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Cruisin' in style

Kingston Township officials recently took possession of a new 1999 Chevrolet Lumina police cruiser. The mid-size, front-wheel-driver car replaces a 1996 Ford cruiser that had been driven 101,000 miles. The township has six police vehicles in regular duty, plus two administrative cars that can be put into service as needed. Shown with the new vehicle, from left; Jeff Box, township manager; Herbert Hill, supervisor; James Balavage, police chief (in car), Shirley Moyer, supervisor; William Tippett, supervisor, Randall Glidden, supervisor.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

BAD CHECK CHARGES

George A. Witsil III, 40, of 117 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, faces six counts of theft by deception, and 22 counts of passing bad checks. The checks were cashed at Cook's Pharmacy in Shavertown between February 6 and March 14, in amounts from 4.39 to \$29.72. The checks were written on an account that was closed by M&T Bank on March 1, police said. Witsil waived his preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

DUI CHARGES

James C. Wigginton, 24, of 121 N. Main St., Shavertown, will face charges of driving under the influence and driving at an unsafe speed as a result of being arrested shortly after midnight April 23 by Officer Martin Maransky of the Kingston Twp. Police Dept. Maransky said in an affidavit of probable cause that he heard a loud bang when he was parked at the Back Mountain Shopping Center, and the street lights went out. He drove to N. Main St. near Franklin St. and saw two men "staggering away" from a 1983 Ford Ranger. Dallas Twp. officer David Fitch was at the scene, followed by Dallas Borough officer David Rinehimer. Maransky said that when he told Wigginton he was going to administer field sobriety tests, Wigginton responded that he was so drunk, it wasn't necessary. After getting a .159 percent reading on a breathalyzer test, Maransky took Wigginton for a blood alcohol test, which Wigginton refused, resulting in an automatic suspension of driver's license for one year. Maransky wrote that examination of the accident scene indi-

cated the truck was southbound on N. Main St. when it crossed over the center line onto the east side of the roadway, ran over shrubs and struck a utility pole head on. After striking the pole, the truck spun into more shrubs, a fence and a tree, before coming to rest facing north.

The following defendants waived their right to a preliminary hearing on driving under the influence charges:

- Robert T. Jackson, 28, of 13 Kitchen Ave., Harveys Lake, arrested at 1:45 a.m. April 17 by Dallas Borough officer James Martin at a sobriety checkpoint near the Dallas Shopping Center. Martin said a Chevrolet Blazer operated by Jackson slowed down as it approached the checkpoint, and weaved across lanes. He said Jackson appeared disoriented and his eyes were half closed. After failing field sobriety tests, Jackson tested at .10 percent on a breathalyzer. He was then taken for a blood alcohol test, which registered .134 percent, above the .10 percent limit. He is also charged with careless driving.

- Patricia A. Jayne, 33, of High St., RR 1, Harveys Lake, arrested at about 2:30 a.m. April 9 by Dallas Twp. officer Douglas Higgins. Higgins said he saw Jayne driving erratically north on Rt. 415, and when he followed the car clocked the speed at 60 mph. When he turned on his lights and siren, Jayne continued on Rt. 415 to Harveys Lake, turned right and continued until making a sudden stop at pole 20. After failing field sobriety tests, Jayne was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a blood alcohol test, which she refused to take, resulting in an automatic suspension of her driver's license for one year. She

is also charged with disregarding a traffic lane.

- Jeremy Yagloski, 19, of 1576 W. 8th St., Wyoming, arrested April 16 by Dallas Twp. officer Fred Rosencrans. He said a vehicle driven by Yagloski was driving slowly north on Rt. 309, crossing over the dividing lines. When Rosencrans turned on his lights and siren, the car turned onto Main Rd. before stopping. After he failed field sobriety tests, Yagloski was taken for a blood alcohol test, which measured .190 percent, nearly twice the legal limit. He faces a charge of disregarding a traffic lane in addition to driving under the influence.

