

# FIRE

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know what they could do to help.

"I'm just kind of stunned right now," she said. "I guess it hasn't hit me yet. I'm anxious to get in there and see what has to be done."

Original Italian Pizza was also closed Tuesday and owner Andrea Tomasino had to cancel orders that had been placed. He was alerted to the fire by a former waitress who called his house before midnight as he was going to bed.

"I just came here and I parked here and I stayed 'til 3 o'clock," Tomasino said. "I feel sorry for everybody, of course."

Marcello and Bruno Ameti, owners of Café Toscana in Wilkes-Barre, opened Fresco Grill and Martini Bar in the former Cuvensee Restaurant in the center just a week ago.

Marcello Ameti said the restaurant experienced smoke and water damage but very little interior smoke damage.

"As I was driving home (from Café Toscana) my brother Bruno called me and said the building was on fire and I stopped in," Marcello Ameti said. "It's unexpected. We will definitely open again as soon as the conditions are suited for."

According to a statement issued by Geisinger, the Geisinger Health Clinic experienced roof



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Business owners gathered Tuesday morning to assess damage and make plans after a fire tore through the Dallas Shopping Center Monday night, damaging most of the stores and offices in the complex.

damage and a broken front door. The clinic was closed Tuesday and was diverting patient appointments to the Geisinger-Kistler Clinic in Wilkes-Barre. Vaccines and other medications from the clinic were taken to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center for refrigeration.

Windsor Davis, of Harveys Lake, visited the Medicine Shoppe Tuesday morning. He said he heard about the fire on the news and was shocked because he frequents the stores and sometimes eats at the Peking Chef.

"It was worse than I thought it was going to be," Davis said after viewing the damage.

Noxen resident Joseph Luketich passed the fire scene Tuesday morning on his way to Thomas' Market in Shavertown.

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Marcello Ameti  
Co-owner, Fresco Bar and Martini Grill

"It's just a shame," he said. "I saw it on TV and stuff but to see it up close, it was pretty devastating."



AIMEE DILGER/ THE DALLAS POST

Dallas Shopping Center businesses suffered heavy damage.



FRED ADAMS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Firefighters battle a Monday night blaze at the Dallas Shopping Center.

## DMS girls cage teams post victories

Dallas Middle School girls basketball teams opened their season with both the seventh and eighth grades posting wins over GAR.

The seventh-grade team easily handled the girls from GAR, grabbing a 28-9 victory.

The eighth-grade team from DMS had a tougher road to victory. Either team could have won this contest but the Dallas girls overcame early stumbles to claim a 26-24 victory.

The girls played Hanover

last weekend at Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

The seventh-grade girls came home with a 36-12 victory after taking charge right from the start and scoring 12 points in the opening quarter while allowing only two for Hanover.

In the second quarter, the DMS girls added another 10 and did not allow any points for the other team. In the third quarter, the girls from Dallas did not score a single point while Hanover made a good showing with 10 points.

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