

CTCO to change area codes in Back Mountain

Area code changes recently mandated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) now affect the majority of Commonwealth Telephone customers. Three new area codes have been introduced to eastern Pennsylvania; 570 in northeastern Pennsylvania and 267 and 484 in the southeastern part of the state. These changes will not affect local calling areas or telephone service rates.

The new area codes have been established to increase the quantity of telephone numbers in Pennsylvania because the existing area codes of 717, 610 and 215 are near exhaustion.

On December 5, 1998, customers in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania changed their area code from 717 to 570.

The PUC decided there would be a "geographic split" across the middle of the existing 717 area code, where all customers north of Dauphin County have received the new area code of 570 and all customers within Dauphin County and south have kept 717.

Also on December 5, 1998, new telephone lines in the 610 area code began receiving the 484 area code, and new lines in the 215 area code began receiving the 267 area code.

Existing telephone numbers in the 610 and 215 area codes will not change.

Commonwealth Telephone Company customers can direct area code questions to 1-888-729-

9977. Dialing instructions for the 717/570 area code split:

- Customers calling within either the 717 or 570 area codes will continue to dial seven digits for local and toll calls.

- When placing calls between 717 and 570 or to other area codes in Pennsylvania or across the country, customers must dial 1 + area code + seven digit telephone number, even if the calls are within the customer's local calling areas.

- Customers should now dial the new area code of 570. If they forget, those calls will continue to go through until April 7, 1999. Beginning on April 8, 1999, callers must use the new area code of 570 or the call will not go through. Customers who do not dial the new area code after April 8, 1999 will hear a recorded message reminding them that the 717 or 570 area code (preceded by 1) must be dialed to complete the call.

- The area code change will not affect telephone service rates and customers' local calling areas will remain the same even if they cross into the new area code.

- Wireless customers in northeastern Pennsylvania have been granted a special exemption to the 717/570 area code split. Wireless customers (cellular phones, pagers, etc.) will have the option of keeping the 717 area code until April 4, 2000, even though all other numbers in that region will have been changed to the 570 area code.



Meghan Grabowski brought a gift for the giving tree.

Giving tree response 'overwhelming'

DALLAS - Gate of Heaven's 1,000 parishioners know what giving is about.

Two weeks ago the church set out name tags on the church Christmas tree. The tags contained 83 names from Wyoming Valley Children's Association, 60 from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Association, 100 from Birth Right, 15 from Head Start Luzerne County and 54 from Gate of Heaven Parish.

"The response was overwhelming," said Stephanie Baloh, coordinator of the program. "We named in some cases specific items to buy for around \$10. Some families brought in two gifts."

Representatives from Wyoming Valley Children's Association were extraordinarily gratified with the response. They left with five big black



Emily Baloga added her contribution to the pile of presents.

plastic bags, each filled with toys. The parishioners were giving to kids they'll never know.

"It's what Christmas is about; after all how do we know we could easily be in that spot, what goes around comes around," Baloh said. Over 366 gifts and cash contributions were collected representing well over \$4,000 worth of gifts.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County courthouse for the week of November 27 - December 10:

- Mary Romanchick, et al, to Janet B. Hivish, Lot 14, Dallas Borough, \$71,900.
- Richard Maslow, et ux, to Paul Lumia, et ux, 59.47 ac., Dallas Borough, \$369,000.
- Robert Hossey, et ux, to Marian J. Kennedy, 127 Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$72,500.
- Cary L. Brinton, et ux, to Paul R. Clothier, et ux, 2.24 ac., Dallas Borough, \$120,000.
- Matthew M. Weiss, et ux, to Stephen J. Guchanyk, Jr., et ux, Lot 1 Weiss Sub., Dallas Borough, \$23,000.
- Kenneth A. Son, et ux, to Allan Cheskiewicz, 11A Green Briar Sub, Dallas Twp., \$249,500.
- Susquehanna Investors Limited, to Patrick Deats, et ux, 3 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$14,000.
- Priscilla R. Liput, et ux, to James S. Sidorek, et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$89,900.
- Bernard Hossey, et al, to Lawrence G. Zekas, et ux, 26 Yeager Ave., Dallas Twp., \$89,500.
- Contimortgage Corp. to Martin D. Desiderio, et ux, 627 Main Road, Dallas Twp., \$35,000.
- Major Fuller, to William M. Goldsmith Sr., et ux, 100 Gypsy Lane, Dallas Twp., \$11,463.
- Ethel Yalick, et al, to C&N Dining LLC, Yalick Family Sub., Dallas Twp., \$1,300,000.
- Arthur C. Kunigel, Jr., et ux, to Rodney Rosengrant, 2 parcels, Franklin Twp., \$18,000.
- Audrey Lord, estate al, to Laura Stibgen, et al, 20.10 ac., Franklin Twp., \$100,000.

