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show, the number of entries in the classes and whether a horse and rider place first, second or third.

Jennifer and Claude entered only quarterhorse shows, anywhere east of the Mississippi and south of New England. AQHA quarter horse shows aren't held in the Back Mountain, Jennifer said.

Jennifer rode in English pleasure and equitation classes, but has never taken Claude over jumps because his legs aren't strong enough for it.

In English riding, the horses have braided manes and tails and wear smaller saddles and differently styled bridles than their Western counterparts. English riders wear special breeches and the traditional black velvet jump cap. The two styles of riding are also somewhat different from one another.

Claude and Jennifer have been a hot item at quarterhorse shows for about a year, after she bought him from a friend of teacher Tracy Gleason.

"Claude has taught me a lot about riding," she said. "I've learned to be more patient, to be kinder with my hands on the reins and to use the proper aids (cues) at the proper time. Claude is a great all-around horse."

Claude is a bit of a ham and enjoys being fussed over - except when it's time to eat. Then he tosses his head around, chews on his lead shank and generally lets Jennifer know he has more important things to do than entertaining visitors.

His usual diet of oats and hay is supplemented by horse vitamins, a special electrolyte mixture which Jennifer described as "horse Gatorade" and occasional treats of apples and carrots.

"He eats just about anything - even cheeseburgers," Jennifer said laughing. "He stole one from a little girl visiting the barn yesterday. His favorite munchie is those little red and white Starlight mints."

Jennifer has had many horses in her decade of serious riding, and two weeks ago became the owner of My Bossin' Buddy, whom she plans to show in Western classes. Buddy is a gray gelding about the same age as Claude, but "he's not my buddy the way Claude is," she said smiling.

Jennifer plans to ride Buddy in Western classes next year and

will show Claude in English classes unless she sells him. Purebred quarter horses like Claude can cost a cool \$35,000, she said.

Jennifer has set an ambitious goal - to qualify as the AQHA's best all-around amateur rider next year. The new truck which is part of the prize will come in handy because Jennifer does all her own hauling. She already has a horse trailer, which teacher Tracy Gleason has pulled to all Jennifer's shows with his truck.

Going out for Rookie of the Year forced Jennifer to take a great deal of time from her studies at Delaware Valley College, where she is studying equine business.

"It's a combination of a two-year business degree and a four-year equine degree," she said. "It's designed for people who want to have their own stable."

The students run the barn and take care of the college's 50 horses during the school year. They also run the college's summer youth riding camp. Students aren't allowed to bring their own horses with them. While Jennifer was at college, Claude stayed with Gleason.

Jennifer has only 10 credits in elective courses to complete in order to earn her degree, and she



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE
Jennifer Harteis and her quarterhorse, Gabs Unlimited (Claude) take a cool walk at Winterview.

This fall won't be a vacation for Jennifer and Claude. They have qualified for the Quarterhorse Congress, the world's largest horse show in October in Columbus, OH, and the World Quarterhorse Show in Oklahoma in November.

Jennifer credits her parents for her success. "They were always behind me and always believed in me," she said. "I wouldn't be where

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Jennifer Harteis
Champion rider

plans to take some courses locally and transfer them back to Delaware Valley to meet the requirements.

She presently works for Kathy Shaskas at Winterview, where she brought Claude for a recent visit. "This is what I love to do - ride and train horses," she said. "It feels more like fun than a job. For me, the excitement of horse shows is simply showing beautiful animals. The prizes don't matter."

Her hard year of showing taught her how to deal with other people and to have confidence in herself.

"You might go out of the ring feeling you had the best ride in the world but the judge won't like you," she said. "The judge might not like the color of your horse or something. You have to learn to please yourself and to do the best that you can."

I am today if it weren't for them."

Parents Jerry and Polly Harteis not only helped her get her horses, truck and trailer, but also gave her moral support by flying to shows to see her ride.

Her brother, Jared, 13, thinks horses are "okay," but prefers four-wheelers, while sister Tatas, 19, thinks Jennifer is "crazy." "She asks me what I find to do all day down at the barn," Jennifer said laughing. "I think she had a very traumatic experience one time cleaning stalls."

