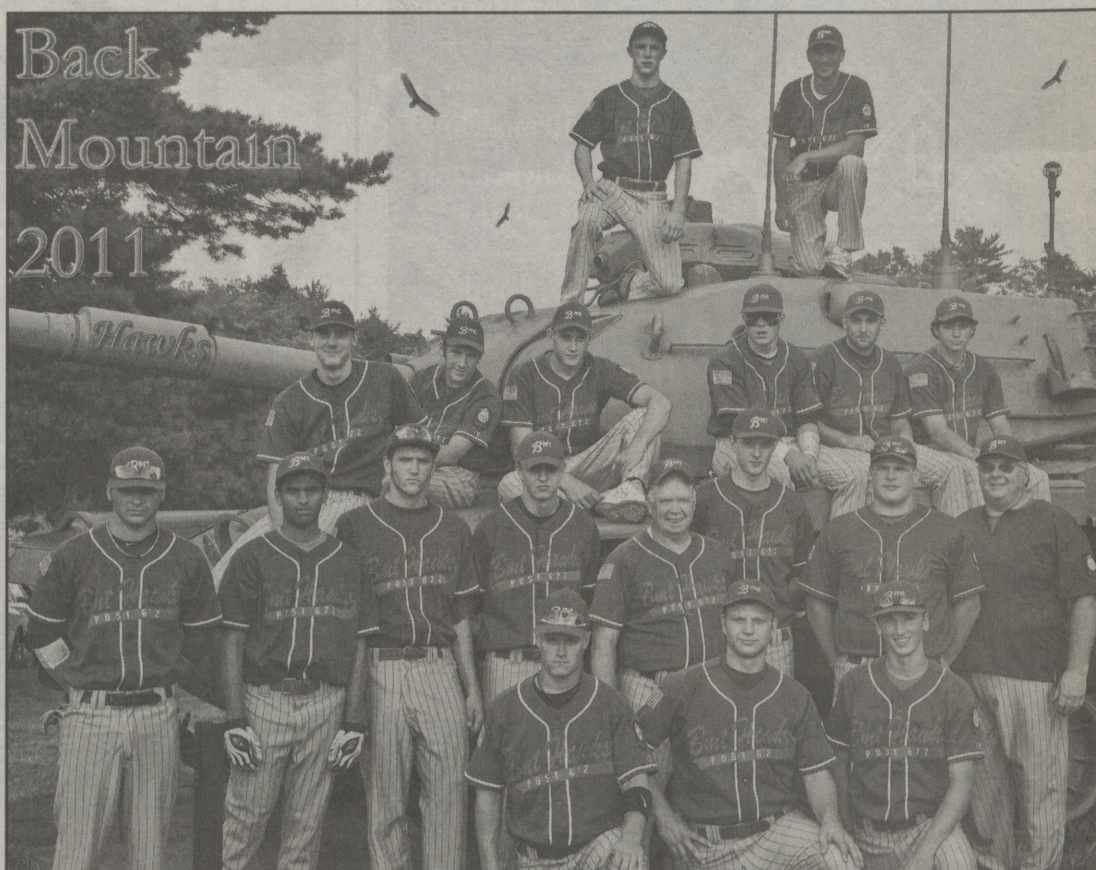


RANGERS WIN COACH-PITCH TOURNAMENT



The Back Mountain Rangers, 7/8 year old coach-pitch team recently won the Jenkins Township Coach-Pitch Tournament hosted by the Jenkins Township Little League. Nine teams from the area participated. The Rangers went undefeated throughout the entire tournament, defeating all five opponents by 10 runs. The Rangers beat the Newport Township Phillies, 21-10, for the championship. Members of the Rangers team are, from left, first row, Kyle Langan, Logan Paczewski, Nick Nocito, Bryce Chopyak and Evan Hromisin. Second row, Mike Sholtis, Steve Bdaric, Ty Federici, Will Youngman and Neil Dougherty. Third row, Mike Sholtis, assistant coach; Ron Hromisin, assistant coach; Chuck Youngman, head coach; and Neil Dougherty, assistant coach. Absent at the time of the photo were Ethan Meuser and Brady Dautrich.

BMT LEGION TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP



The Back Mountain Senior American Legion, Post 672, baseball team recently captured the 2011 Wyoming Valley American Legion league championship and was runner up at the Regional Five playoffs. The Back Mountain Legion won four games at the Regionals against Jersey Shore, Danville, Plains and Canton, ending with a 23-6 record. This was the best showing by the Back Mountain Legion since its inception. Team members, including school representation, are, from left, first row, Zack Yursha, Lake-Lehman; Steve Ruch, Holy Redeemer; Pat Condo, Holy Redeemer. Second row, Josh Everett, Lake-Lehman; Deep Patel, Dallas; Jon Strausser, Dallas; Gary Petorak, Dallas; Tom Evans, manager; Craig Skudalski, Wyoming Seminary; Eric Ringsdorf, Holy Redeemer; Joe Lohin, coach. Third row, Brian Stepanik, Dallas; Ted Ritsick, Holy Redeemer; Dylan Wasyluk, Lake-Lehman; Paul Narcum, Dallas; Bobby Saba, Dallas; Joel Peterlin, Holy Redeemer. Fourth row, Mark Malloy, Holy Redeemer; and Marc Noyalis, Dallas.