- Mary M. Taylor, to Fred A. Kidd, et ux, Lot 39, 40, Harveys Lake Bor., \$3,000.
- Rita Nicholas Collins, et al, to Keith J. Barchock, et ux, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$9,000.
- Douglas S. Shrader, to Gary A. Evans, 1/3 ac., Harveys Lake Bor., \$8,000.
- David J. Cebreck, et ux, to Christopher M. Beans, et ux, 2 parcels, Lot 52, 53, Harveys Lake Bor., \$89,900.
- David B. Walko, per sheriff, to Fleet Mtg. Corp., 3 Rhodes Terrace, Harveys Lake Borough, \$3,783.
- Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. to Timothy J. Elston, 32, 34, 36 Dudley Road, Harveys Lake Bor., \$21,000.
- Hampton Bays Corporation to Joseph G. Albers, Lot 14 Buffalo Farm, Jackson Twp., \$30,000.
- Robert Cook, to Christopher Gephart, see deed, Jackson Twp., \$36,000.
- Erich Urhel, estate et al, to Robert B. Redmond, 1.86 ac., Kingston Twp., \$2,000.
- Bernard P. Stritch, et ux, to Alan J. Gorr, et ux, .21 ac., Kingston Twp., \$95,500.
- Jon A. Thomas, to Donato J. Marcario, Jr., 2.40 ac., Lake Twp., \$11,500.
- Irene Thomas Estate, to Richard R. Chocallo, see deed, Lake Twp., \$5,000.
- Raymond Klingerman, et ux, to Mark A. Schlosser, et al, 2.69 ac., Lake Twp., \$25,000.
- Richard R. Mekeel, per sheriff, to Chase Manhattan Bank, see deed, Lehman Twp., \$39,723.
- Harold E. Guess, et ux, to Julieann Falteich, 2 parcels Lot 55, 56, Ross Twp., \$45,000.
- John L. Coates, et ux, to Perry Brothers Corp., Main St., Sweet Valley, Ross Twp., \$273,391.

Full day at Lake-Lehman Dec. 23

The in-service day previously scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 23 has been cancelled. Students and faculty are to report for a full day of school Dec. 23.

Shooting victim allegedly from Trucksville

Jearald McCloe, 17, who was shot to death Monday in Wilkes-Barre, was listed with an address of 350 S. Memorial Hwy., Trucksville. The shooting is under investigation by the Wilkes-Barre Police Dept. and the Luzerne County District Attorney's office.

James Balavage, Kingston Twp. Chief of Police, said his department had had no contact with McCloe. He said it's possible that the Trucksville address was not his actual place of residence.

Civil War Round Table to meet Dec. 17

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Dallas American Legion on Route 415, Dallas. Klepner Gottschalk will present "Researching Your Ancestors." All are welcome.

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DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

BURGLARY

Wilkes-Barre resident Jerome McCloe, 20, was arrested Nov. 2 by Dallas Borough patrolman Michael Prokopchak after police were dispatched to the State Liquor Store in the Dallas Village Shopping Center.

A witness to the burglary told police that he noticed an individual run out of the liquor store into a running blue Oldsmobile Cutlass and turn on to Rt. 309. The witness followed the car long enough to get its registration number before calling police. He told police the vehicle had three occupants.

Dallas police were notified that the State Police were at the residence of the person who owned the vehicle. A female juvenile was

taken to the Dallas Borough Police Department where she agreed to tell police what happened.

She told police that McCloe and three others took her car with an empty black bag and returned with a bag full of liquor. She told them robbing the store was a "dumb idea." After burglary, she and another friend who did not join the four, went home.

She told police where McCloe lived in Wilkes-Barre. Police obtained a search warrant for the stolen liquor. McCloe told police that he burglarized the store and gave them the liquor.

He was charged with burglary, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and conspiring to burglarize.

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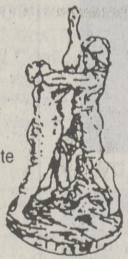
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