

4-H'ers Round Up Ribbons At Horse Show

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Two teens — Stephanie Wilt of Washington County and Jennifer Pearce, a Harford County resident with Baltimore County 4-H membership — dominated the 4-H Senior Western Horse and Pony Show held recently at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Together, they won 12 of the 24 events, each capturing six blue ribbons.

Wilt, 19, of Boonsboro and her 12-year-old quarter horse, Nita Creek, took top honors in four equitation events: horsemanship, stock seat, western riding, and western pleasure (horses). The veteran competitors also won the conformation class for fillies and mares (horses, three years old and over; dry, not nursing foal). Nita Creek was named champion mare for the show.

Pearce, 17, of Fountain Green earned five blue ribbons on Sonny Dee Sioux, a six-year-old Pony of America: grooming and horsemanship, conformation (fillies and mares, ponies, three years old and over; dry, not nursing foal) and western pleasure, pole bending, and barrel racing for ponies. She also took top honors in the trail competition with a 10-year-old Pony of America gelding, Docs Campaigner.

Other first-place winners were:

- **Western Conformation/Foals:** Arin Axline, 16, of Broad Run (Frederick County) with Broken Arrow, a quarter horse/Arabian stallion.
- **Conformation/Yearlings:** Rebecca Peregoy, 18, of Morgan, a Carroll County resident with Howard County 4-H membership, with CR Triple Crown, which was named champion of all foals or yearlings.
- **Conformation/Mares** (three years old and over, with foal at

foot): Belinda Kovacs, 17, of Waldorf (Charles County) with Gatsby Go Ragtime, an Appaloosa mare.

- **Conformation/Gelding Horses** (three years old and over): Lisa Lutz, 16, of Bel Air, a Harford County resident with Baltimore County 4-H membership, with Good News Story, an American quarter horse, which was named champion gelding.
- **Western Command:** Patricia Parsley, 19, of Church Hill (Frederick County) on Patch Bullseye McQue, a Pinto gelding.
- **Reining:** Rachel Cockerham,

- 18, of Churchville (Harford County) on Cloudy Sunrise, a Pony of America mare.
- **Pole Bending/Horses:** Laura Veise, 18, of Marriottsville, a Carroll County resident with Baltimore County 4-H membership, on After You, a 27-year-old Arabian/thoroughbred gelding.

- **Barrel Race/Horses:** Belinda Kovacs on Gatsby Go Ragtime.

- **Keyhole Race/Ponies:** Rachel Cockerham on Cloudy Sunrise.

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Pumpkin Carving Party

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — A special pumpkin carving party will be held at the Hershey Museum on Saturday, October 23 at 2 p.m. Participants ages 7 and up will use special tools to transform an ordinary field pumpkin into an extraordinary Jack-O-Lantern just in time for Halloween. Children are encouraged to

bring along a favorite adult to help with the project. There is a charge for the adult only if he/she wants to carve a pumpkin of his/her own.

Special tools, instructions, and pumpkins are provided. Please register by October 15. Space is limited. The cost of the class is \$9 for members, \$12 non-members. For information please call (717) 534-3439.

Department Issues Seed Tag Warning

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Robert L. Walker issued a re-

minder to Maryland farmers to carefully review the analysis tag on all seed they purchase to plant a cover crop this coming winter.

"Many farmers are planting cover crops under the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share program to reduce nutrient runoff from their land. This has significantly increased the demand for cover crop seed, particularly rye. Unfortunately, some poor quality seed is being offered for sale," Walker said.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Turf and Seed Section recently placed a tractor-trailer load of seed rye under a stop sale order after its seed laboratory found the seed to be contaminated with seed of 17 different weeds, including such noxious weeds as Canada thistle, Johnsongrass, corn cockle, and wild garlic.

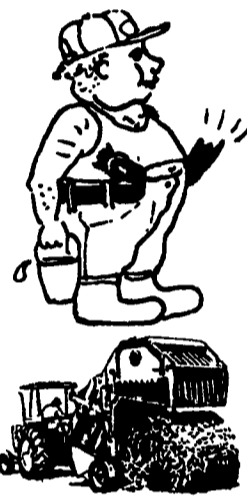
"The cost of controlling these weeds could easily exceed the payments for installing the cover crop under the cost share program," said Walker.

According to Malcolm Sarna, chief of the turf and seed section, all seed bought and sold in Maryland must be tested and labeled under the Maryland Seed Law.

"Any farmer planning to use home produced seed is strongly urged to have it tested to insure proper germination and purity," Sarna said.

For testing, a two-pound sample should be sent to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Turf and Seed Section, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401. The cost for a complete purity, germination, and noxious weed examination is \$13.

For more information on the testing and labeling of seed, contact the Turf and Seed Section at (410) 841-5960.



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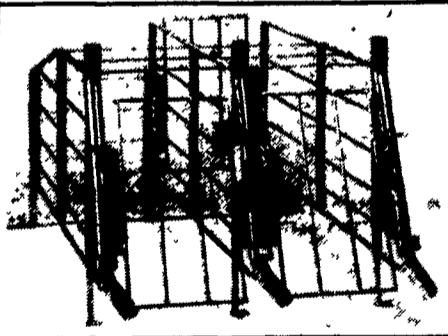
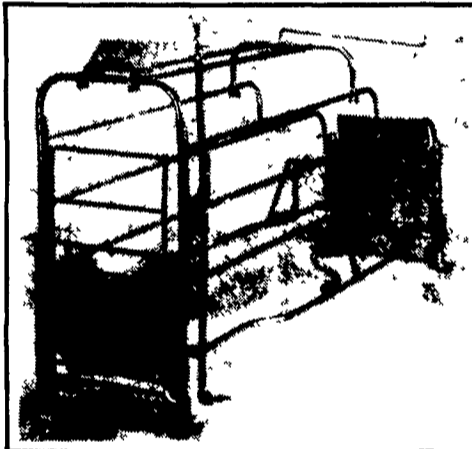
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