventually into the Susquehanna River.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of July 12-18:

David S. Thomas, to Christopher C. Williamson, et ux, 4708 Campground Rd., Dallas Twp., \$119,900.
Barbara B. Perey, to Charles E. Brandt, et ux, 29 ac. 117 perches, Fairmount Twp., \$109,000.
Daniel C. Monk, et ux, to Gary E. Zimchak, et ux, 4 ac. 65 perches, Franklin Twp., \$126,000.

Frank C. Shibilski, et ux, to Stephen Frank Vigorito, Lots 11 & 18, Harveys Lake Bor., \$13,500.
Richard Colarusso, to Joseph P. Kalinosky, 4 Colarusso Sub., Kingston Twp., \$500.
Tomislav Urankovic, et ux, to William F. Haidar, et ux, 8.621 ac Land Farm Inc., Ross Twp., \$40,000.
4 City Cable Inc. to Jeffrey D. Wesley, et ux, 1.71 ac Grassy Pond Sub., Ross Twp., \$11,500.

Kingston Twp. lists zoning regs

The residents or anyone locating in Kingston Township are reminded that the zoning ordinance requires permit to be issued for the following residential and non-residential activities:

The use of land, the use of buildings, or the construction, enlargement, extension or modification of buildings, accessory buildings, garages, decks, sheds, patios, fences, retaining walls, swimming pools, off street parking facilities, driveways or other projections into yard space. Also, the demolition of a structure and a home occupation require permits.

Permits are required for all new construction, including accessory buildings and enlargement, or exterior modification of existing buildings.

Permits or additional information may be obtained from the zoning officer, at 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Revival services Aug. 12-16 at Noxen Church

Kids of all ages are invited to a revival August 12-16 at 7 p.m. at the Independent Bible Church of Noxen. Children ages 0-99 are encouraged to attend.

Evangelist Bill Mason and his wife, Nancy of Children's Gospel Clubs from Greenville, SC, will preach. Prizes, surprises, stories, songs and treats will be featured. For a ride or more information, call 298-2030.

Kunkle UM Women to host flea mart Aug. 31

Kunkle United Methodist Women will hold their annual flea market Aug. 31, at the Kunkle Fire Hall on Rt. 309.

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