

## Hearing looks at gas drilling water discharge

From Staff Reports

The state Department of Environmental Protection will host a public hearing on the Terraqua Resource Management LLC industrial wastewater discharge permit for a proposed gas well drilling wastewater treatment plant.

The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the DEP office at 208 W. Third St., Suite 101, Williamsport. The front door will open at 6 p.m.

People who wish to testify may register to do so the night of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes. Writ-

ten testimony can be any length. Citizens will be called to testify in the order they register.

There will be no question-and-answer session. A court reporter will record all testimony and transcribe it into a written document. The DEP will respond to all relevant questions

and concerns at the time it makes its final decision on the permit application.

The DEP is requesting organizations that plan to present testimony to designate one person to speak for that organization so the hearing can proceed in a timely manner.

### IF YOU GO

- ▶ **WHAT:** Water discharge permit public hearing
- ▶ **WHEN:** 7 p.m., Monday
- ▶ **WHERE:** DEP office, 208 W. Third St.

## On a mission I-TEC project aids outreach to small South Pacific nation

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International Technical Electric and Construction, more commonly known as I-TEC, hosted a mission day with DynaTech, a generator service and sales company from Lebanon, on Wednesday at the I-TEC warehouse in Montoursville.

The annual mission day, which is the donation of DynaTech's workers for the day, began last year.

The Lebanon workers traveled to the area for the day to volunteer their services in their vocation by servicing generators and containment shelters that house the generators in their overseas trips to countries in need of power.

"It's one thing to give money. But, it is a whole different dynamic when you can get the individual engaged with donating time and getting directly involved," said Lyndon B. Risser, DynaTech CEO.

Of the projects that were worked on, one would benefit Santo, an island in the country of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific.

Garber will travel to Santo to do an electrical survey for another mission, Friends In Action. Upon completion of the project, Garber will assist with construction projects prior to his return on Aug. 27.

"A mission field day is a day we donate all of our employees time and talent for the day to a cause that is connected with what we do. I-TEC's sole purpose is powering missions. DynaTech is an emergency powering company, so we mate very well," Risser said.

The two have been working together for four years. "Other local businesses can get involved to support I-TEC by bringing their employees together. I see business as a platform to engage your employees on a far greater level than just hourly wage. That is my way of investing in my employees at a higher level," Risser said.

In fact, Garber also has used that model with his business, Auntie Anne's Pretzels.



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DynaTech employees, above, work on the containerized electric room that will house the generator. At right, Thomas Garber, right, president of I-TEC, shows Lyndon Risser, CEO of DynaTech, where Vanuatu is on a map.



"What developed last year from DynaTech's visit prompted me to look at how I do business. I have a busi-

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## I-TEC using solar power in mission project

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A few months ago, International Technical Electric and Construction, I-TEC, developed a containerized electric room for its generators when they are shipped overseas. Now, it has taken that advancement one step further by adding solar power.

The components of a generator are built at I-TEC's Montoursville warehouse. Once constructed, it will be shipped to Santo, a South

Pacific island in Vanuatu, a republic with 88 islands and 109 languages.

"This one will have diesel-generated power and solar power. The price of diesel fuel has gotten to the point where missionaries cannot afford to run their generators many times. So, the solar power will supplement that," Garber said.

Garber and his grandson Seth Cawthern are traveling to Santo this month to gather information that will aid in equipping the containerized electric room for

its trip, scheduled for October. It will take about six months to reach its destination.

"The support base is being built by Friends In Action in Middletown. They are building a base that can support missionaries in many facets of construction," Garber said.

According to Garber, the Middletown mission's goal is to establish a base so each individual mission that comes into the country will not have to set up its own support base.

## State shuts down illegal kennel in Tioga County, relocates dogs

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TIOGA — State Department of Agriculture wardens have closed an illegal kennel in Tioga County after learning that the owner was advertising dogs for sale on a Web site dedicated to hunting dogs, coudogs.com.

In July, 10 wardens entered the Bear Creek Kennel property in Tioga

with a search warrant and discovered 33 dogs.

Scott Fay, the owner, was served with a cease and desist order that included instructions prohibiting him from authorizing any dogs.

