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SPORTS

Sunday, March 28, 2004

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.

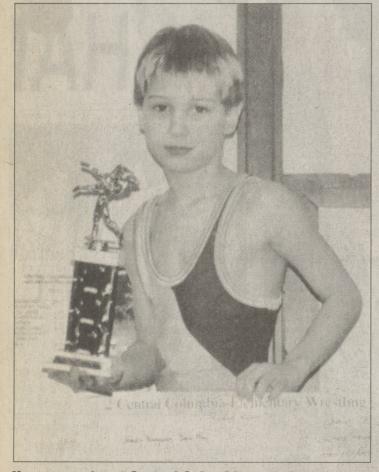
Courses, by date, include:

• April 7 and 8 — Bloomsburg Middle School, Columbia County, starts at 5:30 p.m., 784-3694.

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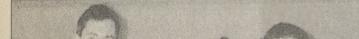
DYB banquet April 18

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold its annual banquet on Sunday, April 18 at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. Trophies will be presented to first and second place playoff teams, skills competition winners, and most improved players for each grade level. Call 696-1190 or 639-1467 for ticket information.



Youngman 1st at Central Columbia

Several wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently participated in the Central Columbia Novice Wrestling Tournament. James Youngman took first place in the 70-pound Junior division. This is James' first year with the club; he is in fifth grade at Dallas Elementary.





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Matt Flanagan reacted to a play as he and his Bishop O'Reilly teammates watched a tape of the state championship game. He was flanked by fellow Gate of Heaven alumni Josh Aciukewicz, to his left, and Chris DeRojas. Tim Crossin is in front of Flanagan. The team got together last week at Tom and Eileen Crossin's home for the first time since winning the Class A title.

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the run with a layup at the 6:53 mark before Crossin made a play that seemed to put a dagger in the Panthers' heart.

While being guarded by Diethorn, the 6-1 Crossin held the ball at the top of the key, three feet beyond the three-point line. Diethorn backed away from Crossin. Crossin answered with a 22-foot jumper to give the Queensmen a 27-13 lead with 2:53 remaining in the first half.

"I don't know why he did that," said Sewickley head coach Win Palmer of Diethorn, a small-Division I college recruit who was held to nine points. "We heard that (Crossin) had NBA range and that was a huge shot. We always want to shot-challenge the shooter. We just didn't do it.

"But that's what makes high school sports so unusual. If the kids were predictable, it wouldn't be so much fun."

Matt Williams gave O'Reilly its biggest lead of the game, 46-25, on a layup than Sewickley's defensive average. The Panthers led the entire Pittsburgh area in scoring defense at 43.2 points per game.

"Give credit to O'Reilly, that's a very good basketball team," said Palmer, who has more than 400 career victories. "But we didn't play with our usual defensive intensity until sometime in

the third quarter." Amir Johnson came off the bench to score a teamhigh 18 points for the Panthers, including 14 during a furious fourth-quarter rally. Sewickley got within 10 points at 1:03 mark, but never closer. Crossin scored 12 points in the quarter and the Queensmen made 16 of 21

"Timmy is a great player," said Belenski of Crossin. "He's had the ball in his with 1:01 remaining in the hands since his freshman third quarter. The Queens- year. He does whatever it men finished the quarter takes to win. Tonight, we with 48 points, five more needed him to score 31 points."

> That wasn't the game plan, Crossin said.

"I didn't come out thinking about scoring 31 points," he said. "I missed my first three shots, but then hit my next three. After I hit those, I started to feel more comfortable."

After the game, the O'Reilly seniors led the team off the court to the deafening roar of the large contingent of Queensmen fans who made the trip to Hershey.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world," said senior forward Matt Flanagan, who scored 14 points. "We worked so hard to accomplish this. What a great way free throws in the final 6:41 to end your high school career.'

Bishop O'Reilly (30-4)

Tim Crossin 9-15 10-12 31, Matt Flanagan 3-9 7-8 14, Jason Blazosek 1-2 2-2 4, Mike Podcasy 2-3 0-0 5, Josh Aciukewicz 2-6 8-12 12, Kevin Della Rosa 0-0 0-1 0, Chris DeRojas 0-0 0-0 0, B.J. Solack 0-1 0-0 0, Andrew Gialanella 0-0 0-0 0, Mark Williams 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 19-42 27-35 70.

Sewickley Academy (26-5)

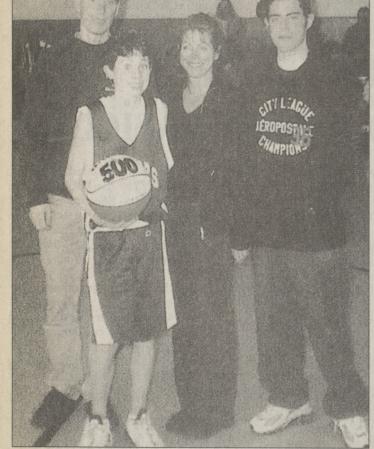
Matt Palmer 1-9 0-0 3, Antonio DiMaria 2-13 1-4 5, George Raftis 6-9 1-2 13, Sean Hickey 0-7 0-0 0, Corey Diethorn 3-5 3-6 9, Amir Johnson 4-10 9-11 18, Ryan Bradford 2-7 2-5 6, Terrance Pratt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-60 16-28 54.

Bishop O'Reilly 14 18 16 22-70 Sewickley Academy 11 6 8 29-54

Three-point goals—Sewickley Academy 2-24 (Johnson 1-3, Palmer 1-9, Hickey 0-5, DiMaria 0-7), Bishop O'Reilly 5-11 (Crossin 3-5, Podcasy 1-2, Flanagan 1-3, DeRojas 0-1). Fouled out-Diethorn, Palmer. Rebounds-Sewickley Academy 51 (Raftis 9), Bish-

op O'Reilly 34 (Aciukewicz 8). Total

by Linda Thistle



Casey Judge hits 500th point

Casey Judge, a seventh grader at Gate of Heaven School, recently scored his 500th point for Gators teams. He is shown with his parents, Mike and Anne, and his brother, Conor.

Camp St. Andrew for girls

Camp St. Andrew in Tunkhannock will run its 31st annual basketball camp for girls in July. The first clinic runs July 11-16 and the second clinic runs from July 18-23. The camp is for girls entering grades 5-10 and the cost is \$275 per week.

Fundamentals will be emphasized through instruction and daily competitions. Campers will play two league games daily. Facilities include four outdoor and two indoor courts, a swimming pool, an archery range, a ropes course,, and a 60-acre lake for swimming, kayaking, and canoeing. Special activities include a campfire and skit night. All campers receive a basketball and t-shirt.

The director is Bernie Kozlowski,, a graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School and Lehigh University. She played professionally in Belgium in 1990 and is a member of the NE Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. She currently teaches in the biology department at Keystone College in LaPlume. The assistant directors will include Renee Casterline, head coach of Wyoming Seminary.

For a brochure, call 226-4606 or e-mail campstandr@aol.com.

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