

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Aug. 14 - 20.

Paul J. Klug, et ux, to Paul D. Benedetti, et ux, Lot 15, The Maples, \$60,000.

Also, Gerald J. Cooke, estate

al, to Norman Steidinger, et ux, Lots 18, 20, Harveys Lake Bor., \$5,000.

James C. Matussek, to Evan Gephart, Jackson Twp., \$19,000.  
Also, Thomas E. Baker, et ux, to Jeffrey Leas, et ux, Lot 19 Maple Crest, Kingston Twp. \$43,500.



Super friends, from left, Sue Hand, Debbie Soles, Paul LaBar. Soles is holding a key to the city presented to her by LaBar, Dallas Borough Mayor.

**'Super' friend visits Dallas**

When the Dallas Cowboys played the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl a few years ago, the national news media spent some time considering whether Dallas, PA would change their name for the weekend as did a small Texas town.

Mrs. Debbie Soles, a second grade teacher from Pittsburgh, watched the morning news on television and decided to encourage her second graders to write letters to the mayor of Dallas, asking him to change the name to "Steelers" for the big game.

The students' letters arrived on the desk of Mayor Paul LaBar that January after serious flooding had created numerous area problems and heavy paperwork for the Back Mountain area.

Knowing that her father-in-law was disappointed that he didn't have time to give the kids their wish or even write back to them, Dallas artist Sue Hand clipped local news articles and sent them

to the class and their teacher along with a personal letter. The ecstatic students wrote back, and a friendship developed between Sue Hand and Debbie Soles and her students at Chartiers Valley Elementary School that has continued for several years.

Although they had spoken together on the phone several times, the two women had never met until a few weeks ago when Mrs. Soles and her two children drove to Dallas from Pittsburgh.

During her short visit, Debbie Soles was presented with a "Key of Friendship" plaque by Mayor LaBar and Hand. Then she was whisked down Main Street to meet Chief of Police Jack Fowler and Council member Jay Pope. Impressed with the small town friendliness of Dallas, Soles smiled and said, "It's a lot different than Pittsburgh!"

Hand and Soles plan to continue their unofficial pen pal program during the 98-99 school year.

**Crab Feast tickets still available**

A few tickets are still available for "Fr. Joe's Crab Feast," to be held Fri., Aug. 28 and Sat., Aug. 29, 6 to 10 p.m. each night at Our Lady of Victory Church at Harveys Lake. The menu includes all-you-can-eat crabs (from Al, the crab man), New England clam chowder, corn on the cob and beverages. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the church or by calling Michelle Bonetski at 639-2627. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

**Blood drive to be held August 26**

The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the center's Multi Purpose Room, first floor, on Wed. Aug. 26 from 1-6 p.m. Community members are invited to donate at the Center. The donor area is air conditioned for comfort. For information, call 675-8600, ext. 138.

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**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**BAD CHECKS**

Dallas resident Patricia Quarteroni, 41, was arrested June 8 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after police were called about a bad check incident at Fino's Pharmacy.

Dominick P. Fino Jr. showed police a check that Quarteroni had written the pharmacy for \$312.31 on April 30. Fino contacted Quarteroni after the check was returned to him unpaid because of insufficient funds. Fino said she told him she would be in on June 3 to pay the amount, but she never showed. After leaving a phone message asking her to pay the amount by June 7, Fino reported the incident to police on June 8.

This is Quarteroni's third bad check offense in five years, according to police reports. She was charged with one count of passing bad checks.

**PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS**

Dallas resident Peter Dorsa, 40, was arrested Aug. 8 by Dallas Township patrolman Douglas Higgins after he threw a fan at Amos Totten. Totten told police that when he went to report the incident Dorsa threatened to kill him and the police.

While at the police department, Dorsa threatened to kill police. He was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Related charges of terroristic threats and simple assault were dismissed.

**Bus driver contests charges**

Leonard Bellas of Dallas, who was charged with leaving an accident at Dallas High School in February, says he was not informed until May 22, when he received a summons, that there was a problem.

According to Dallas Township police reports, police responded to a call by Adam Buckler who said the left rear wheel of a school bus hit his car as he was turning into the school, trying to avoid the bus.

Police called Emanuel's bus company and inspected the buses before determining that Bellas was the driver. They found paint embedded in the tire and a damaged tire rim on Bellas's bus.

Bellas, 71, told *The Dallas Post* that he did feel something bump his bus.

**THEFT OF CHECKS**

Wilkes-Barre resident Sandra Lyn Mills, 18, was arrested June 10 by Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens after police were called by Marie Belasco, who noticed that some of her personal checks were missing and cancelled checks were coming back to her in someone else's handwriting.

Mills admitted to police that she had written seven checks totalling \$1,875. She was charged with theft by deception and receiving stolen property.

**D.U.I. CHARGES**

Falls resident Mark Spak, 37, was arrested Feb. 17 by Kingston Township patrolman Walter Davis after he was seen driving erratically 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 .126. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Dallas resident Peter Dorsa, 40, was arrested May 30 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police were called to a one-vehicle accident on Kunkle-Alderson Rd.

At the scene of the accident police observed that a number 11 was placed over both the vehicle's inspection sticker and license plate to make it appear that the inspection and vehicle registration did not expire until November, when they actually expired in March and May.

Dorsa was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .115. Without being asked, Dorsa told police that the inspection and expiration stickers did not belong on his car and that he replaced them that morning.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, fraud, driving with a suspended license and operating a vehicle without the required financial responsibility. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Harveys Lake resident Timothy Short, 21, arrested June 23 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415, Rt. 309, E. Franklin St., Main St. and Cedar Ave.

After failing field sobriety tests, Short was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused to take a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's operating license.

Short told police that he tried to out run them because he did not have a driver's license on him. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, attempting to elude officers, driving without a license and exceeding the speed limit by 29 mph. Related charges of reckless endangerment, failure to stop at red light and damage to real property

were dismissed.

Dallas resident Ryan Keefe, 19, arrested June 6 by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .048, which is over the legal limit of .02 for minors. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. A related charge of a minor operating with alcohol was dismissed.

Larksville resident Stephen Rocograndi, 53, arrested May 16 by Lake Township patrolman John Fuches after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 118 and Rt. 29.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .195. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to keep right. Related charges of failing to drive at a safe speed and careless driving were dismissed.

Hunlock Creek resident Joseph Brosh, 55, arrested May 29 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police observed him drive around a police car that was intentionally blocking off a section of Main St.

After failing field sobriety tests, Brosh was taken to the Dallas Township Police Station where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .176. He was charged with driving under the influence.

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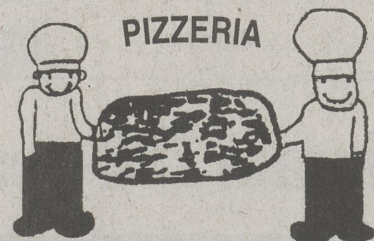
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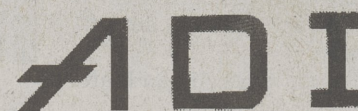
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