



FOR THE POST/SANDY PEOPLES

Allison Boris displays her "Buddy" items for sale as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life cancer research program.

Buddy

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else who would help her raise money for the Relay for Life cancer research fundraiser held at the college's Mangelsdorf Field in Dallas. She did it all in loving memory of her dad, Dr. Frank "Buddy" Boris, who died of cancer last August at the age of 51. He had served as the honorary chairperson of the event last year. This year Allison carried that torch in her own way.

Allison set a personal fundraising goal of \$10,000 and devised a plan to get there. She decided to use her artistic skills to paint designs on aprons and

book bags and sell them for \$20 each.

"I started out on a small scale," she said, "but soon the demand was more than I could produce and sell by myself. So I asked my family, friends and the kids from my field hockey team at Lake-Lehman to help me. We set up weekly painting parties."

Soon they were selling the Kitchen Buddy and Book Buddy items at Humphrey's in the Back Mountain Shopping Center in Shavertown and at Yuki's Dress Shop in the United Penn Plaza in Kingston.

"Sometimes people leave donations over and above the price of the apron or bag and that really helps the total go up," she said.

Each Buddy item carries a tag that reads: "Our friend, Buddy Boris, was well-respected for his impeccable dentistry, fierce loyalty and gallant fight against cancer. These 'buddies' are lovingly created in his memory. The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the American Cancer Society in the hope that research will find a cure." The buddies will remain on sale to help Boris reach her

goal of \$10,000. By the time of the Relay, she had raised \$9,048.

In a June 2003 interview, Dr. Boris said, "In our house we deal with the two P's — a positive attitude and a pro-active approach."

"Allison has many of her dad's qualities. She is determined, courageous, and hard working. Her dad would be so proud of her," said Allison's mother, Susan, with a tearful smile. "What you see is her expression of her love for her dad."

Relay for Life began in 1985,

Relay for Life Commonwealth sparks successful fundraiser

What a difference a year makes. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life made its first appearance in the Back Mountain last year, and the event raised \$14,500. This year's total was \$102,000. That huge increase isn't quite as impressive as it might seem, since Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises moved its Relay efforts from Wilkes-Barre to Dallas for 2004. In the course of the move, though, they also nearly doubled their contribution to cancer research.

"The CTE teams are capable of incredible things," said Sarah Hinkley, Community Income Development Specialist at the Wilkes-Barre office of the Cancer Society.

How incredible? Try \$72,000 worth, compared to \$37,000 last year. So even including CTE in the 2003 total, this year's event doubled last year.

Commonwealth had 11 teams participating, and they raised funds many different ways, Hinkley said, holding raffles, yard sales and bake sales, among other activities. "CTE is really committed to our mission."

Hinkley was also impressed with the contribution made by Allison Boris, and the entire Boris family. "I have never met a family like this," she said. "We're grateful to them."

Before Allison gave herself the challenge of raising \$10,000 for the Relay, the family directed memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society after Dr. Frank "Buddy" Boris died in August, 2003.

Hinkley said interest is already building for the 2005 Relay for Life. Anyone interested in participating may call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 1-888-227-5445.

Auction

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interesting items in store for anyone looking ahead to the real auction, which takes place July 8-11. Sure to bring spirited bidding is an eight-piece set of yellow and blue china, made in Romania and never used. It was donated by Georgia Cornell.

Too late for Father's Day, but in time for the deck season, the committee has four sets of t-shirts and matching ties in yellow and black, emblazoned with "Men Cooking" and "Dad Cooking."

Another donation useful for outdoor living is a metal table made in a poinsettia pattern. Someone's indoor dining will be enhanced by a hutch, table and six chairs, also donated, and "hardly used at all," according to Peggy Harvey, co-chair of the committee along with Barbara Kohler.

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Steve Traver coaxed a higher bid on a picture frame that was sold at the kickoff dinner for the 2004 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Karen Boback, antiques booth chairperson, helped him with the items.

Cleanup program at Harveys Lake

HARVEYS LAKE — The borough will hold its annual dumping program at the borough garage off West Point Avenue from 8 a.m. to noon June 26. Cars and half-ton trucks will be charged \$25 per load and any vehicle larger than a half-ton will be \$50. Permits are required and may be purchased at the borough office, state Route 415, Sunset, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be another drop-off date on Sept. 25.

Senior citizens may register for collection at their homes by calling 639-2113, ext. 0. Collection will begin June 14 and end June 25.

Storm damage claims accepted

TUNKHANNOCK — Residents whose homes or businesses sustained damage due to severe weather on May 12 are asked to contact the Emergency Management Agency at 836-3399 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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