

Sports Week

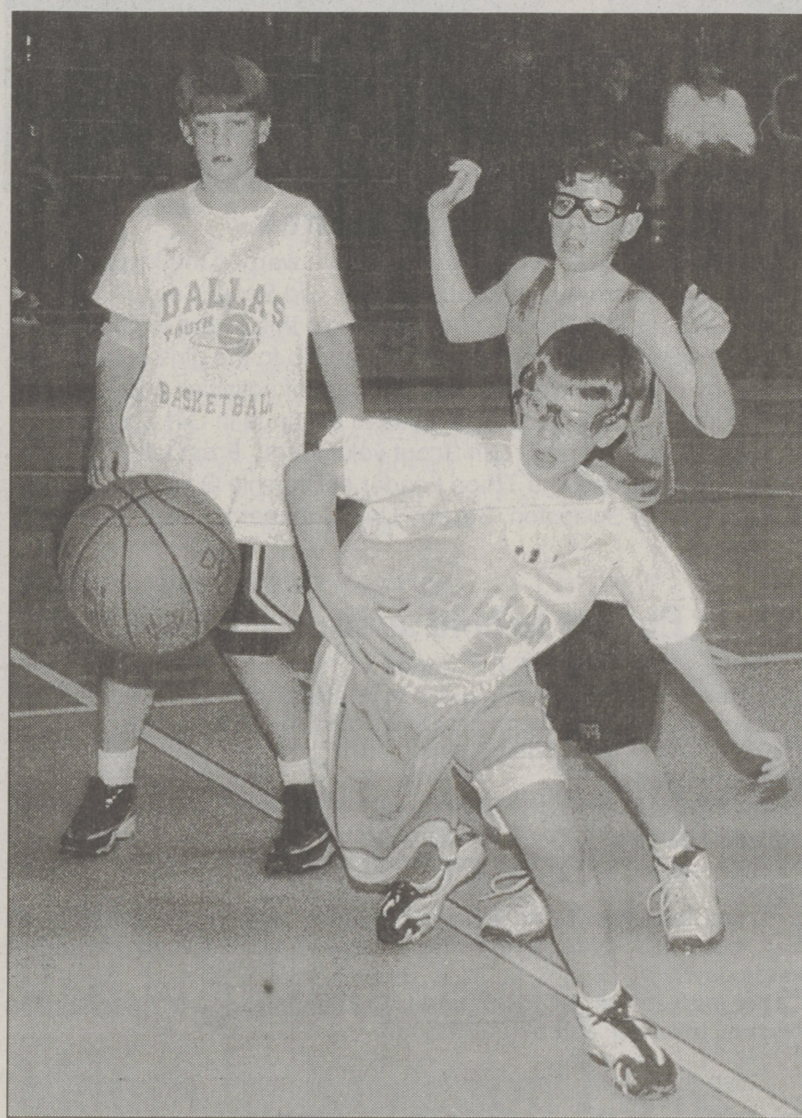
Section 2

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POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK

Sean Leary, above, drove for the hoop in the 6th grade title game. At right, Adam King scrambled for a loose ball in the 5th grade final.



Dallas, BMT Red win youth basketball tourney

Mike Race scored 16 points and Ben Thomas 13 to lead Dallas to a 67-37 win over Tunkhannock in the championship game in the 5th grade division of the Second Annual Dallas Youth Basketball 5th/6th grade boys tournament. David Harding, playing injured, had a great game for Dallas, scoring 11 points. Kyle Mahle added 6 points and Adam King 3 for the champions. Dallas defeated Gate of Heaven 66-14 behind Bobby Lenahan's 16 points. Eric Domzalski added 9 points and Ronnie Shiner 6. Dallas was coached by Lew Thomas, Joe Noon and Bob Lenahan. Tunkhannock reached the championship round by winning 3 games over the weekend. They defeated St. Mary's 59-38, Lackawanna Trail 40-23, and Gate of Heaven 37-30. In another 5th grade game, St. Mary's defeated CSI 29-28. Brad Fagula scored 11 points for CSI while Adam Singer had 8 points.

