

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lake-Lehman schedules fall sports physicals

Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School will conduct fall sports physicals in the nurse's office at the junior-senior high building on the following dates:

- Monday, July 23, at 5 p.m. - Junior high girls only
- Wednesday, July 25, at 9 a.m. - All senior high boys fall sports
- Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. - Junior high boys in fall sports (This will be the final day of exams for all boys and girls in both junior and senior high school. There will not be a make-up day this year.)

Students are requested to arrive promptly at the time stated on the day of the physicals.

There is a new physical form this year, which can be picked up in the high school office between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. All forms must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian of the student prior to the exam.

Gridiron Club plans golf tournament
The Dallas Gridiron Club is hosting its 10th Annual Golf Tournament, on Sunday, July 29, at the Wilkes-Barre Golf Club.

Cost is \$75 per golfer which includes green fees, carts, refreshments, dinner and prizes. This will not be just your typical Captain and Crew Tournament. Although you will be able to compete in Captain and Crew format, there will be a separate division for those who would prefer to play individual and compete for individual and 4-Man Better Ball prizes.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with shotgun at 1:30 p.m. Contact Joe Rubbico at 675-4782 if interested in playing or being a sponsor.

COMMUNITY

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emerged. I kept looking; but, thankfully, no palm trees sprouted in Brace's Orchard nearby.

Aside from the food, dances and games this cultural treat is more about community than anything else. In that regard, this first meeting was very successful.

"It is an attraction for Filipino people who yearn for the heart warming comfort of their native custom and food and for Americans who are curious about the Filipino culture," said Rev. Gideon Gaitano, the day after the event.

Families came from Moconagua, Wilkes-Barre, New Jersey, Hanover and Frackville. "I just love it here, I love coming," said Luke Rienstra from Wilkes-Barre. Jonalyn and her daughter, Cate Canonoy, come from Moconagua and admit they come often. The church offers a Filipino bible study the first and third Saturdays of each month.

The event was inspired by the New Life Community Church and its pastor of two years, Gaitano. Gaitano, a native of the Philippines, graduated as a minister from Regent University and then settled with his wife Robin, in her hometown of Orange.

The church is delighted with Gaitano's leadership. David Madierra, a deacon at the church, says "We are delighted with Gaitano's leadership. We were wary to bring in a new minister, but he is such a caring man with a heart for people. The church has seen nothing but growth since he got here," Madierra said.

The church is also a sponsor to a hometown missionary family in the Philippines, Leslie Drayer a 1971 Dallas High School graduate. Her parents, Jim and Jean Alexander, live in Dallas and Leslie and her teenage son, John, have come for the summer on furlough from the island. The church has sponsored the family since 1992. She and her son report on their missionary activity and bring everyone up-to-date with pictures from the island.

Although there are probably only about 100 Filipino people in the greater Wilkes-Barre area, Gaitano hopes his open diverse sharing of the gospel and himself will attract others. "But, everyone is welcomed here," he says.



Domenic Oliveri of Back Mountain American takes a swing at a pitch during a game against Back Mountain National.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

BMT American 11-year-olds hope for repeat title

The 11-year-old Back Mountain American Little League All-Star team is attempting to defend its District 16 championship. Listed here are two games the team has played thus far.

BMT American 8
BMT National 2
Back Mountain American opened District 16 West 10-11 year-old action with an 8-2 win over Back Mountain National.

Greg Petorak went 4-for-4 with a double, triple and 3 RBI to lead American's 12-hit effort. Craig Skudalski went 2-for-2 with two doubles while John Strausser added two hits for American. Chad DeBona chipped in a double while Matt Doggett added 2 RBI. Skudalski picked up the complete game win holding National to three singles while striking out seven.

Ryan Zapoticky had two hits for National.

BMT American 18
Ed/Lark 3
Back Mountain American advanced to 2-0 in District 16 West play with an 18-3 5-inning victory over Ed/Lark.

Craig Skudalski and Domenic Oliveri paced American by driving in four runs each and hitting home runs. Matt Doggett and John Strausser added three RBI each with Strausser adding three hits.

Kyle Razawich had three hits for American while Skudalski, Doggett and Chad DeBona added two hits each.

Greg Petorak pitched a complete game for the victory, holding Ed/Lark to three hits and striking out six.

Mike Baur and Jack Davenport had hits for Ed/Lark while Brian Hrominski drove in two runs.

9-10 YEAR OLDS
Northwest 9
Harveys Lake 8

Tyler Harry knocked in the game-winning run for Northwest on an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Nick Long had three hits and Tyler Kolb had two hits for Northwest. Curtis



Craig Skudalski of Back Mountain is about ready to let a pitch loose as first baseman John Strausser looks on.

Whitmire was the winner, pitching the final inning in relief of Eric Gurbynski. Bryan Devine, Dominic Hockenberry and Tom Grundowski all had singles for Harveys Lake.

Harveys Lake 10
LCP 3
Justus Cole was the winning pitcher for Harveys Lake, striking out eight while Antonio Ferrari, Brandon Hogue and Randy Zacharius all had multiple hits.

Brian Devine, Cole, Mike Gatusky and Dominic Hockenbury also had hits for the winners.

James Kimmel, Dillon Yugas and Josh Sokolowski had hits for LCP.

Kingston 16
Back Mountain National 5
Michael Mahalick led Kingston's offense with three hits while Brian Novitski and Bailey Endler chipped in two hits each. Winning pitcher Chris Lupole hit a pair of singles.

For Back Mountain, Jonathan Barlow smacked a double.

Northwest 11
Back Mountain American 0

Tyler Harry struck out 10 and gave up just two hits in four-plus inning to lead Northwest.

Tyler Harrison had three hits, including a triple while Andrew Boberick, Gray Godfrey and Tyler Kolb had two hits apiece. Curtis Whitmire doubled.

SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE
Ed-Lark/Fort-Swoyer 14
Back Mountain 10

T.J. Riley and Chris Pollick each had three hits, including a double, for Ed-Lark/Fort-Swoyer. Andrew Tressa and Ryan Pugh each had two hits, including a double.

George Alles picked up the win in six innings with four strikeouts.

Mike Eckman led Back Mountain with two hits. Derrick Martin doubled.

AMERICAN LEGION
Nanticoke 15
Back Mountain 7

Frank Sokola drove in three runs and A.J. Albee hit a two-run homer to lead Nanticoke.

Dan Olzinski had two RBI and earned the win in relief. Greg Harris' three RBI topped Back

Mountain, which also got a pair of RBI from Kevin Racemus and Bill Holena.

Nanticoke 9
Back Mountain 2
Nanticoke scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to eliminate Back Mountain from playoff competition.

Back Mountain held a 2-0 lead heading in to the bottom of the third, but couldn't hold the lead as Frank Sokola went 4-for-4 with four RBI and a double.

Sokola was also the winning pitcher by tossing all seven innings and allowing one earned run.

Tom Perry and Mike Prater had two hits each for Back Mountain.

11-12 YEAR OLD SOFTBALL
Christy Mathewson 13
Bob Horlacher 3

Kirten Gilpin turned in a seven-strikeout two-hitter for the win. Morgan Curran went 4-for-4 at the plate, while Olivia Pompey added a triple and two RBI.

Ashley Inman and Gabby Alguire both singled for Horlacher.

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