

STAMBAUGH IS LEHMAN-JACKSON CALENDAR CONTEST WINNER



The Lehman Jackson PTA recently held its annual calendar cover contest. The contest theme was "Every Child - One Voice." The winner of this year's cover was Madison Stambaugh who received a gift certificate, along with having her art displayed on the cover of the 2008-2009 PTA Membership Calendar. From left, are Jill Hoyt, PTA president; Madison Stambaugh and Mrs. Marilyn Glogowski, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School principal.

L-J PTA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



The Lehman Jackson Elementary PTA recently elected new officers for the next two-year term. From left, first row, are Nancy Federici, treasurer; Rhonda Spencer, corresponding secretary; and Jill Hoyt, president. Second row, Holly Kline, secretary; Suzanne Cercone, second vice-president; and Luran Hall, first vice-president. For information regarding the Lehman Jackson PTA, log onto www.lje-pta.com.

PICKERING SOCIETY PARTICIPATES IN FESTIVAL



The Col. Timothy Pickering Society recently participated in the Dallas Harvest Festival by staffing a table during the historical portion of the festival. The public was invited to view a large poster about the U.S. Constitution which the society displayed to promote Constitution Week. Based in Dallas, the society works to promote patriotism and appreciation for history. Its members are active in community events in the Back Mountain and surrounding areas. For the more information about the society, emailpickeringssociety@yahoo.com or call 704-9809. From left, are Mark Swick, society vice-president; and Rhiannon Borchert, librarian.

NBLT is awarded accreditation

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, announced recently that North Branch Land Trust has been awarded accredited status.

"North Branch Land Trust's accredited status demonstrates our commitment to permanent land conservation," says Douglas J. Ayers, V.M.D., chairman. "Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program."

North Branch Land Trust, headquartered on Carverton Road in Trucksville, focuses its efforts on conserving the agricultural heritage and watershed lands that frame the North Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Since its founding in 1993, the Land Trust has helped conserve 7,167 acres through conservation easements, and another 671 acres through fee ownership, in eight



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Representatives from North Branch Land Trust attended a special awards ceremony at the 2008 Rally in Pittsburgh in September. From left, are Sarah P. Carr, NBLT Board Secretary; Linda Thoma, NBLT Director of Operations; Rick Koval, NBLT Land Protection Specialist/Naturalist; and Mary Louise Faber, NBLT Board Member.

counties: Susquehanna, Bradford, Wyoming, Luzerne, Sullivan, Lackawanna, Wayne, and Columbia.

For more information, call the Land Trust at (570) 696-5545 or visit its website at www.nblt.org.



In C team action, Nick Whitesell carries for the Bobcats while RJ Driscoll goes down defending and Xavier Barber from the Mounts attempts to stop him.



Katie Lydon shows members of the Dallas Jr. Mounts D team that she's definitely on their side.



Jr. Mount Xavier Barber puts an end to any more yardage Nick Whitesell of the Bobcats may gain.

Jr. Mounts take four



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Justin Hutchins (No. 12) gains yardage for the Dallas Jr. Mounts during C team action.

Following are results of games played on October 5 in the Greater Pittston Junior Football Conference.

A TEAM

Dallas 28
Back Mountain 26

Sunday's match-up between the Dallas Mountaineers and the Back Mountain Bobcats lived up to the high expectations with the Jr. Mounts coming out on top, 28-26, handing the Bobcats their first loss of the season.

In the first quarter, the Bobcats methodically marched the ball down the field with Brady Butler scoring from three yards out. The two-point conversion failed. Later in the first quarter, Butler again broke free from the Dallas defense to run for another six points from 45 yards out. The two point conversion failed again but the Bobcats got off to a quick start with the first quarter ending with the Bobcats up, 12-0.

The second quarter was all Dallas offense. QB Jason Simonovich scampered 55 yards on a QB sneak to get Dallas on the board. Running Back Zack Macosky added two points on the conversion. Dallas got the ball back in great field position as Simonovich blocked a Bobcat punt and Mark Michno recovered the ball for the Mountaineers. With time running out in the first half, Simonovich connected with Eric Zawatski for a touchdown from 22 yards out. Simonovich scampered in to add two points on the conversion, putting Dallas up, 16-12, at the half.

