

Locals compete in 4-H classic

Four Luzerne County 4-H members received awards in the State 4-H Horse Show held recently in Harrisburg's State Farm Show Complex.

More than 500 contestants from most counties in Pennsylvania vied for awards. Members and their horses, all winners in county and district competition were entered in 73 production classes and 31 performance classes.

County winners and their placings in performance classes were: Kathy Heller, Dallas, second, Hunt Seat Equitation, Sr. Division; Tonja Spencer, Dallas, third, Clover Leaf Barrels (over 13.2) and 10th in Four Corner Stake Race (over 13.2); Tracie Moss, W.Pittston, sixth, Pleasure Pony Driving.

In the production classes Michelle Wolfe, Mountaintop, placed third in the Arabian Colt and filly '84 class.

Several other horse club members participated in the state contest and received participation ribbons. They were: Beth Finn, Dallas; Amy Honeywell, Hunlock Creek; Darlene Phillips, Hunlock Creek; Melanie Raspen, Hunlock Creek; Tammy Strittmatter, Mountaintop; Mary Venturi, Mountaintop; Brian Thomas, Nescopeck and Christy Campbell, Hunlock Creek.

Donna Skog, Luzerne County Extension Agent, points out that the contest classes gave members an opportunity to display skills in horsemanship and to properly groom a horse for a show.

Skog emphasizes that the primary purposes of the state 4-H horse program are to develop riding skills, gain self-confidence by competing in shows, receive training in leadership and become more

responsible by caring for an animal. The state show climaxes the year for nearly 8,000 Pennsylvania 4-H members enrolled in horse and pony project work. In Luzerne County, 130 youth were enrolled in the 4-H horse program.

Adults who volunteered their time to serve as leaders in the horse project were: Debbie Atherhold, Lehman; Margie Bart, Wilkes-Barre; Lisa Bartorillo, Forty Fort; Mike Brown, Dallas; Dana Campbell, Hunlock Creek; Denise Castellano, Shavertown; Peter Ecker, Hazleton; Harold Grey, Dallas; Jan Hayes, Wilkes-Barre; Lynda and Dick Heuer, Shawanese; Nancy Honeywell, Hunlock Creek; Paula Kalinovich, Drums; Diane Kreller, Sweet Valley; Anthony Lipinski, Wilkes-Barre; Carol Malig, Dallas; Wendy Martin, Dallas; Robert McLaughlin, Dallas; Pam Morgan, Dallas; Don Moss, W. Pittston; Kathryn Nardone, Wilkes-Barre; Mary Parente, Harveys Lake; Lorraine and Robert Phillips, Hunlock Creek; Dorothy Potkey, Drums; Patty Spaide, Mountaintop; Donna Strittmatter, Mountaintop; Linda and Susan Thomas, Nescopeck; Valerie Weigand, Mountaintop; Marietta Weller, Mountaintop; Criag Whitebread, Sybertsville; Kathleen Williams Dallas; Christine Wildoner, Shickshinny; Ann Wolfe, Mountaintop; and Olive Yanchunas, Mountaintop.

This educational youth program is sponsored by The Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service. In Luzerne County, contact Donna Skog, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or phone 825-1706 or 459-0736, ext. 706.



Deer season opens

Deer season opens Monday and area hunters are spending lots of time these days preparing for the big day.

Woe is she, for her husband's a hunter!

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

The opening day for antlered, whitetailed deer in Pennsylvania may be Monday, Nov. 26, but not in our house. It may be the opening day for bringing down a deer, but the season begins long before that for my husband and his friends.

At least six to eight weeks prior to that date, the hunting members of my family begin taking weekend trips to the "cabin" in a nearby county. "Why?" I ask. The answer — "We have to get ready."

Ready for what, I wonder! All summer they take off for that same cabin to go fishing or to paint or to put in a shower or to check the heat. What could possibly be left to getting ready?

Perhaps they need to check their inventory of cards (certainly not a pots and pan check), a food check perhaps and, of course, the liquor cabinet or shelf or whatever. I certainly don't know, I have never been in the place, nor do I ever care to be.

About two weeks before hunting season begins, it never fails, but every night after dinner our nimrod has to "get a new pair of boots," or "buy some more shells," "Look for a bright orange cap," or something. We probably have enough boots, caps and shells to supply all of the Back Mountain — that is, if he makes a purchase every time he

says he's going shopping.

Then comes the big week — the week of Thanksgiving and he gets down to business. He has to sight his gun; the house smells like witch hazel. "I'm fixing my equipment," he says. The basement is no longer the basement, but a storage house for his hunting clothes, boots, caps, rifle, his suitcase packed with clothes (enough for a week) for two days.

