

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

State police allege gambling at Harveys Lake restaurant

State police have charged Evelyn Walsh, 57, or RR 3, Box 306, Harveys Lake, with allowing gambling at Rich & Charlotte's in Harveys Lake. Trooper Robert T. Calavano said he observed a female patron playing video poker August 7. The trooper said she deposited \$20 in the machine, played for several minutes and accumulated paper tickets, which she took to the bar and gave to

Walsh. Walsh then took \$50 from the cash register and another \$50 from the kitchen area and gave the \$100 to the woman. Calavano said in an affidavit of probable cause.

Calavano marked the machine, then returned Sept. 24 and Oct. 5 and observed that the machine was operational. A gambling raid was conducted Oct. 7, when the machine was seized.

ASSAULT CHARGES

• Joseph Donald VanOrden, 46, of 29 Valley View Trailer Park, Dallas, faces one charge of simple assault and two counts of harassment as the result of a domestic dispute the evening of Dec. 22. State police trooper Thomas Kaminski said VanOrden argued with his 14-year-old step daughter and pushed her. He then punched his wife, Mary Louise VanOrden in the face, causing her right eye to become swollen.

• Howard Stritzinger, 20, of 56 Meadowcrest Apt., Trucksville will go to trial on one count each of simple assault and harassment. He is accused of striking a woman and knocking her to the floor in a home at 138 Cedar Ave., Shavertown, at about 3 a.m. Nov. 5. Kingston Twp. police officer Frank Ziegler interviewed the alleged victim and two witnesses, one of whom said he saw Stritzinger strike the woman.

THEFT OF CD PLAYER FROM CAR

Zachary Matthew Dodson, 19, of 918 Main Rd., Hunlock Creek, faces two charges of theft and one count of criminal mischief as a result of an incident Sept. 9. State trooper Joseph Wasko said someone broke into a car parked in a yard on Lamoreaux Rd. in Lake Twp., removed the dashboard and took a CD player. A CD changer under the rear seat was also taken. Trooper Wasko was able to lift fingerprints from the car, and Dodson confessed to the theft when told of that fact.

DUI CHARGES

• Scott Allen Davis, 33, of 22 Wesley Copper Kettle Trailer Park, Tunkhannock, faces charges of

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper. Their cases were forwarded to county court.

• Robert Senkus, 33, of RR 1, Box 1179, Sweet Valley, arrested Nov. 28 after a Jeep he was driving struck another Jeep parked near Pole 165, Lakeside Dr. Senkus said he did not see the other vehicle. Harveys Lake office James Karlowicz said Senkus failed field sobriety tests, and his blood alcohol was measured at .191 percent at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

• Christopher B. Jaskulski, 25, of RD 2, Box 423, Harveys Lake, arrested Aug. 31 by Dallas Borough police officer James Martin. Martin said he timed a car driven by Jaskulski at 56 mph in a 35 mph zone of Rt. 309, Dallas. Martin said Jaskulski said he was in a hurry to get home to tell his wife he had received a promotion. A breath test measured Jaskulski's blood alcohol level at .131 percent. A subsequent blood alcohol test measured .145 percent.

• Sean M. Rosencrance, 20, of RR 1, Box 2588, Pittston, arrested Oct. 17 by Dallas Twp. police officer Fred Rosencrans after he was called to a rollover accident on Lower Demunds Rd. Rosencrance was standing near the vehicle when police arrived, and he refused medical treatment. After he failed field sobriety tests, Rosencrance's blood alcohol level was measured at .153 percent. He is also charged with careless driving.

• Steven Esposito, 28, of 18 Idlewood Dr., Dallas, arrested Oct. 24 by Dallas Twp. police officer Brian Feeney. Feeney said that he saw a car parked in the east-bound lane by the bridge on E. Center Hill Rd., near Meadows Manor. Feeney said the driver appeared to be intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were unsatisfactory and a breath test measured Esposito's blood alcohol level at .146 percent.

• David L. Covert, 47, of RD 4, Box 362C, Dallas, arrested July 23 by patrolman John Fuches of the Lake Twp. Police Dept. after Fuches saw a pickup truck driven by Covert driving erratically on Church Rd. Fuches said Covert failed field sobriety tests, and a blood alcohol test measured .256 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

OBITUARIES

BRENDA L. LASKOWSKI

Brenda L. Laskowski, 41, of Hillside Ave. died Jan. 4, 2000, in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Anna Lord DeWitt, Luzerne, and the late Andrew DeWitt Sr., and graduated from Dallas High School and as a registered nurse from Luzerne County Community College.

Ms. Laskowski resided in Hughestown and Luzerne before moving to Harveys Lake two years ago.

Prior to her illness, she was employed by Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake and previously by the Visiting Nurse Association, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of Eatonville United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are brothers, John and Andrew, both of Luzerne; sister Anne Marie Reese, Waterville, N.Y.; a niece and nephews; care giver and friend, Deanne Harpe, with whom she resided.

Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1101 Hill St., Jessup, PA 18434; or a charity of the donor's choice.

MARY A. GERMAN

Mary A. German, 95, of Dallas, died Jan. 5, 2000, at The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

She was born Aug. 1, 1904, in Shenandoah, daughter of the late John and Mary Urban Thomas, and attended Rock Glenn Schools.

