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'Girls of Winter' head into playoffs

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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KINGSTON - A group of Back Mountain basketball players took their talent to town and now their talent is taking them places.

The Bishop O'Reilly girls' basketball program is positioned to make a run in the post-season thanks in large part to the contributions of former Gate of Heaven standouts. "We have six girls from the Back Mountain on our team and they're really a key part of our success," said

Rick Guntli, assistant coach. "All but one of them, Kelly Kester, played at Gate of Heaven so they know each other and they play together well."

Maria Wright, an O'Reilly senior, is one of the top scorers in the Wyoming Valley Conference. "Maria is our leader on the court and in the locker room," said Guntli. "If she is playing well, we're playing well; if she's having an off night we're having an off night."

Wright's points have helped the O'Reilly squad to a 14-2 record in the regular season, but it is her ability to pass the

"We're very solid at both ends and we don't make a lot of mistakes."

Jocelyn Kozick
Junior forward

ball to an available teammate which keeps the offense running smoothly. "I think my assists are my strength," she said. "I really work on passing in practice. Find

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Chelsey Ostrowsky's not the biggest, just the best

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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WILKES-BARRE - Superlatives do not define her. Defenses do not contain her. Opposing offenses do not baffle her.

Chelsey Ostrowsky, a Bishop Hoban High School junior, isn't the tallest, the fastest, or the strongest young woman you'll find on a basketball court. She isn't the purest shooter or the best defender, although she has tallied 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in just three years. What Ostrowsky is not matters little to her and it matters even

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Mobile home 'foundation' gets approval

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS - The Dallas Township zoning officer has approved a permit for a mobile home installed on a lot in Kunkle. The home became a point of considerable controversy when neighbors complained that it was not an allowed use of the land, which is across County Rd. from Kunkle Motors. The township's zoning ordinance prohibits mobile homes outside of trailer parks except when used as temporary construction offices.

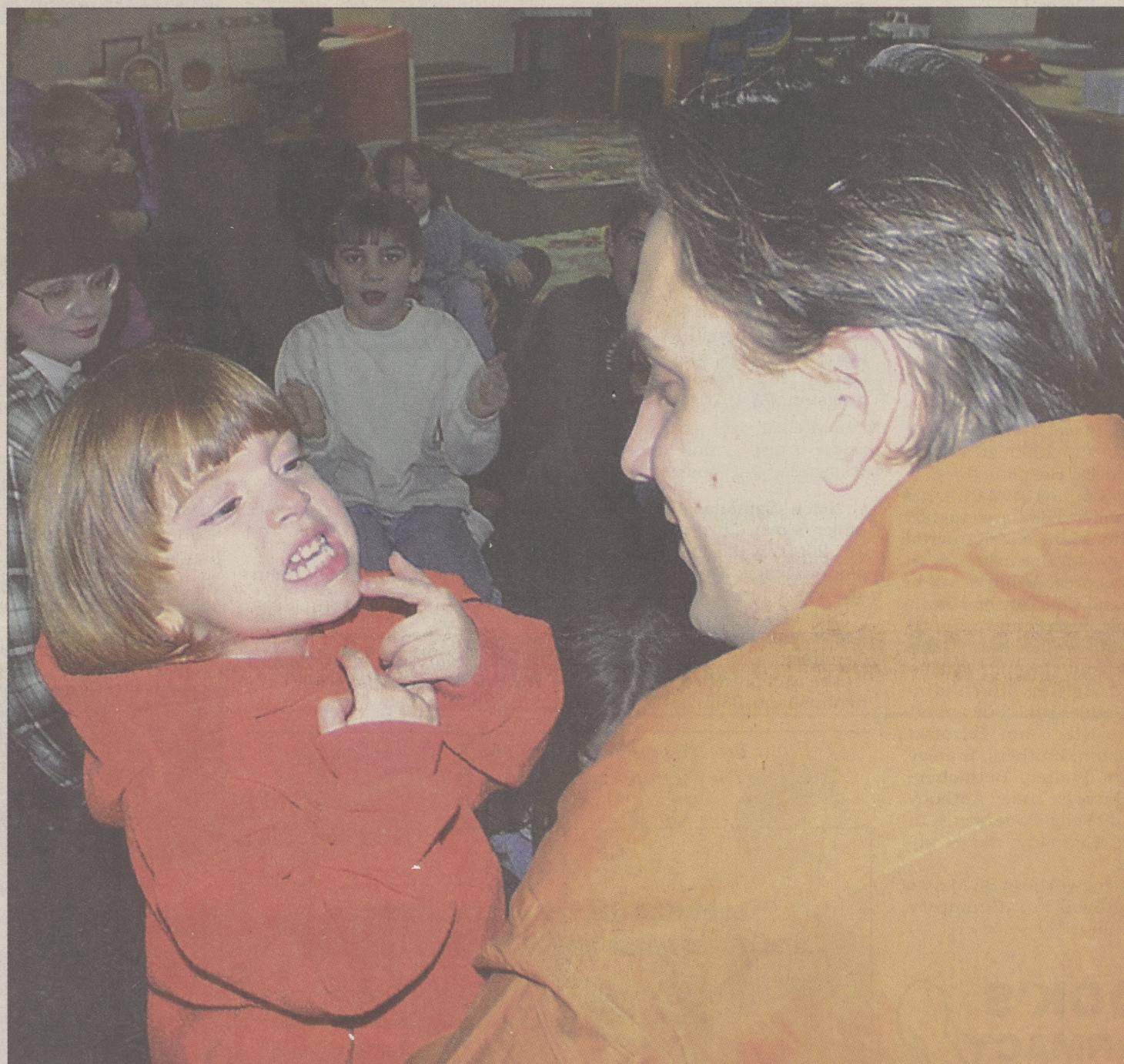
Dan Meeker owns both the auto dealership and the home, which is being rented by his grandson. Neighbors complained last month that Meeker had received approval to place a 20' by 40' modular home on the lot, but instead put in a 12' by 60' mobile home.

