

# YANKEES

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"Mario came to me three years ago and asked if I would be his mentor," explains Petrak, executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins AHL ice hockey team. "Since then, we have met as frequently as once a month and it didn't take long to figure out that Mario was one of those students who asked the right questions. He has an incredible amount of energy and I have no doubt he will do well in the sports management industry."

The son of A.J. and Debbie Oliveri, Oliveri is a 2006 graduate of Dallas High School. He earned an associates degree in business administration at Penn State Wilkes-Barre before transferring into the bachelor's degree program in sport management at Misericordia in 2008.

In his position as a sales representative, Oliveri is involved with all types of ticket sales for the Yankees. He hopes to return to the season ticket sales department sometime soon with plans to pursue an MBA in his future. "And to think that I get to go out on the deck with my lunch and watch batting practice whenever I want," he reflects. "It is a dream come true."

# DYB

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& Carlos, 24-20.

Nick Christman and Max Dzugan played tough defense. Cole Wyffels and Mason Gattusso led offensively with John Macey and David Chopyak leading the defense.

**Grasshopper Lawns 54**  
**Prime Cut Lawn Care 47**  
In a fireworks display on offense, Jason Anderson had 27 points with Michael Anderson adding 18 to lead Grasshopper Lawns past Prime Cut Lawn Care, 54-47.

Collin Pertl was on fire with 29 points and Cody Coolbaugh added 18 in a fun to watch, high scoring, competitive game.

**Dallas Lions Hornets 34**  
**Wyoming Valley Auto Sales Celtics 26**  
Andrew Molitoris hauled in 10 rebounds as Dallas Lions Hornets defeated Wyoming Valley Auto Sales Celtics, 34-26.

**Fieldhouse Sporting Goods Magic 28**  
**Northeastern Eye Institute Bulls 9**  
John Toussaint scored two

points and pulled down six rebounds as Fieldhouse Sporting Goods Magic defeated Northeastern Eye Institute Bulls, 28-9.

**George M. Dallas Lodge Suns 21**  
**Dallas Rotary Cavaliers 19**  
Justin Finarelli led the way with 10 points and 12 rebounds as George M. Dallas Lodge Suns slipped by the Dallas Rotary Cavaliers, 21-19.

**RBO Consulting Lakers 42**  
**Diversified Payroll Solutions Spurs 23**  
Nico Giambra and Andrew Menig each had two points to lead RBO Consulting Lakes to a 42-23 victory over Diversified Payroll Solutions Spurs.

Sam Nocito had four points for Diversified while Dean Shaver chipped in two in the losing effort.

**STANDINGS**  
Lakers 6-0  
Magic 6-0  
Spurs 3-2  
Knicks 3-3  
Bulls 2-3  
Celtics 2-3  
Sixers 2-4  
Cavaliers 1-3  
Hornets 1-3  
Raptors 1-3  
Suns 1-4

# DALLAS MOUNTAINEER AQUATIC CLUB

## Lady Mountaineer swimmers defeat Pittston

The Dallas Mountaineer Aquatic Club girls team travelled to Pittston on Sunday, Jan. 16 and came away with a 161-57 victory. The following swimmers placed in their events:

**8 & UNDER**  
**25 Free** - Morgan Bennet, third  
**50 Free** - Hannah Kline, third  
**25 Fly** - Sydney Bittner, first; Kanisha Cheshire, third  
**25 Breast** - Sydney Bittner, first; Hannah Kline, third

**10 & UNDER**  
**100 IM** - Madison Federici, first; Ava Baur, second  
**50 Free** - Jessica Ravert, second  
**50 Fly** - Heather Shively, first; Ashley Weinstein, second; Madison Willis, third  
**50 Back** - Annalise Cheshire, first; Emma Berger, second  
**50 Breast** - Abby Zolner, first; Julia Sabol, third  
**100 Free** - Jordyn Miller, first; Kimberly Manganello, second;

