

# Back Mountain to revisit historical mansions

The Back Mountain Historical Association is presenting, "Town & Country: Downtown Mansions and Back Mountain Summer Homes," during its fall meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Misericordia University's Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

Local architect Carl J. Handman, AIA, and Anthony Brooks, executive director of the Luzerne County Historical Association, will present a collection of images of the city and country homes of many families whose names are well known in the region.

The free meeting and presentation are open to the public. A light reception will follow the meeting.

Participants are asked to register for the event by calling 674-8036 so proper accommodations can be made for campus guests.

Meeting guests who want to share their historical photographs of the Back Mountain with the regional historical association are asked to bring their pictures with



Among the historic homes to be discussed during the presentation is the William Hillard Conyngham House.

them to the October 13 meeting.

Digital copies of the photographs will be made for the

Judith Simms Dawe Photographic Database and the original pictures will be returned to their owner.



FRED ADAMS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Construction of a new maintenance building in the Dallas School District is currently under way as part of the new high school construction project. Cameras at the new high school and maintenance building will focus only on observation, not intrusion, under the project's contract. Some of the exterior doors to be installed on the school do not have contacts for burglary detection.

## CAMERAS

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School Board President Karen Kyle says a change order can mean an addition or a deduction from the contract. In addition, there is \$1 million in contingency that must be spent on a capital project, although it does not have to be the high school construction project.

"I'd support a change order to put an intrusion detector in the doorways and have the electrical contractor do the work that needs to be done now in order for that to happen," Kyle said. "I always feel like we're still ahead because we're not paying a construction management company."

Kyle believes the biggest concern is that RediChek was used and Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates official were supposed to have 90 percent of the plan documents complete when they did their final review. RediChek is a construction document review service that prepares checklists to review design documents.

The district paid \$50,000 to have its documents reviewed by

"The district is always concerned with the budget, especially when change order issues arise. The hard truth and fact of the matter is, although it was missed in the bid it would have been included within cost of the project originally. Now the burden is on the district to make certain the costs are in line and not inflated to include the changes."

Mark Kraynack  
Building and grounds manager

RediChek before they went out to bid. It is unknown whether or not 90 percent of the plan documents were complete when RediChek was used.

In addition, Kyle is upset that a sign for the high school and district at Hildebrandt Road and Conyngham Avenue was overlooked in the contract.

"It's been bothering me," Kyle said. "It's like the playground not being included in the Wycallis project. What happens is they're trying to bring the project in on budget ... we have a sign out on 309 and Hildebrandt Road. How old is that sign? We don't have a sign, really, along Hildebrandt and Conyngham Avenue."

A sign could also be purchased

using the contingency money, Kyle said.

Bob Nesbit, of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates, agreed at the meeting to investigate the matters and prepare a report for the school board's October work session.

Nesbit declined to comment, citing a Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates policy that prohibits him from talking to the press.

Superintendent Frank Galicki said Nesbit will give an update on the construction project at the board's Oct. 5 work session. Galicki says Rick LeBlanc, also of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates, will address concerns at the board's regular meeting on Oct. 12.

## MARATHON

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"It takes a lot of hard work and discipline," she said. "I work full time, so there are some days I am so tired from work and training the day before."

Larson ran her first half marathon, 13.1 miles, in the New York Road Runners Half Marathon Grand Prix in Queens on Sept. 20. She was scheduled to run her second half marathon, the Grete's Great Gallop Half Marathon, yesterday in Central Park.

"It is hard; I won't lie," Larson said. "But the satisfaction that crosses the finish line, that's a great sense of accomplishment."

So far, Larson has raised slightly more than \$1,000 toward her goal of \$3,000. She is thankful to her friends and family for their financial and emotional support.

"I think she would be so proud of me," Larson said of Connor, who was also a runner and a former field hockey coach at Dallas High School.

To donate in support of Larson and her cause, visit <http://fredsteam.mskcc.org> to find her homepage or e-mail [KellyLarson2009@gmail.com](mailto:KellyLarson2009@gmail.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The late Mary Ann (Mihalick) Connor, who was formerly from Larksville, runs a past race. Connor was 48 when she died from breast cancer in March of 2005. Her godchild, Kelly Larson, who is formerly of Shavertown, is running the 2009 ING New York City Marathon on Nov. 1 in Connor's memory.

## SMOKING

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Air Act because he feels it infringes on the rights of smokers and restaurant owners.

Solinsky believes banning smoking on playground property would simply cause adults to step outside of the fence to smoke during sporting events or while their children are at play. As a father of an 8-year-old, Solinsky says he and his son have seen adults smoking at the playground occasionally, but he does not feel it is a problem.

"I don't care if they see it," Solinsky said of children and smoking. "I would never allow (my son) to smoke. He already

knows that will bring down the wrath of his mother and (me) if he's caught."

Kingston Township Supervisor James Reino supports such an ordinance.

He was one of three supervisors who voted to drafting one and is a proponent of the ordinance to keep children safe.

"First, second-hand smoke is a documented problem and I believe every effort should be made to keep it away from children," Reino said. "Second, if people are smoking and their smokes are hanging down at their side or being moved from their mouth to their side, a potential for children to run into these smokes is a possibility, especially in an area designated for athletic events and

space for children to play." Reino says cigarette butts are toxic and difficult to clean up.

He also believes that smoking is an individual choice that should not be pushed on those who do not smoke.

In addition, Reino feels that adult smokers are able to smoke outside of a playground, but children cannot use the playground outside of the playground.

"My last and most important reason for drafting this ordinance is to let it go to a public hearing to see how the public feels about this issue and then make a final decision based on more than my feelings, a decision made with input from all parties involved," Reino said.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 27 mins.

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### Super Crossword

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