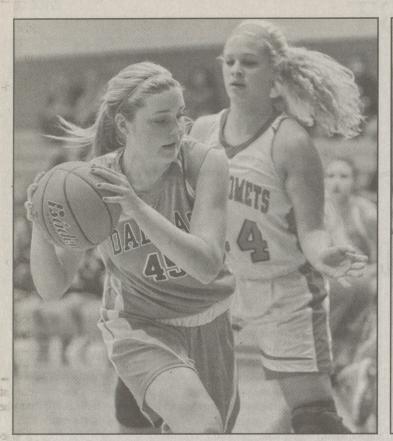
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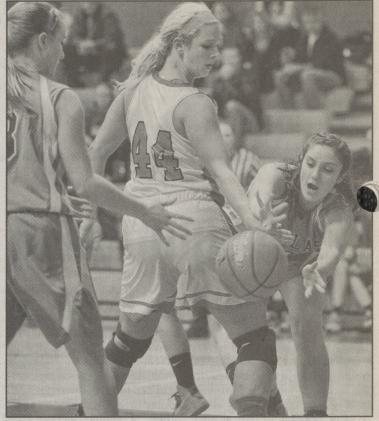


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Rachel Olszewski (No. 45) of Dallas gets the rebound in front of Crestwood's Sydney Myers (No. 44). Olszewski is one of four senior members of this year's Lady Mountaineers basketball team honored this week.

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Dallas' Jess Hiscox, left, drives to the hoop as Crestwood's Maury Cronauer defends in WVC girls basketball action. Hiscox is one of four senior members of this year's Lady Mountaineers team.



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Tanner Englehart, of Dallas, passes the ball around Crestwood's Sydney Myers (No. 44) to Dallas teammate Samantha Missal. Englehart is one of four seniors on this year's Lady Mountaineers basketball team.

Senior Lady Mountaineers are honored

Four members of Dallas girls basketball season closing out high school careers.

> **By TOM ROBINSON** For The Dallas Post

Dallas pounded the ball inside from the start Wednesday sion title after each went 12-2. night, drawing fouls and converting free throws to take ebrated Senior Night with sig- for-5 on 3-pointers. charge early.

By the time the Lady Moun- their four seniors. taineers were done, Ashley tempts.

throws on her way to a 30point effort that led Dallas to a the foul line." 76-63 victory and allowed it to finish the Wyoming Valley from the foul line. Conference Division I girls basketball season tied for first. Dallas and Pittston Area were scheduled to square off Friday night to decide the divi-

The Lady Mountaineers cel-

nificant contributions from

"I'm happy for our seniors pleased with how each of our honored this week.

Dunbar made 16 of the free players played and I was bounds and Olszewski seven.

Dunbar, Jess Hiscox, Tanner bounding advantage. Englehart and Rachel Olszewhome game.

Hiscox added 18 points by ter three. shooting 8-for-13, including 2-Englehart had eight re- bounds.

pleased with our composure at They joined Talia Szatkowski, who finished with 10 points, Dallas finished 23-for-38 nine rebounds and six assists to lead Dallas to a 41-33 re-

The Lady Mountaineers hit ski are the seniors who played eight free throws to open a 24their final regular-season 14 lead after one quarter and stretched the lead to 58-43 af-

> Cheyenne Reese led Valley West with 26 points and 15 re-

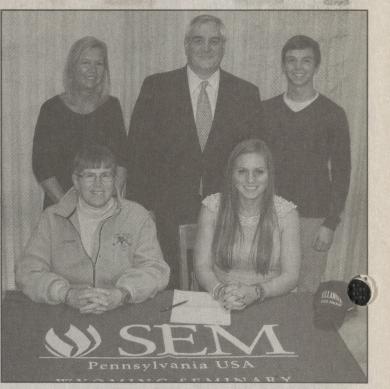
Dunbar had sliced through the that they played as well as Dallas' Ashley Dunbar, right, drives to the basket as Pittston Wyoming Valley West defense they did tonight," Dallas Area's Mia Hopkins defends from behind. Dunbar and three other to earn 24 free throw at- coach Kelly Johnson said. "I'm senior members of the Lady Mountaineers basketball team were



BRIEFS **Bandits lacrosse** accepts registrations

Registrations are now being accepted via the web site at www.laxteams.net/ bmylax for the Back Mountain Bandits lacrosse team Boys and girls in grades 1-3

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Kayley Schinski, of Nanticoke, second from left, collides with teammate Alex Brassington as Lake Lehman players Karen Yamrick (No. 00) and Emily Sutton (No. 10) look on during a girls basketball game in Nanticoke.

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ond seed.

we've had," Johnson said. "We side balance.'

Lavan thinks Lake-Lehman, its playoff challenges.

