

Dodgeball tournament raises funds for John Heinz Rehab

The Sixth Annual Zachary Shoemaker Dodgeball Tournament will partner with local caregiver Heinz Rehab to raise funds to improve pediatric rehabilitation programming and services for children and families in our region.

Teams of eight players are encouraged to register at dodgeball4zack.org by Wednesday, June 26. Cost is \$15 per person.

More than 300 dodgeball players are anticipated to compete in NEPA's largest charity dodgeball tournament at noon on Sunday, July 14 at the Kingston Armory. Last year's tourney brought 40 teams and raised \$5,300; to date, the tourney has raised over \$14,000.

This family-friendly event has raised \$14,000 for Zachary Shoemaker and his family to help ease the cost of Zack's care after he was critically and permanently injured in a car accident that almost cost him his life. Instead, it cost him his quality of life. Money raised has helped the Shoemaker family purchase helpful equipment, medications not covered by insurance and assist with financial burdens that have resulted from the accident.

Businesses are also asked to donate items to be included in the raffle auction. An in-kind items – a unique gift or experience, gift baskets, gift certificates, trips and activities – are greatly needed and truly appreciated.

The Zachary Shoemaker Dodgeball Tournament began as a one-time relief effort to aid the Shoemaker family as their lives centered around Zack's hospitalization and rehabilitation. While Zack's parents were unable to work, Stef Sikora – Zack's godmother and long-time friend of Traci and Jason Shoemaker – organized the first dodgeball tournament in July 2008 to help them through the difficult time. Family and friends encouraged her to continue hosting the tournament, based on the event's success and recognition. Realizing that the Shoemaker family would face mounds of expenses, Sikora decided to make the tournament an annual event.



Warnagiris will attend Lock Haven

Sarah Warnagiris, of Hunlock, a senior at Holy Redeemer, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Lock Haven University. Warnagiris was The Times Leader Volleyball Player of the Year and was named "Athlete of the Week" by The Times Leader during the fall season. She was the only player in the Wyoming Valley Conference to be named to the Pennsylvania All-State Team by the Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association. She was also the Wyoming Valley Conference Volleyball Player of the Year. From left, first row, are Fran Warnagiris, mother; Sarah Warnagiris, Bob Warnagiris, father. Second row, Anita, Sirak, principal; and JP Aquilina, athletic director.



Wagner receives Donna Blaum Award

The Donna Blaum Award for Outstanding Swimmer of the Year was presented to Dallas swimmer Marcus Wagner by the Wyoming Valley PIAA swimming officials. The award is given in memory of Donna Blaum, a freshman swimmer at Bishop Hoban High School at the time of her passing and is presented to a Double A school swimmer for outstanding swimming achievement during the current season. From left, are Jeffrey Shaffer, principal at Dallas High School; Richard Evans, PIAA official; Marcus Wagner and Romayne Mosier, head swim coach at Dallas High School.



Marcus Wagner, a senior at Dallas High School, signed a letter of intent to swim at Ursinus College in Collegeville this fall. From left, first row, are Heidi Wagner, mother; Marcus Wagner and Barry Wagner, father. Second row, Jeffrey Shaffer, principal; Courtney Wagner, sister; Nancy Roberts, athletic director; Romayne Mosier, head swim coach; and Jenn Swiderski, assistant swim coach.

