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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Reader thinks WWSA's plant plan is absurd

Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's (WWSA) plan to allow the building of a frackwater treatment plant along the Susquehanna River must be stopped.

It's absurd for the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WWSA) board members to even consider, let alone pick, someone to design, build and operate a natural gas wastewater treatment facility along the Susquehanna River, as was voted upon at a recent meeting.

Even though they say they aren't making a commitment, until they do more homework, it sure sounds like they already made up their minds.

The company chosen by the board says that water dumped into the Susquehanna will be treated to drinking water standards. While it is quite possible that frackwater can be turned into drinking water, the costs would be prohibitive.

Furthermore, if the water is treated to drinking water standards, then why does it need to be dumped into the Susquehanna at all?

It appears to me that what they want to do is to dilute their contaminated water with the treated sewage until it just barely meets the requirements of an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit and then dump it into the Susquehanna River.

This is just one more attempt to discharge contaminated water into the streams and rivers in our area. It was tried in Wyoming County at Lemon Twp. and Eaton Twp. Both were refused by DEP.

Isn't it interesting that the WWSA already has a sewage treatment plant and NPDES permit in place?

What these people want is access to the Susquehanna River, so they can dump contaminated water into it. The rest is all smoke and mirrors.

When I was a boy growing up in Harding, I spent my summers in, and on, the Susquehanna River.

At that time there were no environmental laws and everyone who lived along the Susquehanna threw their garbage over the river bank.

The river was one long dump used for the disposal of anything that was unwanted, from daily household garbage to old boats, furniture and, sometimes, even whole cars.

The bottoms of my feet are covered with scars from stepping on cans and broken bottles.

During the late 1950s and early 1960s, the cleanup of the area began. The undaunting effort to remove the junk that was tossed into the river paid off.

In 2009, I took my scuba gear and drifted down the river for approximately a mile and I found only two pieces of construction debris that looked like aluminum siding. I found no cans, no bottles and no garbage of any kind.

To avoid the mistakes of the past, we need to be very vocal and very active in protecting not only our precious water resources, but our environment as well.

I don't want to see us moving backward!

George E. Turner, P.G.  
Eaton Township



## YOUR SPACE

The waterfall at Ricketts Glen State Park offered up some icy water this winter as seen through the camera lens of Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

Submitted items may include photographs or short stories and should be sent via e-mail to news@mydallaspost.com, by fax to 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Information must include the submitting person's name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions.

Readers wishing to have their photos returned should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

### 20 YEARS AGO

The children of the 4/5 year old class, Small Wonders Day Care School, Shavertown, were visited recently by the staff from Blue Ribbon Dog Grooming, Shavertown, and the S.P.C.A. The children learned about proper pet care and what to do when confronted by a strange animal. The program was highlighted by the presence of "Libra" and "Murphy" AKC, obedience and therapy trained pets. Class members who enjoyed the program were: Halli Williams, Jennifer Koonopki,



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Johnathan Frania, Heather Smith, Joelle Dunbar, Steven Cardillo, Anthony Forte, Erin O'Boyle, Jenne Rembecki, Christopher Walsh, Chelsey Coslett, Megan Williamson, Kristie Taylor.

Cub Pack #155 recently held its Pinewood derby at the Educational Building in Trucks-ville. Winners were: Brian Gieda, 1st place; Tim Banks, 2nd place; Mike Ferko, 3rd place; and Jonathan Schneider, 4th place.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Brownie Troop 627 recently held a field trip to Mercy Hospital. The troop visited the cast room, x-ray department and lab. Brownies that attended

the tour were: Denise Wysocki, Tammy Wortman, Andrea Brinola, Tina Lapallo, Carolyn Metz, Brenda Misson, Audrey Wylie, Katie Conologue and Valerie Myers.

Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club will present, "What's New For You," a spring and summer fashion show, tonight at Dallas Junior High School. Planning committee members include Nancy Rowlands, Sandy Richardson, Sheila Bonawitz, Rita Cutter, Mary Alice Lukasavage, Theresa Thompson, Mary Ann Davies, Jane Gritman, Wally Maniskas and Marlene Rollman.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Four members of Girl Scout troop 649 and one scout from troop 219 received the First Class Girl Scout Award at church services this past Sunday. Those honored were: Elaine L. Ward, Sherry Jo Harding, Julia Elizabeth Swepston, and Jenni Marie Rodda, all members of Troop 649; and Fern May Egliskis, Troop 219. The rank of First Class Scout is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve and requires diligence and hard work on the part of the scout and scout leader.

