

# Sports Week

Section 2  
August 18, 1999

## L-L Football Boosters meet Aug. 19

The Lake-Lehman Football Boosters will meet Thursday, Aug. 19 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m. All parents of football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

## Baseball, softball uniform dropoff

Back Mountain baseball and softball participants who have not returned their baseball pants should drop them off at the Little League refreshment stand on Saturday, Aug. 21 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Those who cannot return pants at that time should call Bob Peron at 696-4788.

## Donlavage makes fourth ace

Ken Donlavage scored his fourth career hole in "1" at the Irem Temple Country Club on the 150 yard par 3, 17th hole. He used a seven iron. Witnessed by Tara Mugford, Bob Mugford and Brian Corbett.

## Junior golf at Four Seasons

Junior Golf League is held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter. The league is open to experienced junior golfers between the ages of 8-15 years. The cost is \$10 which includes 9 holes, pull cart and handicapping. Registration is held in the Pro Shop at 9:45 a.m. each Wednesday. For more information call 655-8869.

## Low water affects fishing

Low water levels have made it difficult or impossible to use some waterways and boating access points across the Commonwealth. The PA Fish and Boat Commission is urging boat operators to be vigilant and keep a proper lookout. The low water conditions have increased the need for operators to be aware of their location and water depth to avoid accident or injury. Low flows have created obstruction and hazards to boat navigation that under normal conditions are not noticeable to many boat operators.

Fish and Boat Commission biologists report that while the drought may have an impact on local fisheries, a long-term impact on fish populations or fishing is unlikely. Drought conditions are one of many natural ecological processes. While local populations of fish, primarily trout, may be impacted in the short term, populations quickly bounce back from severe droughts. If elevated water temperatures and reduced flow come on gradually, wild trout and their hatchery cousins have opportunity to seek out "thermal refuge"-cold water areas in streams. Unfortunately, the heat wave a few weeks ago came on so suddenly fish may not have had an opportunity to move and become trapped.

Trout from nine Commission hatcheries are stocked in many miles of seasonal trout water to provide opportunity for recreation. In previous years, drought conditions have made the job of trout rearing very difficult by reducing the amount and quality of water running through the hatcheries. The Commission anticipates that this year will undoubtedly be difficult for the hatchery system. Currently, half of the hatcheries are experiencing reduced flows similar to last year, except that they are occurring six weeks earlier.

On a more positive note, the drought situation has actually helped some Commonwealth fish species like the smallmouth bass. The reduced flows, stable water levels and warmer water temperatures have actually led to higher levels of natural reproduction and generally an easier time for young-of-the-year bass. The 1999 small-mouth bass year class is very strong and the fish are growing ahead of schedule, which should provide for enjoyable bass fishing



## 9-10 girls win district championship

Back Mountain Softball 9-10 year old All Stars recently won the District 16 championship. The team went undefeated to capture top honors.

Pictured from left, 1st row, Jaime Lipski, Amanda Musto, Carla Reino, Kasey Corvett, Devin Lacey, Kelsey Moody; 2nd row, Kristin Evans, Jessica English, Stephanie Pace, Maggie Guntli, Brittney Allan, Marissa Harrison; 3rd row, manager, Peggy Lacey; coach, Rick Guntli; coach Jeff Pace.



## U-12 boys win Whitewater Cup

The Back Mountain Vipers U-12 boys Soccer team, recently won the Whitewater Cup Classic. The Vipers took first place in the A division.

Pictured, front center, Scott Bell; first row, from left, Patrick McMahon, Keith Kolesa, Jason Brakefield, Ben Rother, Garrett Speace, Michael Pryor; 2nd row, Bill Iverson, head coach; Alex Flack, D.J. Molino, Tommy Iverson, Mike Lloyd, Steven Crompton, Chris Scharff, trainer/coach; 3rd row, Dave Schultz, Lee Ruger. Missing from photo, Chris Kester, Eric Kurello, Ben Thomas.



## D.Y.B. girls advance in 3-on-3

Dallas Youth Basketball 13 year old girls recently won the championship of the 13 and 14 year old division in 3-on-3 basketball at Lackawanna County Stadium. They're now qualified to compete in the 3-on-3 Atlantic Coast Finals in September.

