

Sports Week

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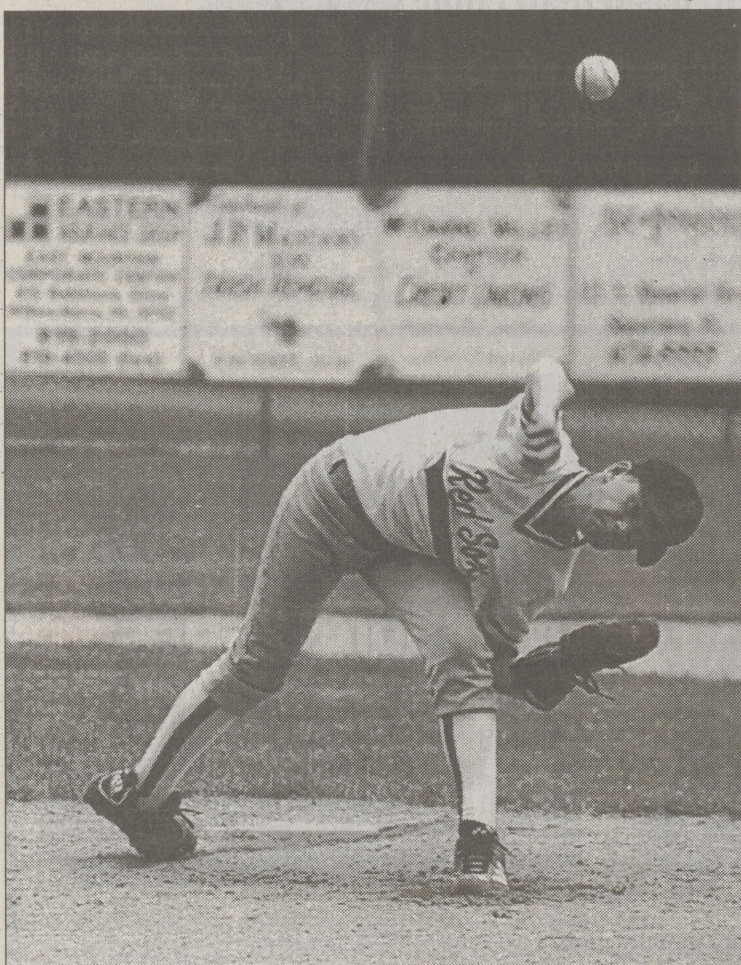
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Little League action

The Back Mountain Little League fields are always busy this time of year, and a beautiful Saturday morning brought plenty of action. In photo at left, Justin Kubasti of the Red Sox slid safely into second as the Tigers' Adam King took a late throw. Elijah Miller, below left photo, followed through on a pitch during that game. Below right, Bob Lenahan of the Orioles slid into home as the Indians' Nick Oschman awaited a toss that came too late. This week's baseball and softball results could not be retrieved from the Back Mountain Baseball voice mail system in time for this issue. The system should be fully operating next week.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lehman wins 7th straight title

Lehman 2, Dallas 0
Lehman 2, Mountain View 0
Lehman 2, Tunkhannock 1

The Knights defeated the Tigers of Tunkhannock in three games to win their seventh consecutive district title and advance to this weekend's state tournament to be held at Shippensburg University. After an easy first game in the final, Lehman was challenged as hard as it has been all season in the final two games. Tunkhannock won the second by a score of 15-8 after dropping the first 15-4. The Knights showed their championship experience in the third game though by jumping out to a 10-0 lead and hanging on to win the final game by a score of 15-9.

Dallas 2, Wyoming Valley West 1

In a special three-team playoff to decide the fourth and final position in the District 2 tournament, Dallas drew a first round bye and took advantage of a tired Spartans squad to earn the final berth. Rich Dougal led the Mountaineers with nine kills and 22 digs. Seth LaJeunesse was second in digs with 18 and also added 12 assists. Captain Justin Hoover helped with 15 digs and 10 assists. The middle line of Dave Martin and Chris Organek had seven blocks. Dallas got blown out in the first game 15-3, but won the second and third with scores of 15-11, 15-4.

SOFTBALL

Crestwood 3, Lehman 1

The Knights fell in a special playoff game played on May 25 to decide the Wyoming Valley Conference championship. Lehman earned the fourth seed in the district tournament as a result of the loss. Lehman scored the first run of the game in the top of the third inning when shortstop Jen Johnstone singled to right to score Jen Naugle from third base. Crestwood then went on to score three times in the bottom of the fifth. Lehman had two hits each from Michelle Alters and Vicki Groff. Alters took a tough mound loss by giving up five hits and yielding only one walk.

