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Contractor problems puzzle board, engineer

Changes could cost district an additional \$90,000

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

LEHMAN - Bonding issues in the senior high School addition and alterations project frustrated Lake-Lehman school board members at the Nov. 20 school board meeting. Construction Unlimited, Inc. of Duryea has withdrawn its bid for the plumbing contract due to a bonding issue and now, Main Electrical Supply and Contracting, Inc. of Luzerne is having bonding problems. Main Electric has asked to change bonding companies and the new company is requesting a funds administration agreement that would require the school district to funnel all monies through them, said Peter Savage, solicitor for the board. Of the 14 contractors, 12 have their contracts in place and none of the other bidders has such an agreement.

"I've been doing this stuff for 35 years and this is the first time I've ever experienced this," said Douglas Trumbower of Trumbower and Associates, construction manager for the project. Although Trumbower and Savage conceded that the insurance industry is undergoing changes daily, board members had reservations about the funds administration agreement. Charles Boytin, first vice president of the school board noted there were red flags being waved by the bonding companies. "The bonding people have a problem with these people because they are charging a higher rate to do the bid bond and now all of a sudden they switch to another company," he

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POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Emergency personnel worked quickly to get a 15-year-old girl out of the car she was driving when it was struck broadside by another car Tuesday evening on Pioneer Avenue. After she was extricated using the "Jaws of Life," she was treated and released at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Crash closes Pioneer Avenue at rush hour

TRUCKSVILLE - A 15-year-old girl, driving a brand-new car, escaped serious injury Tuesday evening when the Honda Accord she was driving apparently failed to stop at a stop sign, crossed into Pioneer Avenue and was struck broadside by another car.

The accident shut down Pioneer Avenue for more than a half hour after the 5 p.m. accident as dozens of emergency personnel rushed to the scene. The girl was removed from her car with the "Jaws of Life" equipment, which was used to tear off the driver's door, where the impact took place.

The girl was transported by ambulance to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she was treated in the emergency room and released. The driver of the other car was taken to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital. A condition report was not available in time for this issue.

According to police, the 15-year-old, driving a Honda Accord with 120 miles on the odometer, was traveling east on Warden Avenue and failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection with Pioneer.

The other driver, Jennifer Savignano-

Gay, 26, of 40 Tripp St., Forty Fort, was traveling south on Pioneer in a Toyota Camry. She told police she saw the Accord pull out of Warden, tried to go around her, but the Accord kept moving into her path.

The impact of the collision spun the Accord around and drove it into the yard of a home on the west side of Pioneer Avenue. The other car continued southbound and ran head-on into a tree, also on the west side of Pioneer.

"It could have been a lot worse," said James Balavage, Kingston Twp. Police Chief.

Daylight robbery at bank branch

DALLAS - Police are seeking information that could lead to the apprehension of a man who stole a bank deposit from employees of the Rite Aid drug-store in Dallas.

According to a police report, at about 5 p.m. Sunday, two employees were attempting to make a night deposit of store receipts at the PNC Bank branch in the Dallas Village Shopping Center, across the parking lot from the store, when a man approached them with a pistol and demanded money. The employees handed over the bag, which is identified by a Rite Aid logo and contained cash and checks written to Rite Aid. The man then fled on foot in the direction of Friendly's restaurant, where he may have entered a waiting car.

The suspect is identified as a black male, approximately 5'9" tall, with a medium build, wearing a blue knit hat with white on it, and a black leather jacket.

Dallas Borough Police ask that anyone with information about the incident call the police at 675-0161.

Frank Townend, long-time solicitor and military figure, dies at age 90

By ANDREW TUTINO
Special to The Dallas Post

DALLAS TWP. — Retired Maj. Gen. Frank Townend, a man described as a "living link to the past" and "grandfather" to all military men and women in the Wyoming Valley, died Saturday night. He was 90.

A veteran of the World War II and the Korean War, Townend was the marshal emeritus at this year's annual Wyoming Valley Veterans Day Parade.

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FRANK TOWNEND

Teachers take pies for cause

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

LEHMAN - As a reward for their generous community work, Lake-Lehman School District junior high school students lived the dream of every seventh and eighth grader — to pitch a pie into the face of a teacher. The Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving break around the school gymnasium filled with the exuberant yells of the entire student body. All 14 homerooms had fulfilled their grocery lists for a Thanksgiving dinner for a local needy family. They were geared up for their just desserts.

Excitement ran high. The faculty of the Lake-Lehman Middle Level Education Building are veteran pie-in-the-face

warriors. Led by their fearless leader and principal, Mrs. Marilyn Glogowski, they donned their battle regalia; bright yellow rain slickers, hair nets, disposable surgical gloves and face masks, with bath towels at the ready. After doing this for four years, they came prepared.

As she slipped on her clear plastic safety goggles, Glogowski said with a grin, "This is great, isn't it?" and the pie throwing began.

Margo Johnson and Kevin Konicki, 8th graders, both spattered Ms. Jill Broadnix, one of the class advisors who helped organize the project with John Jobociaski, the other class advisor re-

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Jill Broadnix peered through a shaving cream haze after being "pied."

BMT Food Bank provides feasts for Thanksgiving

But need continues, and more donations are sought

By SANDY PEOPLES
Post Correspondent

TRUCKSVILLE - "It was like Thanksgiving and Christmas rolled into one around here November 20," said Barbara DeBellis, food bank coordinator. "That's when many of our parents and senior citizens came by the Trucksville United Methodist Church to pick up their Thanksgiving baskets so they too could have a nice dinner for their families to come home to."

The event was made possible thanks to the generosity of Back Mountain neighbors who donated food and money so that others could share in the spirit of the holiday. "A local department store gave us some new clothing, and someone else dropped off a large box of stuffed animals for the children," said DeBellis. "The food baskets contained a fresh turkey with all the trimmings and some fresh fruits and vegetables. The simplicity of it all was overwhelming — some new clothes, a turkey dinner and a toy for a child. Many who came in gratitude left in tears as they couldn't imagine that so many people cared."

The events of September 11 have affected us in many ways. Experts tell us we seem to have a delayed reaction to the holidays this year, and this was true at the food bank as well. On November 1 The Dallas Post published a

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Paul Luksa, standing at left, posed with scouts who helped unveil the refurbished cannon that sits at the front of the Dallas American Legion Post.

Dallas boy scout restores historic Legion cannon

By Sandy Peoples
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Sixteen-year-old Paul Luksa had to decide on a project that would help him earn the rank of Eagle Scout. "I wanted to do something that would make a real difference in the community," he said. And indeed, he touched the lives of many who have given us so much.

After consulting with Bob Glicini, his scoutmaster from Troop 281, and his father, Ed Luksa, Paul decided to take on the very large task of restoring the cannon on display at the Daddow-Isaacs

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