

POLICE REPORTS

Vehicle Overturns, Injures One

The driver of a 1998 Subaru Forester sustained minor injuries when her vehicle overturned onto its passenger side along Timber Ridge Road on Wednesday, October 29. According to state police, Betty L. Everets, 71, of Big Cove Tannery, was southbound on the Belfast Township roadway when she blacked out, his vehicle struck an embankment with its undercarriage before crossing the roadway and rolling onto its side.

Both Everets and passenger Calvin D. Everets, 53, also of Big Cove Tannery, were wearing seat belts during the 10:35 a.m. collision. Betty Everets will be charged by state police with driving on roadways laned for traffic.

Police Investigating Cruelty To Animals

State police from the McConnellsburg barracks are currently investigating a case of cruelty to animals that occurred at a residence along Cito Road in Ayr Township on Wednesday, October 29. No additional information was available regarding the case.

Gasoline Taken In Retail Theft

Twenty-nine dollars in unleaded gasoline was pumped into a vehicle at Getty Mart on Sunday, October 26, at 4:05 p.m. The driver then fled in the vehicle without paying for the purchase.

Injury Suffered During Argument

Twenty-three-year-old Holly Martin of Todd Township sustained a minor injury when she was struck by an object that was allegedly thrown at her by Douglas Whitset, 23, during an argument at 34 Hillside Estates, McConnellsburg on Tuesday, October 28, at 11 a.m.

Concrete Block Thrown Through Car Window

A concrete block was thrown through the driver's side window of a 1999 Dodge Neon belonging to Eddie Sheldon Brown, 51, of Burnt Cabins. The car was parked along the berm of Grist Mill Road in Dublin Township when the mischief occurred on Monday, October 27, between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Damage has been estimated at \$180. Anyone having additional information related to this case should contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Barnett at 717-485-3131.

Car Collides With Embankment

An eastbound 1998 Pontiac Grand Am struck an embankment along Route 30 in Brush Creek Township on Saturday, October 25, state police reported. Driver William W. Crawford, 44, of Hanover, lost control of his vehicle on the rain-soaked roadway causing it to spin into an embankment at 11:47 p.m. Crawford, who will be cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic, was wearing a seat belt and escaped harm.

Theft Investigated

Thirty-nine-year-old James Boser of Warfordsburg informed state police thieves stole car parts and tools from a location along Buck Valley Road in Bethel Township between October 27 and 30. The missing items have been valued at \$1,000. Anyone having additional information related to this case is asked to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Horton at 717-485-3131.

Motorcycle Stolen

A black and green 2007 Harley Davidson belonging to 30-year-old Lindsey Bohrer was stolen on Monday, November 3, between 11 a.m. and noon at a spot along Field Stone Road in Bethel Township. The motorcycle has a West Virginia registra-

tion number of G46349. Anyone with further information concerning this ongoing case should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Ely at 717-485-3131.

Portable Playstation Recovered

State police have recovered a Playstation Portable gaming device belonging to the son of 29-year-old McConnellsburg resident Tamara Skiles. The device was reportedly taken while the boy was at a neighbor's house along East Market Street on October 17 at 5 p.m. No charges are pending in conjunction with the theft, according to state police.

Police Lend Assistance To EMS Crew

State police were called to the 800 block of Gem Bridge Road on Saturday, November 1, to help locate 71-year-old Russell Gordon, who had sustained a possible heart attack while hunting. According to reports, Gordon had called his son, who in turn alerted 911 dispatch officials. The son was also able to give directions to state police of his father's possible whereabouts. Troopers were able to drive through the fields and woods to find Gordon and direct emergency medical personnel to their location for Gordon's transport to Fulton County Medical Center.

Disorderly Conduct Charges Filed

A 17-year-old Warfordsburg boy was charged with disorderly conduct after he allegedly spun his tires along Buck Valley Road in Union Township on Thursday, October 30, at 11:30 p.m. Victim was Watson Layton Sigel, 51, also of Warfordsburg.

Man Accused Of Trespassing

Fifty-year-old James Patrick Forbes of Fayetteville has been cited with criminal trespassing after he reportedly entered posted, private property of Joseph Hann, 48, of McConnellsburg. Forbes was allegedly on the Scrub Ridge property on Saturday, November 1, after he had previously received notice from Hann.

Three Springs Man Victim Of Access Device Fraud

Twenty-seven-year-old Three Springs resident Steven Allen Destwilder Jr. informed state police an individual utilized his check number to pay a bill over the telephone without his consent on September 11. The location of the access device fraud was 332 Woodside Drive in Ayr Township.

Trunk Lock Damaged

State police in McConnellsburg were recently dispatched to investigate a case of criminal mischief that occurred at 717 North Clear Ridge Road between 10 p.m. on October 21 and 7 a.m. on October 22. Albert L. Wible, 66, of Hustontown told troopers an unknown individual damaged the trunk lock to his car during the incident.



No Joke: Making Peace With The In-Laws

Getting along with in-laws doesn't have to be like a bad joke

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What's the difference between outlaws and in-laws? Outlaws are wanted.

That's an old – and tired – joke, but it's one of many that stereotype in-laws: They're meddling and critical. They drop in uninvited. They believe it's their job to rearrange the furniture, give unsolicited advice, and check out the daughter- or son-in-law's parenting skills.

Why the jokes?

"Sometimes the only way to deal with difficult in-laws ... is to complain or joke about them, as a coping mechanism or to identify with others who are experiencing the same problems," says Elizabeth Lyons, author of "Ready or Not... Here We Come!"