The home was originally placed on spindly concrete block pillars. At its Dec. 15 meeting, the township zoning board approved the home with the requirement that it be placed on a permanent foundation within 60 days.

Leonard Kozick, zoning officer, said he inspected the home Feb. 15, and found that it was now held up by 10 cinder block columns, each about 24" wide and resting on 3' by 3' footings. "I went underneath," Kozick said. "As far as I'm concerned, it's a permanent foundation."

While he believes the mobile home is an inappropriate use, Kozick says he is restricted in his ability to disapprove it. "I'm not an engineer, and I have no regulations to go by" to determine what a permanent foundation is, he said. Dallas Township has no building codes, and therefore no guidelines to determine com

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Check these out

Lauren Whitney made sure Dr. Alex Frederick got a good view of her choppers during a Dental Health Month program held last week at Back Mountain Day Care in Shavertown. Group photo on page 2.

Grant may end runoff woes

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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HARVEYS LAKE - Hemlock Gardens residents and the Harveys Lake Protective Association have joined forces in an effort to solve a long-standing problem affecting both water quality and quality of life at the lake.

The group is planning to file an application for a Growing Greener grant to finance improvements along a stretch of dirt road, running through the Hemlock Gardens development just off Second Ave. "The road is in horrible condition especially in the winter," said Mrs. Millie Monk "It's icy and snow covered and it's dangerous."

In addition, the unfinished surface has a negative impact on the lake's fragile ecosystem. "This is really an example of non-point source pollution, which is an issue receiving a lot of attention from the Department of Environmental Protection and similar organizations around the country," said Michael Daley, who serves

as the chairman of the borough's environmental committee. "The focus has been to identify more diffuse sources of pollution which may not be easily recognizable but have a tremendous effect on the environment."

Rain water and melting snow carry large silt deposits from the unpaved road to the lake causing an abundance of organic nutrients to accumulate. "Runoff from Hemlock Gardens is funneling sediment into the lake raising its floor and causing a buildup of phosphorous," said Daley. "Phosphorous is the fuel which feeds algae blooms and anyone familiar with the lake's recent history knows how devastating algae blooms can be."

"During the last election, there was some talk in the borough about raw sewage being allowed to flow into the lake," said Daley. "But it's not sewage; it's sediment."

Paving the road would eliminate many of these hazards but the home owners

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POST PHOTO/KASIA McDONOUGH

This gravel road in Hemlock Gardens at Harveys Lake is contributing to pollution of the lake. A state grant may help alleviate the problem.

Trucksville stalwart stricken while shoveling

Robert "Butch" Chamberlain had retired only a year ago as Kingston Twp. road superintendent

Robert "Butch" Chamberlain, who retired just a year ago after 29 years as road superintendent in Kingston Township, died Friday, apparently from a heart attack. Ironically, the man who had cleared township roads of snow and ice for so long was stricken while shoveling out his own driveway.

Jeff Box, Kingston Township Manager, praised Chamberlain on his retirement, and again Monday. "Butch was one of the best public servants there ever was," he said. "He was dedicated and hard working, always putting 110 percent into whatever he did."

Box said Chamberlain's successor, Donald Fritzsche, who took over when Butch retired, was plowing nearby when he stopped to greet his old friend. Butch

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