

Chester County's Avid

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and awards to prove her outstanding ability.

Working with horses, doesn't mean just riding in competitions however, as

there is quite a lot of work involved in training and caring for the animals. Patti has trained most of her horses herself and also does the clipping, braiding, and grooming. In fact, Patti's talents in working with horses has been so recognized that she has traveled with other individuals to competitions in Canada and New York with the specific job of grooming the animals for show.

Since Patti is now 21, she will be helping out as a leader for several horse clubs in the Chester County area this summer. Along with her jobs will be the leadership duties of the Gum Tree Pony club as well as being a judge for several horse shows. She has also been an instructor for horse club camps in the area.

Patti is rated as a B rider, an accomplishment which allows her to instruct other individuals. Her fine talents and persistence would surely allow her an A rating however, Patti turned 18 before she could apply for the rating.

How did she learn about horses and riding? Patti



Sugar and Spice is one of Patti's favorite animals, as she trained the pony herself.

explained the situation in this manner.

"I have always loved animals and took a liking to horses when I was young."

"I have worked for stable owners and farmers part time and also worked at a polo club."

Patti's experience is well

known as she is often asked by neighbors and friends to exercise and ride their animals.

Not all her awards have been for horse competitions however, as Patti has also been active in the Manor 4-H Dairy Club and as a 4-H seamstress.

Patti has won numerous awards for showing her dairy animals and has been champion fitter and showman in many competitions.

She also took time enough from her outside work with animals to learn how to sew, for which she has received many awards not only in 4-H but also in Grange competitions.

A dress revue winner several years in the running, Patti was also an award winner in the Grange sewing competitions for regional and state honors.

As a 4-Her, Patti's accomplishments led her to attend several functions that included State Capitol Days, Leadership Congress, State 4-H Days as well as several leadership clinics.

Patti was also a winner in the PAFC competition and attended the clinic at Shippensburg College on cooperatives and their functions. She was a nominee for the State PAFC Queen also.

As a student at Oxford High School, Patti was a member of the hockey team, the FFA and Future Nurses Club and was a member of the Russellville Grange Drill Team.

An energetic young lady, Patti admits that she loves working outdoors and being with animals.

Following her graduation, Patti attended a horsemanship school in West Virginia. As she wanted a job that would keep her outside and busy, Patti accepted a position as a DHIA milk tester for Chester County.

The job certainly keeps her busy as Patti must collect, weigh and label samples of milk for DHIA records. The hours are varied and Patti admits that some weeks it feels as if she is working for 8 days instead of 7. The job also requires a great deal of traveling as she must visit various farms throughout the county.

Is all that work really worth the effort? Well Patti thinks so.

"It isn't an easy job, but I like being outside and busy," she explained.

Patti says she is interested in the job and plans to stick with it as long as she can. In her spare time however, Patti will continue her favorite past time - fox hunting with horses in the Chester County area.

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