

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB AWARDS BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS



The Rotary Club of Dallas recently awarded book scholarships to five college-bound students from the Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Northwest Area school districts. The scholarships were given during a dinner held in their honor. The students were presented with \$500 checks to help offset the expenses of their first year in college. The organization has been awarding the book scholarships since 1962. The scholarship recipients and club officials, from left, first row are Savannah Coombs, Lake-Lehman; Robert Schobert, Lake-Lehman; and Sarah Vodzak, Dallas. Second row: Art Peoples, club president; Spencer Martin, project chairman; Mark McCabe, Northwest Area; Christopher Baiamonte, Dallas; and Jim Alexander, co-chairman and founder of the program.

DALLAS FAMILY PRACTICE MARKS 40TH YEAR



Dallas Family Practice recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a picnic for all staff members and their families at Moon Lake Park. More than 50 people attended the event, which featured food, games, contests and prizes. Dallas Family Practice is located at 16 Church Street in Dallas. Founded by Dr. Irvin Jacobs, the practice has served the Back Mountain community for more than four decades.

LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

The 43rd annual Luzerne County Fair will held Sept. 7-11 on the fairgrounds located on Route 118 in Dallas/Lehman Township. The following performers and events will perform at the Fairgrounds Amphitheater. An Old Time Fiddle Contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7, with \$500 in prize money being awarded to the top fiddlers. The first prize is \$250, second prize is \$150 and third prize is \$100. The event is open to the public and entry forms are available by

calling Jim Chernavag at 829-5639. Rick K. and the Allnighters will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8. The variety show band performs a hit parade of popular music spanning 50 years. Also that night, an Antique and Classic Car Cruise by the Public Square Car Cruises will be held at 6:30. XCOUNTRY, a modern country party band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 9. The band plays the tunes of Toby Keith, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw,

Garth Brooks and more. John Berry will take the stage at 8 p.m. Sept. 10. The country singer is touring to support his latest album "I Give My Heart." Berry has earned multiple gold and platinum albums from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music. The popular Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 11. The band is on the top 10 list of all-time Grammy Awards, winning 14 Grammys.

A SPECIAL GAME FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE



Johnny Keegan waits for his turn in the batter's box during a Challenger Baseball game last weekend in Dallas. Johnny didn't let a broken foot keep him off he bases.

POST PHOTO/DAVE KONOPKI

Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. hosted its annual Challenger Baseball game at the W. Kubis Memorial Field on Church Street in Dallas last weekend. The Challenger Division of Little League offers mentally and physically disabled boys and girls an opportunity to play baseball.

The game featured youngsters from the Wyoming Valley, including Shavertown residents Jacob and Joelle Serafin. While Jacob played in the

game, Joelle was part of a cheerleading squad that shouted encouragement through the contest.

Baseball and softball players from the Back Mountain served as buddies during the game, assisting the players on offense and defense. Following the game, each Challenger player received a new shirt, hat and baseball, courtesy of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. and league president Jack Snyder.



Shavertown resident Joelle Serafin cheers for the players during the Challenger Baseball game. Her brother, Jacob, played in the game

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before losing, 7-6, against eventual champion Mountain Top. American also lost against Mountain Top by the same score later in the tourney.

A bad call from an umpire cost his team the game, said Zubko.

"A really poor call by the umpires took the game way from the kids," he said. "I think the kids learned a lesson from it.

(Leading by) one run isn't enough. You never know what the umpire is going to call. The umpires cost us the game."

Zubko coached the same group of kids last year on the 9-10-year-old all-star team that was eliminated in the first round of the D16 tourney. He says the players made a lot of progress during the past 12 months.

"Coming into the (Kubis Tournament), I thought we would do well and make it to the finals," he said. "They kids have improved their skills. I've seen a lot of improvement. We out-

scored our opponents by more than 60 runs in the district and Kubis tournaments."

Members of the American team are Patrick Condo, F.J. Costantino, Shane Dunn, Nathan Kish, David Miller, Kohner Rice, Justin Rivero, Jason Schilling, Jordan Stephens, Ryan Thomas and Alex Zubko.

"The Kubis Tournament went well," said Andrew Zubko. "It was nice to play at home. The kids enjoy playing on their own field. There's better attendance and there are better teams. It was a nice tournament."

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bracket final.

"We held nothing back," said Peron. "Our kids didn't wash their uniforms between games, so they were dirty and smelly. In the field, we were diving after balls, knocking balls down, and making defensive plays that made our kids look like pros. Our bats came alive again and Josh (Shaver) pitched a super game."

Back Mountain played a well-rested Red Land team the following evening, with Bobby Peron turning in a gutsy performance on the mound. After pitch-

ing in the opening game of the tournament two days earlier, Peron tossed a complete-game and threw more than 135 pitches.

"We just weren't ourselves that day," said Bob Peron, whose team suffered a 13-6 loss. "We made errors that were uncharacteristic of us and we had to pitch Bobby on short rest. But the kids played really hard. They gave everything they had throughout the whole tournament."

9-10 District 16 Tournament

Back Mountain American advanced to the championship game of the District 16 tourna-

ment for 9-10-year-olds before suffering a tough 8-7, extra-inning loss against Pittston Township. Jason Simonovich had three hits and drove in four runs for American. Harry Parkhurst and Eric Zawatski added two hits apiece.

In a game that allowed American to advance to the title contest, Neil Shaver tossed a two-hitter in a 10-3 win against South Wilkes-Barre. Zawatski had four hits while Shaver, Simonovich, Harry Parkhurst and George Parkhurst finished with three hits each. Greg Petorak added two hits and JJ McGovern had a three-run triple.

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