

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

Resident wants complex to benefit from drilling money

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If the Back Mountain Recreation Complex receives revenue from a natural gas lease with EnCana Oil & Gas, the organization should donate some of it to the township's police force, said township resident Ron Ritts at Monday's board of supervisors meeting.

Ritts referred to a story in the June 20 edition of The Dallas Post that reported that the BMRC had signed a lease with the gas company to drill horizontally deep underneath the organization's 130-acre property without disturbing the surface.

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BMRC "a long, long time ago" to provide police coverage and security for the complex which includes soccer fields, football and lacrosse fields. Supervisor Ray Iwanoski concurred that anticipating revenue from the lease is premature "if and when drilling occurs."

Ritts also asked Sutton why the board has never led the "Pledge of Allegiance" before each meeting. Sutton said the pledge has never been said in the 20 years he has been on the board.

"I think you should consider it," Ritts said.

In other business, Jean Harris, of 46 Deer Park Rd., asked the board for help in condemn-

ing a house across the street from hers. The house, which belongs to her sister, Carole Niezgodka, who is in a nursing home, is littered with debris, inside and out.

Harris said she sought help from the state's Department of Health and was told the township has the authority to condemn properties.

Sutton sympathized with Harris but said the township has no authority over such matters.

"We have nothing in our ordinances that we're aware of that we have the authority to condemn," Sutton said. "It's a sad situation. If we can do something, we'll be happy to help."



DON CAREY PHOTO/ THE DALLAS POST

Times Leader King for a Day Father's Day Contest winner Anthony Martinelli poses with his wife, Patty, and daughter, Joell.

He's 'King for a Day'

Former Dallas Middle School principal wins newspaper's Father's Day contest.

At one time, he was the principal at the Dallas Middle School.

Today, he is King for a Day, having won The Times Leader's Father's Day Contest.

The contest asked family members to submit a funny picture of dad. The photo was posted on the newspaper's website and visitors to the site were asked to vote for their favorite photo.

The photo submitted by Martinelli's daughter, Joell, received the most votes and Martinelli was crowned King for a Day.

The photograph, taken five years ago at the dedication of the Dallas Middle School's new pool, shows Martinelli hovering, fully clothed from his tie right down to his shoes, two meters above the water line of the pool.

With crumpled brow and open mouth signaling a war cry, legs folded beneath his trunk and shoulders cocked back, Martinelli prepares for the final motions of



This photo of Anthony Martinelli was the first-place winner in an online contest sponsored by The Times Leader. Martinelli, of Durysa, is a former principal of the Dallas Middle School.

a cannonball.

Martinelli's intention was to involve the students in celebrating renovations at the school. He managed to keep his plans for the stunt a secret from the students.

After climbing the steps to the pool's high dive, Martinelli handed his watch to a teacher and asked the approximately 750 students in attendance if they would like to see him jump.

Of course they did - and the principal obliged, much to the delight of those in the audience.

The photo received about 85 percent of the more than 200

votes cast at www.timesleader.com

As King for a Day, Martinelli won over \$8,000 in gift certificates and prizes in the contest, including eight luxury box tickets to see a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees game, a limousine ride to the game from Nasser Limousine Service, a \$500 shopping spree at the Mall at Steamtown and a watch valued at more than \$800 from Steve Pronko Jewelry.

The 59-year-old Martinelli and his wife, Patty, also have a son, A.J., and two grandchildren.

Dallas fireworks ordinance is enforced

Dallas Borough residents are reminded of the borough ordinance prohibiting the storage, selling, keeping for sale or discharging of any kind of fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, caps, guns, pistols, revolvers, canes, cannons or other substances, things or appliances designed or intended for noise-making or for pyrotechnic dis-

play within the limits of the Borough of Dallas, except under the issuance of a special permit from Dallas Borough for public exhibitions of fireworks under the direct supervision of experts.

The Dallas Borough Police Department will patrol and strictly enforce this ordinance. Any person, firm or corporation

convicted of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to fines and penalties.

Please refer any questions pertaining to the enforcement of borough regulations to the Dallas Borough administrative offices at 675-1389 or the Dallas Borough Police Department at 675-0161.

Baker's legislation honors fallen state troopers

The State Senate has approved legislation sponsored by Senator Lisa Baker (R-20) that would designate I-84 from Lackawanna County to the PA/New York state line as the "Fallen Trooper Memorial Highway."

Baker said the designation would honor PA State Police officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the safety and security of the

Commonwealth.

"The 93 troopers who gave their lives for the protection of the Commonwealth deserve to be officially honored and remembered for their service," Baker said. "The designation of I-84 as the 'Fallen Trooper Memorial Highway' is a way we can publicly recognize their sacrifice and extend our thanks and appreciation to the surviving members of their

families."

Senate Bill 1320 is supported by both the PA State Police and the PA State Troopers Association.

The PA State Police, created by Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker on May 2, 1905, became the first uniformed police organization of its kind in the United States and a model for other state police agencies throughout the nation.

FIFTY YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG



The 2010 Sweet Valley Fire Company's Annual Memorial Weekend Fair and Parade marked its 50th anniversary. Senator Lisa Baker presented fire company volunteers with a Senate citation to commemorate the occasion. From left, are Stan Davis, first assistant fire chief; Senator Baker; Lester Lynn, Jr., fire chief; Dan Rood, deputy fire chief; Dave Pall, president; Representative Karen Boback; and John Oley, second assistant fire chief.

Martha Bellas will celebrate 100th birthday on June 29

Martha Bellas, a resident at The Laurels, Third Avenue, Kingston, will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 29.

Born and raised in Kingston where she resided for most of her life, Martha is the youngest of three sisters born to the late Joseph and Clara Bellas. Her older sisters, Edna Rebennack and Elenore Vivian, are both deceased.

A 1928 graduate of Kingston High School and a 1930 graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Martha is a member of



Martha Bellas

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

She worked as an office manager for the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Association for more than 60 years.

Upon retiring, she worked for her nephews at Appliance Parts and Supply Company until she was 97 years old. She has three living neph-

ews, Bob, Allen and Ted Rebennack.

Throughout her life, Martha was an avid golfer, loved car rides and meals at local restaurants. She drove her own car well into her 90's. She enjoys reading the newspaper and visits from her family members, including six great nieces and 12 great-great-nieces and nephews.

A birthday celebration with family, friends and residents was held on June 26 at The Laurels.

LEGION HOLDS FLAG BURNING CEREMONY



Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 conducted its annual flag burning at the Post home assisted by members of Boy Scouts of Troop 581 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Ron Santora. Commander Joe Kelley conducted a ceremony prior to the burning of the flags on Flag Day.

DAY CARE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FLAG



Rev. William Lewis, chaplain of the Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672, gave a presentation on the American flag to day care attendees at Adventures in Learning in Dallas. This is an annual event held in conjunction with Flag Day. Also present were Commander Joe Kelley, John Emil Sr., Charles Fleming and Clarence J. Michael.