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Quinn Crispell has a front row seat with her dad, Scott Crispell, sports information director at Misericordia University, as part of national 'Bring a Kid to a Game' day.

# **Program gets kids out to basketball game**

Kids of all ages enjoyed basketball on January 10 when Misericordia University basketball teams participated in "Take a Kid to the Game" during a Freedom Conference doubleheader with Manhattanville.

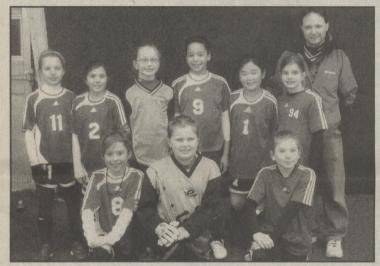
Children under the age of 12 were admitted free when accompanied by an adult and received a coupon for a free hot dog and soda courtesy of the Misericordia University Alumni Association.

Misericordia is one of more than 500 institutions across the nation participating in this campaign which focuses on attracting more of the nation's youth to college games. The "Take a Kid to the Game" program is in its 12th year in the promotion of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and this is Misericordia's seventh year in the program.



Members of the Banks family, of Dallas, take in a basketball game at Misericordia University. From left, are Mike, Allison, Claire and Megan.

## **U-10 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM GRABS FIRST PLACE**



The Wyoming Valley Soccer Club U-10 girls finished in first place in the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome Championship playoff games. Team members are, from left, first row, Nicole Cavanaugh, Haley Gobla and Caitlyn Hill. Second row, Emma Lehman, Rachel Maniskas, Tory McNulty, Madison Goodwin, Mia Greenwood, Sidney Neil and Coach Jay Maniskas. Absent at the time of the photo was Mikalie Blazick.



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Dallas High School dive coach Kim Kuzma offers encouragement to Mountaineer divers.

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ing program at the Dallas Middle School Natatorium. Kuzma founded the program, which she coaches, five years ago.

"She (Kuzma) found out I was a gymnast," Zerfoss said. "She always said gymnasts make good divers."

Zerfoss not only dove with Olympians at the clinic, but also took part in other aspects of their daily routines, including dance and Pilates, a method of exercise that strengthens the abdomen. In addition, she learned how to fix her hurdle and some of her other dives.

"My favorite part was going off the 5-meter platform because it was a new experience and I've never done it before," Zerfoss said. "I think now I can make a lot of my dives a lot better and be a better all-around diver."

Kimball broke the back turn down for Kuzma and gave her tips on how to teach it. He also showed her how to teach basic skills on a trampoline. Kuzma says she does have a dry land facility, but she never came from a program that used it heavily.

"I think I personally took back the most about teaching twisters," Kuzma said. "My senior, Marial (Adams), was having problems with twisters...they

taught me a little trick to make to if you really don't fall into any them square tight with a single." Kuzma, 28, of Dallas, was formerly a diver at Tunkhannock High School and Clarion University. She has been the coach of the Dallas High School diving team for six years.

"Kids really just kind of come out as a freshman," Kuzma said. have a 9-month-old daughter, "It's the kind of a sport you fall in- Megan.

of the other sports and you're looking for something to do."

Dallas High School diving coach

Kuzma has been teaching at Dallas Middle School for four years. Prior to that, she taught at Wycallis Elementary School for two years.

She and her husband, Nick,

team.

Maddie Perez of

Drs. Banas, By-

ron & Kim, brings the ball up the

court against the

**Brace's Orchard** 



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Kim (Perez) Kuzma

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Dallas freshman Sarah Zerfoss is coached on the 1-meter springboard by Olympic diving coach Dick Kimball at the USA Diving National Training Center Coaches Outreach Clinic from Dec. 29 through Dec. 30 at Indiana University - Perdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI).

"It's the kind of a sport you fall into if you really don't fall into any of the other sports and you're looking for something to do."

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**Deluca Law 17 Gordon Long 13** 

Gordon Long played great defense throughout the game despite losing, 16-13, to Deluca Law. Joshua Lupole and Brody Strickland grabbed a number of tough rebounds. Justin Phillips saw his first action at point guard.

#### **Orthopedic Consultants 20 Grasshopper Lawns 18**

Zach Charlton's eight points and Colby Jimm's six points led Orthopedic Consultants to a 20-18 victory over Grasshopper Dylan Shaver anchored the defense.

Grasshopper offense was led by Ben O'Connell with 10 points, and Zachary Bloom who scored each. his first basket of the season.

## **Gattuso Group 25**

**Frontier Communications 8** feated with a 25-8 drubbing of Frontier Communications. Leading Gattuso's offense was the tandem of Mason Gattuso with 10 points and Dalton Gattuso with five points. Also helping with two led the defense. baskets was Jacob Serafin. Frank Weaver and Ricky Morgan anchored the defense.

Rice.

### **5th & 6th GRADE GIRLS PRO HVAC 28**

### **Community News 17**

Caroline Banas tossed in 12 points and Amy Bolton 10 to pace the HVAC team past Back Mountain Community News, 28-17. The defense was led by Jessica Blatt and Ivy Chamberlain.

The News team was led by Kalley Polachek's 10 points and Danielle Walsh chipped in with seven. The News defense was led by Katie Kravitsky.

