WIC students raising money for fitness center

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IRON RIVER—West Iron County students are working out to raise funds for a new fitness center. __PUBLIC__

"While the school's number one priority is academic, equally important is helping our students to embrace healthy lifestyle goals that will carry them over a lifetime, long after they have left our hallways and classrooms," according to Denise Maloney, the district's wellness coordinator said.

Through March 19, members of the football team will conduct a Lift-A-Thon fundraiser. Funds raised will go toward an expanded fitness center to replace the small and outdated weight room in the mezzanine of the Charles Greenlund Gymnasium.

"With the help of Conner Sports Flooring in Amasa, we're getting a new floor for part of the fitness area," Maloney said. "We have ordered equipment from Hammer Strength that is state of the art."

The project will be paid for by a combination of donations, grant monies and fundraising programs. "We have been saving for a while," Maloney added. "We have raised money through our golf outings and through our Iron County football camps. But we are still looking to raise more money."

A golf outing is set for June 2 at George Young Recreation Complex. The football camp will be July 15, 16 and 17.

Students are taking pledges for the Lift-A-Thon, slated for March 18-19. Pledges can be made "by the pound" lifted or at a flat rate.

Donations to the fitness center may be sent to WICHS, Attention: Weight Room/Fitness Center Project 701 Garfield Ave. Iron River, MI 49935. Questions may be addressed to Kevin Leonoff or Mike Berutti at 265-5184 or email Maloney at dmaolney@westiron.org.