

Charges

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of Dallas; Ruthie Marie Yale, 18, of Franklin Township; Christian Andrus, 18, of Trucksville; Louie J. Robinson, 19, of Edwardsville, and Mike Curran, 19, of Brooklyn, NY, were reduced to misdemeanors and bound over to Luzerne County Court, according to Tupper.

"I believe they will apply for the Accelerated Rehabilitation program (ARD)," he said. Misdemeanor charges of this type involve less than \$500, he added.

Onzik and the other five defendants will pay \$160 apiece in restitution, Tupper said.

If the four juveniles involved in the case make plea agreements or are found guilty, they will also pay \$160 apiece, according to Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers.

A felony charge of forgery against Yale and a felony charge of theft by unlawful taking against Appel were dropped in a plea agreement, Miers added.

"There's no monetary loss because each defendant has agreed to pay \$160 restitution to the credit card companies within 10 days of the preliminary hearing," he said. "Since neither Mrs. Harger nor the credit card companies lost money and Appel returned the wallet, I agreed to drop the charge of theft by unlawful taking."

Yale had been charged with forgery because she verified to her employer, Sneaker King, and to the credit card company that the signature on the charge slip was Mrs. Harger's, when she knew it wasn't, Miers added.



Fantastic frog

Kristy Francis and Sherri Scavone touch up a frog painted on a window of The Meadows Nursing Center by their art class at Dallas High School.

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Deer hunt

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count them now?"

He also disputed Barr's statement that the deer have heavily damaged neighbors' hedges and yard plantings.

"They haven't eaten my hedges down," he said. "They just nip a bit at them. There isn't a lot of damage."

Hunlock Creek resident Chris Oremus also disputed the deer damage to plant life.

"You have told us there's no critical defoliation going on," he said. "Your main impetus for the hunt is to reduce the number of road kills. Many acres of private lands border the park and I'm sure the deer also live there. Kill all the deer in the park and you'll still have road kills."

The goal of the hunt is to reduce the herd by 74 percent, or approximately 70 deer, before the doe give birth, he added.

DER operations chief Gene Geiser described the controlled hunt proposed for the park, which he said has worked well in other areas of the state.

The entire park will be closed for the hunt, he said. Approximately 300 acres of the park's western portion along Green Road have been open to hunters since 1971.

Hunters will apply for free permits to hunt in certain areas of the park, each assigned to a specific area. They will be required to attend an orientation class, check in at the park office before hunting and be allowed to use only shotguns with single projectile ammunition, such as a .12-gauge with ounce balls.

Areas within 150 yards of homes and occupied park buildings will be designated as safety zones, which hunters will be allowed to enter to track a wounded deer only when accompanied by a park ranger or Game Commission officer.

"This type of hunt is the best control measure," he said. "Deer usually don't survive being tranquilized and relocated."

Mark Kravits, who lives on Green Road near the park, disputed Barr's and Geiser's state-

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Paul Potichko
Midway Manor

ments about the park trying to be a good neighbor.

"A good neighbor doesn't load up the woods with lots of men with guns," he said. "For the two days of the hunt, what are we supposed to do with our families and pets - go on vacation? Why didn't you set up a safety zone along Green Road?"

"What will you do if someone living near the park gets shot?" asked Trucksville resident Jan Bregman, who likes to walk in the park and look at the deer. "Are you really managing the deer herd or are you catering to the hunters?"

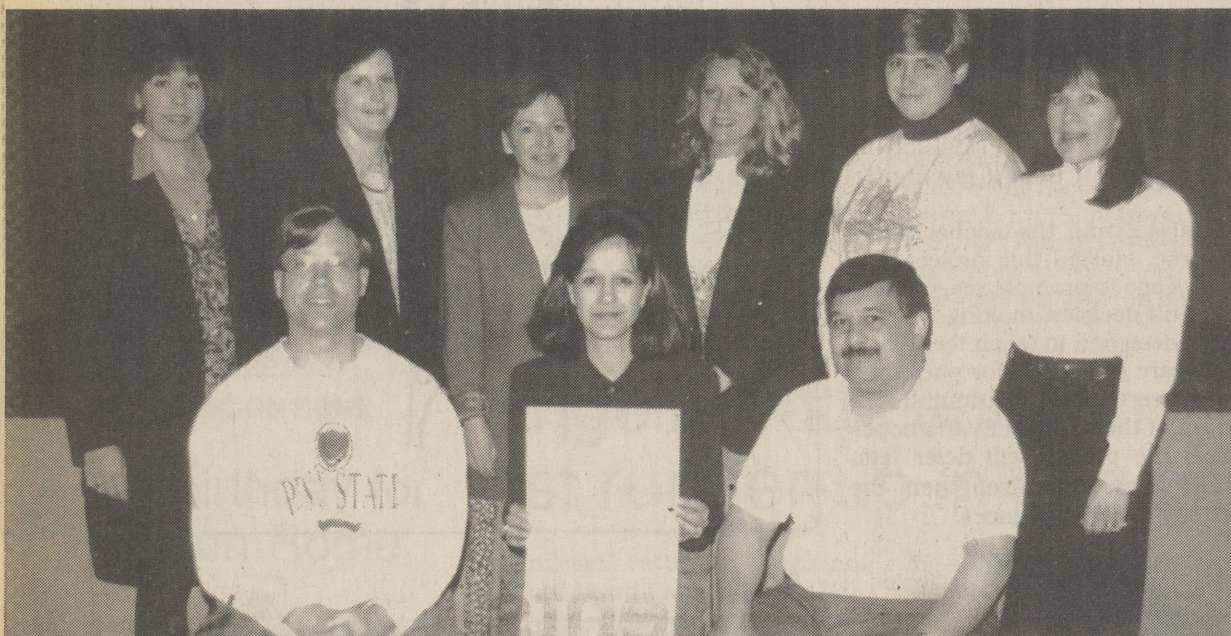
Carverton Heights resident Nikki LiVenda was also concerned about safety. "Sometimes during hunting season I can't go outside to hang my wash on the line because of all the bullets whizzing by," she said.

She also questioned the environmental impact of building the campground. "You said the deer like to browse on hardwood trees," she said. "You cut down lots of beautiful hardwoods to make the campground - you weren't worried about the trees then. Why don't you tear up some of the unused parking areas near the campground and replant them with hardwoods for the deer?"

Midway Manor resident Paul Potichko said he wouldn't participate in the hunt but supports hunters who will.

"Luzerne County is way overpopulated with deer," he said.

Other suggestions included lacing corn and deer treats with birth control medication, luring the deer away from the park with trails of apples, using community volunteers to plant beechnut trees and other plants which deer like to eat and doing more flyovers during different seasons to get a more accurate deer count.



Citizens Advisory Committee to meet

The Dallas Citizen Advisory Committee will meet April 6, at 7 p.m. at Dallas Middle School. The committee will tour the building and hold a monthly meeting.

The committee welcomes visitors and new members.

Questions and concerns on education issues within the Dallas School District can be directed to the committee through Dallas, P.O. Box 65.

Bazaar planned at Gate of Heaven

Gate of Heaven School, Machell Avenue, Dallas will hold its second annual Spring Bazaar in the school gym, April 28 4-9 p.m. and April 29, noon to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Admission is free. Planning committee members are, standing from left: Judy Lipski, Lynn Wilson, Andrea Richardson, Paula Baur, Meg Karwaski, and Pat Sirak; seated from left, Russ Susko, Darlene Zook and Jim Reino, President of the PTG.

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