

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**Noxen couple has really bad day**

Noxen resident Patricia Weaver, 33, was arrested Oct. 26 by Harveys Lake patrolman John Fuches after Weaver flagged down police at the Pump and Pantry in Lehman. Weaver told police that Richard Weaver struck her before they pulled into the Pump and Pantry's parking lot.

Police did not observe any sign of injury. Weaver stumbled and fell against her vehicle several times, according to police reports. Weaver asked police if she could take her car and leave. She became violent when police told her she was under arrest for drunk driving.

She was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .208.

Weaver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, simple assault, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

She waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Richard Weaver, 35, also was arrested Oct. 26 by Lake Township patrolman John Fuches after police observed Weaver take a baggy out of his front pocket and put it behind the front passenger seat in the car he was in.

Police were arresting Patricia Weaver for driving under the influence of alcohol when they observed his actions. Patricia Weaver told police to, "Get his dope that he just put behind the seat." Richard Weaver told police that it was his. The contents of the baggy tested positive for marijuana.

He is charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Weaver waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

**D.U.I. CHARGES**

Dallas resident John Scafdi, 40, was arrested Oct. 23 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309.

Scafdi agreed to submit to field sobriety tests. After the first test, Martin asked if he had any physical ailments that would prevent him from continuing the tests. Scafdi said his leg was broken. The officer then skipped the one-leg stand test and moved on to the walk and turn test.

After failing the tests, he was taken to the Dallas Township police station for a breath test. Scafdi said he would not sign anything without his lawyer present. Carl Miers, Dallas Township police chief, informed him that this was a civil action under the Implied Consent Law and could not speak to a lawyer at this time.

Scafdi became irate and called the police a variety of obscene names, the report said. Scafdi said he recently moved in with his fiancée in Dallas. He told police that he is a New York City firefighter and that he has relatives who work on the NYC police force. He told police, "I hope you or your relatives never get stopped

in New York. My uncle is a prison guard here in Dallas. I hope a relative of yours never gets into prison."

A check through the Back Mountain Communication Center told police that he had both a PA and NY driver's license. His PA license was suspended for DUI.

Police transported him to his fiancée's house on Maple St. After police dropped him off, Scafdi yelled more obscenities at them. He then called the dispatcher and told her to get the police off his property. The police said they were not on his property, but on the street.

Scafdi was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. A related charge of driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Wilkes-Barre resident Robert P. Kotulski, 31, was arrested Dec. 24 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309 and Carverton Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood

alcohol level was determined to be .174.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Related charges of failing to regard traffic lanes and improper signalling were dismissed.

Kotulski waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Dallas resident John M. Donlin, 46, was arrested Dec. 22 by Kingston Township James Ibbotson after police responded to a one-car accident on Rt. 309. After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .228.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and not driving at a safe speed. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed. Donlin waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Tunkhannock resident April Geib, 24, was arrested Oct. 22 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed her speeding and tailgating on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests, she was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .157.

She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and exceeding the speed limit. Related charges of driving with a suspended license and following too closely were dismissed.

Geib waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Dallas resident Deborah Adams, 38, was arrested Sept. 24 by Harveys Lake patrolman Damian Hoover after police observed her driving erratically on Rt. 415.

Adams told police that she was drunk and couldn't perform the field sobriety tests. She was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .120.

She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. She waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Exeter resident Ralph Goble, 40, was arrested Dec. 19 by Dal-

las Township patrolman Robert Jolley after police responded to a one-car accident.

Goble ran into a utility pole with the Ford Bronco he was driving. He was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .196.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license. Goble waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Luzerne resident Joseph Balla, 59, was arrested Dec. 13 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests, Balla was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .215.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Larksville resident Phillip Sims, 27, was arrested Nov. 27 by Jackson Township patrolman Scott Davis after police observed him driving erratically on Huntsville Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .109.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. A related charge of operating a vehicle without a valid inspection was dismissed.

Sims waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

**BURGLARY**

Larksville resident Chester F. Ketcham, 30, was arrested Jan. 14 by Lake Township patrolman John Fuches. David W. Ketcham, Chester's brother, told police that he and Chester burglarized four houses in Lake Township.

