

L.V. Notebook

L.V. hoop hall to honor Jeff Dailey

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The Via All-Star Classic Banquet, set for 6 p.m. March 27 at Freedom High School, is a gala affair that perfectly caps off the high school basketball season. It's a showcase of the area's best senior players and includes the announcement of the Via scholarship winners.

This year's event is also sure to be emotional, especially when it comes time to introduce the newest members of the Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame.

This year's class is headed by the late Jeff Dailey, the former Notre Dame-Green Pond star who died in a fire last November near the campus of [East Stroudsburg University](#). He was 22.

Dailey finished his Notre Dame career in 2004 with a school-record 1,742 points. He was the Colonial League's MVP and set a Lehigh Valley record with 126 3-pointers as a senior.

Other Hall of Fame inductees include former Notre Dame girls star Julie Amato, former Bethlehem Catholic girls standout Tiffany (Bedics) Gallis and ex-Whitehall great Glenn Noack, a prominent member of the Zephyrs' 1982 state title team.

The banquet's main speaker will be announced later in the week.

The Via All-Star Classic, in its 33rd year, will be held two days later (March 29), also at Freedom. The "Super Saturday" format includes four games and a 3-point shooting contest beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For ticket information, go to [ViaNet.org](#) or call 484-893-5389.

JCC AWARDS BASH

March 30 is the date for the debut of [Coca-Cola](#) Park and the [Lehigh Valley IronPigs](#).

But if you didn't get a ticket for that event, and it is a sellout, perhaps you can get your sports fix by attending the 63rd annual Sports and Fitness Awards Bash at the Allentown Jewish Community Center.

The event will run from 1-4 p.m. at the JCC, 22nd and Tilghman streets in Allentown, and will feature appearances by Eagles radio play-by-play man Merrill Reese; Swoop, the Eagles mascot, and Eagles cheerleaders.

A two-person basketball shooting contest will be held in the gym and a special raffle will be held for a [Peyton Manning](#)-signed football.



Tickets, which include popcorn and beverage, cost JCC adult members \$10, other adults \$15 and children \$5.

HIGH SCHOOL'S

HEAVY LIFTERS

In the midst of the district and state tournaments in wrestling, basketball and swimming, the Pennsylvania Teenage Powerlifting Championships were held at Emmaus High School on Feb. 23.

Glen Mills was the team winner, finishing ahead of Parkland and Whitehall.

Three Lehigh Valley athletes won their individual weight classes.

Parkland's Nick DeLuca won at 220 pounds with a combined total of 1,465 pounds.

The Trojans' Dennis Ryan won at 242 pounds with a combined total of 1,425 pounds and Parkland's Matt Fredericks prevailed at 275 with a total of 1,385.

Among the second-place finishers was Whitehall's Donnie Brensinger, who had a total of 1,065 in the 148-pound division. Northampton's Galen Clemons was second at 242 with a total of 1,380 and Parkland's Grant Mauger and Emmaus' Bill Viscuso tied for second at 275 pounds, each totaling 1,265 pounds.

MAJOR NIGHT FOR MINORS

The Lehigh Valley Yankee Fan Club is holding its annual "Minor League Baseball Night" at the Northampton VFW tonight, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the IronPigs, [Reading Phillies](#), Scanton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees and Trenton Thunder are expected to be on hand.

TACKLE ALS EVENT

The Tackle ALS Foundation, the organization started by former Northwestern High and [Lehigh University](#) football star Brett Snyder and his family and friends, will hold its second annual Kickoff Event on March 29 at Starters Riverport on Bethlehem's south side from 2-5 p.m.

Tackle ALS raised over \$30,000 in its first year of existence through several events, including an alumni flag football benefit at Northwestern.

Tackle ALS Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to raising much needed funds by spreading awareness and working with the local centers that fight ALS at the patient level.

The Tackle ALS Fund will benefit the Good Shepherd Clinic and research by Snyder's doctor, Dr. Terry Heiman-Patterson.

Tickets for the March 29 event cost \$30 if purchased in advance, \$35 at the door, and includes food and drink. A 50/50 raffle will be held.

Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check to: Tackle ALS Foundation, Inc., PO Box 213, Center Valley, PA 18034. Checks should be made payable to: Tackle ALS Foundation, Inc. and need to be received by March 26.

'FOR THE LOVE OF LIFE' TOURNAMENT

The fifth Christopher Campbell "For the Love of Life" Basketball Tournament will be held this weekend at Notre Dame-Green Pond High.

Christopher Campbell died on Christmas Day in 2003 after a battle with cystic fibrosis. The former CYO basketball

player had just turned 19.

The tournament's proceeds go to a scholarship for an incoming freshman that will attend Notre Dame next fall.

The CYO youth tournament, featuring 14 teams, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and at noon on Sunday.

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