Mrs. German had been employed as a seamstress by Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, retiring in 1978. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Her husband, George H., died in 1961; son, John, died in 1990. Several brothers and sisters also preceded her in death.

She is survived by daughter, Mary Weir, Dallas; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Descenzo, N.J.; brother, Albert Thomas, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to The Meadow Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

CASIMIERA DEMBOWSKI

Casimiera Ida Drzewiecki Dembowski, 81, of Dallas died Jan. 4, 2000, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born Aug. 19, 1918, in Baltimore, Md., daughter of the late George and Victoria Drzewiecki. She formerly resided in Baltimore, Md.

Her former husband, James Stanley, 10 brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Surviving are daughters, Sister Andre (Pat) Dembowski, Dallas; JoAnn and Celeste, son, James S., all of Baltimore, Md.; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mercy Center, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to Mercy Center sponsored by Sisters of Mercy of Americas, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

ROBERT W. LAUDERBACH

Robert W. Lauderbach, 75, of Claude Street, Dallas, died Jan. 3, 2000, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was a life resident of Dallas, son of the late Frank W. and Belle Riley Lauderbach, and graduated from Dallas Township High School.

Prior to retiring, he was employed as a fork lift operator by the former Natona Mills, Dallas. He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401, Wilkes-Barre.

Sister Doris Carey, preceded him in death.

Surviving are brother, Willard, Binghamton, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 17 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

VIRGINIA KOLESAR

Virginia "Ginny" Kolesar, of Sambourne St., Wilkes-Barre, died Jan. 9, 2000 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Centre in Plains Township.

Born in Washington D.C., she was a daughter of Thelma "Dolly" Whittington, Wilkes-Barre, and the late Clifton Ballenger.

She was preceded in death by her brother, George Martinson; and one nephew.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her daughters, Thelma "T.C." Kolesar, Wilkes-Barre; and Jennifer Kolesar, Hanover Township; brother, John Martinson, Harveys Lake; and several nephews.

Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

SISTER M. ROMAINE CARBAUGH, RSM

Sister M. Romaine Carbaugh, a member of the Dallas Regional Community, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, died Jan. 4, 2000, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born Dorothy Corrine Carbaugh on Mar. 11, 1913, in New Oxford, daughter of the late Francis and Mary Glass Carbaugh, and graduated from New Oxford High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in French and English from College Misericordia.

Sister Carbaugh served as assistant director of Novices in Dallas, 1951-54. She moved to Mercy

MARY JERZAK

Mary M. Jerzak, of South Hancock St., in Wilkes-Barre, died Jan. 7, 2000, in the Hospice Community Care at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Born Dec. 2, 1921, in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Ludwik and Anna Pudzisz Szczepanski.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Charles Stepanski and Joseph Szczepanski.

Surviving are her husband, Zigmund, with whom she celebrated 49 years of marriage on April 10, 1999; son, Chris, Dallas; brothers, Michael Scepanski, Danbury, Conn.; Ted Stepanski, Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Stella Petro, Parlin, N.J.; Sophie Kapral, Dallas; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in the St. Mary's Church of the Maternity parish cemetery in West Wyoming.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care.

MICHAEL J. CHMARNEY

Michael J. Chmarney, River Road, Port Blanchard, died Jan. 3, 2000, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

His wife, the former Rosalia Yurek, died in 1983; brothers, Stephen, John and Paul, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are sons, Robert, Port Blanchard; David, Dallas; daughter, Audrey M. Waxmonsky, Plains; five grandchildren; brother, Peter, Plains; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in the St. John the Baptist Church cemetery, Exeter.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Church Renovation Fund, Pittston.

Center in 1994 and was part of the ministry of prayer.

Brothers, Henry, Raphael, Christopher, Albert and Raymond; sisters, Irene Rutter, Edna Niederer and Mary and Gertrude Carbaugh, preceded her in death.

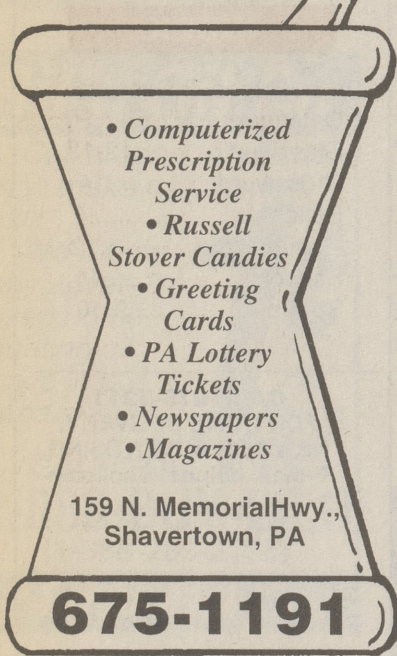
Surviving are brother, Francis; sisters, Regina Stevens and Agnes Klunk, all of New Oxford.

Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Retirement Fund, Sisters of Mercy, P.O. Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

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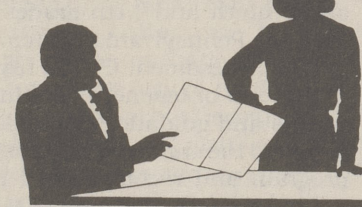
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