

**February 23, 2010**

Basketball Game to Raise Funds for St. C Stadium Project

A **Basketball Fun Night** game featuring the Eagles will be played on **Thursday, March 4** at 6:30 p.m. on Jenkins Court at St. Clairsville High School. Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will be donated by the team to the St. Clairsville Stadium Improvement Project.

The event is also intended to raise awareness of the Special Olympics effort in Belmont County. The game will not only showcase the ABILITIES of people with intellectual disabilities, but will also show the level of participation they can have in their community.

“With a little support, and a lot of respect, people who live with intellectual disabilities can contribute as much to their communities as anyone else,” said Lisa Kazmirski of Tomorrow’s Corner, which provides coaching and other duties for Special Olympics of Belmont County.

She noted that Special Olympics events depend strongly on donations, but the players enjoy raising funds for other purposes as well.

“The team doesn’t always want to have things done for them, without also doing for others and feeling involved,” Kazmirski added.

Tomorrow’s Corner, Inc. and Paramount Support Services, Inc. provide services to many members of the team and they will make up the Eagles’ opposition for the game.

As an added bonus and to encourage attendance, each company pledges to match up to \$1,000 raised. Local car dealership, Whiteside, has also pledged to match all monies raised at this game.

“You don’t have to know someone on the team to attend this event. Help us pack the gym and build our stadium,” Kazmirski said. “Help us make this the start of something big – better acceptance, more awareness, and a stronger community.”

The last event like this was held in January at the School of Hope and successfully raised funds and non-perishable food items for another local charity. For information on how to help at the



*St. Clairsville High School alumni (left to right) Tyanthony, Michael and Brad of the Belmont Eagles basketball team, are ready to take on their coaches and others in a benefit game for the St. Clairsville Stadium Project. The March 4th game will be played on Jenkins Court at St. Clairsville High School. Tip off is 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person and all proceeds will benefit the stadium project. The game is being organized by Special Olympics of Belmont County in an effort to raise money and awareness that people with disabilities can also give back to their community.*

March 4<sup>th</sup> game or future events, contact Greg or Lisa Kazmirski at Tomorrow's Corner at 740-695-1110 or Coach Tom King at 740-359-7432.