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Fourth-grader Jacob Karlowicz lands after jumping rope as his classmates watch during Ross-A-Thon held May 29 at Ross Elementary. A total of \$1,128.39 was raised for Alex's Lemonade Stand, a non-profit organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

Ross students take lemons, make \$\$\$

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"When life throws you lemons, make lemonade."

That was the theme for the students, faculty and parent volunteers of Ross Elementary School at Ross-A-Thon held May 29 to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Alex's Lemonade Stand was started in 2000 by then 4-year-old cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott. The young girl held a lemonade stand to obtain money so doctors can help children with cancer and continued to hold a stand each year until her death in 2004. Today, thousands of lemonade stands have been held around the country to help Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Ross-A-Thon was held in conjunction with "National Lemonade Days" during the first week of June.

Participants had the option to buy a t-shirt benefitting Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

Yellow Ross-A-Thon t-shirts were sold for \$10 each with \$4 from every shirt going to Alex's Lemonade Stand. The t-shirt sale and donations raised \$1,128.39 for the organization. Those who did not purchase a shirt were asked to wear yellow

"We can show kids that have cancer what they can do if they get better. They can at least have a chance."

Courtney Elswerth
Ross Elementary student

to Ross-A-Thon.

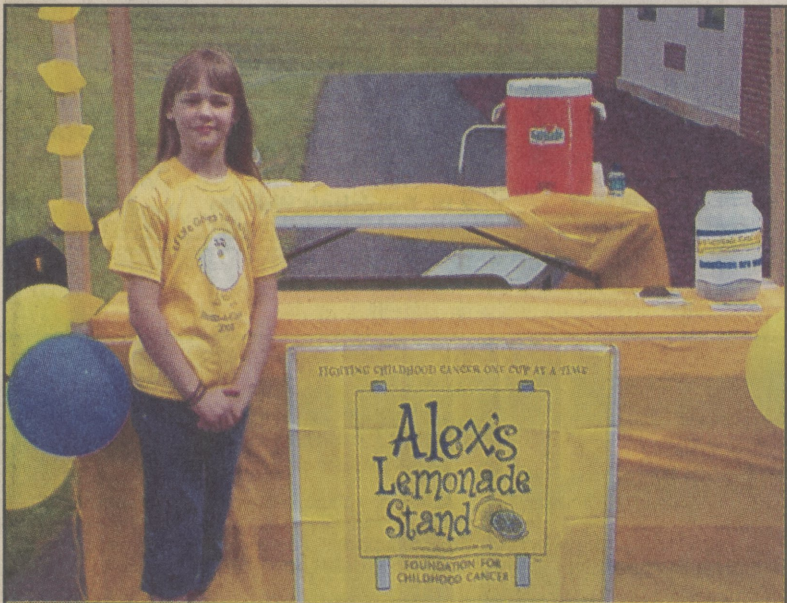
A contest was held among the students to design the shirt. Third-grader Hannah Stroud's "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" design was chosen. Stroud drew a chicken laying a lemon, using pencils and markers to make the drawing.

"I didn't think it would win," she said. "I was shocked. I feel good because everyone's wearing it and they bought them to help kids with cancer."

Students of the school participated in activities including Lemon Race, Catch-A-Thon, Jump-A-Thon, Hul-A-Thon, Exercise-A-Thon, Dance-A-Thon and Read-A-Thon. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy lemonade from the school's own "Alex's Lemonade Stand" build by parents.

"It's a beautiful day," said Ross Elementary Principal Donald James. "The kids are enjoying it and one of the goals was to tie it

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Third-grader Hannah Stroud stands in front of the parent-built Alex's Lemonade Stand at Ross-A-Thon held at Ross Elementary. Stroud drew the winning design for the event's t-shirt, which she is wearing. The shirt's theme is 'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.' For more photos, visit www.mydallaspost.com.



Event signals annual event is right around corner



Jim and Jackie Grutko of Dallas look at items at the mini auction.

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Auction kick-off

Half the fun of the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is the events leading up to the auction itself.

The annual auction Kick-off Dinner and Mini Auction on June 2 at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates featured a reception, dinner and a mini-auction.

This year's auction is scheduled for July 10-13 on the library grounds in Dallas. Hot items going over the block this year include a time share in Hawaii, plus tons of signed sports memorabilia. A children's quilt plus paintings by Sue Hand and her students and antiques donated by Diane Getz from her shop will also be featured.

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A needlepoint footstool and pillow are on display at the mini auction.



Dr. Joseph Sgarlat of Harveys Lake socializes at the auction dinner.



A Golden Mohair Daneer is displayed at the mini auction.

Shopping at the flea market

Reporter, photographer find bargains galore at Meadows 'Spring Bargain Sale' to benefit nursing center

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When I think of a flea market, I envision random junk that would have otherwise been thrown out or given away.

So when I was assigned to spend \$20 at the "Spring Bargain Sale" at the Meadows Nursing Center, I was unsure of what to make of it.

That quickly changed after I arrived at the sale on the morning of May 7. After being greeted by friendly and familiar faces, Dallas Post photographer Charlotte Bartizek and I set out to each spend \$20. I was surprised when I was

immediately drawn to a wooden basket with a painted flower on its side. I wanted it, but I'm not entirely sure what to do with it.

Next to the basket was a letter holder made of wood and metal springs. This is perfect for my desk at home which has a stack of mail on it. I bought the cutest yellow tea set consisting of a cookie dish, a spoon dish, two saucers and two tea cups. Charlotte approved of the set because it has a brand trademark, "Fiesta," on the bottom of each piece.

Charlotte then noticed a soup tureen by Ironstone China from Wilkinson LTP England.

"I do make homemade soups a lot, so this is definitely something I would use," she said.



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Marle Belasco, of Dallas, holds a soup tureen she donated to the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary to sell at its 'Spring Bargain Sale.'

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