

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**BAD CHECKS**

Charges against Joel Withers, 22, of 64 Midland Drive, Dallas, were held over to county court relating to two bad checks totalling \$2,450 passed at two area Pennstar Banks.

According to arrest papers: Withers opened a checking account at Pennstar Bank in Dallas, and withdrew \$1,000 from a credit card account the next day. Approximately one week later, Withers again withdrew money from another credit card account, this time at a Pennstar Bank in Kingston. When attempting to obtain the money from the credit card company, Pennstar official Patricia Millerick was notified that both accounts were closed.

Mitchell Bailey, 23, of RR 4 Box 295, Dallas, pled guilty to two charges of passing bad checks, totalling \$40.55 at Sheetz gas station, at a preliminary hearing before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Bailey was required to pay \$91.50 in court costs and \$40.55 in restitution.

**DUI CHARGES**

The following people have waived their right to a preliminary hearing in front of District Justice James Tupper and face DUI charges in county court:

• June Ellen Mankoski Pronman, 40, of Little River, SC, was arrested November 22, 2001 by Dallas Borough police officer James Martin in front of the Back Mountain Bowl.

According to arrest papers, Pronman's blood alcohol level was .144 percent.

A charge of careless driving has also been waived.

• Edward Ungvarsky, 53, of RD 2 Box 72, Harveys Lake, was arrested November 24, 2001 by state trooper Fred Lindlucher along Loyalville Road, after he was involved in a one-vehicle accident.

According to arrest papers: Ungvarsky's GMC Jimmy went off the edge of the road and

struck a tree. When police arrived at the scene, Ungvarsky had fled, but Trooper Lindlucher found Ungvarsky in a yard about .5 miles away from the accident scene. Ungvarsky's blood alcohol level was .149 percent.

A charge of disregard for a traffic lane has also been waived.

• William Kocher, 78, of 2 Carr Ave., Dallas, was arrested December 14, 2001 by Dallas Township police officer Joseph Bren after he was involved in a two-vehicle accident along Route 415, near King Neptune Seafood.

According to arrest papers: Kocher's 1991 Ford Tempo swerved into the the southbound lane and struck a 1993 Subaru. Kocher fled the scene on foot, but was taken into custody at his home a short time later.

A field sobriety test could not be administered to Kocher, and his blood alcohol level was not available.

• Kevin Czarnecki, 21, of 241 W. Main Street, Glen Lyon, was arrested December 14, 2001 by Dallas Township police officer Jeffrey Dennis in the area of 401 Country Club Apartments.

According to arrest papers, Czarnecki's blood alcohol level was .145 percent.

• William Shaffer Jr., 43, of 24 Circle Drive, Pittston, was arrested November 30, 2001 by Kingston Township police officer Wade Curtis along Route 309 North after his white vehicle flipped onto its roof, according to police.

According to arrest papers: Shaffer was traveling north on Route 309 in the passing lane, and swerved in front of another vehicle, went up an embankment and slid across it for 83 feet. The vehicle then flipped over and slid on its roof along the road 46.5 feet, before spinning around and sliding another 46.5 feet.

According to police, Shaffer was taken to Geisinger Medical Center, and had a blood alcohol level of .145 percent.



The Harveys Lake trolley station. Photo from a post card.

**History of trolley line is meeting focus**

Reverend James Wert, of Exeter, will be the featured speaker at the second meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Society at 7 p.m. March 21 at College Misericordia.

Wert, a local expert on the trolley line that ran from Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, to Harveys Lake, will present his discussion, "The Back Mountains Tumultuous Trolley Line, 1893-

1939," in the McGowan Conference Center on the third floor of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Dr. Allan Austin, of College Misericordia's History department, and some of his students will present an oral history on the trolley line, and have been working with Back Mountain residents who remember the trolley line.

A stylized map will also be

compiled at this meeting, which will "... capture photographic images of the locations, buildings, people and landmarks that dotted the trolley line from Wilkes-Barre to Harveys Lake," according to the event press release.

For more information, call the Back Mountain Historical Association at 674-6333 by March 19.

