

Letter

River Watch committee calls for more concern

Editor:  
The Susquehanna River Watch will conduct a seminar on June 24, at the Luzerne County Community College Conference Center. Registration will start at 11 a.m.

The seminar will be about littering, illegal dumping, recycling and law enforcement.

Our organization has sent over 150 letters to State, County Officials, Cities, Boroughs, Townships, Inviting Mayors, Council Members, Police Chiefs, District Justices, Code Enforcement Officers, the Wilkes-Barre and Pittston Chamber of Commerce to attend.

We do have an environmental problem in our area which we must correct by awareness, education and law enforcement to improve our quality of life. Our area is becoming blighted with litter and illegal dumping and the time is now to address these problems. Federal, State, Community leaders and its citizens must get involved.

In the past it was stated that we were a dirty coal mine area which we changed. Now can we afford to be called a dirty littered dumping area?

Everyone must realize what is happening. Look at our roadsides, shopping malls, waterways and

woodlands; They are strewn with litter and illegal dumping. It is disheartening to see our youngsters litter and adults now showing any respect for our area by littering and dumping.

The program will begin with a slide presentation on littering and illegal dumping in our area. State Representatives George Hasay and Stanley Jarolin and members of our River Watch will speak on their litter patrol legislation. District Justice Michael Collins will speak on law enforcement on littering and illegal dumping. Mr. Wayne Hughes, Science teacher at Dallas Senior High School, will speak and demonstrate as to what the home owner can do to reduce his garbage. Ms. Betsy Roe and Carol Herre will speak about plastic recycling in the household, along with a slide program.

The Susquehanna River Watch Inc. is made up of volunteers who have given up their time and spent money to present this program. It is important that all concerned become involved to make this Wyoming Valley a cleaner and better place to live and enjoy.

This seminar should be of special interest to recycling coordinators in each community. We will be discussing the economics of how to recycle household and municipal waste. There will be a workshop on how to monitor and test water in our streams and rivers.

Let's see you on June 24 and be content to show that you have a concern and interest for our area.

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3. American consumers and industry throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire air fleet every three months.
4. We throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.
5. Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, only a small percentage of which are now recycled.
6. Every year we dispose of 24 million tons of leaves and grass clippings which could be composted to conserve landfill space.
7. We throw away enough iron and steel to continuously supply all the nation's automakers.

Charles Urban  
Susquehanna River Watch

Dallas Twp. approves preliminary plans

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

In a special meeting of the Dallas Township zoning board requested by developer Michael Dombrowski the board approved the preliminary plans submitted for Dombrowski's planned Maples subdivision off Upper Demunds Road.

Leonard Kozick, township zoning officer, explained that the special meeting request by Dombrowski was granted because no quorum was present at the board's regular meeting May 16. Prior to that meeting, zoning board member Jack Tinner submitted his resignation, and member William McCall who had been serving on both the planning commission and

the zoning board, had to resign from one of the offices since new legislation in the Commonwealth made it illegal to serve on both. McCall opted to continue as a member of the planning commission so a new member had to be appointed to the zoning board.

Kozick emphasized that approval given at the special meeting held Tuesday, June 6, was a preliminary only. He stated that some of the doubts previously expressed by township engineer Lee Swainberg had been satisfied by Dombrowski in his new submission of the plans for the 44-acre Maples development on Upper Demunds Road, where Dombrowski has specified construction of 32 homes.

In answer to a question by township resident Stanley Levandiski

whether drilling 31 wells would deplete his water supply, Dombrowski said that Raymond Kresge, a well drilling contractor, had done a study that showed there was plenty of water and that he did not believe more development in the area would have impact on existing wells or create water shortages.

Kozick said that Dombrowski must obtain preliminary approval from PennDOT for roadways in the development and approval for sewers from DER before he can do any building.

"His plan appeared to satisfy most of the questions previously raised by some of the residents," Kozick said. "Time will tell. If everything is not in order, Dombrowski is the loser."

Police report

DALLAS BOROUGH HIT AND RUN DRIVER FOUND, CONFESSES

Police said John Green of Dallas was traveling north June 10 on Route 415 when his car swerved to the right and he struck a pedestrian, James Purcell, and knocked him to the ground.

Green fled in his car and traveled north on Route 415. He was found later at the Checkerboard on Carverton Road by Kingston Township Patrolman Walter Davis, who after questioning Green determined he was the operator of the hit and run vehicle.

Green then admitted to driving and hitting Purcell. He was cited and charged for a hit and run accident where injury was involved.

MOTORCYCLE DAMAGED

Patrolman William Norris answered a call June 7 made by Jason O'Brien, 118 Main Street, Dallas, where investigation found that O'Brien's 1987 Honda motorcycle, parked outside the restaurant had been vandalized. Damage was estimated at \$250.

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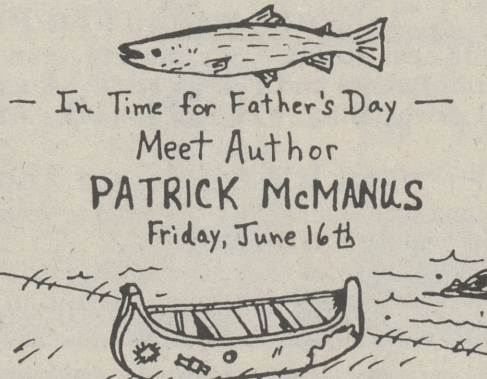
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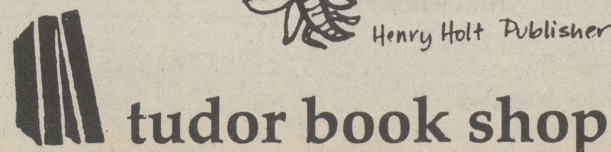
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Ochman Coin & Jewelry notes 10th year

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Ochman Coin and Jewelry, 18 Church St., Dallas, observed its 10th Anniversary last week with an Open House June 8, 9 and 10.

Fran Ochman and her son, John and daughter, Mary Ann, joined in greeting their friends and customers during the three day celebration.

Fran and her husband, the late Tom Ochman, opened their first shop in June, 1979 in the Dallas Shopping Center. In December, 1979 the business moved to Carverton Road, Trucksville, in the shop which now houses Pizza Perfect.

Then, in February, 1980, the Ochmans moved their business to its present location. Until 1982, Ochman's bought and sold only coins and offered small and large investors financial advice concerning silver and gold including silver investments in any combination of U.S. silver coins before 1964, silver bars, silver rounds in various sizes and silver halves and dollars.

Gold investments included U.S. gold coins, newly-minted gold, American Eagles, South African Kruggerands, Canadian Maple Leafs and Chinese Pandas.

In 1982 they expanded the business and started selling gold and silver jewelry and a varied selection of diamond, sapphire, ruby and emerald rings. Tom Ochman died in 1985, and Fran continued in the business which has become a leading coin and jewelry outlet in the area.

She sells only 10K, 14K and 18K gold jewelry, chains, bracelets, earrings, rings and charms, nothing gold filled and only sterling silver jewelry. Most of the stones sold in the shop are genuine.



10TH ANNIVERSARY - Fran Ochman stands behind one of the jewelry cases as she checks out the display of chains, charms and other jewelry in preparation for the Open House last week. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Fran also buys and sells antique and estate jewelry and does jewelry repairs.

The business, which when it was first started opened only in the

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