

Dallas Borough curbside pickup ends Wednesday

The Dallas Borough Road Department will conclude the 2004 Fall Leaf and Yard Waste curbside collection program on Wednesday Dec. 1. All residents are advised to place curbside any remaining yard waste in the green recycling containers and leaves should be placed in plastic bags for collection. The green recycling containers have been provided by the Borough through a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant program in partnership with the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

Curbside collection for yard waste recycling will begin again in the spring of 2005 and an announcement will be made at that time. Residents may drop off yard waste and leaves at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority Monday through Friday during regular operating hours.

Free legal services for Reservists

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KIDZ SAKE

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On the one hand, "We felt lucky because Hershey knew we were coming and knew what had to be done for Anthony and that he would be coming home," Betty said. They met other parents whose children might not come home or who might be away from home for months.

After a relapse last Thanksgiving, and another trip to Hershey, the Kings are optimistic that Anthony is over the worst his condition poses. "We recognize the signs better now and can treat him at home with medications," Betty said.

But they know that trips to faraway cities with little money on hand plus the cost of eating out can be overwhelming to a family already under stress. Kidz Sake puts money in the hands of the parents directly and allows the whole family to stay together for the "kids sake." The parent fills out a brief non-invasive application at the hospital and the money can be used for whatever the family needs.

There are no financial restrictions on the grants because, Betty King says, "If



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Up on the rooftop, but without reindeer

No, that wasn't Santa on the roof of a West Center Hill Road home's porch. It was Ralph Schwartz stringing icicle lights and other holiday decorations. Unlike Santa, he had to clamber up a ladder to get there. Mild temperatures allowed Ralph and his wife Melissa to get the lights up without freezing their fingers into real icicles.

HOEDOWN

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boys wore those hats and bandanas. We explained that cowboy boots protect them from snakebites," said Marsha Paczewski, the third member of the trio of teachers who started the Hoedown tradition. "Now we're reading a story about snakes in our reading classes and the children can understand the connection."

The many parents and friends who enjoyed the show might not realize it but those dancers were also meeting the state standards in physical education classes.

"We start in October and they learn three square dances. It teaches them very good locomotive skills," said Karen Arnaud, Phys Ed and Wellness teacher at Wycallis. "These days we are focusing on lifetime activities and staying more physically active."

Students also meet the music standards through the weeks of Hoedown preparation. "We teach the songs to the entire class so they are all working on the rhythm standards. There are also standards for singing techniques, and the importance of rehearsals and vocal stan-

"There is such a volume of curriculum and curriculum comes first."

Kathleen McCarthy
Wycallis Principal

dards," said Wycallis music teacher Debbie Pike.

"The performance standards even require students to perform an original work and we need to teach them about folk tunes, also."

Three classes of second grade students donned cowboy hats and bandanas for the show, which featured folk tunes like "Old Susannah" and "Home on the Range." They performed three square dances and a line dance and many of the students had the opportunity to use the microphones, yet another standard met.

All students worked toward the art standards when they made images of cowboys to decorate the school gymnasium.

"It is a real joint effort," said Mrs. Pike. "It teaches cooperation and that is an important standard that goes throughout the whole curriculum."



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Wycallis Elementary School second grade teachers dressed in appropriate western attire for the annual Hoedown. Pictured from left are Beth Faerber, Marsha Paczewski and Suzanne Herstek.

Kidz Sake raffle

First prize in the current Kidz Sake raffle is an all-expenses-paid trip for two to the 2005 Masters Golf Tournament. Second prize is \$500 cash and third prize is \$250. A maximum of 500 entries will be sold, at \$50 each. Entries will be accepted until Feb. 14, 2005. Winners will be drawn Feb. 15, and notified by certified mail. Enter by mail, to Kidz Sake, P.O. Box 242, Dallas PA18612. Checks and credit cards are accepted. For more information, go to www.kidzsake.org

you have a sick kid it doesn't matter how much money you have or where it is or if you need to buy a pack of cigarettes to get you through, that's okay too."

The Kings have had help starting their organization from neighbors and good friends. Lori Collacito designed the "Kidz Sake" pamphlet that is given in hospitals to parents and Dave Collacito designed the website at www.kidzsake.org.

Atty. Joseph Dente incorporated the organization. But the Kings do most of the fundrais-

ing themselves. "We were so excited by the first \$700 we raised, but because of privacy laws we'll never know who the family was. We'd like to start a support group. We want them to know about Kidz Sake," Betty said.

They raise money by soliciting local businesses for monetary contributions, donated services, gift certificates and items that can be raffled off. Other sources of funding come from the public and federal agencies. They solicit through mailings, personal appeals and

fundraisers. Businesses and hotels in areas surrounding the children's hospitals are also approached.

This year's raffle includes a trip for two to the 2005 Masters Golf championship in Augusta, Georgia, with airfare, car rental and accommodations included.

But it's hard for the two of them to keep up, and now they hope for a corporate or private individual who will help them with their cause. "Because we're getting tired," Betty said.

It's been a long, hard road back to normal for the King family. The Kings' two older children, Samantha, 12, and Olivia, 4, often ask, "Hey Mom, what about us?" While Betty King hopes for more help with Kidz Sake, she reassures her daughters she would do the same for them or — anyone else — if needed.

Donations can be made to Kidz Sake, P.O. Box 242, Dallas, PA 18612 or for more information call 574-7741 or visit the website at www.kidzsake.org



Wellness teacher Karen Arnaud handled things behind the scenes. Here, Donald Michalisin returns his horse to the corral.

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