

DISTRICT COURTS BRIEFS

Shooting charges going to court

Charges against Mary Perno, 43, relating to the shooting of her husband, have been forwarded to Luzerne County court. The shooting took place Jan. 26 at the home of Peter and Mary Perno, 29 Circle Drive, Trucksville. Police were called to the scene by Peter Perno's sister, who was upstairs in the home when shots were fired. She told police that when she came downstairs she saw Peter Perno

on the floor and Mary Perno with a gun in her hand. A police investigation found that Peter Perno had been shot in the abdomen, chest and upper body. Mary Perno told Detective Gary Sworen that she and her husband had argued about the state of their marriage. She faces one charge each of simple assault and reckless endangerment, and two counts of aggravated assault.

Woman nabbed third time for shoplifting

Dallas Twp. police say Helen Prokopchak, 52, of RR2, Dallas, was arrested Dec. 29, 1999 after the store detective at BiLo in the Country Club Shopping Center called a complaint to Luzerne County 911. The detective prevented Prokopchak from leaving the store, and recovered 11 items valued at \$50.23 from her purse. When Dallas Twp. officer Robert Jolley checked the woman's identity, it indicated she had been arrested twice before for retail theft.

Student caught with drug paraphernalia

David V. Spellman, 19, of 5092 Hunters Court South, Bensalem, is charged with use and possession of drug paraphernalia, after a marijuana pipe and marijuana residue were found in his dorm room at College Misericordia. Dallas Twp. officer Jeffrey Dennis was called to the campus Jan. 27 by a resident advisor who smelled the drug coming from Spellman's room.

DUI CHARGES

Charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and careless driving against Melissa Morrow, 20, of 358A S. Memorial Hwy., Shavertown, have been forwarded to Luzerne County Court. In an affidavit of probable cause, Dallas Borough officer James Martin said he saw a car being driven erratically by Morrow southbound on Rt. 309 at about 2:30 a.m. Jan. 9. Martin pulled the car over and found four people inside. A breath test measured Morrow's blood alcohol at .211 percent, more than twice the legal limit for adults. After she failed field sobriety tests, Morrow was later taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a blood test, which measured .175 percent.

The three passengers were also intoxicated, according to breath tests, and two were underage.

William Richardson, 64, of Pole 4, Harveys Lake, was arrested at about 2 a.m. Oct. 8, 1999 by Dallas Borough officer David Rinehimer after he and Dallas Twp. officer Jeffrey Dennis observed a car being driven erratically on Rt. 415 just north of Dallas center. After Richardson nearly fell over during field sobriety testing, Rinehimer said, he

was placed under arrest and taken to the Luzerne County Central Processing Center for testing. Richardson was uncooperative when asked to take a breath test.

Jack Schoonover, 41, of 184 W. River St., Wilkes-Barre, arrested near midnight Feb. 15 by Kingston Twp. police officer Robert Parrish. Parrish said in an affidavit of probable cause that he saw a car being driven erratically by Schoonover on Rt. 309 near Center St., Shavertown. After he failed field sobriety tests, Schoonover was taken for a blood test that measured .198 percent alcohol, nearly twice the legal limit. Schoonover is also charged with driving with a suspended license.

James W. Fife, 21, RR 2, Box 413, Jermyn, arrested about 7 a.m. January 29 by Dallas Borough officer James Martin, after a call complaining about a possibly intoxicated driver on Rt. 309 was relayed by Luzerne County 911. When Martin pulled behind the car, it began to speed away, he said, and tailgate slower cars. A breath test measured .143 percent blood alcohol. A later blood test measured .126 percent. Fife also faces a charge of careless driving.

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

Benjamin Winter, 32, of RR 3, Box 157, Hunlock Creek, arrested at about 9 p.m. Feb. 5 by Kingston Twp. officer Franklin Buckler, who said he saw a car being driven erratically southbound on Rt. 309 near the exit of the rock cut. Winter failed field sobriety tests and a breath test given at the Wilkes-Barre police station measured .195 percent alcohol, nearly twice the legal limit.

Richard B. Engelman, 51, of RR 1, Box 1116, Sweet Valley, arrested at about 7 p.m. Feb. 5 by Lake Twp. police officer John Fuches after the officer saw a car driven by Engelman moving erratically on Rt. 29, near the police station. Engelman declined to take field sobriety tests, and a blood alcohol test measured .226 percent, more than twice the legal limit.



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Scout completes ballfield tables

David Glicini of Scout Troop 181 in Dallas officially completed his Eagle Scout project with the recent presentation of six picnic tables to the Back Mountain Baseball Association. David funded his project with donations solicited at baseball registration and through a bake sale. He constructed all of the tables with help from about 15 other scouts and some of the troop's leaders. The Boy Scouts of America requires an Eagle Scout candidate to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges and perform a project that benefits the community and is totally designed and led by the candidate. David will be submitting his application for Eagle Scout upon the completion of two more merit badges. He is the son of Robert and Paula Glicini of Dallas.

Pictured above at the presentation ceremony at the Back Mountain Little League field are, from left: front row, Michael Glicini, Billy Barnes, Scott Daube. Middle row: Matt Buckman, Eric Goeringer, Paul Luksa, Matt Daube. Back: Tom Dougherty, Bk. Mt. Baseball Vice President of Fund Raising, David Glicini, Paula Glicini, Robert Glicini, and Ed Luksa.

