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Hunting among ideas for park

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - A public meeting at Frances Slocum State Park later this month will seek comment about management of park resources, including a proposal to allow limited deer hunting.

The proposal would allow hunting on 185 acres in the campground area during the flintlock muzzleloader and winter archery seasons to help control the deer population, said park naturalist Jerry Kozlansky.

According to research done by the state, the park's 1,035 acres of varied wildlife habitat can support only about 27 deer, Kozlansky said.

"During a helicopter survey, we counted 102 deer in the park, which will increase by about 40 percent this spring," he said. "Well-fed doe often give birth to twins. Compounding the problem, we have no die-off rate and no population control through hunting."

Visitors with good intentions often contribute to the deer problem by feeding them bread and other inappropriate snacks, he said.

"It's like eating junk food," Kozlansky said. "It just fills them up without providing any nutrients. A deer's metabolism is specially adapted for the changing seasons and food supply. Mooching handouts from people isn't good for them."

For the past two years he has tried to educate the public about

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Youths look at youth violence

Dallas High School students Julie Pryor, Ann Lynn Mizenko and Gewn Ann Zarembo presented their research project, "Youth Violence: a Social Conflict," at the regional History Day held March 18 at the Penn State Lehman campus.

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10 named in credit card scam

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - They shopped until they dropped, police say.

Then they tried to return some of the goods.

A hefty paper trail of transactions from stolen credit cards has led to arrest warrants being issued for six adults and four juveniles for using the cards to run up a \$1,607.64 tab with area merchants, according to affidavits filed March 13 with District Magistrate James Tupper.

Dallas resident John Appel, 19, was charged with theft by unlawful taking, criminal conspiracy and misuse of credit cards for stealing a wallet containing \$1 in cash and three credit cards from the Valley View Trailer Park home of Jeff and Joan Harger January 24.

During the next two days Appel, five other adults and the four

juveniles used two Visa cards and one MasterCard from Mrs. Harger's wallet to purchase merchandise from the Sneaker King and Gino's Shoes in Dallas Township, gasoline from the Orloski's station in Kingston Township, and goods at The Athlete's Foot, Leisure World, a jewelry store and the Price Chopper in Wilkes-Barre Township, the affidavit said.

Also charged with criminal conspiracy and misuse of credit cards were Edwardsville resident Louie J. Robinson, 19; Trucksville resident Christian Andrus, 18; Shavertown resident Thomas J. Onzik, 18; Mike Curran, 19, of Brooklyn, NY, and Franklin Township resident Ruthie Yale, 18, who was also charged with forgery.

Three 16-year-old boys from Trucksville and a 15-year-old Dallas Borough boy will be peti-

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Lake-Lehman adds 4 to staff to keep up

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN - Faced with a backlog of paperwork and the possible loss of state funding, the Lake-Lehman school board voted to hire an assistant business manager and to reactivate three other positions at its regular March 14 meeting.

The assistant business manager, who will assist business manager Ray Bowersox and be responsible for transportation, purchasing and accounting, will be paid approximately \$30,000, depending on qualifications, Bowersox said after the meeting.

"We're on the verge of not filling our mandatory state reports on time, which could cause us to lose state funding," said school board chairman Jeff Fritzen. "We have a backlog of everyday business that must be done on time, but have only minimal central office staffing. We can't go on like this."

By combining some jobs and eliminating others, the school board reactivated the following new positions:

- A secretary to the assistant business manager, who will also assist Robert Rogers with attendance and other enrollment information.

- A secretary/bookkeeper for the food service will be paid from food service receipts.

New secretaries earn \$8 per hour to start, Bowersox said.

- A fourth position of part-time delivery clerk, a 180-day position, will be paid \$5.75 per hour to start, Bowersox said. This position is presently filled by a temporary employee.

"The combined salaries and benefits of the new positions will cost us only \$12,000 more than we budgeted this year, but will greatly improve our efficiency and productivity," Bowersox said. "This staffing pattern is very similar to what we had during the late 1980's, before we cut staff and tried to manage without replacements."

While the district's enrollment of 2,251 students has remained fairly constant over the past five years, not all of the district's 11 administrative positions are presently filled, Fritzen added.

The positions of supervisor of curriculum Dr. Steven Boston, federal funds coordinator Patricia Peiffer and transportation coordinator Barbara Ross have been eliminated in the past three years. Peiffer has returned to the class-

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New health care building on mid-May deadline

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Mild winter weather has helped keep construction of the new Dallas Family Practice building on Upper Demunds Road on schedule.

Owned by the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, the two-story 34,000 square-foot building will provide space for Irwin Jacobs, MD; Thomas Campbell, DO; Diane Lowe, MD; Jane Durkin, DO, and Gary Nothstein, DO to treat their 10,000 patients.

The building's first floor will also house laboratory facilities, while the second floor will provide space for specialists to see area patients on a limited basis, according to vice-president in charge of the medical staff and development Michael Messersmith.

"Sharing office time with other doctors is a better system for the doctors involved," he said. "It allows many more specialists to see patients here once or twice a week and there are fewer expenses."

No specialists have yet officially said they want space in the new building, Messersmith said.

WVHCS plans to take possession of the building in mid-May, and be operating there shortly after.

"The new building is a promise fulfilled at last," Jacobs said. "When Wyoming Valley Health Care System acquired the Dallas Family Practice in 1986, it promised the Back Mountain community it would provide this type of facility. There's ample room to grow with the community."

"Going from a nine-room facility to 21 rooms is awesome," Nothstein grinned. "We'll also have a new communications system, so we won't have to yell down the hall."

The staff helped design the new building, which the doctors de-



CHECKING IT OUT - Donna Newell, RN, Thomas Campbell, DO, Diane Lowe, MD and Irvin Jacobs, MD, of the Dallas Family Practice, look over the blueprints for their new building under construction on Upper Demunds Road behind the Dallas Township building.

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scribe as "very efficient," spending many hours paring down wish lists to fit the building and the budget.

The doctors said the new building will be an improvement - better parking, more examina-

tion rooms and more comfort for the patients.

The first floor will also house a laboratory for outpatient testing, X-rays and eventually facilities for mammography.

Dallas Family Practice has

grown considerably since Dr. Jacobs started it as a solo practice New Year's Eve of 1964 after practicing with Dr. Lester Saidman in Noxen for a decade.

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■ **Aye, aye, sir**
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