

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**Plains man faces charges after fleeing accident in Kingston Twp.**

Kingston Twp. police say Kevin Phillips, 38, of 42 Cottage Ave., Plains, fled the scene of an accident at the intersection of Rt. 309 and Carverton Rd. According to an affidavit of probable cause, Kingston Twp. officer Martin Maransky and Dallas Borough officer William Norris responded to the reported accident Dec. 4. When they arrived, witnesses said the driver of a pickup truck, apparently intoxicated, had fled the scene. Maransky investigated the truck and saw a cooler containing several cans of beer on the front seat, and one can spilled in the cab.

Ibbotson and Norris checked local businesses for the suspect, then found him hiding in a nearby creek. Ibbotson said when he ordered Phillips to come out, he instead tried to flee up a bank on the other side of the creek. The

officers caught up to him, restrained him and asked him to stand up. The police report said Phillips could not stand, and the two officers had to carry him down the bank and across the creek.

When they searched Phillips, officers found a prescription for generic Valium, which Phillips said he had taken. Phillips refused to give his name and address, but a hunting license in plain view in the truck carried his identification. Taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a blood test, Phillips refused. Officers called Bernard Dubaskas, a state probation officer and learned that Phillips was under his supervision. The suspect was then taken to Luzerne County prison.

In addition to driving under the influence, Phillips will face charges of disorderly conduct and failure to report an accident.

nearly striking two utility poles. After she failed field sobriety tests, Lamoreux was taken for blood and urine tests, which detected several controlled substances.

*The following defendants waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.*

• Ronald J. Brown Jr., 41, of RR 4, Box 351 E, Old Lake Rd., Dallas, arrested the evening of Oct. 1 by officer James Martin of the Dallas Borough Police Dept. Martin said he saw a van driven by Brown driving slowly weaving from lane to lane on Rt. 415, then accelerating to 53 mph. A portable breathalyzer test measured Brown's blood alcohol at .141 percent. Martin said Brown failed field sobriety tests, and a subsequent blood test measured .147 percent alcohol.

• Joseph J. Barr, 23, of RR 2, Box 204A, Harveys Lake, who was arrested by officer Douglas Higgins of the Dallas Twp. Police Dept. about 4:30 a.m. Nov. 21 at the scene of an accident on Rt. 309 near House of Nutrition. When Higgins arrived at the scene, the car was in the middle of the roadway with severe damage to the passenger side, and both the driver's and passenger doors jammed shut, the damage caused by striking a guard rail. Higgins said Barr was in the front seat, with his legs and feet on the driver's side and his torso lying across to the passenger side. Higgins said Barr asked him what had happened. Barr was taken by ambulance to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where his blood alcohol level was measured at .168 percent.

**DUI CHARGES**

• John Arnold, 43, of RR 1, Box 197A, Harveys Lake, arrested at about 2:30 a.m. Sept. 26 by Harveys Lake police officer James Karlowicz, who saw a car driven by Arnold crossing over lanes on Rt. 415. After he was stopped, Arnold had trouble getting his driver information from the glove box, and Karlowicz noticed a substance that looked like marijuana in a plastic bag in the glove box. Karlowicz said in an affidavit of probable cause that after taking a step in a field sobriety test, Arnold said, "I can't do it. You got me, just arrest me." A blood test measured .22 percent alcohol and chemicals consistent with marijuana use.

• Chester Smith, 47, arrested just after 2 a.m. Nov. 6 by John Richards of the Harveys Lake police department, after Richards saw a van being driven erratically on Rt. 415. Smith, who first identified himself as Charles E. Smith, was asked to perform field sobriety tests, but said he had a bad leg. Richards reported in an affidavit of probable cause. After he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for chemical testing, which he refused, Smith gave Richards his correct name. In addition to DUI, Smith faces charges of driving while his license is suspended, careless driving and disregarding a traffic lane.

• Robin B. Lamoreux, 38, of 39 Hazletine St., Shavertown, arrested by office Brian Feeney of the Dallas Twp. Police Dept. at nearly 3 a.m. Oct. 7 after Feeney saw a car being driven erratically on Lake St. near College Misericordia, crossing over lanes and

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

*The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Jan. 21-26:*

Ezz E. Sariah, et ux, to Bradley A. Noble, et ux, 5.17 acres lot 2, Dallas Twp., \$60,000.  
Janette M. Kester, William E. Sesson, et ux, Lot 15 Grandview Acres, Dallas Twp., \$110,900.  
Karl Arbogast, et ux, to Michael E. Callahan, .040 acre, Dallas

Twp., \$2,000.  
Albert F. Schuler, estate, to Dana M. Jess, et al, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$42,000.  
David M. Patton, et ux, to Kyrston C. Toomey, Lot 7.8, Harveys Lake Bor., \$70,000.  
Bank of New York, trustee to Carol Broski, vir al, Outlet Road, Lake Twp., \$23,000.  
Associates Consumer Discount Co., to Michael R. Teetsel, 1.54 acres, Ross Twp., \$49,500.