"We're trying to make sure we're at our best at this stage," play has to improve, we have to to reach the round of 16. work on boxing out and our man

defense has to be better. "If we get those things, we'll

(Danae) Sutliff." Lake-Lehman and Dallas are "I'm pleased with our per- also in Class AAA for the Dis- AAA boys tournament has the formance the last few contests trict 2 boys basketball playoffs. quarterfinals Friday, the semifihave a good group that works tied for key spots as they en- March 1. hard and we have inside and out- tered the last game of league play.

which finished 9-4 in league the teams trying for the eighth semifinals Feb. 27 and the finals play, is close to being ready for seed and a home game in the 17- March 2. game field.

spot, which would be required cause the district sends three Lavan said. "Our team's guard to play a preliminary game just teams into Pennsylvania Inter-

The preliminary games were tournament action.

planned for this weekend.

The first full round of Class be fine, because I think we'll get AAA boys is Tuesday. Class enough offense from (Cayle) AAA girls conduct their first Spencer, (Emily) Sutton and round, with Dallas and Lake-Lehman at home on Wednesday.

The remainder of the Class Both teams found themselves nals Feb. 26 and the finals

The remainder of the Class AAA girls tournament has the Lake-Lehman was tied among quarterfinals Saturday, the

Both Class AAA events in-Dallas was tied for the 16th clude a third-place game bescholastic Athletic Association

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las; Angelina Allen, Emily Far- Moore from Good Shepherd. rell, Haley Fennell, Sarah Kuderka, Gabriella Olenginski and Synday Strickland from Dallas; and Gianna Centrella from Good Shepherd.

the fifth-grade team. It includes Laura Charlton, Morgan MacNeely and Samantha Michael from Dallas and Livia 23. The program also draws Rec will include the use of The players from Crestwood, GAR, Gun, a basketball shooting ma-Nanticoke, Pittston Area, St. chine that returns shots to Nick's/St. Mary's in Wilkes- players to help them develop Barre, Scranton Prep, Wyom- their skills at game speed.

Jody Dutton, the Dallas ing Area, Wyoming Area Caeighth-grade coach, is leading tholic and Wyoming Valley West.

> Practices begin March 3 and tournament play starts March

Part of the training at Rock

may sign up for intramurals. Boys age groups are U-9, U-11, U-13 & U-15. Girls age groups are third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade and seventh and eighth grades.

The registration fee includes US Lacrosse registration, US Lacrosse magazine and a team jersey. Participants should print

the form and mail it, along with applicable fee to BMYL, P.O. Box 1746, Shavertown, PA 18708.

Comedy Night benefits Bombers

A Comedy Night at Wise Crackers Comedy Club (next to Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre) on Saturday, March 2 will benefit the Back Mountain Bombers.

Doors open at 8 p.m.; show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Rock Rec basketball season begins

The Rock Recreation Center is accepting registration applications for the 2013 Upward basketball season. The league is open to girls and boys Pre-K through sixth grade.

The final game is set for Saturday, March 16.

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

KaPow hockey club

offers training

KaPow Field Hockey Klub is offering spring training and game play age groups U6, U8, U10 and U12 directed by Olympian Lauren Poweley April 14-19 at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston.

For a registration form, email lcomiskey@kapowfh.com. Deadline is March 31.

Kristen Mericle, of Shavertown, a senior at Wyoming Seminary, will continue her academic and athletic career at Villanova University in Villanova in the fall. Seen during her announcement on Signing Day are, from left, seated, Karen Klassner, Sem head field hockey coach and director of athletics; Kristen Mericle. Standing, Kim Mericle, mother; Robert Mericle, father; Robert Mericle, brother.

Mericle to Villanova

town, a senior at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, will continue her academic and 2012 and attended the 2012 Fuathletic career at Villanova Uni- tures Elite Academy. She also versity in Villanova in the fall where she will play for Villanova veteran field hockey head coach Joanie Milhous in the NCAA Div. senior, she helped lead the t I Big East Conference.

her 19th season with a 183-167 alltime record after finishing the 2012 season at 7-12. She has twice been named Big East Coach of the Year.

As a member of the Blue Knights' 2010 and 2011 state AA championship teams, she was named to the Second Team All-State in her junior and senior years and was an Academic All-State Squad member as a senior. A member of the Citizens' Voice and The Times Leader All- ert Mericle, of Shavertown.

Kristen Mericle, of Shaver- Star teams for 2012, she was selected to compete in the Futures Elite Tournament for 2011 and competed in the 2011 Junior Olympics.

A Blue Knights co-captain a to a 17-5-2 record in 2011 and This fall, Milhous embarks on the PIAA state quarter-finals in

2012. Her 2010-2012 record at Sem is 18 goals and 20 assists.

In addition to field hockey, Mericle is a four-year varsity letter winner in girls lacrosse and will serve as team captain in her senior year. She plays at the attack position for the team, which won the District II championship in 2011.

Mericle, who plans to attend Villanova's School of Business, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob-