

E-Town Fair seeking \$2000 for livestock building roof

ELIZABETHTOWN — The Elizabethtown Fair Association is seeking \$2,000 in pledges for the roof on a second permanent building at the Elizabethtown fairgrounds.

Fair sponsors already have pledged funds for materials to construct the 30-by-100 foot structure, which would be used to house livestock.

If funds for the metal roofing materials are pledged by the next fair board meeting on Thursday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the agriculture room at Elizabethtown Area High School, the agriculture department's structures class can begin construction. Students would undertake the project as a learning experience, as they did with the Agricultural Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds.

The new building would be designed for expansion of 10 feet on

each end to an ultimate size of 50-by-100 feet, and would be completed by fair week, which runs Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

Fair board president William Erikson noted that individuals and businesses have helped provide for premiums and awards through the sponsorship and patron drive.

"Now we want to see whether area civic groups will sponsor this portion of the fair," he said.

"For the fair to succeed, we need broad-based support. This project would help the fair for years to come," Erikson said, adding that tent rental for the same size structure for a week would cost \$1,200.

In other business, the fair board is lining up activities for fair week. Two of last year's favorites—arm wrestling and garden tractor pull—will be repeated.

Also being considered are a Battle of the Bands, one-day horse show, draft horse pull, sharpshooting contest with bow and arrow, and tug-of-war between fire companies, service organizations, or any other kinds of groups.

Erikson invites interested persons to call him at 367-1521, ext. 226, with reaction to these suggestions, or any other ideas.

"We can use the fair to promote or showcase talents of area residents," he noted.

Between now and April 14, the board is putting final touches on the fair booklet, and wrapping up the sponsorship and patron program. Those still interested in becoming sponsors or patrons should call any board member.

Committee chairmen have been named as follows: dairy cattle, Bob Brandt; beef cattle, Harold



Funds are now being sought for a roof on a planned permanent livestock building at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds. The structure will aid youthful exhibitors, such as Sheldon Heisey, shown with Wilmer Kreider, Willie the Butcher, at last year's sale of market hogs.

Musser; sheep, Karen Wolgemuth; swine, Larry Mullen; dairy goats, Gary Bingaman; rabbits, Al Martin; tractor pull, Gilbert Martin; food and game stands, Dave Kramer; and agricultural and non-agricultural commercial exhibitors, Jim Hershey and Dave Kramer.

Anyone who wants to serve on a committee should notify these chairmen. Also, any of last year's exhibitors who want to make changes in the fair booklet should contact committee chairmen by the April meeting.

The fair board has decided to dedicate the 1983 fair booklet to Elizabethtown residents Richard and Kay Deckard for their outstanding community service and service to the fair. They are moving to Atlanta in late spring/early summer.

As board treasurer for many years, Deckard designed a computer program for the E-town Fair, making it one of the few computerized fairs in the state.

His wife, Kay, served as board secretary for a number of years. "This is the board's way of showing its appreciation," Erikson said.

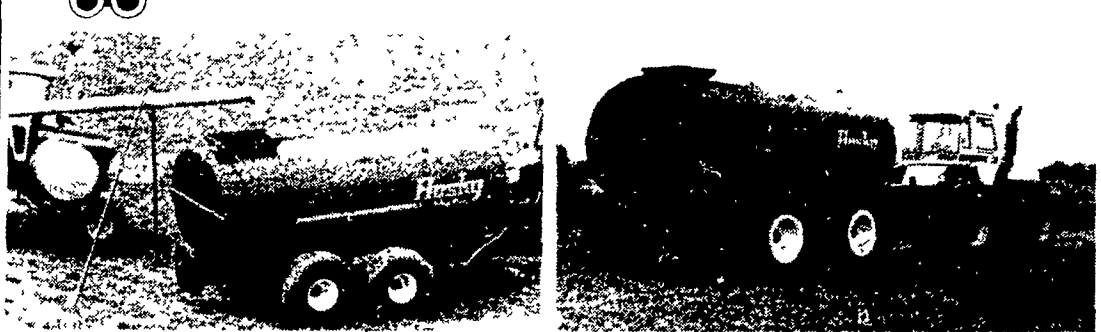
The marketplace fair will again be held in the Brethren in Christ fellowship hall adjacent to the fairgrounds.

Chairmen for that part of the fair are forage crops, Becky Wivell; vegetables, Beverly Geesy; home and dairy products, Martha Gerber; needlecrafts, Mim Kauffman and Alma Espenshade; eggs, Sara Myers; fruit and nuts, Sara Myers; floral, Muriel Saylor, arts and crafts, Pat Drybred; and group exhibits, Pat Drybred.

The fair board has signed a contract with a new ride company, Thompson Ride Co. of Altoona, to provide the 1983 fair with bigger and better rides.

Food and game stands and commercial exhibit space are going quickly so contact Jim Hershey or Dave Kramer for reservations.

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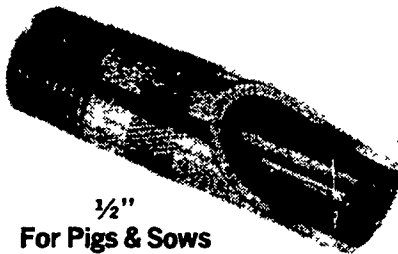
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