Early in the third quarter, Dallas got the ball back as Simonovich recovered a Bobcat fumble but the Jr. Mounts gave the ball right back to the Bobcats on an interception from Macosky, giving the Bobcats excellent field position and they again took advantage as they scored another six points. The two-point conversion failed, but the Bobcats had the lead back, 18-16. Late in the third quarter, Simonovich fumbled a high snap to give the ball back to the Bobcats.

The Bobcats started the fourth quarter with the ball from the previous fumble and took advantage, scoring another six points and adding two points on the conversion. At this point, the Bobcats were leading 26-16 and Dallas looked like it was going to be handed its first loss of the season. But, the Jr. Mounts were not to be denied and, on the next possession, Simonovich scored for the Mounts. The two-point conversion failed but, with a little over two minutes remaining, the Bobcats had a 26-22 point lead.

The Dallas defense, led by Chris Behm, Mark Michno, Steve Mingy, Aaron Napkora, Brian Sotko, Connor Martinez, Mike Harrison and Nick Luzeski stepped up to the occasion as they held the Bobcats on fourth down to get the ball back in



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Mark Whitesell, left, and Rick O'Donnell, coaches of the Back Mountain Bobcats C team, offer words of encouragement to their players.

their offense hands.

Simonovich went back in the pocket, looking to hit someone deep but all receivers were well covered. He had no choice but to scamper from the backfield. Finding running room, he blasted down the field to go out of bounds on the three yard line. On the next play, he cut through the defense and scored. The two point conversion failed, but Dallas was now leading, 28-26.

The Bobcats had one last chance as they got the ball back with about 50 seconds left in the game. The Dallas defense came through again as it held the Bobcats and the clock ran out.

B TEAM

Dallas 28
Back Mountain 24

Dallas Jr. Mounts B team won a hard-fought 28-24 victory over the Back Mountain Bobcats.

Cole Dixon scored three touchdowns for Dallas, Ryan Gryzceicz added a fourth TD and a 2-point conversion and Joe Bevevino recovered a key fumble. Jude Moran, Aaron Yurko, Chris Rosencrans, Andrew Stubeda, Shane Pitts and Jackson Shaver anchored the offensive line.

Leading the defense were Robert Reichold, Aidan Martinez, Colin Ryniec and Andrew Shurites.

C TEAM

Dallas 22
Back Mountain 6

The fireworks started early in a battle of Back Mountain rivals as the Dallas Jr. Mounts defeated the Back Mountain Bobcats, 22-6.

Xavier Barber returned the opening kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown and Justin Hutchins added the conversion to stake Dallas to an 8-0 lead early. Hutchins added a touchdown later in the half and Jay Bittner plowed in for the two pointer to send the Jr. Mounts into halftime with a 16-0 lead.

The Bobcats still had some fight left in them as quarterback Stone Mannello took a keeper around the right end for a long touchdown run to make the score 16-6.

That's when the Dallas ball control offense took over and marched down the field on a time-consuming drive capped by a Barber touchdown plunge.

Jerry Ogurkis, Mike Farrell and Colin Dempsey led a strong defensive effort as Dallas improved its record to 5-4.

D TEAM

Kingston Township 26
Ed-Lark 0

The Kingston Township Raiders D team improved to 6-1 on the season with a 26-0 shutout of the Ed-Lark Hurricanes.

Mason Gattuso threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Derek Answini on the first play of the game and then added two touchdown scores of his own to lead KT. Michael Starbuck had his first touchdown run of the year and Michael Doggett added a conversion attempt to round out the scoring.

Kyle McAndrew, Devon Butwin and Troy Turinski provided excellent blocking up front. Defensively, the Raiders were led by Ben Emershaw, Matt Maransky, Tyler Meyer and Christian Motley who had a number of tackles on the day.

Dallas 22
Back Mountain 12

The Dallas Jr. Mounts D team continued to roll last Sunday beating Back Mountain, 22-12.

The offense showed its diversity as 10 different players carried the ball for nice gains. Colin Zeiss, Sean Cuba and Freddie Lombardo opened up some nice holes on the offensive line.

The defense had some underclassmen making big plays with Jack Gallis, Jacob Esposito, Ryan Maloney and Xander Shaner all with multiple tackles.

Dallas improved to 8-0 and plays at home today against Forty Fort.