

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Aug. 2-8:

- Thomas V. Tinsley, Sr., exec. to David C. Lee, et ux, Unit 125D Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$82,000.
- Mark P. Kravits, et ux, to Lorraine Johnson, Luzerne Ave., Dallas Borough, \$84,800.
- JRH Inc. to Bruce D. Barre, et ux, 19 Northwoods Sub., Dallas Twp., \$36,500.
- Richard A. Soul, Sr., estate al to John M. Beberus, et ux, 46,47 Laurel Lane, Dallas Twp., \$170,000.
- Brian M. Sickler, et ux, to Daryl Bonsavage, et ux, Dallas Twp., \$85,500.
- James Ide Murray, to Lori A. Kulp, Dallas Twp., \$64,500.
- James Ide Murray, to Lori A. Kulp, Dallas Twp., \$6,000.
- Wayne L. Laidacker, et ux, to Dean P. Antonello, et ux, Lot 3, Fairmount Twp., \$52,500.
- Leda O. Morton, estate al, to Mark A. Wittle, et ux, Lot 10, Franklin Twp., \$65,000.
- Linda J. Mrak, to Michael A. Pegarella, et ux, 1.423 ac., Hunlock Twp., \$17,000.
- Catherine Tkaczyk, to John H. Carey, et ux, Hunlock Twp., \$34,000.

- Richard A. Rose, Jr., et ux, to Vincent P. Paglianite, et ux, 2.52 ac. Bulford Farms, Jackson Twp., \$306,250.
- Gerald R. Fisher, to Anne G. Robinson, 107 Terrace Ave., Kingston Twp., \$16,200.
- C&G Homes, to Thomas Langan, et ux, 28 Ivy Dr., Kingston Twp., \$210,300.
- Seyed Ali Sadjadi, et ux, to William J. Derwin, Jr., et ux, 2 parcels Cedar Ave., Kingston Twp., \$135,000.
- James D. Sperling, et ux, to Dale L. Englehart, et ux, Firewood Farms, Kingston Twp., \$62,000.
- Dorothy L. Banks, to Donald W. Moser, et al, 110 E. Franklin St., Kingston Twp., \$87,100.
- Shawn J. Pulver, to Marie Ann Reneski, et al, Lehman Twp., \$49,000.
- Edward J. Rasmus, et ux, to George M. Morio, et ux, Lot 21 Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp., \$50,000.
- Louise Shaw, to Ty Dana Shaw, et ux, 2.61 ac., Ross Twp., \$10,000.
- Rebecca Sowa, et vir, to Gordon Simington, et ux, Lot 72 Lakeside Dr., Ross Twp., \$76,500.
- Gerald Riabia, et ux, to Dorothy L. Philo, 5 ac. Buck Run Sub., Ross Twp., \$115,000.



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New equipment to serve the community

Showing off Lehman Township's new snow plow truck are Gary Baker of Senator Charles Lemmond's office, supervisors Douglas Ide and David Sutton in the cab, Representative George Hasay and supervisor Ray Iwanowski. The truck was purchased with a grant from Hasay and monies from the township's special two-mill road machinery tax.

Injured child in critical condition

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Jeffrey Miller, 3, was taken by helicopter to the Geisinger Hospital in Danville August 19 after being run over by a pickup truck operated by his father, Joseph John Miller, on private property on Lewis Road. Police said Joseph Miller was moving the truck when it struck the child shortly after 11 a.m. Monday. Joseph Miller was working on his father's farm, police said. Jeffrey is listed in critical condition in the pediatric intensive care unit, according to a hospital spokesperson. State Police trooper Kreg Rodriguez is continuing to investigate the accident.

CCI employees ink contract

Employees of Commonwealth Communications Inc. (CCI), an affiliate of the Dallas-based Commonwealth Telephone Company, have ratified a new three year contract. The 71 unionized employees of CCI are represented by the Communications Workers of America.

The contract includes a 5.7 percent first year wage increase for top level technicians and a 4.0 percent first year wage increase for top level installers. Wage increases in the second and third year of the agreement will be 2.5 percent and 2.1 percent respectively.

Employees will receive one additional personal holiday and increased vacation time flexibility. Also, effective January 1, the company will offer a 401(k) retirement savings plan and a dental plan for employees and their families with the company and employees sharing premium costs. Employees

will also receive improvements in their pension bands, life insurance and waiting time for sick pay benefits.

Commonwealth Communications, Inc. provides video, data and telecommunications engineering, project management, communications facilities management, premises distribution systems installation, and telecommunications/cable TV network construction services to clients in eastern and central states. The company also sells, installs and maintains business systems.

