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Dave Carey provided vocals and guitar while Dave Barry played the drums for Bad Habit, which captured first place in the Battle of the Bands at Dallas High School.

## Rock 'n roll high school

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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DALLAS TWP. – The Dallas High School auditorium rocked last week during the second annual Battle of the Bands. The event, coordinated by the school's Senior Steering Committee, raised money for various senior class projects. "We were really happy with everything," said senior Billy Barnes, who helped organize the event. "(The event) was started by last year's senior class. We're just continuing it. All of the bands played really well and we had a nice

crowd. It was a good experience for everyone." Six bands performed in front of the crowd and a panel of judges. The bands were chosen from a field of 14 bands that auditioned last month. At the conclusion of last weekend's event, the bands were ranked according to their respective scores. The judges were Anne Butler, an English teacher at Dallas who also earned a degree in music; assistant superintendent Paul Reinert,

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Adam Barry, a drummer for Bad Habit, is ready for the Battle of the Bands.

## JOLLEY RECOGNIZED FOR COMPLETING FBI COURSE



TIMES LEADER STAFF PHOTO/DON CAREY

Dallas Township Police Chief Robert Jolley was recently honored during last week's board of supervisors meeting for completing a 10-week program at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. Jolley received a plaque in recognition of the accomplishment. According to its Web site, the FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. It serves to support, promote and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders. Participation is by invitation only, and less than 1 percent of police executives in the United States are given the opportunity to attend, Jolley said. He plans to apply the techniques he learned at the academy to training members of his department. Dallas Township Sgt. Doug Higgins, left, presents Jolley with the plaque on behalf of the police department.

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## Taking the plunge for a very good cause



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Lehman Township resident Charlene Cook collected more than \$600 for the Polar Plunge, which benefits the American Cancer Society's Back Mountain Relay For Life.

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Lake-Lehman students Kenny Pollock, Mike Lipski and Scott Summa were hoping for better weather when they were planning last weekend's third annual Polar Plunge to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Back Mountain Relay For Life.

But they couldn't have hoped for a better outcome.

A late-winter snowstorm dumped more than a foot of snow on the Back Mountain the day before the scheduled event, but that didn't stop the group from raising more than \$6,500 for cancer patient services, education, advocacy, and research in Luzerne County. The three students organized the event as part of their senior project.

A group of 48 courageous souls braved the near freezing temperature and jumped into the water at Harveys Lake. The participants ran into the lake or jumped from a nearby dock in groups of four to eight. The number of people who participated in the plunge was down by approximately 12 people from a year ago, but more people attended the event, according to Lipski.

"The snowstorm really hurt us," said the Lake-Lehman junior. "But more people showed up this year and lots of people came to the event and donated. We knew that last year's group raised about \$5,500 and that was a really great group. So we figured if we could raise as much money as them, it would be successful. Everything turned out really well."

The event was planned for Saturday, but the snowstorm hit the area on Friday. A local radio host who was planning to be at the event said might not be able to attend if the plunge was rescheduled until the following week. So Lipski, Pollock and Summa had a decision to make – and not much time to make it.

"He was on the air playing some music and we had about two minutes to make up our minds," said Lipski. "We quickly called Mrs. (community men-

tor Susan) Boris and decided to push it back one day. It probably was the best decision."

The Polar Plunge was started in 2005 by Lake-Lehman student Allison Boris in memory of her father, Frank "Buddy" Boris. The well-known dentist was diagnosed with colon cancer in July 2002 and passed away approximately 13 months later.

Allison's younger sister, Caroline, and two other Lake-Lehman students organized the event the following year as their senior project. Pollock, Lipski and Summa are also friends of the Boris family.

"We thought it was a really good idea to keep the tradition going and help the American Cancer Society," said Pollock, whose maternal grandmother is a breast cancer survivor. "The Boris family was happy we were continuing the tradition as part of our senior project."

Through all the hard work, Pollock said he learned a lot.

"It's really tough to organize something like this," he said. "We have to do paper next year, something related to what we're doing. We'll probably write about cancer or something like hypothermia."

Among the 48 people jumping into the frigid water was Lehman Township resident Charlene Cook, who raised the most money – \$648 – by an individual. Cook, who owns Cook's Store in Lehman Township with her husband Ken, put a jar on the store counter and collected money throughout the day. A friend of Cook's collected money from co-workers at General Hospital and several of Cook's fellow members of the Red Hat Society also donated.

"We raised a lot of money in a short period of time," said Cook. "Our customers were very generous and thoughtful. (Pollock, Lipski and Summa) come into the store a lot. They're good boys. I'm glad I was able to help."

And even several days after taking the plunge, Cook had difficulty finding the words to describe the feeling.

"I was just excited," she said. "I was glad I could do it. I really can't explain how it felt, other than to say I was excited. It's probably something I will do again next year."



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Kassie Keiper and Maureen Devine jump into the cold water during the Polar Plunge at Harveys Lake.