

Help! Dr. Gutierrez's dog is lost

Dr. Gutierrez's dog has been stolen! Someone took it this morning, leaving hair, fibers and fingerprints!

There are four suspects but we need your help to find who is the culprit.

If you like mystery and can help us solve this crime, please join Professor Linda Gutierrez de Castejon of Wilkes University at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 9 in the Children's Room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

You will collect and evaluate evidence and then eliminate people in the list until only the name of the culprit remains.

You will be able to get fingerprints samples from the suspects, look at fibers and hairs and determine whether they are from animals or humans.

So grab your detective gear and join us for the fun!

All members of the summer reading program are welcome to attend. Please call the library to register (675-1182).



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Lavada Riggins stands on her property at the corner of Pine Tree Road and Chase Road in Jackson Township.

PRISON

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and got into a Back Mountain nursing home, holding people hostage.

When they escaped here in 1999, we had the officials from the prison here (on his property) along with a SWAT team, trying to determine if they came this way," he said. Fox says SCID spent money to fix security issues after the incident in 1999 and no escapes have occurred since.

A major concern Jackson Township residents expressed over the expansion dealt with the prison's water supply. The prison and nearby houses share water from a well and some are worried that doubling the size of the building will dry out the water supply. In the event of low water, SCID can turn on its pipeline from Pennsylvania American Water Company, but residences would be left dry.

"My concern is who gets the water first, the taxpayer or the prisoner?" said Fox.

Lavada Riggins, who lives close to the prison, is also against doubling the size of the facility but not because she's afraid of prisoners escaping. Instead, Riggins says traffic and speeding are her biggest worries.

"I wouldn't want to raise kids here now," she said. "The traffic is bad. They come down every two hours."

Riggins also says that multiple vehicles often exceed the speed limit and go swiftly past her driveway. The speeding motorists have even run over deer and left them lying on the road. Still, Riggins would not ever give her up her home.

"I'm not afraid to go out here to the mailbox at night where I'm afraid to get out of the car and go to Boscov's (in Wilkes-Barre)," she.

Although it is possible the prison expansion bill can be restored in the senate, it is unlikely since senators normally uphold the desires of the regional senator.



Joanne Freeman and Betsy Thomas roam the backyard garden of Russell Roberts and Betsy Fulton, of Lehman, during a tour of Back Mountain homes and gardens presented by the Back Mountain Bloomers Club.



Carolyn Johnson and Betty Levitsky, of Dallas, tour the home and garden of Russell Roberts and Betsy Fulton, Lehman, during a tour of Back Mountain homes and gardens presented by the Back Mountain Bloomers Club.



Pat Phillips and Mae Rome, members of the Back Mountain Bloomers, talk to visitors at at home in Lehman during the Back Mountain Garden Tour.

Touring gardens



Interior of dining room at the home of architect Russell Roberts and artist Betsy Fulton.

Six stunning properties, including Wild Ledges in Lehman Township and the three and a half acre gardens at Windsor Park in Dallas, were on this year's "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens" 2007 held last weekend by the Back Mountain Bloomers.

The Bloomers also hosted a Petite Standard Flower show entitled Small Town Treasures, along with a full schedule of gardening and landscaping workshops and demonstrations throughout the day.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association.



The Lehman home of architect Russell Roberts and artist Betsy Fulton was one of six properties on this year's garden tour sponsored by the Back Mountain Bloomers Club.



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