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the kids might be a little down after last year. But they came into the season very excited. They're so much more focused. It's been a more enjoyable season.'

seniors Alan Sheridan, Will Barber, Grant Roberts and Kevin but the rest of the team has stepped up its game, said Pick-

"We have some good senior leadership," he said. "We're doing well, but we're a little too streaky. We have moments when we're up and down. You have to be mentally prepared in volleyteam to stop."

Pickett says he learned a lot about the sport under Baranow-

"He taught me so much," said

You have to push yourself hard. If you don't, you're only hurting yourself."

> **Noah Pickett** Lake-Lehman coach

Lake-Lehman has been led by Pickett, who was also Baranow- the playoffs. ski's assistant coach for a year. You need hard work and a lot of ing to make or break us," said Konicki, Sophomore Bruce Mo- dedication. As a coach, you have Williams. "If we can go 2-2 dursier has also been playing well. to pound the basics first. There ing that stretch, we'll be in good Sheridan has missed about two are no shortcuts. You have to shape. We have a good chance at weeks with an abdominal injury, push yourself hard. If you don't, finishing with a 7-4 record or you're only hurting yourself."

> performances from seniors Mike improvement." Miller, Brian Feleccia and firstyear player Mike Rovinski. year or two for Dallas to enter Freshman Colin Grube has also the upper-echelon tier of teams established himself as a player to with Bishop Hoban, North Poco-

"We have good chemistry," ball. When we are, we're a tough said Williams. "Our communicaed," he said. "Our system is just Sometimes, we're running into ed team, but to be honest, I'm each other. If we learn to talk to still figuring out the system. This

each other, we'll be okay." The Mountaineers have the right direction."

"There are no shortcuts. most challenging part of the season on the horizon. Dallas enters a four-game stretch with games against Tunkhannock, Nanticoke Area, Lake-Lehman and Bishop Hoban. The latter two teams are undefeated and Hoban is the defending champion. The Dallas versus Lake-Lehman matchup is set for Monday, May 1 and the top eight teams make

"This part of the season is gomaybe even an 8-3 record. After Dallas has been getting solid being 6-9 last year, that's quite an

Williams says it might take a no and Lake-Lehman.

"Those systems are establishtion has to be a little better. getting started. We have a talentyear is definitely a step in the

A new football coach will most likely be approved by the school board at its April 25 meeting, although the search for an athletic director is going to take longer. Greg Myers, who recently took the football job at Crestwood, wore

"I think it's in good hands," he

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me. But this is a very hectic time of the year."

The Dallas boys have been led by sprinter Mike McAndrew, who runs the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay. Senior Ben Thomas has established himself as a solid triple jumper, junior Adam Singer is has been doing well in the javelin. Samuel also praised the ef-

pion diver – is also a sprinter.

job for us," Samuel said. "And you have to give credit to Alaric think the best is yet to come." for coming out for track after having such a great diving sea- year coach if his team is wearing

The Dallas girls team is the deand sophomore Doug Harding Adams. Kenslie Kerestes is another outstanding runner, while Alaric Eby. Both athletes com- jump with a leap of 35 feet, 2 well." pete in the relays, while Eby - a inches. Paige Selenski is the

two-time state Class 2A cham-team's top sprinter.

"Those girls are already doing "Ed Daris doesn't get a lot of things that make the rest of the publicity, but he's done a great conference take notice," Samuel said. "And they're not done. I

> And it doesn't bother the fiftha bulls-eye.

"A lot of people saying we're fending WVC Division II cham- the favorite. I don't mind it," Sapion. The Mountaineers are led muel said. "We have a lot of talby Syracuse University-bound Li-ent back from last year and gradsa Giacometti and University of uation losses didn't hit us as hard one of the top distance runners North Florida-bound Hillary as it did some teams. We have a good mix of younger and older girls. We have some outstanding Cassie Snider recently broke her seniors, but some of our younger forts of seniors Ed Daris and own school record in the triple are really stepping up and doing

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tough. I think Dallas is the team his kids our way." to beat in the 4x800."

which has more than 30 athletes WVC Division II.

effort to get more kids out. Basketball coach Dave Clancy has among Class 2A boys. done a great job sending a lot of

