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Relay for Life returning to Dallas

Last year's event set a record for funds raised. Organizers plan for a repeat.

By SANDY PEOPLES
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DALLAS TWP. - When most of us are "running around in circles," it's because we're confused and really don't know where we're going. But there is no doubt why children and adults of all ages will be running and walking

in circles at College Misericordia's Mangelsdorf Field on June 3 and 4.

They will be participating in the 20th annual Relay for Life to help raise awareness and money to fight cancer in our lifetime. This will be the third year for the Back Mountain event. They will join 4,200 other communities in the United States and eight foreign countries in this 24-hour fundraiser.

"In 2003, our eight teams

raised \$15,000," said Michelle Cassatori, Back Mountain chairperson for the event. "Last year, 22 teams raised \$105,000 which was the highest percentage increase in the state. Most of that increase we owe to Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises (CTE) and their more than 300 employees who participated in company-wide fundraisers and delivered more than \$70,000 to the cause."

Employees from CTE and

other teams are already forming for this year's event. Metz Enterprises, Offset Paperback, and the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts are among those who will be represented in June.

Other large amounts came in from individual teams and their leaders. Allison Boris, daughter of the late Dr. Frank "Buddy" Boris and Susan Boris, led her team to a winning donation of

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Dallas Elementary School teachers Angel Bestwick, left, and Barbara Wesneski, were all smiles after receiving word that they are to be awarded a Toyota TAPES-TRY Grant. Fifth grade students at DES next year will work on a science and literature project involving Toby's Creek.

Dallas Elementary students will study two waterways

Teacher Angel Bestwick wins \$10,000 grant to fund project, one of only 50 in the U.S.

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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Thanks in part to the recent stories about Toby's Creek and the Susquehanna River watershed, fifth grade students at Dallas Elementary School next year will participate in a unique learning experience.

"After reading the Toby's Creek stories in The Post and the essays written by Dr. Bruce Mangan (in the Times Leader), my class wrote essays as if they were the Susquehanna River," said Angel Bestwick, fifth grade teacher and science coordinator at DES. "I just wanted to do more."

Bestwick applied for and won a \$10,000 Toyota TAPES-TRY Grant that will be used to support a special project next year. Using handheld computers to collect and analyze data, the fifth graders will focus on the water quality in Toby's Creek and the Susquehanna River and their ability to sustain native organisms.

"We will be working on the Science and Literature standards of our curriculum," said Bestwick. In addition to performing the scientific studies, the students will write essays and poetry throughout the project.

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'Slow down' on Old Rt. 115, say township officials

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
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LEHMAN TWP. — No need for speed. That's the message from the police and supervisors after a raft of accidents were recorded last month.

Winter weather conditions and youthful drivers contributed to the 28 motor vehicle accidents the Lehman Police department responded to in January, police chief Howard Kocher told the supervisors at their Feb. 21 meeting.

"It's like Nascar," said Doug Ide, the township road supervisor, referring to Old State Route 115 between Huntsville Dam and the entrance to the Penn State University branch. As youthful drivers come and go from their classes, "They make the first curve and wipe out around the second one across from Huntsville Nursery," said Kocher.

The township received a letter from Penn State, "scolding us for not taking better care of the road," said Dave Sutton, chairman. But the township is responsible for only 1.5 miles of Old State Route 115, from the Jackson Road intersection to the campus entrance.

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Snow (ball fight) day

Danille Schmidt hurls a bunch of snow at Lindsay Kauffman, Dallas, last Monday. The friends, including Nick Diaco, enjoyed the President's Day snowstorm and a day off from school.

Fred Templin is recalled for dedication to students

The long-time Dallas teacher and administrator lived a full life outside the classroom.

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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Allison Lord never sat in a class taught by Fred Templin, but she still was familiar with the reputation earned by the lifetime educator, who died

February 21.

"Fred was a great guy," Lord said last week. She graduated from Dallas High School on a Friday night in 1972, and came to work at the junior high school the next Wednesday. "So I knew him almost all my life."

Mary Yankowski, also a 1972 graduate, had similar feelings for Templin.

"He was here for the right rea-

sons," said Yankowski, who has worked in the high school office since graduating.

Last week, teaching colleagues recalled a man who was considered a gentle giant for his large stature and kind nature, and a model of dedication to his calling.

"He was an imposing figure,

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Honors bestowed, work begins on 2005 festival

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS — Before they could begin planning the next Dallas Harvest Festival, organizers had some things to finish up from last year.

First, Luzerne County Commissioner Stephen A. Urban presented a handsome wooden plaque to borough public works employee John Cybulski, honoring his assistance in putting on the first two annual events. Cybulski in turn thanked borough officials and festival volunteers for their efforts and support.

Then, Mike McDavid, of the Penn State Extension, which has been a major supporter of the festival, presented a gift to Rich Fufaro, the de facto chairman of the festival committee since its inception. "It's just a great town, and I'm glad to be here," said Fufaro, who brought the festival idea with him when he moved from Connecticut a few years ago.

Fufaro used the gift, a gavel, to call the Feb. 22 meeting to order. The first order of business was to authorize creation of a manual that would contain guidelines for

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And the winner is...

Kelly Rogan is pleased with the results of her ticket in the 50/50 drawing held at the Harveys Lake Lions Club Night at the Races — \$50 in winnings. Her sister, Anne, seems equally happy. More photos on page 3.



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