6th grade championship

Ken Regan, Sean Leary and

Brian Ostrowsky combined for 21 points to lead Back Mt. Red to a 51-32 win over Valley West in the championship game of the 6th grade division. Steve Goode and Jonathan Stephens added 4 points each. Back Mt. Red was coached by Chuck Wilson and Jim Regan. Earlier in the tournament, Back Mt. Red topped Lehman 52-35. Matt Wilson had 25 points and Tim Crossin 11 for the champions. Michael DeRojas led the defense and added 2 points. Chad Casterline and Brandon Burkhardt had 10 points each for Lehman. Matt Straub added 8 points. Valley West reached the finals by winning 3 games over the weekend. Valley West topped Dallas 47-20. Dallas was led by Andrew Gramps with 4 points. Valley West topped Tunkhannock 69-47, and later defeated Lehman 43-29. Eric Kurello scored 4 points for Lehman.

Tournament director George Gracely thanks players, coaches and volunteers who made the tournament a success.

Trio of grapplers headed to state tournament

Nick Raczkowski and Matt Magee of Lake-Lehman and Matt Gingo of Dallas earned trips to the state wrestling championships with their performances at the Northeast Regional meet, held in Williamsport last weekend.

Raczkowski, who qualified for states the past two years at 103, finished fifth at 112 in regionals. Magee was fourth at 125, and Gingo was third at 189. All three wrestlers had to claw their way back up the standings after suffering defeats along the way.

Gingo received a first-round bye, then lost a 15-13 decision to Ryan Wetzel of Lewisburg in the quarterfinal bout. It was Gingo's first loss of the season. He wrestled back and won three consolation rounds before gaining an 8-4 decision over Wetzel in the third-place match.

Raczkowski also had a bye in the first round, then shut out Greg McCarty of Sullivan County 4-0 in the quarterfinal. But he was pinned in the semifinal match, and lost a consolation bout in overtime to Robert Rebbman of

Pen Argyl. That put him in a do-or-die match for fifth place with Shane Day of South Williamsport, which Raczkowski won with an 11-3 major decision.

Magee won twice on Friday, 7-2 over Ben Laudermilch of Northeast Bradford and 4-2 in overtime against Heath Lohrman of Wilson. But he fell in the semis, 9-2 to Dave Stauffer of Saucon Valley, putting him in a consolation bout against Matt Edwards of North Schuylkill, which Magee won 5-4. He then lost a 5-0 decision to Mike Conte of Meyers in the third-place match.

Jason Maciejczak (119) of Lake-Lehman was the only other Back Mountain wrestler to win Friday, on a 4-3 decision over Joel McNett of Williamson. But he was pinned later Friday, and lost a consolation match 3-2 Saturday.

Other wrestlers who competed at regionals were Aaron Kubasik (103), Jim Higgins (130), Sam Saylor (140), Justin Harris (145) and Matt Kehler (275), of Lake-Lehman, and Damian Temperine (145) from Dallas.

Strikers place at two tourneys

The Noxen Strikers wrestled in the Lackawanna Trail Tournament Sunday, Feb. 28. Those who placed were:

Bantam: James Sutton, 44 lbs., 1st; Tyler McDonald, 65 lbs., 3rd. JR: Matt Dragon, 88 lbs., 1st; John Hettes, 88 lbs., 3rd. Other Jr. Hi Wrestlers who went were: Jason Sutton, 75 lbs., 3rd; Matt Dragon, 90 lbs., 1st; Brian Parrish, 90 lbs., 3rd; Chuck Kopetchne, 95 lbs., 3rd; Kelby Morgan, 100 lbs., 1st; Bobby Morris, 145 lbs., 1st; Eric Rogowski, 155 lbs., 3rd; Mile Hillman, Hwt. 4th.

The Noxen Strikers also wrestled at the Bk. Mt. Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 28. Those who placed at that tournament were:

PeeWee: Jake Winters, 40 lbs., 2nd; Joshua Zacharias, 40 lbs., 4th; Derek Ellard, 50 lbs., 4th; T.J. Pearson, 55 lbs., 4th; Adam Goeringer, 60 lbs., 2nd; Daniel Kaskas, Unl., 3rd; David Haas, Unl. 4th. JR: Brian Goeringer, 85 lbs., 3rd; Andrew Shaw, 80 lbs., 2nd.



Pictured first row, Coach Mark Lacey, Brooke Blase, Lauren Suppon, Shannon Thomas and Halli Williams. Second row, Coach Joe Noon, Ashleigh King, Rosalyn Wentko, Jackie Hardwick, Kristy Schmid, Meredith Lacey and Coach Lew Thomas.

