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Ready, Set, Relay For Life!

Cancer fundraiser
May 29, 30 at
fairgrounds

By **Lindsay R. Mellott**
STAFF WRITER

Months of fundraising and planning culminate this Friday and Saturday when Relay For Life teams take over the Fulton County Fairgrounds to walk in a 24-hour event that benefits the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The ACS' signature fundraiser, Relay For Life supports the Cancer Society in its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue and will kick off Friday at 5 p.m.

In 2009, the ACS estimates that 766,130 men and 713,220 women will be diagnosed with cancer and that cancer will kill 292,540 men and 269,800 women. One in every three people will get the disease in their lifetime.

According to the ACS, since 1946, it has invested more than \$3 billion in cancer research. Annually, more than \$130 million is dedicated to cancer research, including over \$28 million in grants to Pennsylvania research institutions.

The money raised at Relay For Life events across the nation helps to save lives by allowing the ACS to continue funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts and patient services.

Fulton County Relay For Life Chairman Anthony D'Anna says Fulton County's Relay Committee hopes to raise \$40,000 at this year's Relay, the 15th consecutive Relay For Life held in Fulton County. He said 19 teams will take part in this year's walk.

Last year's Relay raised approximately \$34,000 for the ACS, D'Anna said.

One team this year, the Fulton County Medical Center Angels, has already reached its team goal of \$10,000.

"Other teams seemed to be doing well also with raffles and other fundraisers," said Connie Woodruff, ACS staffperson for the Fulton County Relay, despite the recession that has put many people here out of work.

Donations can still be made to Relay For Life up to and through the event on Friday and Saturday.

Relay For Life will officially get under way at 5 p.m. when Fulton County cancer survivors are recognized and walk the opening lap. Following a balloon release, the survivors and Relay team members will enjoy a chuckwagon style meal in keeping with this year's "Cancer Roundup" theme, with music performed by

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DEATHS

Brice, Goretha, 95, Warfordsbg.
Dehart, Marjorie, 87, Warfordsbg.
Hill, Reba, 95, Williamsport, Md.
Hoffman, Lloyd, 78, Orbisonia
Home, Nancy, 55, Hustontown
Layton, Helen, 90, Chambersbg.
Shives, Benjamin, 87, Upper Strasburg
Snyder, Lorna, 83, Shade Gap
Taylor, Michael, 65, McCbg.
Waltz, Merl, 70, Chambersbg.

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Honoring The Fallen



U.S. Navy Cmdr. Mark A. Stroh delivers the memorial address Monday morning's Memorial Day observance at Union Cemetery. Seated, from left, are Monte Rasp, S.A.L.; Chaplin Robert Snyder, Fulton Honor Guard; Cmdr. Bill McGinnis, American Legion; and Cmdr. Clair Traxler, Veterans of Foreign Wars.



The Fulton Honor Guard gives the "Salute to Departed Comrades" closing the Memorial Day services Monday at Union Cemetery. As well as the Memorial Day address, services included laying of the memorial wreaths and the decoration of veterans' graves.

Memorial Day Observed With Flags, Flowers, Speeches

Services held at
Union Cemetery,
county courthouse

STAFF REPORT

People young and old, those who have been in attendance for years and those coming for the first time gathered at Union Cemetery and the courthouse in Mc-

Connellsburg Monday morning to honor members of the armed forces who have given their lives in American wars.

At Union Cemetery drenched in late May sunshine, the fallen and veterans who have passed were remembered with flags and flowers. Memorial wreaths were presented by VFW Bishop-Raker Post 655, American Legion Post 561 and their aux-

iliaries, and the Sons of the American Legion. Prayer was offered by Fulton Honor Guard chaplain Robert C. Snyder.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Mark A. Stroh gave the morning's keynote address, saying "In our hearts we know that we cannot fully discharge our solemn obligation to these

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Southern Fulton Taxes Holding Steady

Vo-tech budget
fails to pass;
superintendent
gets 5% pay raise

By **Chanin Rotz-Mountz**
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Southern Fulton School Board couldn't bring themselves to unanimous agreement last Tuesday regarding their operating budget for 2009-10, which will see an overall increase in expenditures of \$1,031,193.

Board member Ed Yates voted against accepting the tentative budget in the amount of \$11,601,933, while fellow member Danny Crouse abstained during voting on the matter at the May 19 monthly meeting.

Head administrator Ralph Scott pointed out that of the overall increase in spending, a total of \$878,193 is for debt service. Additional costs of \$235,137 are attributed to several areas, according to the superintendent, including \$107,000 to establish an elementary Life Skills program and \$50,000 for hiring a half-time elementary/art teacher.

Scott further stated health insurance costs are continuing to rise, with next year's increase expected to top out at 6 percent.

In spite of the additional forecasted expenses, the board followed up its tentative budget approval with a unanimous announcement it will not be raising real estate taxes, which will remain steady at the current rate of 22.5 mills. Section 679 and Act 511 per capita taxes will hold at \$5, and earned income and real estate transfer taxes continue forward at 1 percent. Maximum penalties are tentatively set at 10 percent.

Following a 46-minute executive session to discuss personnel issues, the board approved Diane Younker to work an additional 45 contracted days. Her contracted days, as a result, will jump from 215 to 260.

Furthermore, on a 7-2 vote, the board agreed to increase Superintendent Scott's salary by a total of 5 percent during 2009-10. The increase of \$5,750 will bring Scott's income next year to \$120,750.

The motion by board members Richard Mosemann and Donald Whiteside also included mention of possible health-care savings involving the Northern Bedford County School District as well as an additional 10 vacation days. Fellow members Yates and Crouse voted against the matter involving Scott's contract.

