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Pack of Pilgrims

Members of the Wolf den, Pack 232, formed a line of Pilgrims at a recent pack meeting. From left: Patrick Kalish, Conor Harrington, William Dockeray, Adam Bilder, Zachary Wallick, Peter Recchia, Leon Sidorek, Evan Lipski.

Gen. Ben Butler scholar to speak to CWRT

The monthly meeting of the Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table is set for Thursday, Dec. 16 at the American Legion building on Rt. 415 in Dallas. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Ed Root, a 20 year member of the Allentown Civil War Round Table, will present the evenings program on the controversial General Ben Butler. Ed has served two terms as president of the Allen-

town Round Table and is currently president of the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia.

Question and answer period will follow the presentation.

The book raffle will be "The Battles for Spotsylvania Court House and the Road to Yellow Tavern, May 7-12, 1864" author Gordon C. Rhea. The author examines the maneuvers and battles

from May 7, 1864, when Grant left the Wilderness through May 12 when his attempt to break Lee's line by frontal assault reached a chilling climax at what is now called the Bloody Angle.

A book and video exchange table will be available. Refreshments will be served. If interested in becoming a member, please attend the meeting or call 675-3803 or 675-0606.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Alleged cigar thief captured on store's video tape, twice

James Davis, 22, of 58 Sheridan St., Wilkes-Barre, faces two charges of retail theft related to separate incidents four days apart. Davis allegedly stole a box of cigars valued at \$198 from Cook's Pharmacy, Shavertown, on Sept. 25 and Sept. 29. According to witnesses testimony, Davis entered the store at about 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25, talked with a cashier while standing near the cigar case, then removed the cigars when she waited on a customer. A video

tape of the incident showed Davis tucking the box under his shirt, then walking out.

Davis returned to Cook's four days later, and was again caught on tape taking a box of cigars and concealing it under his shirt before leaving. On Oct. 6, Davis was arrested for retail theft in Wilkes-Barre, and Kingston Twp. officers were able to positively identify Davis from that incident, and from a photo held by police in Kingston Borough.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Lehman Twp. police have charged Lonny L. Walsh, 30, of RR 2, Box 115, Shickshinny, with criminal mischief. Chief Howard Kocher said in an affidavit of probable cause that Walsh vandalized a car, truck and trailer at Shelly's Trucking on Rt. 118, and the home of Ann Marie Benoski in Sweet Valley. A witness said he and Walsh had gone to the Benoski home and vandalized the property, then went to Shelly's, where Walsh caused the damage.

WOMAN FACES ASSAULT, DISORDERLY CHARGES

Kingston Township police charged Shelly Volinsky, 38, of 63 W. Mt. Airy Rd., Shavertown, with multiple offenses as the result of an incident Nov. 17. Officers Franklin Buckler and Martin Maransky responded to a call at Volinsky's residence regarding a possible drug overdose. When they arrived a relative said Volinsky was unconscious on a couch inside. When the officers entered the home Volinsky had been awakened by her boyfriend. Her father and stepmother soon arrived and Buckler said Volinsky attacked the woman, then him and he was forced to restrain her with handcuffs. She was placed in the back seat of a patrol car, but was soon seen lying on her back and kicking a rear passenger window, eventually breaking it. Maransky said in an affidavit of probable cause. Volinsky was transferred to a different car, but continued to kick and scream, requiring Buckler to sit with her as she was transported to the police station. Volinsky will face a charge of simple assault, two counts of harassment, three counts of disorderly conduct and one each of resisting arrest and criminal mischief.

DUI CHARGES

The following people waived their rights to preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper.

- Rodney F. Hines, 33, of 635 Main Rd., Dallas, arrested at about 3 a.m. Sept. 11 by Dallas Twp. police officer Jeffrey Dennis after Dennis saw a car driven by Hines driving erratically south on Rt. 309. When Dennis attempted to stop the car, Hines pulled into his own driveway. Dennis said Hines appeared to be intoxicated and smelled strongly of marijuana. A marijuana pipe and fresh marijuana were found in his pocket. Dennis testified. Hines failed field sobriety tests and a portable breathalyzer test measured .167 percent. He refused a blood alcohol test, which normally results in loss of driver's license for one year, but Hines said his license was already suspended. He did submit to a urine test. Hines will face charges of DUI, possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia, failing to keep right and disregarding a traffic lane.

- Russell Bellas, 47, of 200-44 Harris Hill Rd., Shavertown, arrested by Kingston Twp. police officer Charles Rauschkolb at a DUI checkpoint Sept. 24. Bellas failed field sobriety tests and a test of his blood alcohol measured .126 percent.

