



SIT-OUT & SPIN FREE - Lansing's varsity wrestling coach Doug Duke starts teaching the basics to dozens of future grapplers as the Town Recreation Department's Pee-wee wrestling program got underway last Thursday at the Raymond Buckley Elementary School gymnasium.

Gossett Basketball Tourney A Dec. 31 "Heart-Stopper"

Forty young men from the 10 living units at the Louis Gossett, Jr. Residential Center went head to head under the backboards on December 31 to raise more than \$600 at the American Heart Association's "Hoops For Heart" 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Each of the facility's living units picked a team of three players and a substitute for the double elimination competition and each game was a "no quarter" effort to determine the kings of the hoop.

Unit 2 was clearly the Cinderella team of the tourney. After losing its first game, the Unit 2 fought back to win its next six matches and qualify for the championship game. Unfortunately, there was no glass slipper and their Unit 7 foes hung on to squeak by Unit 2 by the score of 15-13 in the final match-up.

This was the second "Hoops For Heart" tourney and the third American heart association fund-raiser



at the Gossett Center. The first Hoops competition, organized by habilitation specialist Steve Green, took place in December, 1995. Last summer, Green put together a marathon jump-roping benefit. On each occasion, Center residents got staff and faculty sponsors for their teams; all funds for the Heart Association were raised within the facility.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the # 1 killer in America, as well as in our community. Proceeds from events like "Hoops For Heart" help people throughout New York State through research and education programs of the American Heart Association.

Gossett residents and staff look forward to these events and work hard to make them successful.

Statistical Tables From The NYSED Elementary School Report Card

The grade 3 reading test identifies pupils' different levels. When comparing performance, remember that only Lansing and Southern Cayuga included special education students in the test pool. (This will be required of all schools next year).

GRADE 3 READING				
	% Above State Minimum Levels			% Above Mastery Level
	'93-'94	'94-'95	'95-'96	'95-'96
All NYS Pub. Schools	82%	80%	79%	28%
LANSING	99%	91% ^A	90% ^A	48%
DRYDEN	93%	92%	95%	44%
GROTON	91%	93%	79%	26%
SO. CAYUGA	89%	91% ^A	89% ^A	32%
CAY. HTS.	99%	97% ^B	97% ^B	68%
NORTHEAST	96%	89% ^C	91% ^C	55%

^A = Includes "Special needs/ special education" students in the testing pool. Inclusion of these children in the testing pool becomes mandatory next year.

^B = Includes some, but not all, of the "Special needs/ special education" students enrolled at Cayuga Heights.

^C = 20% of the Northeast School's student population speaks English as a second language.

The grade 3 math test measured skills in numbers and numeration; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers; operations with fractions; probability and statistics; and simple geometry and measurement. Next year's revised tests will emphasize problem solving rather than computation.

GRADE 3 MATHEMATICS			
	% Above State Minimum Levels		
	'93-'94	'94-'95	'95-'96
All NYS Pub. Schools	94%	95%	95%
LANSING	100%	100%	100%
DRYDEN	100%	100%	100%
GROTON	100%	100%	99%
SO. CAYUGA	99%	100%	100%
CAY. HTS.	100%	100%	100%
NORTHEAST	100%	99%	100%

The Grade 4 science test measured the effectiveness of the science program rather than individual children's performance. The objective part tested for the content and skills of the state elementary syllabus. The manipulative skills section evaluated students' ability to observe, draw conclusions and make inferences and generalizations.

GRADE 4 SCIENCE			
	Average Score on 1996 Test		
	Objective Test Score		Manipulative Skills Test (N = 46)
	Content (N = 29)	Skills (N=16)	
All NYS Pub. Schools	21.4	11.6	31.7
LANSING	22.8	12.5	37.9
DRYDEN	22.8	12.8	33.5
GROTON	23.5	12.7	33.4
SO. CAYUGA	23.2	12.5	37.3
CAY. HTS.	25.8	14.1	37.3
NORTHEAST	24.8	13.1	32.9

All tables prepared by the Lansing Community News from data downloaded from the NYSED internet web site <http://www.nysed.gov>

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January 13-17	Spaghetti w/ mt.sauce Vegetarian Spaghetti Hamburger on a Bun (M) Hot Dog on a Bun (E)	Chicken Fajita w/ seasoned rice Hamburger on a bun (E) Steak-um on a bun (M)	Vegetarian Lasagna Chicken Patty on Bun	Cheese Pizza Can. Bacon Pizza	Fish Patty on Bun Cheeseburger on Bun

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