

Somerset County Fair Celebrates 100 Years

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this summer. She was recognized for being the same age as the fair. Also on hand, was 95-year-old Mary Geary, New Centerville, who relies on a walker to preserve an independent lifestyle.

Besides complimentary popcorn, the fair directors served burnt sugar cake and drink to hundreds of guests and gave away numerous gifts during door prize drawings.

Probably the last decade has seen the fair directors debating hotter issues than ever before and making more radical changes to do old things in a new fresh way. Glessner says implementing a one-price admission that covered the grandstand performances and midway rides was one of them. "We switched to pay-one-price and the people have supported it," he said, with gratitude about the decision three years ago.

Another debate was when to hold the Junior Livestock Sale. They moved it to Saturday morning from the Friday night slot it had held for years. The result was successful and Glessner believes a more convenient time for everyone involved, he said.



The multi-generational Somerset County Fair attracts Mary Geary, 95, New Centerville and Eva Compton, Salisbury, 100. Director Lynn Shaffer holds grandchild Anni Shaffer, 22 months.



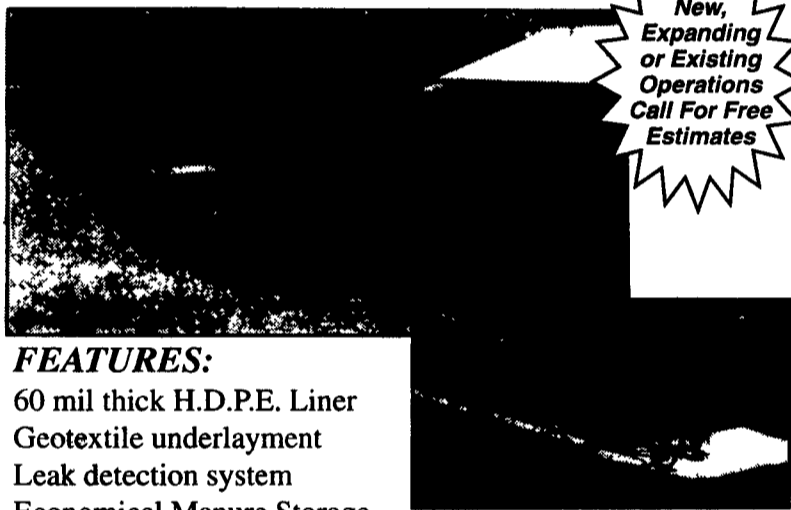
Somerset County Fair Queen Melissa Schrock and Byron Glessner, fair board president cut the cake for guests as the centennial festivities begin in Meyersdale.

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