

# On The Homefront

Each week a different business-person, artisan or professional who lives or works in Lansing will share some aspect about his or her occupation that may be useful to Lansing residents. Interested in sharing your skills? Call us at 533-7963.

## Bow-Hunting '96

By Gary Argetsinger

It all started in 1973 when I was asked to become a volunteer instructor for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), to teach basic hunter safety. Like many other longtime bow-hunters, I wasn't convinced that hunter safety courses could take the place of personal instruction, but agreed to take the instructor course and help out.

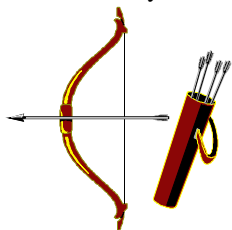
It is now one of the prime enjoyments I get from ever-growing sport of archery.

In the past 25 years of instructing I have had the privilege of teach from Canada to Pennsylvania and have learned as much as most of my students.

The instructors for New York State DEC are all volunteers and receive no compensation for their time. They are a very knowledgeable group of men and women whose only reward is knowing that they have made archery one of the safest sports a New York sportsman can enjoy.

The course not only teaches hunting tactics, but much more importantly, covers topics as diverse as hunting ethics, safety, equipment knowledge, first aid and practice techniques as well as the laws governing the sport of bow hunting.

In the past few years, I have heard many complaints from future hunters that they can't find a course to attend. I would like to take this time to explain why this may happen and how to avoid the disappointment of not finding a hunter safety course..



First of all, the instructors who teach the courses can't accept everyone who wants to take the course. They're under very strict guidelines on the number of people they can teach.

New York State DEC law prohibits any instructor from teaching with fewer than five or more than 20 students per instructor per class. For example, if two instructors can find a suitable place to teach, they are limited to a maximum 40 students. The more instructors per class, the more students are allowed to be enrolled if the site can hold



**DOWNED FROM 43 YARDS** - Lots of practice brought Lansing's Gary Argetsinger, Jr. a 7-point (or "3 x 4", as they say out West) mule deer not far from Casper, Wyoming.

that many.

Classes are advertised through local papers like the Lansing Community News, radio, licenses agents and the DEC office in Cortland. Most instructors receive preregistration so they can control the class size. Students are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

Many instructors are so committed to their mission that they'll hold a special class when a person contacts them with a group of five or more and an acceptable teaching site. All instructors are insured by the DEC, as long as they follow the guidelines of the DEC.

As Master Instructor for Tompkins, Tioga, and Cortland counties, I have access to how many courses are taught in these and other counties around us. Please feel free to call me at 533-7590 and I'll pass these on to you, along with the other information you will need for the course.

There is no fee for this course and no one is required to own his/her personal archery equipment to take the course.

The hunter safety course is 8 hour long (though some folks get so involved that it stretches a bit longer) and is normally taught in two sessions on different days.

Keep watching the Lansing Community News for upcoming courses, and information on how to register for this fun and informative course.



**PRACTICE IS ESSENTIAL** - Hunter safety not only involves learning how to handle a bow with prudent techniques in accordance state laws, but also demands that the practitioner understand animals' life cycles and the interaction between wildlife and the different seasonal habitats they frequent.

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