

New twists in education for hunters and trappers

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is launching a new format and curriculum for its basic Hunter-Trapper Education program. The latest course of study, designed to meet the standards for hunter training established by the International Hunter Education Association, is divided into two parts: knowledge and skills. Additional subjects are included to meet the needs of first-time hunters and trappers in Pennsylvania. Wyoming County is one of six counties across the state that will be offering this new training throughout the year.

To complete the first part of the training, the knowledge portion, students have several options. They can attend a traditional knowledge-based class taught by certified volunteer instructors. These classes will be conducted over a two or three-day period and will require about eight hours of class time. Classes are typically held at local sportsmen's clubs, schools or civic organizations. Knowledge class opportunities for Wyoming County appear below.

Another option, which allows students to complete their knowledge component, is to study on their own. A new online course, Today's Hunter & Trapper in Pennsylvania, is available via a link on the Game Commission's website. This interactive, multi-media course will guide students through the same curriculum materials used by those students attending a traditional class. The advantage is that independent-study students can work at their own pace and work at times convenient to their own schedules.

If computer-based training is not for you, the third option enables students to request a printed manual by calling the Game Commission's Northeast Regional Office at 675-1143. A copy of Today's Hunter & Trapper in Pennsylvania will be mailed to you at no charge.

After completing the knowledge portion of their training, students must register for and attend a Hunter-Trapper Education skills class. This hands-on training, which will take about six hours to complete, uses interactive video and laser technology along with actual firearms. During

this training session, students must pass an evaluation in the safe and responsible handling of firearms, together with actual or simulated live-fire exercises. At the conclusion of the day's activities, students will be required to complete a written test before they are certified. Dates, times and locations for skill class opportunities in Wyoming County appear below.

Registration for these classes can be done online. This feature, which will be activated by mid-year, can save time and will streamline the program's record-keeping process. Prior to activation of this feature, students interested in taking a class in Wyoming County are required to register by contacting the Northeast Regional Office at 675-1143, (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Students are encouraged to register for a skills class early, as class sizes are limited to 50 students.

Beginning in 2006, the Game Commission plans to expand this new format and training, making it available statewide. To learn more about hunter education and to view complete class schedules for Wyoming County and the entire state, visit the Game Commission's web site at www.pgc.state.pa.us and click on "Calendar of Events" or "Education."

2005 Hunter-Trapper Education Schedule for Wyoming County:

Knowledge Classes - Part 1

Dept of Agriculture Building, Rt. 92 Tunkhannock
April 7 and 8, 6-10 p.m.
Students must attend both sessions

Dept of Agriculture Building, Rt. 92 Tunkhannock
August 11 and 12, 6-10 p.m.
Students must attend both sessions

Skills Classes - Part 2

Factoryville Rod and Gun Club
April 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meshoppen Rod and Gun Club
May 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dept. of Agriculture Building
June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Factoryville Rod and Gun Club
September 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meshoppen Rod and Gun Club
October 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Blue Jays don't lose

The Lake Noxen Blue Jays recently finished their season undefeated, winning the Lake-Lehman girls district championship. Pictured are team members from left: first row, Charleen Fisher, Chelsea Thomas, Victoria Hughes, Danielle Oliveri; second row, Taylor Brobst, Jennifer O'Brien, Selena Adamshick, Keegan Truska; third row, coaches Patti and Paul Adamshick.



Racking up trophies

Billy Dixon, 10, of Dallas, recently placed second at the Tunkhannock Wrestling Tournament in the Midget division. Other placements this season include a first at Towanda, a second at Elk Lake, a fourth at the Turkey Classic, and a fifth at Wyalusing. Billy is a fifth grade student at Dallas Elementary School.

State swimmers

Teammates Lindsey Kelly (left) and Stacey Stepniak (right) recently competed in the state swim meet at Penn State Main Campus. Kelly, a fifth grade student at Dallas Elementary School, placed fifth in her event, and Stepniak, an eighth grade student at Dallas Middle School, placed 10th. Both girls swim for the Pittston YMCA Piranhas and qualified for states at the NEPAGSL Championships with record setting performances.



Meet the Red Barons April 6

The annual "Meet the Red Barons" dinner will be held Wednesday, April 6, at Pittston Convention Hall, beginning at 7 p.m., with autographs and other festivities starting at 6.

