

Tags 2 deer with one shot

Bowhunter scores state first

By MIKE SCANLON

Deer hunting last week, John Haffner probably felt like the guy who shot an arrow in the air and where it landed, he knew not where.

Except in Haffner's case, he managed to find out where. True, it took a couple days — but it was worth it.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) spokesmen believe Haffner may have registered the state's first recorded double killing — two deer with one arrow.

"Just as it was getting dark, I was sitting on the side of a corn stubble field. The night before we saw 18 deer there," said Haffner, who was on the hunting trip with his father, Jack, and a

couple of friends. They were at Merritt, a town between Houghton Lake and Lake City.

Armed with a Bear Alaskan compound bow and Razorback Five broad-head arrows, Haffner was positioned in the woods on the edge of the cornfield. He happened to turn around and look back into the woods.

"The doe, she came up about 10 feet behind me. She'd feed, then look at me, then feed a little more. She couldn't tell what I was. The bow was in front of me and she was behind me. The buck, he was in the woods behind her."

"The buck wandered off a little ways and she followed him," Haffner said.

HAFFNER SAW this as his chance to

shoot the buck, an immature male with "buttons" for antlers.

"As I was drawing back on the buck, (the doe) came back behind him," Haffner said. He fired, aiming for the buck's shoulder.

At the snap of the bowstring, both deer fled into the woods.

"Just then, it started raining and it was getting dark, so we came back the next morning," said Haffner, who graduated from Garden City East High in June.

The hunters found the doe fairly quickly. The arrow sliced the deer's jugular vein, and it collapsed, and died within a few yards of the shooting.

At this point, Haffner knew he'd scored his first kill with a bow — but

he was still bothered about something. "I knew I'd aimed for the buck's shoulder," he explained, not for the throat of a doe.

"The next day we found a blood trail and followed it to the buck," Haffner said. The male, shot through the chest cavity, ran about 70 yards before dying.

ASKED IF HE'D ever heard of two deer being killed by the same shot, the DNR's assistant chief of the wildlife section, Dave Arnold, said "not with a bow. I've heard of it happening with a gun, it happens about once every three years, or once every 300,000 times. But this is the first time I've ever heard of it with a bow."



Eighteen-year-old John Haffner shot the two deer seen here with a single arrow, a feat state DNR officials say has apparently never before been recorded in Michigan. (Photo by Tom Doran)

C'ville board considers legality of mill levy for winter collection

The Clarencville Board of Education will decide Oct. 25 whether to hold a millage election this winter.

The board Thursday received a legal opinion from its attorney on the feasibility and legality of a millage vote in mid-December, when property tax bills are usually mailed to property owners.

In past years, a winter tax vote was usually considered too late for the monies to be collected the same winter.

Providing legal direction on two issues was the law firm of Dell, Shantz, Booker and Schulte.

The board wanted to know if a property tax hike voted on in October could be levied for December collection.

The board also wanted to know if the suggested three-mill property tax boost would be within the state constitutional 50-mill limit, a limit which includes both up to 15 allocated mills and 35 additional voter-approved mills.

The board has been discussing an increase of up to four mills, which would mean \$4 per \$1,000 of state equalized value, or \$80 a year for the owner of a \$40,000 home. The average property owner now pays about \$750 a year in school taxes.

THE ATTORNEYS wrote the board that the state legislature is considering and may vote to authorize additional millage voted on or before Dec. 16, 1979 with the tax spread and included in the December tax bill.

"If the legislation is approved, it would appear that the school district could conduct an election as late as Dec. 16, 1979 and the approved millage would be spread on the tax rolls."

The constitution limits property taxes to 50 mills, including allocated and voter approved taxes.

The attorneys said if voters this winter approved a three-mill levy, the district might have a tax of \$2.27 mills — 2.27 mills over the constitutional limit.

But the law firm said it isn't sure of the existing millages being levied in each of the three communities in the district. The confusion is caused by reports from the Wayne and Oakland County treasurers concerning the Oakland Intermediate School District levy of 1.5 mills.

The Clarencville district covers the northeast corner of Livonia, a small section of Farmington Hills and Redford Township in the Eight Mile-Grand River area, or parts of two counties. The school board offices are on the Farmington Hills side of Eight Mile Road.

"On the face of it, assuming our information is correct, the authorized extra voted millage exceeds 50 mills. Presumably all units of government are levying in accordance with their total authorized extra voted millage."

The attorneys said there are certain exceptions to the 50-mill limitation, but they are very complex.

"WHILE WE have done some consid-

erable research, it is proper to say that we have not exhausted all of the considerations which might be applicable to determine whether or not any of the extra voted millage is excluded from consideration in the 50-mill limitation," the attorneys said.

Their report said there was one other factor to consider.

"In the last general election, the electorate amended the constitution with the 'Headlee (tax limitation) Amendment' which includes the following statement:

"Property taxes and other local taxes and state taxation and spending may not be increased above the limitation specified herein without direct voter approval."

