

DALLAS MOUNTAINEER AQUATIC CLUB

Sydney Bittner grabs two first places to lead Mountaineer swim win

The Dallas Mountaineer Aquatic Club hosted Berwick on Saturday, Jan. 22 and posted wins for both the girls (140-71) and boys (129-71) in the Northeast PA Age Group Swim League.

The following swimmers placed in their events:

GIRLS

- 8 & UNDER
- 25 Free - Morgan Bennett, second
- 50 Free - Haley Vasek, third
- 25 Fly - Sydney Bittner, first; Kanisha Cheshire, second
- 25 Back - Morgan Bennett,

- third
- 25 Breast - Sydney Bittner, first
- 10 & UNDER
- 100 IM - Annalise Cheshire, first; Abby Zolner, second
- 50 Free - Jordyn Miller, first; Madison Federici, third
- 50 Fly - Annalise Cheshire, first; Jessica Ravert, second
- 50 Back - Abby Zolner, first; Ava Baur, second
- 50 Breast - Madison Federici and Heather Shively, first (tie)
- 100 Free - Heather Shively, first; Julia Sabol, third
- 12 & UNDER
- 100 IM - Julia Baur, first;

- Sophia Krupsha, second
- 50 Free - Lauren Finnegan, first; Lindsey Hoover, third
- 50 Fly - Krista Vivian, first; Sophia Krupsha, second
- 50 Back - Madison Hurst, first; Elizabeth Bauer, second
- 50 Breast - Kathleen Brown, second; Abigail McCabe, third
- 100 Free - Lauren Finnegan, first; Rachel Habib, second
- 14 & UNDER
- 200 Free - Kaylin Augustine, first
- 50 Free - Amanda Schwerdtman, first; Samantha Rinehimer, second
- 100 Fly - Kaylin Augustine,

- first
- 100 Free - Kaylin Augustine, first; Samantha Rinehimer, third
- 100 Back - Amanda Schwerdtman, first
- 100 Breast - Samantha Rinehimer, second
- 200 IM - Amanda Schwerdtman, first
- BOYS**
- 8 & UNDER
- 25 Free - Zachary Blockus, second
- 25 Fly - John Andrews, first
- 50 Free - Zachary Blockus,

- second
- 25 Back - Aidan Chapple, third
- 10 & UNDER
- 100 IM - Donovan McCall, first; David Lipinski, second
- 50 Free - Evan Sabecky, third
- 50 Fly - David Lipinski, first; Patrick Reddington, third
- 100 Free - Matthew Duffy, second
- 50 Breast - Evan Sabecky, second
- 50 Back - Donovan McCall, first; Bobby DeLuna, third
- 12 & UNDER
- 100 IM - Porter Luksic, first
- 50 Free - Dominic Augustine,

- first
- 50 Fly - Thomas Manzoni, first; Jared Krawetz, third
- 100 Free - Dominic Augustine, Jared Krawetz, second
- 50 Back - Tyler Manzoni, first; Andrew Herrick, third
- 50 Breast - Porter Luksic, first
- 14 & UNDER
- 200 Free - Jacob Plank, first
- 50 Free - Collin Masters, first
- 200 IM - Reid Luksic, first
- 100 Fly - Reid Luksic, first
- 100 Free - Collin Masters, first
- 100 Back - Owen Kiluk, first
- 100 Breast - Jacob Plank, first

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Kovalick and Mathers lead cage victory

5th & 6th GRADE RESULTS

Drs. M & K Kovalick 24
Belrick Corp. 20
 Andrew Kovalick and Matt Mathers combined for 20 with Nick Cristman and Max Dzugan leading the defense as Drs. M&K Kovalick slipped by Belrick Corp., 24-20.
Thrifty Beverage 38
Jeff Thompson Trucking 26
 Lee Eckert scored 16 and Ethan Szczenski scored 14 to lead Thrifty Beverage to a 38-26 victory over Jeff Thompson Trucking. Devin Robbins and Hunter Zimmerman played a strong defensive game.
Harry & Carlos 46
Prime Cut Lawns 25
 David Chopiak bucketed 18 and Dalton Gattusso added nine while John Macey and Cole Wyfels held the defense as Harry & Carlos took a 46-25 victory from Prime Cut Lawns.
Gordon & Long 26
Orthopaedic Consultants Inc. 23

Hunter Resavage netted 10 points and Paul Zabolney added nine to lead Gordon & Long to a 26-23 squeaker over Orthopaedic Consultants Inc. Drew Patton played a great defense.
Grasshopper Lawns, Inc. 38
Abstract Resources 32
 In another close match, Alex Charlton, Zach Charlton and Jason Alexander were the offensive and defensive players in a 38-32 victory for Grasshopper Lawns Inc. over Abstract Resources.

points as RBO Consulting defeated Dallas Rotary, 37-20. Rotary's Jacob Novitski was voted defensive player of the game.

