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A sign is unveiled to announce the construction of a new branch of Pennstar Bank at the corner of Route 309 and East Franklin Street in Shavertown. From left, are John Maday, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; David Raven, CEO of Pennstar Bank; and Tom Capone, Pennstar senior vice-president.

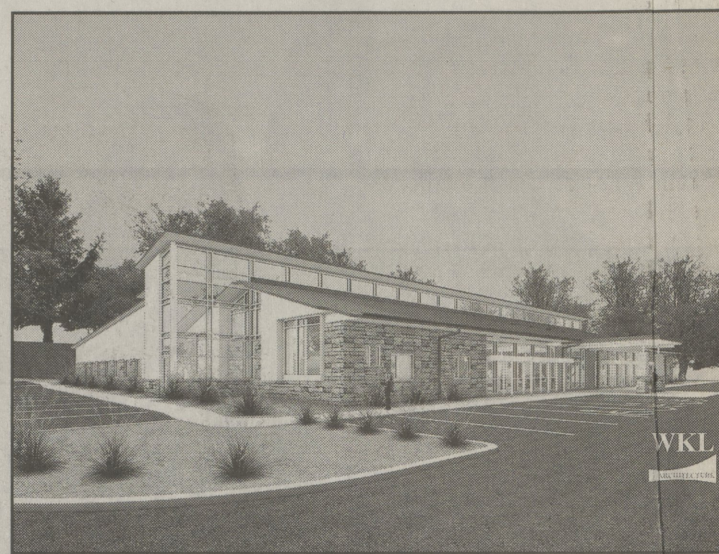
New Geisinger facility coming

Ground will be broken on June 10 for a new 17,000-square-foot Geisinger - Dallas facility.

The clinic, located off Route 309 on Dorchester Drive, will replace the current clinic located in the Dallas Shopping Center.

When completed, the clinic will continue to offer family medicine services under the care of Kara Brezinski-Clark, D.O., and Michael Kovalick, D.O. However, the new, larger facility will provide additional health services, including pediatrics, women's health, radiology, orthopedics, ultrasound, pharmacy and laboratory testing.

"By building a new multi-specialty office, we're able to expand the on-site services we offer and further improve the level of care for our patients," said Dr. Kovalick, lead physician at Geisinger - Dallas. "We



An artist's rendition of the new Geisinger-Dallas facility located on Dorchester Drive.

are committed to our patients in the Back Mountain and continue to work to improve the services and care we provide close to home."

Construction is expected to be

completed in early 2011. In addition, Geisinger will lease space in the new facility to The John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation for an outpatient rehabilitation center.

Ground broken for Pennstar

Pennstar Bank held a groundbreaking ceremony on June 2 to formally announce the construction of a new Back Mountain office.

The office will be located at 183 Memorial Highway at the intersection of East Franklin Street in

Shavertown.

According to Elizabeth Balduino, marketing manager for Pennstar Bank, the current Back Mountain office at 200 Memorial Highway in Dallas, adjacent to the Fuel On gas station, will close when construction of the Shaver-

town office is completed in the fall.

The new Shavertown office will provide full branch services, including a large customer service area, a three-lane drive-up, an ATM drive-up, safe-deposit boxes and multiple entrances and exits.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Sem students receive science awards

Wyoming Seminary Lower School Science Research Group (SRG) students recently earned awards for their research projects at regional and state competitions. Andrew Levandoski, of

Dallas, received the Second Award in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition held at Penn State University.

Matthew Doggett, of Shavertown, received a First Award at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS), North-

east Regional Meeting, held at King's College.

Two receive awards at Seminary

Nicholas Strzeletz, of Dallas, and Mordechai Bell, of Shavertown, received the President's Educational Excellence Awards at Wyoming Seminary Upper School.

CHIELLI, ZERFOSS CITED BY SWIM OFFICIALS



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Joe Moran, a representative from the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Swimming Officials, presents that group's award to Dallas High School swimmers Sarah Zerfoss and Jake Chielli. Chielli was voted outstanding male athlete and Zerfoss was selected as the outstanding female diver.

DHS girls lose D2 title contest

The Valley View girls softball team was not about to allow a repeat of its last two meetings with the Lady Mountaineers of Dallas.

After losing, 1-0, to the girls from Dallas in two straight district semifinals, the Cougars found themselves in that same position Wednesday in the District 2 Class 3A championship game. To make sure history didn't repeat itself, the Valley View girls attacked quickly and got themselves out of trouble.

Alley Stine drove in two runs and threw her third straight playoff one-hitter to lead the Cougars to an 11-1, six-inning romp over Dallas.

Stine was one of just two senior starters in the game, both from Valley View, in a matchup of young but established teams.

The Cougars got it done against the two-time defending champions and pitcher Kristan Baker, who had held them scoreless in the past.

After Valley View took control in the bottom of the first and Stine issued her second walk to open the second, she retired 15 straight to end the game, including nine of her 10 strikeouts.

