

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**Man charged after shots fired**

Jerry Ray Puterbaugh, 38, of Country Crest Trailer Park, Lehman, faces multiple charges of recklessly endangering another person and harassment, and one count each of resisting arrest and carrying a firearm without a license. He was arrested by State Police officers after an incident Sept. 26 at the trailer park. Trooper Charles J. Prula said in an affidavit of probable cause that when officers Joseph Wasko and Gerald Kincel were called to the trailer park shortly after 5 p.m. Puterbaugh was standing in the driveway near his trailer. When the troopers ordered him to stop, Puterbaugh ran through the back yard, into the woods and across Rt. 29. The troopers captured him and forcibly applied handcuffs. A

search revealed that he was carrying a loaded .22 cal. revolver and an additional box of ammunition.

Puterbaugh's girlfriend said he had verbally abused her, then took out the gun and fired a shot into the hood of her car, while she and her four daughters stood less than 15 feet away. She said he then fired five shots into the woods behind the trailer. After some neighbors appeared, she said she, her daughters and Puterbaugh went into the trailer, where Puterbaugh again became agitated and went outside as the troopers arrived. When he was interviewed by the troopers, Puterbaugh said he had been drinking heavily and didn't remember much about the incident.

**BAD CHECKS**

Dallas Twp. police officer Wayman Miers filed seven bad check charges against Theresa Marie Thiemann, 19, of 235 Apollo Circle, Nanticoke. The checks were passed at the BiLo market in Country Club Shopping Center between March 6 and June 9, 1998 in a total amount of \$679.12. \* David Price, 550 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, is charged with passing a worthless check for \$226.73 at Thomas Market in Shavertown.

**FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

Patricia Martin, 40, of 215 Meadowcrest Dr., Trucksville, is charged with giving alcohol to two teenage boys Aug. 30.

**DUI CHARGES**

\* Mary Lou Yanovitch, 53, of 21 Split Rail Lane, Dallas, faces charges of driving under the influence and failing to keep right after she was arrested July 5 by William Norris, an officer with the Dallas Borough Police Dept. Norris

said he was driving on Machel Ave. at about 11:25 p.m. when an approaching car forced his cruiser off the road. He turned around and pulled the car over. Norris said he smelled a strong odor of alcohol and asked Yanovitch to perform sobriety tests, which the woman refused, resulting in an automatic one-year license suspension.

*The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper. Their cases will be heard in Luzerne County Court.*

\* Christopher J. Appel, 19, of 63 Joseph St., Dallas, arrested Aug. 15 by Dallas Borough police officer Douglas Wolfe after Wolfe was called to an accident near 203 Huntsville Rd. Wolfe said when he arrived Appel was sitting outside the car. Appel admitted drinking, and told Wolfe another vehicle had drifted into his lane and he swerved to avoid it and lost control of his car. He said his car crossed over Huntsville Rd., struck an embankment, became airborne and flipped over twice. Measurements taken at the scene showed

the car had slid 53 feet before hitting a curb, then 63 feet along the curb and 102 feet back across the roadway before becoming airborne for 36 feet, landing on it wheels and running onto a lawn. A test of Appel's blood measured .184 percent alcohol.

\* Andrew Morgan, 22, of RR 1, Box 413, Hunlock Creek, arrested June 11 by Kingston Twp. police officer Robert Parrish, who had been dispatched at 4:55 a.m. to an accident at N. Pioneer Ave. and Roushey St., Shavertown. Parrish had Morgan taken to Nesbitt hospital for a blood test, which measured .129 percent alcohol.

\* John Rivero, 43, of 42 Pine Dr., Wyoming, arrested shortly after midnight July 16 by Jeffrey Dennis of the Dallas Twp. Police Dept. Dennis said he saw a Blazer driven by Rivero driving erratically on Hildebrandt Rd., jerking and weaving and varying speed from 54 mph to 30 mph. Dennis administered field sobriety tests, which he said Rivero failed. A breathalyzer test measured blood alcohol of .202 percent. A blood test taken later measured .196 percent, nearly twice the legal limit.

\* Barbara A. Bartle, 47, of RR2, Box 218, Hunlock Creek, arrested July 14 by Lehman Twp. officer Josh Young, after police were called to an accident involving a car and motorcycle on Rt. 29 near Sawmill Rd. Young said Bartle's had continued to drive after the accident until her car became disabled. A blood alcohol test measured .128 percent. Bartle is also charged with careless driving and failing to keep right.

