

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of July 9 - 15:

Ralph Parsons, per sheriff, to Federal Nat'l Mtg Assoc., 499 Main St., Dallas Borough, \$3,540.
 Noel A. Thomas, estate al to Geroge W. Davis, et ux, 417D Orchard West, Dallas Borough, \$80,000.
 Robert L. Gngleman, to Michael A. Yager, sea deed, Dallas Twp., \$94,900.
 David B. Zucker, et ux, to James E. Pfeiffer, et ux, 29 Kingwood Drive, Dallas Twp., \$210,000.
 Walter L. Debaeck, et ux, to Steven Leonardo, see deed, Franklin Twp., \$85,000.
 Mary E. Barrett, et ux, to Kimberly Sorber, et ux, see

deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$68,000.
 Blanche E. Thompson, to William Scarlett, et ux, 2 parcels, Harveys Lake Bor., \$26,000.
 Rolling Meadows Development Corp. to Hanover Homes North Corp., Lot 12 Maplecrest Farm, Kingston Twp., \$74,900.
 Richard Gardner, et ux, to David A. Sellitto, et ux, Lot 61 Sunrise Estate, Kingston Twp., \$245,000.
 Bruce D. Stedron, et ux, to James C. Misson, Jr., et ux, Lot 12 Maplecrest Farm, Kingston Twp., \$74,900.
 Randy M. Burgess, et ux, to Sharon A. Yoniski, Lot 45 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$104,000.
 Georg A. Taylor, et al, to Drue J. Daniels, et ux, 1.05 acres Lot1, Lehman Twp., \$17,500.

OBITUARIES

GERALDINE EDWARDS

Geraldine I. (McCarroll) Edwards, 69, of Lehman Township with a mailing address of Dallas, died July 22, 1999, at Penn State Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Plains Township.
 Born Nov. 26, 1929, in the Trucksville section of Kingston Township, she was the daughter of the late Marble and Ann (Chesock) McCarroll. She resided in Lehman Township most of her life.
 She was a member of the World Wide Church of God and was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Co.
 Surviving are her husband, Barry Edwards with whom she celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 8; four nephews, one niece and two great-nieces.
 A memorial service will be conducted at a time and place to be announced.
 Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Wilkes-Barre.
 Arrangements are by the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., Pikes Creek, Lake Township.

MARY BUNNEY

Mary Bunney, 92, of Dallas, and formerly of Shavertown, Kingston Township, died July 25, 1999 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.
 Born Feb. 11, 1907, in Edwardsville, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Ann (Bryant) Malarkey.
 She attended Luzerne schools.
 She was employed as a clerk at Lares Market, Luzerne and owned and operated Bunney's Grocery Store, Fernbrook.
 An active member of the Democratic party, she served as a committee woman in Jackson Township for many years.
 She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Trucksville, Kingston Township.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas R. Bunney; son, Thomas R. Jr.; brothers, Cornelius, Charles and Joseph.
 Surviving are her daughters, Ann Ostrum, Elizabeth Fitch and Margaret Besecker, all of Dallas; Mary Ellen Bunney, Shavertown; sons, Donald, Tunkhannock, John, Shavertown; sister, Margaret McDonald, Luzerne; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
 Interment, Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown, Kingston Township.
 Memorial donations may be made to the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, or to the SPCA of Luzerne County.

KENNETH HILLARD

Kenneth P. Hillard, 37, of Reading, died July 25, 1999 in Reading Hospital from complications of bacterial meningitis. He had been a patient since Friday.
 Born in Wilmington, DE, he was the son of Jean (Farver) Hillard, of Dallas, and the late Charles S. Hillard.
 He was a 1979 graduate of Dallas High School. He attended Pennsylvania State University, State College, where he received a degree in hotel and food service.
 He co-owned and operated The Mail Room, Shillington and Sinking Spring, for the past 14 years, and the Hideout Bar & Grill, Shillington, for the past six months.
 Surviving in addition to his mother are his brother, Keith C., Dallas; sisters, Loni J. (Hillard) Hughes, Dallas; and Lori A. (Hillard) Bennett, Baltimore; his companion, Daniel Fegal; nieces and a nephew.
 Private interment will be in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas.