Jennifer advises young people interested in earning such titles to get as much hands-on experience as possible.

"Go out and do it, and love what you do," she said. "If you begin to doubt yourself, take a break. You must be dedicated and believe completely in yourself or you won't

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Rookie of the Year winner Jennifer Harteis of Dallas accepting her award.

succeed. You must believe you and your horse are the best in the world, even on a bad day."

Boy Scouts will host sign-up nights in Back Mtn. Sept. 10

"School Night for Scouting", the annual membership campaign of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, kicks off the week of September 10, with in-school presentations and flyers being distributed in all elementary and middle schools throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops are inviting new boys to join Scouting and will hold special open houses at schools and other meeting places as listed below.

Pack 155, Joseph Goryl, 696-3337 and Betty June Mathers, 696-2214, Trucksville Methodist Ch. (Ed. Bldg.) Sept. 12 at 6:30-8:30. Tigers, grade 1; Cubs, grades 2-3; Webelos, grades 4-5. Only new Scouts need register; **Pack 693**, Dave Garrity, 639-1839, Lake-Noxen Elem. School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Pack 232**, Marianne Ostrowsky, 333-1011, Gate of Heaven School, Sept. 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; **Pack 241**, Mark Kapitula, 779-4091, Lehman-Jackson Elem.

School, 7-8:30 p.m.; **Pack 281**, Nancy McDonald, 675-3133, Dallas Elem. School, 7-8:30 p.m.; David Neiman, 675-6415, Dallas Meth. Church, 7-8:30 p.m.; **Pack 336**, Martha Brunges, 333-4097, Northmoreland Fire Co., 6:30-8:00 p.m.; and **Pack 444**, Nickie Maciejczak, 477-5510, Maple Grove Meth. Church, 7-8:30 p.m.

Troop 155, Ray Metzgar, 696-2409, Trucksville Meth. Ch., (Ed. Bldg.), Sept. 12, 7-8:30 and **Troop 693**, John Pimm, 639-5851, Lake-Noxen Elem. School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Troop 232**, Robert Neher, 696-3465, Sept. 13, Gate of Heaven (New Bldg.), 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Troop 281**, Paul Kutish, 288-5342, Dallas Methodist Church, 7:30-9:00 p.m.; **Troop 336**, Kenneth Geary, 388-2460, Centermoreland Meth. Church, 6:30-8 p.m. and **Troop 444**, Robert Roderick, 675-4071, Church of Christ, Sweet Valley, Sept. 14 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Zone

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Turner own properties which adjoin Chadsford Estates. The Hilstolskys have also asked to be rezoned from agricultural to residential.

"Why don't you solve the problem and zone that entire section residential?" Turner asked.

Dorrance said the commission had considered it, but if one resident in the section objects to being rezoned, it can't be done.

Other zoning matters to be considered at the September 12 special meeting are:

- The designation of approximately 45 acres presently zoned for mining, from which the Reese family removes topsoil with the proper state permits. Attorney Gene Kelly, representing the Reese family, explained the dirt is removed from one acre at a time, with that acre of land being fully

restored before another acre is used.

If the land is rezoned to agricultural, the mining operation will become a nonconforming use, Dorrance said. The township will have more control over the mining operation if the present mining designation is kept, he added.

- The Humphrey minor subdivision, which will create three lots along Cedar Run. Two of the lots will be approximately two acres.

Wetlands, the creeks' 100-year flood plain and the dimensions and total acreage of the lots and the availability of electric service must be shown, Doughton said.

The supervisors and planning commission will hold a public hearing on the amendments to the zoning ordinance September 13 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Free medical clinic Fridays at St. Therese's

The Back Mountain Free Medical Clinic at St. Therese's Church, lower level, corner of Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown, welcomes all who are in need of medical care by competent doctors, nurses and staff. If uninsured or underinsured we care to help. Come Fridays, time: 6:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Out of Bounds" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services; WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. mid-week Chapel Service. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

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