

## Boating courses planned

The state Fish and Boat Commission and its cooperators are offering several basic boating courses in the region. Most of these eight-hour courses are free, and all are open to the public.

Course graduates have the option to apply for a boating safety education certificate for a \$10 fee. The certificate is required for personal watercraft operators and youth that operate motorboats of certain horsepower.

Call the appropriate telephone numbers for more information or to preregister.

Details on these certificate requirements are available at the Commission's Web site:

www.fish.state.pa.us. For more information, contact Walt Dietz at the Commission's Northeast Region Office in Sweet Valley at 477-2206.

Courses, by date, include:

- Feb. 28 — Gander Mountain, Lackawanna County, starts at 9:30 a.m., 347-9077.
- March 20 — PPL Lake Wallenpaupack, Wayne County, starts at 8:30 a.m. 800-354-8383 (there is a fee for this course).
- April 7 and 8 — Bloomsburg Middle School, Columbia County, starts at 5:30 p.m., 784-3694.
- May 3 and 4 — Bloomsburg Middle School, Columbia County, starts at 5:30 p.m., 784-3694.



Pictured (left to right) in the Wyoming Seminary Lower School gym prior to their playoff win over Dallas is Sem's 7th- and 8th-grade boys basketball team (Front row): Jacob Cole, Wilkes-Barre; Michael Ryan, Dallas; and Maxwell Saidman, Kingston; (Second row): Luke Rogers, Clarks Summit; Oliver Williams, Kingston; Jonathan Fendler, Shavertown; and Jeffrey Kratz, Kingston; (Third row): Ed Plaksa, Lower School Coach; Max Lubin, Shavertown; Kevin Boyle, Kingston; Elliott Byers, Wilkes-Barre; Kenny Pollock, Dallas; and Scott Byers, assistant coach. Absent from photo: Matthew Swaback, Forty Fort.

## Game note

**LUZERNE COUNTY** — (WCO Gerald L. Kapral, Dallas): Jim Haines called from the Wyoming Valley Beagle Club, reporting that he had two large bucks with their antlers locked roaming the property, and asking if there was anything we could do to help them. I responded, but advised Jim that it was possible that one of the bucks may have to die. With a deep snow on the ground, we decided to try to run the deer down to tire them out, and then do what we could to free them. Not so. After 45 minutes of relentless pursuit, the deer kept running uphill, downhill, thru multiflora thickets, and over ledges, showing no sign of slowing down. With darkness rapidly setting in, I'd had enough. Time for Plan B. I managed to sneak ahead of the bucks, and was able to get close enough to dispatch the nine pointer (it's left eye was gouged out). With the ten pointer now having to drag its lifeless combatant thru the woods, he quickly tired, allowing me to keep him subdued while Jim sawed the antlers off the nine pointer. Once free, the ten pointer sprang away, leaving Jim and I to finally catch our breath, and to wonder why these two large bucks were locked in combat on January 28.

## Plains Solomon League

### Dallas 7th Grade 54, St. Nicks 7th Grade 32

Tommy Youells led Dallas with 12 points, followed by Jackie Ellis with 11 points including three 3-pointers, Scott Skammer with 10, Josh Backes, 9 and Steve Meskers, 6. Henry Messinger chipped in 4 and Ryan Urzen added 2 for the win.

## Gate of Heaven

### GOH 48, Hanover 18

The Gators were led by Patrick DeRojas with 11 points, Nick Latosek with nine points and Tom Horn with eight points.

### GOH 64, Sacred Heart 63

In a Catholic League game, Patrick DeRojas and Conor Judge scored 14 points each and Tom Horn scored 13 points.

### GOH 60, Sacred Heart 37 (JV)

In a Catholic League game, Patrick DeRojas scored 22 points, Tom Horn had 10 points and Nick Latosek scored eight.

### St. Mary's Old Forge 52, GOH 33

Patrick DeRojas scored 10 points to lead the Gators, and Jonathan Orlando scored six.

### GOH 32, St. Mary's Old Forge 31 (JV)

Patrick DeRojas had 12 points and Tom Horn scored seven.

**Correction:** Tom Horn was incorrectly identified in last week's issue listing players who had scored 500 points for Gate of Heaven.