"This provision of the amendment," the board was told, "could be construed as permitting the electorate to waive the question whether the district could levy another three mills without exceeding the 50-mill limitation."

The report said there is an obvious question whether the district could levy another three mills without exceeding the 50-mill limitation.

THE ATTORNEYS made it clear that if the board puts a tax boost on the ballot and it is approved by voters, it could open itself up to a lawsuit from property owners questioning the legality.

"This office," the report from the attorneys said, "has tended to be conservative in advising our school districts in financial matters, and we seek to avoid suggestions which would result in litigation (lawsuits) to the district."

"However, we are aware of the needs of the district and we do not know any other way to attempt to secure the three mills other than to go to the electorate (voters) for approval in a timely fashion to permit the levy to be spread for 1979, assuming passage of the legislation referred to above."

The attorneys said that "if the district proceeds in this fashion, we must anticipate litigation. The outcome cannot be predicted at this time."

"The cost to the district would be substantial. None the less, three mills represents approximately \$300,000 in revenue to the school district during each year it is levied based upon current state equalized valuation."

SCHOOL SUPT. David McDowell said costs are increasing at a greater rate than revenue.

He said that in the past school year, the district's spending was \$111,459 greater than the revenue and reduced the district's fund equity, or balance from previous years, from \$434,295 to \$322,638.

"This wouldn't cause great concern if there was hope of balancing the budget this year, but that doesn't seem possible because the district is a victim of inflating costs and static revenue," McDowell added.

'Outstanding' men sought for local Jaycee award

The Farmington area Jaycees are seeking nominations for their "Outstanding Young Man" award.

Any person, group or organization may nominate any city resident or employee for consideration. Age limitations for entrants is between 18 and 35. All nomination forms must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 6. The local

winner will be entered in the Michigan Jaycee Five Outstanding Young Men contest which will be decided on Feb. 23, 1980.

For information and entry forms, contact Farmington Jaycees or write to: Farmington Jaycees, P.O. Box 33, Farmington, 48024.

Swimming in ice cream

Altogether, Americans eat more than 3 billion quarts of ice cream every year, enough to fill 1,711 pools 165 feet long and 693 feet wide nearly 6 feet deep.

At Your Leisure

SHOWTIME

The School for Scandal Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy masterpiece opens Meadow Brook Theater's 14th season on Oakland University's campus near Rochester. Ticket information runs through Nov. 4. Ticket information at box office, 377-3300.

The Taming of the Shrew comedy by William Shakespeare opens 1979-80 season for Will-O-Way Repertory Company. Performances Friday and Saturday evenings, through Oct. 20, at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Township. All curtains at 8:30 p.m. Tickets at 644-4418.

Company Stagecrafters presents award-winning adult musical comedy with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by George Furth, at playhouse in Clawson. Performances Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 18-20. Curtain 8:30 p.m., except 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Box office, 585-8437.

Fiddler on the Roof musical opens season for Aven Players in Aven Township, with performances Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21, 25-28 and Nov. 1-3. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. Ticket information at 375-1855.

Celebration musical comedy presented in Music/Theater Series, with performance in Studio Theater, Varner Hall, on Oakland University campus near Rochester. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, Oct. 18-20, 25-27; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 21 and 28; and 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 24. Box office, 377-3000.

40 Carats comedy presented by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19, 20 and 26, 27, at playhouse in Bloomfield Hills. Curtain time 8 p.m. Tickets: 644-0527 (24-hour phone reservation service).

DINNER THEATER

Same Time Next Year presented by Jimmy Launce Productions, Friday and Saturday evenings through December at Somerset Dinner The-

ater, Somerset Mall, Troy. Buffet dinner prepared and served by Alfred's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m.; show at 8:45 p.m. Reservations at 643-8865.

CONCERTS

Royal Oak Music Theater presents Ian Hunter Band featuring Mick Ronson at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16-17. Phone 547-1555 for tickets.

Solisti Barocchi & Friends Misha Rachlevsky, music director, presents candlelit evening of baroque music at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield. Donald Baker, oboe, and Wesley Jacobs, tuba. Ticket information at 851-8934.

Cripple Creek Sandwich Theater presents Jim Fillmore, folk favorite with blues and slide guitar, Sunday, Oct. 21, at Common Ground in Birmingham.

Vivace presents Jack Brokensha Quartet with Ursula Walker, and Matt Michaels at the piano, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.

Oak Park Symphony Orchestra opens season with all-Brahms program at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Oak Park High School.

Nightcap with Mozart weekly midnight chamber music concert in informal setting, presented by Renaissance Concerts, Inc., from 11:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. (refreshments at 11 p.m.) Fridays at Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. The Michigan Trio on Oct. 19. Information at 851-8934.

