# New twists in education for hunters and trappers

format and curriculum for its Hunter-Trapper basic Education program. The latest course of study, designed to Hunter International 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 independentstudy 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 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

The Pennsylvania Game this training session, students Commission is launching a new 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 meet the standards for hunter day's activities, students will be training established by the required to complete a written test before they are certified. Dates, times and locations for skill class opportunities in Wyoming County appear

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., 8a.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 ses-

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

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.



Gate of Heaven varsity girls, from left, kneeling: Francesca Pascucci, Alicia Roncevich, Serena Fulton, Erin Crossin, Carolyn Suhocki, Laurie Shevock.

Standing: Asst. coach Mike Shevock, Casey Hampsey, Jennifer Sobeck, Erin Dougherty, Colleen Leahigh, Yahan Derby, Breanne DeRemer, Abby Zurad, Magan Millo, Head coach Frank Pascucci, Asst. coach Paul Roncevich.

## Gator girls win tournament

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. game 54-48 to St. Boniface. In ing a 1-1 record. Based on a tie that game, Gate of Heaven was breaker (least points allowed), led by Crossin with 14 points, Carolyn Suhocki with 13 points

The Gate of Heaven varsity 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 Gate of Heaven lost its first resulted in all three teams hav-Gate of Heaven played St. Al's again for the championship.

## GIRLS SOCCER

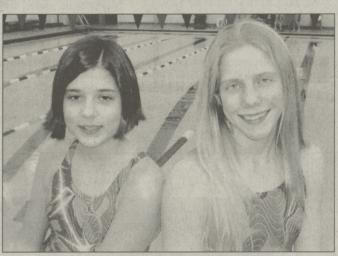
Lake-Lehman 2, Crestwood 1

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



### 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 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 firstcome, first-served basis 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 Bantum; Nick Luzetski, second place Bantum: Jimmy Caffery, fourth place Midget, Kris Rosencrans, second place Pee-wee.

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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.



### 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.

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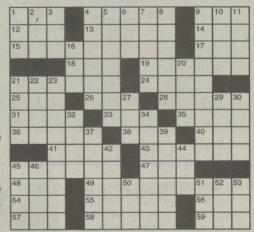
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