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DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Pipeline pact reached with Williams

Supervisors, company iron out gas agreement

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Dallas Township Supervisors signed an agreement with Williams Field Services LLC Tuesday evening that will put restrictions on the company's construction of a natural gas pipeline and metering station.

Two of the township's three supervisors, Frank Wagner and Phil Walter, signed the deal, while supervisor Glenn Howell did not. Earlier this year Howell recused himself from voting

on natural gas issues within the township because he and his wife signed a pipeline easement with a gas company.

Solicitor Thomas Brennan said the agreement was about 2 1/2 months in the making, and the process has been difficult – last month the township reported a stalemate in negotiations.

The company's gathering line would take gas from wells in Susquehanna County through Wyoming County to end at a site off Hildebrandt Road in Dallas Township in order to

tap into the Transco interstate pipeline and send the gas to market.

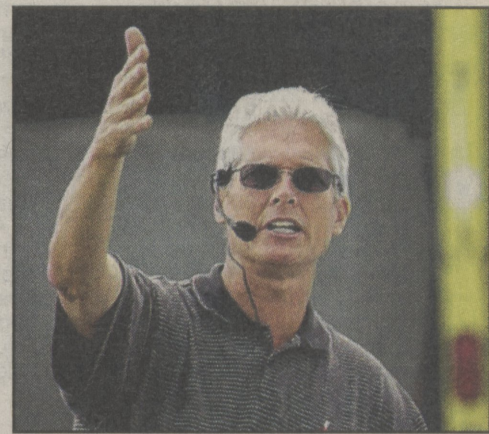
The pact includes an understanding between the township and Williams that subdivision and land development would apply to the company's pipeline project – a notion already acknowledged Aug. 9 when the planning commission conditionally approved five miles of the Springville Gathering Line to be located within the township.

Brennan said Williams will ensure the safety of the project by following

all federal and state laws as they pertain to natural gas pipelines and keep a minimum setback for the pipeline of 25 feet from adjacent property owners unless terrain or safety hazards deem the setback unreasonable.

The company's metering station plans also were altered greatly by the agreement. Williams' planned metering station, which is proposed to be constructed on the Perry property about 1,800 feet from the Dallas schools, will be modified to remove any communications tower, odorant/mercaptan tank, flare, odorant build-

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BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE DALLAS POST
Auctioneer Wayne Steele of Steve Traver Auctions calls for bids during the Dallas High School auction on Saturday morning. The school district auctioned unneeded items from the now-demolished former high school.

School's out for Dallas classroom equipment

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A chalkboard with Halloween-themed song titles written on one side and corresponding musical artists on the other sat pushed against a wall inside a trailer parked in the dirt lot across from Wycallis Elementary.

Someone, maybe a student or a teacher, started a holiday matching game that would never be finished – in class, at least.

Fifteen more trailers filled with old furniture from the former Dallas High School building were available to about the same number of bidders at an auction on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Metal carts, wooden desks, bookcases and other merchandise were there for the taking, as well as the memories of the recently torn down 50-year-old building that came along with them.

Jan Goeringer, wife of Dallas School Board president Bruce Goeringer, said she stopped by the auction to see if there were any items she could bid on to keep as souvenirs for her family, all of which are Dallas graduates.

"I'm here for sentimental reasons," said the Dallas resident while browsing a row of office chairs. "I wanted to see if there was something I could hang on my kids' bedroom walls. It all looks familiar. It's sad, looking at all the merchandise."

Class of 2010 Dallas grad Pierce Donovan, of Shavertown, said he was fond of the former high school building, despite its age and condition.

"I really enjoyed the old building," he said, looking at some hand-painted stools. "It was really cool. I didn't mind that it was old, but I guess some people did."

A few other Dallas alumni attended the event to browse and stir memories, but many of the bidders were professionals from recycling plants and other local businesses.

Auctioneer Steve Traver said he contacted metal scrappers, charter schools, and other parties he thought might be interested in the equipment. He also posted the auction in local newspapers and an industry website, www.auctionzip.com, on which the listing received more than 7,000 views.

Joe Maloney, of NAPW Architectural & Commercial Salvage in Kingston, said his company will buy anything that looks like it can be recycled, including metal music stands and cafeteria tables.

Marvin Jayma, of Wilkes-Barre, said he was going to bid on desks and chairs in order to fur-

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Wonders of WATER



Lauren Youells of Forty Fort gets help decorating her water container.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/FOR THE DALLAS POST
Tyler Skoniecki, Nanticoke, holds up a milk container he has decorated at a camp on water safety presented by the Pennsylvania-American Water Co. at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

Kids learn importance of protecting resources

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Seventeen youngsters got a lesson in water quality Tuesday at the Water Day Camp hosted by Pennsylvania-American Water Co. at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

Experimenting with kid-friendly pollutants, such as hot chocolate-based cow manure and Kool-Aid fertilizer, the tykes saw the relationship between contaminants and water runoff.

Scott Sharp, a water quality supervisor, set up what he called an "enviroscape," a plastic model that depicted a stream leading to a lake with a farm, factory, golf course and homes nearby.

He demonstrated how simple carelessness, such as oil (also made of hot chocolate) dumped in a parking lot, could have negative consequences on a water source.

The kids watched as a rainstorm, caused by 9-year-old Chelsea Morgan's spray bottle, washed away all the dirt, chemical fertilizer, manure and other pollutants, which quickly

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Nave first teen in 17 years to participate in Rotary Exchange

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Steven Nave, 18, will be the first student in 17 years to participate in the Dallas Rotary Exchange Student program.

This month, Nave will leave to live with a host family and attend his senior year of high school in Aichi Prefecture and Ichinomiya in Aichi, Japan for a full year.

The home-schooled Dallas Township teen said he's always had an affinity for Japanese culture, and after taking language lessons for a few years, he felt he was ready to experience the country firsthand.

Nave won't graduate in Japan, and he already has enough high school and college credits to take a break from his studies at home.

He said he first heard about

the program through a friend of his sister, Karla, and she was the one who urged him to participate because of his interest in the country.

"Eventually I started researching it and Karla showed me a blog, then I just realized how incredibly cool the exchange process would be," he said.

Nave said he's been interested in all things Japanese since he was about 14 years old.

When he began surfing the Internet and came across some information about the country and its culture.

"Just naturally through doing that I started picking up Japanese, I started reading about Japanese grammar, I started watching Japanese TV shows and reading comics," he said.

He began using the Rosetta Stone foreign language program and eventually got a tu-

tor to help him with his language studies.

"I've got a one-hour lesson twice a week," said Nave. "I just went over to New York City a couple weeks ago to meet my sensei's friends from Japan and we had a little conversation and it was interesting because I felt that I was able to communicate pretty well and understand what

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