

Planned hunt in park a 'slaughter,' critics say

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KINGSTON TWP. - Some of the people who turned out for Saturday's protest against a deer hunt in Frances Slocum Park were die-hard animal rights activists. Others were people who simply believe shooting nearly tame deer is more bloodbath than sport.

A handful of the approximately 25 people who braved a cold rain to make their point were neighbors and users of the park, who have become fond of the deer that frequent picnic areas and other locations where they mingle with park visitors. Most of the rest were members or followers of Justice For Animals, a Shavertown-based group led by Melinda Dugan.

Nikki LaVenda has lived nearby for 26 years, and says she is "always in the park," and has never seen a dead deer. While she isn't opposed to hunting, she thinks the proposed two-day hunt, scheduled for Dec. 16 and 17, isn't fair. "I think it's a shame, because they are so tame," she said. "I tried to chase them away once, and they wouldn't even go."

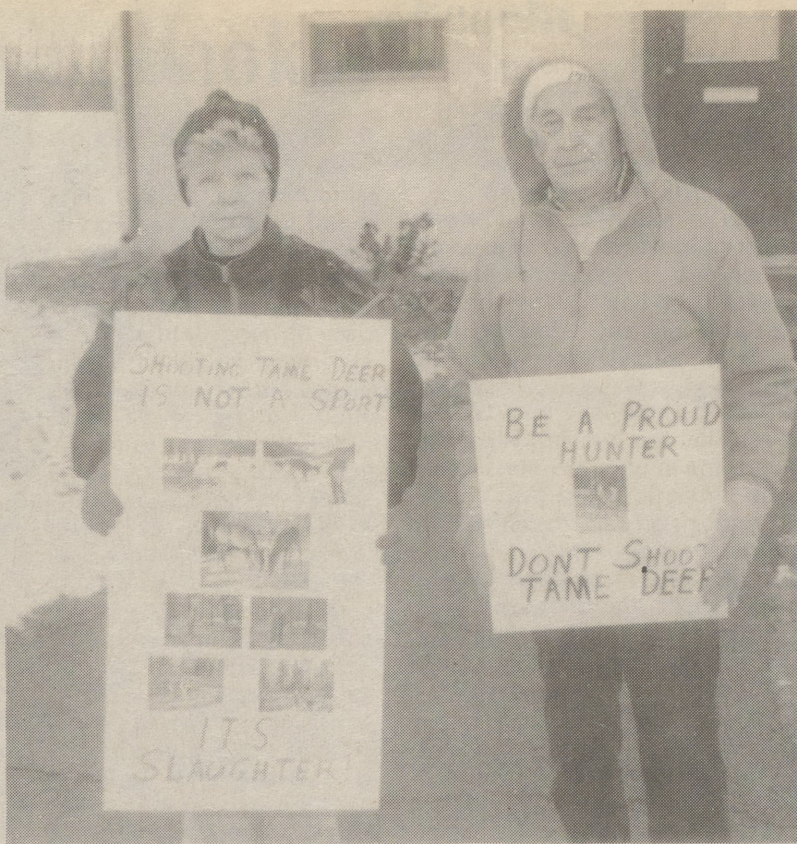
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Nikki LaVenda
Neighbor to park

LaVenda and Bill Jesse, Edwardsville, carried posters that held photos of deer and people close enough to touch. LaVenda has another reason to oppose hunting in the park. Last year, a hunter shot a deer just off her property, and followed it into her backyard, where it died. The hunter then slit the animal's throat on her patio, staining it with blood.

If the hunt goes forward, the state will issue 40 permits per day, good for one antlerless deer. Hunters must use shotguns with slugs or muzzle loading rifles, and will be permitted in the park from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hunting is already allowed in about 300 wooded acres of the 1,000 acre park. This hunt will take place in the other 700 acres, which include the picnic areas, campgrounds and other public areas. The park will be closed to



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Nikki LaVenda, left, and Bill Jesse carried posters showing nearly tame deer in Frances Slocum Park. They both oppose the two-day hunt, planned for Dec. 16 and 17.

other visitors during the hunt.

Park ranger Wilmer Faux said a survey earlier this year showed a deer population of 107, an increase of one from last year. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources estimates the park should support only 27 deer,

and maintains that the larger population is destroying vegetation. He guessed the hunt will go on unless state officials intervene to stop it.

"True hunters don't consider this a hunt," LaVenda said. "It's just a slaughter."

