

# Boback introduces bill to study laws of gas drilling

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) announced recently that she has introduced legislation to direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to perform a comprehensive study of the Commonwealth's current laws and regulations governing the development of natural gas within the Marcellus Shale formation.

"As the unprecedented interest in this natural resource continues to grow, it is important for us to take stock of the laws and regulations we have on the books to ensure that we are effectively protecting our citizens and our environment from the potentially harmful impact of natural gas drilling," said Boback. "If the study uncovers disparities or weaknesses in our laws and regulations, the Legislature can promptly move to ad-

dress them."

House Resolution 729 would direct the LBFC to conduct the study and report its findings, along with recommendations for updates, to the General Assembly. The resolution has been referred to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Boback noted that the Marcellus Shale region covers 60 percent of the Commonwealth and the drilling that is taking place into the shale is deeper than was possible when many of the laws regulating the industry were written.

"There is a lot at stake for Pennsylvania when it comes to the Marcellus Shale," said Boback. "It is important that we take a reasoned and informed approach to addressing the issue of drilling. Responsible drilling must be our foremost concern."

## CHURCH BRIEFS

**Roast beef dinner set**  
The Lutheran Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Dallas will hold its second roast beef supper on Saturday, May 15, at the church, Route 118, Dallas.

The family-style dinner will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m. with takeouts beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Reservations are encouraged by calling 675-3859, although tickets will also be available at the door.

**Baked chicken dinner slated**  
A baked chicken dinner will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, Huntsville Road, next to the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

The menu will include a half-baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, cranberry sauce and home-

made pie.  
The cost of the dinner is \$8. For tickets, call 675-9802.

**Pastie sale**  
The regular monthly pastie sale of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, May 27. Orders are due Monday, May 24, by calling 477-5219.

**Bake sale planned**  
A Memorial Day weekend bake sale will be held after all masses on Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30, at Our lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.  
Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

**Music event planned**  
The American Red Cross and the Salvation Army are joining forces to present "Music of Hope for the Silent City" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at the River of Life Fellowship Ekklesia Coffeehouse, 22 Outlet Rd., Lehman.



Stephen Radicchi, kleft, of Montdale, and Jacob Falls, of Shavertown, look over a salamander at the Lands at Hillside Farms. CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

# Catching minnows in the creek at The Lands

Children – and their parents – had fun attempting to catch minnows in the creek at the Lands at Hillside Farms on April 25 when Rick Koval, a naturalist with the North Branch Land Trust, conducted a live minnow trapping and exploring event.



Rick Koval, a naturalist with the North Branch Land Trust, explains how fish enter traps during a tour at the Lands at Hillside Farms.

## DUMC HONORS ACOLYTES



The Dallas United Methodist Church honored its acolytes on April 25 with a special service honoring their service and dedication to the church. The acolytes were awarded certificates and a special gift to show how much their services mean to the church. The acolyte program, under the direction of Cheryl Miskiel, has grown to over 15 children. From left, first row, are Felicia Brittain, Shawn Coates, Katie Zimmerman, Alexis Lanza and Kiley Brittain. Second row, Allison Spencer, Haley Zimmerman, Alyssa Horvath, Madison Stambaugh, Shawn Spencer, Taylor Bolesta and Logan Stambaugh. Back row, Rev. Earl Roberts, pastor. Absent at the time of the photo were Emily Crahall, Hunter Nice, Krista Zimmerman and Melyssa Goode and Cheryl Miskiel, acolyte director.

## SCOUTS ASSIST WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP AUCTION



The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors was recently assisted by Boy Scout Troop 146 from Jackson Township at its annual Municipal Surplus Auction at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. The Scouts served food and refreshments in an attempt to fund their community projects in Jackson Township and the Back Mountain. From left, first row are Boy Scouts Parker Dieffenbach, Tyler Manzoni and Justin Marshall. Second row, Tommy Calpin, Cris Ercolani, Liam Frederick, Ryan Marshall and Thomas Manzoni. Third row, Molly Murphy, Jackson Township Road Department; John J Wilkes Jr., chairman, Jackson Township supervisors; George Manzoni and Dr. Richie Huntington, Troop #146 Scout leaders.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Italian concert slated at Seminary**  
The Wyoming Seminary/Performing Arts Institute Civic Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of opera giants Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini in an all-Italian concert titled "Opera Italiana: A Nation Finds Its Voice" at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 10, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, just north of Kingston Corners.

The concert is free and open to the public.  
For more information call 270-2190.

**Friendly's sponsors Lock-In fundraiser**  
The Dallas Lock-In Committee will hold a fundraiser 5

to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, at Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas. A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Lock-In on eat-in and take-out orders.

The Lock-In is an alcohol-free, drug-free, fully chaperoned, all-night party for the graduating class on June 4.

**Sem dancers plan performance**  
The Wyoming Seminary Dance Company will present its annual performance, "Dance Creations," at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, in the Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Avenue, Kingston.

An exhibit of photographs by the students of photography instructor Mira Torbin also will

be on display in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center, beginning at 7 p.m.  
For more information, call 270-2190.

**Lock-In fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's**  
Back Mountain residents are asked to support the Dallas High School Grad Lock-In by eating in or taking food out at T.G.I. Friday's in Wilkes-Barre any Wednesday or Thursday until May 20.

A portion of sales will be donated to the Lock-In and coupons must be presented to servers. Coupons can be printed from the Dallas School District website.

**Lock-In Committee sets meetings**

The Dallas High School 2010 Graduation Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, in the high school library.

There will be a final, mandatory run-through for all those working the night of the lock-in at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, at the high school.

Students are asked to e-mail a baby or toddler photo and a senior photo to lockinpics@comcast.net for the Lock-In video.

**DHS Class of 1985 plans reunion**  
The Dallas High School Class of 1985 will hold its 25-year reunion the weekend of May 29-30.

The group will meet at 10:10 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, for a

guided tour of the old and new high schools. Families are welcome.

The official reunion party will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, at the Irem Temple Country Clubhouse and a family picnic will follow at noon on Sunday, May 30, at Valley Swim & Tennis Club.

For more information or to register for reunion activities, call 206-853-9207 or e-mail dallashighschool1985@yahoo.com.

**Northwest class plans anniversary**  
The Northwest Class of 1990 is currently seeking addresses of classmates for the 20th anniversary reunion set for Saturday, July 24, at the Shickshinny American Legion.

Addresses should be forwarded to Sherry Cross at 256-6033 or by e-mail to scross572@epix.net.

**DHS Class of 1970 plans reunion**  
The Dallas High School Class of 1970 will hold its 40th anniversary reunion from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, July 30, at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas.

There will be an open bar, food, music and great memories. Members of the classes of 1968m 1969 and 1971 who missed their class reunions are invited.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to make a reservation by calling Sally Cyphers Johnson at 690-6771 or Scott Lefko at 410-848-9124.