Emily Burgit, third  
**12 & UNDER**  
**100 IM** - Krista Vivian, first; Emily Bauer, second  
**50 Free** - Lauren Finnegan, first; Shelby Backus, second  
**50 Fly** - Madison Hurst, first; Emily Bauer, third  
**50 Back** - Taylor Cercone, first; Felicia Brittain, second  
**50 Breast** - Kathleen Brown, first; Allison DeBoer, second  
**100 Free** - Julia Baur, first; E. Hoover, second

**14 & UNDER**  
**200 Free** - Lucy Reilly, first  
**200 IM** - Kaylin Augustine, first  
**50 Free** - Sarah Fasulka, third  
**100 Fly** - Amanda Schwerdtman, first  
**100 Free** - Lucy Reilly, first; Elizabeth Bauer, third  
**100 Back** - Kaylin Augustine, first; Amanda Schwerdtman, second  
**100 Breast** - Sarah Fasulka, first; S. Rineheimer, second

## USTA 96 boys team wins championship

The United States Tennis Association 96 boys team was formed in the summer of 2010 and was designated a training team. It is the USTA's newest team.

The Indoor State Cup was this team's first opportunity to display its talents against other teams in a tournament in their age group. The team won four games in its bracket and then won the championship, catching the attention of many players and coaches with its technique and tenacity.

The competition included the Towamencin Topguns, Hunter Tornados, Parkland Area Pythons, and FC York Premier and CSSC United 97 in the championship game.

Prior to winning the state championship, the boys competed in a 16-year-old league in the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome and advanced to the finals. They also competed and won an indoor full-field Friendlies Tournament in Binghamton, New York.

In the spring, the team plans to play in the Outdoor State Cup and the Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League.



Members of the United States Tennis Association 96 boys team are, from left, first row, Josh Gentlesco, Mountain Top; Logan Drasler, Browndale; Zac Sypniewski, Wyoming; Eddie Bogatz, Mountain View; and Alex Orrson, Mountain Top. Second row, George Gendler, Mountain Top; Malcolm Lumia, Dallas; Aidan Cronin, Tunkhannock; Collin Masters, Harveys Lake; and Coach Winga Siwale.

# COMPRESSOR

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will need to file for a special exception with the zoning board before any plans can be submitted. This is because the area, located near Fairground Road, is not zoned for the specific purpose, but could be granted a special exception if

certain requirements are met. He also said a meeting for the special exception would need to be scheduled at least two weeks beforehand to alert the public. Kozick said the company will need to acquire a subdivision of the land, which is all owned by one individual.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, compressor stations are utilized in preserving the flow of natural gas from suppliers to consumers. The gas

is compressed at certain intervals while being transported through pipelines.

The plans come in addition to a proposition from Williams Gas Co. concerning a natural gas metering station in the same area. No formal plans have been submitted to township officials as of Tuesday concerning the metering station.

*In other news...*  
• The board received a letter from Attorney David Selingo on

behalf of Back Mountain Baseball to discuss the possible utilization of a 55-acre parcel of land owned by the township to build a baseball field.

Solicitor Thomas Brennan said the area in question is the same piece of land where Chief Oil and Gas Co. had asked to lease a 50-foot easement along the perimeter of the community forest.

He said he will submit the letter to Nicholas Lylo of the

state Department of Forestry to determine whether it will be an appropriate use of the land. He also advised supervisors to meet with the attorney to explore further details on the matter.

• Resident Bill Zakosky addressed the board about an ongoing issue concerning a neighbor's horses.

He approached the board in October about a property located behind his Route 309 resi-

dence and business that maintained horses and had complained about the smell of manure in the area.

Kozick said the owner was in violation of the zoning ordinance and had taken no action after being given a 30-day notice to remove the horses from the property.

He said paperwork has been filed with the district magistrate and a hearing date is pending.

# CLAIMS

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Superintendent Jim McGovern estimated to cost about \$4,700 for both teams.

Yaple told the board that about 17 helmets have been donated from Back Mountain Youth Lacrosse, but 10 more at an estimated cost of about \$120 each are still needed. The girls team does not need helmets because girls lacrosse is a non-contact sport.

