

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

**REQUESTS BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE CARS and ONE (1) VAN**

For the Sheriff's Department. The Board of Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept the bid that in their opinion is in the best interest of the county. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the undersigned committee, C/O Sheriff's Department, 420 Court Street, Caro, Michigan 48723.

Bids will be opened March 11, 1980, at 2:30 P.M.

Copies of the specifications are available at the Sheriff's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

**SHERIFF COMMITTEE**

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*No scholarship, but still fun*

**Skeletons take Diana Eckenswiler to state Junior Miss Pageant**

Diana Eckenswiler didn't win the college scholarship she wanted but did come home with new friends and an experience to remember -- and all her bones intact.

The 17-year-old Argyle resident was a participant in the 19th annual Michigan Junior Miss Pageant Feb. 9-10 in Marshall. She is the daughter of Clarence and Arla Eckenswiler.

There was a potential \$60,000 in scholarships awarded at the pageant, although many of them depended on the winners agreeing to go to a specific college offering the scholarship.

The winner received a minimum of \$3,500 in scholarships, plus the opportunity to compete in the national pageant.

It was the possibility of winning a college scholarship that attracted the Ubyly High School senior. "It's going to take a lot of money for college these days."

She has a lot of college ahead of her. She has been accepted in the pre-veterinary program at Michigan State University. That means a minimum of six years and possibly more to get her veterinary degree.

She learned of the contest while watching the telecast of the national Junior Miss Pageant from Mobile, Ala., last year. An address was broadcast in entering who would be high school seniors the next year, so she wrote.

What impressed Diana about the contest was, "It wasn't a beauty contest. It was a more scholastic minded program."

Since there was no local pageant to enter, Diana was entered in the at-large contest Dec. 7-8 at Zeeland. There were 15 girls entered, with seven selected -- including Diana, of course -- to compete in the state contest.

She represented Ubyly in the state pageant as she attends high school there

and was sponsored by the Ubyly Community Club. It did not cost her or the club anything to enter the at-large or state pageant.

The at-large contest was a duplicate of the state pageant, with winners being selected on the basis of poise and appearance, a physical fitness routine and talent.

**TALENT IS WHERE THE BONES COME IN.** Miss Eckenswiler wanted something different for a talent and, she admitted, "I can't sing or dance."

About two years ago, she completed assembly of the skeleton of a rabbit, a project that took her more than 200 hours spread over five months to complete.

The prize-winning 4-H project was a factor in her winning a trip to the national 4-H convention in Chicago in November, 1978.

She then went on to bigger things, assembling the skeleton of a mix-breed dog, a seven-month project which she completed only the day before the at-large pageant.

Her hobby is raising and showing Rex breed rabbits and she currently ranks first or second in show points in the state and nationally in the American Rabbit Breeders Association youth division for her breed.

Her unusual talent was to show her two skeletons, accompanied by a humorous 90-second explanation of what she had done. (Competitors were limited to a maximum of two minutes.)

Her talk began by telling her audience that she had skeletons in her closet and ended with, "Skeletons like these are the backbone of America." The talent counted for 20 percent of the final score.

The poise and appearance routine for all girls consisted of walking around on stage and giving a small talk about one's self. That was 15 percent.

Physical fitness was another 15 percent. At the

at-large pageant, it was a dance routine done by all competitors at the same time. At the state contest, all the contestants performed a Chinese exercise routine and a jump rope routine.

An interview with the judges on current affairs, goals in life, etc., counted for 35 percent of the final score. The competitors' scholastic record in school counted for the final 15 percent of the score.

The five judges in the state

pageant included Mary Coleman, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, and John C. Bernhard, president of Western Michigan University.

**THE STATE JUNIOR MISS** program began with sign-in Tuesday night, Feb. 5. The 32 girls competing each received numerous gifts. They stayed in Marshall with local families. Parents weren't allowed to stay. Diana's mother, who drove her down, returned for

the final evening of the pageant Saturday. Wednesday, the girls toured the Kellogg's plant and art center in nearby Battle Creek and seven historic homes in Marshall.

Thursday was spent rehearsing the various routines, with a reception that evening. There were additional rehearsals Friday and interviews with the judges, before the pageant that evening, held at the Marshall Middle School auditorium. Friday night, she and 15

other girls performed the physical fitness routine. The next night they did the poise and appearance routine and performed their talent. The other 16 did the reverse, poise and appearance and talent Friday and physical fitness Saturday.

After all the events were completed Saturday, the judges totaled all the scores and announced the winner, Mariana Iannucci of Sterling Heights. Scholarships were awarded to first through fifth place winners.

Diana was naturally disappointed in not winning, but also in that other girls didn't win. "I thought a lot of girls would have represented Michigan well."

Although she didn't go home with a scholarship, she did go home with lots of new friends, many of whom, like her, will be attending Michigan State.

"I made lots of friends. That was really the best part."



**OLD BONES -- Diana Eckenswiler and her dog skeleton.** The Misha bear, symbol of the Moscow Olympics, was a gift at the Junior Miss Pageant. The rabbit skeleton she assembled now belongs to the Michigan State University poultry science (and rabbit) department. After the Sanilac County 4-H Fair this summer, the dog skeleton will be donated to the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.



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The quality of the Farmers' Week educational programs at Michigan State University, March 17-22, almost warrant class credit.

"This year's format has a much broader interest appeal than in the past. Topics vary from fairly complicated farm management seminars to sessions which stress hobby creativity," says Thomas L. Thorburn, Farmers' Week program coordinator.

Farmers' Week activities fall in four broad categories: Commercial farm programs, natural resources education, family-oriented seminars and youth activities.

Details are listed in the free MSU Farmers' Week guidebook, available at county Cooperative Extension Service offices.

**FARM PROGRAMS**

Activities include sessions on economical cattle ration development, gasohol production, irrigation systems, animal disease control, electronic technology and farm management, grain production, and horse, swine and beef cow care. A variety of dairy breed association meetings will be held throughout the week. Two days of commercial and beginning beekeeping programs are also offered, along with seminars for poultry producers.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Topics range from safe home heating with wood to carving waterfowl decoys. Several programs on wildlife and environmental study were designed with secondary teachers and naturalists in mind.

Other activities include discussions on energy trends in Michigan, nature photography, funding for local parks, Christmas tree production and trends in private and public campground use.

There will be a look at potential underwater parks in Michigan and the first public review of the proposed Department of Natural Resources five-year plan for Michigan's forestlands. This long-range use plan will affect industrial, recreational and environmental interest groups.

**FAMILY SEMINARS**

These sessions cover topics like stress and ethnic values, diet and exercise,

clothing and physical activity, protection of family members from pesticide poisoning and farm estate planning.

Related programs include seminars on home gardening and insect control around the home, a special off-campus trip for landscape enthusiasts, and a tour of a large grocery distribution terminal in Lansing.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Programs geared toward high school students include the annual state Future Farmers of America convention and sessions on careers in poultry science, natural resources and agriculture. Students may also compete in rabbit and Japanese quail exhibitions or learn how to keep bees.

Displays and exhibits related to Farmers' Week classes and sessions valued at more than \$3 million will be located throughout the campus.

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