Tickets are \$20 per person, with checks payable to Northeastern Baseball, Inc. Reservations may be made by calling 823-5137, or mailing a check to Northeastern Baseball, Inc., P. O. Box 983, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. Tables of 10 may be reserved for \$200, with the opportunity to have a Red Barons player at the table, based on a first-come, first-served basis and availability. Deadline for reservations is April 4.



Back Mountain Wrestling Club

All of the following boys placed at the Tunkhannock Tournament: Matt Doggett, second place Midget; Justin Hutchins, first place Pee-wee; Cole Dixon, first place Pee-wee; Mark Michno, third place Midget; Connor Martinez, fourth place Bantam; Nick Luzetski, second place Bantam; Jimmy Caffery, fourth place Midget, Kris Rosencrans, second place Pee-wee.



Mat mighty mite

Cole Dixon, 6, of Dallas, recently placed first in the Pee-Wee division at the following tournaments: The Turkey Classic, Lehman, Elk Lake, Clarks Summit, Towanda, Lewisburg, Wyalusing and Tunkhannock. He also finished second at the Little Lions Tournament, which consists of the state's top 100 wrestlers. Cole is a first grade student at Dallas Elementary.



Gate of Heaven varsity girls, from left, kneeling: Francesca Sacucci, Alicia Roncevich, Serena Fulton, Erin Crossin, Carolyn Suhocki, Laurie Roveck. Standing: Asst. coach Mike Shevock, Casey Hampsey, Jennifer Sobek, Erin Dougherty, Colleen Leahigh, Yahan Derby, Breanne DeRemer, Abby Zurad, Magan Millo, Head coach Frank Pascucci, Asst. coach Paul Roncevich.

Gator girls win tournament

The Gate of Heaven varsity girls hosted St. Boniface and St. Al's for their annual tournament on March 19-21. Gate of Heaven claimed first place after defeating St. Al's 43-38 in the championship game. Gate of Heaven had a balanced scoring attack, led by Erin Crossin with 11 points.

Gate of Heaven lost its first game 54-48 to St. Boniface. In that game, Gate of Heaven was led by Crossin with 14 points, Carolyn Suhocki with 13 points

and Yahan Derby with nine points.

On March 21, Gate of Heaven defeated St. Al's in an extremely competitive game 38-35. Gate of Heaven was led by Crossin with 17 points while Alicia Roncevich and Abby Zurad added six points apiece. This win by Gate of Heaven resulted in all three teams having a 1-1 record. Based on a tie breaker (least points allowed), Gate of Heaven played St. Al's again for the championship.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lake-Lehman 2, Crestwood 1

Mar. 30 — Traci Ragukas scored an unassisted goal for Lehman and Julia Covert scored off an assist from Chrissy Kazmierski, in a very evenly played match. Black Knights' goalie Shannon Prescott had 11 saves.

CROSSWORD CORNER

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Dracula" prop
6 — mignon
11 Roast beef au —
14 Enjoy the Alps
17 Tropical treat
19 Classical hunk?
21 A Turner
22 Another Turner
23 Toed the line
27 Prom wear
28 Idle
30 Fury
31 "Garfield" cartoonist
32 Shalit or Siskel
33 Ned of "Deliverance"
37 Stir up
38 Speaker of remark
41 Carrey title start
42 Windmill part
43 Violinist
44 Singer
45 Cabbage concoction
49 Aquatic animal

51 Bodybuilder Charles
52 "— Show" (94 film)
53 Private pension
54 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
55 Restive
57 Trumpeter Benigan
58 Explorer Hedin
59 '68 Tom Jones hit
61 Shatter
63 — suit
64 Part 2 of remark
69 Raid
71 Sinuous dances
72 Jihad
75 Verve
76 Posada of baseball
78 Thin porridge
80 Thurman of "The Avengers"
81 Deighton or Dawson
82 Blows away
83 Isaac's mom
85 Remove varnish
87 Lug
89 Morning moisture
90 Comic Sherman

91 "— It a Pity?" (70 song)
92 Got older
94 Part 3 of remark
98 Yearned
101 Titania's hubby
103 "Jaws" man?
104 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
105 Woody herb
106 With 107, Down, "Chocolat"
107 Kimono closer
110 End of remark
116 Like some recordings
118 Out — limb
119 Gumshoe
120 Update a story
121 Ida of "The Sea Wolf"
122 Fashion monogram
123 Symbol of sturdiness
124 "Jane Eyre" character
125 Murcia mister

