

BORTONS HOST JACK-O-LANTERN PARTY



Family members and friends of Mike and Amy Borton, of Dallas, created these jack-o-lanterns to celebrate the Halloween season. From left, first row, are McKenna Dolan, Sean Dolan. Second row, Ryan Borton, Julia Kocher, Nick Kocher, Brody Strickland, Andrew Francis, Hollie Holthaus, Adam Borton, Alison Francis, Megan Borton, Sydney Strickland. Third row, Matt Dolan, Maddie Federici, Ty Federici, Zach Holthaus, Mallory Wilson and Kenley Cutter.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Fracking begins on Zosh Rd.

By EILEEN GODIN  
Dallas Post Correspondent

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The hydraulic fracking process has begun on the natural gas drilling site owned by Paul and Amy Salansky off Zosh Road in Lake Township.

At Wednesday night's supervisors meeting, supervisor Amy Salansky forwarded what EnCana Oil and Gas told her.

The fracking process will be louder but will only be done during daytime hours and will last two to five weeks.

"They will not be fracking at night," Salansky said.

Hydraulic fracking is a process when large amounts of water combined with chemicals and sand are forced into the underground shale formations to release natural gas.

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Salansky is unsure of exactly how many trucks to expect since EnCana "downsized" the horizontal drilling.

Originally, she said, EnCana was supposed to drill about 6,000 feet horizontally. "They only drilled about 2,500 feet," Salansky said. "I am not sure why they downsized."

In other news ...

Burkhard von Schmeling, owner of AE Technologies located on the corner of

School House Road and Tulip Road, sought approval to proceed with enclosing a 14 by 30 foot area which is close to neighbor Marianne Ferguson's property.

Although he is currently going through the proper channels with the Luzerne County Zoning Department for the side yard variance for an addition, von Schmeling said his hearing is not until December 7 and wants to pour concrete before the frost sets.

The building currently has a roof extending over the area. He said prior use of this area was to house a school bus. He plans to utilize the roof and build a foundation,

floor and walls to make a storage area for his automotive equipment business.

Ferguson said she has no problem with the building encroaching upon her property line.

Township attorney Mark McNealis said, with the neighbor in agreement, he could write an indemnification, stating von Schmeling can pour the footers and begin building the addition at his own risk. McNealis stated von Schmeling will have to face costs and take responsibility should the Luzerne County Zoning Board rule against the variance. The proposal was agreed to by von Schmeling.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Khoudary receives honorable mention

Gate of Heaven sixth-grade student Anthony Khoudary received an Honorable Mention in the Diocese of Scranton Final Fall Forensic Individual Competition at Our Lady of Peace on November 4.

After placing fifth in the Junior Varsity Regional Diocesan Competition at Good Shepard Academy, Khoudary advanced to final competition in Clarks Green.

Dr. Ghilani named society president

Dr. Charles D. Ghilani,

Professor of Engineering at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, recently became the inaugural president of the newly-formed Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SAGES).

A resident of Sweet Valley, Dr. Ghilani received his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989 and has been involved as an educator for nearly 40 years, with the last 21 years at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

He has presented workshops related to statistics and least squares to surveyors across the country and has written numerous papers.

He is an ACSM Fellow and has received numerous university and professional awards including the Earle J. Fennel Award from ACSM in 2001.



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