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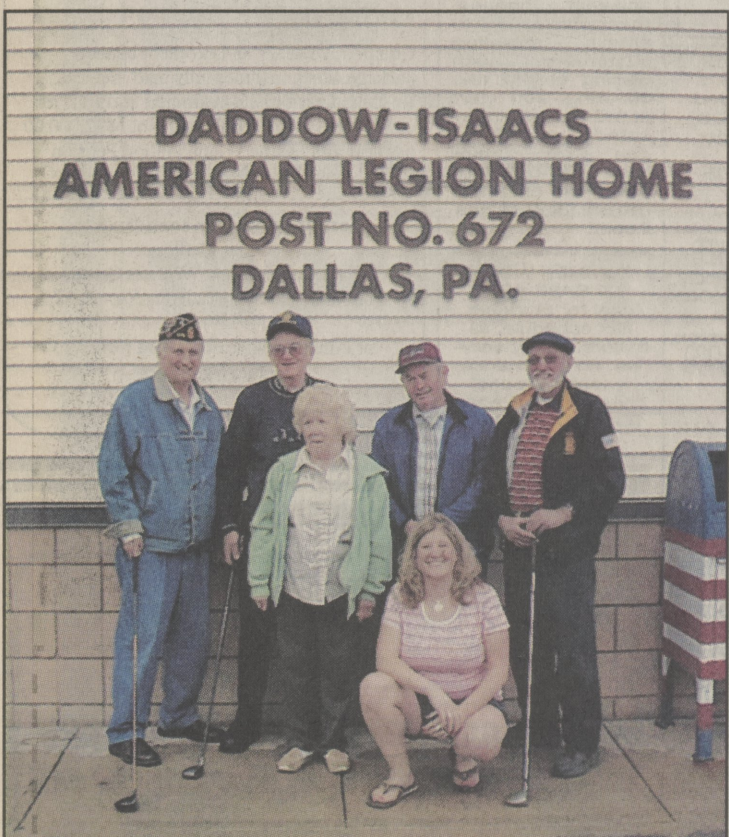
Cole Dixon was recognized at the 2007-2008 Back Mountain Wrestling Club Banquet as a qualifier for the PJW State Wrestling Tournament in Erie. He also qualified for the MAWA Eastern National Tournament held May 3 and 4 in Salisbury, Maryland.

MCANDREW QUALIFIES FOR WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



Kyle McAndrew was recently recognized at the 2007-2008 Back Mountain Wrestling Club Banquet for qualifying for the MAWA Eastern National Tournament held May 3 and 4 in Salisbury, MD. McAndrew was also awarded the "Little Hurricane" award for the most aggressive wrestler.

LEGION PLANS GOLF TOURNAMENT



DADDOW-ISAACS AMERICAN LEGION HOME
POST NO. 672
DALLAS, PA.

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will sponsor its annual Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 7, at Stone Hedge Golf Club. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. with shotgun start scheduled for 1:30 p.m. An entry fee of \$75 per golfer must be received by May 21 and the tournament is limited to 25 foursomes. A steak dinner and beverages are included in the price. Community sponsors are welcomed and the cost of a hole sponsorship is \$50. For more information, call the Post home at 675-6542 or Commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488. Above, kneeling, is Jennifer Bowanko. From left, second row, Clarence J. Michael, commander; Jim Baloga, chairman; Ginger Spencer, Jim Spencer and Walter Galka.

BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE WEEK OF MAY 5 TO MAY 12

Major Boys
Rangers-14 Phillies-2
 The Rangers won their 7th straight with a 14 - 2 walloping of the Phillies. Bill Gately had three hits and only allowed one hit and struck out eight picking up the win. Chad Debona, Peter Kuritz, and Casey Barrett banged out two hits each, while Greg Petorak led the offense with four hits. Nick Egan picked up the only Phillies hit.