The general operating budget for the Fulton County Area Vocational-Technical School for the upcoming 2009-10 school year failed to pass. The roll-call vote showed three members in favor, five dissenting and one abstaining.

Those against the vo-tech budget in the amount of \$892,829 were Patrick Bard, Mosemann, Crouse, Kenny Wuertenberg and Dwight Bard. Whiteside refrained from voting.

A proposal for student accident and athletic insurance submitted to the district by Bollinger Co. for next year was unanimously approved as presented. Details of the proposal include a \$100 primary excess plan; \$1 million maximum benefit over a five-year period; and an approximate \$3,592 premium.

A grant in the amount of \$103,000 has been accepted from the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC). The funding has already been earmarked for improvements on the elementary nature trail.

Curriculum

A list of seniors eligible to graduate Southern Fulton High School in 2009 was approved provided all graduation requirements are met.

John Sigel was granted au-

Final Election Results Tallied

Many write-in votes
cast during May 19
municipal primary

STAFF REPORT

Write-in votes cast by registered Republicans and Democrats last Tuesday during the municipal primary election changed the end result of several local races.

Most notable of the races significantly altered by write-in votes was the hotly contested race for Ayr Township tax collector, a position held for almost 50 years by Arlene Nesbitt. Registered Democrat Julie Shearer defeated Kim Fisher for the party nomination by a margin of 140 votes to 13.

Meanwhile on the Republican ticket, Shearer mounted a write-in campaign and again took top honors with 89 votes over her Republican counterparts. Republicans Jennifer L. Knepper and Anne M. Seville followed with 56 and 49 votes, respectively, while Inga J. Smith rounded out the day with 32 votes.

In Dublin Township, with longtime Supervisor Robert Cromer stepping down at the end of his year, Burnt Cabins area resident and political newcomer Jeffrey Croft garnered 19 Republican write-in votes and will find himself as the lone candidate on the November ballot.

Over in Licking Creek Township, Eugene A. Keebaugh captured the Republican nomination for township supervisor in spite of Democrats Curt Lynch and John Swindell both getting a significant number of write-in votes. Keebaugh finished with 55 votes in comparison to Swindell's 36. Republican Jerry Gregory and Lynch had 33 and 12 votes, respectively.

Keebaugh will face off this fall against Swindell, who topped the Democratic ballot with 42 votes. Fellow Democrats Brian E. Gordon and Lynch both fared well on their ballot with 30 and 23 votes, respectively, and James A. Laughlin finished with nine votes.

As a result of a last minute write-in campaign, current Taylor Township Supervisor Murray Romig will again find himself the lone candidate on the ballot after receiving both party nominations. Romig had 13 Republican and 11 Democratic votes in

comparison to fellow write-in challenger and former township supervisor Blaine Fix, who had 10 Democratic votes.

Other races were recorded and finalized by the Fulton County Board of Elections on Friday as follows (* denotes individuals who received party nominations for the fall ballot):

Republican ballot

Ayr Township Supervisor
*Jim Smith - 169
Gary D. Hopkins - 15
Ayr Township Tax Collector
*Julie Shearer - 89
Jennifer L. Knepper - 56
Anne M. Seville - 49
Inga J. Smith - 32
Ayr Township Auditor
*Kimberly D. Seiders - 213
Ayr Township Judge of Elections
*Pamela K. Glenn - 222
Belfast Township Supervisor (6 yr)
*Rick Harr - 15
Belfast Township Supervisor (4 yr)
*Thomas K. Morton - 103
Belfast Township Tax Collector
*Gloria Jean Morton - 138
Bethel Township Auditor (2 yr)
*Ruthann Golden - 40
Brush Creek Township Supervisor
*Delmas F. Bard - 54
Brush Creek Township Tax Collector
*M. Wildena Truax - 53
Brush Creek Township Judge of Elections
*Maxine P. Barton - 50
Brush Creek Township Inspector of Elections
*Janet C. Spade - 53
Dublin Township Supervisor
*Jeffrey Croft - 19
Dublin Township Tax Collector
*Tawnie House - 107
Dublin Township Inspector of Elections
*Frances J. Hoover - 102
Licking Creek Township Supervisor
*Eugene A. Keebaugh - 55
Jerry Gregory - 33
Curt Lynch - 12
John Swindell - 36
Licking Creek Township Tax Collector
*Becky Peck - 10
Licking Creek Township Inspector of Elections
*Betty L. Ramsey - 142
McConnellsburg Borough Mayor
*Michael L. Chilcote Sr. - 54
McConnellsburg Borough Council
*Patrick S. Booth - 55
*James H. Smith - 49
McConnellsburg Borough Auditor

*Bonnie R. Duffey - 72
Taylor Township Supervisor
*Murray Romig - 13
Taylor Township Tax Collector
*Judith Appleby - 15
Taylor Township Auditor
*H. Clyde Brant - 106
Taylor Township Inspector of Elections
*Dorothy Shotts - 106
Thompson Township Supervisor
*Bob Swadley - 16
Thompson Township Tax Collector
*Dianna Kincaid - 57
Thompson Township Auditor (6 yr)
*K. Morgan - 17
Thompson Township Auditor (4 yr)
*Kelly Morgan - 17
Thompson Township Inspector of Elections
*Dorothy Hixon - 16
Todd Township Supervisor
*Stanley E. Mellott - 125
Todd Township Tax Collector
*Janet A. Mellott - 128
Todd Township Auditor (6 yr)
*Tom H. DeShong - 117
Todd Township Constable
*Harper Cline - 113
Todd Township Inspector of Elections
*Peg Kerlin - 115
Union Township Supervisor
*Adriel Fletcher - 27
Vic Wilson - 17

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Personnel

On an 8-1 roll-call vote, Dr.

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