Commonwealth Communications is a subsidiary of C-TEC Corporation, a diversified telecommunications and high technology company which provides telephone, cable television, long-distance and communications services to a broad range of customers. C-TEC Corporation is headquartered in Princeton, NJ.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Charges from four-county high-speed chase go to court

West Pittston resident Joseph R. Rossi, 32, who led police on a high-speed chase through four counties June 22, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Aug. 13 before District Justice James Tupper on two felony counts of aggravated assault and a misdemeanor charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances. He must also pay a total of \$13,646 in restitution for damage to cruisers from Dallas and Lehman townships, insurance deductibles, blood tests for drugs and alcohol and other costs incurred by the investigation.

In an agreement with the district attorney's office, Rossi will plead guilty in Luzerne County court to the charges which he waived.

Related citations for reckless driving, illegal passing, careless driving and speeding, misdemeanor charges of D.U.I., reckless endangerment and fleeing police pursuit, and seven felony

counts of aggravated assault were dismissed, according to court records.

Dallas Township police said Rossi illegally passed a vehicle on Rte. 415, then led police from Dallas, Lehman and Jackson townships, Harveys Lake, Dallas Borough and the state police from Shickshinny, Montoursville, Towanda and Bloomsburg on a high-speed chase on routes 118 and 220. His route took them through Columbia, Lycoming and Bradford counties to New Albany, near Dushore, where he was apprehended after trying to avoid a police roadblock by driving through a field.

Along the way Rossi struck the Dallas Township cruiser three times, the Lehman cruiser twice and the Dushore cruiser and a State Police car once each. He also hit a deer, which bounced off his car and struck the front of the Lehman Township cruiser.

He was represented by attorney John Donovan.

WAIVES CHARGES OF FLEEING POLICE PURSUIT

Hunlock Police resident Eric Todd Marsh, 19, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Aug. 15 on a misdemeanor charge of fleeing police pursuit and citations for underage possession of alcohol, speeding, reckless driving, illegal passing and driving without his headlights on, all connected with a high-speed chase.

He was arrested June 6 by Kingston Township officer Franklin Buckler, who tried to pull him over for driving without his headlights on while going north on Rte. 309. Marsh continued driving, illegally passing two other vehicles, weaving in and out of traffic and reaching speeds of more than 90 mph in a posted 35 mph zone.

Police finally pulled him over on Rte. 415 between Gerald Ave. and the bowling alley. During a routine search of the car police found alcoholic beverages. Marsh admitted to police that he had consumed two beers.

He also waived his right to legal counsel.

Police from Dallas Borough and Dallas Township assisted in the arrest.

GAMBLING CHARGES WAIVED TO COURT

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion employees Marianne Culver and Dorothy Pencavage waived their rights to preliminary hearings Aug. 15 on one misdemeanor count each of allowing illegal gambling to take place in the Post Home's bar.

Related charges of assisting in the use of illegal gambling devices were dismissed, according to court records.

The women were charged June 27 by Pennsylvania State Police bureau of liquor control enforcement after an investigation into the illegal use of four video poker machines and three older model bingo-style pinball machines by awarding cash prizes at the Post Home's bar.

They were represented by attorney Theodore Krohn.

ACCUSED SCAM ARTIST WAIVES THEFT CHARGE

Harveys Lake resident John Anthony Hooker, 36, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Aug. 15 on a charge of theft by deception. He was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

He was arrested July 29 by Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens, who had been contacted by Luzerne Borough patrolman James Sheppard in connection with a scam to double investors' money.

Police said Hooker approached Wayne's Auto Body in Dallas and

several businesses in the valley, asking them for checks for \$500, and claiming he intended to buy a truckload of vacuum cleaners, which he planned to sell. Investors would double their money, he said.

He planned to keep the money and not buy anything, police said.

D.U.I. CHARGES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

The following D.U.I. cases were sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court:

- Trucksville resident Stephen Podskoch, 47, who was arrested May 10 by Kingston Township officer Franklin Buckler after police observed him driving erratically on Harris Hill Road. He failed field sobriety tests and refused to take either a breath or blood alcohol test, which under the state's Implied Consent Law automatically results in the loss of one's driver's license for a year.

He was represented by attorney Joseph Yeager.

- West Pittston resident Charles J. Burns, 46, who was arrested July 7 by Lehman Twp. patrolman Scott Davis and charged with three counts of D.U.I. after police observed him driving 58 mph in a posted 40 mph zone.

After failing field sobriety tests, Burns took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .111, more than the legal limit of .10.

He waived his rights to a preliminary hearing and legal counsel.

- Factoryville resident John William Watson, 41, who was arrested June 15 by Dallas Township officer Robert Jolley after being involved in a one-vehicle accident on Lower Demunds Road in Fern Brook, in which his car skidded, ran into an embankment and flipped onto its roof.

According to a blood test, his blood alcohol level was .168.

Watson was represented by attorney Michael Butera.

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