

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

# Resident urges council to slow down gas drilling

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Resident Michelle Boice on Tuesday night asked that borough council take an active role in slowing down natural gas drilling activity.

She cited the incident near Clearfield, Pa. as an example of what could happen. In that western Pennsylvania incident, a gas well in an uninhabited area blew out, spewing drilling mud and natural gas for hours before it was brought under control.

She detailed the long road the borough and residents have traveled to maintain and keep Harveys Lake clean. Boice also cited how the state Department of Environmental Protection refuses to give out any more sewer permits and will not allow a resident to build a dock because of a "certain type of micro organism living there."

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Radel told Boice he has been in contact with state Rep. Karen Boback and state Sen. Lisa Baker regarding the gas drilling.

"I have been gathering information," Radel said. "I am trying to push for state help."

In other matters, updates of the borough's comprehensive plan and storm water basin inspections were approved and two new part-time police officers were hired.

The officers, Gina Kotowski and Jared Kittle, were hired at \$13.75 per hour to cover shifts during other officers' summer vacations.

With \$60,000 from a Community Development grant in their pockets, council approved Wilkes-Barre engineering firm Michael J. Pasonick Jr. and Associates to help conduct studies to

update the municipality's comprehensive plan.

The current plan is dated 1974 through 1990. Council President Fred Kopko said it covers subjects such as traffic studies, projection of population, vacant land, housing, economic and transportation goals.

It serves as a guide to what is currently in the borough and how it might continue to grow, he said.

Council member Rich Williams III announced that during the next few weeks, storm water basins will be inspected and repairs made as needed by the borough's road crew. The crew has a map and a schedule to visit each basin but if residents are aware of any that are severely damaged they can contact Williams through the borough office.

## GEISINGER BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW CLINIC



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Geisinger Health System broke ground on a new 17,000 square foot Geisinger-Dallas facility on June 20. The clinic, to be located on Route 309 on Dorchester Drive, will replace the current clinic located in the Dallas Shopping Center. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2011. Shown here during the ground-breaking ceremony are, from left, Michael Kovalick, D.O Geisinger-Dallas; Glenn Howell, Dallas Township secretary/treasurer; Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll, PA State Rep. Karen Boback, PA State Senator Lisa Baker and Dr. John Gardiner, Geisinger.

### DALLAS TOWNSHIP

# Company will pay for right to lay pipeline in township

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An oil and natural gas company has asked township officials if it can lay pipeline underneath township property in return for money.

Two officials from Chief Oil & Gas attended the supervisors meeting on June 15 in search of an answer as to whether or not they can lay pipeline under a parcel of township owned land.

Supervisor Glenn Howell said the land is along a gravel road off the Old Tunkhannock Highway. The gravel road leads to a Little League field and some other things, he said.

Township solicitor Attorney Thomas Brennan confirmed the company is offering "a substantial amount" of money to the township to lay the pipeline, though Brennan would not disclose the amount.

Brennan said there is no question is to the legality of allowing

the company to lay the pipe underneath township land. However, he said he first wants to walk to the land to know what is involved.

The officials from the company are also wondering what they would have to do if they wanted to lay pipe under or along the township's right-of-way. They said over 20 miles of pipeline is planned coming from the north and terminating east of Dallas High School.

Brennan asked if the officials could provide a copy of the right-of-way usage agreement they have with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Brennan told the officials that he would have more information for them at the next supervisors meeting on July 6.

#### Project bid awarded

A bid for a paving and drainage project on Main and Campground roads was awarded to Popple Construction, the lowest

bidder, at a cost of \$147,530 for Main Road and \$56,642.33 for Campground Road.

Vice chairman of supervisors Frank Wagner previously said the project will consist of paving Main Road from the Kingston Township line to Route 309, as well as all of Campground Road.

#### Resident asks for road to be paved

George Stolarick, who said he has lived on Ridge Street for the past 45 years, asked the supervisors to consider paving his road.

Stolarick said although there are only three houses on his road, a total of eight families use the road to access their homes.

"I'd appreciate it if you could get it in your schedule," Stolarick said.

Wagner said the township still has about 11 miles of dirt road. Chairman of supervisors Phil Walter told Stolarick, "It's not in the cards right now."



