

# DRAGONFLIES

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time Carverton resident Dottie Ann Searfoss. "My teacher used to take us here for field trips."

Little wind and the hot day bothered all but the beautiful dragonflies they had come to see. There were big whitetail dragonflies that looked like bi-planes, basket tails (yes, their tails look like woven baskets), and a shimmering luminous blue Aurora damselfly that attracted everyone's attention.

Carol Lizell, a wildflower hunter from West Pittston, came well-prepared with a 10-power magnifying loupe, which she shared with the group. With it, the hairs on the insects' bodies became clearly visible. One dragonfly had a pair of elephant-like trunks at the end of its body.

Koval explained the first lesson. There are dragonflies and then there are damselflies. The difference is that the

damselfly holds its wings on its back. And then there are spread wings, too. He tickled the body of one and it bit April Roskos's finger.

Koval whipped his butterfly net around and caught the dragonflies easily, taking samples into his collection bag. They can last a few days in his bag, he assured everyone. After he let one loose. It faltered at first. "He may be on his last wing," chuckled Lou Yerabeck.

The human visitors moved across the hot pond and over concrete stepping stones into the spring green shade of a trail. There they examined a bright green variety, found a Jack-in-the-pulpit, and went lakeside to cool off.

Group members agreed the green dragonfly is a work of art. "They are not aware of how beautiful they are," sighed Searfoss.



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April Roskos gets a close look at a dragonfly held by Rick Koval, a naturalist from the North Branch Land Trust.

## SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of June 20-24. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

**MONDAY:** Roast turkey, whipped potatoes, Roman vegetable medley, applesauce.

**TUESDAY:** Sausage and peppers, oven brown potatoes, carrots, chilled peaches.

**WEDNESDAY:** Stuffed cabbage rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, donut.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken scampi over rice, seasoned spinach, tossed salad with Italian dressing, pear.

**FRIDAY:** Potato and cheese pierogi, cottage cheese, broccoli, vegetable soup, vanilla wafers.

## Camp receives grant to attend history workshop

Dr. William D. Camp, professor of sociology and history at Luzerne County Community College, has received a grant from the National Endowment to the Humanities in Washington D.C. to study at the Ramsey Center of Mars College in North Carolina.

Dr. Camp will participate in the NEH Landmarks of American History workshop, "Working in the Woods: Economics and Cultures in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 1650-1950."

Several leading scholars and authors will participate in a colloquium and seminars during the session, including Dr. John Insoe from the University of Georgia who will lead research into the collection of artifacts and archival materials of the Ramsey Center.

Dr. Camp holds a B.A. from Gordon College, an M.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University,



Dr. William D. Camp

and his doctorate from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Camp has participated in previous NEA programs at Brandeis, Harvard and Boston universities. He and his wife Ann reside in Dallas.

## LOCK-IN

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PHOTOS BY JANA STEC

Amanda Szczucki prepares for battle with Steve Elston.

cord, or who could hold on tightest to the mechanical bull. If that were not enough to keep everyone busy, Dance Dance Revolution, lazar tag, karaoke, Twister, and a Dallas LifeSmarts competition were also offered throughout the night, as well as the chance to view a specially created senior video.

Probably the highlight of almost everyone's night was the final two hours when "Astonishing Neil" was able to put a handful of the drowsy audience into a hypnotized state. Fits of laughter fed the mesmerized subjects as they easily and fervently followed each and every instruction. Whether they themselves were laughing at the "funniest punch line" they ever heard, or the audience was cracking up at the reactions several students had as they were convinced they had won and/or lost a million dollars at the horse races, the auditorium echoed with hysterical giggles.

One of the most appealing aspects of the Lock-In to the average broke teenager was the assurance of winning some money and a prize. Each student received a door prize valued at about \$50, which ranged from gift certificates to area stores and restaurants, to MP3 players, to other useful

merchandise. A balloon pop and lollipop pull each had a minimum prize of \$5, with larger cash prizes given to the lucky ones who picked the right balloons and tootsie pops. A money machine required much more skill as each person had 20 seconds in a claustrophobic booth to shove blowing bills and coupons through a thin slot. For some this meant \$3 and a burger, while others were quick enough to grab a fifty or a twenty or sometimes both. At the conclusion of the Lock-In was a drawing to award larger cash prizes. Ten graduates each received \$100, six snagged \$250 each, two got their hands on \$500, and one very lucky and much deserving individual walked out \$1,000 richer.

The Dallas High School Grad Lock-In has been perfected and skillfully orchestrated in order to give each senior class a chaperoned gathering that is certainly in the best interest of anyone eligible to attend. The Lock-In is a night of fun, food, hanging out, hilarity, money, prizes, and memories. Without the dedicated work of parents and the generosity of the community, such a terrific and eventful night could not have taken place, and therefore, I would like to extend my gratitude on behalf of the Class of 2005 to all who contributed.



Allen Gonczol is thrown from the bull after a few short seconds.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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### Rational Numbers answers

1	4	1	8
7	1	3	7
8	4	3	1
1	2		
1	4	6	
	3	5	
8	1	4	3
4	5	6	5
0	8	4	6

### King Crossword Answers

AFT	MATCH	BAM
BOO	ATALE	ORE
COOKIEJAR	ONE	
INC	MARKET	
TATTER	PLUM	
AGO	SOP	DEALS
IRON	WIM	SKIP
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