Although experience shows that many in-laws are wonderful people,

Pa. Coroner Probing Man Killed By Freight Train

ERIE, Pa. (AP) – A Pennsylvania coroner is hoping toxicology tests and more investigation will help him figure out why a man was killed by a passing freight train.

Erie County Coroner Lyell Cook says the body of 23-year-old Timothy Villa, of Erie, was found near the CSX railroad tracks in the city Sunday about 2 a.m.

Cook says the investigation indicates Villa may have left a Halloween party shortly before he was struck and killed by the train. An autopsy Sunday confirmed the man died of massive trauma.

Cook says police are trying to contact the train's crew. Cook is waiting for toxicology tests on Villa's body before ruling whether the death was an accident, but says it does not appear to be foul play.

Brothers Go On Trial In Death Of Pa. Student

READING, Pa. (AP) – Jury selection is under way for two brothers charged in the 2007 beating death of a Kutztown University student.

Kenneth and Terry Kline of Allentown are charged with third-degree murder for allegedly attacking 19-year-old Kyle Quinn on Main Street in Kutztown.

A third man, 24-year-old Timothy Gearhart, pleaded guilty in August to hitting Quinn in the head with a wooden chair leg a few blocks from campus. He was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison.

Police say the Kutztown sophomore was attacked at random after the three men left a bar looking for someone to beat up.

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the hackneyed view of the intolerable in-law has become accepted as the norm, according to social psychologist Susan Newman, author of "Nobody's Baby Now: Reinventing Your Adult Relationship With Your Mother and Father."

People expect their in-laws to be difficult, she says, and while the majority probably aren't, there are always a few obnoxious in-laws to keep the myth alive.

"All I can say about my ex-mother-in-law is the opportunity to lose contact with her on a regular basis was one of the high points of my divorce," says a woman from Ohio who asked not to be named for the sake of her children's relationship with their grandmother. "She interfered in everything from choosing our kitchen cupboards to naming our kids. Forty years later, it still bugs me."

Some families have difficulty seeing any member as part of another family or letting someone else into the family, says psychotherapist Rebecca Ward.

Overprotective mothers may see their sons' or daughters' mates as intruders. Or they consider their own child as faultless, setting up a competition that makes that relationship team with emotion, says the author of "How To Stay Married Without Going Crazy."

Some families "believe they are superior and that the in-law is an outsider who doesn't have the same abilities, style, and understanding," says Susan Shapiro Barash, author of "Mothers-In-Law and Daughters-In-Law: Love, Hate, Rivalry and Reconciliation." In that case, "the mother-in-law is often in a triangle with her son and daughter-in-law. Both women compete for his attention and love. Both women want the power. The mother-in-law still wants to have influence, and the daughter-in-law wants that influence to wane."

"To make things worse," Barash adds, "sisters-in-law can be very cliquish and unfriendly to their

brother's wife. With their mother, they can make their sister-in-law feel like an interloper."

That's not true for everyone, of course. Today, many women are marrying later than they did in the past, and so their life experiences give them better perspectives with which to cope with troublesome in-laws.

Besides, many contemporary mothers-in-law are often busy with their own jobs, responsibilities, and interests, so they don't have the time or inclination to focus on their offspring's marriage.

But what if someone doesn't like his or her in-laws or in-laws-to-be? "Ask yourself this – what is the point of disapproving or disliking these people?" says Dr. Newman. "What can you possibly gain?"

Sons- and daughters-in-law need to make the best of the relationship, especially with the mother-in-law, says Barash. "With female longevity projected to age 80 or more, you may have to put up with your mother-in-law for a long time"

Still, even when in-law relationships get off to a rocky start, they often change for the better.

"I look back today and see that I wasn't mature enough to appreciate my mother-in-law," says New Jersey writer Arline Zatz. "For many years I thought she was a royal pain, but now I remember the times she'd take a train to our apartment – from Brooklyn to Queens – schlepping huge shopping bags filled with cans of tuna, soups, nuts, and the coffee she knew I was addicted to."

"She was better than my own mother ever was to me. I'm thankful to my mother-in-law for all the good things she instilled in her children, which made them independent, bright, responsible men and great spouses, as well as dads."

Sharon Auberle, a poet and artist from Flagstaff, Ariz., says that admiration for her in-laws came only after she became a mother-in-law herself. "I find myself thinking often and fondly of both my mothers-in-

law. Yes, we had our difficulties, but I could have learned so much from these strong women. Perhaps I would have appreciated the gifts and qualities they passed on to their sons, whom both they and I loved so much."

What's important to remember, says Newman, is that relationships are a work in progress. They change and grow. The simplest gesture, consideration, or inclusion can turn the situation around.

In-law advice
Don't have unrealistic expectations.

Don't be overly critical.
Don't make the holidays into family battles.

Be prepared for the different style of family affairs in your spouse's family.

Do accept that your mother-in-law has a unique style.

Have a sense of humor.
Allow your spouse to spend time alone with his or her parent(s).

Ask how you can help ease tensions.

Take the time to address your in-laws' concerns.

Spend extra time with in-laws when you can.

Be considerate and tolerant of an in-law's differing beliefs.

Overlook the "small stuff" that upsets you.

Be patient – relationships grow over time.


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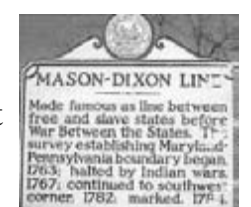
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