



Serving a fair favorite — milkshakes — are this team, from left, Robert Coates, Elsie and Jay Wiltmer, Sandy Wiltmer, and Ronald Shaeffer, president of the E-town Grange.

What's To Do At E-town Fair?

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Thousands of people attended the Elizabethtown Fair last week.

When asked, visitors say they like the food, the rides, and the animals.

In addition to traditional fair food, some visitors were eager to try out new tastes. Nancy and Jack

Grove were at the fair selling emu burgers, sausage and steaks.

They have been raising emus on their Red Lion farm since 1992. They now have 150 birds. About one year ago, they started having the meat butchered under USDA inspection and offering the meat to the public.

"We call this the other red meat," Jack said.

The average customer is health

conscious. According to Jack, emu meat is 97 percent fat free and has practically no cholesterol.

Those who tried the meat liked it and reported that it was difficult to distinguish it from the usual fare.

In addition to food there are a lot of funny or just plain down silly events that happen throughout the day at the fair.

Such as the Celebrity Goat Milking Contest. Politicians and other well-known people were matched with a goat. They needed to milk the goat for a set time. The milk was weighed and the winner this year was Bud Greiner, the mayor of Elizabethtown.

According to the mayor, who grew up milking cows, the secret is to wet the teats before milking.

While people cheered the mayor's win, he lifted the milk pal and gulped the warm milk.

"Not bad," he said of the taste.

Here are some photos snapped at the fair.



What's to eat at E-town Fair? Bloomin' onions, for Lorraine Lewis and thousands of other fairgoers. "It's delicious and makes a meal to share," said Lewis of Landisville.



Champion of the celebrity goat milking contest is Bud Greiner, mayor of Elizabethtown. The mayor celebrated his victory by chugging down the warm goat milk after the scales proved he was the winner.



Deb Hess, E-town Fair director for eight years, said that every year she worries that things won't run smoothly but somehow everything always comes together.



During the celebrity goat milking contest, Fair Queen Kim Wolgemuth tries milking a goat without too much success.



A litter of bottle-fed piglets fascinates fairgoers of all ages.



Jack Grove chows down an Emu sausage sandwich while his wife Nancy watches. The Groves raise about 150 emus in Red Lion. About one year ago, the Groves opened a mobile food stand to market the meat at fairs. Customers are mostly health conscious folks interested in the meat because it is a red meat that is 97 percent fat free with practically no cholesterol.