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other services, also remains open. Wyoming Valley Health Care System opened the modern 35,000 square foot Back Mountain Medical Center in June, 1995, dedicating the facility to Dr. Jacobs. The doctors and lab occupy the first floor, and the second floor contains meeting rooms that could be sed for community medical eduation programs, Schilling said, although there is no firm plan for the space at this time.

Across town, Intermountain Medical Group is settling in to new 8,500 square foot quarters in the Twin Stacks Center. The office consolidates six doctors into a single site offering primary care, lab services and x-ray equipment. addition, physical therapy and rehabilitation services are provided in coordination with Shapes gym, which is in the same complex, in a joint venture with Mercy Health System.

The doctors are: Alan Boonin, Mark Puffenberger, John Carey, John Tomedi, Maas and Nothstein. The practice also includes a certified nurse practitio-

office in the Twin Stacks Center.

Center, off Upper Demunds Rd.

ner and a physician's assistant. Individual offices were closed when the doctors moved to the new site July 31.

Intermountain Medical Group, which replaces Associated Physicians, now operates 18 sites in Luzerne County, with 35 physicians. Mark Stevens, spokesperson for the group, said that will grow to 50 by the end of the year as both WVHCS and Mercy continue to end physician employ-

The medical offices are managed by a parent organization, Intermountain Health Group, which takes care of administrative functions. "It's a big change in culture to move from employment to entrepreneurial structure," said Stevens, and the umbrella organization takes much of the pres-

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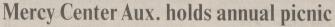
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Dozens of eager young competitors turned out for the annual Dallas rec center ping pong tournament last week. Among the competitors, who played opponents of similar ages, Katherine O'Brien, above left, and Bethany Mulhern, above right, Brendan Delaney, left. At right, Kyle Gallagher, left, and Abby Mulhern kept an eye on a match, wondering who they would play next.



Mercy Center Auxiliary, Dallas recently held their annual summer picnic at the home of Ann Hozempa, Harveys Lake. Twenty two members were present for the meeting and were joined later by some

residents, Sisters and staff for an old fashioned picnic supper During the meeting, projects for the upcoming Boutique were discussed. The women of the Auxiliary work each Tuesday making craft and handmade items.

Following the meeting and supper, and old fashioned watermelon contest was enjoyed by everyone.

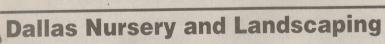
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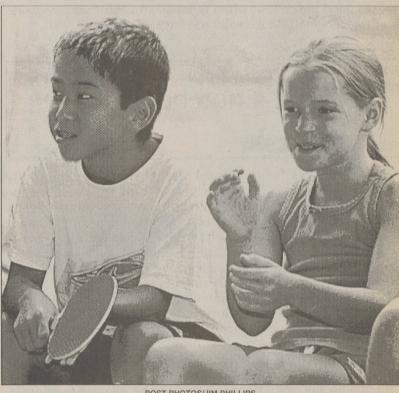


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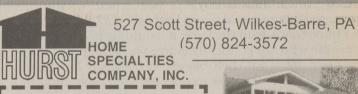
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