Lehman 1, Nanticoke 0

Tricia Kernag fired a three-hitter without allowing a single walk to shutout Nanticoke in the first round of the District 2 tournament. Shortstop Jen Johnstone scored the game's only run in the

bottom of the fifth inning when she reached on an error, stole second and third, and advanced home when the catcher overthrew third on the stolen base attempt. Lehman's solid pitching and defense held Nanticoke the next two innings to preserve the win.

Valley View 5, Lehman 2

Lehman only managed to collect two singles in a playoff game against Valley View, but the defense was the real cause of the end of the Knights' season. They committed four errors with three coming in a four-run bottom of the third for Valley View. Sarah David and Jen Naugle scored the two runs for the Knights while Jen Johnstone and Tricia Kernag had the hits. Michelle Alters did not allow any walks or earned runs, but still took the loss due to the errors behind her.

Montrose 8, Dallas 6

In the school's first playoff appearance since 1993, the Dallas softball team lost a tough 2-run decision to the Meteors of Montrose. Dallas had leads of 3-0 and 6-5, but could not hold either as Montrose scored three in the bottom of the sixth to put the pressure back on Dallas in the seventh. The Mountaineers did not successfully score in the seventh though. Dallas had multi-hit efforts from Kristyn Race, Stephanie Simonitis, Sherri Kuderuka, Amanda Stolarick, and Carrie Strasser. Race, Simonitis, and Strasser each drove in a pair.

BASEBALL

Dunmore 2, Lehman 1

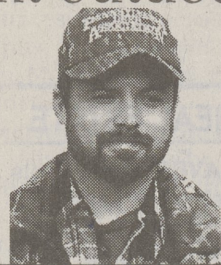
Lehman had 11 runners left on base and two thrown out on the bases in a playoff loss to Dunmore on May 26. After falling behind 2-0 after three innings, the Knights scored a run in the top of the fifth to cut the deficit in half. Matt Loftus led off with a single and scored on a fielder's choice by catcher Rich Patton. Chad Sorber was two-for-two with two walks for Lehman.

BOYS TRACK

PIAA AA State Meet

The 400 meter relay team from Lake Lehman of Justin Brink, D.J. Harris, Jef Peiffer, and Floyd McRoy finished second in its preliminary heat at the state meet to clinch a spot in the final heat. In the final heat, they ran a personal best time of 43.82 seconds to finish sixth in the state. Lake-Lehman's 1600 meter relay team of Matt Morris, Andrew Verdekal, D.J. Harris, and James Lyons finished fourth in its heat.

Bmt outdoors



Chris Denmon

What would you do if you found a baby rabbit or a newborn fawn? Would you take it in and care for it yourself, or would you have the courage to leave it alone?

According to Angie Colarusso of Second Chance Wildlife Center, the best thing to do would be to leave the animal alone. Ms. Colarusso, who has been working with animals for more than 14 years, says, "Most of the time when people handle or remove an animal from an area, the young animal in question isn't actually orphaned."

So what do you do if you are ever in this situation? The answer is simple. Leave the animal alone and observe from a distance. If within a few hours (up to eight hours with fawns) you find the animal is still there and that it is not in its actual nest, call a professional.

Once you have contacted the local wildlife rehabilitator (Second Chance) they will then tell you the best action to take. If they tell you the animal is probably orphaned they will make arrangements to pick it up.

Before anyone approaches or makes physical contact with a wild animal, one must remember these are wild animals, not pets. They can be dangerous or possibly diseased, so extra care must be taken. Ultimately, it is in the best interest of both person and animal that they be

In most cases, leave wildlife wild



Slick the opossum being held by Shane Kleiner.

handled by a professional. An untrained person trying to capture an animal is placing tremendous stress on the animal and can actually cause it to harm itself or harm the person trying to help it.

Many animals she receives are in poor condition because of improper care. Ms. Colarusso says, "Too many times people try to help the animal themselves and then feed them the wrong foods or sometimes there may be an internal problem that only a trained person can detect."

If you do pick up an animal, the best thing to do is, don't feed the animal. According to the experts at Second Chance, when you feed an animal the wrong foods you can actually be hurting or even killing the animal you are trying to save.

