

# Sports

## Journey honors horseshoe pitcher

The Peanuts Long Appreciation Tournament will be held June 22.

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The Dallas Area Horseshoe Club will honor the long career of Al "Peanuts" Long during the next National Horseshoe Pitchers Association-sanctioned event, a tournament scheduled for June 22 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

The event will be known as the Peanuts Long Appreciation Tournament.

Long played a prominent role in building the game locally, served as tournament director for the Dallas club for 19 years and remains a strong competitor. The 86-year-old, who is a former Dallas resident, currently lives in Hunlock Creek.

Tournament director Dale Estep said it is common for the club to name one of its two yearly events after a recently-deceased member in a one-time memorial. This time, they will celebrate the contributions of one of their most decorated members, who is still a big part of the competition.

Long won six sanctioned events last year, took second in another and third in two more.

Pitchers have to be members of the NHPA to participate in the Dallas Area events, which are also part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Estep said most tournaments at the fairgrounds draw fields between 45 and 50 pitchers with most from Pennsylvania and New York and sometimes a few from New Jersey or Maryland.

Estep said the tournament consists of three flights of about 16 pitchers. The first flight will compete from 8 a.m. to noon. Long will be recognized during a ceremony between noon and 1. The last two flights compete from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 5 to 9 p.m.

In 1977, Long was part of a group that bought a horseshoe building in southern Pennsylvania for \$1,400 and paid another \$100 to relocate it as the first building on what is now the Luzerne County Fairgrounds. They later put in five outdoor courts, then added three more.

"The two indoor courts in the horseshoe building give us the ability to pitch all winter," Estep said. "Peanuts has been instrumental in bringing horseshoes into the area."

Long was inducted into the Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1991 as both a pitcher and a presenter. He has competed in eight world championship events, winning once, and has won multiple state titles.



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## PLAYERS 'APPRECIATED' AT BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE



Brady Eggleston, 7, left, and Will Snowdon, 8, both of Dallas, get free sno-cones during Player Appreciation Day.

Back Mountain Little League players were appreciated on June 8 when the organization held a Player Appreciation Day, complete with a dunk tank, games and ice cream.



Dylan Chapman, 4, of Dallas, picks a treat from the lollipop tree at the Back Mountain Little League Player Appreciation Day.



Back Mountain Dodgers players watch a game between the Pirates and Orioles during Player Appreciation Day.

## Pauly Friedman Walk/Run set is for Aug. 11

Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania (FSA NEPA) and members of the Pauly Friedman 5K Family Walk/Run met recently to organize the fifth anniversary race slated for Sunday, Aug. 11 at Misericordia University on Lake Street, Dallas.

Registration for this 3.1 mile event is at 8:30 a.m. with the race beginning at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is suggested with the first 300 registrants guaranteed an official event t-shirt. Walk-ups will be accepted on race day.

The event committee encourages all generations within families, business employers and their employees and community organizations to come together as teams to join in and participate in the event.

Teams, with a minimum of five participants or more, are now forming and the team that raises the most donations will receive the "Answer the Call Traveling Trophy" as part of the team challenge. All participants must raise a minimum of \$25 in donations to receive awards. Teams may consist of both walkers and runners.

A Post-Race Awards Party for race participants to receive their trophies and medals will be held in the John & Mary Metz Dining Hall of the Banks Student Center



Members of the Pauly Friedman Family Walk/Run Committee are, from left, seated, John Maday, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; Michael Zimmerman, CEO, Family Service Association of NEPA; Ruth Kennedy, Walk/Run chair; Tom Foley, Director of Help Line. Standing, Ruth Kemmerer, Chief Advancement Officer, Family Service Association of NEPA; Pauline Carmody, Race Marketing Chair; Lita Insalaco, Family Service Assoc. of NEPA Board of Directors, Basket Bonanza Chair; Bob Silvi, The Penguin Group U.S.A., Trustee, Family Service Association of NEPA; Toni Cisowski, FSA NEPA Board of Directors; Jessica Ives, FSA NEPA Team Captain. at Misericordia University. Music, food and entertainment will be available for all. Sponsors for this year's race include FSA NEPA, Generation 2 Generation, WNEP 16, One Source Staffing, Magic 93, The Citizens' Voice, and Misericordia University. Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling FSA NEPA at 823-5144 or by emailing [www.fsawv.ruthkemmerer@verizon.net](mailto:www.fsawv.ruthkemmerer@verizon.net).

## Basketball clinic offered at Wyoming Seminary

Lady Blue Knights Clinic is set for June 23-28 at the Carpenter Athletic Center.

Girls in grades 3-8 who love basketball are encouraged to participate in the Wyoming Seminary Lady Blue Knights Girls Basketball Clinic to be held June 24-28 at the Carpenter Athletic Center on the Upper School campus in Kingston.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 and will end on Friday, June 28 with an afternoon awards ceremony.

Athletes will receive instruction on stations and individual positions and will participate in hotshot competitions, 1-on-1 competitions and daily games. The clinic will also feature lectures on various basketball topics, player evaluation and optional swim sessions.

Clinic coaches include Renee Casterline, a 20-year veteran basketball coach who leads the Sem Lower School girls basketball program and serves as the basketball clinic director at Camp St. Andrew, and Ron Strothers, who has coached the Upper School girls basketball team for seven years and was recently named head women's basketball coach at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Cost of the clinic is \$150 and includes a free t-shirt. For more information or to register, visit [www.wyomingseminary.org/summer](http://www.wyomingseminary.org/summer).

### SPORTS BRIEF

#### LACROSSE PLAYERS HONORED

Four players from Dallas were awarded all-star recognition in the Central Susquehanna Valley Girls Lacrosse League.

Seniors Madeline Mulhern (attack), Cara Pricher (Midfield) and Deidre Deluca (Defense) were all named to the First Team. Freshman Katie Sneider (Midfield) was named Honorable Mention.

CSVGL is comprised of teams from Mifflinburg, Selingsgrove, Mid-West, Danville, Lewisburg and Lake-Lehman, along with Dallas.

#### CHILDREN'S GOLF CAMP

The Lake-Lehman Children's Golf Camp is set for the week of June 24-28 at the Twin Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$80, includes lunch daily, and all proceeds benefit the National Alliance for Accessible Golf.

The camp is the senior completion project of Lake-Lehman golfer Nick Egan.

To register, call 690-5220 by June 17.

#### CAMP REGISTRATION

The Rock Rec Center is accepting applications for its summer basketball camp. Camps are open to boys and girls pre-K through sixth grade. Camp dates are second and third grades, June 24-28 and July 22-26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; fourth through sixth grades, July 8-12 and July 29 to Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 696-2769.