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## Daddy's lil' Hunting Princess

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**Puxico**, **Missouri** – There is nothing more rewarding than taking your daughter on her first big hunt. It takes time, patients, and a good hunting environment. The type of game is not as important as the methods and means to having a great hunt that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Alex Hanners took his daughter, Jennifer, on her first "real" hunt. Sure they have hunted deer and various other critters in southeast Missouri, but this was Texas. Some say everything's bigger in Texas!

They traveled with Curtis Waggoner, Adam Koehler and Four Corners Archery out of Sedgewickville, Missouri to the Texas 'S' Bow Hunting Ranch in Clarksville, Texas to hunt HOGS!

Jennifer Hanners, age 12, and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Puxico Jr. High was eager to hunt with her Dad and his buddies to kill some mean ole' boar, but she never expected to meet up with a Corsican Ram!

On the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>, carrying only a primitive wooden homemade bow and some handcrafted arrows, she stalked her prey and hit the beautiful 157 lb ram dead center.

"I will hunt with that girl anytime!" exclaimed Dale Kemp, Sergeant at Arms of the

Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club and long-time friend of the family. He too hunted with her the entire weekend and harvested his hogs. He remembers when she was just a little princess, dressed in pink and just a baby.

Jennifer is your typical young pre-teen student who is not only a beautiful, but also likes to hunt, fish and camp! She loves sports, such as playing basketball at her school, attending school dances, designing and making jewelry, playing the French horn in the school band and singing. She also loves blackpowder rendezvous events, swimming and kayaking.

She is the granddaughter of Dale & Teresa Hanners of Campbell, Missouri and Robert and Elizabeth Eldridge of Winona, Mississippi. They are very proud grandparents and can't believe how their little girl grew so fast.

Her parents, Alex and Shannon Hanners and little brother, Brandon are very proud of her as well. "I was so excited for my daughter, not only because she got game on our hunt, but because of how she handled herself," commented Dad. "Jen made good ethical decisions and I saw my little girl grow up right in front of me!"

Piggott Taxidermy in Piggott, Arkansas is currently mounting Jen's Corsican Ram. She is looking forward to hanging the ram in the living room, right above the television. It should be ready before school starts in August.

Miss Hanners also killed her first hog on this hunt, an 85 lb boar shot with her primitive bow and wooden arrows.

Congratulations Jen on your big hunt! We look forward to seeing pictures of your hunting adventures in the near future.

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