Lake-Lehman band, chorus gear up for holiday concert

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
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LEHMAN - Thirteen members of the Lake-Lehman high school band advanced to this year's District Music festival after auditions held November 17 at Lackawanna Trail High School.

"This is the biggest number we've had in a while," said band director Edward A. Richards. "The kids did an exceptional job, and most of them placed really well."

Students who qualified include: Band: Michelle Boltz, Melissa Rasmus, Joanne Shoemaker, clarinet; Theresa Doty, bass clarinet; Jeff Ehart, tenor saxophone; Matt Link, Sivakumara Rajagopal, alto saxophone; Ben Wolfe, Ryan Mahle, trombone; Darrell Hogan, percussion.

Band & Orchestra: Katy Martin, flute; Melanie Yakus, clarinet; Stephanie Paninino, mallet percussion.

Richards also has the band preparing for their holiday concert Sunday. "We're coming along well," said Richards. "We've been having fun with it, although we had to put it together pretty fast."

The band's program features a diverse choice of selections, ranging from, "traditional carols and

Elementary School concert Dec. 12

Lake-Lehman Elementary Band and Chorus Concert will be presented Thurs., Dec. 12 at the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The 80-member Elementary Band, under the direction of Edward Richards and Jonathan Pineno, and the 180-voice Chorus, directed by Jeanne Purcell, will provide a great night of entertainment with a variety of holiday favorites.

"pop" tunes to more ancient types," Richards said. Selections include: "A Fantasy of Carols," "A Fireside Christmas," and "A Christmas Suite."

For further information contact Edward Richards at the Lake-Lehman high school, 675-7458, or Todd Hunter at the Dallas high school at 675-5201, ext. 260.

Lake-Lehman's Holiday Concert, featuring both the high school band and chorus, will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. A small donation will be requested at the door. For further information, Contact Mr. Richards at the high school.

Lehman Volunteer Fire Co. elects officers for '97

The Lehman Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company held elections for the coming year at its most recent meeting on Sun., Dec. 8, at the Fire Hall.

Dennis Bonning was elected Fire Chief with William Hagenbaugh serving as Assistant Chief. Allie Heffernan was elected Ambulance Chief with Jamey

Moyer as Assistant. William Owens was elected Treasurer of the volunteer organization with Jeff Dubinnick elected Assistant Treasurer. John Pineno was re-elected Secretary with Helen Hagenbaugh, Assistant.

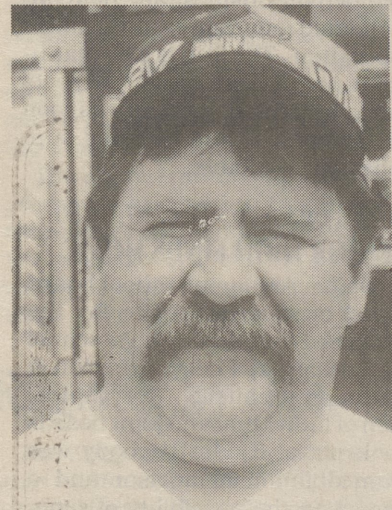
Fire Police head will be Mel Seager with Bryan Simms and

Julius Kozik his assistants.

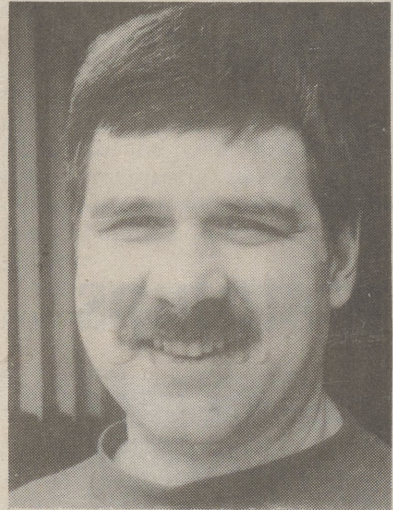
In other business, work will start soon on installing all new windows in the meeting room and kitchen. Also during the past month the Rescue Truck, a '76 Hahn, had all new tires installed replacing the original tires. New tires for the main unit, the '77 Ward LaFrance are due to be in-

stalled as soon as possible.

A letter from the Fire Company is being drawn up for presentation to the Township Supervisors. The letter will officially declare that the Township Ambulance Units are the area's Primary Service Units. The other Primary Lehman Township units are the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Company.



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