

Borough council votes to provide guns, ammo for cops

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HARVEYS LAKE - Borough police will no longer be required to provide their own firearms and ammo.

The borough council unanimously voted to buy six .40-caliber Ruger semiautomatic handguns, leather holsters and ammunition at a total cost of \$1,707.178 at its regular August 20 meeting.

"The officers' guns were of different calibers," said councilwoman Betty West after the meeting. "If an officer were ever to run

out of bullets, there was no guarantee that another officer could help him out. Now all our weapons will be standardized."

Officers will receive their weapons only after they have qualified for them by passing marksmanship tests, she added.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to award a \$34,521 bid to Stella Excavating for road repairs authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.)

Mayor Richard Boice, solicitor Charles McCormick and councilmen Martin Noon and George Gwilliam were absent.



Biz kids Liz Lockavich, Helen Strutko and Desiree Schooley recently attended PA Free Enterprise Week at Lycoming College.

Trio from Lake-Lehman attends business conference

Three Lake-Lehman High School seniors recently attended Lycoming College for Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week. Liz Lockavich of Sweet Valley, Helen Strutko of Harveys Lake and Desiree Schooley of Noxen are the first students to attend.

PFEW was an intense course providing students with an in depth look into the free enterprise system.

Each girl received a scholarship from a local company enabling them to be part of this exciting and once-in-a-life-time opportunity. At the end of the seven day program each participant of PFEW received an award and certificate.

Students were given a product to market and advertise, elected a CEO to head the advertising, marketing and finance presidents and assistants. They met with business executives who provided tips on how to run their businesses and successfully market their products. It has given students a chance to experience a major part of society, meet many interesting young adults and learn to work with one another like in the real world.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Car theft case sent to county court

Felony charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft by unlawful taking against Larksville resident Shawn Patrick Sartor, 24, were sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing Aug. 19 before District Justice James Tupper.

The charges stemmed from an incident Aug. 9, in which Wyoming resident Ann Marie McAvoy, an employee at the Kandle-Lite Lounge on Carverton Road, reported to police that her 1979 Ford Bronco had been stolen.

She identified the suspect as Sartor, who had registered as a

motel guest that afternoon, then frequently used the motel's pay telephone. She told police she saw Sartor drive away in her car around 8:30 p.m.

The State Police recovered the car at 12:30 a.m. on the Pennsylvania Turnpike with Sartor seated inside. Further investigation revealed that several other vehicles in the lot of the Kandle-Lite had been entered and rifled before McAvoy's Bronco was stolen.

Officer Robert Parrish investigated the incident. Sartor was represented by Frank W. Nocito.

D.U.I. CASES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

The following D.U.I. cases were sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper the week of Aug. 19:

• Harveys Lake resident Robert Sims, 20, who was arrested June 29 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karlowicz after police observed him driving at a high rate of speed on Rte. 415 and Park St., nearly striking the cruiser.

Sims turned onto Pine St., accelerated, shut off his lights and drove into the woods at the end of the road. Police apprehended him a few minutes later as he and another person entered a nearby yard from the woods.

During a routine body search, police found a silver pipe which field tested positive for marijuana. Sims resisted arrest, kicking Karlowicz, yelling obscenities and attempting to kick assisting officers Barry Stubeda and Lake Twp. Chief John Maslowski.

Sims refused to take a blood test, which automatically results in the loss of his driver's license for a year under state law.

He was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and fleeing police, and cited for disorderly conduct, harassment, purchase of alcohol by a minor, driving an unregistered vehicle, improper use of signals, fraudulent use of a registration, careless driving and driving without lights to avoid police detection.

The citations for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without lights, disorderly conduct and fraudulent use of a registration were dismissed.

Sims was represented by attorney John Sobota.

• Shavertown resident Ronald Pokrinchak, 25, who was arrested by Kingston Township officer

Charles Rauschkolb June 30, after police observed him driving erratically on Rte. 309 at 58 mph in a posted 35 mph zone.

When police tried to wave him over, Pokrinchak nearly ran over assisting officer Maransky before Dallas Twp. officer Doug Higgins cut him off and forced him onto the berm of the highway.

After failing field sobriety tests, Pokrinchak took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .20, twice the legal limit of .10.

He was also cited for careless driving and driving at an unsafe speed.

He was represented by attorney John H. Kennedy.

• Sheatown resident Robert Joseph Bizub, 33, who was arrested July 4 by Lake Twp. police chief John Maslowski after his car struck a guardrail on Pine Tree Road and left the scene. Witnesses identified the driver as Bizub, who was stopped 15 minutes later on Rte. 29 by Plymouth Twp. police.