I warn my friends "Don't try to call me, you'll never get through," for he and his friends spend hours discussing "last minute" plans. Actually, I believe they are counting down the days, then the hours and then the minutes.

Saturday dawns and bright and early (well, not really bright at 5:30 a.m.) and off they go. No breakfast at home, no indeed, but a stop a mile down the road for coffee and whatever.

When I ask why so early, the answer is always the same — "We have to sight our guns." How often do you sight a gun? I have never gotten an answer to that one.

What was that verse "A loaf of bread, a jug of wine and thee"? Not thee, O Whitetail. Not to my hunter, rather it is "A deck of cards, a glass of scotch and thee, O Whitetail." That is, if they ever leave the cabin to hunt for one.

Can't prove it by me, for he's never brought one home and I wish him the "Best of Luck that he doesn't", for I don't eat venison.

Miss Charm Pageant open

America's Miss Charm National Scholarship Pageant is looking for girls to represent this state at the upcoming National Finals, July 30-Aug. 3, in Washington, D.C. There are five age divisions and a representative is being sought for each age category. Little Miss (4-6), Miss Ideal (7-9), Junior Miss (10-12), Teen (13-16), and Miss (17-25). Each girl will compete in a private interview, talent, evening gown and sportswear. Over \$100,000 in Scholarships, Prizes and Awards will be presented throughout the finals.

As a Youth Development Program in its 8th year, it encourages community and state participation through civic and social organizations by giving of their time and talents to charitable functions. American's Miss Charm National Finals are presented to award scholarships and to bring outstanding recognition to all participants.

America's Miss Charm National Headquarters would like to invite girls from this state, regardless of race, color or creed, to apply. Send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope, stating your age, for more details to: America's Miss Charm Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 7246, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (919) 455-9643.

Hospital patient

Mrs. James (Tina) Davis, of Sunset Court, Sweet Valley, has been a medical patient at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for the past three weeks.

Shop early
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this Christmas.

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Season opens Monday

3/4 million deer await hunters

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This weekend, highways throughout the area will be filled with motorists heading to their cabins or lodges in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne or Bradford Counties — all for the same purpose — to bring down a white-tailed buck.

Although the season doesn't open until Monday, Nov. 26, hunters, male and female, take off early to get settled in prior to taking to the woods, to find their "favorite stand."

According to reports filed by Game Commission field officers, Pennsylvania hunters accustomed to recent deer harvests of well over 100,000 animals, should have another good season.

The two-week antlered deer season opens one-half hour before sunrise, Nov. 26, and closes at sunset, Saturday, Dec. 8. As in most recent years, the Commonwealth's pre-hunting season population is in excess of three-quarters of a million deer, perhaps as many as 865,000 according to Wildlife biologist Bill Shope, who estimates deer populations.

In 1983, hunters reported the ninth largest buck and total harvest ever, taking 70,233 bucks and 66,060 doe. It is hoped by the Game Commission that even more deer will be taken by hunters this season.

"While populations in high-density counties are gradually being brought nearer to unit management goals, food shortages could develop in case of a severe winter, and an underharvest of deer this fall could result in excessive mortality," said Shope. He hopes hunters take at least 69,000 bucks and 70,000 antlerless deer this year.

Game protectors indicate that the concentration of deer in farming areas may be higher this year and that deer killed on highways are slightly ahead of last year. As usual, complaints from farmers continue about crop damage.

Hunters are reminded they must wear at least 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material, either on the head, or on the chest and back combined. Fluorescent orange caps and coats or vests are recommended by the Game Commission, not only for safety, but to make it easier to keep tabs on other hunters.

A hunter can take only one deer and cannot kill, or attempt to kill, a second whitetail in the same license

year. Not more than 25 persons are permitted to hunt deer in a single party and groups of five or more hunting together must maintain a big game hunting roster.

Bucks must have two or more points to one antler or one antler at least three inches long. When a hunter kills a deer, it must be tagged within one hour and before the animal is removed from where it was shot.

This year's tag is the bottom part of the new "universal" hunting license. It can be written on with a pencil, pen (not a felt tip), pointed stick, shoelace tip, bullet tip or even a fingernail. The tag must be detached from the license and attached to the ear of the deer before the deer is moved from the spot where it was killed.

The tag must clearly show the date and the county where the deer was killed and other stated information. The hunter should provide and place another tag on the carcass of the deer.

As a safety precaution, hunters planning trips to camps should leave information concerning their destination with their families before leaving.

The name or number of the camp, a nearby road, intersection, stream, mountain and nearby telephone numbers can be helpful to officials trying to locate a hunter in the event of an emergency.

Hunters should also post a list of their names and addresses on camp doors in case of an emergency.

Hunters should be certain they do not load their firearms before the legal shooting hour. If a hunter trips or falls, a loaded gun can accidentally discharge and result in a serious accident.

