



The Back Mountain's

Newspaper Since 1889

The Dallas Post

50 Cents

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE DALLAS & LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Vol. 112, No. 9

Dallas, Pennsylvania

February 28 to March 6, 2001

KT supervisors turn thumbs down on cell phone tower

By M.B. GILLIGAN
Post Correspondent

SHAVERTOWN - At their February 14 meeting, the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors denied the application of Nextel Partners for conditional use of land to erect a telecommunications tower near the Woodridge II development in Shavertown. Daniel Voitek is the owner of that property. Members of the

Kingston Township Planning Commission toured the site on December 22. Also present that day were several Woodridge II owners who objected to the erection of the monopole.

The Kingston Twp. Planning Commission held several hearings on the matter from October until December. Nextel and adjoining property owners were represented by attorneys and had ex-

perts testify at these hearings on matters ranging from radio-frequency concerns and fire safety to real estate values and environmental impacts. On January 9, the Planning Commissioners voted to recommend denial of the application to the Board of Supervisors.

Throughout the hearings William Anzalone, attorney for the objectors, and himself a resident of the development,

said that approval could result in diminution of property values, possible creation of an attractive nuisance, a potential fire hazard, deterioration of the environment and a probable noise nuisance. The Board of Supervisors agreed that Nextel did not convincingly refute these claims.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors stated that "the applicant had failed to

present clear and unambiguous evidence in support of its application." Nextel failed to satisfactorily answer the objectors' questions about possible detrimental effects to the health of the public and also concerns about the erection and maintenance of the facility.

See NEXTEL, pg. 8



POST PHOTO/SANDY PEOPLES

Not shocked by science

Jason Brakefield's project for the Dallas Middle School science fair won third place in the Life Science category. He measured the effect of shock waves of electricity on plant growth. The result? No effect. Story, photos of all winners on page 8.

Article jogs pro bowler's memory

By M.B. GILLIGAN
Post Correspondent

They say memories from our youth last a lifetime and Dave Davis is one more proof of that being the case. Although he left the area when he was a senior at Lake-Lehman High School in the 1950's, all it took was a newspaper photo to jog those old memories.

"I played Little League baseball with Ronnie and Ham Clemow and I've kept in touch with their brother, Rich, who also lives in Florida," Davis said. "He still gets The Dallas Post mailed to him and he sent me the article about the Back Mountain Baseball League with a picture of Roger Bellas. It really brought back old times."

Davis joined the Professional Bowlers Association in 1963, a few years after graduating from Arizona State University. "I attended the Dallas Township High School before we moved to Sweet

Valley," he said. "Then, when I was a senior, we moved to Arizona for my father's health."

In 1968 he signed a contract with the Brunswick Corporation and he's been with them ever since. "Brunswick is the best company in the bowling business," he said. "They are great to work for because they are loyal to their employees and they have the best equipment."

Davis should know. He has traveled the world for professional bowling tournaments. "I've been to Australia three times, Japan five times, and to Europe, Scandinavia and the Far East. In fact, about the only places I haven't been are Peking and Moscow," he said.

Staying in shape is still very important to Davis. "I take a brisk walk on the beach for 45 minutes every day and I bowl for three hours a day," said the

See BOWLER, pg. 3



POST PHOTO/SANDY PEOPLES

Maggie Davis, a long-time EMT, is a candidate for Mayor of Dallas.

Maggie Davis running for mayor

By SANDY PEOPLES
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Maggie Davis has been a public servant all of her adult life. Therefore, it is no surprise to her family and friends that she has decided to run on the Republican ticket for the mayor's seat in the borough of Dallas.

Chances are many members of the community have met Maggie Davis and don't even know it. If you've ever had the misfortune of being in an accident or seriously ill, it may have been her reassuring face that looked down at you with a smile to let you know that you

were in good hands. Davis is a trained emergency medical technician (EMT) and has volunteered her time in several Back Mountain fire and ambulance departments over the last 20 years.

