

RANGERS WIN BMLL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Back Mountain Rangers recently won the overall championship in the Back Mountain Little League by defeating the Astros, 10-8. Members of the Rangers team are, from left, first row, Kyle Razawich, Chad DeBona, Casey Barrett, Ryan Kozloski and Patrick Serino. Second row: Greg Petorak, John Murray, Bill Gately, Nick Michelison and Peter Kuritz. Third row: Coach Frank DeBona, Coach Greg Petorak, Jason Simonovich, Shane Dunn and Coach Boyd Dunn.

BMT AMERICAN WINS DISTRICT 16 WEST LL TITLE



Back Mountain American defended its title by capturing the District 16 West Little League championship with a 10-3 win over Northwest. Craig Skudalski and Jon Strausser combined to limit Northwest to three hits, while striking out five. Skudalski led Americans' 7-hit attack by going 2-for-3 with a double. Kris Roccograndi, Matt Doggett, Bill Gately, Greg Petorak and Strausser added the other Back Mountain hits. Members of the Back Mountain American team holding the championship flag are, from left, first row, Domenico Oliveri, Rick Stayer, Matt Doggett, Kyle Razawich, Mariano Medico, Kris Roccograndi and Michael Doggett (team mascot). Second row, Jon Strausser, Craig Skudalski, Bill Gately, Greg Petorak, Peter Kuritz and Chad DeBona. The team is coached by Greg Petorak and assisted by Frank DeBona and Jeff Doggett, who are pictured in the back.

MADEIRA

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got to hear an artist from Puerto Rico speak.

Madeira's work is on display on Capitol Hill in the tunnel between the Cannon Building and the U.S. Capitol. Note cards of the art are being produced and will be used to raise money for the Fort Fort Meeting House.

"I was excited that she chose to do it because I'm actively involved in the plans for the 200th anniversary of the meeting house," said Hand. "The meeting house has a lot of memory for me because my art teacher took me there when I was about 14. The meeting house is really one of my major loves. I was just flabbergasted when she (Laura) got a call from WVIA saying she was one of the winners."

Though Madeira has explored many kinds of art, pen and ink is her favorite.

"I like pen and ink because I like doing the detail," she said. "Even when I do watercolor, I'm always trying to get ahead of

myself in doing the detail."

The competition was not the first time Madeira achieved an award for her art. She has won for pieces in the Wyoming Valley Art League, Rossetti Art Show, and SPCA poster contest.

A member of the New Life Community Church, Madeira is active in the youth group and plays bass guitar in the praise band. She is also a volunteer at WRGN Christian radio station in Sweet Valley where she does computer work for the annual Share-a-thon and helps assemble a monthly newsletter. In her free time, Madeira enjoys reading, playing the piano, bike riding with cousins and spending time with family. She is also making her own collection of jewelry she hopes to eventually sell at her grandmother's studio.

This fall, Madeira will be a teacher's assistant at Sue Hand's Imagery. Hand thinks her granddaughter definitely has the potential to go professional if she chooses, but Madeira says she is interested in elementary education. Even if

the young artist becomes a school teacher, she thinks art is something in which she will always engage.

"I like expressing creation in everything I look at every day on paper," she said.

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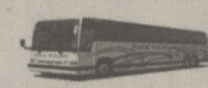
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