- Gary A. Oakes, no age given, of RR 1, Box 1483, Sweet Valley, arrested about 10 p.m. February 19 by Patrolman John Fuches of the Lake Twp. Police Dept. Fuches said he saw a truck driven by Oakes spinning its tires in the parking lot of the Lake Twp. police station. When he followed the truck on Rt. 29, Fuches said it straddled the center line, then veered off to the right over the fog line several times. Because Oakes had difficulty standing, Fuches did not administer field sobriety tests, but took Oakes for a blood alcohol test, which read .215 percent, more than twice the legal limit. Oakes will also face trial on a charge of careless driving.

Ham radio, computer fest at fairgrounds

The Murgas Amateur Radio Club will hold its 20th annual Hamfest and Computerfest on Saturday, July 3 at the Luzerne County Fair Grounds in Lehman.

Hundreds of exhibitors will be present offering new and used amateur radio equipment, computer equipment, and all sorts of electronic components for sale.

The gates are open at 8 a.m. with an admission charge of \$5. Children under 16 and unlicensed spouses are admitted free with a ticket holder.

Refreshments will be available

on the grounds.

The Federal Communications Commission examinations for all classes of amateur radio operator licenses are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is not necessary.

The event takes place rain or shine. Indoor vendor space for the sale of new or used amateur radio related items or computer equipment is available by contacting Stan Perry at 735-2385 or Bob N3FA288-3532. Indoor space is \$14 a space which includes a table.

The cost of admission includes one outside flea market space per car. Additional 8 linear feet of space cost \$5 each. Set up begins at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

The Murgas Amateur Radio Club is a non-profit organization which provides radio communication in support of public service fund raising events of other organizations such as walk-a-thons, bicycle races, and the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon as well as emergency communications in the event of natural and other disasters.

OBITUARIES

ANN HAINES

Ann Irene (Morgan) Haines, 65, of Main Road, Sweet Valley died June 22, 1999 at Nanticoke Special Care Hospital in Nanticoke.

Born July 5, 1933, in Scranton, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine (Waters) Morgan.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George K. Haines.

Surviving are daughters, Karen L. Whitaker, of Milford Square; and Eileen Haines, at home; sons, George K. Hatfield; David M., Marina, CA; Joseph W., Dallas; and Paul, Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; sister, Mary Simcoe, Fairfax County, Va.

Interment, Nanticoke Cemetery.

HELEN EGGLESTON

Helen H. (Himmeler) Eggleston, 82, of Orchard Hill Farm in Vernon, Wyoming County, died at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas.

Born in Dallas, she was a daughter of the late Wesley and Emma (Montross) Himmeler. She was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and College Misericordia, Dallas.

She was a music and art supervisor in the Lake-Lehman School District and Exeter Township schools and a private piano and voice teacher, and a choir director at the Centermoreland United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Mozart Club of Wyoming Valley for more than 60 years, and was the philanthropic chairperson of the club.

She was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church for more than 70 years and a member of the church choir for more than 50 years. She was past president of Colwell Class and vice-president of the United Methodist women, a member of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Council for 25 years, and was general chairperson of the Wyoming Seminary phonathon.

She was past president of the Dallas Junior Women's Club, the Dallas Senior Women's Club and Wyoming County Celebrity Concert Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alva; brother, Wesley; sister, Alberta Oliver and niece Janice Oliver.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m., July 17 in the Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage St., Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dallas United Methodist Church Music Program or Memorial Fund; or to Wyoming Seminary Memorial Fund.

CAROL SUTRYNOWICZ

Carol May (Franklin) Sutrynowicz, 53, of Center Square died, June 26, 1999 at her home.

Born May 5, 1946, in Kingston, she was the daughter of Helen (Splitt) Franklin of Jackson Township and the late Norman C. Franklin.

She was a graduate of Hatboro-Horsham High School, class of 1964 and the Montgomery Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1967.

She was employed as a registered nurse at various nursing facilities, including Eugenia Hospital, Harston Hall Nursing Home and Montgomery Hospital.

She was a member of the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Henry Sutrynowicz, Glenside; son, Michael, Glenside; sister, Kathleen Hinnegan, Center Square; nieces and cousins.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Disque and Son Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Disque Funeral Home, with The Rev. Dr. Allan J. Cease and Rev. Tom Morris officiating. Louise Montigney will be organist.

Interment, Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research, 1626 Locust St., Philadelphia, 19103 or by calling 1-800-227-2345.

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