## Dallas Youth Basketball 7th / 8th grade Boys Skills & Drills Competition Winners

### 7th grade

**Layups:** 1st place, Josh Backes; 2nd place, Bryan Weaver; 3rd place, Tommy Youells.

**Foul shots:** 1st place, Derek Martin; 2nd place, Brian Haughtwout; 3rd place, Casey Judge.

**3 Pointers:** 1st place, Dave Zurek; 2nd place, Russell Jenkins; 3rd place, Jackie Ellis.

### 8th grade

**Layups:** 1st place, Peter Steve; 2nd place, Chris Klais; 3rd place, Vito Recchia.

**Foul Shots:** 1st place, Myer Messinger; 2nd place, Ryan Phillips; 3rd place, Mike Kravitsky.

**3 Pointers:** 1st place, Mark Covert; 2nd place, Michael Tonart; 3rd place, Doug Harding.



## Tim Crossin hits 1000

Bishop O'Reilly junior Tim Crossin, of Dallas, recently scored his 1000th point as a member of the Bishop O'Reilly High School boys team. He is pictured receiving his award with his parents and school officials. From left: Tom Crossin, Susan Dennen (principal), Tim Crossin, Mark Belenski (coach), Eileen Crossin.

## Bowling tournament for children

The Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley will hold the annual I. Malcolm Pearlman Memorial Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 14, beginning at 1 p.m. The tournament will be held at the JCC Bowling Lanes for children ages 4-12.

Each participant will receive a t-shirt, trophy and refreshments at the conclusion of the tournament.

The annual event is sponsored by Debbie and Stanley Pearlman of Kingston. For more information, contact Rick Evans, Assistant Executive Director at 824-4646.

## Roundup

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### Coughlin 78, Tunkhannock 64

Feb. 12 — Kyle Wilson led the Tigers with a game-high 23 points, and Colin Hopkins scored 10.

## BOYS SWIMMING

### Dallas 85, Berwick 81

Feb. 13 — Alaric Eby (diving), Sean Gilroy (100 freestyle), Mike Fasulka (100 backstroke) and Allen Gonczol (100 breaststroke) picked up wins to lead the Mounts.

### Wyoming Seminary 59, Tunkhannock 32

Feb. 12 — Steve VanDuzer (50 free, 100 fly) was a double winner for the Tigers and Chris Veety (100 back) also picked up a win.

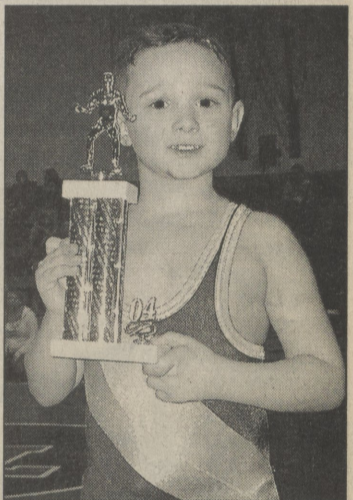
## GIRLS SWIMMING

### Dallas 93, Berwick 92

Feb. 13 — Kira Szulborski (50 freestyle) and Whitney Bolton (diving) each picked up wins for Dallas.

### Wyoming Seminary 53, Tunkhannock 49

Feb. 12 — Mauri Anderson (100 free) and Courtney Austin (100 breast) won events for Tunkhannock.



## Caffrey places 3rd at Tri-Valley tourney

Jimmy Caffrey, Back Mountain Wrestling Club, took third place at the Tri-Valley Tournament in Higgins, Pa., in Bantam 65 lb. He is coached by his father, Jim Caffrey Sr.

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# Sem Lower School edges Dallas

Wyoming Seminary Lower School's 7th- and 8th-grade boys basketball team capped off a 19-1 basketball season — the best in its school's history — with a hard fought, 25-24 playoff win over Dallas on February 17 at the Lower School gym. The victory allowed the Sem team, coached by Ed Plaksa and Scott Byers, to move on to the 7th and 8th grade West Side Boys Basketball League Championship game, played Friday, February 20. Results were not available in time for this issue.

Despite a sluggish first half in which fouls and other missed opportunities left Sem

trailing 13-9, Sem recovered with a strong defensive effort in the second half. The three scorers for Sem were Elliott Byers (15 points), Max Lubin (8 points), and Max Saidman (2 points). Scorers for Dallas were Mike Kravitsky (9 points), Patrick Murray (6 points), Myer Messinger (5 points) and Mark Covert (4 points). Dallas finished the season with a record of 15-5.

A strong defensive effort by both teams made for a low-scoring game. According to Plaksa, Dallas's inside game served them well in the first half. "We started pressing them more in the second half," he

said. "We stepped up our defense and forced a few turnovers."

This is the first time Sem has reached the league championship. Plaksa attributes his players' success to a strong sense of teamwork and cohesiveness. "Many of these kids have been playing together since fifth grade," he said. Plaksa also had high praise for Dallas's team of talented middle schoolers.

"They showed terrific poise and sportsmanship and wished our players the best in the playoffs," he said. "This was as tight a matchup as it gets."

## LCCC volleyball tournament March 27-28

The Luzerne County Community College Health and Physical Education Department will hold its 18th annual volleyball tournament on Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28, beginning at 9 a.m., at the college's gymnasium.