Dog wardens removed 18 dogs from the property on July 23, leaving Fay and his associates, Tammy Long and Connie Adams, with five dogs each, per a consent agree-

ment they signed with the department in 2008.

Fifty-seven summary citations were filed with District Judge James Carlson's office Thursday by Ron Adams, dog warden for Potter and Tioga counties.

They included 33 for failure to provide rabies shots; 16 for failure to license dogs; two for failure to obtain veterinary checks of dogs and five for

failure to keep the kennels in good repair, according to the citations.

Each citation carries a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum of \$500.

According to Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement spokesman Justin Fleming, the agreement was made with Fay for him to keep five dogs last year after he was first found to be operating the kennel illegally and was cited for it,

Fleming said.

"You can have up to 25 dogs without a kennel license. So the agreement stripped he and his associates of 20 dogs since," Fleming said. "Usually an agreement is done in conjunction with an attorney," he added.

According to Fleming, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement can do license checks and check for rabies shots, but if there

are unsanitary conditions it gets turned over to a humane officer, he said.

Fay's kennel license was originally revoked in September 2007 after he failed to maintain sanitary and humane conditions.

"Mr. Fay has scoffed at the law for years, placed his dogs in unacceptable situations and sought to profit from his illegal ac-

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## Antioch Baptist Church ready to host its annual block party

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For the past 17 years, Antioch Baptist Church's annual block party has provided food, games and good old-fashioned fun to families, friends, neighbors and the community around it. This year's event is Wednesday, Aug. 10, with all events, including the food stands, are free. But, according to the Rev. Sam Washington, the em-

phasis is not on "free" but more on the community coming together as one.

"A lot of times, people discuss the free aspect and that's really not a heavy interest for us because you don't invite your family over for Thanksgiving dinner and say you have got to pay. You are not going to invite your mother or father, brother or sister and tell them that they have got to pay for their meal. It's not

### IF YOU GO

- ▶ **WHAT:** Antioch Block Party
- ▶ **WHEN:** 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday
- ▶ **WHERE:** Antioch Baptist Church, High and Cherry streets, Williamsport

about money. It's about family," Washington said.

The block party began as a way to bring the community together. The original get-together brought out 600 community members. Over the years, that number has constantly increased, attracting more than 3,000 people last year.

According to Janice Todd, congregation member and an event planner, new this year are a water slide, a marshmallow shooter, 50-foot giant slides, hay rides, Italian

and soul food stands.

Haircuts, giant tricycles, water toss, face painting, an obstacle course, golf cart rides, fishing games and balloons are some other activities that may be found at the block party.

There also will be popcorn, Spanish food, nachos and cheese, Aaron's Water Ice and hot dogs. Although Washington, Todd, Greg Pride and Barbara Voss are the primary

planners, there are many others who help.

More than 120 congregation members and community volunteers have come together to make this year's block party a success. There will be more than 25 activities and food vendors to appease any interest.

Communities interact with one another. Cities should be a place where people interact. If you (See CHURCH, Page B-3)

## Electrical fire occurs at area nursing home

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Nine residents at Manor Care South, 101 Leader Drive, were relocated to another section of the nursing home after a small electrical fire broke out Thursday afternoon in a room where three patients stay, according to Loyalsock Township fire officials.

The fire, which involved an electrical outlet that shorted out, had been extinguished when firefighters arrived on the scene about 9:45 p.m., officials said.

Except for the three residents who lived in the room, all the other patients were returned to their rooms within an hour, investigators said.

The three residents are staying in another part of the nursing home until they can return to their room once the outlet is repaired, officials said.

## Economic Partnership CEO gives update on LERTA process

MILL HALL — Clinton County Economic Partnership President and CEO Mike Flanagan told the Keystone Central School Board Tuesday that a newly-enacted process should go a long way toward answering the board's complaints about tardy tax assistance applications.

The situation has long been a bone of contention among board members who have said they've had it with incomplete applications and after-the-fact requests, when it comes to the local economic revitaliza-

tion tax assistance, or LERTA, program.