For the rehabilitator it is easier to re-hydrate an animal intravenously than it is to save it from a poor or incorrect diet.

Different species have different diets and even though the animal may eat the food it is given, it is actually doing more harm than good. Once the animal is under proper care, it is fed a specially formulated diet for that particular species and for its individual needs at that time.

Angie would also like to point out to people that it is "illegal to capture and keep possession of wildlife." Only individuals licensed by the Game Commission are allowed to do so, and under strict guidelines.

Colarusso and her partner Shane Kleiner run Second Chance Wildlife Center out of Factoryville and together

rehabilitate several hundred animals every year to release back into the wild. When I met with them the love that they have for wildlife radiates from them and the fact that they do it on a volunteer basis is proof enough.

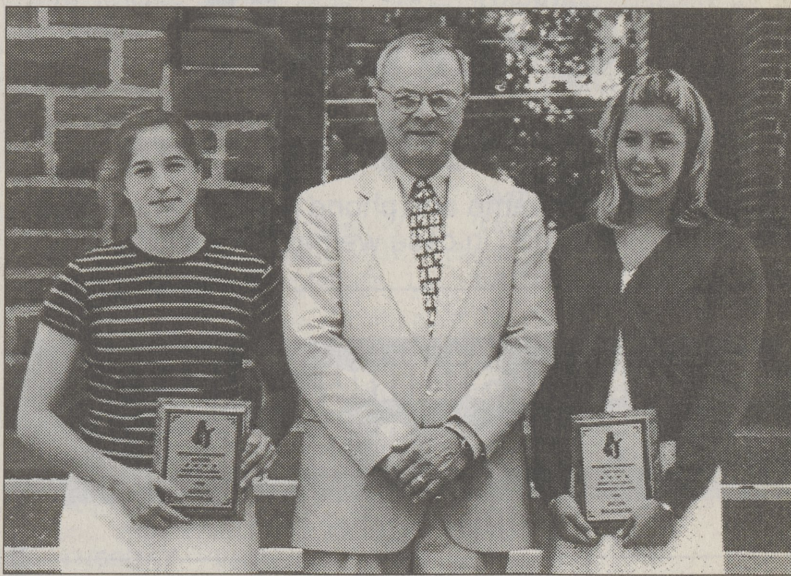
Second Chance is also licensed to educate school children and other groups about the animals they rehabilitate. Stick the opossum and Peanut the squirrel are two of the animals that were not able to be released back into the wild and are used as educational tools for their presentations.

Second Chance Wildlife Center has rehabilitated well over 1,000 animals since it opened in 1990 and with the arrival of more and more every week, the cost of care for these animals can be quite burdening. While funds are raised from seminars and presentations, donation is always welcome and accepted.

Here are some tips on what to do and not do if you find an animal:

- Do's**
1. Observe from a distance.
 2. Call rehabilitator.
 3. If you have the animal, give it water.
 4. Keep it in a warm, dark, quiet place.
- Don't's**
1. Don't pick the animal up if possible.
 2. Don't feed the animal.
 3. Don't keep the animal for yourself.

If anyone needs to reach Angie or Shane at Second Chance, their number is (570) 836-1851. Donations can be sent to: Second Chance Wildlife Center, RR 1, Box 1694, Factoryville, PA 18419.



Sem names spring MVP's

Wyoming Seminary recently held its spring Most Valuable Player Awards ceremony. Sem Athletic Director Gary Vanderburg (center) presented awards to Dallas area recipients: Ashley Feldman, Shavertown, soccer (defense); Jaclyn Walkowiak, Dallas, softball (offense).

Car wash will aid Dallas gridders

The annual Dallas football team care wash will be held Saturday, June 6 at Schmid's Amoco in Shavertown. The cost is \$3 per car. This year's event will help raise funds to defray the cost of a trip to Florida in November to play in a game sponsored by Kaylee Scholarship Association.

McLaughlin winds up St. Joe's tennis season

Sophomore John McLaughlin of Dallas completed his second varsity season as a member of the St. Joseph's University tennis team. The team ended its season with an overall record of 6-16.

McLaughlin, who fought off early season injuries competed at the fourth and sixth singles positions, finishing with an overall win/loss record of 1-1. The 1997 graduate of Wyoming Seminary also played at the second doubles position with an overall record of 1-4.