After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .15.

Police also cited Bizub for driving with an expired license, driving at an unsafe speed, not using his headlights and hitting the guardrail. The citation for not using headlights was dismissed.

He was represented by attorney Joseph Cosgrove.

• Dallas Twp. resident Michael Anthony Lundy, 55, who was arrested June 30 by Dallas Twp. patrolmen Fred Rosencrans and Doug Higgins after police saw him leave Rte. 309 and drive across the lawn of the Franklin First Federal Bank, cut through the drive-through lane and enter Lower Demunds Road, crossing the white and yellow lines several times.

He was represented by attorney Basil Russin.

No one injured when jet ski flies over, lands on top of boat

HARVEYS LAKE - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is investigating an accident the evening of August 22 between a jet ski and a small boat.

According to investigating officer James Stout, Harveys Lake resident Trina Franklin, 29, was sitting in her 20-foot motor boat, drifting on the water near Hanson's, when she heard a noise. Looking up, she saw a jet ski about to climb over the back of her boat, and fell to the floor.

The jet ski, owned by Sunset

Jet Ski Rental, flew the length of the boat and landed upside down on the windshield in the bow of Franklin's boat.

Jet ski operator Shannon Sebolka, 22, of Larksville, and a passenger, Michelle Miller, 22, of Forty Fort, were thrown into the water.

No injuries were reported, and no evidence of drugs or alcohol were found at the scene, Stout said. Sebolka and Miller were wearing life jackets.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of August 9 - 15:

Bruce J. Pitts, et ux, to Paul A. Roncevic, et ux, Lackawanna Ave., Dallas Borough, \$95,000.
William A. Runner, III, to Scott L. Bayer, Lot 1 Bluff Pointe, Dallas Twp., \$88,000.
Luz. Co. Industrial Dev. Auth. to John J. Hudak, Jr., et ux, 8 Fernbrook Plaza, Dallas Twp., \$125,000.
James Milton Partington, et ux, to Robert S. Bednarski, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$172,000.
Mark O'Donnell, et ux, to Mark D. Krayhack, et ux, Lot 4, Harveys Lake Bor., \$14,000.
Sheldon J. Jones, et ux, to Sheldon J. Jones, et ux, 2.006 ac. Lot 1, Harveys Lake Bor., \$3,000.
Gerald R. Fisher, to Future Contracting Serv. Inc., 75

Meadowcrest Sub., Kingston Twp., \$18,000.
David Moser, et ux, to Thomas C. Coulter, N. Pioneer Ave., 2 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$128,900.
James P. Burke, Jr. et ux, to William J. Umphred, Jr., et ux, 27 Cedar Lane, Kingston Twp., \$217,754.
Judith Novitski Duzen, to James T. Ryniec, et ux, 2 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$62,500.
Maple Crest II Dev. Co., to Christopher J. Molesky, 2 Maple Cres., Kingston Twp., \$43,900.
C&G Homes, to William Slavoski, et al, 2 Maple Crest., Kingston Twp., \$212,500.
Peter G. Valevas, to John J. Lanssaint, et ux, 4, 5 Summit St., Kingston Twp., \$125,000.
William Naugle, et ux, to Lewis Naugle, et ux, 3.02 ac., Lehman Twp., \$800.

Lehman Twp. tax rebate period ends Sept. 7

Lehman Township property owners and residents are reminded that September 7 is the last day to pay the school district property and per capita taxes at rebate value.

All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours on September 7, and those which arrive by mail in envelopes post marked on or before September 7, will be accepted at rebate. All payment made in person or post marked after this date will be accepted at face value.

Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and the last three days of the rebate period from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any person paying by mail should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for a paid receipt.

Jackson Twp. issues zoning permits

Jackson Township Zoning officer John Krupa issued 12 permits during July.

The largest projects were remodeling of the Scott Henry home on Bulford Road, valued at \$409,000, and a new home for William Sharkoski on Meadowcrest Dr., valued at \$125,000.

Other projects include swimming pools at the Richard Rose residence on Oldfield Rd., valued at \$20,000 and at the Mickie Lubin residence on Blueberry Hill, valued at \$18,000.

Boro offices closed for Labor Day

Harveys Lake Borough Office will be closed September 2 in observance of Labor Day. There will be no garbage or recycling pickup on that date. Garbage and recycling will be picked up September 3.

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