

Wal-Mart

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two years ago. He said he bought the land as an investment and with or without Wal-Mart he feels it will eventually pay off.

Wal-Mart, which operates 1,693 stores and 965 supercenters in the United States and serves over 100 million customers a week, is not yet drawn to the Back Mountain. There is nothing in the works in this area said Keith Morris, community affairs manager, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., although the plot of land would seem ideal.

"A typical Wal-Mart requires about 10 to 15 acres and a typical supercenter requires about 20-25 acres for the building, parking, landscaping, etc.," said Morris.

"Wal-Mart both buys and leases land for the stores we build, depending on what is able to be negotiated with respective prop-

erty owners. No preference, we look for the best deal possible so we can pass the savings on to our customers," Morris said.

For Phyllis Clemow and Pattie Wardell, Wal-Mart can't get here fast enough. Wardell said she hates driving to Wilkes-Barre to go to Wal-Mart. Clemow likes the idea of a supercenter with everything from groceries to oil changes to clothing in one location close to home. For now at least, these ladies will have to continue to drive to Wilkes-Barre or Tunkhannock to get their share of Kathie Lee clothing and W-Pop.

Who knows what the future will bring, maybe in a few years, the parcel of land on Route 415 will house a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Taco Bell and a Chucky Cheese, but for now, it's all just rumor.

Kocis

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ly scheduled for July 23, but a continuance was granted and the hearing is now set for August 3 at 9:30 a.m. with District Justice Tupper.

One reason for the continuance, said Jolley, is that the lead officer for the case, Fred Rosencrans, is on vacation this week. Rosencrans's vacation has been scheduled for a few months, he said.

Another reason is the case was originally assigned to Assistant District Attorney Michelle Olsheski, but Olsheski is leaving the District Attorney's office for a position at King's College. The case has been reassigned to Assistant District Attorney Jeff Tokach.

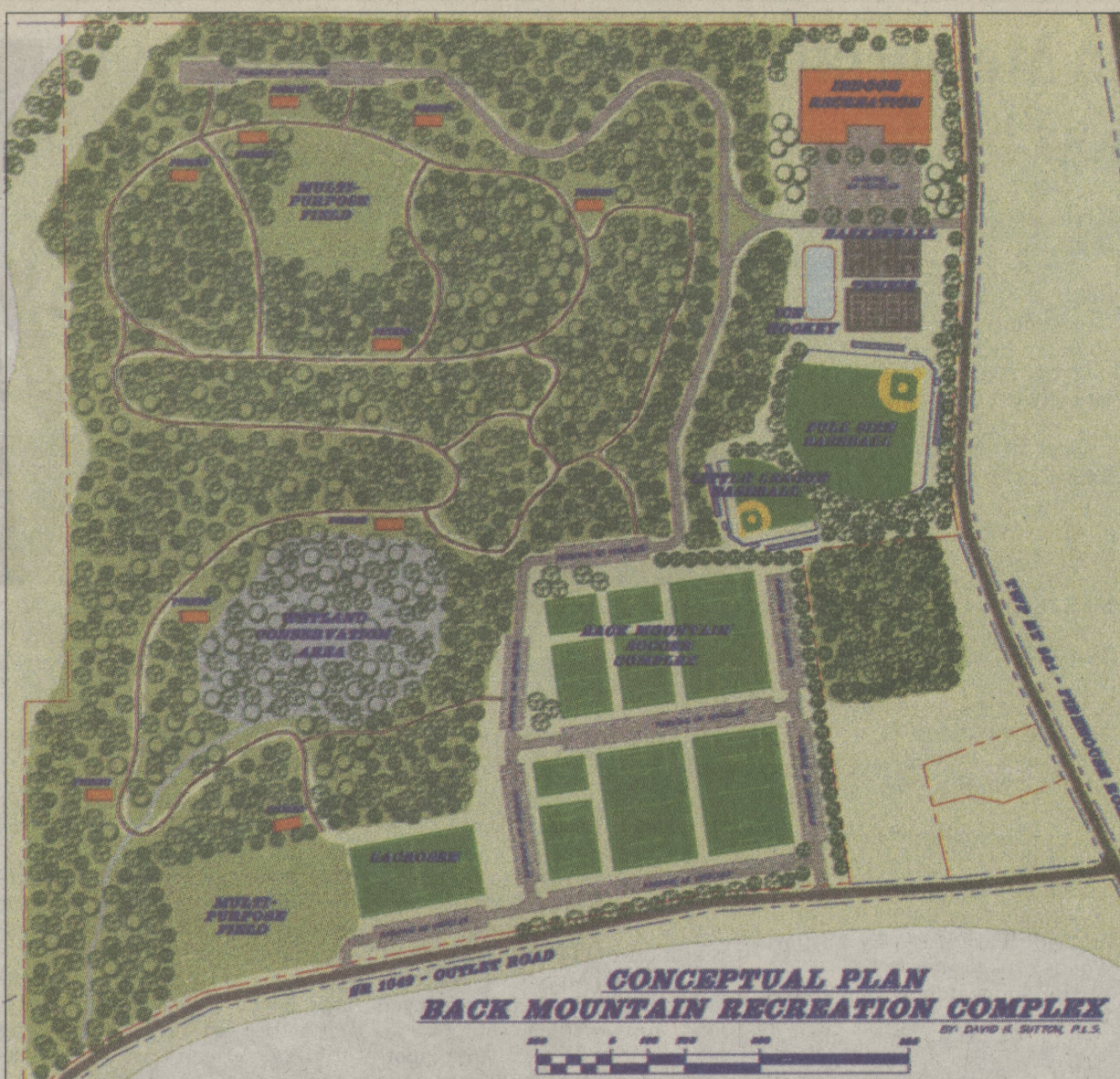
Kocis has no prior criminal record that Tokach knows of, he said, "There's still a lot of work to be done before the preliminary hearing."

