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the kids might be a little down into the season very excited. They're so much more focused.

Lake-Lehman has been led by seniors Alan Sheridan, Will Barber, Grant Roberts and Kewell. Sheridan has missed about two weeks with an abdominal injury, but the rest of game, said Pickett.

ing well, but we're a little too to each other, we'll be okay." streaky. We have moments when we're up and down. You most challenging part of the have to be mentally prepared season on the horizon. Dallas in volleyball. When we are, enters a four-game stretch with we're a tough team to stop."

Pickett says he learned a lot

"He taught me so much," said Pickett, who was also Baranowski's assistant coach for a year. You need hard work and a lot of dedication. As a coach, after last year. But they came you have to pound the basics first. There are no shortcuts. You have to push yourself hard. going to make or break us," It's been a more enjoyable sea- If you don't, you're only hurting yourself."

Dallas has been getting solid performances from seniors Mike Miller, Brian Feleccia and vin Konicki. Sophomore Bruce first-year player Mike Rovinski. Mosier has also been playing Freshman Colin Grube has also established himself as a player

"We have good chemistry," the team has stepped up its said Williams. "Our communi- the upper-echelon tier of teams "We have some good senior Sometimes, we're running into leadership," he said. "We're do- each other. If we learn to talk

The Mountaineers have the

about the sport under Bara- 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 the playoffs.

> "This part of the season is said Williams. "If we can go 2-2 during that stretch, we'll be in good shape. We have a good chance at finishing with a 7-4 record or maybe even an 8-3 record. After being 6-9 last year, that's quite an improvement.

Williams says it might take a year or two for Dallas to enter cation has to be a little better. with Bishop Hoban, North Pocono and Lake-Lehman.

"Those systems are established," he said. "Our system is just getting started. We have a talented team, but to be honest, I'm still figuring out the system. This year is definitely a games against Tunkhannock, step in the right direction."

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

for the Lake-Lehman boys team, and Steve Schwartz. Both jumpwhich has more than 30 athletes ers went over the 19-foot mark program is," he said. "There's alon the roster. The Black Knights earlier this week, defeating a WVC Division II.

"We're happy with our boys,"

ketball 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 build the boys program back to is part of a solid relay squad, program."

where it used to be. You need to while freshman Mike Ryan ran have numbers to have success in 10 minutes, 20 seconds in the 2this sport. We've been making an mile run at Susquehanna Invitaeffort to get more kids out. Bas- tional 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 best in the region.

"I'm happy with where our ways room for improvement. I are among the top teams in the jumper from Meyers who will think we're always looking for most likely be the odds-on favor- more depth and at times I keep 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

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Wilkes-Barre campus will have up-to-date facilities that bear the names of two people who are so closely linked to its history and development," said Penn State president Graham Spanier. "These two buildings remind us of the important role philanthropy plays in helping the Universilearning environment."

Nesbitt III Academic Commons is expected to begin later this ic structure.

"The Nesbitt Academic Commons will ease the space and

rently hinder many campus pro- one with the wisdom and kindgrams, and will pay dividends in ness of Dean Murphy," said Barthe form of generations of stu-ry. "For 37 years, Dean Murphy dents who receive a truly out- helped people like me believe in standing Penn State education," Spanier said.

brary-the future John Murphy ated with the belief that I could. Student Services Building will begin when the new Nesbitt that confidence. I am thrilled to Commons is occupied, and is ex- be able to give something back to pected to take a year to com- the University and Dean Murplete. John Murphy retired in phy." 2004 after 37 years of service in tral area such student services as financial aid, academic advising, year and be completed by August career guidance and job place-2007. It will be located across ment, registration, and group from Hayfield House and com- and individual tutoring. The renpatible in design with that histor- ovations will require substantial electrical, mechanical, and architectural upgrades.

technology restrictions that cur- you will cross paths with some-

themselves. I arrived at Penn State without the confidence Renovation of the current li-that I could succeed and gradu-Dean Murphy helped me gain

Barry graduated from Penn ty to offer students a first-rate various capacities at the Univer- State in 1980 with a baccalausity. The building will bring to-reate degree in political science Construction of the Abram gether for the first time in a cen- and is now managing director and portfolio manager of a large California-based investment

> Penn State has had a permanent presence in the Back Mountain for 90 years. The campus has approximately 800 students. To learn more about the school visit "If you are very lucky in life, the Web site www.wb.psu.edu.

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cluded a dance hall, carousel, arcade, bowling alley, a small roller coaster, miniature railroad, swimming beach, and a Shootthe-Chute.

By the 1920's, attractions included a shooting gallery, restaurant, bingo, a penny arcade, and dodgem cars. In the early 1930s, John A. Miller and Oscar E. Bittler built a 65-foot high roller coaster called the Speed Hound. In the 1940's, more rides and attractions were added, including a Ferris wheel and a new miniature railroad. Hanson's Drive-in Theater was built in 1948 and Kiddie Land opened in 1950, featuring boats, fire engines, pony carts, a miniature whip, and the Starlight Express, a small wooden children's roller coaster.

In 1980, the Speed Hound roller coaster was structurally damaged and was removed. With rising insurance costs and declining attendance in the early 1980s, many local amusement parks including Sans Souci, Angela Park and Rocky Glen - were forced to close. In its last years, the Merry-Go-Round, the Pretzel Ride, the Whip, and Flying Coaster still served Hanson's.

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 Benton.

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 Park Amusement 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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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 one of the top distance runners and sophomore Doug Harding has been doing well in the javelin. Samuel also praised the efforts of seniors Ed Daris and Alaric Eby. Both athletes a two-time state Class 2A cham- inches. Paige Selenski is the well."

pion diver – is also a sprinter.

"Ed Daris doesn't get a lot of publicity, but he's done a great job for us," Samuel said. "And you have to give credit to Alaric for coming out for track after having such a great diving sea-

The Dallas girls team is the de- a bulls-eye. fending WVC Division II champion. The Mountaineers are led by Syracuse University-bound Lisa Giacometti and University of North Florida-bound Hillary Adams. Kenslie Kerestes is an-

team's top sprinter.

"Those girls are already doing things that make the rest of the conference take notice," Samuel said. "And they're not done. I think the best is yet to come."

And it doesn't bother the fifthyear coach if his team is wearing

"A lot of people saying we're the favorite. I don't mind it," Samuel said. "We have a lot of talent back from last year and graduation losses didn't hit us as hard as it did some teams. We have a other outstanding runner, while good mix of younger and older Cassie Snider recently broke her girls. We have some outstanding own school record in the triple seniors, but some of our younger compete in the relays, while Eby - jump with a leap of 35 feet, 2 are really stepping up and doing

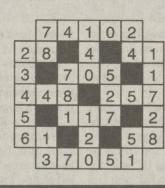
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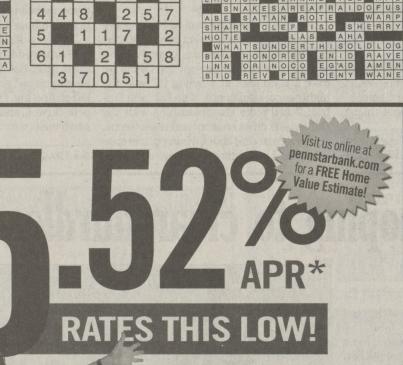
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