## 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 Iniversity's Lemmond Theaer 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 followthe meeting.

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

to share their historical photain with the regional histor- ing. ical association are asked to bring their pictures with tographs will be made for the turned to their owner.



Among the historic homes to be discussed during the presenta-Meeting guests who want tion is the William Hillard Conyngham House.

tographs of the Back Moun- them to the October 13 meet- Judith Simms Dawe Photo-

graphic Database and the Digital copies of the pho- original pictures will be re-

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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.

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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 and Conyngham Avenue." have its documents reviewed by

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."

"The district is always concerned with the budget,

especially when change order issues arise. The hard

Mark Kraynack Building and grounds manager

RediChek before they went out to using the contingency money, bid. It is unknown whether or not

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

A sign could also be purchased 12.

Kyle said.

90 percent of the plan documents Bob Nesbit, of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates, agreed at were complete when RediChek 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 savs Rick LeBlanc, also of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates, will address concerns at the board's regular meeting on Oct.

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### 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, vesterday 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.

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Larson and her cause, visit The late Mary Ann (Mihalick) Connor, who was formerly from Larkshttp://fredsteam.mskcc.org ville, runs a past race. Connor was 48 when she died from breast to find her homepage or e- cancer in March of 2005. Her godchild, Kelly Larson, who is formerly KellyLar- of Shavertown, is running the 2009 ING New York City Marathon on Nov. 1 in Connor's memory.

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Air Act because he feels it in- an ordinance. fringes on the rights of smokers and restaurant owners.

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-yearold, Solinsky says he and his son have seen adults smoking but he does not feel it is a problem.

"I don't care if they see it," Solinsky said of children and (my son) to smoke. He already ed for athletic events and

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

Kingston Township Supervi- up. sor James Reino supports such

He was one of three supervisors who voted to drafting Solinsky believes banning one and is a proponent of the ordinance to keep children

"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 at the playground occasionally, 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, ings, a decision made with insmoking. "I would never allow especially in an area designat-

Reino says cigarette butts are toxic and difficult to clean

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 feelput from all parties involved," Reino said.

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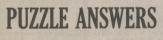
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