A lot of the work is going through the massive amount of evidence which was taken from Kocis's 60 Midland Drive home. Officers are still going through everything with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), said Jolley.

The FBI was called in to consult on the case. FBI investiga-

tors are looking for evidence in which federal laws may have been broken. Jolley said. Investigators are looking into Kocis's business, Cobra Video Company, an adult video company that sells videos through the internet.

At this time no other victims have come forward, Jolley said.



The latest plan for the Back Mountain Recreation Complex contains only two baseball fields, instead of five.

Rec park

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mitted specifically at this point. "I've talked to Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough, Lehman Township, Kingston Township and Noxen. I will also be meeting with the school districts," she said. "I'm not surprised that so few people came to this meeting because I have been meeting with so many of them separately."

Other changes reflected in the new conceptual plan show the addition of a lacrosse field and an ice hockey rink. "Skateboarding and in-line skating areas have yet to be placed," said Sutton. "We'd really like to put those in because they need a place to go."

There was some discussion of the possibility of forming a club for skateboarders who would help set up and maintain such an area.

It was also agreed that members of the organization would get in touch with officials at the Dallas Correctional Institution about utilizing their labor force for help with continued maintenance at the sports complex.

The Back Mountain Sports and Recreation organization plans to complete the land purchase by the end of August. "There were a few requirements that the state needed before they would release their money," said Sutton. "Everything is taken care of and we're just waiting for the paperwork to go through now."

Open house at Dallas Fire and Ambulance

Dallas Fire and Ambulance invites the community to an open house Sun., July 29, from 12-4 p.m. The open house will be held at Dallas Station 1, 184 E. Center Hill Rd. Come and see the new Pierce Rescue Engine as well as the new Horton Ambulance. Learn more about the emergency services Dallas Fire and Ambulance provides to the community. Members will also offer blood pressure screening. In addition to the equipment of Dallas Fire and Ambulance, an Aero-Medical Helicopter will be on display.

Girl Scouts seek items for SPCA

SPCA Donation Drive Senior Girl Scout Troop 665, of Dallas, is holding a donation drive for items to be given to the SPCA. This is a community service project for the troop. Donation boxes are located at the following places: Bilo, Agway and Thomas' Market. They will be there for the next two weeks. If you would like to arrange a home pickup or monetary donation please call 696-3854.

Trucksville UM women to sponsor flea market

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville UMC will sponsor their 8th annual Flea Market on the Lawn on Sat., Aug. 4, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The UM Women will serve lunch and will have merchandise for sale in the fellowship hall. They will also have a table where they will sell jewelry, collectibles, the UMW Cookbook, cards, and note cards and crafts.

There are still a few spaces available and can be reserved by calling the church office at 696-3897 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon or be calling Barbara Glowach at 696-1093.

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