

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 Knights set registration

Registration for players in the Lake-Lehman Junior Knights football program will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, and Thursday, March 20, at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Returning players should register on March 13 while new players are invited to register on March 20. All those registering must bring a copy of their birth certificate and insurance card and a recent photo.

For further information, call Lesa Bonner at 371-8503.

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.

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CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

The top two Dallas Youth Basketball third and fourth-grade girls teams squared off in a championship game Tuesday evening at Dallas Elementary School. Members of the winning Gordon and Long Real Estate team are, from left, first row, Rachel Luke and Katie Snedeker. Row two, from left to right, are Michelle Leonard, Emily Hultzel, Julia Baloh, Maura Chappell and Emilee Zawatski.

Zawatski leads team to win

Gordon and Long Real Estate captured the first place title in the Dallas Youth Basketball third and fourth grade girls division by defeating Eye Care Specialists, 12-8, Tuesday evening at the Dallas Elementary School.

Emilee Zawatski led the scoring for Gordon and Long Real Estate with four points, while Rachael Luke, Maura Chappell, Michelle Leonard and Julia Baloh all added two points each.

Scorers for Eye Care Specialists were Caroline Banas with four points, Kim Pretko with three points and Katie Kapral with one

point. Eye Care Specialists, coached by Melissa Gorski, was the first place team in the division's regular season with a record of 6-2.

Gordon and Long Real Estate, coached by Joe Zawatski and Dan Luke, finished in second place in the division's regular season with a record of 6-3.

Members of both teams received trophies at the game.

Trophies were also awarded to division player Sara Lojewski, most improved player in third grade, and Rachael Healey, most improved player in fourth grade.

BASKETBALL

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fourth, fifth and sixth grade divisions.

Each division will be a four-team pool play format with each team playing three games with the top two teams playing in a single championship game in each division.

The fourth grade division will consist of Dallas, Lehman, Mountaintop and St. Al's, while the fifth grade division will have the DYB fourth and fifth grade grades competing with Mountaintop and Valley West. The sixth grade bracket consists of Dallas, Valley West, Lehman and Gate of Heaven.

SIXTH GRADE TOURNAMENT TEAM

DYB 45 Northwest 10
Kyle Razawich scored 13 points and Justin Brojakowski added nine as the sixth grade boys tournament team topped Northwest, 45-10, in the Sunday Lehman League.

Nigel Stearns had eight points and Chad DeBona seven while Aaron Napkora and Chris Behm added four points each. Dyb finished with a record of 8-2 in the league.



Kaitlyn Pelchak handles the ball for Eye Care Specialists while being defended by Julia Baloh.



Julie Kosierowski attempts a foul shot for Eye Care Specialists.

MISSION

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professional," said Suzanne Hillard, a nurse of 24 years and a member of the group.

When the group sets up its clinic in the villages, there is a greeting table, a blood pressure station, a place to see the doctor and a pharmacy area. Last year, each station had a Spanish/English translator. Each person treated received parasite medications and a piece of candy at the end of their visit.

Suzanne remembers one little boy came through and had his piece of candy. When he returned the next day with a family member, he refused a second piece of candy, indicating he wanted someone else to have it.

"The gratitude is amazing," Ron Hillard said, remembering

the same story.

The local group will take candy, gum, paper, pencils, soccer balls, baseballs, gloves and other things for the people of Nicaragua. The kids there love sports, but don't have any equipment. Some learn to throw by working in the sugar cane fields while others play with sticks and rocks. For this trip, the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Yankees donated balls and bats, Dick Miller donated baseballs and footballs and Mr. Z's Food Markets donated gift cards. At the end of the trip, the missionaries leave everything they've taken with them for the people. All the medications are to be used after they are gone and even their extra clothing is left for the people in Nicaragua to have.

"We can't eradicate the issues, but we can make a dent," Suzanne said.



AMANDA JANIGA PHOTO

Planning to participate in a medical mission to Nicaragua are, from left, kneeling, Becky Walter, Trucksville; Betty Lowery, Harveys Lake; Maude L. Geary, Harveys Lake; Suzanne Hillard, Harveys Lake; Patty Nardone, Shavertown; Kim Coffee, Harveys Lake; and Nicole Lefkoski, Dallas. Standing, Cheryl Hannis, West Pittston; Christine Cuba, Dallas; Rich Foster, Dallas; Joe Capwell, Dallas; Ron Hillard, Harveys Lake; Pastor Jack Rehill, Pittston; Jaty Lefkoski, Dallas; and Tony Botyrius, Wyoming, who is unable to make the trip.