

Rimple will receive environmental award

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP—When Judy Rimple became president of the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association (ASTA), she just wanted to help create a place where people could enjoy the beautiful Back Mountain scenery while taking a pleasant walk to Kingston or Harveys Lake. She wasn't looking for any awards.

But Thursday she will be one of the people honored at Wilkes University with an Environmental Partnership Award.

Recognizing individuals' and organizations' contributions to environmental protection or conservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the awards are presented each year by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Wilkes University, the Economic Development Council, the World Future Society and Proctor & Gamble Paper Products.

In 1993 Rimple and ASTA began working on the first leg of a walking and bicycling trail

which will eventually cover 47 miles of abandoned railroad grades between Luzerne and Dushore. The first two-mile section between Luzerne and Carverton Road, Trucksville, was introduced to the public this spring.

She credits her "wonderful board of directors" and the association's 175 members with many hours of dedicated work. "The award is actually for them, not for me," she said.

Rimple moved to the Back Mountain from Colorado 5 1/2 years ago. "It's beautiful out there, with the deep green evergreens and golden aspens contrasting with the vivid blue sky," she said. "But we're fortunate here in Pennsylvania to have one of the world's best fall foliage displays. The colors take my breath away."

Describing herself as an "avid recreationalist," Rimple said she isn't into power walking or mountain biking over rough terrain. She's out to enjoy the scenery.

A \$50,000 federal matching grant (the feds pay 80 percent and ASTA chips in the rest) has



Judy Rimple, shown on the site of the "Rails to Trails" project, will be honored with an Environmental Partnership Award.

enabled ASTA to hire engineer Chris Borton to begin design work on the trail, which should be finished by the spring, Rimple said.

To help fund its share, ASTA has raised more than \$10,000: \$4,000 in grants from area state legislators, \$1,400 from a prize raffle and \$5,000 in pledges from members.

"We had between 15 and 20 members pledge \$150 apiece," Rimple said. "We were also pleased to receive donations from students at the Dallas Middle School and GAR High School in Wilkes-Barre."

The Environmental Partnership Awards will be presented October 5 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Performing Arts Center at Wilkes University.

Girl Scouts plan to dress up rural mailboxes with stencils



Planning a project are, from left, 1st row, Carrie Cocolin, Katie Blanchard, holding mailbox is Elizabeth Eby, Kelly Gill; 2nd row, Ashley Razawich, Loni Piekanski, Megan Riley; last row, Dallas Postmaster Ray Cecconi, Troop Leader and USPS employee Carol Ann Sosik and Dallas P.O. Delivery Supervisor Charles Innamorati.

Local Junior Girl Scout Troop 624 in cooperation with the Dallas Post Office is initiating, as a community service project, a mailbox revitalization program.

The troop will be revitalizing mailboxes using innovative stenciling techniques using different colors and patterns. Some of the patterns will be assorted flowers, folkart, country and ivy. Supplies will be donated by the Dallas Post Office.

If anyone is interested in having their mailbox stenciled you can contact the Troop Leader Carol Sosik at 696-3210.

Calls will be taken on Friday, Oct. 6, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Details of the project will be given at that time. We must limit the project to the first 60 callers.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of September 15-21:

Ron T. Thomason, et ux, to Richard P. McEntee, et ux, 15 Luzerne Ave., Dallas Borough, \$125,000.

Frank H. Bevevino, et ux, to Susan Boyek, Shrine View Dr., Dallas Twp., \$400,000.

James J. Wisniewski, et ux, to Ray S. Massey, et ux, 1.93 ac. Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas Twp., \$38,000.

Gerald Mulderig, et ux, to Fred Berley, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$89,000.

Donald I. Burton, Jr., et ux, to Robert J. Cronauer, 23 Kitchen Ave., Harveys Lake Bor., \$8,000.

Jack H. Thomas, et ux, to Gary T. Verazen, et ux, 1.43 ac. Wellington Rd., Kingston Twp., \$460,000.

Mary Schuler to Russell G. Newell, Kingston Twp., \$7,500.

William Klukosky, et ux, to Ross C. Armstrong, et ux, 2.38 ac., Kingston Twp., \$120,000.

John Reed, to Sterlyng D. May, et ux, 1.31 ac. Rte. 763, Lake Twp., \$21,500.

James J. McGroarty to John A. Sansevere, Sr., 17 Maple St., Lake Twp., \$29,150.

Virginia Appel to Margaret M. Frankevich, Lehman Twp., \$30,000.

Paul C. Goodwin, et ux, to Roert J. Wienckoski, et ux, 5 ac. Green Valley, Ross Twp., \$3,250.

Carl J. Roszkowski, et ux, to David Fine, et ux, 85.636 ac. Rte. 672, Ross Twp., \$72,500.

Kingston Township September zoning permits

Kingston Township zoning officer Ben Gorey issued 24 zoning permits during September and collected \$1,187 in fees.

The largest project is home valued at \$39,700, to be built at 779 Bodle Rd. by Summit Modular Builders.

Other large projects include kitchen repairs valued at \$18,773 at the home of D. Suda at 164 Kimberly Drive, a roof valued at \$8,500 at the home of P. Marshall at 194 Clearview Drive and siding valued at \$6,200 at the home of S. Berlozan at 211 Chestnut St.

Kingston Twp. seeks water commissioners

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors is currently seeking a township resident interested in filling a vacancy on the Kingston Township Water Commission.

The commission meets monthly to discuss ways of improving water service for both the short and long term township residents and act as a liaison between residents, the water companies and the board of supervisors.

Send a short letter of interest to the following address: Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, c/o Township Manager Jeffrey Box, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, PA 18708 or call the township office at 696-3809.

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