Northeastern Eye Institute 24
Bishop Photo 14
 Colin Bowanko exploded for 12 points and teammate Sean Boland added five as Northeastern Eye Institute defeated Bishop Photo, 24-14. Alex Kapral had 10 points for Bishop Photo.
Ziembra Insurance 21
George M. Dallas Lodge 16
 Brian Kmetz and Justin Finarelli scored six and seven points, respectively, but it wasn't enough as George M. Dallas Lodge suffered a 21-16 loss at the hands of Ziembra Insurance.
Fieldhouse Sporting Goods 52
Dallas Lions 41
 Todd Phillips exploded for 35 of Dallas Lions' 41 points but the Fieldhouse Sporting Goods team managed to score 52 to defeat the Lions, 52-41. Matt Dolan had six points for the winners.

3rd & 4TH GRADE BOYS

Diversified Payroll Solutions 28
Wyoming Valley Auto Sales 24
 Sam Nocito led the way for Diversified Payroll Solutions as it defeated Wyoming Valley Auto Sales, 28-24. Eric Berley dumped in 12 points in the losing effort.
RBO Consulting 37
Dallas Rotary 20
 Brett Ostroski had 10 points and Josh Balara chipped in two



Denise, left, and Mia Sult dance at the River of Life Ministries Cafe in Lehman.

COFFEE

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Life, but it's really a place for all Christians to gather for fellowship.

"It's certainly part of River of Life, but we don't talk about it," he said. "The coffee house is not Catholic or Methodist or Baptist - it's for everyone. The purpose is not to bring people into our church."

Dawn Redmond, of Dallas, said the coffee house allows her to meet new people in a comfortable environment.

"I'm divorced and I'm not into the bar scene," she said. "It's really great."

Strunk said that Ekklesia, Greek for "Christian gathering place," provides a safe and friendly atmosphere for those looking for a night out.

"You don't have to worry about smoking, drinking or foul-mouthed language," he said.

He said the unique gathering was an idea passed along to him from a minister in Kingston. The concept for weekly live Christian music wasn't working in the original facility, and Strunk offered to utilize River of Life's space for the event.

Now the minister from Kingston helps schedule bands but Strunk is responsible for most of the work, including kitchen duty.

Not only is Ekklesia a place for Christians to mingle, it's also a solid outlet for Christian bands to promote their music and message. Strunk said the coffee house currently has a lineup of 15 to 20 bands that perform on a regular basis, and he said word of mouth advertising has led to bands contacting the church to book gigs.

"These bands are from as far north as Clarks Summit to Philadelphia," he said. "We can go eight weeks without repeating



Band members Carl Mignano, left, Dave Reyes, center, and Lee Ann Lempure inspire the audience.

A CHRISTIAN NIGHT OUT

The Ekklesia Coffee House is open every Friday from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Bands start at 7 p.m. Admission is free and a changing weekly menu features reasonable prices for homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. The following is a list of upcoming bands at the coffee house: Jan. 28 - A.G.C. (All God's Children), Feb. 4 - Living Stones, Feb. 11 - Original Worship, Feb. 18 - Just for Him, Feb. 25 - River of Life Fellowship Praise Band.

an act."

Joseph Barbuti, lead guitarist of the Breakfree Band, said the 6-year-old band has played in many different places over the years, but there still aren't enough arenas for Christian rock musicians to spread their message.

"(Ekklesia Coffee House) is a great outlet," he said.

Even the River of Life Church Praise Band, which plays during services on Sundays, performs at the coffee house. The 2-year-old band is something the church had wanted since its inception six years ago and now it boasts two acoustic guitar players, a bass player, three percussionists and an electric guitar player.

