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Mackenzie Fish, age 17, Columbia County, with a ruffed grouse harvested with a Parker crossbow in Orageville PA

Read her story on page 28.





COME, BE PART OF HISTORY

By: Todd Strohecker, PTA VP East

**Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!
Be Ethical!**

For the first time ever in the history of the Pennsylvania Trappers Association, our 2018 Rendezvous will be co-hosted by PTA District #8 and the North American Trap Collectors Association (NATCA). It will be held June 7-10, 2018 at the Juniata County Fairgrounds in Port Royal, in Juniata County. This annual event draws not just trappers, but people from all walks of life who love the outdoors from all over the country and beyond. We have a jam packed show planned for all ages, including contests, raffles, ladies and kids events. As always you will find trapping demos from all your favorite celebrity trappers and a full schedule of live fur handling seminars put on by North American Fur Auctions, and Fur Harvesters of America.

During the Rendezvous there will be three auctions for your evening enjoyment this year. As usual we will have the state auction on Friday evening and special District #8 and NATCA auctions on Saturday evening. There will be some very special items on these auctions you won't want to miss! Speaking of special items, our Rendezvous commemorative item this year is a real working wooden mouse sized box trap, designed by District 8's own Terry "Swamper" Swartz. These traps were made at a turkey call factory right here in District 8 especially for this event. Most of the traps are made of cherry, but we also have a limited amount in sassafras, maple and walnut. They have been stained and have the PTA and NATCA logos on them along with the Rendezvous date and location. With all the positive feedback on these they are sure to be a collector's item!


Most of us who follow the fur market know that it has its ups and downs, but that has never stopped those of us who truly

love to follow the trapline. Just as in the old days, many trapping supply dealers come to Rendezvous to sell supplies and see old friends. We have a lot of dealers signed up this year from all over the country. If you can't find what you need for your trapline or fur shed at this Rendezvous, they don't make it!

On a final note, it would be great if everyone who came to the Rendezvous


brought a friend or relative along who has never trapped. Maybe you know a youngster who showed an interest. How about that kid down the street, or your neighbor on the farm next to your? It is our duty to introduce folks, especially our youth to the sport and educate them right so that trappers will always have a reason to Rendezvous. Join us, and be part of history!

PTA



81st Annual Pennsylvania Trappers Association Rendezvous at the Juniata County Fairgrounds

308 8th Street
Port Royal, PA 17082
June 7-10*, 2018



Dealer Buildings Open 8-6 Thursday, Friday & Saturday
*Limited Dealer Sales on Sunday
Admission \$5.⁰⁰ per day, \$10.⁰⁰ all 3 days, under 16 Free
Hosted by P.A. Trappers Assn District #8 and the North American Trap Collectors Association

<p>Dealers Tailgaters Demos Fur Handling</p>	<p>★ ATTENTION! ★ Fri. Night - State Auction at 7:00 Sat. Night - District #8 ★ & NATCA Auctions 7:30 ★</p>	<p>Trap Setting Contests Mtn Man Race Smokey The Bear & much more!</p>
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Fur Handling Demos by NAFA and FHA all day Thur., Fri. & Sat.

Host Hotel - Econo Lodge|29 Stop Plaza Drive|Mifflintown, PA 17059
717-436-5981
(You must tell them you are attending the Rendezvous to get the Special Rates)
Other Area Hotels
Quality Inn|Burnham|717-248-4961
Super 8|Burnham|717-437-9224

Full hook-up and primitive camping available on the grounds.

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