

# Walking together to fight cancer

People of all ages from the community came out to walk for the fight against cancer at the American Cancer Society's Back Mountain Relay For Life held from 5 p.m. Friday, May 30, to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Misericordia University's Anderson Athletic Complex.

More than 160 participants in 17 teams took turns walking around the center's track during the event. The annual event was created to bring people affected by cancer together. Participants walk to raise money to battle the disease.

A luminaria was held at 8:30 p.m. Friday in memory of those who died from the disease. Over 170 luminaria bags were lit at the ceremony. A survivor's celebration took place at 12:30 p.m. Saturday with 25 cancer survivors present. In a survivor's lap around the track, the 25 survivors led and were followed by 40 of their caregivers. Other participants in the event cheered the survivors on.

Over \$52,000 was raised at the event. Donations will be accepted until August 31 and can be sent to The American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort, PA 18704 or by calling 383-4701.

For more photos, visit [www.mydallaspost.com](http://www.mydallaspost.com).



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Carolyn Leja passes time by playing frisbee at Relay for Life.

Participating in the Relay for Life are, from left, Lily Amadio, 11; Jennifer Cave, 12; Mike Shutlock, 11; and Kelly Anderson, 11, all of Shavertown.



Lindsey Oremus, 10, and Jacob Besecker, 9, both of Dallas, fight cancer and each other with inflatable toys at Relay for Life.



Debbie Callahan, of Shavertown, and Yvonne Hummer do what they can to stay dry.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

### Nutrition vouchers to be distributed

Farmers market nutrition vouchers will be distributed by the Area Agency on the Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming counties at two area senior centers. Vouchers will be available at the Wyoming County Senior Center, 101 Dymond Terrace, Tunkhannock, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, June 9 and at the Dallas Senior Center, 22 Rice St., Dallas, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24. To be eligible, you must be a resident of Luzerne or Wyoming County, be at least 60 years of age by December 31, 2008 (proof of age required) and meet income guidelines based on 2007 total household income. Income requirements are single, \$19,240; couple, \$25,900; three person household, \$32,560; and four person household, \$39,220. Each qualifying individual is

allowed four \$5 vouchers per year. Vouchers will not be sent out by mail. For more information, call 822-1158.

### Library summer story hours are scheduled

Registration for summer story hours at the Back Mountain Memorial Library begins June 10 after 9:30 a.m. by calling the library at 675-1182. Story hours will begin the week of June 22 and run until the week of August 3, 2008. Two toddler sections will be offered on Tuesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Kim Konicki, an upcoming senior at Lake-Lehman High School, will conduct the sessions as her Senior Project. She will introduce the children to the story hour setting with songs, finger plays, crafts and a short book. Parents and caregivers will sit with their children in their laps in a circle on the floor for this interactive story time.

Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to join one of these scheduled sessions: Wednesdays, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon; and Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. These sessions are an hour in length and include several books, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Space is limited so please call early. There is no charge for any of these sessions.

### Civil War Round Table hosts speaker

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will present Ted Dombroski as its speaker at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post on Route 415 in Dallas. Dombroski, of Hazleton, is a member of Co. K, 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War re-enacting unit based in Luzerne County. He is currently First Sergeant of the group and has been a re-enactor

for almost 15 years.

The program is open to the public.

### Meadows Center seeks teen volunteers

Applications are now available for the Summer Teen Volunteer Program at the Meadows Nursing Center. Teens who volunteer will have the opportunity to assist with various activities such as bingo, crafts, fishing, picnics, manicures, taking residents outdoors, and more. An orientation and tuberculosis screening are required. Class size is limited. Orientations are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18 at the center. An evening orientation will be held in late June to accommodate students who are unable to attend during the day. Attendance at the orientation is required on only one day. Students who have to fulfill requirements for school projects

or church community service are invited to attend.

To register, call 675-8600 ext. 195.

### Bridge group in need of substitute players

The Shriner's Hospital for Children Marathon Bridge Group is in need of substitute players for its next game at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 20, at Irem Country Club in Dallas. The game is all ages and mixed gender. Although the group is not associated with the Shriner's Hospital, but it donates money raised from subscription fees to the organization. The group plays on the third Friday of each month from October through June at Irem Country Club. There is no fee for substitute players. For more information, contact Ellie at 675-8346.

### Beginner reading program at library

Beginner readers are invited to join Mrs. Sorokin on another adventure this summer at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. This four-week program will feature jokes, crafts, activities and strange but true bug facts! The featured read-along story will be "Andrew Lost in the Garden" by J.C. Greenburg. Participants will meet in the back of the Children's Room from 10 to 11 a.m. on these Mondays: June 30, July 14, 21 and 28. Participants are asked to provide their own books for the program. Children in grades two to four are welcome to register for this program beginning June 10 by calling the library. Call the library at 675-1182 for more information.