Kim Davis, Dallas, took first place honors in the 100-yard breast stroke for girls age 14 and under Saturday at the Middle Atlantic District A.A.U. Junior Olympics. Kim, a student in the Dallas School District, was representing the Wyoming

Seminary Swim Club.

### 50 YEARS AGO

There is a possibility that the new Dallas High School will be near enough to completion that the Class of 1961 can hold its commencement in the auditorium of the new building, but nobody is certain. After many delays - some of them attributable to severe weather - others to miscalculation on materials such as glass for the many windows and a subsequent delay in getting heat into the building, work is now moving ahead at a faster pace. At the least the School District hopes to occupy the building in July.

At local Giant Markets, snow-white California Cauliflower sold for 19 cents a head; grapefruits were 5 cents each; fresh eggs were 55 cents a dozen; fresh haddock filets were 49 cents a pound; and 48-pack of Lipton tea bags was 67 cents.

### 60 YEARS AGO

James Besecker has opened an insurance agency and real estate office on the second floor of the Gregory Building on Main Street. Mr. Besecker expects shortly to give up his lease on Dallas Service Station and devote all his energies to the new business and his work as Justice of the Peace and Sixth district republican Committee chairman.

"Dixie Rhythm," an all-school minstrel, will be presented Friday evening in Dal-

las Township High School auditorium. The cast of eighty students, representing grades six through twelve, is under the direction of Daniel Williams, Reese Pelton, and Edgar Hughes. The six end-men who will entertain with comic dialogues and songs are Jim Smith, Jimmy Broomfield, Nelson Ashburner, Carl Vavrek, Delmar Shupp and Lance Walker. Ronald Schlittler will serve as interlocutor.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. John Nicholson was chosen president of Women of Rotary at a dinner meeting at Irem Temple country Club last Thursday evening. Mrs. Fredericka Breslin will be vice president, Mrs. Claire Warriner, treasurer and Mrs. Mary Dick, secretary.

A meeting at which old members of Alderson Girl Scouts welcomes new ones, was held at the home of J. Raymond Garinger Wednesday evening. A skit, "You Can Eat your Cake and Keep It" was given by the following: Lois Avery, Elaine Avery, Mary Delaney, Claire Stevenson, Mildred Turoski, Faye Smith, Eleanor Hunsinger, Arnold Garinger and Herbert Davis.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

It was venerable American newscaster David Brinkley who made the following sage observation: "The one function TV news performs very well is that when there is no news, we give it to you with the same emphasis as if there were."

According to Guinness World Records, the oldest cat in the world was named Crme Puff and lived to the ripe old age of 38 years and three days.

If you do much printing, you might not be surprised to learn that if you figure out the cost by volume, the average ink cartridge for a printer costs seven times more than Dom Perignon champagne.

On an average day in the United States, 90 million cans of beer will be consumed.

It was United Airlines that hired the first stewardesses for its flights, back in 1930. In addition to being attractive and charming, stewardesses had to be registered nurses.

Those who study such things say that in ancient Mesopotamia, it was not unusual for those of the wealthy classes to crush semiprecious stones and adhere the powder to their lips.

## "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS MOST ABOUT WINTER?"



"Nothing."

Ryan Zagata  
Dallas



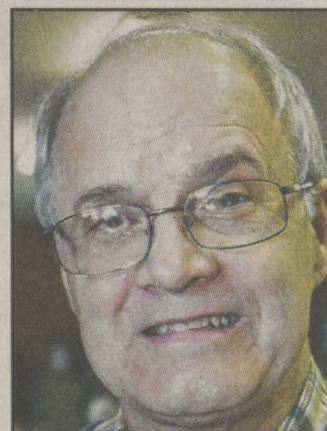
"Christmas and the holidays."

Sherlene Long  
Sugar Notch



"Plowing snow because my friends can make some money."

Gerard Geiss  
Dallas



"I hate winter. I can't think of one thing."

Duane Dicker  
Dallas



"I don't like the winter at all. It was a bad one and I hope it's finished."

Carol Gilpin  
Center Moreland



"Not a thing."

Chris Porasky  
Shavertown