Fire department web addresses

Five local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. The are:

- Shavertown: <http://go.to/shavertownfire>
- Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvilfire.com>
- Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>
- Harveys Lake Fire & EMS: <http://www.geocities.com/harveyslakefire>
- Northmoreland Fire: <http://www.geocities.com/station140>

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of April 28 - May 4, 2000:

- James McGlynn, to Ayleen J. Landon, 134D Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$51,000.
- James C. Horn, et ux, to David T. Summers, 2 parcels, Dallas Borough, \$134,500.
- Gerard A. Lupien, at ux, to Holden Newell, et ux, Lot 47 College Manor, Dallas Twp., \$115,000.
- Louis Rosetti, et ux, to Bruce E. Jacobs, et ux, Lot 5 Applewood Manor, Dallas Twp., \$289,000.
- Mary E. Butler, vir al, to Kathleen A. Burns, vir al, 490 Lantern Hill Road, Kingston Twp., \$395,000.
- C&G Homes, to Andrew J. Dickson, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$262,000.

Dallas School District budgets

YEAR	EXPENDITURES	MILS	DOLLARS/MIL
90/91	\$13,321,398	141	\$41,830
91/92	\$13,648,632	158	\$43,177
92/93	\$14,552,141	158	\$45,143
93/94	\$14,114,262	158	\$46,503
94/95	\$15,180,084	158	\$47,633
95/96	\$16,531,429	158	\$48,379
96/97	\$17,461,459	158	\$49,783
97/98	\$19,777,978 *	158	\$50,818
98/99	\$18,492,911	170	\$51,885
99/00	\$19,614,081	170	
00/01**	\$19,756,802	170	

* Includes expenses for the renovation of Dallas Elementary School

** Proposed. Does not reflect millage increase to 174.

Budget

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don't get much help from the state," Melone said. Federal, and all other sources of revenue remain the same at \$327,000.

Salaries are projected to increase \$179,720 to \$9,872,645, and account for 50 percent all expenditures. Benefit costs dropped \$282,711 to \$2,655,800. "For the second year in a row, Dallas has a zero percent increase. At one time, Blue Cross would have cost 5 mills just for the increase," Melone said. Seven teachers retired, and six of those positions were filled at entry level or just above. One position was eliminated.

Karen Kyle felt the cost of proposed renovations to the middle and high school buildings should be anticipated. "Those financing costs need to be addressed," she said.

Only board president Ernest Ashbridge Jr. spoke against a tax

increase. "There's absolutely no need to do this," he said. Ashbridge cast the only vote against the proposed budget. "The public should be in an uproar when they find out they (the members who voted for the budget) want to take their money and sit on it." The business manager, Ashbridge says, didn't project a millage increase. Ashbridge's main point was the large fund balance. "With a \$4 million fund balance that could rise to \$5 million, the (tax) increase is absolutely unnecessary," he said.

The proposed budget will be available for public inspection until a final budget is voted at the June meeting of the school board.

The process of turning the proposed budget into final budget won't be complicated, says Ashbridge. "The fund balance must be fine-tuned, but the line items will stay the same."

Franklin Twp. cleanup May 12

Franklin Township will conduct a spring cleanup for Township residents on Friday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Township Building on Municipal Road in Orange.

Residents will be limited to one pickup truck per household. The following items will not be accepted for disposal: household trash, hazardous waste, chemi-

cals, shingles, or animals or human waste. Appliances, containing freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers, will be accepted only if they are tagged certifying that the freon had been removed. A \$3 per tire fee will be charged for automobile tires and a \$6 per tire fee will be charged for truck tires.

For information contact the Municipal Building at 333-5131.

Meeting about Lake Twp. address changes

Lake Township residents who are interested in learning about future address changes in Lake Township are invited to attend the next meeting of the Lake Township Board of Supervisors. The meeting will be held on Thurs., May 11, in the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

Marian Mattey, Sweet Valley Postmaster, will also be present to explain future changes at the Sweet Valley Post Office. Citizens may express opinions and constructive comments on the project.

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Le Raysville, Pennsylvania

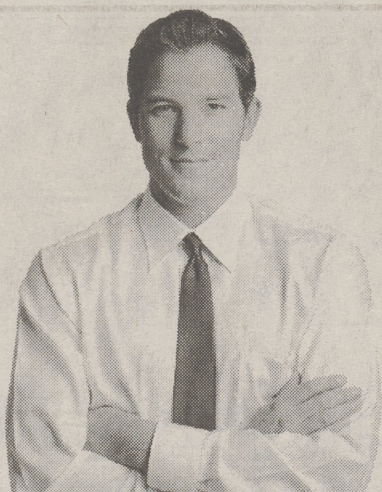
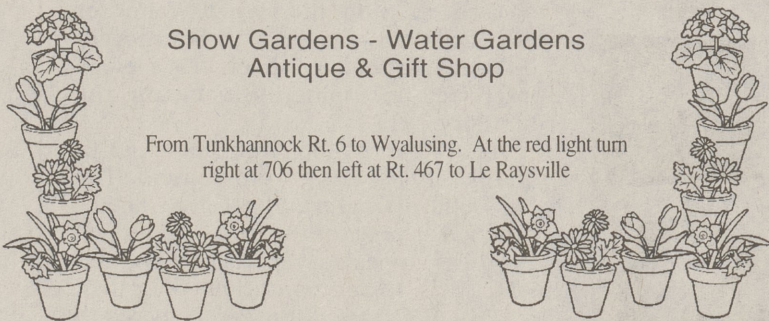
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