

## Back Mtn. residents jump into victory



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Elizabeth Lewis and her horse, R I Radical, won first place in Western Riding.



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Ariel Gross and her horse, Willies Magical Existence, won first place in English Pleasure-Four Year Old Pleasure Futurity.



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Brittany Galli and her horse, No Yella Here, won first in Quarter Horse-Two Year Old Filly.

### Riders place in 4-H Horse Show

Nineteen Luzerne County 4-H horse members participated in the annual State 4-H Horse Show held at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

These members not only represented Luzerne County, but the seven counties that comprise the 4-H Horse District.

County winners in 4-H performance classes were:

Kristen Boyle, Shavertown, first place, Walk Trot Equitation Minimum Assistance; second place, Obstacle Trail Minimum Assistance; Matthew Boyle, Shavertown,

fourth place, Pleasure Horse Driving; Thomas Boyle, Shavertown, seventh place, Open Trail Horses, Jr. Rider.

Also, Helen Bunnell, Millville, second place, Stock Seat Equitation, Sr.; third place, Western Plea-

sure Ponies, fifth place, Open Trail Ponies; Emily Dicker, West Pittston, ninth place, Miniature Horse Driving; Gabrielle Evans, Harveys Lake, second place, Western Pleasure Pairs.

Also, Katie Hoffman, Lake Ariel,

seventh place, Open Trail Horses, Sr. Rider; Lindsay Jayne, Dallas, sixth place, Working Hunter Ponies; Alyse Kuprionas, Dallas, third place, English Pleasure Pairs; Cassie Kuprionas, Dallas, third place, English Pleasure Pairs.

Also, Mallory Lefkowitz, Kingston, fifth place, Hunter Hack Ponies; Elizabeth Lewis, Falls, first place, Western Riding; fourth place, Western Grooming and Showmanship, Senior; Margaret Rupp, Dallas, second place, Western Pleasure Pairs; fifth place, Western Grooming and Showmanship, Junior; sixth place, Open

Trail Horses, Jr. Rider.

In 4-H horse production classes, winners were:

Helen Bunnell, first place, Pony of the Americas- Yearling Filly; sixth place, Western Pleasure-Three Year Old Pleasure Futurity; Brittany Galli, Laflin, first place, Quarter Horse-Two Year Old Filly; Ariel Gross, Bloomsburg, first place, English Pleasure-Four Year Old Pleasure Futurity.

Also, Lindsay Jayne, second place, Hunter Type Pony-Colt or Gelding of this Year/Yearling Gelding; Kyle Keiper, Dallas, third place, Stock Type Pony-Yearling

Filly; Janice Richardson, Shickshinny, third place, Paint-Yearling Colt; and Megan Rongone, Bloomsburg, sixth place, English Grooming and Showmanship, Junior.

Also receiving recognition in the State contest were Brooke Evans, of Dallas; and Gabrielle Evans, of Harveys Lake.

The 4-H youth program is administered through Penn State Cooperative Extension. For more information on 4-H Youth Development Programs in Luzerne County, contact Donna Grey at 825-1701, 602-0600, or 1-888-825-1701.

### DMS SOCCER TEAM IS WYOMING VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMP



The Dallas Middle School soccer team finished the year as the Wyoming Valley Conference champions. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Deirdre DeLuca, Danielle Spencer, Lauren Rando, Sarah Dennis, Gabby Oliveri, Amber Yang, Colleen McDonald, Ashley Dunbar, Chloe Alles, Corey Ehret, Brian Stepniak, Jonathan Barre, Damon Swatkowski, Dominic DeGraba and Danny Saba. Second row, Josh Shilanski, David Miller, Kohner Rice, Thea Tressler, Alyssa Charney, Korina Cisneros, Daunte DeAngelo, Casey McAndrew, Wendy Greenwood, Abrianna Tolomello, Ryan Kozloski, Jack Matusiak, Michael Gallis, John Murray, David Payne and Kyle Zumchak. Third row, Assistant Coach Paul Shiber, Ryan Thomas, Shane Dunn, Jeremy Stair, Aaron Acuikewicz, Jonathan Weaver, Nicholas Michalsin, Dan Morgan, Zach Downs, Justin Ellis, Eric Yurko, Jessica Hiscox, Kara Augustine, Michael Kapral, Rudy Georgetti, Greg Petorak, Brian Goyno, Yuri Acerkman and Head Coach Russell Eyt. Absent at the time of the photo were Chris Ehret and James DelPriore.

### DYB 6th-grade boys defeated

The Dallas Youth Basketball sixth grade boys tournament team competed in the Backcourt Hoops Tournament and the Sunday Lehman League over the Christmas weekend.

DYB lost to West Scranton, 40-21, at the Backcourt Hoops opening round game. Justin Brojakowski scored four points for Dallas while Nigel Stearns and Blake Williams added two points each. Chris Behm had several key assists.

Gate of Heaven defeated Dallas, 39-22, at the Lehman League behind Chase Makowski's 11 points. Mariano Medico and Michael Boland combined for an additional 18 points, while Tyler Kukosky added six points and controlled the boards. Chad DeBona led Dallas with eight points, while Kyle Razawich and Aaron Napkora added six points each. Matt Saba added two points.

### MAKOWSKI SCORES 500TH CAREER POINT



Paige Makowski recently scored her 500th career point as a member of the Gate of Heaven girls basketball team. The daughter of James and Laurie Makowski, Paige is an eighth grade student at Gate of Heaven and plays point guard on the Gator's varsity team. From left, are coach Dr. Michael Olenzinski, Laurie Makowski, Paige Makowski and James Makowski.

### U9 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP



The Wyoming Valley Soccer Club U9 girls team recently won the championship of the Back Mountain Travel League. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Mackenzie Love, Sweet Valley; Danielle Gendler, Mountain Top; Nicole Cavanaugh; Dallas, Kathryn Gonzalez, Blakeslee; and Riley Oremus, Carverton. Second row, Coach Javier Rodriguez, Halay Gobla, Wilkes-Barre; Madison Goodwin, Dallas; Lexie Gaetano, Mountain Top; and Tory McNulty, Pittston.