

Illegal deer killing

Jacklighting or the attempt to jacklight deer is on the increase in Northeast Pennsylvania according to a report by Robert H. Myers, Northeast Division Supervisor, Pennsylvania Game Commission. The Game Protectors and Deputy Game Protectors have been successful in apprehending and prosecuting those persons caught in the act of taking or attempting to kill deer illegally.

Myers states that he believes that those persons who take that chance to violate the game laws,

by night hunting, do not realize the consequences. Not only is the fine high, \$200 per each offense, but in the case of killing or attempting to kill, a person can, according to law, not only have his firearm and all paraphernalia used confiscated, but the Game Commission does have the authority to confiscate a vehicle if it is used in killing a deer by use of an artificial light. To go along with the fine and forfeiture of equipment, a mandatory revocation of hunting privileges will be imposed.



John Maniskas, Jr.

Deer stations will open

Two deer check stations, operated by Game Commission personnel, will be in operation in Northeast Pennsylvania Dec. 1, to Dec. 3, according to Robert H. Myers, Supervisor, Northeast Division, Pennsylvania Game Commission. The stations will be in the Shohola Falls Recreation area parking lot along Rt. 6, Pike County and the other on Eastbound lane on I-80, near White Haven. Game biologists, who are given the tremendous task of keeping track of the deer herd and condition of the deer range, will be on hand to age and check condition of all deer. This is an important deer management tool used to insure a healthy herd for years to come. Myers states that this program will produce valuable biological data to assist the Game Commission to set seasons and limits. All hunters are requested to stop by, if convenient, to have their deer checked. Successful deer hunters

and Game Management personnel must work together to provide all the necessary information to measure this valuable wildlife resource.

Game Commission personnel will also check locker plants, butcher shops, hunting camps or where ever deer may be found, to gain as much data as possible. Both the deer herd and the deer range are constantly changing. To meet these changes, all possible avenues must be checked. Information collected from deer includes its age, antler beam diameter, number of points, weight and where and when killed. Checking teeth will give exact age of deer, while antler growth will tell whether the deer are feeding properly.

There is a misconception regarding these checking stations. These should not be confused with law enforcement road blocks. Each serves their purpose, but only stations which are aging deer by examining teeth are collecting the required data.

Hunters who bag bucks and plan to stop at one of the deer checking stations are urged to prop open the mouths of their trophies to prevent jaws from

freezing shut. Game Commission personnel are unable to determine the age of the deer when the jaws are frozen shut.

Supervisor Myers cautions sportsmen that a hunter may not kill or attempt to kill more than one deer during the hunting license year. If one is successful in harvesting a whitetail deer, remember to remove the deer tag from the license, fill in all required information and attach the tag to the head of the deer within one hour or before the carcass is moved from where the deer was killed. A deer is not legally tagged unless all information is listed on the tag. A tag must remain attached to the head of the deer until the head is destroyed or delivered to a taxidermist. After killing and tagging a deer, it is unlawful to remove the tag or to be in possession of a deer tag in the forests or fields of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is well known as a leader in deer management, states Myers, and with a combined effort by the hunter and the Game Commission, I can see no reason why we cannot continue to be "Number One."



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Maniskas wins 10-speed bike

A Dallas resident won first place in Kellogg's national Stick Up For Breakfast Contest, conducted during the past summer.

John Maniskas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maniskas, Sr., 8 Lackawanna Ave., Dallas, placed first in the 11-14 years of age category in the contest which drew more than 10 million entries from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

The Dallas Junior High student entered the contest last June. He drew the "Follow Your Nose" character on the Fruit Loop cereal and mailed it with one box top to Kellogg's in Battle Creek, Mich.

Immediately following, Maniskas received an iron-on patch picturing a 10-speed Schwinn bicycle with rider.

