

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Supers urged to hold off on pipe-laying easement

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Dallas Post correspondent

"Drill Bill suddenly lives in Fox Hollow," said a resident at Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting, referring to proposed natural gas drilling in the area.

Several members of the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition, a local grass-roots organization, as well other township residents pressed the supervisors to hold off on allowing Chief Oil & Gas Company to obtain a 100 ft. easement for the purpose of laying a gas line through township property.

The natural gas company,

headquartered in Dallas, Texas, approached the township about obtaining an easement allowing the company to install the gas line, which would eventually connect to the Trans-Atlantic Pipeline, across a recreation field adjacent to the municipal building. The line would run along a stone fence near a baseball field off Old Tunkhannock Highway.

Chief officials also asked the township for permission to run the line under township roads, solicitor Tom Brennan said. The township would gain revenue of approximately \$100,000 from the company to allow for the easement in the

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recreation area, plus the value of the trees, which must be clear-cut, Brennan added.

Brennan said he and zoning officer Len Kozick toured the proposed site of the gas line at the recreation field.

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seems financially good and well controlled and in everyone's best interest, but we want to investigate more."

Brennan is trying to gather as much information as possible about the issue before advising the board because the state has jurisdiction and there isn't much the township can do to stop the process.

"The township itself has a small link in this big pie," he said. "We can put our foot down and say 'no,' but it's not going to stop things."

The Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition members said they're planning to organize a public forum in the near future

for the purpose of gathering as much information as possible about Marcellus Shale drilling.

In other business...
• The board voted to contribute 25% (\$2,625) toward the cost of the Dallas School District's DARE program.

Due to decreased revenue and increases in expenditures, Kingston Township can no longer provide funding for the program on its own and asked each municipality in the district to share the cost, dependent on the percentage of students who live in each district.

• The board also voted to hire John M. Mendygral as a part-time police officer.

ROSS TOWNSHIP

No support for consolidation

By EILEEN GODIN
Dallas Post Correspondent

Ross Township supervisors passed a resolution Tuesday evening to support the Pennsylvania State Association for Township Supervisors against two state bills aimed at eliminating local municipalities.

Township supervisors signed an agreement which will be sent to state representatives, asking them not to support House Bill 2431. The bill, if passed, will make a constitutional amendment eliminating all levels of government below the county. The proposed law would give county government the oversight of roads, zoning, sanitation and law enforcement, to name a few.

Currently, the bill is before the House Local Government Committee.

With troubles still looming over Luzerne County, supervisors scoffed at the idea of elim-

inating municipal governments. Under this bill, the commission could decide to do away with a municipality if it is found unable to "provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents or if it has a declining population or a population under 400."

Senate Bill 135 plans to "create a boundary commission to review and recommend changes to local government borders in the commonwealth." Under this bill, the commission could decide to do away with a municipality if it is found unable to "provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents or if it has a declining population or a population under 400."

Chairman Stan Davis said the supervisors sent a letter to State Representative Karen Boback, R-Harveys Lake, in the earlier part of the year regarding state Bill 2431, but will do so again.

• **In other news ...**
• Resurfacing work on Booth Road could begin as soon as the heat wave breaks.

Booth Road, a dirt road, is showing signs of wear, said supervisor David Williams. He said the material, designed to prevent erosion, is beginning to show in spots. A new surface, using driving surface aggregate known as DSA, will be applied.

DSA is a mixture of crushed stone which creates a hard, durable driving surface for unpaved roads. Under a state contract, Williams said the hauling and material cost would estimate about \$10,000.

• Due to a conflict with schedules, supervisors have changed the August meeting date to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the municipal building.

ROTARY DONATES TO CAMP CADET



The Rotary Club of Dallas recently made a donation to the PA State Police Troop "P" Camp Cadet program. The program is an all-expense paid, one-week camp experience for young people who may have an interest in law enforcement as a career. From left, are Trooper Tom Kelly, Camp Cadet director; Joseph Frank, president of the board of directors of Troop "P" Camp Cadet; Sandy Peoples, president of the Rotary Club of Dallas; Jim Kozemchak, Camp Cadet board member; and Bob Edgerton, Camp Cadet treasurer.

WALIGUN IS ART AWARD WINNER



The 2010 Outstanding Art Student Award was presented to Blaise Waligun at the Sixth-Grade Annual Awards Day Program held recently at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. From left, are Selena Vols, art teacher; Blaise Waligun and Marilyn Glogowski, principal.

Ranch Wagon opens another location

Ranch Wagon owners Allan and Barbara Roberts have opened another location at Pikes Creek Raceway Park on Route 118, Pikes Creek.

Raceway owners Greg and Anne Marie Zimmerman team up with the Back Mountain eatery

and are offering the same menu items that are served at the Route 309 location.