**Jackson Twp. Fire Department fund drive underway**

The Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents and property owners that the 2002 Annual Fund Drive is now under way. The goal for this year is 57 percent participation with a dollar raised amount of \$21,000. The 2001 drive raised \$18,000 with 52 percent participation. The fund drive is the major source of revenue for the fire department. Residents may send donations to Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, 1160 Chase Road, Shavertown, 18708.

All donations are tax deductible.

**Ham and Cabbage dinner**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will be having a Ham and Cabbage Dinner from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at OLMC Hall Route 29, Lake Silkworth. Take-outs start at 12:30. Tickets are \$6 for adult. Children 12 and under \$4. Preschool age children free. For information call 477-3390.

**MOVERS & SHAKERS**

William J. Phelps, vice president for sales, marketing, and business development at Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, has been named to the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, Inc. board of directors.

Phelps has been with Blue Cross since 1997. His responsibilities include sales and marketing, government affairs, corporate communications, community affairs, and future corporate business development initiatives.

Prior to locating to the region, Phelps was vice president for sales, marketing and services at Healthsource, Inc., of Charleston, S.C.

Phelps earned a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin.

He resides with his wife and two children in Dallas.

Alexander H. Sickert, of Shavertown, recently earned the Registered Health Underwriter designation granted by The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., a program designed to meet the career-education needs of those in life and health insurance fields and related financial professions.

Sickert is a district representative with the Keystone financial Group, Camp Hill, of Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood (AAL/LB), a financial services organization formed through the merger of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) and Lutheran Brotherhood (LB). The new organization is the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States.

The RHU designation is awarded to individuals who successfully complete a comprehensive training program that readies them to provide a wide range of services in the traditional health insurance marketplace or in the managed care industry. Sickert passed courses on such topics as group benefits, managed care and individual health insurance.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers have been recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of February 22-28, 2002.

John Achuff et ux to Murray Brown et ux, 6.548 acres, Franklin Twp., \$250,000.

Edward Carey et ux to Thomas McHutchison et ux, see deed, Franklin Twp., \$150,000.

Theresa Rymer to Harry David Yale, Lot 101 Lakeview Terr, Harveys Lake Bor., \$3,200.

Associates First Capital Corp to Sidney E. Blaine, Lot 14 Park Place, Harveys Lake Bor., \$12,500.

Merle Taylor per sheriff to Bank of New York trustee, Lot 92, Harveys Lake Bor., \$1,850.

Warren Barlow per sheriff to Conesco Finance CDC, Old Lake Rd, Lot 6B, Harveys Lake Bor., \$5,969.

Robert J. Mills per sheriff to Wells Fargo Bank, pt lots 13, 15, Harveys Lake Bor., \$4,127.

Joseph Barone et ux to Richard A. Ide, 3.27 acres, Harveys Lake Bor., \$220,000.

Dennis Brislin et ux to Geroge Sweedar et ux, Lot 14 Woodridge, Jackson Twp., \$411,000.

Chase Manhattan Bank trustee to David B. Sabol, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$22,500.

Harold Snowdon Jr. et ux to James Powell partner al, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$150,000.

Randall L. Glidden et ux to George Bath et ux, 125 Frangorma Dr., Kingston Twp., \$162,500.

Hampton Bays Corporation to David S. Zook et ux, L2 Alley's II, Dallas Borough, \$137,000.

Nesbitt F. Moore et ux to Scott L. Hunter et ux, 1.238 ac Lot 3, Dallas Twp., \$20,000.

Vincent L. Carolan et ux to Kathryn Bethards, Orchard View Terr, Dallas Twp., \$192,000.

Murry Brown et ux to Michael Hogan et ux, Lots 2, 3 Church St., Dallas Twp., \$137,500.

Donald Kreglewicz et ux to Stephen Balla et ux, see deed, Franklin Twp., \$130,000.

Stephen Vigorito et ux to Suzanne Nied, Lots 11, 18, Harveys Lake Bor., \$75,000.

Barbara R. Casper to Robert Casper Jr. et ux, 2.51 acres, Jackson Twp., \$200,000.

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