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Walking in memory of Kelci

Kelci Gibbons, killed last year in car accident, will be remembered during Oct. 6 event

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The Gibbons family of Dallas was changed forever last summer when daughter Kelci was tragically killed in a car accident on Route 487. A bright and happy spirit, Kelci is now sorely missed by her parents Ray and Kelly, older brother Brian and twin sister Michelle.

Kelci was well-known in the Back Mountain area. She and her twin sister served as left and right midfielders on the 2007 Dallas High School soccer team which won the state championship.

The family now wants to create something good to honor Kelci's memory.

The Kelci Ever After Inaugural 6K and 2K Memory Walk will be held on Oct. 6 at Frances Slocum Park. The race event begins at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 and includes a tie-dye t-shirt.

The memory walk is a reflection of things that Kelci loved. Kelci loved tie-dye and peace symbols and enjoyed the outdoors.

The event will include a flat 6K trail and road run along the lake shore and an easy 2K walk on a level path.

Those interested can register online at www.kelcigibbons.com or register the day of the event. Registration on the day will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 10:40 a.m.

Awards for the top three male



Kelci Gibbons will be remembered during a walk on Oct. 6.

and female finishers as well as awards in a number of age categories will be presented.

The family chose Frances Slocum Park for the memory walk because it was one of Kelci's favorite places. And Kelly Gibbons said, "She loved fall, too."

Kelly Gibbons said the event

is important to the family. "We don't have birthdays or Christmas to give things to Kelci. We wanted something positive to give to her."

The family wants to celebrate Kelci's life and to raise funds for a scholarship in her memory. The scholarship will be awarded to a student at

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Lake-Lehman or Dallas High School. The family also has plans to sponsor a local youth soccer team with funds raised because soccer was so important in Kelci's life.

There will be chances for gift certificates as well as raffles, food and music during the memory walk.

"We have planned a very peaceful and fun event," Kelly explained.

The family hopes that Kelci's friends and supporters will turn out for the event. "We would just like a huge amount

of community support," Kelly said.

Those wishing to honor someone they have lost can purchase a tribute poster as well. Kelly said the event was not just about their family. "Everybody has someone that they've loved and lost. They can walk in memory of that person."

Gibbons said of Kelci's death, "You can't control what you're given." But she said of the memory walk, "We're trying to make the best of a situation that has no best."



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Zachary Smith tries to eat a donut on a string without touching it with his hands at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School Carnival.



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Connor Allabaugh enjoys his slide through this amusement at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School Carnival.



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Dancing Gangman style at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School carnival are Grant Pryor, left, and Simon Viecezorek.

Plenty of fun at Lake-Noxen PTO Carnival

The Annual Parent-Teacher Organization Carnival was held Sept. 6 at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. Students enjoyed all kinds of games and refreshments, compliments of the PTO.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

New turf will be dedicated on Sept. 20

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The Lake-Lehman School Board announced that the district's new turf will be dedicated at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 before the football team's game against Holy Redeemer.

The new field will also be the site for the UNICO All-Star Game on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of human resources

director Jacqueline McHale. Board president Mark Kornoski said after the meeting that a search has not yet begun for her replacement.

The board also accepted the resignation of Jenilee Kukuchka as an elementary music teacher.

Nutrition, Inc., the district's food service provider, presented a demonstration about the new Farm to Fork program which includes locally-grown produce in the menus in school cafeterias. The group also

presented a monthly plan which will introduce international foods for tasting.

The district will hold open houses on the following schedule: Sept. 16 at the Junior-Senior High School, Sept. 17 at Lake Noxen Elementary, Sept. 18 at Lehman-Jackson Elementary and Sept. 19 at Ross Elementary.

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School.



Anna Christian, left, was first runner-up and Christianna Barrera was named 2013 Luzerne County Fair Princess.

Luzerne County Fair Princess crowned

The 2013 Luzerne County Fair Princess was crowned at the fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Contestants, ranging from 4 to 6 years old and residing in Luzerne County, dressed in their favorite party dresses and told a little bit about themselves.

Christianna Barrera, of Plains, won the title and will take part in community events during the year as the 2013 Luzerne County Fair Princess. Runner-up was Anna Christian, of Wapwallopen.

All contestants received flowers sponsored by Kimberly Floral, Dallas, and goody bags.

Last year's Princess, Carly Yoder, of Dallas, helped crown the new princess. Brooke Evans, 2013 Luzerne County Fair Queen, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Special guests included 2013 PA State Fair Queen Rhonda Carl, 2013 Miss PA Junior Teen Queen Madonna Mantione and 2013 Schuylkill County Fair Queen Rachael Naradko.

Judges were Bryn Harvey (2007 Luzerne County Fair Queen), Nicole Clemson (2009 PA State Fair Queen), Krista Paluski (2009 Luzerne County Fair Queen) and Kimm Landmesser (owner/operator online paper crafting business.)

Trudy Clemson is chairperson of the Luzerne County Fair Princess Committee with members Judy Harvey, Krista Paluski and Bryn Harvey.



Those involved in the 2013 Luzerne County Fair Princess Contest are, from left, first row, Kyleigh Cicacci, Apalonia Passetti, 2013 Princess Christianna Barrera, 1st Runner-Up Anna Christian, Kyra Blaine and 2012 Princess Carly Yoder. Second row, Sage Morgan, Abigale Baluski, Chastity Basara, Abigail Killian, Natalie Geiser, Elyzabeth Palmer, Savannah Remus, Arabella Woznikaitis and Alaina Raspen. Third row, Bryn Harvey, Krista Paluski, Nicole Clemson, Trudy Clemson, Kimm Landmesser, Rhonda Carl, Brooke Evans, Rachael Naradko and Madonna Mantione.

