

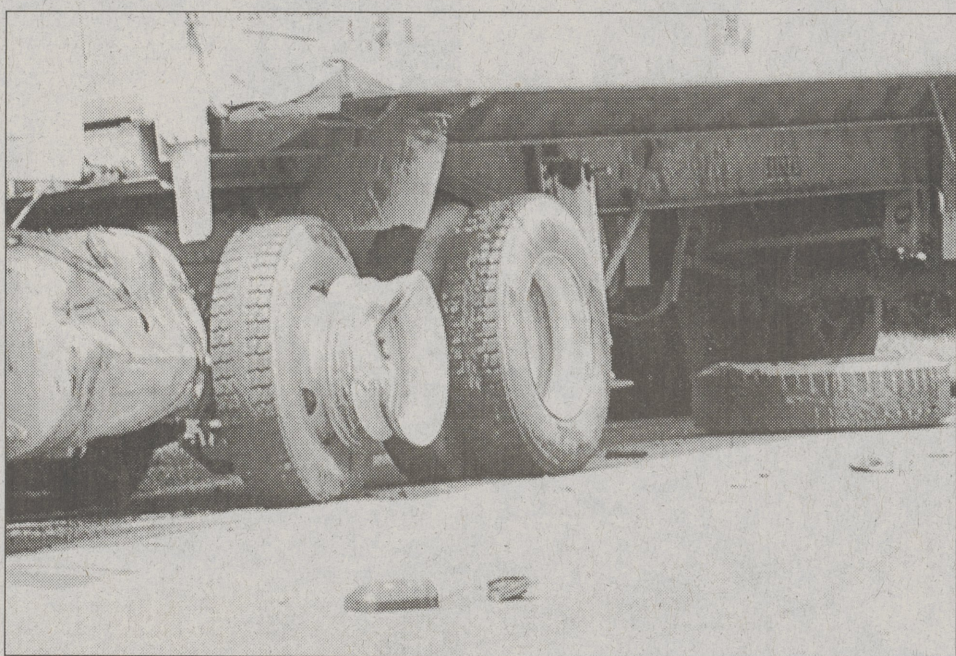
Van driver still critical after Friday accident

Patsy Crisman, 49, the driver of a van owned by Pet Care Associates, remained in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Community Medical Center in Scranton Tuesday. She was driving the van northbound on Rt. 309 near Mr. Z's Market Friday, July 30 at about 11:50 a.m. when for an unknown reason the van drifted into the oncoming lane, police said. Albyn Kochanski, 37, of Glen Lyon, was driving southbound in a tractor trailer owned by George B. Schall Trucking of Shavertown, and attempted to pull off the road to avoid the van, but the driver side of the van struck the cab of the truck, spun around and came to rest in the center of the road.

Members of Dallas and Kunkle fire and ambulance services and paramedics from Wyoming Valley Health Care worked about 45 minutes to get Crisman out of the van. After trying to open the side of the van, they removed her through the back doors. A Guthrie helicopter then flew her to the hospital, leaving from Dallas High School.

The accident is still under investigation by officer David Rinehimer of the Dallas Borough Police Dept.

In photos, Maggie Davis waited for assistance as other emergency personnel arrived; the impact of the crash tore a tire off the tractor trailer.



Lt. Feher takes reins of 109th, Battery A

First Lieutenant William Feher of Dallas recently assumed command of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, in Wilkes-Barre. The battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Scott of Tunkhannock, conducted the change of command ceremony at the Kingston Armory.

Lt. Feher assumed responsibility for a self-propelled field artillery battery worth approximately 10 million dollars. He also took charge of nearly 80 soldiers. His many missions include training his unit and maintaining his equipment both for war and for peacetime emergencies, such as floods and blizzards.

Lt. Feher graduated from West Side Vo-Tech in 1984 and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He joined the 109th Field Artillery in 1988 and earned his commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. Lt. Feher earned an associate's degree from

LCCC in 1991 and a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from Wilkes University in 1995. He also completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK.

Lt. Feher's assignments have included forward observer, fire support officer, fire direction officer, battalion ammunition officer and battery executive officer. He also completed a tour in Bosnia as part of the Implementation Force (IFOR) in 1996. Lt. Feher has earned nearly 20 awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Marine Good Conduct Medal, the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal and Governor's Unit Citation and the Army Physical Fitness Badge.

He is the son of John and Eileen Feher of Dallas and has two children, Alexandra 5 and Nicholas 5. He works as an air quality specialist with the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

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Dallas Lions Club installs new officers

The Dallas Lions Club held their annual installation dinner at the Castle Inn. Installation of new officers was conducted by Lion Board Member Paul McCue with outgoing President Dr. David Spring presenting remarks on the group's activities throughout the past year. Spring presented awards to various club members for their accomplishments.

Pictured above are the new officers for the 1999-2000 year, from left, Carlton Chase, Lion Tamer; Gary Hozempa, Board Member; Nick Calvitti, Board Member; Dr. Jay Tanner, President; Thomas Bagley, Secretary; Jack Williams, 3rd Vice President; Patrick Burke, Treasurer; and Frank Michael, Tail Twister. Not present was David Fitch, 1st Vice President and Joseph Canfield, 2nd Vice President.

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