A's-12 Dodgers-2
 Craig Skudalski struck out seven over three innings as the A's rolled past the Dodgers 12 - 2. Ricky Stayer slashed three hits and Kyle Borland had two hits in the win. Dodgers were led by Connor Balloun with two hits.

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Mattson had two hits including a triple, and Jake Archer, Robert Wargo, and Matt Ross combined for the 2 hit win. The Astros offense was led by Alec Jones and J. T. Carter both with hits.

Orioles-12 Pirates-11
 Eddie Mack smacked a two run homer in the bottom of the fifth to propel the Orioles to a 12 - 11 win. Corey Stegman, Robert Wargo, and Nick Mathers each had two hits in the win. Stegman, Jake Archer, and Johnathan Sabatini combined for the win. For the Pirates Nick Romanowski had two hits.

Dodgers-11 Red Sox-0
 Conner Balloun blanked the Red Sox 11 - 0. Justin Brojakowski had three hits including an inside the park home run in the win. Blake Pertil had a triple for the Sox.

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Mariano Medico and **Domenic Oliveri** held the Phillies to two hits and struck out 11 as the Yankees crushed the Phils 11 - 1. Matt Doggett; two home runs, Oliveri; a home run and John Kane; a double, led the Yankees. Jake Brominski tripled and Nick Egan had an RBI in the loss.

A's-13 Astros-2
 Spencer Bowanko and Aaron Yurko pitched scoreless ball for four innings as the A's blasted the Astros 13 - 2. Aaron Napkora homered, and Craig Skudalski smashed four hits in the win. Matt Vacante scored for the Astros.

Yankees-14 Red Sox-1
 Kris Roccograndi banged out three hits as the Yanks dumped the Red Sox 14 - 1. The Yankees smashed out 12 hits in total, with Oliveri, John Kane and Frank Hullinen adding two each, and Matt Doggett added two doubles in the win. Josh

Orlandini doubled for the Sox.

Rangers-6 A's-1
 Greg Petorak pitched a complete game one hitter, striking out 10 as the Rangers slipped past the A's 6 - 1. Petorak also added a double and two singles at the plate, while teammate Chad DeBona added two hits with a double. Aaron Yurko had the lone hit for the A's.

Yanks-10 Orioles-4
 Blake Williams picked up his first win of the season and combined with Kris Roccograndi, Domenic Oliveri and Matt Doggett to hold the Orioles to seven hits while striking out nine in a 10 - 4 Yankees win. Roccograndi led the Yankees ten hit attack with three hits while Doggett and Oliveri added two each. Oliveri and Williams also tripled for the Yankees. John Sabatini led the Orioles with two hits while Robert Wargo homered and Travis Mattson doubled.

Bandits lose to Gold, Lehigh



Ryan Cohen (No. 9) scoops the ball to gain possession for the Bandits.

The Back Mountain Bandits played hard in honor of their mothers on Mother's Day last Sunday afternoon at the Dallas Middle School Field. The Bandits defense of AJ Spears, Ryan Spears, Connor Switzer, Omar Nijmeh, Owen Kiluk and Xavier Barber and goalie Jacob Yaple kept their opponent, Forks Gold, to 1-0 during the first quarter. The unbelievable power of the middies Aaron Kliamov-

ich. Corey Patrick, Kurtis Carichner, RJ Driscoll, Stone Mannello, Michael Santora, Duncan Breig, Justin Hutchins and David Nape tied the score at 2-all in the second quarter. By the end of the half, Forks Gold was up, 5-2. Goalie Jacob Yaple had seven saves the first half. Goals in the second quarter were made by Justin Hutchins and Corey Patrick. The Bandits came out

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fishing program at Frances Slocum

Families with young people ages 8 and older with little or no fishing experience are invited to a Family Fishing Basics program from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Frances Slocum State Park.

Participants will learn about aquatic animals, the need for clean water, outdoor manners, angler safety and, most importantly, learn to fish, too.

