

## Towers

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son Township will soon see repaving work because of a motion passed at Tuesday's Supervisor's meeting. The low bid was awarded to Vincent Construction Company of Benton for a total of \$50,159.25, subject to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval.

Work on W. Ridge St. and Oak Dr. will be a FEMA funded project, while paving on Sutton Rd. and Pine Cone Lane is scheduled as a general fund project. "Work will begin as soon as we receive FEMA and township engineering approval," said Wilkes, who is also roadmaster.

Solicitor Blythe Evans reported that the Department of Community Affairs would not approve the refinancing of the township's loan for existing debt. The proposed new loan with Franklin Federal for \$181,522 at a rate of 3.95% was initially scheduled to close the last week of May.

Evans explained, "The legal dispute with the Department of Community Affairs is regarding the unfunded and the funded debt. Their attorney needs court approval of the refinancing." He then requested a special meeting on Monday, June 24, at 6:45 p.m. regarding the matter.

Evans also reported a hearing scheduled Wednesday, June 5 11 a.m. to address a zoning violation. According to zoning officer John Krupa, the township is entitled to \$76 worth of fines because political signs for Don Williamson, who was running for county recorder of deeds, were not taken down within 30 days after a recent election.

In old business, the supervisors voted to reject the bids opened at a special meeting May 20 for construction of a salt storage facility. According to township secretary Henry Zbiek, the bids were as follows: Robert H. Figlock, White Haven, \$84,400 Russo Construction, Exeter, \$73,604.75 Senate Construction, Dallas, \$90,000 Hazle Associates, Wanamie, \$75,999.

Glogowski said that bids will be advertised with new specifications in the future. Wilkes later explained, "the bids were rejected because they were quite a bit higher than we anticipated. The specs have gone back to the engineer to reduce the size."

The board also passed a motion reappointing Joan Conrad to the township planning commission for another term.

Police chief Donald Jones reported a motoring hazard on Gates Rd. because of work being done by Commonwealth Telephone Co., which is removing poles on one side of the road. Jones said the work, which is leaving stumps now hidden by the tall grass, has already caused one accident when a motorist pulled over to let another car pass and ran over one of the stumps. Glogowski requested him to write to Commonwealth informing them of the situation.

During citizen comments, Ed Chesnovitch of Huntsville Rd., proposed that the board review Health Assurance as an option to their current carrier of health benefits. The health insurance plan for small businesses and municipalities could save the township \$4,300 annually, according to Health America representative Walter Januszski.

Benjamin Barsh mentioned that a dangerous situation exists on Chase Rd near the old Indian Rock Farm area where a stone wall is being reconstructed. "The stones are piled near and on the roadway and the person is working on the wall at the sharp curve with no signs or warnings."

Wilkes responded that it is a state road and that he will notify PennDOT of the situation.

Bob Rebennack of Huntsville Rd. requested that the board talk to PennDOT regarding a section of Huntsville Rd near his barn where the swale is now ruined. Glogowski requested Wilkes, Jr. to look into that situation with PennDOT as well.



Joel Zalesky took Sue Hand's name literally when he drew this message.

## La Bar

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middle of meetings dealing with the blizzard and flood emergencies."

The friendship between LaBar's family and the class grew from the borough's 15 seconds of fame on the well-known morning TV show with the first packet of letters from the children.

"I would like it if you changed Dallas P.a. to Steeler P.a. just for Super bowl Sunday cause in Texas they changed Pittsburg in to Cowboy, Texas," wrote Joel Zalesky. "I am a Steeler fan. My favorite player is Cordell Stewart my favorite blocker is Kevin Greene. GO STEELERS"

"Tack some time think about it. PLEASE!!!" wrote Wade

Engebretson, while Mark Boehm wrote, "I like the steelers a lot. I hope they win."

Shannon Wilcher, John and Sean wrote that their favorite player is Kevin Green, while Eddie Feldman said "My favorite Steeler is Yace Thigpen." Alexandra Sahady held out for a player named Nell and decorated her letter with a well-drawn Steelers logo. Chris Popa's favorite players are Ernie Mills and Carne Lake.

In return, LaBar's daughter-in-law, Sue Hand, sent the class several drawings of the Back Mountain and an alphabet poster containing their names.

Hand, an internationally recognized artist and teacher, has designed many commemorative alphabet posters of the Back Mountain, the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction and her studio, Sue Hand's Imagery, on Main Street.

The children fired back a col-

lection of their drawings and letters, even sending Hand an envelope of cards and well-wishes for her mother, Mertie Larish, who was recuperating from a heart attack.

"I was impressed with the children's letters to Paul," Hand said. "Being a former classroom teacher myself, I noticed how neatly they were printed and what a good lesson in letter writing it was. I wrote them how much I admired what they had done."

In return, the children sent their best work in a pack of letters and drawings for Hand, whom they started calling their pen pal.

Chris P. drew a black and white dog and a bluebird in a grove of trees, while Krista Sekelik and Shannon Wilcher drew bright red and pink hearts sporting oversized grins. Cari made a small booklet of colorful drawings and Russell Shimek's drawing of a jet was very accurate. Jean Hilpert

and Cathy also drew bluebirds.

"I found my name in the alphabet poster," wrote Alexandra Sahady.

"I love you're work it is neat. What grade do you teach," wrote "your friend" Joel Zalesky.

"That was nice of you to send us that stuff," wrote Nick Helbig, while Cari wanted Hand to "tell your students too tell them they are rele good at art."

Chris wanted to know, "How many kids do you have?"

"You did nice pictures," commented Jennifer M., while John Yurchak wanted Hand to know "I love you art work. I think I told you this all ready that I am a artist mabey I will draw you a picture."

They promised to send Hand "some stuff" about their town.

The huge packet of drawings and cards for Mrs. Larish left Hand "flabbergasted."

"Mom loves kids," she said. "Those cards and drawings were the best medicine of all for her."

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### Idetown Couples Club slates annual auction

The Couples Club of the Idetown United Methodist Church will hold their annual auction Sat., June 8 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. A new attraction this year will be a flea market with local vendors. There will also be a bake sale and refreshments, all held inside a large building. The event will take place rain or shine; bring your own chairs. Shown preparing for the auction, from left, first row; Claire Kleinfelder, Jayne Haefele, Loy Ide, Lois Ide. Second row; Bill Kleinfelder, Willis Ide, Richard Ide.

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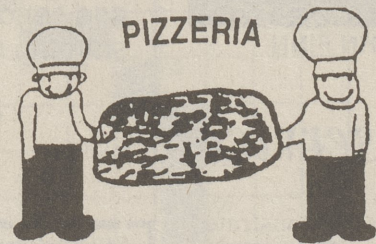
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