

Central Bucks kicks off gymnastics season

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Central Bucks Gymnastics hosted seven teams for its Holiday Invitational, the season-opening meet for the local program. Gymnasts ranging in age from 7 to 18 competed, and the Central Bucks teams at levels 4, 5 and 9 all took first place.

Kailee Lynch, 9, and Amelia Lehel, 10, led the Level 4 girls to the top spot on the podium with all-around wins and strong balance beam performances.

At Level 5, Allison Troth and Jillian Troth earned all-around top honors in their age groups. Allison scored a 37.10 in the 9- and 10-year-old group, and Jillian posted a 37.75 in the 11-12 group, powered by a 9.60 on floor exercise and a 9.70 on beam.

Emma Busch won the floor competition at Level 7 in the 12-and-under age group with a 9.2. In the same group, Mackenzie Perry took first on beam with a 9.275. Jessica Wentz's score of 34.675 was good for second all-around.

In the 13-and-over group, Juliette Hopkins came in third all-around (35.1).

Emma Severn scored a 9.15 on beam to take first in the 14-and-under age group for the Level

8 team. She also placed second all-around. Megan Lengel, 13, won the all-around in her age group. Lengel's best score came on floor (9.425).

Gracie Busch, 12, finished first all-around in the 13-and-under age group for Level 9, with a win on vault and second-place honors on uneven bars, beam and floor. Emma Silberman took second all-around and championships on bars and beam.

In the 14-year-old Level 9 group, Melissa Ginaldi took first all-around and Gina Martino earned second. Ginaldi scored a 9.375 on floor.

Haleigh Clark came in third all-around for the 15-year-olds. In the 16-year-old group, Alex Kothe nailed down the all-around win and Sarah Klapper took second. Kothe's floor routine earned her a 9.475.

Roxanne Trachten's 9.45 led the way for vault in the Level 10 16-and-over group and helped her to a first-place finish in the all-around. Rebecca McKevitt won the beam (9.475) and came in third on vault (9.25). Abby Steere took second on vault with a 9.325 to complete the Central Bucks sweep in the event.

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GETTING LISTED

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Souderton Braves win Pop Warner national championship

The Souderton Braves Pee Wee cheerleading squad won the Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance Championships, the first national title for a Souderton team.

The Braves earned the title in the Pee Wee Level 2 Large division, and also brought home trophies for the highest score of the day in their division and the highest choreography score.

After a rocky start to the trip to nationals that included a canceled flight because of weather and 31 cheerleaders with their parents staying at hotels overnight, Souderton went through a whirlwind schedule to compete in Florida.

The team arrived in Orlando late Monday, squeezed in practice time at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday and competed that afternoon.

Souderton, the undefeated national champions, also won Bux-Mont League and Eastern Region titles this season. Diana Kline coaches the team.

Buckingham woman makes hall of fame

Laura Barry of Buckingham has been inducted into the Saint Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame for rowing.

Barry, who was instrumental in starting women's crew

during her freshman year at St. Joseph's and was the first captain of women's crew, continues to row with Swan Creek Rowing Club in Lambertville, N.J. The Hawks' women's rowing club began competing in the spring of 1976. Barry rowed for four years for the school.

Youth fencers place at BCAF event

Bucks County Academy of Fencing-West hosted the Youth Cup No. 3 tournament in Hatfield for fencers from the Fencing Academy of Philadelphia, Circle d'Esclime Fencing School in Sellersville and Clinton Fencing Club (N.J.).

Trent Miller of Lansdale took second place in the Youth-12 division. Brian McCollum of Telford tied for third.

Jacob Siostedt of Furlong came in third in the Youth-12 Men's Foil at the regional event, and Dominic Joseph of Blue Bell won the Men's Foil Youth-8 competition.

Chalfont company supports charity

Nex Level Fitness in Chalfont celebrated its first anniversary with its first fundraising effort, an Olympic-style competition to raise money for the Lymphoma Research

Foundation.

