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Laurels and barbs

Laurel: And the band played on ... We applaud the Shade-Central City students and other supporters who are fighting to save music education at the Somerset County school. While we understand the need to find cut costs - school administrators say the move could provide \$200,000 in savings - we hate to see it come at the expense of the music program. The marching band, chorus and concert band would still exist as extracurricular activities under the proposed move, but music courses would not. Our question is, how



We understand that "unforeseen and unprecedented" costs can be passed along to the consumer, but cold winter weather in Pennsylvania hardly seems to fit that definition.

Laurel: Central Cambria Elementary School students had a moo-ving experience on Monday.

They got to visit DoVan Farms in Berlin as part of the Fuel Up to Play 60

Adopt-A-Farmer pilot program. That sounds like a great way to supplement what the students have learned in the classroom.

Barb: Age doesn't always bring wisdom, and William McTonic seems to support that notion.



READERS' FORUM

Upgrade road

There is a wall on Frankstown Road that has been there for at least 80 years. That is about as long as I can remember.

Now, the road is finally being upgraded. I am very glad to hear that. But, and it is a big but, why are they removing the wall?

It has not moved forever, has not had any ice around it during the winter, and will not improve the road by its removal. What will happen is it will create another Menoher Highway. PennDOT will be closing the road for cleanups. And lots of luck removing it.

Just because something is old, that doesn't mean it has outgrown its usefulness. I could not make the meeting that was held in Conemaugh Township due to another commitment. Otherwise, I would have been there and voiced my opinion.

Thank you for finally repairing Frankstown Road. It was a long time coming.

**JANE HORNER
JOHNSTOWN**

Free clinic provided great service



I am writing about my experience at the free clinic of Johnstown. For the last year and a half, I had no medical insurance or a way to obtain my medication that I need to sustain life.

So, I went to the free clinic and they helped me and treated me with the upmost dignity and respect of any doctor's office I have ever been in. I know there are patients as thankful as I am.

All the staff at the clinic are truly a great credit to their profession. I now have medical insurance and have returned to my family doctor who is also a credit to the health profession.

In closing, I just wanted to say thank you for the service and volunteered time and dedication to the health field and the Johnstown area.

**FREDA J. RESICK
MINERAL POINT**