Bandits girls, boys teams win

The Back Mountain Bandits girls elementary lacrosse team defeated Delaware Valley, 16-5, last weekend at Warrior Stadium.

This was the second time this season the Bandits met the Warriors on the field.

The teams were running about even coming out of the half when Bandits goalie Emily Driscoll made five consecutive saves with help from defenders Nina Johnson, Sam Spencer, Heather Shively, Chloe-Lyn Osborne and Olivia Zablocky, rallying the Bandits to a scoring spree.

Scoring for the Bandits were Melinda Ratchford, Grace Butler, Katie Roberts and Nina Johnson with three goals each. Scoring one goal each were Bella Waltz, Lauren Delamater, Mikella Monoco and Mackenzie Lasinski.

Assistance on the goals came from Chloe Weaver, Faith Butler, Janet Federici, Gabby Krochta and Sarah Congdon.

The Bandits are now 5-5 on the season.

Bandits 6
Crestwood 4

The Bandits were victorious against Crestwood, 6-4.

Great defense was played by Danny Burkhart, Justin Phillips, Collin Gatrone, Melisha Chester, Max Gordon, Ethan Kolojejchick, Ivan Gingo and Izaih Calphin.

Goalie Sergey Montross had a great game with several saves for Back Mountain.

Goals were made by Ryan Cohen, one; Stone Mannello, two; and Ricky Morgan, three. Other midfielders that kept the Crestwood team running were RJ Driscoll, Liam Barret, Lukas Volpetti and Nick Matcho.

The offense of Michael Santora, Ryan Trumm, Evan Butcofski, George Davies and Mikail Krochta gave the middies great field position to score for the Bandits.

Ricky Morgan (No. 1) heads toward the goal for Back Mountain.

BMT Brawl set for Saturday

Back Mountain Bandits Youth Lacrosse (BMYL) will host the Third Annual Back Mountain Brawl Lacrosse Tournament on Saturday, May 12 at the Back Mountain Recreation Fields, Outlet Road, Lehman.

This annual event attracts 30 teams and over 1,200 spectators from areas as far away as Delaware Valley, Easton, Danville, Scranton and local teams from Wyoming Seminary and Mountain Top.

This day-long event will host both boys' and girls' games and will include divisions U9 to U15 for boys; girls intramural, kindergarten through second grade; and girls competitive competition for grades three through eight.

Vendors such as Schuylkill Valley Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, Hockey Stop Sports, Skyhawks Lacrosse, Maddog Lacrosse and many more will be at this event.

In addition to vendors, there will be a shot clock for players and spectators to test and time their throwing skills. A concession stand will offer homemade and grilled items, sno cones, funnel cakes, popcorn and more. Parking and admission are free.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rutkoski records hole in one

Timothy Rutkoski, of Dallas, recorded a hole-in-one on Monday, April 30 while playing at Huntsville Golf club in Lehman. He aced hole No. 5 for his fourth career hole-in-one.

Rutkoski's shot was witnessed by Jeff Heath and Jake Simon, both Huntsville Golf Club employees.

Open Horse Show planned for today

Borrowdale Acres Inc. will hold an Open Horse Show at 8 a.m. today, May 13 at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

For more information, call Carole Malig at 675-8974.

Chicken dinner slated

Dallas Junior Football will a chicken croquette dinner and bake sale from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Idetown Fire Hall, Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Cost is $10 per dinner, eat in our take out. To order tickets, call Kelly at 313-3926 or email kjcuba@epix.net.

Field hockey team hosts fundraiser

The Dallas High School field hockey team will host a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant from 8 to 10 a.m. on June 9.

The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and a beverage. Tickets are $7 each and may be purchased by calling Heather Cave at 690-3500 or Amy Amadio at 262-0685 or at the door.

All proceeds will help the field hockey team purchase a concession stand and shed for its new field.

Mountaineers boys tennis team loses to Holy Cross, 4-1

The Dallas High School boys tennis team was defeated by Holy Cross, 4-1, last week.

In singles action, Robby Azzarelli (HC) defeated Ryan McCarthy, 6-2, 7-6; TJ Thomas (HC) defeated Aleksey Gitelson, 6-2, 6-4; and Steve Wempa (D) defeated Jonathan Kelly, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles action saw the team of Casey Gaughan / Mike Bauman (HC) defeat Zach Downs / Tyler Tuck, 6-0, 6-1; and the team of Chris Gasper / Joe Baurys ((HC) defeat Chris Hood / Coulton Powell, 6-3, 6-4.

BASEBALL

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apiece. Patton had a three-run home run while Newman hit a triple.

Chris Murray and Justin Marshall pitched for the Pirates. Murray and Marshall also had the two hits for the Pirates.