The event was organized after the mother of one of the gym's owners was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

One hundred twenty competitors took part, supported by about 50 volunteers. After 10 fitness and fun challenges, the competition continued with 42 raffle baskets, five silent auction items, food and music.

Donations can still be made to the LRF at www.lymphoma.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?event=306330&spid=389514271.

Keith Valley girls basketball posts wins

During the 2013 season, the Keith Valley Middle School eighth-grade girls basketball team earned a 29-16 win over Upper Moreland. Grace Fink, Katie Fisher, Kendall Seifert and Bella Delp all scored for Keith Valley, and two big baskets from Lauren Whitman sealed the victory.

The Keith Valley Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team gained wins over Upper Moreland and Stewart. Kylie Halko, Emily Senich, Kara Kaminski, Maddie Throne and Sienna Kimble all scored for Keith Valley in the 21-11 win over Upper

Moreland. Mia Andrews and Sascha Keitz contributed good defense.

In the the 24-18 victory over Stewart, Halko and Andrews set the pace on defense. Kaminski sank a team-high 10 points. Andrews, Halko, Senich and Throne all chipped in on the scoring, as well.

Bucks County youth compete in PP&K

Yardley resident Ethan Norris won the Boys 12-13 age group competition at the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Team Championships at Lincoln Financial Field before the Eagles played the Arizona Cardinals. Norris had a combined distance of 258 feet, 7 inches, which included his punt (98-1), his pass (87-10) and his kick (72-8).

Several other area youth also participated in the Team Championships.

Jaxxon Dunn of Bensalem and Brian Christy of Warminster took part in the Boys 6-7 age group, and Jayla Fisher of Souderton competed in the Girls 6-7 division. Casey Traina of Doylestown competed in the Boys 8-9 age group, while Kayla Donnelly of Quakertown took part in the Girls 14-15 group.

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HEALTH

American Red Cross Blood Drive. 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mon. Triumph Physical Therapy, 1753 Kendarbrun Drive, Jamison. 215-343-2141 or www.redcross.org.

Miller-Keystone Blood Drives. Jan 6, Jan 20, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 102 N. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown; Jan 8, Faulkner Ciocca dealerships, 800-500-6696; Jan 20, Zwingli United Church of Christ, 350 Wile Ave. Souderton; Jan 20 Upper Bucks YMCA, 401 Fairview Ave, Quakertown. 610-691-5850, 800-223-6667 or www.giveapint.org.

Doylestown Hospital Programs. Doylestown Hospital, 595 W. State St. Register for hospital programs at 215-345-2121 or www.dh.org.

Grand View Hospital Programs. Grand View Hospital, 700 Lawn Ave., Sellersville. Register: 215-453-4300 or www.gvh.org.

HELP NEEDED

Perkasie Dog Owners Group fundraiser. Volunteers needed for 5th annual Bark & Wine, Feb 8, at K9 Jym, Colmar. Pre-event and event help needed. Donations, design baskets, decorating, venue set-up, traffic control, doggie valets, clean up crew. Information: perkasiedogpark@gmail.com. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/9260479343>.

Family Service Association of Buck County's Reassurance Program. Volunteers to call daily, supporting older adults living alone, socially isolated or home-bound. Ellen 215-757-6916, ext. 202.

Impact Thrift Stores. Volunteers in Feasterville, Hatboro, Montgomeryville, Norristown. Work as greeter or customer service agent restocking shelves, displaying goods for sale. Proceeds support 16 area charities. Call Joan Marie 267-387-0022, ext 6105.

AARP Tax Aide Program. Volunteers with computer skills; work at area tax preparation sites Feb 1 through April 15, 2014. Participants become IRS certified with class training provided, starting in January. District coordinator at 215-675-1918.

Student Weather Drawings Needed. Send your color weather drawing for our daily weather report. Drawings must be brightly colored, on a piece of white paper

3-inches wide by 3-inches high. Print your name, address, age, date and category of weather on the back. Categories needed are: sunny, partly sunny, cloudy, partly cloudy, rain and snow. Mail to: Calkins Media, Student Weather Forecaster, 8400 North Bristol Pike, Levittown, PA 19057-5117.

