



Dallas' Amy Bolton, left, evades Lake-Lehman catcher Britney Meecker to score.



Lake-Lehman's Vickey Cadwalader, left, gets mobbed by her team after belting a solo home run against Dallas.



Lake-Lehman third baseman Sarah Stacey looks to throw to first base for a Dallas out.



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Swing for Mercy honors Tina MacDowell

The 2013 Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy will be held on Monday, June 17 at the Wyoming Valley Country Club in Wilkes-Barre.

All funds raised will directly benefit an important ministry of the Sisters of Mercy: the Catherine McAuley Center. Since 1984, the Catherine McAuley Center has responded to the needs of homeless women and children in our region by providing housing and support services. These individuals and families have nowhere to turn and few options remain. The Catherine McAuley Center offers places of comfort, safety, and care, helping to lead clients to independence and self-sufficiency.

Each year, the tournament recognizes a woman who exemplifies the Mercy spirit of compassion and service through her own commitment to the mission of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Swing for Mercy Golf Committee takes great pride in announcing Tina J. MacDowell as the 2013 Mercy Woman of the Year.

MacDowell moved to the Wyoming Valley in 1998 when her husband Michael MacDowell became Misericordia University's 12th president. Her commitment to Mercy is reflected in her legacy of service as an active community volunteer, serving on the boards of many area organizations.

There are multiple opportunities to honor Tina MacDowell and to support the work of the Catherine McAuley Center as a sponsor, golfer, or donor. Event sponsorship is a valuable way to bring visibility to your organization.

For more information on the 2013 Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament, contact Jenny Blanchard, Director of Development, at 674-3218, or by email at jblanchard@mercyatlantic.org.



Dallas' Taylor Kelley, second from left, gets mobbed by her team after belting a three-run home run against Lake-Lehman.

Rival softball game raises awareness of autism

Taylor Baker led the way from the circle and at the plate as Dallas defeated Lake-Lehman, 6-3, in a Wyoming Valley Conference softball game on Mother's Day.

The teams met that night at the Dallas Little League Field both to play their league game and to raise funds for Autism programs.

Baker threw a five-hitter with nine strikeouts. Maddy Perez and Baker each went 2-for-2 while Taylor Kelley provided a three-run homer for the Dallas offense.

Vickey Cadwalader had a two-run homer for Lake-Lehman. Jordan Hodle and Sarah Stacey added doubles.

This was the second straight season the Dallas softball team used its Mother's Day game as an Autism Awareness Night.

The event was organized by Jennifer Yanuskavich, a special education teacher and assistant coach at Dallas, and the players on the team.

Funds were raised for the Dallas special education department through a raffle as well as sales of T-shirts, magnets and refreshments.

- Tom Robinson



Dallas' Amy Bolton reaches for the plate to score against Lake-Lehman.

Swimming with an Olympian

Young swimmers got the opportunity to interact with a champion when four-time Olympic medalist Peter Vanderkaay conducted a clinic at the Dallas Middle School natatorium. Vanderkaay, a three-time member of the U.S. Olympic Swim Team, ran drills throughout the day and gave each participant an opportunity to take him on, lap for lap, at the end of the session.

In his senior year of high school, Vanderkaay broke the Michigan state record in the 500-meter freestyle before moving on to swim for the Michigan Wolverines and eventually the national team.

While at Michigan, he earned his first gold medal as a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay team at the 2004 Olympics. From that point until the recent end of his competitive career, Vanderkaay added another gold medal in the same event to go with a bronze medal in the 200 freestyle at the 2008 games and a bronze in the 400 freestyle at the 2012 Olympics.



ABOVE: Four-time Olympic medalist and 2012 Team USA captain Peter Vanderkaay demonstrates a stretching exercise during a swim clinic at the Dallas Middle School gymnasium.

AT RIGHT: Four-time Olympic medalist and 2012 Team USA captain Peter Vanderkaay conducts a swim clinic at the Dallas Middle School.

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