



Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club members Curt Smith, president Truman Brandt and board member Charlie Heiser recently presented a mechanical deer decoy to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, represented by Wildlife Conservation Officers Jim Jolley and Joseph Wenzel, to use in game law enforcement.

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Deer

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taken so many bullets that its control box has been hit, wildlife officers said.

Decoys are an attempt to control hunting out of season or road hunters who drive around at night with loaded guns, firing at any deer they see along the roadside.

"We have received numerous reports of poaching and road hunting in the area during the

last several years," said Game Commission information specialist Jack Weaver. "One of the most disgusting problems they create is the impression they give the non-hunting public of sportsmen. Poaching and road hunting are unethical, unsafe and illegal. Obviously true sportsmen feel the same way about them."

Decoys are the only effective

way to control these "slob" hunters, who take off at the first sign of a wildlife officer, he added.

Persons and organizations are welcome to donate decoys or old mounts to the Game Commission, which uses artificial deer, bear, turkeys and pheasants in its law enforcement operations. For more information call 675-1143.

Local artists exhibit at Kirby Library

Local artists Sue Hand of Dallas and Eileen Schmidt will exhibit their artworks in the Community Room of the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, Mountaintop October 25-November 1 during regular library hours. The artwork exhibited by both artists will be a recent representation of local landscapes from the Mountaintop and Nuangola areas, florals and other scenes.

Sue Hand has been teaching art for over 30 years and her artwork is represented in private and public art collections throughout

the United States as well as abroad. As founder of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society, Hand paints a great deal of the time outdoors on location capturing the intense, dramatic light around the countryside of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the beaches of South Carolina and her beloved coast of Maine.

She has written, illustrated and published two full length books, one artists' plan book/diary and four instructional art calendars and has served as art editor for numerous other publications.

Two of her books, "A Dog Named Jamie" and "Art in My Heart and Paint on My Shoes," will be donated to the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library.

Sue and her husband, Joe, have owned and operated Sue Hand's Imagery, Main Street, Dallas for the past 20 years.

Eileen Schmidt is best known for her watercolor paintings of flowers and foliage. She is active in many community and service organizations. A member of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society and the Wyoming Valley Art League, Schmidt enjoys traveling.

Reservations accepted for Starlight Ball

The Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary, Wyoming Valley Health Care System, is coordinating reservations for its 27th Annual Starlight Ball to be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre.

This year's event, titled "A Victorian Gathering" will feature a cocktail and social hour at 7 p.m., with dinner served at 8 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by local bands Which Doctor and Daddy-O and the Sax Maniax.

A raffle drawing will be held in conjunction with the ball. Sepa-

rate prizes of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be awarded. Only 350 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Tickets may be purchased in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary Shoppe or from any Auxiliary member.

Members of the Starlight Ball Committee include Betsy Husain, ball chairperson, and Pamela Boonin, ball co-chairperson, Val Genetti and Cornelia Romanowski, dinner; Jackie Biscontini and Neela Patel, decorations; Sandy Richardson and Sandy Johnson, invitations; Anita Mulbauer, program; Maureen Luccino, public-

ity; Laura Potorski, arrangements; Ellen Ayre, finance; Lina Schifano and Alice Biernacki, raffle; Mary Bigelow and Barbara Robbins, reservations; CeCe McCarthy, Flossie Reilly and Elva Valentine, corporate sponsors; Barbara Giordano, president; Lois DeGennaro, and Peggy Kropiewnicki, advisors.

Proceeds from the Starlight Ball benefit patient care at Wyoming Valley Health Care System.

For more information about the Starlight Ball or the raffle drawing, please call the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary Office at 829-8111, extension 2935.

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