#### **Bendick Law 24 Motorworld 14**

Mallory Faux poured in a game-high 18 points to lead the Bendick Law team to a 24-14 victory over Motorworld. Rachel Luke, Julianne Murray and Emma Doran each had a basket for the winners.

Megan Roberts' 10 points paced the Motorworld team while Lia Barbacci and Emile Banta got in on the scoring with a basket each.

#### **Brace Orchard 14**

#### Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim 12

Kylee Saba had a game-high eight points and was the defensive standout to help secure a 14-12 victory for the Brace Orchard Lawns. Ethan Szczecinski and team against Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim. For the doctors' team, Lyndsey Jacobs tossed in six points while Sydney Kern, Ashley Strazdus and Julia Zochowski Dalton Simpson with four points all chipped in with two points

#### **Arris Engineering 24 Riders World 22**

Amanda Schwerdtman's bas-Gattuso Group remained unde- ket with 12 seconds to play lifted Arris Engineering over Riders World, 24-22, in a thrilling game. Talia Szatkowski had a team-high 16 for Arris. Madison Kaminski had four points and Nicole Wren

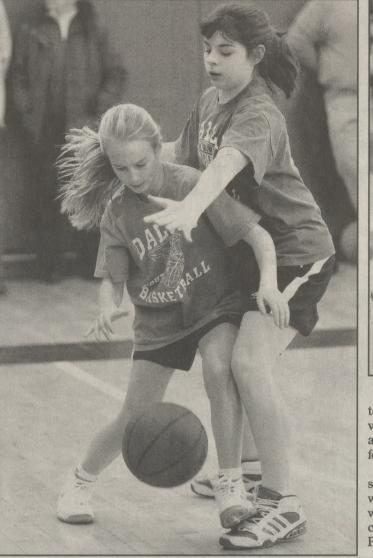
For Riders World, Gabrielle Volpetti had a game-high 18 points while Allison Rismondo Playing great defense for Fron- and Olivia Menning had two tier were Garrett Pall and Larson points each. Lyndsey Oremus and Courtney Wagner paced a strong defense.

#### 7th & 8th GRADE BOYS Luxury Limousine 52

Dr. John Kish 50

Chase Makowski led Luxury Limo to a 52-50 victory over Dr. John Kish by hitting for 18 points. Ryan Kozloski was tough off the boards, adding 13 points. Carl fourth quarter. The pizza men Gross played strong defense and were led by John Murray with 22 tossed in eight points.

Kish in rebounding and scored 18 Brendon Ehret with seven points points. Chad DeBona added 16 and Mike Carey and Dominic De- close contest to lead Bishop Pho-



BILL TARUTIS PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Ally Rome of Arris Engineering brings the ball upcourt against Allison Rismondo of Riders World.

points, including four 3-point grabba with six points each. shots and John Kane netted nine points in a close loss.

### Grotto Pizza 51

Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim 42

In a match of the two top teams, Grotto Pizza pulled out a 51-42 victory over Drs Banas, Byron & Kim with an explosive points and balanced scoring from Kyle Razawich led Dr. John Greg Petorek with eight points,

The doctors were led by the outstanding play of Jason Siminovitch with a game-high 31 points and several key blocked shots. Brothers Danny and Matt

> Saba added five and four points, respectively. Brian Goode and Russ Newell played strong defense

#### **Bishop Photo 50** Dr. John Kish 45

Brian Stepniak and Rudy Georgetti each scored 18 points in a



for the winners.

Chad Debona led a balanced scoring attack for Dr. John Kish with 17 points. Kyle Razawich was strong on the boards and contributed 11 points. Mike Pierce added six points.

Grotto Pizza 53 Luxury Limousine 41

second quarter, scoring 14 of his game-high 29 points to lead Grotto Pizza to a 53-41 victory over Luxury Limousine. All players scored for the pizza men with Eric Yurko and Greg Petorek each knocking down eight points.

with 18 points and in rebounds. Chase Makowski added eight points with some timely outside shooting. Ryan Koslosky had a strong game on defense and added seven points.

Drs. Banas, Byron & Kim 53 **Medico Industries 45** Justin Brojakowski scored 12 of

to over Dr. John Kish, 50-45. Tra- his game-high 19 points in the vis Mattson added eight points first quarter to lead Drs Banas, and Kyle Zumchak had six points Byron & Kim to a 53-45 victory over Medico Industries. Jason Siminovich led the doctors in rebounds and added 18 points. Danny Saba contributed 14 points in the win.

Jory Brezinski led Medico with 18 points and was a force on the boards. Ryan Zapoticky contributed 16 points on some key inside John Murray keyed a strong shots. Nigel Stearns added six points.

#### **Gallis Insurance 55 Deluca Law 41**

Felix Dolman and Brian Banas led a balanced scoring attack with 16 points each as Gallis Insurance defeated Deluca Law Of-Nathan Kish led Luxury Limo fices, 55-41. Billy Gately controlled the boards and added 11 points in the win.

> Eric Zawatski led Deluca Law with 19 points and in rebounds. Mariano<sup>.</sup> Medico was hot from the outside, netting 15 points. ni Nick Michaelson and Dominic Deluca played strong defense.