The numbers have increased ers are long jumpers Kyle Poluske best in the region. for the Lake-Lehman boys team, and Steve Schwartz. Both jumpers went over the 19-foot mark on the roster. The Black Knights earlier this week, defeating a are among the top teams in the jumper from Meyers who will think we're always looking for "We're happy with our boys," ite at the district meet. Junior thinking we're a year away. But Sobocinski said. "We're trying to Justin Amy runs a strong 800 and we've have a solid, competitive build the boys program back to is part of a solid relay squad, where it used to be. You need to while freshman Mike Ryan ran 10

have numbers to have success in minutes, 20 seconds in the 2this sport. We've been making an mile run at Susquehanna Invitational last week. He placed fifth

Sobocinski says he's flattered when people think of his track Among the top boys perform- and field program as one of the

"I'm happy with where our program is," he said. "There's always room for improvement. I most likely be the odds-on favor- more depth and at times I keep

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won't be permanent.

perintendent is found. Lake-Lehman has always been great to me, so I decided to do it." Oliver says the position

"I knew they would only need me for a couple of months," he said. "It's my assumption that a new superintendent will be in this office on July 1. I would expect the search to be completed a new person named by the May (school board) meeting. Most contracts usually end at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30. That's why I'm assuming a new person will be here

The first time back through the doors was a little strange, said Oliver.

"It was a little like déjà vu,"

The scene was also vastly dif-

"The physical change at the school has been dramatic," he said. "But I think even more dramatic is the turnover in staffing. There have been a lot of people who have left since 2003. I walk down the halls and the faces have changed."

Although he's needed periodically to put out a few little fires and serve in an advisory role, Oliver spends most of his time working on four things the search for a new superintendent, putting the budget together for the next fiscal year, and searching for a new head

And the first is the most important.

"The selection of a new su-

he said. "I felt like I was home years," Oliver said. "We need a long-term person who will be here for many years. We need someone to come in here and chart the course for the district."

both hats at Lake-Lehman.

When his time as the interim superintendent expires, Oliver will go back to enjoying golfing, fishing and other activities with his wife Carol, who also retired in 2002 after many years in the district. Though many of the middle management team at Lake-Lehman is football coach and athletic di- young, Oliver says the district has a bright future.

said. "There are a lot of very intelligent young people working here. I perintendent is the most im- didn't mind stepping in and helpportant decision this district ing the district. I've enjoyed being will have made in the last 25 home again."

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The park closed after the 1984 season and on Sept. 26, 1984, the rides at Don Hanson's Amusement Park were auctioned. Only a few of the Hanson rides have remained intact elsewhere. The Merry-Go-Round was leased in 1987 to Old Town, a park in Kissimmee, Fla. The miniature train, with its four-cylinder Ford gasoline engine, cab and three coaches, built in 1948 by the Bittler company of Elmira, N.Y., is now the Bonneville-Pine Creek Railroad in Register, near Ben-

The Back Mountain Historical Association works in collaboration with the Luzerne County

Historical Society and College Misericordia to collect photographs, oral history interviews, and local history about the Back Mountain area including Kingston Township, Trucksville, Shavertown, Dallas, Harveys Lake, Lehman Township and Sweet Valley.

Photographs in the Back Mountain photograph database can be seen at www.backmountain.org. The Back Mountain Historical Association is interested in historic photographs of Fernbrook and Hanson's Amusement Park, local movie theatres, drive-in movie theatres, businesses, parks and homes. Photographs can be donated or will be scanned and promptly returned.

Anyone interested in donating photographs to the database should call Harrison Wick, College Misericordia archivist, at 674-6420. You may also visit the Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle archives on the third floor of College Misericordia's Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

To learn more about Hanson's Amusement Park www.harveyslake.org.

The association holds meetings twice a year, usually in April and October. The last meeting attracted more than 170 people, who listened to Harry Owens Jr., discuss the Back Mountain Railroad. For more information about the Back Mountain Historical Association or to reserve seats for the meeting, call Marion Rogers at 674-3341.

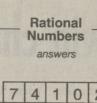
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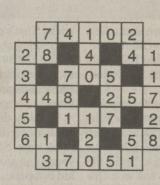
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