

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

2 charged with burglarizing restaurants

Samuel Transue, 18, of RR1, Box 361, Dallas, and Shawn M. Dowd, 18, of Lake Winola, face three counts each of burglary, theft and criminal conspiracy after they waived their rights to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Police said Transue signed a written statement that he, Dowd, Lonnie Meckwood and Kevin Oslin broke into the Irem Temple Country Club on Dec. 8 and 15, 1998, and the Beaumont Inn on Dec.

18, and removed cash, liquor and food. According to the police report, they forced a window at Irem Temple on Dec. 8 and took \$240 and liquor from the grill room. On Dec. 15, they forced a door that leads to the grill room and men's locker room and took beer and liquor.

Police say they broke into a rear door at the Beaumont Inn on Dec. 18 and stole a stereo system, \$584 in cash, beer, liquor and a tray of steaks.

DUI CHARGES

Andrew J. Krashnak III, 34, of RR3, Box 150, Harveys Lake, faces charges of driving under the influence and passing where prohibited after he was arrested by Dallas Borough police officer James Drury. Drury said that at about 7:15 a.m. on Nov. 30, 1998, he saw a black 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe traveling south on Rt. 415, passing other vehicles in a no-passing zone. Drury said the truck was traveling well above the 40 mph posted speed limit and going from the center lane to the berm of the roadway. When he was able to pull the Tahoe over, he smelled alcohol on Krashnak's breath, and said his speech was slurred. After Krashnak failed field sobriety tests, Drury placed him under arrest and took him for a blood alcohol test. Krashnak's blood alcohol was measured at .109 percent, above the legal limit.

The following defendants waived their right to a preliminary hearing:

• Robert Dellosa Jr., now 21, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, was observed driving erratically on Rt. 309 in Dallas at about 2:20 a.m. on January 10 by Dallas Borough police officer James Martin. Martin said Dellosa's red Ford had stopped at a red light in the oncoming lane. He then went through the red light and continued south, then made a sudden left turn onto Main Rd. from the travel lane. After Dellosa stopped at Desi's Pizza & Rock Club,

Dellosa took field sobriety tests, which he failed. Later tests determined his blood alcohol level was .184 percent. In addition to a charge of driving under the influence, Dellosa will stand trial for three traffic violations.

• Thomas Brown, 21, of 217 Country Club Apts., Dallas, was stopped just after midnight on Dec. 19, 1998 by Dallas Borough police officer Donald Gavigan after driving through a stop sign at Lake St. and E. Center Hill Rd. in Dallas. When he was asked to take field sobriety tests, he responded that he was unable to, police said. A chemical analysis found his blood alcohol level to be .154 percent. He is charged with driving under the influence and disregarding a traffic control device.

• Denise Venetz, 23, of 19 North St., West Pittston, was arrested Oct. 24, 1998 after PA State Police Trooper Joseph Wasko was sent to investigate an accident at 3:10 a.m. near Perrin's Marsh in Franklin Twp. A car had crossed the roadway at a left turn, and had struck a concrete bridge barrier. Interviewed at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Venetz told Wasko she was driving west, to get to the Cross Valley Expressway. She said she had been drinking at the Woodlands earlier in the night. A test showed her blood alcohol level to be .162 percent. She faces a charge of speeding as well as driving under the influence.

PHEAA work-study program available

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) reminds students to apply for the State Work-Study Program as an important part of their higher education financial aid packages.

Pennsylvania's State Work-Study Program provides eligible students with an opportunity to gain career-related work experience while earning money to finance their higher educations.

To qualify for the program, a student must be eligible for a State Grant or Subsidized Stafford Loan. Additionally, the student must be a Pennsylvania resident enrolled full-time at an approved higher education institution in a program at least two years in length.

The deadline for summer 1999 Work-Study is May 15, and the deadline for fall 1999 is October 1. PHEAA's State Work-Study Program newsletter and application are available via the Internet at www.pheaa.org. Additional information can be obtained online or by calling (717) 720-2550.



