

Cooper runs for Jackson Township board

Grant R. Cooper of 65 Newhart Road, Jackson Township, announces his acceptance as a candidate on the Republican ticket for Supervisor of the township. Grant and his family are lifelong residents and property owners within Jackson Township. Married to the former Sandra Phillips, the Coopers have two daughters, one son and one granddaughter.

A graduate of Lake-Lehman School District, Grant is currently employed with the Commission on Economic Opportunity.

Throughout his life, Grant has held prior positions and has been active within the community. Grant and his family would greatly appreciate your vote and your support on May 20.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

D.U.I. CHARGES

The following people waived their rights to a preliminary hearing before District Justice Tupper on March 25:

- Dallas resident Mark E. Kimsel, 38, who was arrested Jan. 19 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police responded to an accident on Rt. 309. One driver involved in the accident told police he believed Kimsel to be intoxicated. He said the defendant was stumbling around and slurring his words.

Kimsel could not participate in field sobriety tests. A blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .231.

Two related charges of careless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and a controlled substance were dismissed.

- Swoyersville resident Michael A. Perrella, 39, who was arrested on Jan. 17 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309 and Main Rd.

Perrella refused a field and breath sobriety test. He told police he was drunk and that they caught him.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving and disregard for a traffic lane.

- Shavertown resident Gerald Wycallis, 21, who was arrested Feb. 9 by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey J. Dennis after police observed the defendant's vehicle only had the parking lights on at night on Rt. 415. When Dennis activated his emergency lights, Wycallis began to speed up to 75 mph on Rt. 415, skidding partially sideways as he abruptly turned right onto Main St. in Dallas. During this turn, Wycallis cut off another driver and endangered others.

He proceeded up Main St. at speeds up to 70 mph. He stopped when he saw a Dallas Borough patrol car coming towards him from the direction of Mark II restaurant. The defendant was argumentative, but did submit to a field sobriety test and a breath test. He failed the field test and his blood alcohol level was .165.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, fleeing or attempting to elude police, driving without lights, careless driving and disregard for traffic lane. Related charges of failure

to stop at red signal, disregard for duties at stop sign and disregard for driving at a safe speed were dismissed.

- Tunkhannock resident Brad H. Ransom, 39, was arrested Feb. 1 by Kingston Township patrolman Charles Rauschkolb after someone reported a driver in a blue Toyota was swerving on Rt. 309 and appeared to be intoxicated. Police observed the defendant driving erratically on Rt. 309. After being pulled over, Ransom told police he had been drinking and was trying to get back to his friend's house in Shavertown.

After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .193. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving.

- Dallas resident Jason Hall, 22, was arrested Dec. 1 by Dallas Township patrolman Robert Jolley after he skidded into a yard on Lower Demunds Rd. Hall asked the owner of the house if he could borrow jumper cables because he couldn't get his car started. He also told police that another car, dark in color, forced him off the road and into the yard. When asked to describe the car again, he told police it was a light blue color.

A blood alcohol test showed his blood alcohol level to be .134.

SCHOOL JANITOR FACES THEFT CHARGES

Courtdale resident Joseph Urevitch, 39, was arrested Feb. 28 by Dallas Township patrolman Douglas Higgins after police were called to Dallas Middle School after Urevitch was found putting school property in his truck.

Police said between Nov. 1 and Feb. 28, Urevitch, a janitor at the school, took items from the school's basement, including an RCA Cam Corder, a printer, a computer and a computer monitor.

The defendant was employed part-time in the engineering department at WVIA. Between March 4 and March 10, four employees of WVIA called police about computer equipment given to them by Urevitch. Inspection of serial numbers matched those of the equipment stolen from the school.

He is charged with five counts of theft by unlawful taking.



1997 All-Eastern Chorus member Kristen Faerber, left, with Dallas High School Chorus Director Melissa Reese.

Kristen Faerber, All-Eastern singer, will pursue music career

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Earlier this month Dallas High School senior Kristen Faerber, 18, became the first member of the Dallas high school chorus program in many years to participate in the annual All-Eastern Music Festival.

Faerber, one of nearly 300 singers chosen from 13 states for the festival, qualified for the event with her performance at the 1996 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association state music festival, held in May of last year.

Faerber became interested in music at an early age, first performing solo in her church around age two. She carried on in elementary school, and continued through the present, eventually taking private voice lessons at age 13. While singing was an important part of her life, "I didn't know that I could pursue a career in music until I was about 15," she says.

With impressive performances in the district and regional festi-

vals in the last few years, Faerber eventually earned two consecutive trips to the state music festival.

"She has made some tremendous accomplishments," says Dallas Chorus Director Melissa Reese, "and is very advanced for her age."

Faerber is also involved in Dallas' drama club, and will be playing the part of Beatrice in the school's upcoming presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing," scheduled for April.

Faerber expressed much admiration for Reese. "She's been very supportive," Faerber said, "and has always encouraged me and taught me discipline."

"I've always tried to demonstrate different levels beyond high school," says Reese, "and tried to prepare Kristen for many different challenges."

After graduation, Faerber plans to attend Boston University's School for the Arts to major in vocal performance. "She will be greatly missed in the chorus program," says Reese.

Attempted child abduction reported

DALLAS - Dallas Township police responded to an attempted abduction on Hilldonia St. on March 28. It was reported that a white male, possibly in his teens, asked a six-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl to get into his gray truck. When the children refused he drove off and left the scene. The children told their parents who immediately called police. Elliot Ide, Dallas Twp. patrolman is the investigating officer.



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Rolled on 309

William B. Bucksbee, Hallstead, was the driver of a tractor-trailer that overturned on Rt. 309 March 26. Bucksbee said he did not see the turn signal of a car in front of his truck and swerved to the right to avoid hitting the car. He drove the truck onto the soft shoulder and down a small embankment where it flipped on its side. Bucksbee was taken to Nesbitt Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

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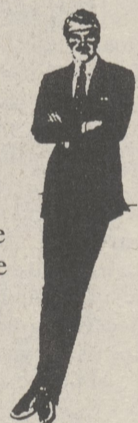
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