

## Grange named to 'bank elite'

Management of Grange National Banc Corp. (GRON) and its subsidiary Grange National Bank received notification from the Ryan, Beck & Company, member NASD/SIPC/SIA that it has been included in an elite listing of community banks that have achieved outstanding financial results during the past five years.

A study was recently performed by Ryan, Beck in order to help banks develop strategies to enhance shareholder value.

As a result of their study, Ryan, Beck & Company was able to develop a profile of an elite group of 59 financial institutions from throughout the country. Grange

National Bank was one of only two Pennsylvania banks to be included in the select group.

"We are greatly honored to be a part of Ryan, Beck's study and to be included with this prestigious group of outstanding financial institutions," said Thomas A. McCullough, President and CEO of Grange National Bank. "Our Board of Directors firmly believes that to be a successful financial institution you must not only deliver outstanding service to your customers, you must produce outstanding results for your shareholders as well."

Grange National Bank has a local office in Trucksville.

## Grange National Banc Corp. stock split

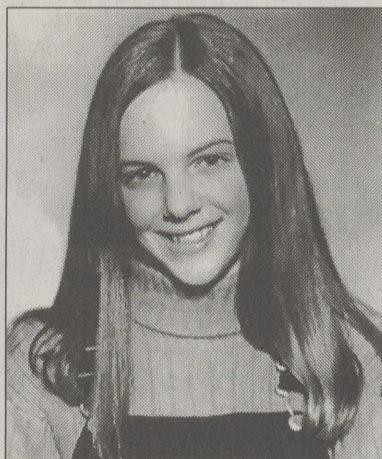
The Board of Directors of Grange National Banc Corp. (GRGN), parent company of Grange National Bank, Laceyville, Pa, has announced a two for one stock split to all stockholders of record as of July 31, 1998.

The stock split was prompted by the rise in the stock's price and the board's desire to enhance shareholder value and increase the stock's marketability. The stock price, currently \$62 per share according to a local broker, is up over 250 percent since the company's stock offering four years ago. The stock is traded over the counter on the electronic bulletin board.

## Alison Taroli to star at Pocono Playhouse

Alison M. Taroli, 13, of Dallas, will star in the Pocono Playhouse's production of "The Little Mermaid" on August 22 and 29. Alison has been performing since she was seven years old and has had lead roles in Northeast Players, the Showcase Theatre, Music Box Dinner Theatre, and supporting roles in the Wilkes Barre Little Theatre and in Diva Productions in Scranton.

Alison is the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Garry S. Taroli of Dallas and is in the eighth grade at Gate of Heaven School. She is a vocal and dance student of Major Performing Arts Center of Trucksville and Pittston, and is also studying voice at the Wilkes University Conservatory under the direction of Sue Kelly. She is also represented in New York City by Mr. Barry Kolker.



ALISON M. TAROLI

The Pocono Playhouse is a professional theatre company located in Mountainhome, PA. For more information regarding "The Little Mermaid," call the theatre at 717-595-7456.

## Ken Bauer wins art award

Ken Bauer student of Sara "Missy" Eneboe of New VisAions Art Studio, Shavertown, won excellence in graphics award at the Fine Arts Fiesta, Wilkes-Barre, May 1998.



## BMT Comm Center is now closed for good

The Kingston Township Police Department announces that the Back Mountain Communications Center is closed and all emergency and non-emergency dispatching will now be done by the Luzerne County Emergency Services 911 System.

All emergency and non-emergency calls for the Police Department are to be handled by dialing 911.

## Dallas Rec. Center to go to Hershey

Dallas Rec Center will be going to Hershey Park on Aug. 6. Several openings are available. Call 675-4736 if interested.

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## WORD ON THE STREET

Q.: Who is your favorite Muppet?

Where asked: Small Wonders and I'm Big Now



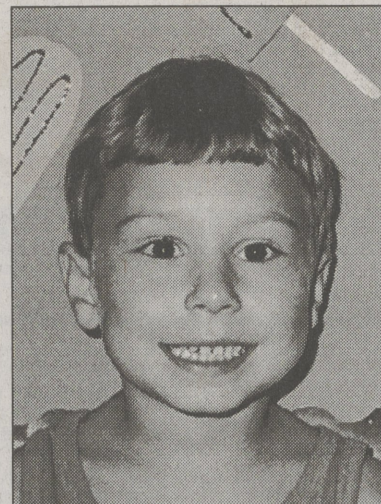
JESSIE BYNON  
3 years old

"Animal."



KATIE COHEN  
4 years old

"Fozzie Bear. I watch the Muppet movie all the time."



TIM ROWLANDS  
5 years old

"Gonzo."



ALISON CONSIDINE  
6 years old

"Miss Piggy. She's funny and says funny things."

## DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

### SIMPLE ASSAULT CHARGED

Harveys Lake resident Cerise A. Roberts, 27, was arrested June 27 by Harveys Lake Borough patrolman James Karlowicz after police were called to a domestic dispute at Roberts' home.

Witnesses stated that a white van drove into Hemlock Gardens with a man, Roberts and her 20-month-old baby. The man was throwing beer bottles out of the van before he jumped out of the vehicle while it was still moving.

Scott Roberts, Cerise Roberts' husband, jumped into the van and put it into park. Mrs. Roberts ran into the house and then ran back to the van. When Mr. Roberts tried to stop her, Mrs. Roberts began to hit, punch, bite and kick him, according to police reports.

Mrs. Roberts was charged with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, harass-

ment, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Related charges of aggravated assault, endangering a child and theft by unlawful taking were dismissed.

### THREE PLEAD GUILTY TO HARASSMENT

Sweet Valley resident William S. Roper, 18, and Dallas residents Thomas Paradan, 18, and John P. Zajkowski, 19, pled guilty to harassment after they were arrested by state trooper Jeffrey H. Montross. The three were charged for assaulting Charles Dale Atkinson after an argument occurred between the them. In a written statement, Roper wrote, "I jump on him, JP (John Paul Zajowski) grab him, they fell to the ground, then we started to kick him."

The three were charged with

harassment. Related charges of simple assault and conspiracy of simple assault were dismissed.

### DISORDERLY CONDUCT GUILTY PLEAS

Harveys Lake residents Jennifer Lynn Elliott, 19, and William S. Roper, 18, pled guilty to disorderly conduct after the two were arrested March 3 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karlowicz.

Police were called to Kugler's Gas Station after it was reported that two occupants in a black car drove off without paying for their gas. They were charged with disorderly conduct. A related charge of retail theft was dismissed.

### D.U.I. CHARGES

Dallas resident Wesley Lewis, 39, arrested March 23 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Mar-

tin after police observed him driving erratically on Main St. in Dallas.

After failing field sobriety tests, Lewis was given a breath test that determined his blood alcohol level to be .116. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. Related charges of failure to carry registration and license were dismissed.

Shavertown resident Charles Kinder, 21, arrested March 11 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, Kinder was given a breath test that determined his blood alcohol level to be .138. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. A related charge of operating a vehicle without a valid inspection was dismissed.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of July 3 - 9:

Luzerne County Housing Authority to John D. Strausser, et ux, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$90,000.

Michael L. Popson, et ux, to John J. Straigis, et ux, 4 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$91,000.

Carol Kalinay, to Joseph Zdonczyk, et ux, see deed, Ross Twp., \$69,500.

Dana Campbell, et ux, to Mark B. Smith, et ux, 15.71 ac Lot 2, Ross Twp., \$6,000.

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