BMT Children's Theatre Co. performs

The newly formed Back Mt. Children's Theatre Company performed songs from "Madeline's Adventures" at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28 in a special performance at the Back Mt. Memorial Library. Photographed are members of the company: Dana Kinter (center front), Allison Considine and Mary Theresa Condosta, 2nd row, Carmella Gubbiotti, 3rd row; and Bryn Harvey, Ashley Howell, Jillian Keller, Erin Kovalick, Christine Zavaskas and Katee Pelleschi, back row. The group is a non-profit children's touring company, under the direction of Gina Ackerman and Judy Harvey. For more information on the company, contact Gina Ackerman at 696-4755.

BMT seniors plan spring events

Back Mountain Seniors met April 22 with president Kay Hudak presiding. Plans were discussed for members to bring items and to assist at the flea market at the Meadows in Dallas on June 19.

Members are planning to meet at the Country Buffet at 3 p.m. on June 17 to celebrate Mother's and Father's Day.

Tentative plans are under way for a trip to Jim Thorpe to see the King Henry Show.

New members are welcome. Please contact Kay Hudak at 675-5060.

Welsh cookies for sale

There will be a Welsh Cookie sale Saturday, May 15. Pick up 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Shavertown fire hall on Main Street. Call 675-1881 or 696-3212 to order cookies by May 10. Please leave name and phone number.

Hoagie and bake sale

The Shavertown Ladies Auxiliary will have a Hoagie and Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, May 18 at the fire hall on Main Street. Deadline for orders by May 10. Please call 675-1881 or 696-3214. Leave name and phone number. Your support is appreciated.

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Paving project closes roads in Jackson Twp.

The Jackson Township Road Department in conjunction with American Asphalt Paving Co. will be closing portions of the following roads on Wednesday, April 28, Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30, for pavement and resurfacing.

- Pinetree Road, from Chase Rd. to Kasko Rd.
- Sutton Road, from Bulford Rd. to Gross Rd.
- Bulford Road, from Sutton Rd. to Oldfield Rd.

Maple Grove Meeting

Maple Grove Cemetery Association will be having their annual meeting April 29 at the Maple Grove Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. All lot owners are welcome to attend.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of April 16 - 22:

James J. McGuire, et ux, to Lorraine Dewitt, .6625 acre, Dallas Borough, \$147,000.
 Drew E. Fitch, et ux, to Charles D. Boyek, et ux, Lot 4, Whitetail Estates, Dallas Borough, \$135,000.
 John E. Halbing, III, et ux, to Kenneth T. Matushek, et ux, Lot 54, Preston Hollow, Dallas Twp., \$269,500.
 Thomas C. Lewis, et ux, to Joseph P. Steir, et ux, Maplewood Hgts, 4 parcel, Dallas Twp., \$52,000.
 Andrew J. Kopcho, et ux, to Stephen G. Gitkos, et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$115,200.
 Howard Moldaver, et ux, to John Grola, Jr., et ux, Lot 3, 5 McKee Sub., Harveys Lake Bor., \$185,000.
 Anthony J. Garbush, et ux, to Paul C. Chabala, et ux, .776 ac Lot 1 Evergreen, Jackson Twp., \$30,000.
 David G. Phillips, et ux, to David A. Collins, III, et ux, Lot 50 pt. Lot 49, Kingston Twp., \$95,000.
 Russ A. Hernandez, et ux, to Thomas F. Burkhart, et ux, Lot 15B Trucksville Gdn., Kingston Twp., \$99,750.
 Luzerne Natl. Bank to Ann Marie Derhammer, Lot 2, 479 acres, Kingston Twp., \$158,000.
 Jeffrey K. Box, et ux, to Andrew J. Kopcho, et ux, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$127,000.
 Amy L-Lloyd Switzer, vir al, to Anne Holmes, 43,45 Spring St., Kingston Twp., \$95,000.
 Raymond J. Metzgar, et ux, to Robert Smith/Charles Gelson, prtns., Lot 2, Kingston Twp., \$35,000.
 John P. Nametko, et ux, to William D. Boyle, et ux, Lot 63 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$97,500.
 Lifestyle Builders/G.J. Schraeder, to Schraeder-Hoelzer, Inc. Lot 9, Oak Hill Sub., Lehman Twp., \$30,000.
 Robert Distasio, et ux, to Thomas J. Tranell, et ux, Lot 9,10,11,12 Lyunwood Ht., Lehman Twp., \$27,000.

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