

Maryland 4-H'ers win at state fair

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Indoor 4-H exhibits showed a marked increase in a new 28,000 square-foot 4-H and Home Arts building this year at the 100th Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Entries were more numerous than in previous years in almost every class.

The largest increase came in the arts and science division, where the art and crafts sections were 54 percent above the 1980 figure. Over-all, entries in the division were up 35 percent.

The greatest increase in the home economics division came in the home furnishings section, which had a 47 percent rise in number of entries. Other sections showing increases were: child care, up 43 percent, and food preparation, up 37 percent. Over-all, home economics entries were up 29 percent.

Larger entry lists in both of the indoor exhibit divisions were attributed to growing interest in the 4-H program from both urban and rural nonfarm sectors of the Maryland population. The psychological lift furnished by a new building to house the exhibits

may also have been a contributing factor, according to Claudia H. Payne, a state Extension 4-H program leader at the University of Maryland in College Park.

YOUNG CHAMPIONS
Among the younger champions selected in August's judging was Kelly Mazor, 10, of Manchester. She was a winner in the photography section with a pastoral landscape titled "Misty Meadow."

Equally impressive was a championship in the entomology section by 12-year-old Jill Hudson of Gaithersburg. Her collection of more than 250 insects featured an insect life-cycle display.

Other 4-H indoor exhibit sectional champions at the 1981 Maryland State Fair were:

HOME ECONOMICS
Child care - Thirteen-year-old Audrey Boyles of Sudlersville was awarded a championship ribbon for her attractive handmade scrapbook collection featuring quilted pages with numbers, letters, and pictures to entertain small children.

Clothing - Junior champion - Eleven-year-old Debbie Damstreet

of Frederick won top honors. Not to be outdone, her sister, Sherry Damstreet, 13, took home a championship in the crocheted clothes classes with a baby blue infant outfit consisting of hat, sweater and booties.

Intermediate champion - Michelle Cobery, 12, of Middletown was the top prize winner in this category with a three-piece outfit.

Senior and grand champion - Cheryl Belsey, 19, of Fairland sewed a tailored jacket and skirt for the prize-winning entry. She won the same honors at the 1978 state fair with a three-piece tailored suit.

Knitted clothes - Last year's champion was back. Janice Scilpoti, 18, of Woolford won again with a sweater, using a variety of stitches.

Food preparation - Junior and grand champion Gayle Miller, 11, of Phoenix. Her prize-winning entry was sponge cake without icing. She won the grand championship in competition with the intermediate and senior age category winners.

Intermediate champion - Linda Poole, 14, of Jarrettsville won with

a fruit pie.

Senior champion - Diane Bean, 15, of Elkton. Her winning entry was plain rolls.

Food preservation - Junior champion - Laurie Miller, 12, of

Westminster had the winning entry with her home-canned tomato juice.

Senior champion - Susan Altvater, a 16-year-old 4-H member from Trappe won with home-canned grape juice.

Youngsters need hunter education course

HARRISBURG — Youngsters under the age of 16 who are planning to hunt in Pennsylvania for the first time this fall are being urged by Game Commission personnel to schedule a hunter education course as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

In order to qualify for a hunting license in Pennsylvania, a person under 16 years of age must present either (a) evidence that he or she held a hunting license in Pennsylvania or another state in a prior year, or (b) a certificate showing that he or she has successfully completed a course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows.

Hunter education courses are being scheduled throughout the state, and youngsters who hope to

purchase hunting licenses this fall should enroll in the classes now.

Although Game Commission personnel and hunter education instructors have issued numerous reminders for younger persons to take the course throughout the year, many youths wait until the "last minute" and expect that some instructor is standing by, waiting to present a course at times and locations convenient for any and all students.

Many instructors are busy with other sporting activities, and they just can't schedule classes at the whim of any student. The course is given at times and places which will accommodate nearly all prospective students, who must make the effort to attend such classes as can conveniently be held.

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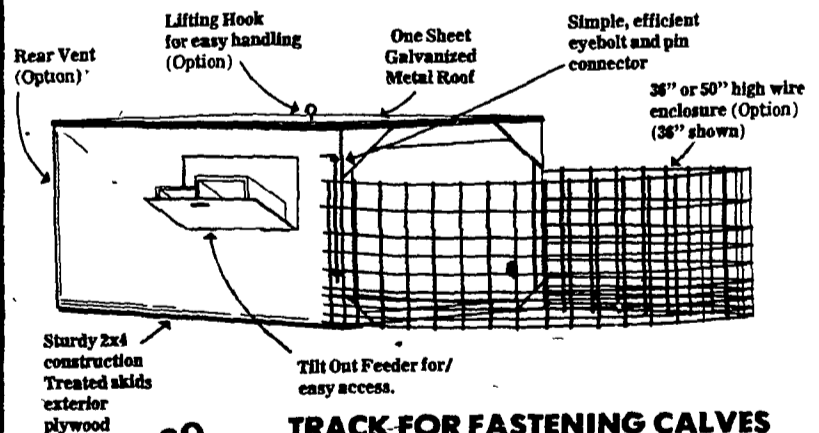
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