Born in Orange, Davis has lived in Dallas most of her life. Her greatest joy is her family. The many pictures on her living room walls show a proud mother of three children and grandmother of seven.

Her husband, Jim, is pleased that she is running for mayor. "She will do a good job," he said, "because she puts

See DAVIS, pg. 8

St. Paul's pulls pews as construction progresses

By M.B. GILLIGAN
Post Correspondent

SHAVERTOWN - The congregation of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown has come one step closer to moving to their new building off Route 118 in Dallas. Most of the pews were recently removed from the present church and are being refinished prior to their placement in the new building.

"I was able to warn the congregation ahead of time, but that was the first thing that brought the move to us," said Reverend Charles Grube, pastor. "Up to this point, all talk was really about something in the distance."

The pews have been replaced with folding chairs, which certainly provide a different look in the stately old church.

"My biggest concern is in taking leave of this place with care. There are 75 years worth of memories here and, more and more often, people are talking about those baptisms and weddings and other special occasions," said Pastor Grube.

"Celebrating the new building when we get there will be such a joyous occasion but we must take the grief involved with leaving here very seriously."

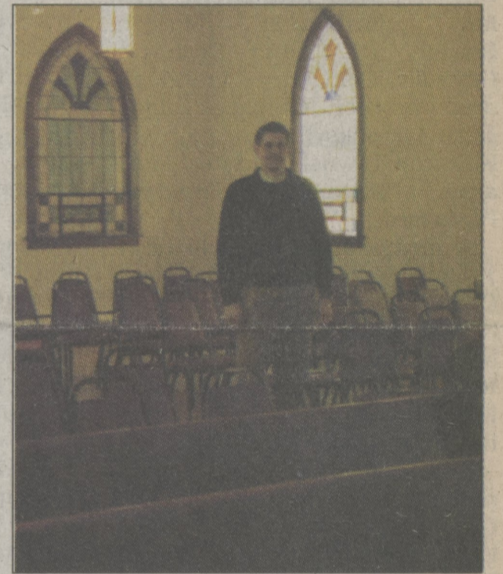
To that end a task force has been organized and is planning some special events. One of those is a Building Fair planned for March 25 were some booths and tables will be set up for special activities. There will be a story corner where long-time members of the congregation will share memories from

the church's history.

The Task Force came up with another idea along those same lines. "We've asked our members to briefly write up their own stories and we're putting little snippets of those in our weekly bulletin," explained Pastor Grube.

The congregation expects to move into the new building around the end of June. The new structure has class-

See ST PAUL'S, pg. 8



POST PHOTO/M.B. GILLIGAN

Rev. Charles Grube stood among the chairs that have replaced many of the pews in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The pews were removed and are being refurbished for use in the new church building that is being constructed.

INDEX

| |
|----------------------|
| 16 Pages, 2 Sections |
| Calendar.....16 |
| Classified.....11-15 |
| Crossword.....16 |
| Editorials.....4 |
| Obituaries.....2 |
| School.....7 |
| Sports.....9-10 |

CALL 675-5211
FOR HOME DELIVERY,
NEWS OR ADVERTISING
E-mail: dalpost@epix.net

Scouts will collect food March 3

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania are Scouting For Food in an effort to help restock emptying shelves of food pantries across the region.

The Scouts placed special door hangers on homes throughout the area asking residents to place bags of nonperishable food on their doorsteps on Saturday, March 3 when the Scouts will return to collect the donations.

Last year, 4,726 Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, with the help of hundreds of adult volunteers, collected over 201,227 pounds of donated food and transported it to emergency food providers throughout Columbia, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna,

Montour, Carbon, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties.

The Scouts are being aided in this project by the Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) - a member of the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Hockey Team, the United Way, and businesses and companies throughout the region.

The three Scout Councils serve 17,586 girls and boys throughout 11 counties in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania. For more information about Scouting for Food or about joining the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, call the Council nearest you.

The Dallas Post

Please enclose this label with any address changes, and mail to The Dallas Post P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612-0366