Yankees 11
Dodgers 8

Darren Kerdesky picked up his first win of the season in relief as the Yankees overcame an 8-2 early deficit to pull out an 11-8 win. Dylan Schuster led the seven-hit Yankee attack, going 2-2 with a triple.

David Schuster tripled and drove in two while Beaudyn Lewis homered for the Yankees.

Freddie Lombardo had three hits for the Dodgers.

GAS

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Supervisor Jeffrey Box hopes the request will cause all residents to share their opinions on the matter.

In other news, the board...

- Approved the Cave Minor Subdivision on Harris Hill Road.
- Approved final payment in the amount of $10,728.51 from Franzosa Trucking for the Office of Community Development Terrace Avenue Storm Drainage Improvement Project.
- Approved the flat rate pay policy for reimbursable special police assignments.
- Renewed PennDOT's winter service agreement for the 2012-13 winter session with a 3.4 percent rate increase.
- Authorized the township manager and solicitor to seek information on renegotiating the current cable franchise agreement and/or seeking proposals from other companies. The current agreement expires March 14, 2014.
- Authorized the township manager to seek proposals for workers' compensation insurance.
- Accepted the resignations of Robert and Erica Hivish on the township recreation commission and authorized the township manager to seek letters of interest to fill the vacancies.
- Approved the request of Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association to use the Center Street Park field contingent upon its cooperation with the Kingston Township Raiders Football Organization and its contributing to lawn maintenance.
- Approved the request of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for use of the bleachers for the 66th Annual Auction in July.
- Approved the request from the American Red Cross for the use of the Herbert Hill Meeting Room from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 9 to conduct a community blood drive.
- The board will hold a public hearing at its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 on the proposed changes to the Home Rule Charter.

TAX

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by reducing individual building budgets and other measures that will keep the district afloat – at least this year.

The district still has about $1.7 million in its fund balance, akin to a savings account, and Palfey said if circumstances change, other last-minute cuts can be made. He also said this strategy won't help the board in the future, when pension costs will begin to overtake the budget altogether.

The board tabled its vote to approve the budget pending further review of the document. It is available for public inspection in the district office.

The board also approved the resignation for retirement purposes of Yvonne Mould, Dallas High School secretary, after 15 years of service.

High school guidance counselor Cherilyn Keating, high school special education teacher Shannon Forrer and high school English teacher Angela Carpenter were approved for leaves of absence during the 2012-13 school year.

The board also honored the following third-quarter Students of the Month: [illegible] Oschal, Student Spirit Award; Marcus Wagner, Citizen Student Award; Grant Luksic, Student Achiever Award; and Patrick Newhart, Creative Student Award.

The next Dallas School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14 in the administration building next to Wycallis Elementary.

REUNION

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puppy.

"That puppy was a lifesaver because it kind of took his mind off things," she said.

Ted Jr. believes his father will return to coaching "sooner rather than later," but he said if this is the end, he wants his family to remember this as a positive time.

"We want to try and turn that negative situation into a positive one," he said.

Sandy Jackson has received an outpouring of support for the reunion and already has about 150 people signed up to attend.

The family is hoping to focus more on Mountaineers of teams past, as the longtime coach can sometimes be modest about his accomplishments.

"He doesn't like attention, so we're making it more about the players," said Sandy. "He's the kind of person who doesn't like to take overwhelming credit for things. Even when he was interviewed by the media, he made sure he named every single assistant coach to honor them."

She plans to bring all the memorabilia the family has collected throughout the years to display at the event, and Ted Jr. has been working on a video to present.

"(Football) was like the nucleus of our family life," said Sandy.

Ted Jr. was a sophomore when the Dallas High School football team won the state championship in 1993 and served as his father's assistant coach for 11 seasons. Matthew also played under Ted Sr.'s instruction and daughter Jill hasn't missed a game since she was two weeks old.

"I always thought my dad did three things better than anyone else – number one was motivation, number two was discipline and number three was preparation," said Ted Jr. "Some people do things with their dad like hunting or fishing, but I got to spend a lot of time with my dad every day, seven days a week, when we coached together."

Ted Jr. accepted a position as an assistant coach at Wyoming Valley West earlier this year.

Sandy said the reunion spans more than just the players and coaches throughout the Wyoming Valley Conference are invited to attend, as are those who worked with Ted Sr. throughout the years including sports journalists.

"Football was such an important part of our lives," she said.

BILL TARUTIS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Former Dallas football coach Ted Jackson's 1993 state championship ring.

ROADS

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The first stop, though, was at an ongoing project in which township officials are not completing the work – the East Center Street Bridge project.