"We had to wait until God brought it," he said.

Strunk said the café currently occupying half of the gym space on church grounds is only the

beginning.

Plans have begun to take shape for a real coffee house within the church, located within the former Lehman High School. The proposed space is two former classrooms and will feature a stage, fireplace and large, pillowy armchairs to give the café a relaxed ambiance.

The real aim is to promote the venue to the college demographic, said Strunk. He hopes the Ekklesia Coffee House will be a hub of Christian entertainment for the surrounding campuses in the area.

"Our goal is to attract students from the two colleges with the Christian music," said Ken Kreller, pastor at River of Life.

Funding is tough right now, but Strunk is hopeful the project will be completed within the year.

"I think we can open for the fall 2011 semester," he said.



Judy Curtis, left, and Gregory Allen perform a song during a cabaret-style performance at Really Cooking Cafe & Supper Club in Dallas.

DIVAS

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"We thought people might get a kick out of it," he said.

After he performed a few shows as E.T., Allen said people kept coming back and bringing their friends to watch his mix of stand-up and singing. The first show of the "Dueling Divas" in November packed the restaurant, and Creel said extra tables were needed to seat guests.

"We max out at about 80, and somehow we fit 85 in here," he said.

Before the divas ever dueted, they were just mere acquaintances. Curtis said she and her husband, John, often dine and take in a show at Really Cooking,

and she wanted the chance to move out of her operatic element.

"For my birthday two years ago, my husband printed out a certificate that said I could study with Greg," she said. "We kept throwing around ideas and kept talking and finally we said, 'Why don't we just set a date?'"

The show was written by Allen with Curtis in mind, and there are moments within the production that focus on Curtis' vocal abilities, such as the song, "We're Only an Octave Apart."

Curtis said stepping into a new style of performing has broadened her scope of musical genres - something she can take back to her students.

"I always tell my students the basics are the basics," she said. "You have to have different ways of expressing yourself."

While working together on a show that emphasizes female competitiveness, Allen and Curtis have become great friends.

"We actually went to New York City together over the holidays," Allen said.

Curtis admits she didn't expect to form such a close bond with her performance partner.

"I always say my husband is the best accompanist I've ever had," she said. "Well, Greg is the next best."

The bond the two have forged was well-received during the show - audience members praised everything from the costumes to the atmosphere.

"When we're here, we feel like we're in New York," said Frank Paczewski, of Dallas, who attended the performance with his wife, Marsha, and friends Ron and Elaine Moran.

SCHOOLS

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"We will continue to utilize it as a tool," he said of the policy. "We want to maintain the highest attendance rate we can."

Jeff Shook, attendance officer

at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School, said before the policy was implemented, students could be fined for missing school, but parents would often be stuck footing the bill.

"Now students are held a little accountable," he said.

Lake-Lehman began enforcing the policy about two months ago, and Shook said no students

have lost their drivers' licenses as a result. While Shook said there aren't many attendance problems within the school, the "fear" that students have the potential to lose their driving privileges seems to be working.

"The kids that are the ones that have (attendance) problems have seemed to come around," he said.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 27 mins.

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DEAF	OBESSE	
SMELT	FILE	
HARE	WILDCARD	
AGO	SHALE	NEO
WILD	OATS	SNAG
	RAMS	BOOMS
LATER	AIRY	
IRON	WILDBILL	
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SASH	GNAT	GET

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Super Crossword
 Answers

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ABALONE	PAN	ELITE	STYX
ELI	DEMI	SARA	
LES	TRIMS	SIT	BAWLS
OF	THOSE	RIGHTS	SWHENY
GROANS	PAN	ELITE	DENSE
YENNED	HERR	ELL	REIN
MEDIA	NAE	ILET	RED
	DID	TWANT	TOTTO
ODE	ASEA	FEE	ABASH
ERNO	INC	TARO	DARTED
COSTA	SCONE	RPM	GNOME
OUTBUT	YOUR	HATR	LOOKED
PICALS	SIST	ACQUITE	DENSE
WEED	STEM	OHIO	
JOTA	ROSSI	ENACTED	
ALLI	TOGGOOD	TOSTAY	HOME
ZEN	APOLLO	ENIC	FINITE
ZOE	BALLEN	LEIGH	SIEERS

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