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McKenna Bryant and her dog Xena enjoy the Dallas American Legion Memorial Day Parade. For more parade photos, please turn to page 3.

## Litter may shut park

Council may take action with garbage, foul language at Dallas borough park.

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Timothy Carroll  
Dallas Borough mayor

Dallas Borough officials are considering removing the basketball hoops at Kenneth Young Memorial Park on Burndale Avenue due to excess litter found on park grounds.

Mayor Timothy Carroll said residents have contacted borough officials about concerns for young children when it comes to the littering and foul language of basketball players who use the park's basketball court.

"The kids are older, they drive there," said Carroll. "It's great for them. I'm glad to see (them use the park). But they leave such a mess of plastic bottles and cans. We have cans to put (garbage) in."

Borough Manager Tracey Carr said, after several instances of the borough's road department finding litter in the park and cleaning it up, borough council will consider voting to remove the basketball hoops from the court

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until improvements in the park's cleanliness can be seen.

"It's disgusting," said Carr. "It's not fair to the neighbors."

Amber Belschner, who lives across the street from the park with her husband and three young children, said her family helps to clean up the park almost every weekend.

"Sometimes (the park) gets covered in litter," she said. "Sometimes I'll find glass under the swing set."

Belschner said her children use the separate playground on the other side of Burndale Avenue often, but they will not use the recreation center where the basketball hoops are located because of the language used by the basketball players.

"The boys there are loud - it's normal teenage language," she said. "One time I had to say something to them because it was my daughter's

sixth birthday party and they were cursing up a storm."

She said basketball players will spend "all day" at the court on the weekends, and at least four hours on weekdays.

Carr said borough council has taken down the basketball hoops at the park before due to excess littering, but the problem is becoming more dramatic.

"We don't like to do it," said Carr. "We want to see residents take care of the park."

Belschner said not only is it a concern for her children to be exposed to unsanitary debris at the park, but she's worried about what her children are learning by seeing the litter scattered over a community respite.

"The older kids are not showing a good example for the younger kids," she said. "It only takes three extra steps to put garbage in the can."

## Hillside's greenhouse all polished and ready to be dedicated

By EILEEN GODIN  
Dallas Post Correspondent

IF YOU GO ...

The greenhouse rededication ceremony will start at 5:30 p.m. on June 11 at the greenhouses on The Lands at Hillside Farms. Tickets are \$95 per person with proceeds to benefit all educational programs at the farm. Call 696-2881 for more information.

Shining like a well-polished gem, the newly-renovated greenhouses at The Lands at Hillside Farms in Shavertown glitter in the sunlight while awaiting their grand reveal during a rededication ceremony scheduled for later this month.

The greenhouse rededication ceremony will start at 5:30 p.m. on June 11 at the greenhouses on The Lands at Hillside Farms. Tickets are \$95 per person with proceeds to benefit all educational programs at the farm.

"The whole event is a thank you to the volunteers and all donors to the farm," said Suzanne Kelly, director of advancement at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

Festivities will kick off with a cocktail hour in and around the greenhouse with flowers in full bloom. Guests will be invited to stroll through the beautiful gar-

dens to admire the unique architecture and the hard work to renovate the once, dilapidated shell of a building.

A string quartet will entertain the ears as a menu, including items such as pepper crusted Ahi Tuna, coffee crusted pork loin, shrimp, fresh-herb meatballs and imported cheeses, will tempt taste buds.

Guests will be transported to the historic Cottage at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy outdoor games such as horse shoes, music from a bluegrass band called Coal Town Rounders and a silent auction.

Kelly jokingly warns that guests remaining at the Cottage at 11:30 p.m. will be re-

quired to help milk the cows.

The work to repair and clean up the beautiful the greenhouses took about eight months to complete, said Chet Mozloom, Hillside Farms executive director.

"I thought the structure would have crashed to the ground," Mozloom said.

He describes the greenhouse as having broken glass windows, in some instances, looking like a guillotine. But the 15-year-old structure was able to have new life, thanks to a grant from the Luzerne Foundation.

The total cost of the project was unavailable and Mozloom

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Classes of school children now tour the newly-renovated Palm House, the centerpiece of the glass turn-of-the-century greenhouse built by Lord & Burnham at The Lands at Hillside. The eight-month re-do will be rededicated to the donors and benefactors of the project.



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Steven Smith, left, Class of 2010 and art therapy friends, Jennifer Walton and her sister, Amanda, happily ran the face-painting stand at the "Tearin' It Up for the Teardown" event.

## DHS grads bid school adieu

By EILEEN GODIN  
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"The district has a fine educational reputation and they want to maintain it," Turner said. "Currently, they are limited by the building."

John Turner  
Former Dallas teacher

Although she's sad to see her original mural demolished with the old Dallas High School building, Amanda Walton of Dallas is looking forward to seeing the art hall and other amenities the new Dallas High School building will have.

Walton, a 2010 graduate and freshman at Keystone College studying art therapy, sat at a facing painting booth at the "Tearin' It Up for the Teardown" event held May 29 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds in Dallas.

Walton is upset to see the old high school go but "is happy about all the new benefits the students will have" and has been told her mural will live on.

"A picture of my mural will be taken and placed in the art

hall," she said, adding that she has volunteered to paint a new mural in the new high school.

The event was designed to be an official "good-bye" to the old Dallas High School building for all alumni and Back Mountain residents. This June, the old building which houses ninth through 12th-grade students and opened its doors in 1962, will be demolished. A new state-of-the-art school sits behind the old building.

Admission fees to the Teardown were \$15 for children and \$20 for adults at the gate. All proceeds from sales will be do-

nated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation where David Williams, a 1977 Dallas High School graduate, is the president and CEO, said Chris Gillis, event organizer.

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