DYB girls sweep Tunkhannock tourney

Dallas Youth Basketball Girl's 7th grade team won the Tunkhannock Tournament. Shannon Thomas, Meredith Lacey and Halli Williams made the All Tournament All Star Team.

In the semi finals, Dallas beat Tunkhannock 40-11. Meredith Lacey led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Jackie Hardwick with 9 points, Ashleigh King 5 points, Shannon Thomas, Caitlin Dukas, Lauren Suppon all with 2 points and Halli Williams had 1 point. Playing good defense for Dallas Youth Basketball were

Rosalyn Wentko, Kristy Schmid and Brooke Blase.

DYB beat Wyalusing 46-17 in the championship game. Halli Williams, Shannon Thomas and Meredith Lacey teamed up for 28 points, 11, 9, 8 respectively. Other scores for Dallas Youth Basketball were Ashleigh King, Rosalyn Wentko, with 6 points apiece, Jackie Hardwick 4 points and Kristy Schmid 2 points. Playing good defense for Dallas Youth Basketball were Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas and Lauren Suppon.

Volleyball tourney at Dallas

The Dallas volleyball team will host the 5th annual Mountaineer Challenge Saturday, March 10. This year the Mounts will have a 10 team format, and get a look at some teams from their own district as well as from outside the area. Last year's Mounts finished the season as one of the top 16 teams in the state. Coach Kevin Straka will have the team concentrating on basics and teamwork and hopes to have another winning season.

Pool play will begin at 9 a.m. Food, drinks, t-shirts and hats will be for sale at the event.

KT Raiders will register March 20

Football registration for Kingston Township Raiders Junior Football and cheerleading will be held March 20. Sign ups will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Shavertown Fire Dept., Main St., in Shavertown. There will be a registration fee for both football players and cheerleaders. This will include socks and a shirt for both.

All participants need a birth certificate, a picture of him or her and medical insurance information. There are 3 squads: 6-9, 10-11 and 12-14 years old. Cut off is August 1. Questions call 696-0128.

Bmt outdoors

Chris Denmon

Pruning for wildlife

the highest quantity possible. The Pruning For Wildlife Program is a bit different. The idea behind this is to help the tree to bear the highest number of fruit possible while not taking away from other species of wildlife. If there is a hole in a dead limb it will be left for species such as song birds and flying squirrels, or if the dead limb is being hammered away by woodpeckers that limb will also be allowed to stay intact.

The last two project days the Pennsylvania Deer Association has pruned approximately 25 apple trees and there are nearly 50 more that are slated to be trimmed. In April they plan to plant at least 200 more fruit bearing trees.

Some basic tips to pruning your apple trees

1. RELEASING - This means to remove taller trees and limbs of nearby trees to allow ample sunlight to reach the apple tree. This should be done the year prior to pruning.

2. PRUNING - This means to selectively cut dead or diseased limbs and also the removal of unproductive limbs and suckers. If the tree has been neglected for many years the first year the tree is pruned it should only receive a light pruning. Return the next year to finish the job

3. FERTILIZATION - Fertilizer will give the tree extra nutrients to keep the tree healthy and to produce more fruit. Large trees should be fertilized with five to 10 pounds of 12-12-12 granular fertilizer or pour three to five pounds of liquid calcium nitrate fertilizer. Fertilizer should be applied in a narrow strip around the edge of the tree's drip line.

4. WHEN TO PRUNE - The best time to prune fruit trees is during the winter while the tree is dormant.

5. DEBRIS - All the pruned branches should be left in a pile near a tree line to provide food and cover for rabbits and song birds.

If you would like more information about apple tree pruning or helping out on the Pennsylvania Deer Association's habitat projects, contact the Northeast Director of the Pennsylvania Deer Association at (570)-477-2238.



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Senior night at Dallas

The Dallas High School boys basketball team honored the team's seniors at the Dallas-Lehman game. Seniors and their parents, from left; Fred Krispin, Jayne Krispin and Fred Krispin; Marie Eyet, Russ

Eyet and Russell Eyet; Bruce Kunkle, Bruce Kunkle and Bonnie Kunkle; Deborah Kowalsik and J.J. Smith; Bonnie Saba, Jon Saba and Blake Saba.