

Tractor and automotive winners announced

TIMONIUM, Md. — A northeast Maryland 4-H member, Kenneth Dudkewitz, 18, of Elkton appears determined to be the best at driving and maintaining every kind of vehicle in sight.

Dudkewitz placed second in the 4-H tractor operator's contest at the Maryland State Fair, here, for two successive years. Then he ran off a string of three successive first-place finishes in different operator's contests, culminating this year with championship honors in the

4-H automotive care and safety contest.

In between, he won the senior division of the 4-H garden tractor operator's contest in 1976 and the 4-H tractor operator's contest — finally — in 1977.

Runner-up in this year's 4-H automotive contest at the Maryland State Fair was James White III, 17 of Jarrettsville.

Mike Mohler, 18, of La Plata placed third in individual competition. Mohler and Donna Jones, 16, of White Plains were selected as the winning

county team in the 4-H automotive care and safety contest.

Brian McDowell, 12, of Rising Sun easily won the junior division of the 4-H garden tractor contest. McDowell had a perfect

score in the written examination portion of the contest.

Other top contestants were. Junior division - 2 Allan Twigg, 13, of Cumberland; senior division - 1. Leo F. Wolff, Jr., 18, of Owings Mills; 2. Virginia Chaney, 16, of Cumberland.

Olan Simpkins, 16, of Millington captured championship honors in the 4-H tractor operators contest. Runner-up was Mark Eck, 17, of Henderson. David Stup, 15, of Frederick placed third.

Individual winners in the state garden tractor, automotive, and tractor operator contests will represent Maryland in the Eastern U.S. 4-H Engineering Event on Sept. 26. That competition will be held, as usual, at Richmond, Va., in connection with the Atlantic Rural Exposition and State Fair of Virginia.

Gratz Fair begins

GRATZ — The 105th annual Gratz Fair begins here on Sunday, Sept. 10. Activities continue through the 16th.

Among the events which will be awaiting visitors are tractor pulling contests on Saturday afternoon and evening, school band contests on Friday, Grange exhibits, agricultural and home economics displays, amateur and professional art shows, flower displays, needlecraft items, and a variety of livestock shows.

Tomorrow, Sunday, there will be afternoon and evening church services. Monday evening will feature a demolition derby and on Tuesday there'll be harness racing.

Wednesday is Senior Citizens Day, when all elderly folks will be admitted free until 5 p.m. The afternoon program is free.

Harness racing begins at 1:30 p.m. Later in the day, the Stella Parton Show begins. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday evening's entertainment will feature the Jordan Brothers. It'll be Teenage Night with show time starting at 7 p.m. On Friday evening the Jack Cockman Thrill Show gets underway, followed by two tractor pulls on Saturday.

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Gun control opposed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In what the National Rifle Association's top lobbyist called "a very clear national referendum on gun control," the final totals of public comment on the Carter Administration's proposed "BATF firearms regulations" show massive public disapproval - by a 43 to one margin. Neal Knox, executive director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, announced Sept. 1, that "only 7800 comments were received by the Treasury Department favoring the regulations, while over 337,300 individual protests were logged against the firearms regulation scheme."

"With all of the publicity given these regulations, and with literally thousands of editorials - mostly favoring the Administration's proposals - urging citizens to make their views known, there can be no argument that this was a measure of the public feelings on the issue," Knox said.

NRA's Knox said, "It is obvious that no matter what the Federal bureaucracy called this system, the idea of computer records being kept on an individual's private personal property at a cost to taxpayers in excess of \$100 million, just for openers, is totally repugnant to the American people. And very clearly, to the Congress, and to those bureaucrats who asked for this public comment, the people have made their views known."

An egg within an egg



At the Wilbur Erb farm, Mount Joy R1, a rather unusual egg was found this week. Weighing more than the egg scale could measure, the super jumbo egg, when cracked, revealed another egg inside, complete with shell.

The egg came from a Shaver hen, approximately 30 weeks old.

According to Jay Irwin, from the Lancaster County Extension Service, the egg was probably a result of a chicken jumping and its reaction. He noted that the probability of such an egg getting into a consumer's home was very remote.

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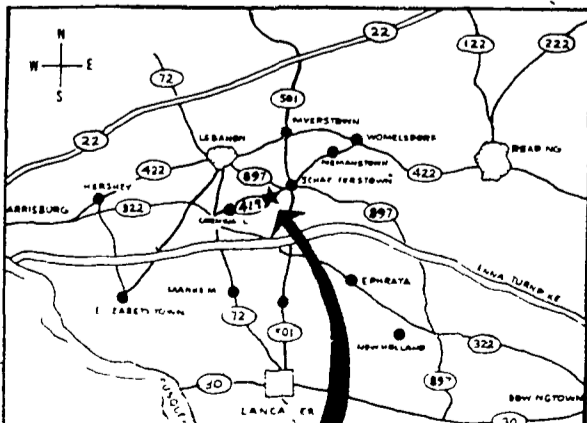
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