Bux-Mont Meals on Wheels. Volunteers to assemble and deliver meals weekdays, serving homebound residents in Hatboro, Horsham, Upper Moreland and Warminster. Pantry aids needed, drivers and driving assistants for picking up and delivering meals. 414 S. York Road, Hatboro. 215-443-9784.

PJ's for Kids. Children's pajamas collection to benefit youth assisted by Bucks County Children and Youth Services. Drop off only new items with tags attached, all sizes, all seasons needed. The consignment store is at 5870 Easton Road, adjacent Wawa convenient store, Plumsteadville. 267-362-5154 or kathy@circa-classics.com.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR ...

North Penn Water Authority employees who received service awards for 20 years or more included **Gary P. Raser**, 40 years; **James P. Sharayko**, 35; **David L. Galluppi**, 25; **Heidi L. Palmer**, 20.

Doylestown Historical Society benefited from five graduates' three-month internships coordinated by Rob LaFleur, professor of history and anthropology, Beloit College, Wisconsin. A large portion of the **William Edgar Geil** collection, including documents and photos, were digitized for online accessibility. For more information www.doylestownhistorical.org.

LECTURES

History of Delaware Canal. 2-3 p.m. Sun. Ian Kindel, environmental education specialist with Delaware Canal State Park presenting 99-year history. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, Visitor's Center Auditorium, 1635 River Road, New Hope. \$12, \$8 members. 215-862-2924 or www.bhwp.org.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Mixed Bowling League. 9 a.m. Mon. Meet at Thunderbird Lanes, 1475 W. Street Road, Warminster. 215-957-6124.

Winter Naturalist Walk. 1:30 p.m. Tue. Nature center trails, afterwards warmup by fire. Peace Valley Nature

Center, 170 N. Chapman Road, Doylestown. free. 215-345-7860.

Dixie Derby Square Dance. 7:30 p.m. Fri. Upper Moreland Elementary School, 3980 Orangemans Road, Hatboro. 215-822-0358.

First Saturday Chess. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Open to all ages and abilities, coaching for novice players, chess sets on site. Doylestown Historical Park Barn Meeting Room, 56 S. Main St. Free. 215-345-4140.

Guided Bird Walks. 8 a.m. Every Sat through Feb. Bucks County Audubon Society, Honey Hollow Environmental Education Center, 2877 Creamery Road, New Hope. Free. 215-297-5880 or www.bcas.org.

REUNIONS

Northeast High School class of 1973. 41-year reunion. March 1, 2014. Philmont Country Club, 301 Tomlinson Rd., Huntingdon Valley. \$125 pp. 215-728-5076 or nehs1973reunion@gmail.com.

Pennsbury High School class of 1974. 40-year reunion. Nov 29, 2014. The Reunion Committee is updating contact information. Call Sandi Karpinski at 215-478-5533 or email the Committee at PHS74Reunion@comcast.net.

SELF-HELP

Breast Cancer Support Group. 12:30-2 p.m. First Mon each month. Garden Training Room, Widener Building, Abington Memorial Hospital. Free. 215-481-6700.

Families Affected By Addiction. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tue. 12-step program offering support. Deep Run West Mennonite Church, 1008 Deep Run Road, Bedminster.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Connection Support Group. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan 7. For people in recovery from a mental illness. NAMI office, 600 Louis Dr., Suite 106, Warminster. 1-866-399-6264.

PRO-ACT Family Addiction Education Program. 7-9 p.m. Thu, Jan. 9 and 16. Three consecutive sessions, free and confidential,

first names only. North Penn Community Health Foundation, 2506 N. Broad St., Suite 206, Colmar. Pre-registration required 800-221-6333 or <http://councilsepa.org/programs/pro-act/family-education-program/>.

Nar-Anon Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Thu. Support for family and friends of addicts. Willow Grove United Methodist Church, 34 York Road, Willow Grove.

Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting. 7 p.m. Sun. Grand View Hospital, Community Education Center, behind main hospital, 700 Lawn Ave., Sellersville. For more information about hospital programs or to register 215-453-4300 or www.gvh.org.

Support Group for People with Eating Disorders. 7 p.m. Sun. 12-step program. 95 James Way, Suite 120, Southampton. 215-870-0062.

SENIORS

Country Western Line Dancing Instruction. 10:45-11:45 a.m. every Wed. Central Bucks Senior Center. 700 Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown. 215-348-0565.

Ben Wilson Activity Center Programs. Pinochle, walking club, yoga, beginner computer, poker, bridge, crocheting, knitting, penny bingo, wood carving, art class, Zumba, aerobics, Mah Jongg, line dancing and much more. 580 Delmont Ave., Warminster. Call for times, days. 215-672-8380.

Central Bucks Activity Center Programs. Ceramics, dance exercise, poker, arts, exercise, yoga, line dancing, toe tappers, knitting, chorus, Tai Chi and much more. 700 Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown. Call for times, days; center closes at 3 p.m. beginning Tue for 2014. 215-348-0565.

Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center Programs. Line dancing, chair yoga, Tai Chi, weight-loss class and much more. 8040 Easton Road, Ottsville. Call for times, days. 610-847-8178.

Mixed-bowling league. 9 a.m. Mon. St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church of Jamison, Thunderbird Lanes, 1475 W. Street Road, Warminster. Vince 215-957-6124.

Pennridge Community Center programs. Billiards, ceramics, aerobics, line dancing, pinochle, Zumba, art class, chess club, choral group, Wii bowling, Tai Chi and much more. Call for times, days. 215-453-7027.

Senior Dance. 8-11 p.m. Fri. VFW Post 6493, 645 Louis Drive, Warminster. \$12. 215-773-0693.

Upper Bucks Senior Center Programs. 11:30 a.m. Mon, bridge; 12:15 p.m. Tue, bingo; 11 a.m. Wed, monthly lunchtime party with theme, live music, \$10 advance only; 12:15 p.m. Thu, bingo; 12:15 p.m., Fri, yoga classes; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., pinochle. Milford Fire Co. social hall, 2183 Milford Square Pike. 215-536-3066.

SINGLES

Outdoor Singles. 6:30 p.m. Mon. Masons Mill Park, off Byberry Road, Upper Moreland; 6 p.m. Wed. Deep Meadow Park, 1020 Horham Road. One-mile loop and optional dinner after each. Andy 215-659-2637.

Gloria's walk. 6:20 p.m. Tue. Lenape Park, Sellersville. Meet at firehouse, 2 N. Main St. Dinner at local restaurant following walk. 215-593-9995 or carolonline1@verizon.net.

Intermediate Bridge. 7 p.m. Tue. Ages 49+. Social

event hosted by Doylestown Singles Society. Private home, call for location. 215-340-7604.

Singles Connection. 7 p.m. Thu. Non-denominational social for singles, widowed, divorced, separated. Silverdale Brethren in Christ Church, 165 W. Main St. jimsdesk65@yahoo.com.


Singles Walk. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Sat. Bring lunch. Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 N. Chapman Road, Doylestown. \$2. 215-345-7860.

TRIPS

Blue Mountain Ski & Tube Bus Trip. 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 1; deposit due Dec 22, discount tickets purchase by Jan 31. Under 17, with adult. Warminster Parks & Recreation. \$35, \$30 resident. 215-443-5428 or www.warminstertownship.org.

Seniors of St. Cyril of Jerusalem Bus Trips. Reports of Atlantic City, Feb 11, 2014; \$32, includes \$25 slot play. **The Brownstone of Patterson, NJ,** March 12, 2014; St. Patty's Day, Tim Finnegan's Wake. \$90. **St. Michael's in Maryland,** May 15, 2014; boat ride, lunch at Famous Blue Crab. \$90. St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, 1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison. Jackie at 215-345-6439.

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