During the early part of October, Maniskas received a letter that he had taken first place in his age category. He was instructed to have the letter notarized and indicate his choice of a 10-

speed or a BMX bike as well as his choice of dealer. Maniskas selected a Schwinn 10-speed which he received this month.

A ninth grade student at Dallas Junior High School, Maniskas also studies art with Sue Hand of Dallas. He has two sisters, Pam, a senior at Dallas High School; and

Amy, in kindergarten at Dallas.

Maniskas delivers a daily paper so he doesn't have much time to participate in extra-curricular sports at school.

The artwork Maniskas submitted depicted the character eating a nutritious breakfast.

Parkette tourney draws attention

According to head coach Donna Strauss, the Lehigh Valley team's toughest challenge will come from the Southern California Acrobatic Team (SCATS) of Huntington Beach, Calif., a perennial gymnastic powerhouse whose alumni includes world-class standout Cathy Rigby.

SCATS finished fourth to the Parkettes' second at the 1980 National Gymnastic Team Championship held in Allentown last March.

Other teams competing at the Parkette Invitational include Mid-America Twisters-Chicago, Ill.; Big Sky Gymnastic Club-Great Falls, Mont.; Twigs Gymnastic Team-Miamisburg, Ohio; Marvateens-Rockville, Md.; Niagara Frontier Gymnastic Club-North Tonawanda, N.Y.; MG's Gymnastic Team-Silver

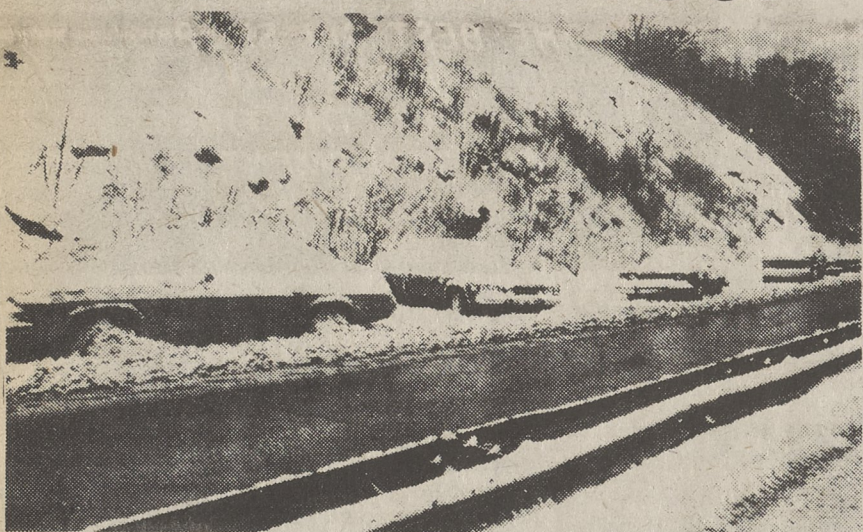
Spring, Md.; Bridgettes, Bridgewater, N.Y.; Willingboro Gymnastic Club-Willingboro, N.J.; Gym Dandy's Gymnastic Team-Washington, Pa.

Team competition runs continuously from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., final competition starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 students.

Proceeds support the Parkette Travel Fund, revenues necessary to help team members travel to important gymnastic competitions around the nation and world.

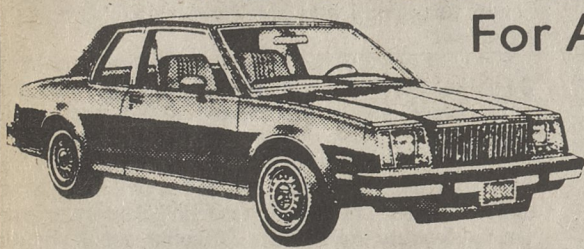
National-class female gymnasts from as far as California and Montana will match skills with the Parkette National Gymnastic Team at the Fifth Annual Parkette Invitational Competition slated for Saturday, Nov. 29 at Muhlenberg College Memorial Gym.

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