Valley View broke the game open with five runs in the fifth, including a two-run single by Liz Aniska.

Stine then tripled in one run and Gina Chieffalo singled in another to put the game away on the 10-run rule.

Dallas put Valley View in an early hole when Baker drew a walk to lead off the game, moved to second on Taylor Baker's sacrifice and scored on Mary Kate Kosick's single to right center field.



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Dallas pitcher Kristan Baker starts the D2 championship game against Valley View.

LL JR. HIGH GIRLS TRACK TEAM WINS D2 CHAMPIONSHIP



The Lake-Lehman Junior High girls track team recently won the PIAA District II AA championship in Scranton. Medal winners were Shoshana Mahoney, Kaylee Hillard, Emily Sutton, Amelia Jenkins, Cayle Spencer and Brettne Ritsick. From left, first row, are Shoshana Mahoney, Haley Novitski, Natalie Barker, Lindsay Williams and Brittany Faux. Second row, Emily Sutton, Cassie Salaway, Brettne Ritsick, Courtney McMonagle, Monica Fries, Hannah Bonomo, Lacy Lawson and Ashlee Barker. Third row, Kaila Thomas, Symantha Sharon, Tiffany Malinowski, Amelia Jenkins, Danae Sutliff, Cayle Spencer, Brinley Williams, Rachel Pilch and Kaylee Hillard. Fourth row, Justin Mazer, Tim Sutliff and Gary Grandinetti, coaches.

Kyle Suponic ends season with Misericordia track team

The Misericordia University men's track and field team recently concluded its 2010 season with a seventh-place finish at the MAC outdoor championships.

The Cougars also won their home Narkiewicz Invitational, were seventh at the MAC indoor championships and qualified three athletes for the

ECAC championships.

Sophomore Kyle Suponic, of Shavertown, competed in mid-distance events. He ran 2:40.43 in the 1000m at the Describer Invite. He also placed eighth in the 800m (2:02.78) at the MAC indoor championships and was part of the 4x800 relay team that took third in a school-record 8:14.56.

Suponic ran 4:12.55 in the 1500m at Millersville and placed second in the 800m at the Narkiewicz Invitational in 1:59.19. Also at the Narkiewicz Invite, he was a part of the 4x400m relay team that won in a school-record time of 3:24.78.

Finally, he submitted a personal-best 1:58.50 in the 800m at the MAC outdoor championships.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ferris is gymnastics champ

Jonathan Ferris competed in the 2009-2010 Men's State Championship Gymnastics Meet at West Point Military Academy in West Point, NY.

A seventh-grade student at Dallas Middle School, Ferris is the All-Around State Champion for the 2009-2010 season. He also captured the title of State Champion on the individual events of pommel horse, high bar, floor and parallel bars. He placed second on rings and vault.

Ferris trains at Chenango Gymnastics in New York.

Tennis clinic planned

The Valley Tennis and Swim Club, Harris Hill Road, Shavertown, is accepting registrations for its Jr. Tennis Clinic.

Session 1 runs June 18 through July 16 and Session 2 runs July 23 through Aug. 20.

For more information, contact The Rock Recreation Center at 696-2769.

Rock Rec Center offers basketball camps

The Rock Rec. Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, is accepting registrations for its summer basketball camps for

girls and boys.

Camp dates are: Pre-K through first grade, June 14-18 and July 19-23; second and third grades, June 21-25 and July 26-30; fourth through sixth grades, July 12-16 and August 2-6. All camps are from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Each camper receives a t-shirt, shoe bag and basketball.

Early registration cost is \$75 per week or \$140 for both weeks. After June 1, the cost is \$85 per week or \$150 for both weeks.

For more information, call The Rock Rec. at 696-2769.

Boys basketball clinic slated

The Holy Redeemer Boys Basketball Clinic will be held June 17, 18 and 19 at Holy Redeemer High School gym, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre.

Boys in seventh, eighth and ninth grades will meet from 9 a.m. to noon while boys in fourth, fifth and sixth grades will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact coach Mark Belenski at 262-9562.

Razawich stars for MU track

The Misericordia University women's track and field team recently concluded its 2010 season with a third-place finish at the MAC outdoor championships.

The Cougars also won their home Narkiewicz Invitational, placed second at the MAC indoor meet and qualified four individuals and two relay teams for the ECAC championships.

Senior Robin Razawich, of Dallas, competed in a wide variety of events for the Cougars with a focus on jumping and the heptathlon. She placed third in the high jump (1.52m) at the MAC indoor championships and was also part of the winning 4x200m relay team.

At the MAC outdoor championships, the Dallas High School graduation was part of the winning 4x100 relay team (49.69), took third in the high jump (1.53m) and fourth in the long jump (4.97m). She also placed third in the heptathlon (3,618 points) at MAC outdoors, winning the high jump, long jump and javelin.

Razawich earned all-ECAC honors with an eighth-place finish in the heptathlon (3,483 points) while also placing 10th in the 4x100m relay.