Pictured are members of the Luzerne County Rage: Kneeling, 1st row, Coach Mark Lacey, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey and Shannon Thomas. Standing, 2nd row, Coach Joe Noon, Rosalyn Wentko, Jackie Hardwick and Coach Lew Thomas

## Run and walk Aug. 22 on Back Mountain Trail

Anthracte Scenic Trails Association will hold a 4.0 mile run and a 2.0 mile walk on the newly opened Back Mountain Trail starting at the Luzerne Trailhead on Sunday, Aug. 22. Registration is at 9 a.m., the 4.0 mile run starts at 10 a.m. and the 2.0 mile walk starts at 11 a.m.

The 4.0 mile run is an out and back run on the Back Mountain Trail. The first and last miles of the run are on a flat, crushed gravel surface which gently slopes toward the Back Mountain from Luzerne.

The middle two miles of the run are on a partially cleared, but bumpy, rutted trail and includes a short steep downhill and uphill section at Wildcat Falls. Footing

is irregular in the middle section of the run and participants should be prepared.

The 2.0 mile walk is an out and back walk on the flat, crushed gravel surface of the trail. This walk turns around before Wildcat Falls and stays entirely on the newly surfaced trail.

Parking will be at the Knights of Columbus on Parry Street in Luzerne. Participants will receive a certificate and a BMT T-shirt. Awards will be given in the 4.0 mile run to the first two male and female finishers in the open category and to the first Male and Female in the masters category.

For more information and entry forms, contact Lynn Aldrich 675-8628.



## Rockies win Horlacher championship

Rockies, Major League Boys are the 1999 champions for Bob Horlacher Little League. This is their second consecutive championship, posting a 28-2 record for the last two seasons.

Row 1, from left, Kevin Butler, Josh Creasing, Jeff Menten, Brandon Coolbaugh, Joe Manley; row 2, Joe Lambert, Steven Goode, Chad Crispell, Kenny David, Chris Reed, David Swanson, Bobby Jordan; row 3, Coaches, Michleen Butler, Rick Crispell Manager Ken David, Steve Goode. Gino's Shoe Store, Dallas was sponsor of the team.



## Karate students earn promotions

Several students of Barnes Kenpo Karate recently tested for promotion, in what was the first in an ongoing series of monthly groups tests. Dozens of students have been promoted to new ranks and several are in the final stages of preparing for black belt. The tests focus on a number of areas in which the students have been trained including not only kicks, punches, blocks and self-defense, but discipline, respect for parents and teachers and personal growth.

A few of the students tested: kneeling, Nicholas Pilch, Jimmy Decker, James Gittens, Marco Santarelli, George Cimochowski, Erik Sandstrom; standing, Justin King, Bruce Mosier, Joe Frederick, Rick Dodson, Nicole Attanasio.



## 8-9 American wins Pittston tournament

The Back Mountain American 8-9 year old All Stars won the championship in the Pittston Little League Tournament which concluded on August 1. The team posted a record of 6 wins and 1 loss to capture the first place trophy. Row 1, Joe Kaiser, Josh Clay, Tom McGrath, Kevin Engler, Chris Klais, Josh Backes; row 2, Matt Ruch, Josh Hilstolsky, Eric Tucker, Zachary Aciekewicz, Kevin Little, Myer Messinger; row 3, Coach Mark Engler, Asst. Coaches, Ted Ruch, John Aciekewicz, Jim Tucker

## Sorber going to LJC

Chad Sorber, a member of the Class of 1999 at Lake-Lehman High School, recently accepted a baseball scholarship from Lackawanna Junior College.

Sorber was a member of the first team all conference squad for three consecutive years and received USA Today's honorable mention All-American status.



CHAD SORBER

## Wyoming Valley Modified Softball

Standings	W	L
Evangelical Free	7	3
Harvest Assem.	7	3
S.V. Church of Christ	6	4
Dallas Baptist	5	5
Immanuel Baptist	4	6
Alderson	1	9

Back Mt. Assembly 32 - S.V. Church of Christ 1  
Evangelical Free 27 - Immanuel Baptist 19