**Post 672 will hold 40th annual pig roast**

Daddow-Isaac Post 672, The Dallas American Legion, will hold its 40th Annual Pig Roast at the post home, Memorial Highway, Dallas, on Sat. Feb. 5. Serving will be from 5-8 p.m. with dancing from 9-1 a.m. Call the American Legion at 675-6542 for reservations or further information.



**Commonwealth employees honored for years of service**

Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc., recently honored employees celebrating service anniversaries at a dinner held at the Westmoreland Club. Forty-three employees were honored. Combined, these employees have been with the company for more than 1,300 years.

Shown in the photo from left to right, front row: Irene Lehman, Elizabethville; and Alicejane Condon, Noxen. Second row, left to right: Michael Gottdenker, president and chief executive officer, Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises; Robert Sayre, Hunlock Creek; Connie Higgins, Kunkle; Jack Dodson, Dallas; Leo Malkemes, Dallas; John Sandstrom, Harveys Lake; Joe Cicero, Shavertown; Harry Ross, Sweet Valley; and Ray Wandel, Dallas; Third row, left to right: Daniel Walsh, Wellsboro; Clinton Baker, Wellsboro; John Lewis, Pittston; John Fetterman, Dallas; Robert Graziul, Dickson City; Warren Jones, Dalton; Ralph Bowman, Sweet Valley; Elwood Martin, Dallas; Joe Zakarevicz, Hazleton; and Merv Mace, Berrysburg.

Also honored for long-term service were: Ross Steinhauer, Dallas; Richard Goodwin, Dallas; Glenwood Bush, Bangor; Joseph Koslosky, Mountaintop; Carol Hons, Dallas; Thomas Mosso, Wellsboro; James Yuninger, Quarryville; James Hannigan, Ransom; Raymond Bugay, West Hazleton; Priscilla Coolbaugh, Dallas; Duane Hunt, Pen Argyl; Richard Fisher, Montrose; Blaine Shoemaker, Bangor; Raymond Koschak, Dushore; John Ritchey, Peach Bottom; Carson Arner, Middlebury Court; Stephen Lower, Berrysburg; David Hersh, Strasburg; Randall Ray, Holtwood; Warren Luckman, Towanda; Douglas Brody, Noxen; and Margaret Humphreys, Dallas.

**Teachers**

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work I'm doing now," said Lesley Dewees, another former student. "He taught me for three years but I knew him before that because he also taught my brother. In fact, I even have an 'I Love Mr. Simon' pin from when my brother was at Gate of Heaven," she said.

"The middle-school years are particularly crucial to students' future success," noted Sem president H. Jeremy Packard. "We want to recognize excellent teachers and honor them for their work."

*"He would give us a question at the end of each day that really made us think."*

Joshua Shrader  
Nominated David McLaughlin-Smith

*"It makes you feel really great to be remembered when they no longer have to remember you."*

Abe Simon  
Gate of Heaven math teacher

David McLaughlin-Smith, who declined to comment for this article, was also honored. He has taught fifth and sixth grade mathematics and science courses at Lake-Noxen Elementary School and is currently the school principal.

"He was just a great guy in general," said Joshua Shrader, the former student who nominated him. "He was like a friend and we could always talk to him."

**Kingston Twp. seeks zoning board members**

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors is now accepting applications for a vacancy on the Kingston Township Zoning Hearing Board.

The Zoning Hearing Board has specific duties under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and Township Ordinance regarding Zoning and Land Use issues. The Board meets once per month. Basic knowledge of zoning laws and/or land use is helpful, but not required.

Township residents interested in this position should send a letter of interest to the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, 180 E. Center St., Shavertown, PA 18708. Letters of interest should be received by Feb. 7, 2000.

Questions about the vacancy may be directed to Township Manager Jeffrey K. Box at 696-3809.

**NE Players to hold Pinnocchio auditions**

NE Players, Wyoming Valley's non-profit youth theatre company, will host auditions on Sat. Feb. 5, in the lower level Theatre of St. Therese's Church, in Shavertown. The musical "Pinnocchio" offers 15 speaking parts, available for youth between the ages of 8 and 17 years old. In addition, chorus and extra roles are available for youth as young as six. No experience is necessary to be part of auditions. Audition times are 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Older experienced actors are asked to attend one of the earlier time slots, while younger less experienced actors are asked to attend the later time slot. So that enough time is organized for each auditionee, all actors are asked to call 675-4333, to register for an audition time. Rehearsals will occur primarily on weekends beginning Feb. 12, through April. The production dates are in early May 2000.

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