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## Harvest Festival coming to Dallas

By SANDY PEOPLES  
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - On Sunday afternoon, September 14 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., downtown Dallas will be transformed into what might initially look like the set of a great family movie. But the best part is, the festival is real and it's coming to our town.

Three-dozen Dallas residents, with less than 80 days from start to finish, have set about to do what some may think is impossible. They have put together the first annual Dallas Harvest Festival, and it promises to be a tradition that residents will want to continue for many years to come. The goals of the festival are to celebrate the Back Mountain's small town atmosphere and farming heritage, and rain or shine, to bring people together in downtown Dallas.

"The idea for the festival came from Dallas resident, Rich Fufaro," said Nancy Eckert, chairperson of the Dallas Visioning Committee. "Rich is new in the area and brought the idea with him from an event he saw in New England. He's doing a great job as the chairman of the festival steering committee."

"I joined the visioning group to find out what was going on in my new home town and to get involved," said Fufaro. "Already there are some early signs of some good things happening such as the merchant's beautification program using flower boxes and the overwhelming support for this festival. People are enthusiastic about it. We wish to thank Dal-

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### Free trial

Gabrielle Volpetti of Dallas imagined how she might look with a new set of dangling earrings she spotted at last weekend's Arts at Hayfield craft show. More photos on page 4.

## Roundabout gets OK from council

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
Post Staff

DALLAS — Borough council's vote Wednesday clears the path for the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to pursue construction of a traffic roundabout in the center of town. It also could open the door for a "big box" retail development a mile and a half away in Dallas Township.

After hearing from residents both for and against the roundabout, the council voted 6-0 in favor of adding the traffic pattern to PennDOT's Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilman Dennis Garvey did not attend the meeting.

The decision means the project will be included in the updated long-range plan and PennDOT will lobby the state transportation commission and Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding for the project. If approved by those channels, PennDOT will then study the viability of the roundabout.

Ultimately it's a long process that in the end could yield a round about in as little as one year or as long as five, said Dave Krisanda, PennDOT spokesperson. Or, it could yield some other type of plan for the troubled intersection.

"It just means it's a possibility," Krisanda said. "It's just one thing being considered, it's definitely

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## Normal trash collections scheduled on Labor Day

Waste Management on Labor Day will make on-time collections from its residential Monday pickup customers in the Back Mountain. Customers are asked to have their waste ready for regular pickup on Sunday evening, August 31.

The holiday service will allow the company to comply with the company's employee safety regulations and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. It also will prevent collection delays the following week.

Federal safety regulations limit the number of hours drivers can work in a week. By suspending service on holidays, collection backlogs occur in the weeks following the holiday when drivers reach their maximum hours before all routes have been serviced. These backlogs will be avoided by maintaining the Monday schedule.

For additional information, call 1-800-222-2028.

## 'Jane Fest' remembers and supports

By M.B. GILLIGAN  
Post Correspondent

The Susan G. Komen Foundation will again be the major beneficiary of the second annual "Jane Fest," held in memory of Jane Hanning Yocum. The foundation's mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

"We're remembering Jane, but it's not just about Jane," said Robert Yocum, Shavertown. He and Jane were married for nearly 25 years before her death from breast cancer in October 2001. "It's really about this disease that can rip families apart. We've managed to do something positive to help other people."

Last year's event raised over \$12,000 for the Komen Foundation, which sponsors the national Race for the Cure. "We also gave grants to Camp Braveheart and Candy's Place, and provided funding for over 400 mammograms for underinsured women in Luzerne County," said Marcia Buczko, committee member and herself a breast cancer survivor and one of Jane's best friends.

"We hope to be able to sponsor a spa day at Candy's Place this year. Cancer patients could be treated to



Presenting a check for \$12,000 raised by last year's "Jane Fest," from left; Brad Yocum, Bob Yocum, Dolly Woody, executive director of the NEPA affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and Rob Yocum.

### On September 6, 6 bands, food and drinks, all for a good cause

a manicure, a facial and a massage."

The "Jane Fest" will start at 4 p.m., on Saturday, September 6 in the Pavilion at Irem Temple Country Club. Six of Northeastern Pennsylvania's finest bands will be performing throughout the evening. The bands are "Plus 3," "Bus 5," "Funhouse," "Teddy & the Aces," "Cat & the Fiddle," and "No Way Out." Snacks will be served from 4

p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a light buffet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Beer and soda are free and mixed drinks will be available for purchase.

"Jane had a lot of friends and we have a very good committee," said Dan Gallagher, who is handling public relations for the event. "Some families are donating desserts and we are planning a silent auction of donated specialty baskets."

Jane Yocum was the mother of two sons. Robert, who graduated from Gate of Heaven Elementary School, is a freshman at Bishop O'Reilly High School. Bradley

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## Land owner fails to meet deadline for erosion plan

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
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DALLAS TWP. — The recently cleared property along Sago Street has been partially stabilized, but is still in violation of the Clean Streams Law, said an official of the Luzerne County Conservation District this week.

Dave Moss, Resource Conservation Specialist with the county conservation office, said several changes his office had requested be made to the property had been completed, but that more are needed.

On August 7, property owner Tom Dombroski was found in violation of the Clean Streams Law for having cleared the Sago Street property near a stream without following methods outlined in the Clean Streams Law. The conservation district said doing so put the stream in danger of being polluted by erosion and sedimentation.

Commenting on the progress Dombroski has made to prevent further erosion in the area, Moss said, "It is not extraordinary, but it is average. He just fell short of our expectations."

A follow-up compliance notice filed by the Conservation District and dated August 26 states an inspection conducted that day found several areas of the property had been mulched, seeded and hay

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