



Erica Luzetski, left, and Billy Dixon were honored at the Dallas Junior Football and Cheerleading Association banquet. Luzetski received the Delinda Atkins Award while Dixon was awarded the Casey Zalenski Award.

Luzetski, Dixon honored at Junior Mounts grid banquet

Eric Luzetski was awarded the Delinda Atkins Award and Billy Dixon won the Casey Zalenski Award at the annual banquet held by the Dallas Junior Football and Cheerleading Association.

Everyone who participated in the Junior Mounts organization this year received a trophy and members of the B team were presented with Super Bowl plaques.

The Junior Mounts defeated the Kingston Township Raiders, 46-6, to win the Super Bowl title.

The Delinda Atkins Award is presented in memory of Delinda Atkins who passed away in January 1999 at the age of 30, leaving behind two daughters, Jessie and Nancy.

Atkins was the cheer advisor for many of the Junior Mounts squads. She organized separate fundraisers for the girls to offset

the cost of new uniforms.

It has been said that, four out of five days, Delinda could be found feeding dinner to her children on a blanket on the Junior Mounts practice field because they had just returned from dance lessons or reading at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Whenever the Dallas Junior Football Association needed something, Atkins was there to help, regardless of the time commitment.

The Casey Zalenski Award is named for the young man whose life was cut short when he was gunned down in November 2002.

A graduate of the Junior Mounts A team, Zalenski was considered the "team clown" as he always loved to have fun.

He would never back down from playing a joke on someone

as he was always looking to set the pace for a good time.

Zalenski continued his love for sports as a student at the Dallas Middle School where he was also a member of the wrestling team. He would have graduated from Dallas High School in 2003.

Erica Luzetski is the daughter of Sherry and Andy Luzetski of Dallas. She is an eighth grade student at the Dallas Middle School and has been cheering for the Dallas Junior Mounts for seven years. She also enjoys diving.

The son of Bill and Dawn Dixon of Orange, Billy Dixon attends the Dallas Middle School. He has played football for the Junior Mounts for eight years and also likes to wrestle and play baseball.

BANSHEES PLACE SECOND IN COUNTY CUP TOURNAMENT



The Back Mountain U-11 Banshees recently participated in the County Cup Tournament and received second place honors. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Adriana Wesolowski, Courtney Powell, Emily Mackesy, Emily Crawford, Elizabeth Kutza, Katie Conrad and Maria Khoudary. Second row, Coach Len Valenti, Julia Ramirez, Courtney McCarthy, Christina Yannuzzi, Christina Valenti, Rachael Walligun, Monica Fries, Jennifer Ringsdorf, Jade Broody and Assistant Coach Ted Ringsdorf.

PSU volleyballers receive grant

The Commission for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) recently announced the recipients of seven student organization mini-grants for the 2007-2008 academic year. The mini-grants provide financial resources and support to student organizations at various Penn State campuses for programs that address alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems.

For this year, CSAP awarded nearly \$3,000 in funding to those who met the grant criteria.

One of the university groups selected was the Penn State Wilkes-Barre women's volleyball team and its "Positive Identity" program.

"I've seen first hand what happens to people who drink large amounts of alcohol and who do drugs," said Natalie Vasquez, a sophomore business major from Manhattan, New York. "My teammates and I decided to organize activities which would provide information on the side effects associated with substance abuse."

During the next several months, the volleyball players will plan events which will focus on drug-related issues and problems.

"In order for our peers to identify the negative consequences of alcohol and drug abuse, we have to provide programs that are unconventional, educational and re-



The Lady Lions were awarded a Commission for Substance Abuse Prevention grant for their Positive Identity program. The players are organizing campus activities which will provide information on the side effects of alcohol and drug abuse among college students. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Amanda Supey, Leanise Rodriguez and Jill Chocallo. Second row, Faicaly Quinones, Natalie Vasquez and Christina Troy. Third row, Beth Kemmerer, Michelle Yosh, Kelsey Blondo, Hollie Browning, Kelley Mahoney and head coach Regan Palfeq.

latable to our age group," Vasquez added.

The Student Mini-Grant program, designed in 2005, is a means to empower students to develop creative, effective initiatives to reduce high-risk drinking and prevent tobacco and other drug use on their campus. CSAP recognizes that students understand their own issues and concerns as well as the type of programs and events that will appeal to their peers. CSAP provides

funding to student groups for initiatives such as alcohol-free social activities and the development of peer advocacy groups that will work to create environmental or policy change.

To learn more about CSAP and its initiatives, including the student mini-grants, visit www.csap.psu.edu.

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