Saturday's tournament will

be co-ed with at least two females per team. An all-male tournament will be held on Sunday. The tournament will be round-robin play followed by single elimination playoffs. Teams are responsible for supplying up and down officials.

Cost of the tournament is

\$95 per team, per day. The tournament is conducted in honor of Ruby Carmon, retired LCCC health and physical education professor.

For more information, or to register, call 740-0237 or 740-0566 or e-mail [egurtis@luzerne.edu](mailto:egurtis@luzerne.edu).

## CROSSWORD CORNER

### Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- "Kon-Tiki," for one
  - Relay length
  - Lawyers' org.
  - Pontificate
  - Grasso or Haines
  - Prownd
  - Daring
  - European peninsula
  - "Giselle" composer
  - Sour fruit
  - Cupid
  - Elect
  - Part of a remark by Evan Esar
  - "Nightmare" street
  - Party potable
  - Likely to last?
  - Chemical compound
  - Gangster's gun
  - Kafka character
  - Bother
  - Homer's field
  - Pen pals?
  - Govt. notes
  - Duty
  - Part 2 of remark
  - Steel support
  - Ryan's
- DOWN**
- 133 Skater
  - Midori
  - 104 — Carlo
  - 105 "— been aggy?"
  - Salad
  - 106 Like Mister Ed?
  - 108 Neanderthals
  - Christine of "House-keeping"
  - 111 Remind one's spouse?
  - 113 Part of a crane
  - 114 End of remark
  - 123 Candles
  - 128 Enrages
  - 127 Monthly expense
  - 128 Vegetate
  - 129 Go to extremes
  - 130 Wonka's creator
  - 131 Inland sea
  - 132 Tun throwaways
  - 133 With TV chef
  - 134 Comedian
  - 135 Ruminant
  - 136 New Mexico resort
  - 1 Paper quantity
  - 2 Flindom's Ray
  - 3 Custard of Castle
  - 4 Docile

### PURCHASING POWER

- Desert
- 45 Sphere
- Uris or Trotsky
- Novelist
- Rural sight
- 44 Attempt
- Attention
- "That hurts!"
- Put on
- Martha of "Jumbo"
- Coal
- by-product
- Claire or Balin
- Fuzzy
- 68 Govern
- 69 Mend, as a bone
- 112 Bridal path?
- 70 Record players?
- 71 Caviar
- 72 See
- 14 Down
- 73 New York team
- 75 With table
- 102 Across, novel
- 120 Concept
- 121 Toast
- 76 From Cork
- 79 Splendor
- 82 Child welfare org.
- 84 Island outfit
- 85 Summon electronically
- 86 Taj town
- 87 Film

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### Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

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- ACROSS**
- 12-Across times 5-Down
  - Three more than 14-Down
  - 3-Across plus 5-Down
  - Consecutive digits in descending order
  - Five times 8-Down
  - Seven times 15-Across
  - Consecutive digits in descending order
  - Consecutive digits in ascending order
  - Four less than 12-Across
  - Two hundred less than 11-Down

- DOWN**
- 1-Across plus 7-Down
  - One-third of 1-Down
  - Three more than 3-Down
  - 4-Across times 3-Down
  - 14-Across times 14-Down
  - Five less than 2-Down
  - Consecutive digits in ascending order
  - 6-Down plus 7-Down
  - 3-Down plus 5-Down
  - One-sixth of 10-Down

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## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- To and -
  - Spelldown
  - Bear
  - Mason's field
  - Can. prov.
  - It's from the heart
  - B&B
  - If not
  - Society-page word
  - Snap
  - Microbe
  - Golfer Ernie
  - Confront
  - Summertime quaff
  - Chicken
  - Teary
  - Napped leather
  - Symbol
  - Pompous sort
  - Subway, in London
  - Mel of Cooperstown
  - Vague
  - Hostess snacks
  - Bovine remark
  - Altered
  - Cartoonist's supply
  - Heat
  - Unfriendly
  - Ball-bearing item
  - A long time

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58	Couturier's monogram										
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17	Comfortable	40	"... - finest hour"								
21	Syrup flavor										
23	It beats a straight	42	Friendship character?								
43	They have all the time in the world	44	Hayseed								
24	Brewery creation	45	Towel designation								
25	Massachusetts cape	46	Hassel								
26	Ram's ma'am	47	Chardon's river								
28	Go green?	48	Rotation duration?								
30	Curvaceous character?	49	Inflation								
31	Sopping	50	Part of the Dept. of HHS								
32	Flightless bird	51	In favor of								
33	Recede										
36	Othello was										
10	"Impossible"										

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