Obituary notices of local interest are published free of charge.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Guilty plea in theft from gas station

George William Nichols Jr., 19, of RR 2, Box 425A, Harveys Lake, pleaded guilty to a charge of theft resulting from an incident May 23 at the Texaco station on Rt. 309 in Shavertown. Kingston Twp. police officer Franklin Buckler said in an affidavit of probable cause that Nichols, aided by two accomplices, stole the money box from the station at approximately 7 p.m.
 Nichols and Richard Good walked into the "shed" at the station and asked for job applications. They said they would fill them out on the spot, and asked the employee on duty to get them a quart of oil. When the employee went to another shed to get the oil, he saw Nichols and Good run off toward Holcomb Rd., Nichols carrying the "money box" containing more than \$1,000. When the station employee ran after them, he saw Nichols drop the box.
 The initial report of the theft included a description of a black Geo Tracker that was thought to be involved. The car was stopped by Jackson Twp. officer Scott Davis and the two men in it brought back to the Texaco station for identification. They were identified as Good and William Brehm, who was the driver. Nichols was not with them in the car. When they searched the Geo, police found a wallet and other identification belonging to Nichols.
 Nichols was given a 60 day jail term, eligible for work release, in a hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

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POSSESSION OF WEAPONS CHARGE

Chester Smith Jr., 20, of RR 2, Box 435AA, Harveys Lake, faces charges of possessing prohibited offensive weapons after he was stopped May 9 at just after 1 a.m. by Dallas Twp. police officer Brian Feeney. Feeney said he saw a Mazda RX-7 driving north on Rt. 309 with the headlights off. Officer Jeffrey Dennis assisted Feeney, and noticed a silver painted metal pipe and a leather case holding numb-chucks in plain sight when Smith got out of the car to try to flip up the car's headlights. Smith is also charged with driving while his license was suspended.

DUI CHARGES

The following persons face driving while under the influence and other charges after preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper:

- Virginia Kehler, 40, of 2730 Ransom Rd., Dallas, who was arrested at about 6:30 p.m. April 25 after police were called to a one-car accident on Ransom Rd. Dallas Twp. police officer Fred Rosencrans said Kehler failed field sobriety tests, and a chemical test found her blood alcohol level to be .181 percent.
- Eugene Hargenrader, 42, of RR 1, 34 Maple St., Harveys Lake, who was stopped at about 1:20 a.m. March 27 after Dallas Borough officer Douglas Wolfe saw a pickup truck driven by Hargenrader driving erratically on Rt. 415. After he failed field sobriety tests, Hargenrader was given a chemical test which found his blood alcohol level to be .168 percent. He also faces a charge of disregarding a traffic lane.
- Clark Cavanaugh, 22, of Lot 107, Valley View Trailer Park, Dallas, who was stopped at about 3 a.m. March 31 after Dallas Twp. officer Brian Feeney saw a Buick

operated by Cavanaugh driving on Upper Demunds Rd. Feeney clocked the car at 60 mph in a 40 mph zone, while weaving back and forth. Cavanaugh pulled into a driveway on Campground Hill Rd. and began to walk to a house. When Feeney called him back to his car and asked to see Cavanaugh's license and registration, Cavanaugh said his license was under suspension, but that a traffic citation in the car had all the information. Officer Jeffrey Dennis assisted, and said he saw Cavanaugh take two black film containers from his pocket and leave them in the car. One container held what Dennis thought was marijuana. Cavanaugh failed field sobriety tests, and his blood alcohol level was measured at .143 percent. A urine test also showed the presence of marijuana. In addition to DUI, he faces charges of speeding, failing to keep right and driving while his license was suspended.
 • Mary E. Artsma, 35, of 4 Spencer Rd., Dallas, who was arrested after 1 a.m. May 8 after being stopped by Dallas Twp. officer Brian Feeney. Feeney said he saw a van operated by Artsma driving north in the southbound lane on Lake St. After she failed field sobriety tests, she was taken for a blood alcohol test that measured .202 percent, more than twice the legal limit. She also faces a charge of failure to keep right.