The board recently rejected two applications — by Right-nour Family Revocable Trust, 42 Pennsylvania Ave., Mill Hall, and Lock Haven Moose Lodge, 150 S. Hanna St., Lock Haven — for exactly those reasons. Flanagan's visit might be considered an effort to smooth ruffled feathers and offer the new county government initiative as an answer to those complaints.

The LERTA program is a 10-year, tax-assistance program for the county, school district and participating

Clintontown municipalities, although the district limits the tax benefit to three years when it comes to commercial enterprises.

As it's designed, an eligible building is tax exempt for the first two years, with the amount of tax relief going down 10 percent each year thereafter.

School board members believe the LERTA application should be submitted when a building permit is issued — and that's exactly what's going to happen now that there's a countywide building permit in place,

Flanagan told the board. In June, the Clinton County Commissioners approved creation of countywide building permits, which were distributed to local governments.

The effort was designed to protect the integrity of the recently completed re-assessment of property values and tax rates, but the application also contains a note acknowledging the LERTA program and informing applications where they can go to obtain additional information.

The forms have a place for the signature of the owner or developer, indi-

cating he or she was alerted to the LERTA program. Flanagan offered each of the school board members a copy of the permit application, and said the signatures should insure that applications for tax abatement will occur "prior to the start of construction, and help us close up that disconnect... we shouldn't have any further problems."

## Regulators to approve new deep coal mine

GRANTSVILLE, Md. (AP) — The Maryland Bureau of Mines says it plans to approve an application for an underground coal mine that would tunnel beneath the Casselman River near Grantsville.

Al Hooker, chief of the coal permits section, said Thursday the agency will likely offer a permit later this month to Maryland Energy Resources, a company controlled by the Joseph Peles Coal Co., of Indiana, Pa.



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ness on the side, Auntie Anne's Pretzels. We did a Give a Day to Others, where employees donated their time that day and all the money was donated to a Zambia project," Garber said.

According to Garber, local people also may donate time in their field of expertise.

"Certainly, here at I-TEC, we need volunteers. There are projects that we are doing here within our own warehouse, projects that are being prepared to

be sent to other countries," Garber said.

According to Garber, I-TEC always is in need of electricians and graphic designers.

"With what Tom is trying to accomplish, if he could have some kid that is willing to donate some time to Twitter his activity, that would be awesome," Risser said.

Those interested in any of the mission projects or volunteer efforts may contact the mission at 433-0777 or access the Web site at [www.Itec.org](http://www.Itec.org).



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don't interact, how else can you build a city? Handcuffs don't build a city," Washington said.

"I look at what we do as a spiritual outreach. A great part of it that I have seen over the last several years is how many people within the community actually want to be a part of this," Pride said.

According to Pride, there are several diverse cultural

communities within the larger community. The block party is a chance for all of those separate sub-communities to come together as a unified group.

Some of those differences can be seen in the food vendors at the event, including Spanish, southern and Italian dishes.

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tions," said Jessie Smith, the special deputy secretary for dog law enforcement with the Agriculture Department in a press release. "We have no tolerance for illegal, unlicensed kennels and will continue working to close these kennels and protect the dogs involved."

Most of the dogs were taken to Stone Creek Kennel in Hesston, Huntingdon County.

Other dogs were placed at the Ruth Steiner Memorial SPCA in Schuylkill County; the Humane League of Lancaster County; and Main Line Animal Rescue in Chester County.

"We are pleased that so many of these dogs have been placed within the sporting dog community, and grateful to the three nonprofit animal shelters that also took dogs. These organizations are providing care to the dogs and giving them, and their pups, an opportunity to find a good home," said Smith.

Smith said the case highlights important legal advances provided under the new dog law of 2008, signed by Governor Ed Rendell last October.

"The previous law was ambiguous about what charges could be filed against illegal kennels, because charges for future to get a license," said Smith. "The (new law) makes it clear that wardens can also cite for any unsatisfactory conditions that a regularly

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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licensed kennel would be accountable for, and we will file those charges in this case. Penalties, citation, keep and any other applicable violations."

Anyone wishing to offer confidential tips about unsatisfactory or illegal kennels can call a toll-free hotline, 1-877-364-8471.

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