DOWN

1 Primer pooch
2 Forbidden
3 Summit
4 Kyser or Starr
5 Ornamental opening
6 Comic Joey
7 Wedding words
8 "Hulk" Ferrigno
9 SASE, e.g.
10 Mowdy of "Sister, Sister"
11 Be in accord
12 Luau instrument
13 Rarely
14 Martin or McQueen
15 Actor Sorbo
16 Whim, i.e. remark
17 Like a...
18 Hersey setting
20 Tizzy
25 Strive
26 Whittier's story
27 "No dice!"
28 Farm tool
29 Beer
32 Merriment
33 Beer storage?
34 Humorist Bombeck
35 Cry of concern
36 Dress size
37 Like a peach
38 Photo finish
39 Narrow-minded
40 One of the Marches
41 Rub out
42 Nullify
44 Swindle
46 Sausage type
47 Precinct
48 Lack
50 Bendix role
51 "— Breaky ('92 hit)
52 Wharf
56 Prepare to leather?
57 Seeks
58 Fluctuate
60 Tenor Kozlovsky
61 Peevishness
62 Genetic
63 Vends
65 Flung
66 Warm embraces
67 "No dice!"
68 Farm tool
69 Crater's lab assistant
70 Toast
71 Soho snack
73 — acid
74 All ears
76 Too experienced
77 Hard bills
78 Bit of a beach
79 Be bombastic
83 Disparage
84 Palo —, CA
86 Cast
88 Scout rank
90 Presidential nickname
93 Traitoria
95 Half or hen
96 Last
97 Telescope sighting
98 Croce's Mr. Brown
99 "Hee Haw" host Buck
100 Mount Everest's locale
101 Absent
102 Grumpy guy
105 Singer
106 Alcazo of football
107 See 106
108 Pro —
109 Perpetual lab
111 assistant
112 PBS benefactor
113 Accounting tool
114 Tiny
115 "— of You" ('84 hit)
117 "Tarzan" extra

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

Rational Numbers

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.

ACROSS

2. Consecutive digits in descending order
4. 11-Across minus 16-Across
6. Three more than 11-Down
8. 15-Across minus 11-Down
9. Digits of 17-Across reversed
10. Consecutive digits in ascending order
11. One-half of 14-Down
13. 6-Across plus 5-Down
15. Five times 5-Down
16. Four times 6-Across
17. Five hundred more than 1-Down

DOWN

1. Consecutive digits in ascending order
2. Four more than 15-Across
3. Two times 9-Across
5. One more than 7-Down
7. One-half of 9-Down
9. Digits of 16-Down reversed
10. The last digit is three times the first digit
11. Four times 10-Across
12. Digits of 3-Down reversed
13. 8-Across plus 16-Down
14. Thirty less than 2-Across
16. Consecutive digits in ascending order

King Crossword

ACROSS

1. Make inquiries
4. Bonfire leftovers
9. Dem.'s rival
12. Nixon was his veep
13. La - Opera House
14. Equal (Pref.)
15. Pronto
17. Wilde-beest
18. Shared by us
19. Situated below
21. Urge on
24. "Nuts!"
25. Cattle call?
26. Work unit
28. Upside-down "e"
31. Babies' nutriment
33. Bando of baseball
35. Song-writer Gus
36. Less extroverted
38. "Without a doubt"
40. Bottom line
41. Smell to high heaven
43. Cell terminals
45. "Dragnet" sergeant
47. Uncooked
48. Journal
49. Absolutely
54. "— -la-lal"
55. Lucy's pal
56. Thee

assistant
10. A slave to crosswords?
11. Serve tea
16. Polloi precedent
20. Bulletin board item
21. Little demons
22. Ark builder
23. Author's protection
27. Festive
29. Roller coaster shout
30. Picnic invaders
32. Burpee buy
34. Erudite

DOWN

1. Melody
2. Schuss
3. Small barrel
4. Perspicacious
5. Bugaboos, e.g.
6. "Hee -"
7. African antelope
8. Lord Wimsey's creator
9. Much riled-on, as an