

Frances Slocum deer hunt will be first come, first served

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will conduct a regulated deer hunt at Frances Slocum State Park, Luzerne County, December 3, to help control the deer population within the park.

The one-day hunt is for white-tail deer only, and will be conducted in areas not normally open to hunting. To ensure the safety of all park visitors, the park will be closed to all other activities this day.

To participate, hunters must hold an unexpired Luzerne county antlerless license. Only manually operated shotguns 20 gauge or larger, or muzzleloading firearms will be allowed.

The hunt will be limited to the first 40 hunters that arrive at the park starting at 6 a.m., and will not be chosen by lottery drawing as previous years. All hunters entering the park will be checked to ensure they have a valid unexpired Luzerne county antlerless license and appropriate firearm, and be asked to fill out a registration and safety orientation form before being as-

signed a designated parking area.

"An overpopulation of deer prompted the need to expand hunting areas at Frances Slocum State Park. When the deer population is out of balance with the park land, it affects other wildlife, including the elimination of plant species and destruction of habitats for birds and small mammals," said Roger Fickes, director of the Bureau of State Parks.

Fickes said the excessive deer herd is destroying park vegetation and needs to be controlled on a yearly basis. He said that after hunts at other state parks, the park staff usually sees a return of long absent wildflowers, shrubs, and small trees.

Safety zones, no hunting areas, and park boundaries will be posted and strictly enforced. Extra park rangers and Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel will be stationed throughout the park area during this hunt.

For more information about the regulated hunt, call the park office at (570) 696-3525.



BMT Scorpions place 2nd in Luzerne County Cup

The U-11 Back Mountain Scorpions recently took 2nd place in the "A" Division of the Luzerne County Cup, narrowly missing 1st place after completing double overtimes leading to a final shootout. The Scorpions also finished 2nd in the Back Mountain Intramural League losing 2-1 in overtime.

Members of the tournament team, from left, first row: Kim Konnick, Kristen Miller, Kayla Turchin, Molly Breazeale, Katie Farias, Olivia Marquart, Stacey Stepniak. Second row: Mr. John Charles, Alicia Roncevic, Hillary Pratz, Nicole Clemson, Brittany Kneal, Katie Confer, Adria Eckert, Brooke Matza. Third row: Coach Brad Eckert, Coach Dan Pratz, Coach Paul Clemson.

Geisinger offers free hockey clinic

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Human Motion Institute will sponsor a free hockey clinic on Sunday, Dec. 2, with 90-minute clinics from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Ice Box, Rt. 315 in Pittston Township.

The focus of the event will be on safety and equipment education, training tips to avoid injury, and skating, shooting and stick skills. Members of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins will give hands-on instruction to participants.

The clinic is available to youth hockey players, ages 6 through 18, and space is limited. Free water bottles and other prizes will be given to registered participants. All participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach.

To schedule your time for this free clinic, please call Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center at 826-7717.

Teams sought for BMT indoor soccer

Teams are now being sought for the winter 2002 indoor soccer league held at the Penn State Lehman Gymnasium by the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association. Teams from U-8 and up will be considered at a fee of \$4 per team. The league runs from January 4, 2002 to March 10, 2002 with play on weekends only. Deadline for applications is December 1. Call Tom Kinter at 675-2341 or 814-8567 for more info or visit www.bmysa.org and download the registration form.

Pirates win three over weekend

The Pocono Pirates Pee Wee A ice hockey team won three games over the weekend to remain tied for first in their division of the Delaware Valley Hockey League.

The Pirates opened the weekend Saturday with a 6-1 win over the Ice Dogs as the Hatfield Ice World. Goaltender Drew Slocum, Shavertown, made nine saves in net and Ricky Rose, Shavertown had an assist.

The Pirates played twice at the Power Play rink in Exton on

Sunday, first defeating the Kings 5-4. Slocum again got the win in goal, making 13 saves.

The Pirates thumped the PA Predators 7-2 later Sunday, as Slocum stopped 20 shots to earn the win. Eric Wroblewski, Dallas, played a defensive gem in holding the Predators back.

The Pirates play in the Thanksgiving shootout at the Ice Box in Pittston. Games take place November 23-25 with teams from four states participating. Games are open to the public.

Saba named all-conference

Jon Saba, a 1999 graduate of Dallas High School, has been named to the PSAC All-Conference team for Shippensburg University. Saba, a 6'5", 275 lb. junior who started his freshman and sophomore years at defensive tackle and was switched last summer to offensive tackle, where he helped Shippensburg to an 8-3 season.