He also said two goals would cost about \$1,000 each brand new, but an agreement has been

made with West Side Career and Technology Center for students to make goal frames. The district would only need to purchase nets and paint for the homemade goals, which would cost about \$515 for both goals. He also said jerseys would cost about \$30 each.

While Yaple said he has many fundraisers in place, he told the board there is not enough time to raise that much money before the season begins. He has already scheduled some home games, and transportation for away games will be primarily by way of carpooling.

The board also discussed field usage with Yaple, and whether an appropriate space on the

campus is feasible for the teams. The season is set to start in early March.

*In other news...*  
• A letter of retirement was accepted from secondary biology teacher Paul Hildebrand effective Jan. 20, with regret.

• The junior high and senior high curriculum guides were approved for the 2011-12 school year.

• The following individuals were appointed as substitute teachers within the district: Andrew Hanadel of Swoyersville in the citizenship (social studies) department; Lynn Michael McLaughlin of Dallas in the citizenship, elementary and early childhood departments; and Ni-

cole Pisacano of Shavertown in the elementary department.

• The board accepted a letter of resignation from elementary math department chairperson Heather Wertman.

• Lindsay Carpenter of Dallas was hired as a temporary professional employee effective Jan. 18 with an initial assignment in the junior-senior high school guidance department with a salary of \$43,560.

• Richard Cronin was appointed as the elementary math department chairperson with a stipend in accordance with the LLEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

• Jennifer Ferkel of Plymouth was hired as a temporary profes-

sional employee within the district effective upon release from her current employer. Her initial assignment will be as an elementary reading specialist at a salary of \$43,560.

• The 2010-11 School Improvement Plan was approved for the junior-senior high school.

• The district athletic handbook was approved for the 2010-11 school year.

• The board approved the revised athletic training policy and procedure manual.

• Barbara Lamoreaux of Hunk Creek was appointed as a part-time custodian at Ross Elementary effective Jan. 17 at an hourly rate of \$9.75.

• The board approved an agreement with the Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley to provide educational and therapeutic services within its BridgeView Residential Treatment Facility and the Milford E. Barnes Jr. School Partial Hospitalization Program. The district will be billed monthly for a \$95 per day for students enrolled at BridgeView and \$85 per day for students in the Milford E. Barnes program.

• The board authorized the execution of a business associate agreement to maintain confidential health information between the Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley and the district.

# DEFICIT

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2008. "It is black and white," he said.

*In other news...*  
• A motion to hold a special public meeting to discuss an anti-fracking ordinance provided by the Community Environment Legal Defense Fund was crushed by a tie vote.

• Council members Boyd Barber, Ryan Doughton and Francis Kopko voted against the meeting while Rich Williams III, Carol Samson and Diane Dwyer voted for the special meeting. Council member Lar-

ry Radel was not in attendance.

In November 2010, many residents requested that borough council hold a public meeting to openly discuss the CELDF ordinance proposal, called the Harveys Lake Community Water Rights and Local Self Government Ordinance.

It would prohibit any corporation from extracting natural gas within the borough, stating it is unlawful to use water from any source to extraction natural gas.

Borough attorney Charles McCormick afterward said the ordinance proposal was not the only way for the borough to protect itself.

"The borough is not defenseless," he said. "The borough code is very strong and we are looking at other ways to firm up.

Everyone agrees this is an environmentally sensitive area."

• The following people were appointed: Richard Williams III to a five-year term, ending 2015, to the municipal authority; Mike Garrity, to a three-year term, ending 2013, to the Zoning Hearing Board; John Kopicki to a three-year term, ending 2013, to the Planning Commission; John Levitsky, Mike Daily and Sid Halsee to three-year terms, all ending 2013 to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

• Chairman Francis Kopko added there are still two positions open on EAC, one serving until 2012 and the other until 2013. Applications will be accepted at the borough office until January 31.

## ◆ PUZZLE ANSWERS

### — King Crossword —

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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### — Go Figure! —

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### — Super Crossword —

Answers

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