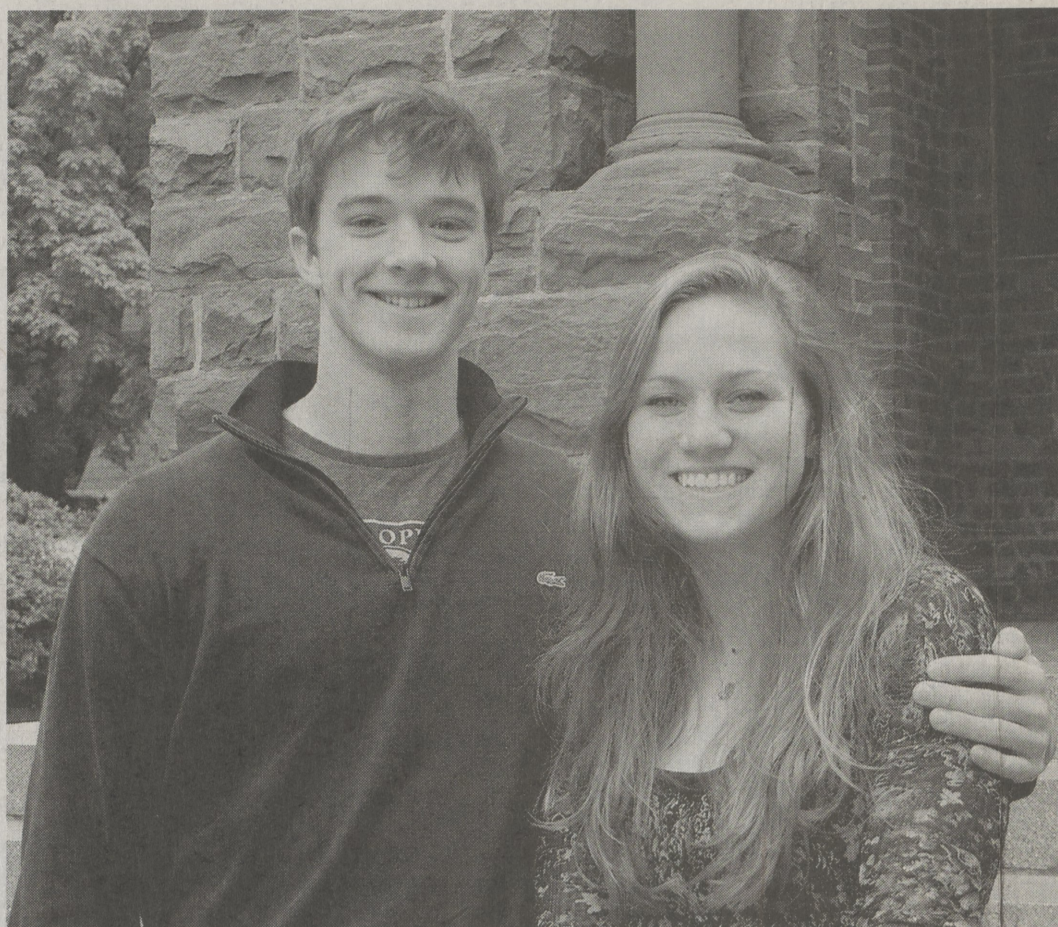
Wagner commits to Ursinus College

Marcus Wagner, a senior at Dallas High School, signed a letter of intent to swim at Ursinus College in Collegeville this fall.

Wagner is a three-time PIAA District II gold medal champion in the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay events. He was a state qualifier for the past three years, bringing home a

fifth, two sixths and a seventh-place finish in the freestyle relay events.

He currently holds four school records at Dallas and six pool records within the Wyoming Valley Conference and has been named Academic All-American by the National Interscholastic Coaches Association.



Frank Henry, left, and Kristen Mericle were recently honored by Wyoming Seminary's Department of Athletics. Absent at the time of the photo was Zachary Wise.

BMT athletes honored at Wyoming Seminary

Wyoming Seminary Upper School Director of Athletics Karen Klassner recently announced Sem's Most Valuable Players, Coaches' Awards and Gold Award winners for spring sports. Athletes who earned four varsity letters or three varsity and one junior varsity letters in their sport receive Gold Awards.

In baseball, Zachary Wise, a senior from Shavertown, received the Gold Award.

In boys lacrosse, senior Frank Henry, of Dallas, received the Gold Award.

In girls lacrosse, senior Kristen Mericle, of Shavertown, received the Blue Knight Award and the Gold Award.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

MARTIN WINS MATH CONTESTS

Tyler Martin, of Shavertown, won second place in the senior division at the 65th Annual LCCTM Mathematics Contest held at Wilkes University. He tied for third place in Level II at the Marywood University Student Mathematics Club contest.

Martin is a member of the Class of 2013 at Wyoming Seminary.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Emily Mackesey, of Shavertown, received a second place \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 2013 Performing Arts Institute (PAI) June 24-August 3 at Wyoming Seminary Upper School, Kingston. She received the scholarships based on her performances at the PAI Gala Scholarship Competition at the Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Forty Fort.

CHARNEY ON DEAN'S LIST

Alyssa Leigh Charney, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list at Clemson University for the spring 2013 semester. She is majoring in English.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

FOUR NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Four area students have been named to the dean's list at Clarion University of Pennsylvania for the spring 2013 semester.

They are Dana Augugliaro, of Dallas; Carla Cilvik, of Harveys Lake; Kiri Koziol, of Noxen; and Elizabeth Lipski, of Shavertown.

Students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 for placement on the dean's list.

HIRTHLER ON DEAN'S LIST

Michael Hirthler, of Shavertown, a senior, was named to the dean's list of Mercer University's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics for the spring 2013 semester.

Inclusion on this list requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards for the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics.

VALENTI ATTENDS HOBY

Christina Valenti, daughter of Len and Lisa Valenti,

of Dallas, joined 250 leaders representing high schools from throughout central and northeast Pennsylvania at the Central Pennsylvania Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY)



Valenti

May 16-19 at Shippensburg University.

Valenti represented Dallas High School.

SWEENEY GRADUATES FROM WILKES

John Michael Sweeney graduated from Wilkes University on May 18 with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Cum Laude) in Accounting and a second degree a Bachelor of Business Administration (Cum Laude) in Management. Sweeney was also named to the dean's list for the spring semester. He was vice president of the Class of 2013. He is a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and of Delta Mu Delta. He received an award for outstanding service to Student Government and Student Life at Wilkes University.

He is the son of John D. Sweeney and Ann M. Burke-Sweeney, of Shavertown, who are also both Wilkes graduates.

REDINSKI GRADUATES

Nicole Redinski, of Shavertown, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in creative writing with an editing and publishing minor as Susquehanna University closed its 155th academic year with annual commencement exercises on May 12. She is the daughter of Robert and Marion Redinski and a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.



Sem music students perform at Gate of Heaven Church

Several string students from Wyoming Seminary's instrumental music department played at the Mass for Pentecost Sunday at Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas recently. In addition to a prelude and another instrumental piece during the Mass, the string players accompanied the congregational and choral singing throughout the service. Members of the choir from Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, joined the Gate of Heaven Adult Choir for the service. Wyoming Seminary string players who participated in the service are, from left, Charlie Wang, People's Republic of China; Kelly Platt, Dallas; Kevin Platt, Dallas; Scott Kwiatek, Lake Ariel, PA; and Jeanne Gensel, Germany.