- Karen Zearfoss, 40, of 624 Hanover Village, Wilkes-Barre, arrested Sept. 5 by Dallas Borough officer James Martin, who saw a car driven by Zearfoss driving erratically south on Rt. 309. When Martin followed the car, he said it was weaving across lanes, with the driver putting the brakes on and off. Martin said he activated his lights and siren but the car did not stop, and he saw a passenger throw items out the window. The car finally stopped in the middle of the driving lane at the intersection of Rt. 309 and Carverton Rd. A portable breath test measured Zearfoss's blood alcohol level at .231 percent, and she failed field sobriety tests. A later blood test at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Hospital measured .233 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

- Thomas L. Schulze, 38, of RR 3, Box 136, Wyoming, arrested by Dallas Twp. officer Brian Feeney

Sept. 2. Feeney testified that he saw a maroon Ford Thunderbird in the roadway on Lower Demunds Rd. at about 3:40 p.m. Grass and weeds were stuck in the rims of the tires on the driver's side, and when the car began to move, driving on the shoulder and nearly striking a bridge abutment. Feeney said he turned on his lights and siren as the car turned onto Ransom Rd., and that it weaved across lanes before stopping at Ryman Rd. Feeney said Schulze appeared to be intoxicated, but said he was taking prescription painkillers. Feeney asked Schulze to take a breathalyzer test, but Schulze refused. He was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a blood test, but refused that as well. It was learned later that Schulze's license was under suspension for previous DUI incident.

- Clarence Hopkins, 49, of RR 2, Box 120A, Hunlock Creek, arrested the night of Aug. 19 by Lehman Twp. police officer David Fitch, who was called to a one-car accident on Rt. 29. Fitch testified that when he arrived on the scene he saw Hopkins get out of the car and fall down. A breath test measured his blood alcohol at .214 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

- Charlotte N. May, 36, of RR 5, Box 386, Tunkhannock, arrested May 10 by James Karlowicz of the Jackson Twp. Police Dept. Karlowicz testified that he saw a car driven by May run a stop sign at Huntsville Corners. He followed the car, which was weaving across the traffic lanes, and stopped it near the police station on Huntsville Rd. May at first told Karlowicz her name was Caprice Miletta and had left her driver's license home, he said. A breath test measured her blood alcohol at .261 percent.

- Raymond Kupris, 42, of 487 Bennet St., Luzerne, arrested by Lehman Twp. police officer David Fitch Aug. 21. Fitch testified that when he attempted to stop a pickup truck Kupris was driving, he ignored the officer's lights and siren, and Fitch had to eventually pass the pickup in order to stop it. A blood alcohol test measured .18 percent.

- Timothy S. Steltz, 24, of 110 Old Wilkes-Barre Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, arrested at a DUI checkpoint Sept. 25 by Dallas Borough police officer James Drury. A blood alcohol test measured .130 percent.

- Tracey L. Smith, 36, of 48 Hillard St., Wilkes-Barre, arrested Oct. 1 by officer Martin Maransky of the Kingston Twp. Police Dept., who had been called to an accident near New Mart on Rt. 309, in which a car driven by Smith had attempted to turn left into New Mart but was struck by another vehicle moving north. A blood alcohol test measured .183 percent.

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- Richard Lipski, et ux, to Mark H. McCormick, et ux, Lot 129, 130, Dallas Borough, \$165,000.
- Carmela C. Thomas, to Michael A. Tengowski, Terrace Gardens, Dallas Borough, \$161,000.
- Janet E. Flack, to Frederick W. Straub, Lot 120, 120A, Dallas Borough, \$124,900.
- Martha A. Adler, per atty. to David Grudkowski et ux, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$33,000.
- Gerald R. Fisher, et ux, to Eric J. Zimmerman, et ux, .413 acre Lakeway Manor, Dallas Twp., \$11,500.
- Eleanor J. Brown, to Tracey S. Gribble, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$89,900.
- Altheda N. Titus, per atty. to William Judge, et ux, Lots 3, 4, 5, Kitchen Hghts, Harveys Lake Bor., \$38,000.
- Joseph G. Carr, et ux, to

- Garfield G. Jones, et ux, Lot 40 Meadowcrest Manor, Jackson Twp., \$174,000.
- Milton R. Millington, et ux, to Gail M. Aideuis, Lot 7 Cedar Lane, Kingston Twp., \$197,000.
- Thomas R. Stroud, et al, to Robert McGeehan jr., see deed, Kingston Twp., \$73,187.
- Hannah E. Frederici to Rosemary Harchar, et al, 1 acre, Lake Twp., \$55,000.
- Charles J. Rupert, et ux, to Richard A. Van Dyke, et ux, Lot 1, Rupert Sub., Lake Twp., \$150,000.
- Gerald L. Lightcap, to Candy Davis, Lot 20 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$89,900.
- Albert N. Porter, Jr., et ux, to Stephen T. Shaw, et ux, see deed, Lehman Twp., \$30,000.
- Theresa Sikora, estate, to George Searfoss, see deed, Ross Twp., \$72,000.

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