"Changing Habits" will provide entertainment at the annual Gate of Heaven Church Bazaar. From left, seated, are Sheila Bonawitz and Marilyn O'Connell. First row, Jeanmarie Harding, Kippie Morgan, Fran Rismondo, Linda McDermott. Second row, Jackie Soper, Carol Carroll, Anna Winkler, Marcia Matthews, Mary Beth Banos, Joanie Gilbertson, Faythe Roberts.

# 'Changing Habits' will entertain at annual Gate of Heaven bazaar

The 16th Annual Gate of Heaven Church Bazaar will be held June 24, 25 and 26 on the church grounds, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas.

Several of the featured entertainment acts are: Gate of Heaven's own Changing Habits which is a very upbeat show that will encourage and delight the audience.

The Magic of Bill Dickson offers plenty of comedy and audience participation with cool illusions.

A talented juggler in Robert J. Smith can mesmerize any age group as he flawlessly juggles five balls, fire torches and rings, not to mention flying knives with razor sharp accuracy and a chainsaw - a true crowd sensation.

Tux, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

Penguins mascot, will greet the crowd.

Returning again this year are the very energetic and purely authentic outstanding dances of the Emerald Isle Step Dancers.

The Kids Talent always provides entertainment that amazes and pleases the audience.

#### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**  
6 p.m. - Kids Talent Show  
7:45 p.m. - Robert J Smith, juggler  
8:30 p.m. - Free Raffle for Kids downstairs in the gym  
8:30 p.m. - Shane Panagokus/Jonathan Higgins on guitars

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

**Karaoke Night** - Participants can sign up with the DJ. from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**6:30 p.m.** - Tux, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins mascot, will walk around the grounds

**7 p.m.** - Bill Dickson, magician, will perform downstairs on the gym stage

**9 p.m.** - Vinnie Amarando, Nick and Mike Morrison on guitars and drum

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
5:30 p.m. - Step by Step Praise Band from the Shavertown Methodist Church

**7 p.m.** - Emerald Isle Irish Step Dancers

**8 p.m.** - Changing Habits

**10 p.m.** - Raffle drawings

## HARVEYS LAKE LEGION HOLDS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



The Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 held a Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 30. Members gathered to celebrate and honor soldiers and veterans who have offered their service in the armed forces throughout the years. Special tribute was paid to the loss of Post Commander Larry Lucarino. Senator Lisa Baker offered remarks at the ceremony. From left, are Richard Heuer, Bernie Castillo, Acting Commander Ray Hillman, Tom Gallagher, Charlie Ritts, Harvey's Lake Mayor Clarence Hogan, Jeffrey Swingle, Senator Baker, Bud Costigan, Mary Mital and Charles Schrauch.

## Dallas Middle School Chorus to perform with Andrew Rieu

When world-renowned Dutch violinist, conductor and composer André Rieu takes to the stage at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza on Monday, June 21, he will be joined by fourth through eighth-grade singers predominantly from the Dallas Middle School Select Chorus.

Together, they will perform Michael Jackson's "Earth Song" as a special tribute to the late singer.

Under the direction of Hollie

Major, the Dallas Middle School Select Chorus has sung at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey games, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees minor league baseball games, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers arena football games, the state capitol building, local nursing homes, Fine Arts Fiestas and holiday luncheons.

Rieu brings his unique brand of chart-topping classical music with the "Celebration of Music"

2010 North American Tour.

Billboard magazine has named Rieu's 2009 tour as the sixth best seller of the year with more than 835,000 tickets sold worldwide (in league with such superstars as U2, the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, AC/DC and Madonna).

Rieu has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide and was the biggest solo male touring artist of 2009.

## BMT organization cancels dog show, returns registration fees

A dog show scheduled for June 12 at Lake-Lehman High School was cancelled.

An e-mail received by The Dallas Post stated that the show, sponsored by the KnightsCommunity Ski & Snowboard Association (KCSSA), had been cancelled by the organization.

The e-mail indicates that the KCSSA has returned all registra-

tion fees to entrants and asks that anyone who showed up for last-minute registration to send their name, address and information to KCSSA, P.O. Box 133, Lehman, PA 18627.

The e-mail further states that the idea behind the club is to keep children active, out of trouble while being part of a winter sport.

The funds intended to be raised by the dog show would have paid for the cost of busing students to and from Sno Mountain.

Due to the cancellation of the event, the KCSSA will cease to exist and any unpaid transportation balance of the past season will be paid by the advisors of the club.