NIGHT LIFE

Comedy Castle improvisational theater Mondays and Tuesdays, comedians Wednesday-Saturday at Friday's in Pine Lake Mall, West Bloomfield. Show times at 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations by calling 851-3252.

Talk of the town

Birmingham Town Hall will open its 26th season with one of America's most popular movie critics, Rex Reed, who will review the Hollywood scene. "Rex Reed at the Movies" will be presented at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Birmingham Theater. For more about the program or the celebrity luncheon that follows, call the town hall office at 644-1544. See the "Talking" listing for other lectures in the suburban area this week.



The Raven Gallery coffee house presents Claudia Schmidt, a native Michigan with vocal and instrumental talents. Wednesday, Oct. 17, through Sunday, Oct. 21; in Southfield. Show time Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 11 p.m. Reservations suggested. Further information at 557-2622.

Dewey's lounge presents the Buddy Weed Trio, featuring Margo Reed, through Nov. 3, at Michigan Inn in Southfield. Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

Hurley's lounge presents Saturn, five-piece combo through Nov. 3, at Northfield Hilton in Troy. Music 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Winston's the Bar Cougar, vocalist and guitarist, returns to Win Schuler's Gram Steak and Seafood Lounge in Rochester. Cougar entertains Tuesdays-Thursdays, through Nov. 2, from 8 p.m. to midnight, and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Wagon Wheel Saloon presents Honey Boy, Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 17-21, and Stanley, Wakeman and Ever-

sole, Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 22-23, 22-23, in Troy.

Angie's big band sound of the Dick Murphy Big Band, 9 p.m. to midnight, Fridays in Farmington Hills. Cover charge.

Roma's of Bloomfield presents teen disco entertainment, dancing to the sounds of Roma's Sundown Disco, from 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in Bloomfield Hills.

Piper's Alley Troy Katz, upbeat jazz group, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays; Sunday Brunch starting at 11:30 a.m. with J.A.M. Jim Damberg, guitar, and Mike Bellson, flute; jazz pianist Charles Greep and his Quartet from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays; Monday night "Football Jazz" with Shoo-Bee-Do, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (dinner served until 1 a.m.).

Tweety's Cafe presents guitar and flute, 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays; Roger Jamison, classical piano, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays; in-town jazz, Fridays, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Ken Box Trio on Oct. 19; in-town jazz every Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Ken Box Trio on Oct. 20, in Birmingham. Phone 644-0050, for more information.

Bloomfield Charley's presents pignik party, with Monday Night Football getting underway about 9 p.m., in West Bloomfield. Seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

ON FILM

Wednesday Noon Luncheon Film Program "Monsters, Mysteries or Myths," recent years' monster hunting in the Himalayas, Pacific Northwest, and Scotland, noon-1 p.m. in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham. Bring brown bag lunches; coffee available.

Merrie Melodie Theater presents "Mary, Queen of Scots," with Vanessa Redgrave and Glenda Jackson, opening Wednesday, Oct. 17, in Meadowbrook Village Mall, Avon Township. Showtime information by calling 375-0011.

Encore Cinema Club Cranbrook P.M. presents "The Great Dictator" starring Charlie Chaplin Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-23, in Cranbrook Institute of Science Auditorium, Bloomfield Hills. Dessert, coffee at 7:30 p.m.; movie 8 p.m. Admission charge. Discussion moderator is lecturer and author Jim Limbacher, the audio-visual librarian at Henry Ford Centennial Library. Tickets at the door. Ticket information at 945-3535.

TALKING

Islam — The Reawakened Giant lecture series by Rabbi Sherwin Wine presents "Islam — Iran and the Persian World" at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills. Birmingham Town Hall movie critic

and writer Rex Reed opens 1979-80 season at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Birmingham Theater. Celebrity luncheon follows lecture; reservations for season ticket subscribers only. Further information at 644-1544.

Investment Seminar continues Wednesdays, Oct. 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7, at Bloomfield Township Library. Further information by calling Helen Slater or Adult Reading Room at 642-5800.

Divorce Workshop "The Practical Parenting of Children of Divorce" discussed by Morris Weiss, M.D., child psychiatrist, from 7:15-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. No charge.

Russell Barnes Current Events Lecture 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham. Fee payable at door.

Consulate Evenings first program in 1978-80 at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham. Speaker is Chester F. Mally, consul for the Republic of Korea.

Speaking of Books screen writer-producer Herbert Apthamer about his favorite director, Josh Logan, on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Bloomfield Township Public Library. For information, call 642-5800.

Einstein Centennial Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, by Dr. Charles St. Clair, Department of Natural Science, Michigan State University, discussing "Ideas, Tools and Understanding at Bloomfield Township Public Library."

Cranbrook Institute of Science presents photographer and inventor Harold A. Edgerton discussing "Moments of Vision" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20, at museum in Bloomfield Hills. Admission charge.

For information on area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to: Ethel Simmons, entertainment editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012.