The work, which includes the removal of the bridge and widening of the road, is being conducted through the state Department of Transportation. Supervisors wanted to get a closer look at the project's progress – progress that had been stalled for more than 10 years.

The Luzerne County Conservation District also replaced some of the walls along Toby Creek leading to the bridge with boulders due to excess grant money. The walls had been crumbling into the creek since heavy rains caused flooding in 2006.

That piece of the project was completed at no cost to the township, but other issues in the township haven't been as lucky.

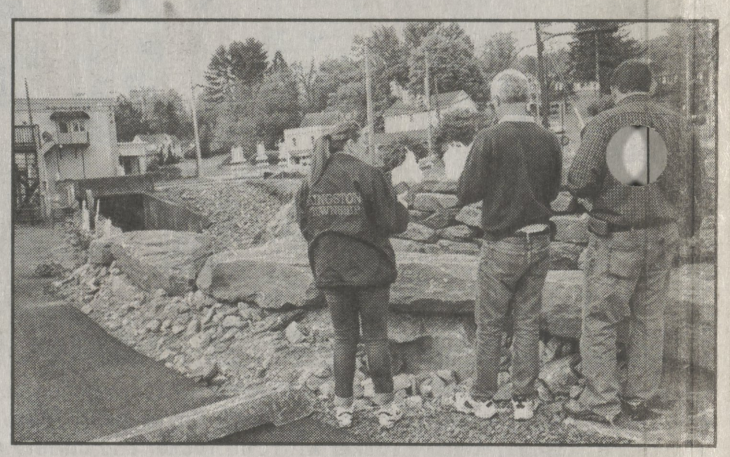
Storm water issues plague West Hillside Street off Carverton Road, mostly because storm water management controls didn't exist when the subdivision was built about 50 years ago.

Box said there are many similar issues within the township – the current board is footing the bill to address problems that started decades ago.

Township engineer Terry Ostrowski, of Borton-Lawson, said the township attempted to fund the project through local share account monies, or gaming revenues, but the project was denied.

Fritzges estimated it would cost between $15,000 and $17,000 to correct the storm water issue, but supervisors weren't sure where they would find the money.

During the meeting, Ostrowski detailed the projects in order to find approximate costs, which the township manager would prepare for the board's review during the week.



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The East Center Street bridge/road intersection will need repaving once PennDOT has completed the bridge replacement. Kingston Township manager Kathy Sebastian, left, roadmaster Donnie Fritzges, center, and civil engineer Terry Ostrowski from Borton-Lawson overlook the intersection with State Route 309 in Shavertown.

TEAM

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place after conquering South Carolina, only to be defeated in the semi-finals by the Florida team.

"We got third place – we're still happy," said Cerza. "No one expected us to be in the top five."

Team advisor Kevin West was very proud of the team considering its members might have been the youngest at the competition. He said most of the students the team faced were seniors, while the Dallas team consists of mostly sophomores and freshmen.

Cerza was especially excited to place well in the team's home state.

"I was worried about it being in our home state and I didn't know how we were going to do – I thought we might not do as well as our home state would have hoped," said Cerza.

West said the support the team received from local and state officials helped the team succeed. He said the competition was streaming live on the LifeSmarts website during the semi-finals, and students at Dallas High School got to watch their classmates in action during the competition.

"We didn't know about it," said Hudak.

"If I had known about it, I would have sat under the table," Habib joked.

Though the LifeSmarts program is very competitive – the students who participated in nationals have to fight every day to keep their seats on the team, as the club of about 20 members tests daily to see who's the best – the students said the experience at nationals wasn't all stress and buzzers.

"It's not as vicious as it sounds," said Cerza.

Palissery said in between rounds the state teams got a chance to mingle, which was a great experience in itself. Teams were even paired upon their arrival to Philadelphia in order to keep the games friendly and fun.

"Our sister team was Vermont," she said. "They were really nice."

Hudak said even though the contest is intense, the subject matter and competition is exciting.

"It shouldn't work, but it does. At one time it's so stressful and you can't eat, and other times it's so fun," said Hudak.

Despite their high placement, West said the team will continue to work hard in preparation for next year's LifeSmarts season.

"I think I'm going to start taking the concepts and giving them real world applications," said West. "I think that will help."

◆ PUZZLE ANSWERS

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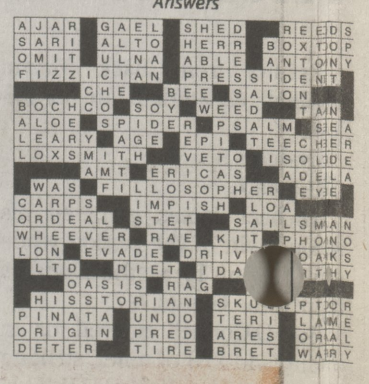
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