## Fulton

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grew close to those kids, and was able to watch them grow.

"He was a devoted husband, proud father and he lived for today. He was the greatest," said Mary Jo. "He enjoyed working with the players, parents and coaching with Pat (McCue) at Dallas so much."

Fulton worked as a corrections officer at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas for the past several years, and is survived by his wife and daughter. In an interview with some of the players Fulton coached at Dallas, this is what they had to say:

"Coach Fulton is one of the strongest people I know. He showed up for practice everyday when he was sick, and his personality, confidence and strength to fight through his cancer inspired the team." Dan Mulhern. Senior, guard

"Coach Fulton was a great guy. He would help anyone out no matter what they needed, and he was one of the nicest guys I've ever met." **Blake Saba** Senior, guard

"He always told us to come to every game and be prepared, and was never afraid to tell us what we were doing right or wrong." Herb Bressler Senior, forward

"I looked forward to practices and the games, because of



#### A's capture championship

Back Mountain Athletics recently received their trophies for winning the 2001 major league softball championship. The team had a league record of 10-2.

Pictured, from left, first row: Kristin Evans, Abby Baltimore, Amber Cahill, Shauna Phillips, Alicia Sebastian, Lisa Giacometti. Second row: Manager Jeff Pace, Kathleen Paley, Angela Wagner, Courtney Taylor, Amanda Frain, Stephanie Pace, Kelsey Moody, Jacqueline Thomas and assistant coach Kurt Moody.



## Tickets available for Dallas Youth **Basketball** annual banquet

## **'Boxing Basketball'** at Lehman-Jackson

The Lehman-Jackson Elementary basketball program recently ended the season with its annual "Boxing Basketball" game. Sixth grade boys and girls squared off against their coaches and parents. The boys team benefited from the added advantage that the adults had to wear Boxing gloves during the game

Over 90 fifth and sixth grade students took advantage of the PTA's sponsored program while Chairpersons Andrea Mitkus and Dwayne Poepperling coordinated the numerous volunteer coaches and help needed to coordinate the program.

Shown in photo: Chad Brudnicki (grey), boys coach, Bob Mitkus, Justin Eimers (yellow).

# **Gate of Heaven boys** finish second in league

against Holy Rosary of Duryea

led all scorers with 28 points.

Gate of Heaven's Chris DeRojas

Brendan Delaney added 14

points for the Gators, who fin-

ished with a 7-8 record while

playing against eighth-grad

The Gators posted three victo-

In a high-scoring game

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Barre, DeRojas poured in 46

points in an 80-73 win. Delaney

added 20 points for the win-

Wyoming Area Catholic, DeRojas scored 16 points, Jeff

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And in a 57-41 victory against

Sacred Heart, the trio combined

for 45 points. DeRojas led the

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The Gate of Heaven boys varsity basketball team recently captured second place in the West Side Catholic Basketball League.

The eighth-grade team advanced to the championship game before losing against undefeated Regis Academy Gold, 39-36, in a game played at Bishop O'Reilly High School.

Josh Aciukewicz scored a game-high 18-points for the Gators, who finished the season with a 14-4 record. He joined teammate Mike Clemente on the league's all-star team, which was selected by the coaches. Clemente also won the free throw shooting contest during the league's skills competition. Gate of Heaven's Joe Bailey

won a sportsmanship award, while former Gator coach Juan DeRojas was presented with a special appreciation award by league president Harry Kaskey. In the seventh grade league,

the Gators ended the regular season with a 75-57 loss

### Leadership Wilkes Barre golf tournament

Members of the 2002 Leadership Wilkes-Barre class are sponsoring a golf tournament on Friday May 24 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountaintop. The tournament is a captain and crew format, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration will be at 12 noon.

There is a \$90 registration fee per player that includes greens fee and cart, refreshments during play and dinner. Motorworld is con tributing a lease on a 2002 Cadillac DeVille as a hole-in-one prize. All golfers will receive a gift for participating.

Sponsor names will be displayed prominently on the course. If you would like to participate either as a player or a sponsor, please contact Peggy Manley at 779-5102.

### **Back Mountain Youth Soccer sets registration**

Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association will be holding registration for the Fall 2002 Intramural Soccer Season from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 in the Dallas Senior High School Cafeter ria. Age groups U-8 through U-18 will be accepted. Eligible players must be at least 6 years of age before August 1, 2002. A special introductory program will be available for children who will be 5 before August 1, 2002. Social Security numbers and proof of age required.

Send The Dallas Post to a friend. It makes a great gift. Call 675-5211 for information.



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Coach Fulton. I wouldn't want anyone else as my coach but him." **Jeff Dickson** Junior, guard

"He had a big impact on my life both on and off the court. I could always hear him on the bench talking to me during the game. He took great pride in everything he had." **Paul McCue** 

Junior, guard

"You could talk to Coach Fulton about anything. He taught me a lot about basketball, and a lot of other stuff."

> **Mike English** Junior, forward

## Bullpen

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Butcofski learned the team was also signing Nagle, who he would have to compete with for a roster spot, and if that was not enough, in his first practice at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's training camp, he suffered an ankle injury.

"I am really happy that Kevin (Nagle) signed with the team, but it does not help my chances to have to compete for one of only two linebacker spots open on the team," said Butcofski

Butcofski has until March 30 to impress his coaches enough

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold its annual banquet at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes Barre. All players receive a ticket at no cost with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under. There is no admission charge for children under age 4.

The banquet will feature a family-style dinner, and individual and team awards for boys and girls will be presented.

Tickets may be purchased at any DYB game or by calling Peggy Lacey at 696-4603.

## **Dallas Jr. Football** registrations

If you are a young man or young lady and you will be between the ages of 6-13 by Aug. 1 and you live in the Dallas, Dallas Twp. or Franklin Twp. areas, you can be playing football or cheering for the Dallas Jr. Mounts.

Registrations will be held from 10 a.m-2 p.m. on Saturday March 23 and from 6-8 p.m. on Friday May 10. You ned to bring copies of your Birth Certificate, Health Insurance, a recent photo and a recent physical. Any questions call 674-5549.

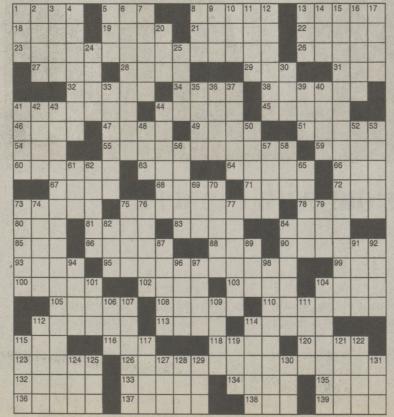
to get one of the Pioneer roster
spots, and feels that his ankle it
not a serious problem.

"I am looking a step slower right now during the drills because of my ankle," said Butcofski. "These guys are getting reps and I'm not. It's not good for me, but I think everything will be all right.'

Although his professional future is uncertain, and his back is to the wall once again, don't feel sorry for Rich Butcofski he doesn't. He has been through all this before.

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