Open seven days a week, Ranch Wagon at Pikes Creek Raceway Park hours are 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Locals are on PSU dean's list

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at the Pennsylvania State University for the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year:

Joshua Aciukewicz, Trucksville, University Park; Kelsey T. Amy, Sweet Valley, University Park; Abigail A. Bachman, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Marley K. Bross, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Elizabeth A. Carey, Dallas, University Park; Rachel T. Chin, Dallas, University Park; Jill M. Chocallo, Dallas, University Park; Daniel P. Considine, Dallas, University Park

Also, Jeffrey A. Decker, Dallas, University Park; Lisa M. Desando, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Mia E. Esop, Dallas, University Park; Serena A. Fulton, Dallas, University Park; Irene R. Ghezzi, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Amanda E. Gongleski, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Timothy B. Graham, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Scott M. Grundowski, Dallas, University Park

Also, Laura J. Hadsall, Trucksville, University Park; Jessica L. Herb, Harveys Lake, Worthington Scranton;

Jessica L. Herb, Harveys Lake, Worthington Scranton; Karen J. Hynes, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Kathryn Juunt, Shavertown, University Park; Megan A. Jordan, Dallas, University Park; Joshua M. Kintner, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Amanda D. Kretchmer, Shavertown, Wor-

thington Scranton; Laura E. Kurrelo, Lehman, Wilkes-Barre; Erica M. Lisses, Shavertown, University Park

Also, Alyson G. Midwinter, Trucksville, Hazleton; Megan A. Millo, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Giryes J. Nijme, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Rebekah L. Nulton, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Lori Ostrowski, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Michael D. Pelleschi, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Thomas M. Perry, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Nicole A. Pisacano, Shavertown, University Park; Zachary T. Polin, Shavertown, Altoona; Kenneth L. Pollock, Dallas, University Park

Also, Michael D. Race, Dallas, University Park; Laura A. Raczkowski, Trucksville, Wilkes-Barre; Kaitlin A. Rando, Dallas, Harrisburg; Justin F. Rice, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Loren E. Roderick, Harveys Lake, University Park; Michael P. Session, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Kyle A. Smyth, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Clinton P. Sorber, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Robert Stanski, Harveys Lake, Wilkes-Barre; Sara T. Stepanski, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Scott D. Summa, Lehman, Wilkes-Barre

Also, Derek J. Toole, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Maxwell S. Winters, Trucksville, Worthington Scranton; Michael G. Zaleskas, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; and Noah J. Zurad, Shavertown, University Park

BETA SIGMA INITIATES NEW MEMBERS



At a recent luncheon meeting of Beta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Michele Kollar, Patricia Harrison and Janice Slimak were initiated. The luncheon was held at the Order of the Eastern Star building in Dallas. All three initiates are teachers in the Lake-Lehman School District. From left, are Kollar, Harrison and Slimak.

Dodgeball tourney aids accident victim

More than 250 people will play in the Third Annual Zachary Shoemaker Dodgeball Tournament today, July 11, at the Kingston Armory.

Since its inception in 2008, the event has raised more than \$2,200 to benefit the Zachary Bryden Shoemaker Foundation.

Zachary and his mother were involved in a car accident on Lower Demunds Road in Dallas

on Memorial Day 2008.

Three-year-old Zack was life-flighted to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville where he survived brain surgery and spent several weeks in a coma.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Stephanie Sikora at 574-5945 or via e-mail at iwudbestef@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

DEMICKI - Helen Tanalski, 94, of Fairmount Township, Benton, died on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at Bonham's Nursing and Rehabilitation Home, Stillwater.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on October 8, 1915, she was a member of St. Martha's Church, Stillwater. During World War II, she was employed as a counter-sinker for airplanes in Detroit, Mich. Later in life, she was employed for 20 years as a seamstress at Karen's

Sportswear of Harveys Lake and Sweet Valley. She retired in 1978.

Surviving are her three children, Frances Johnson; David, Benton; and Andrew, of Dallas; three sisters, Martha Usdavin, Stratford, Conn.; Wanda Tanalski and Anne Ackerman, Wilkes-Barre; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to The Shickshinny Food Pantry, First UMC, East Butler Street, Shick-

shinny, PA 18655.

McROY - Wayne L. Sr., 64, of Beaumont, died on Friday, July 2, 2010 at home.

Born on November 24, 1945 in Harveys Lake, he was retired from American Asphalt Paving Co., Shavertown, after 35 years of service.

Surviving are his children, Patricia Franks, of Plymouth; Wayne Jr., of Noxen; Jessica, of Wilkes-Barre, and Stephanie, of Nanticoke; five grandchildren;

brothers, Floyd Jr. and David, both of Harveys Lake; sisters, Ruth Jackson, of Dallas; Doris Bonk, of Glen Lyon; Beverly Elliott, of Harveys Lake; and Phyllis Yoh, of Shavertown; nieces and nephews.

NEWELL - Doris S. Newell, 91, died on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at the Star Hill Rest Home, Beaumont.

Born in Beaumont on December 15, 1918, she and her late husband, Russell P. Newell, owned

and operated the former Newell's General Store in Noxen for many years. She was a member of the Noxen Bible Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons, Russell G., of Dallas; and Joseph L., of Noxen; daughters, Jean Winters, of Noxen; and Joan Freeman, of Canby, Minn.; sisters, Lois Ransom and Joyce Chapin, both of Nicholson; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Noxen Bible Baptist Church,

3622 State Route 29 S, Noxen, PA 18636 or Child Evangelism Fellowship of Wyoming and Sullivan Counties, PO Box 73, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

SCOTT - James William, 77, of Tunkhannock, died on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Mercy Tyler Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on January 10, 1933, he is survived by sisters, Mildred Lucille Ryder, Fairfield; and Emma Alice Berkel, Reading; numerous nieces and nephews.