DELUCA HEADED TO MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE



Brian DeLuca, of Dallas High School, recently signed his official letter of intent to wrestle for MMI, Marion Military Institute, in Alabama. Shown here during the letter signing are, from left, first row, Denise DeLuca, mother; Brian DeLuca, Phillip DeLuca, father. Standing Mike Richards, head wrestling coach, Dallas School District; Brian Bradshaw, assistant principal, Dallas High School; and Nancy Roberts, athletic director, Dallas School District.

MATHERS WILL ATTEND MANSFIELD



Wyoming Valley Conference Division II Coaches' Team Most Valuable Player Bryan Mathers, of Lake-Lehman, has chosen Mansfield University to continue his academic and athletic careers. Mathers was a three-year letterman for the Lake-Lehman High School varsity baseball team. He was selected to The Times Leader and Citizens' Voice all conference teams, as well as the Wyoming Valley Coaches' Division II first team as shortstop. Shown here as Mathers signs a letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic careers at Mansfield University are, from left, first row, Nick Daddio, stepfather; Lynn Daddio, mother; Mathers and Bryan Mathers, father. Second row, Walter Sorber, assistant varsity coach, Lake-Lehman High School; Mark LeValley, head varsity coach, Lake-Lehman; and Brian Pipech, assistant principal, Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BMT Blue beats BMT Navy

Back Mountain Blue defeated Back Mountain Navy, 7-6, in the Exeter 8/9 All Star Tournament.

Matt Maranski and Brett Ostroski had key hits in the bottom of the fifth inning that drove in the winning runs for Back Mountain Blue. Both teams played well and there were several lead changes

throughout the game. Brett Ostroski, Zach Holthaus and Matt Maranski pitched well for Blue while Kyle Sincavage, Tyler Osipower and Tanner Saracino also had key hits.

Justin James, Jake Connolly, Ryan Maloney, Parker DalSanto and Nick Solinski played well defensively.

Back Mountain Navy was led by Jack Lukasavage who had two key hits while Michael Starbuck, Frank Nockley, Zack

Luksic and Max Paczewski also played well in a losing effort.

Michael Starbuck, Bobby Lugiano and Jack Lukasavage had strong pitching performances for Navy.

Run for the Fallen is August 17

The annual Run for the Fallen will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Registration for the 5K event will begin at 5 p.m. Walkers are

also welcome. Entry fee is \$15 per individual or \$50 for a team of four. Checks should be made payable to Dallas Track and Cross Country.

All proceeds benefit the 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund, Wounded Warrior Project, Yellow Ribbon Fund, Gold Star Family Support Center and Dallas track and cross country.

For more information, see any member of the Dallas track or cross country teams, Coaches Matt Samuels, Amy Rome or Marjorie Adams, call 690-2978 or e-mail adams8pa@aol.com.

Rock Rec plans girls basketball camp

Rock Solid Girls Elite Basketball Camp will be held at the Rock Rec Center, 340 Carverton Rd.

The camp runs August 8-18. Girls entering third to fifth grade will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and girls entering sixth to eighth grade will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The camp will focus on making players more fundamentally sound, with position specific drills for each player.

For more information, contact The Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

Basketball league forming in Lehman

A Varsity Boys Premiere Fall Basketball League hosted by the FIRM AC will start September 4 and run every Sunday in September at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Anyone interested in joining the league is asked to contact James Perez at 235-4832.

KRAYNACK

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cost about \$8 million, while the new, state-of-the-art high school to open on September 12 has a price tag of about \$43 million.

Having the title doesn't necessarily mean the work is glamorous. In addition to working with the maintenance crew, Kraynack does "an awful lot" of paperwork as the district clerk of works.

"There are change orders, requests for information, scheduling conflicts - everyday problems that come up on the job," he said. "Unfortunately, it's not a perfect world - what it says on paper is not always what the earth is like."

He said keeping up with

change orders has been a big issue in this project - the board has already approved \$888,317 in construction change orders and officials are unsure how much of that money will be reimbursed to the district.

"We're still under 2 percent of the total project cost for the new building, and that's where you want to be when it comes to change orders," said Kraynack.

Change orders might be why Kraynack, along with Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbach and Associates, the project architect, are double and triple-checking paperwork daily to ensure accuracy at this point.

Kraynack said Nesbit, whom the board depends on for construction updates during meetings, is more like a cousin these days than a colleague.

"It's almost like we're related,"

he said. Keeping in close contact with the construction crews is another big part of Kraynack's job. He said being from an "on-the-ground" background, he aims to work with each crew member individually to ensure the job pace was flowing smoothly. And that means shaking hands with everyone, even when the number of on-site workers swells to 300 or more.

"If I really want to know something, I go to the source," he said. "It's a big advantage because it's like I'm speaking their language. Yes, I know them by name and become friends with all of them. I still see some contractors I've worked with all the way back in 1997."

The Trucksville native said, even though his job demands much of his time, he's still happy

with his position after all these years. "Every day I come around that corner, I'm still smiling," he said. "If I don't smile anymore, that's

when it's over." There's still part of Kraynack that can't wait until vacation, though - he plans to take his wife, Susan, on a three-week trip

to Disney World in Florida in January for the first time.

"Since I've had this job I've never really taken more than a week ... I need it," he said.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword Answers

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