Venison spoils quickly so hunters should take proper care of their deer and have them processed as quickly as possible to prevent spoiling, especially in warm weather. Skinning the deer also helps reduce the chance of spoiling.

Deer should not be fastened to the outside of cars while being transported. The table quality of the venison suffers when it is exposed to elements such as wind, snow, dust, grime, fumes and engine heat.

Each hunter should read thoroughly the small booklet he receives with his license. It contains all the necessary information concerning regulations, legal weapons, tagging, safety precautions, shooting hours, maps and game lands. It is the hunter's best friend.

School

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graduates with only one school director surveyed having completed post-graduate study to the doctorate level.

The majority earn between \$20,000 and \$50,000 per year with only three earning less than \$20,000 per year.

The average number of children was two with both children attending public school.

The average age of local school directors surveyed was 47 years of age.

Protestant was the preferred religious affiliation and Republican the preferred political affiliation.

All surveyed school directors were white (Caucasian) and all but

one were married.

The surveyed school directors reported that, on the average, they spent more than 20 hours per week on school board-related subjects. Two said they spent between five and 10 hours per week doing school board work.

The average number of years on the school board for the local school directors was five. This may be attributed to the fact that several members had been school board members for several years.

As for the occupational titles of local school board members, the areas of executive capacity and sales capacity were equal. Only four school directors surveyed were involved in education or administration.

Tonja

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approximately 30 men and women in each class.

In the state races, she won a participant ribbon in pole bending, 10th place ribbon in the quadrangle and a second place ribbon in the cloverleaf.

Since the state competition, Tonja has sold Pokey and bought a new horse, Missy, a four-month-old Palomino filly, whom she will train and break herself. Also a registered quarter horse, Missy's full name is Ima Actions Baby Doll.

Tonja will begin entering competitions in May of 1985 and will continue until October. In September of 1985, she and Missy will enter the Pennsylvania Futurity for which Missy was nominated because of her bloodline. Missy is not the first horse Tonja has trained, although this time she is being assisted by Sherry Radzinski whom Tonja said is excellent with horses.

A member of the Riding Ho 4-H Club where she has been president for three years and secretary for two, Tonja will no longer be eligible to be a member of the club after December because of her age.

Tonja lives with her grandmother, Betty Moore of Lehman. A graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, she is currently attending Luzerne County

Community College where she is pursuing an associate degree in real estate. When she completes her two years at LCCC, Tonja may transfer to a four-year college to further her education.

The daughter of the late Bonnie Spencer, Tonja has a sister Holly, age 12, who rides occasionally, and a brother, Jamie, who goes trail riding, but neither of them ride competitively.

"It's ironic," said Tonja. "My grandmother does not like horses at all, but she bought me my first one and she attends all the competitions. She doesn't like them, but she is always there."

Tonja has a color photo portfolio of the competitions she has been in which she says is fantastic. Although she has sold Pokey, who is 16 years old, the girl to whom she sold him plans to enter him in competition for about the next three years.

Who knows, next season Tonja may be competing against Pokey with her new horse, Missy. What will be the outcome, you ask. We'll just have to wait until the new season in 1985. In the meantime, we wish Tonja success in training Missy and in winning in the future, both in her career and in her riding.

Youngblood on King's team

Back Mountain resident Paul Youngblood, 81 North Lehigh Street, Shavertown, is co-captain of the King's College rifle team this year.

Youngblood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Youngblood, is a graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingstons. At King's, he is a senior major-

ing in computers and information systems and business administration.

Led by leading scorer Loring, the King's team opened the season in Philadelphia by defeating the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences.



Award presented

James Connery, center, Business Manager at College Misericordia, in Dallas, recently accepted a National Energy Innovation Award at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C. Secretary of Energy, Don Hodel, left, and Undersecretary of Energy, Pat Collins, presented the award to College Misericordia which was one of only five winners from the state of Pennsylvania. The award was given for the development of the "Steam Line Replacement Project," which also won the Pennsylvania Governor's Energy Council Award. The project has been submitted to the Technology Transfer 80's Program which transfers research and development accomplishments to the public sector.

Dallas students participate in Pennsylvania Festival

Three Dallas students have recently returned from the State Performance Festival which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association.

Keith McDonald, Susan Steinkirchner and Michele Lamoreux, all students of Michele Millington

Drago of Dallas were awarded a certificate and ribbon for their piano performances.

The students qualified for the state level through the local performance festival held recently at Marywood College.



PATRICIA KRISTAN

Seven years old

Patricia Kristan, daughter of John and Carol Kristan of Dallas is celebrating her seventh birthday today.

Patricia is a student in Mrs. Rees's first grade class at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas.

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