

Sports Week

Flag football fundraiser scores big

Two Dallas juniors' completion project earns enough to buy the district a membership in the Luzerne Foundation.

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For Dallas students Ben Thomas and Jeff Decker, a high school "completion project" exceeded their greatest expectations.

The juniors had planned a variety of projects to raise enough money to buy their school a membership in the Luzerne Foundation, a community foundation that provides funds to local charitable organizations.

Thanks to the success of a flag football tournament, held at Mountaineer Stadium November 27, they have accomplished their goal.

The event attracted 14 teams from six different school districts and helped Thomas and Decker earn the \$2,000 required for Dallas High School to become a member Luzerne Foundation's Millennium Circle Fund.

Membership in the Millennium Circle requires a one-time donation of \$2,000 and Dallas if the first school district to join.

"Everything went great," said Thomas, who was grateful to the many volunteers that helped make the event a success. "We had a lot of people volunteer as officials and we had plenty of food donated to our concession stand. It went better than we expected."

According to Decker, the duo can cancel other potential fundraisers. "Our goal for the project was to earn enough money for our school to join the foundation," said Decker. "We had some other ideas in mind, but we made enough



Even tying the game can be fun. Flag team "Jewbibles" tied with a Hazelton team 10-10. Pictured are Matt Kelly holding up Chris Parrish after Nick Samanas scored the tying touchdown. Also pictured are Dan Considine, Jeremy Weinstock and Ryan Gilroy.

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Ostrowsky leads East to UNICO game win

WILKES-BARRE — The East squad moved its unbeaten streak to six in a 28-16 Thanksgiving Day victory in the 54th UNICO All-Star Football Classic.

The teams consist of the top seniors from the Wyoming Valley Conference. The game raises funds for local mental health organizations.

Brian Ostrowsky of Bishop Hoban earned the game's MVP award, leading all rushers with 61 yards on 10 carries and scoring twice, including a game-sealing, 3-yard touchdown run with 10:11 remaining.

"The offensive line played absolutely amazing," said Ostrowsky. "I was lucky to be in the game at the right time."

Ostrowsky didn't get his first carry of the game until almost midway through the second quarter. On his fifth carry of the drive, he broke free, off left tackle for a 35-yard touchdown and a 14-2 lead with 4:24 left in the first half.

The West scored on the third play of the second half when Pittston Area's Gennaro Zangardo, fighting double coverage, hauled in a 55-yard pass from Lake-Lehman's Ryan Arcangeli for a touchdown to draw within 21-9.

"I enjoyed it more from a coaching standpoint than I did as a player," said Myers, who played in the UNICO game for Crestwood in 1996.

Arcangeli completed seven of 16 passes for 128 yards and the score.

The West team was coached by Greg Myers of Lake-Lehman.

Deer hunt Monday at Slocum Park

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will conduct a regulated deer hunt at Frances Slocum State Park, Kingston Township, December 6, to help control the deer population within the park. The one-day hunt is for whitetail deer only, and will be conducted in areas not normally open to hunting. To ensure the safety of all park visitors, the park will be closed to all other activities this day.

To participate, hunters must hold an unexpired Wildlife Management Area 3B antlerless license. Only manually operated shotguns 20 gauge or larger, or muzzleloading firearms will be allowed. The hunt will be limited to the first 40 hunters that arrive at the park starting at 6 a.m., and will not be chosen by lottery drawing. All hunters entering the park will be checked to ensure they have a valid unexpired Wildlife Management Area 3B antlerless license and appropriate firearm, and be asked to fill out a registration and safety orientation form before being assigned a designated parking area.

"When the deer population is out of balance with the park land, it affects other wildlife, including the elimination of plant species and destruction of habitats for birds and small mammals," said Roger Fickes, director of the Bureau of State Parks. Fickes explained that the excessive deer herd is destroying park vegetation and needs to be controlled on a yearly basis.

Safety zones, no hunting areas, and park boundaries will be posted and strictly enforced. Extra park rangers and Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel will be stationed throughout the park area during this hunt. For more information about the regulated hunt, call the park office at 696-3525.

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See FLAG FOOTBALL, pg 8 Eddie Daris tried his best to elude John McGeehan.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Fieldhouse 59, D.J. Charlie Hayes 51
Josh Backes led the Fieldhouse with 37 points, followed by Alex Slocum with 10 points and Preston Balavage with 6. Eric Cannon, Jared Kern, Andy Ondish added 2 points

DYB 7-8 Boys
Ryan Urzen led the D.J.'s with 17 points, followed by Steve Meskers with 16 points and Joe Osick with 11 points. Josh Stephens chipped in 4 and Mike Mazur added 3.

Bishop Photo 70, Burger King 38
D.J. Berley led Bishop Photo with 17 points, followed by Lee Culver with 14 points. Tony Bevevino and Chris Dailey scored 8 points each, while Griffin Adams had 6. Jonathan Orlando chipped in 5 points and Ryan Williams added 4 for the

winners. Brian Haughwout led Burger King with 18 points, Tyler Patton followed with 10 points. John Kanarr had 6 points and Vincent Oliveri chipped in 4.

III Guys Pizza 18, Darling Graphic Designs 17
III Guys' Sarah Kneal put on the heat with 14 points, followed by Alison Parkhurst's 4 points along with the strong defense of Erika McCabe.

DYB 5-6 Girls
Darling's kept the game close behind Katie Darling's 6 points, Katie Yanchuck's 5 points and Lauren Orlando's 4 points.

Dr. Scott & Clements 12, Fieldhouse 8
Lauren Skudalski led her team to victory
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FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK Casey Judge reached over to block Ryan Urzen's shot.



Casey Judge, left, and Conrad Kraszewski reached in to try stripping the ball from Mike Mazur.