Chester F. Ketcham is charged with four counts of burglary, eight counts of conspiring to burglarize, eight counts of criminal trespass and four counts of criminal mischief.

**PTO president pleased with Wycallis school presentation**

**TRUCKSVILLE** - Ellen Smith, Westmoreland Elementary PTO president, said the review of the new Wycallis Elementary plans was a success. Approximately 40 parents attended the one-hour presentation of the school plans and discussed the building with the architects and Gil Griffiths, superintendent of schools.

Parents expressed concern about the parent parking and drop-off area, expandibility of the school and where the playground would be.

"The drop-off area is small and people were concerned that they would be backing up on Conyngham Dr.," said Smith. There are 12 spaces for parents to park and they must drop their children off in a 15-minute window of time, she said. Students will not be allowed inside the school until 9 a.m. School starts at 9:15 a.m.

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**Ellen Smith**  
President, Westmoreland PTO

representatives from Quad Three Group, where extra classrooms could be added if necessary.

Smith, who had been attending school board meetings regularly for three years, said it was nice to see the parents voice their concerns.

Although she worried there will not be enough room in the new school if they need a little extra, Smith is positive about the building.

"I think it's going to be a good school. It will be better than the one we have, but not perfect. I don't want to be negative towards the new school," she said.

**David Neiman earns rank of Eagle Scout**

David Neiman of Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas recently

passed his Board of Review for the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 281 is sponsored by the Dallas United Methodist Church. Dave is the 70th Eagle Scout of the Troop.



**DAVID NEIMAN**

Dave is the son of Dave and Bev Neiman of Dallas. He has one younger brother Steve. He is the grandson of Leona Neiman and the late

Frank Neiman of Dallas and Florence Pugh and the late William R. Pugh of Shavertown.

En route to becoming an Eagle, Dave has earned 45 merit badges, awards from the Forestry Dept., Game Commission and Fish Commission. He is a BSA Lifeguard and certified in First Aid, CPR. He earned his Par Vu Li Dei and Ad Altare Dei Religious awards.

His Eagle project was to install a drop ceiling in a community room at the Dallas Methodist Church and replace four broken doors.

He will be receiving his Eagle Badge at an Eagle Court of Honor in Mid-March.

**Harvest Assembly to hold revival service**

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, invites and encourages the public to join them at their upcoming revival services. They will meet each evening at 7 p.m. starting Tues., March 10 through Mon., March 16, except Sun., March 15 when the services will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker each evening is the Rev. Renny McClen, from London, England. The congregation is looking forward to the message he will share with them and their invited guests. Rev. McClen is half Jewish and half Jamaican, and much of what he will bring to the meetings will be flavored by his background.

The pastor of the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Rev. Dan Miller, encourages you to set aside some time to spend with them during the period March 10 through March 16.

Please call the church office at 696-1128 if you need additional information.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Feb. 6 - 19:

John R. Mahle, et ux, to Michael A. Rakos, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$107,000.

Agnes F. Kunkle estate al, to Christine S. Slacktish, 22.12 ac. Lot 1, Dallas Twp., \$47,500.

John E. Halbing, III, et ux, to Mark J. Alles, et ux, Lot 57 Preston Hollow, Dallas Twp., \$259,000.

Matthew Pitcavage, to Paul Titus, 2 parcels, Harveys Lake

Bor., \$5,000.

John G. Frank, et ux, to Albert C. Shickner, Lot 58, Harveys Lake Bor., \$112,500

Dr. Jason R. Smith, et ux, to Geoff Baker, et ux, Lot 51 Blueberry Hill Rd., Jackson Twp., \$178,000.

Douglas W. Osborne, et ux, to Edward J. Plank, et ux, Lot 2 Strawberry Hill Mnr., Lake Twp., \$155,000.

Royal E. Culver, Sr., et ux, to Scott Culver, et ux, 1.034 ac. Ross Twp., \$47,000.

**Kingston Twp. plan comm. to meet**

The Kingston Township Planning Commission will consider and make a recommendation concerning a proposed Zoning Conditional Use Application, Application #98-2 for the installation of a cellular communications monopole facility on the Kingston Township property at 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville at their meeting scheduled for Tues., March 3, at the new Township building, at 180 East Center Street, Shavertown at 8 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

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