All equipment and bait will be provided. This is a family program and adults must stay with children.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

Summer basketball camps open

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., is accepting registrations for its summer basketball camps open to boys and girls Kindergarten through sixth-grade.

There is a discount for those who register before June 1. Space is limited to 40 campers per week. Camp dates are: K-first grade, June 16-20 and July 21-25; second and third grade, July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1; fourth to sixth grade, July 14-18 and August 4-8.

Each camper receives a t-shirt, water bottle and basketball. For more information, call 696-2769 or log onto www.rockrec.org.

CIRCLE

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en could gain the social experiences and independency of living on-campus.

"As a parent of an exceptional child, one always looks for ways of making them as independent as possible," Sordoni said. "Misericordia was receptive to having a program on campus for several of these young women. It has challenged these young women and was able to make them more independent and self-advocates."

Four women are enrolled in the program each academic year. They live together in an on-campus townhouse along with two full-time student mentors. A part-time student mentor also assists.

The Deublers heard about Circle of Friends from Karen Belli from the Deutsch Institute, a non-profit agency that promotes recreation among individuals with disabilities. The institute has offices in Dallas and Scranton.

Deubler became involved with Circle of Friends in the fall of 2004 right after she graduated from Lake-Lehman High School because she wanted to continue her education and experience

the typical college life of many women her age.

"I could spread my wings and do whatever I want," she said. "I live near here so if I forgot stuff, I'm only like five minutes away."

Her parents, Richard and Debbie Deubler, had a harder time letting go.

"I was probably more nervous than her," Debbie Deubler said. "One problem we have is to be overprotective and do more than we need."

Because she was away from home, Deubler learned independent living skills, including cleaning, cooking and doing laundry. It was challenging for her to do her own laundry because her cerebral palsy limits the usage of muscles in her arms so for Christmas that year, her mother bought her a backpack laundry bag so she would not have to carry a basket.

"I think that was one of the big benefits of this program because they had to learn to be independent," Debbie Deubler said. "When you think about long term, I think I'm not going to be here forever."

As part of the Circle of Friends program, Deubler attended special classes in the areas such as computers, writing and math. She even took one regular class a semester.

"Don't mention the math part," she joked.

Deubler worked at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library and participated in the Key Club and Circle K Club. She also received speech and physical therapy which came in handy after her hip replacement in 2006.

A job at the Hoyt Library in Kingston for Deubler fell through with the roof when it collapsed after the Valentine's Day 2007 snowstorm. Subsequently, she applied for a job through Penrose Management Company at the Temple Apartments in Kingston and was hired to do office work three days a week.

"I think one of the interesting things that have hit me is this has been an opportunity for young ladies to have marvelous integrated activity which is much more than they would have at home," said Linda Ross, program director. "It becomes an experience where nobody wants to leave because it's a wonderful, nurturing environment. They're known by people and people are very welcoming here at Misericordia to the women and the program and it teaches our students. Students who interact with them are graduating better prepared and with better skills when they have interacted with the Circle of

Friends."

One issue Debbie Deubler worries about is the high tuition for the program. At \$32,000 per year, or \$128,000 for four years, it isn't cheap for parents to send their daughter and feels the program is limited to families who can afford it.

"Most families are very willing to support their daughters in sending them here," Ross said.

Participants do not qualify for federal financial aid or loans because they are not actually enrolled in the university. The Deublers could not list Megan as a student enrolled in college on financial aid applications for their other children, resulting in less aid consideration for them.

Debbie would like to see the program expand and include boys. But Ross says because of a lack of vacant housing on campus, she doesn't foresee it.

Although she enjoyed her time at Misericordia, Deubler is glad to be home with her parents and her dog, Ariel, and would like to attend Penn State Wilkes-Barre to study history or science. Her brother, Zach, 23, lives in Florida and her sister, Emily, 19, dorms at the University of Scranton.

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