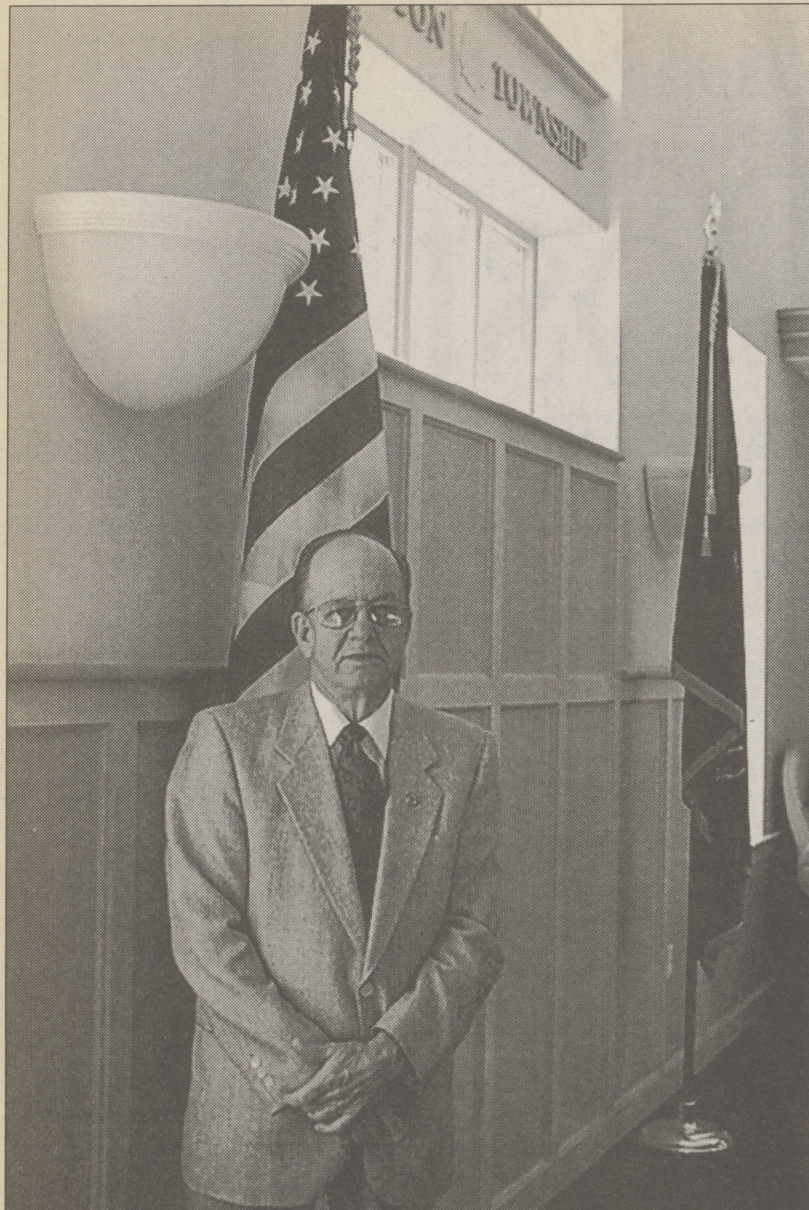
\* Charles Caines, 47, of RR1, Box 68-A, Shickshinny, arrested by Dallas Twp. officer Jeffrey Den-

nis at about 1:45 a.m. July 12, Dennis said in an affidavit of probable cause that he saw a car driven by Caines driving erratically on Rt. 415. Dennis said Caines appeared to be intoxicated and failed a field sobriety test. A breath test measured Caines's blood alcohol at .241 percent, and a later blood test measured .220 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

\* Robert Vernoski, 40, of RR 1, Box 302, Falls, arrested after midnight June 20 by Brian Feeney of the Dallas Twp. Police Dept. Feeney said Vernoski failed field sobriety tests after being stopped because his vehicle was moving erratically on Lower Demunds Rd. A breath test measured Vernoski's blood alcohol at .183 percent.

\* Dennis Beeman, 23, of RR 1, Box 122, Mehoopany, arrested after Dallas Twp. police officer Wayman Miers came upon a two-car accident on Rt. 309. According to police, Beeman drove his car into the back of a Jeep driven by Lauranel K. Nemeth. Beeman told Miers he did not see the tail lights on the Jeep, which Miers said were operating after the accident. A test of Beeman's blood alcohol level measured .158 percent.

*District court reports are taken from public records filed at the office of District Justice James Tupper, in Trucksville.*



**Sabol joins Board of Police Chiefs**

Paul M. Sabol, former Kingston Twp. Police Chief, has been elected to the Pennsylvania Executive Board of Police Chiefs. Sabol will serve the board as its retired representative and will be active in organizing conventions and training sessions for police officers in Northeastern PA. The executive board also lobbies in support of pro-law enforcement legislation. Prior to his retirement in 1993, Sabol served as Kingston Township Police Chief for 21 years. He was also president of the Executive Board in 1991-92.

**Meadows Auxiliary will host open house**

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, invites the community to an open house on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to celebrate 15 years of service to residents. Refreshments and tours will be available.

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