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Hanover holds capon sale

HANOVER — The Hanover 4-H Community Club held their annual capon round-up and sale recently with 15 entries. The Grand Champion award went to Dawn Raubenstein, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raubenstein, Hanover. The capon weighed 11 pounds, 4 oz. and was sold to Burton Gillespie Jr. of Seven Valleys for \$3.20 per pound. Reserve Champion honors went to Michael Kuhn, Spring Grove, who sold his capon for \$3.30 per pound to John and Mary Kuhn, Manchester.

CHRIS CLOVER



Horticulture Club meets

YORK — The York County Horticulture Club met recently in the 4-H Center to elect officers.

New officers include Dawn Raubenstein, president; Ann Hutchenreuter, vice president; Robert Haskins, secretary; Tim Fetrow, treasurer; Lori Sue Gross, reporter; Mike Fetrow, asst. reporter.

Also during the evening, Mrs. Leonard Tomes demonstrated how to make corn husk dolls and corn husk flowers.

Rural crime figures continue growing

LANCASTER — More cars and other motor vehicles are being stolen in Pennsylvania's rural areas than ever before. This year's figure of 40.4 percent is 8.4 percent higher than last year's.

Livestock theft has jumped 16 percent higher than last year's record 81 percent. The other major targets of rural crime are vacation cabins, and gasoline from unlocked tanks and pumps, according to Penn State Extension.

These statistics, taken from the Pennsylvania State Police Uniform Crime Report, prove rural crime in the state is following last year's rising trend, and is still rising drastically. Property offenses are more prevalent, and the chance of having stolen property returned is slim.

Figures from the same report show that of 100 household goods that are stolen, only about nine will be returned. Theft of 100 firearms will result in only 15 on the average being returned. In the categories of televisions, radios, and jewelry, only 8 out of 100 will be recovered.

Don't give in to a false sense of security from believing that crime is a city problem and not a country one. Barbara Woodruff, area community development agent for Penn State Extension suggests these safety and security

measures to protect your home and property:

—Install secure deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and windows and use them. Sturdy solid core doors are recommended for exterior use.

—If you plan to be away, make your home look occupied by leaving the drapes in their normal positions, leaving a radio or television playing, and by using automatic timers to turn inside lights on and off.

—At night, use exterior lights around your house, garage, barn, and driveway.

—Get to know your neighbors. Inform each other about suspicious incidents and check on each other's homes when a neighbor goes away.

—Identify your property, such as televisions, stereos, CB's, power tools, and farm equipment by engraving your Pennsylvania driver's license number on the article. Police require positive identification before you can reclaim your property.

—Lock up and light the area around gas pumps and tanks.

—Secure barns, sheds, storage bins, and other buildings, and keep expensive tools and equipment inside.

For more information about crime prevention, contact your local police department, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, or your county office of the Pennsylvania Extension Service.

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