

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Tryouts slated for basketball program

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., will hold tryouts for its boys travel AAU basketball program, Rock Solid Basketball, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The tryout is open to boys between 10& 11 years of age who are in fourth or fifth grade. The AAU basketball season for this team runs March 17 through April 28.

Cost for the tryout is \$10 per player. Registration begins at 4 p.m. with the tryout beginning promptly at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Doug Miller at 696-2769.

### Meeting set to discuss new athletic facility

A public meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Lake-Lehman High School auditorium to discuss fundraising options for constructing a multi-purpose athletic facility for the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School. The proposed facility would feature a weight room, workout area and locker room to be used by athletes participating in all sports at Lake-Lehman.

Parents, educators and community members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Bill Holena, Lake-Lehman Football Booster Club President at 696-3376.

### Baseball/softball registration scheduled

Back Mountain Baseball/Softball registration will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3, at the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Any boy or girl ages 5-16 may register. New players must bring a birth certificate and proof of address. For more information, call 255-BMLL (255-2655).

### Baseball/softball organization to meet

Back Mountain Baseball/Softball Organization will meet on Monday, March 3, at the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, Memorial Highway, Dallas. A board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a general meeting at 8 p.m.

For additional information, call Jack at 675-0939.

### Junior Mounts set registration dates

The Dallas Junior Mounts Football and Cheerleading Association will hold registrations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at the Dallas American Legion.

## 8th grade basketball team wins championship - again!



Coach Dr. Jack Ellis and his winning team celebrate their 46-35 victory over Crestwood in the Wyoming Valley 8th Grade Boys Division 1 Conference basketball playoffs.

## Dallas cager champs

Shane Dunn and Jordan Stephens exploded for 13 and 12 points, respectively, to lead the Dallas eighth grade boys basketball team to its fourth consecutive Wyoming valley 8th Grade Boys Division 1 Conference championship Tuesday night.

The young Mountaineers defeated Crestwood, 46-35, at the Wyoming Seminary gymnasium to cap off a perfect 19-0 record.

Bob Saba added 10 points in the winning effort.

Dr. Jack Ellis has coached the team to all four of its conference championships.



There was no stopping Dave Brace from racking up points for the Mountaineers who won the Wyoming Valley 8th Grade Division 1 playoff game against Crestwood.



Dallas eighth grade cager Aaron Weir and his teammates have some fun prior to Tuesday night's conference championship game against Crestwood.



Don Behm makes a critical shot for the Mountaineers in their victory over Crestwood.

## Does LL need new facility?

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Does Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School need a new multi-purpose athletic facility?

That's what Lake-Lehman football head coach Carl Kern and Football Booster Club President Bill Holena want to know from parents, educators, students and the community.

In hopes of receiving public input on the matter, Kern and Holena are holding a meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the school's auditorium.

"We're trying to see if there is an interest in it," Holena said. "We know there is a need, but we are trying to see if people would help out to do it. It's mostly a funding issue."

The goal of the meeting is to have people come in to share opinions and ideas on a new athletic facility. If enough interest is sparked, more detailed plans and a proposal could be drawn up.

The proposal would involve constructing a new weight room, exercise room and possibly converting the current weight room into another locker room. The addition would be built onto the side of the school by the gym. Building the facility next to the football field instead of onto the school could cost double the money, Kern says.

Rather than ask the school board for money from the district's budget, Kern and Holena are eager to raise 100 percent of the money needed through fundraisers and donations. No official estimates have been attained for the cost of the building.

One idea the two have for a fundraiser is to allow people to sponsor sections of the addition. Everyone who donates money toward a section would have their name on a plaque erected on the athletic facility.

According to Kern, he has spoken in detail to Lake-Lehman Superintendent James McGovern about the facility and says McGovern is very interested in the idea.

Kern says the equipment in the current weight room is outdated and can't accommodate everyone who wants to use it at the same time, forcing athletes to wait in line.

A new athletic facility would benefit more than just student athletes since the weight room is also used as part of physical education classes for non-athlete students. An exercise room could benefit the entire school.

Whether the public would support or undermine the proposal is yet to be determined, but Kern and Holena want to know either way and hope the meeting has a good turnout.

## Gattuso Group wins DYB league championship

### THIRD & FOURTH GRADE Gattuso Group 32 Metlife Securities 18

Tanner Gattuso, David Simpson, and Jason Anderson combined for 26 points and Jonathan Adams led the defense as Gattuso Group Accountants & Consultants defeated Metlife Securities, 32-18, in third and fourth grade action in the Dallas Youth Basketball League.

The win clinched the regular season championship for Gattuso Group which will play Walgreens in an opening round playoff game.

Anthony Brominski led Met-

life with eight points while Kyle Archer added six. Tim Elston and Cory Metz added two points each while Michael Smith had two rebounds.

### Eastern Penn 34 Walgreens 18

Ray Ostroski scored 13 points to lead Eastern Penn Supply Co. to a 34-18 win over Walgreens. Nick Mathers and Chad Phillips added six points each while Justin Novitski had four.

Eastern Penn clinched the second seed with the victory and will play Burger King in an opening round game.

Stephen Darling and Daniel

Sweeney led the scoring for Walgreens while JD Barrett led the team in assists.

### Fieldhouse 24 Quad Three 21

Spencer Bowanko scored nine points and Lee Eckert added four as Fieldhouse Sporting Goods edged Quad Three Group, 24-21. Christian Wargo led the Fieldhouse in rebounds while Kyle Piscorik led in assists.

Ryan Martin led Quad with 14 points. Daniel Mingey added four and Joey Bevevino three while Jacob Stritzinger had several key rebounds.

## Hoops for Hope aids Make-A-Wish

Junior Leadership Wilkes Barre will hold its seventh annual Hoops For Hope Tournament from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at Dallas High School.

The Hoops for Hope Tournament is a double elimination 3-on-3 basketball tournament involving all schools in the Wyoming Valley, including Dallas, Coughlin, Crestwood, Hanover, Holy Redeemer, Lake-Lehman, Meyers, MMI, Nanticoke, Pittston Area, Scranton Prep, West Side Vo-Tech, Wyoming Area, Wyoming Seminary and Wyoming Valley West.

Teams are composed of three to five players at a cost of \$10 per

player. Registration forms can be picked up in the office of any of these schools and must be returned to those offices by March 7.

A live DJ, a snack stand and prizes for the winning teams will all be at the tournament.

The tournament is being conducted by Junior Leadership members Joe Patrizi, John Prater, Kyle Duffy, Arjan Aulakh, Joe Charge, Amanda Kuhl, Molly Gilligan, Katie Corgan, Conor Harrington, Nicole Clemson, and is advised by Mrs. Kathleen Savage and Kevin Boyle.

Admission to the tournament is free, however, donations will

be accepted with proceeds being donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Area businesses and residents are able to make financial contributions to the project by mailing a check addressed to The Make-A-Wish Foundation to Junior Leadership Wilkes Barre, 2 Public Square, P.O. Box 5340, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18710-5340.

Additional information about the Hoops For Hope Tournament can be obtained by contacting Nicole Clemson by e-mail at Smilingchic9@aol.com, by mail at 280 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612, or by cell phone at 690-3182.