The following defendants waived their right to preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper.

William Martin Shively, 38, of 48 Mill St., Dallas, who was stopped April 11 by Dallas Borough police officer William Norris after Norris saw a vehicle operated by Shively stop at a green light at Orloski's on Rt. 309. Norris said that as he followed Shively, his car swerved across lanes before stopping near Wendy's. In an

affidavit of probable cause, Norris said Shively stated there was no need to take field sobriety tests because he knew he was over the limit. A breath test showed his blood alcohol level to be .157 percent.

• David Kaczmarczyk, 26, of RR 1, Box 62A, Mehoopany, who was stopped at about 1:45 a.m. March 26 by Jackson Twp. officer Scott Davis after Davis saw a car driven by Kaczmarczyk driving erratically on Hillside Rd. After he failed field sobriety tests, Kaczmarczyk refused to submit to a breath test, resulting in the automatic suspension of his driver's license for one year.

• Brendan Bucan, 22, of 33 S. Atherton Ave., Kingston, who was arrested at approximately 9:15 p.m. April 9 by Kingston Twp. officer Charles Rauschkolb. A county 911 dispatcher reported an accident in which one car had left the scene, but was stopped in a driveway by the driver of the car that was struck. Bucan failed field sobriety tests, Bucan measured .156 percent blood alcohol on a breath test. He also faces charges of driving without a license, careless driving and causing an accident.

• Evan R. Brown, 32, of 93B Outlet Rd., Harveys Lake, who was stopped April 4 at about 3:45 a.m. by Dallas Borough officer James Martin after Martin saw a car traveling slowly and erratically on Rt. 415. Martin said Brown did not stop when he first turned on the cruiser's siren and lights, but eventually pulled over near the Samuel Insurance office. According to Martin, Brown at first said, "I know! I'm having trouble with the transmission. Didn't you see the smoke coming from the vehicle?" Brown failed field sobriety tests and was then given a breathalyzer test that measured his blood alcohol level at .172 percent. A blood test conducted later measured .153 percent. Martin also found a plastic bag containing a small amount of marijuana when he searched Brown.

Charges of possession of marijuana and careless driving were dismissed.

• Craig S. Fischer, 33, of Evansville, Indiana who was arrested at approximately 3 a.m. March 6 by Dallas Twp. officer Brian Feeney, who had been called to the intersection of Main Rd. and Rt. 309 by Kingston Twp. officer Franklin Buckler. Buckler said he saw a blue Toyota drive through the stop sign and Main Rd. and Lower Demunds Rd., and when he pursued the car it stopped in the middle of the road. Fischer failed field sobriety tests and then refused to submit to a blood test, resulting in the suspension of his driver's license for one year. He also faces charges of failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to keep right.

• Martin D. Iorio, 44, of 23 S. Pioneer Ave., Trucksville, who was stopped May 26 at about 9 p.m. by Kingston Twp. officer Wade Curtis after an approaching car driven by Iorio forced Curtis's cruiser off the road. Iorio failed field sobriety tests, and a chemical analysis read .187 percent blood alcohol content. He is also charged with failing to stop at a stop sign.

• Francis J. Marcinko II, 36, of 149 1/2 Gouge St., Plains, arrested at about 2:15 a.m. March 8 by Dallas Borough officer James Martin, who said he saw a brown Porsche traveling at an excessive speed on Rt. 309. Martin said he clocked the car at 65 mph in a 35 mph zone. In an affidavit of probable cause, Martin said Marcinko at first responded to requests to see his license and registration by staring straight ahead and muttering, "Ay yum! Ah yum! Ah yum!" and then by saying it was a company car. When Marcinko was getting out of the car, Martin saw another license plate upside down on the rear floor, which Marcinko said was his old registration. Marcinko failed field sobriety tests and was taken for a blood alcohol test, which measured .179 percent. He is also charged with speeding.

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