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Classes are typically held at local sportsmen's clubs, schools civic organizations. or 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 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., 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 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.



#### Unbeaten in league play

The Lehman Knights fifth grade boy's travel basketball team finished undefeated in the 2004-2005 Wilkes-Barre CYC Biddy League, with a 12-0 record.

From left, first row: Jordan Thomas, Cody Poepperling, Tim Piatt, Brain O'Donnell. Second row: Coach Dwayne Poepperling, Job Stepanski, Jared Notvitski, John Butchko, Jared Kukosky, Kevin Bohan, Assistant Jeff Novitski. Absent from photo: Jay Dawsey, Ryan Hanson.



#### **High-scoring Queensmen**

Two members and co-captains of the Bishop O'Reilly boys' basketball team accumulated significant career point totals during the later part of the season, en route to the team's third consecutive Division II Class A Championship.

Pictured in the photo above is guard Tim Crossin, a senior, who reached 1,500 career points. From left, Susan Dennen, prinicipal; Eileen Crossin, Tim Crossin, coach Mark Belenski, Tom Crossin.

Center Josh Aciukewicz, a junior, hit the 1,000-point mark. In photo below, from left, John Aciukewicz, Beth Aciukewicz, Josh Aciukewicz, Mark Belenski, Susan Dennen.



# 'Identiflyer' available for beginning bird watchers

To assist beginning bird watchers, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has added a bird song audio "identiflyer" to its list of merchandise available through "The Outdoor Shop" its website on (www.pgc.state.pa.us). Just click on "Merchandise," select Just "Misc. Items" and scroll down to the bird song audio identifly\$35.50, comes with two audio cards, an earphone for in-thefield use, a bird-watching guide booklet and three AAA batteries already inserted.

The cards that come with the Identiflyer are the Yard Bird series. Each card has the name and a drawing of the bird. By pressing the button beside the each bird, the Identiflyer will play a short sample of the bird's song.

Other song card series cost \$10.50 plus tax and consist of one card each.

The Warbler Identification System, which costs \$33.75, is a four-card pack that features 40 different types of warblers, including the Northern water thrush, yellow-breasted chat and the Kirtland's. The pack includes a special booklet or identifying the different type of warblers.

The device, which sells for



### **Pirates win Niagara Classic**

The Pocono Pirates Mite II Youth Ice Hockey team recently took first place honors at the Niagara Falls Classic tournament in Niagara Falls, NY. They defeated teams from Toms River, NJ, Monroe County, NY and Reading on the way to the championship against a team from Fulton, NY. The team is made up of second and third grade boys from various communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania and is coached by Scott Pertl, Scott Lewis, Joe Newhart and Chuck Hoyt. Back Mountain participants are, from left, first row: Patrick Newhart, A.J. Nardone, Blake Pertl. Second row: George Pfeiffer, Alex Hoyt, Michael Olenginski.

## Golf tournament aids autism fight

Wilkes University students, working for the student-run Zebra Communications firm, will assist the Autism Golf Classic planning committee with its marketing and promotions effort in 2005. The golf event, scheduled for Monday, June 13 at the Huntsville Golf Club, will benefit the John Heinz Institute Autism program.

Members of the 2005 Autism Golf Classic planning committee are: Stuart Bell, Tom Bevevino, Jim Brogna, Lee Eckert, Mark Korlishin, John McCarthy, Bob Morgan, Tom Pugh, Mark Rowan, Mike Raymond, Alex Rogers, Jack Simpson, Doug Straub, Phil Straub and Susan Yelen.

For more information on the Autism Golf Classic or auction, call. 826-3836, or e-mail Jim Brogna at jbrogn@allied-services.org.

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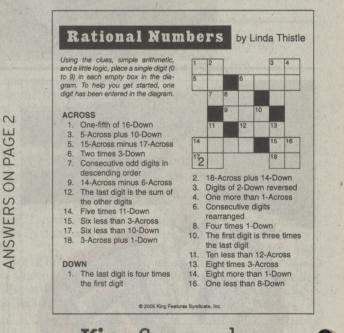
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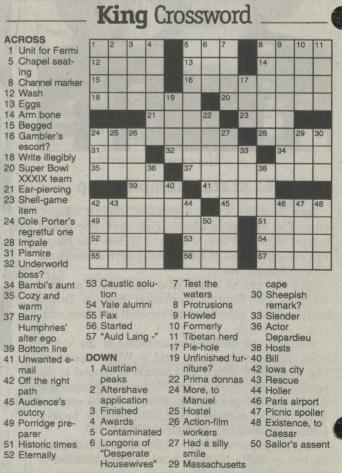
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