Jon is the son of Blake and Bonnie Saba of Dallas.



Lake-Lehman Band wins awards

The Lake-Lehman Marching Band received a second place trophy and best drum major award at the Dallas Tournament of Bands competition held Sunday, Oct. 14. Band members, from left: Bryan Buckman, low brass section leader; Gregory Piazza, drum major; Lindsey Shaw, flute section leader; Danielle Jullian, color guard; and Brett Brown, drum line.



Band wins at Catasaqua

The Lake-Lehman Marching Band received a first place trophy, high auxiliary, and high percussion awards at the Catasaqua Tournament of Bands competition on October 27. Band members, from left: Allison Piatt (F-horn), Gregory Piazza (drum major), Danielle Jullian (color guard), Brian Ide (trombone), Brett Brown (drum line).

Scholarship program for agriculture students

Students pursuing careers in agriculture can apply for a scholarship from the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program, jointly sponsored by Agrilience, Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed and Croplan Genetics. High school seniors who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2002 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at www.agrilience.com in the Careers section. All applications must be returned via regular mail by March 1, 2002, to be eligible. Winners will be notified by mail in May. For more info or to request an application, call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.

DYB 5th grade tournament team wins, 6th grade team loses

The Dyb 5th and 6th grade boys tournament teams began play Sunday in the Lehman Youth Basketball League. The six-team league also includes Lehman, Northwest, Valley West, and Berwick.

The Dallas 5th grade team defeated Lehman 23-17 behind 11 points from Josh Backes and 4 points from Joey Evans. Lee Culver led the defense and re-

bounding. The team is coached by Scott Jenkins and Clyde Backes.

The Dyb 6th graders lost their opening game to Valley West 39-37. Mark Covert led Dallas with 11 points while Peter Steve added 8 points. Also scoring were Doug Harding with 6 points and Eric Tucker with 5. The team is coached by George Gracely and Jim Tucker.

7-8 boys

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Gordon Insurance 60, PNC Bank 55

Robbie Myers scored a game-high 36 points as Gordon Insurance (2-2) defeated previously unbeaten PNC Bank (3-1). Robbie Tomko added seven points for the winners, while Joe Bailey and Chad Gelso scored six points apiece.

Mike Clemente scored 22 points to lead PNC Bank. Brad Fagula and Jeff Clemente added 19 and 16 points, respectively.

House of Nutrition 39, Gilroy Realtors 37

Nick Samanas led a balanced scoring attack with 14 points as House of Nutrition raised its record to 2-2. Chris Parrish and Steve Zubko added nine and eight points, respectively, while Jesse Swartwood and Brian Feleccia chipped in with four points each.

Adam King scored 13 points to lead Gilroy. Mike Race added 12 points, while Ryan Konopki and Daniel Jacobs chipped in with four points apiece.

Eye Care Specialists 36, Wilkes-Barre Pallet 31

Eric Domzalski scored 22 points and JJ Durr added nine to lead Eye Care Specialists. Brendan Delaney scored 12 points to lead Wilkes-Barre Pal-

let Co. Bobby Lenahan added eight points, while Brandon Wills and Mike Gergel chipped in with six and four points, respectively.

Gordon Insurance 49, House of Nutrition 42

Robbie Myers scored a game-high 32 points to lead Gordon Insurance. Robbie Tomko added eight points, while Tom Parrish chipped in with five. Joe Bailey added four points for the winners.

Nick Samanas scored 15 points to lead House of Nutrition. Chris Parrish added 10, while Jesse Swartwood and Steve Zubko chipped in with seven and six points, respectively.

Dean Witter 57, Sneaker King 53

Adam Singer scored 18 points and Ben Thomas added 16 to lead Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in an overtime win. John Ashley and Josh Mounce scored seven points apiece, while Sean McAndrew added six for the winners.

David Harding scored a game-high 34 points to lead Sneaker King. Robert Monk and David Luksh added eight and seven points, respectively.

DYB 8th grade tops OLP

The Dallas Youth Basketball eighth grade travel basketball team defeated Our Lady of Peace, 51-49, in the first round of the Marian Catholic Tournament in Scranton.

David Harding led DYB with 17 points, while Ben Thomas added 13. Robbie Myers chipped in with nine points, while Mike Race and Bobby Lenahan added eight and four points, respectively.

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