

Community Calendar

Fall Fair renovations underway

Extensive renovations are currently underway to make the 1985 Luzerne County Fair the best and most successful since it began 17 years ago. The fair, scheduled from Wednesday, Sept. 4, to Sunday, Sept. 8, provides five days of live entertainment, hobby arts and crafts and 4-H entries and exhibits, hundreds of commercial exhibitors and food concessions, and thrilling rides by S&S Amusements, for over 40,000 people who attend annually. Hours are Wednesday to Friday, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to midnight.

The grounds committee, chaired by Robert Bayer, Dallas, has approved the leveling of an additional eight acres of land, three for the expansion of the amusement ride midway, and five for more commercial exhibitor space and the erection of a permanent horse show arena. The new horse show ring, approximately 150'x300', will provide a location for the 4-H and other community groups to hold horse and livestock shows.

Earlier in July, over 50 people

representing the nine 4-H groups in Luzerne County spent numerous hours clearing rocks from the arena area. From July 8 to 20, the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department, under the direction of the County Commissioners, graded the eight acres of land for seeding. Also helping were Dallas Boro, Dallas Twp. and Lehman Township Road Departments.

One highlight of the 1985 fair will be an all day, half Western and half English horse show sponsored by the Luzerne County 4-H, on Sunday, September 8.

"The highlight of the year for 4-H members is to exhibit his/her projects at the Luzerne County Fair", said Donna Skog, a livestock and youth agent with Penn State University Cooperative Extension Service and the fair's 4-H committee chairperson. Premium brochures and entry forms can be obtained by calling Miss Skog at 825-1704.

New to the fair this year is the premium livestock department, under the direction of superintendent Ralph Sands and assistant

superintendent Dave Weatherfield. "Over 100 inquiries have been made about the cattle," said Sands. Cattlemen are urged to get their inquiry in as soon as possible by calling 696-1447.

Hundreds of commercial exhibits, ranging from printed Tee-shirts to recreational trailers, palm reading to lawn tractors and log cabins, are featured at the five-day event. To reserve exhibitor space, contact committee chairman, Buck Albert at 288-3607.

Arts and craft enthusiasts have an opportunity to "show" their creativity and enter their prized possessions for monetary and ribbon awards. Literally thousands of dollars are given away each year by the fair. Premium brochures, listing the departments and classes can be obtained by calling Joe Suprum, Hobby Arts and Crafts chairman, at 735-7916 or 288-5990.

The fair is sponsored annually by the Dallas Area Fall Fair Association, which is comprised of twelve civic organizations. Members of these organizations work voluntarily to put on the fair.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Items packed

Members of the Back Mountain Collectors Group are shown as they collected and packed items for the flea market and sale they will hold for the benefit of the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date will be Saturday, Aug. 24. Doris and Dve Kitchen have made their grounds available to the group. Located on Lower Demunds Drive north of Fernbrook Corners and near the Encon, Inc., building the sale will feature all kinds of household items, books and magazines, cookie cutters, plants and flower pots, clothing, shoes, dishes and knick knacks, household linens including sheets, towels and aprons, stamps, matchbook covers, seascape materials, seashells for collections and crafts, jars, miniature silk flower arrangements, steamship mementoes and much more. In photograph from left, seated, June MacCloskey, Leona Hunter, Robbie Moore, Doris Kitchen. Standing, Grace Martin, Frances Linskill, Blanche Thompson, Alberta Cook, and Helen Bubeck.

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Anyone interested in photography is welcome to attend the meeting.

Church

THE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET sponsored by the Joy Class of Kunkle United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Kunkle Fire Company Grounds beginning at 9 a.m.

The Kunkle Fire Company grounds are located on Route 309, four miles north of Dallas.

To reserve a booth please call 675-2622. Cost of a booth is \$5.00.

The Hoy Class will sell refreshments featuring hot dogs with all the trimmings, homemade pies and beverages.

REV. MICHAEL SHAMBORA has announced that all services at the Lehman, Idetown, and Jackson United Methodist Churches are cancelled for Aug. 11.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual worship service and picnic at the Frances Slocum State Park at 10 a.m.

A covered dish supper is planned after the worship service and a softball game. Members and friends are invited to attend.

Theater

STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S MUSICAL THRILLER "Sweeney Todd" about a homicidal barber, a tonsorial Jack the Ripper in Dickensian London, opened at the Pocono Playhouse in Mountainhome on Aug. 6 and runs through Aug. 11.

The Stephen Sondheim-Hugh, Wheeler-Hrold Prince collaboration premiered in March 1979 on Broadway and swept eight awards, including best musical honors at the 33rd annual Tony Awards.

"Sweeney Todd" is a rare theatrical treat, a fantastic entertainment, that leaves you humming, gasping, thinking and just slightly different from the way you started out.

All tickets at Pocono Playhouse range from just \$10 to \$14. There are 9 performances per week. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 5 & 9 p.m. Sunday at 6 p.m. Matinees Wednesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Call the box-office in Mountainhome, PA for further information and convenient ticket reservations (717) 595-7456.

BEGINNING ON AUGUST 16, Wyoming Valley will have the chance to see a hit musical which only last year was thrilling crowds in New York City. Described as a

"celebration of life and love," "BABY" has recently moved into regional theatres and has been playing to standing room only crowds at over 60 locations across the country. The Music Box is proud to present its Northeastern Pennsylvania premiere.

Performances of "BABY" are August 16-18, August 22-25, August 29-31 and September 5-8.

Thursday August 22 will be a performance in conjunction with the March of Dimes, with \$1.00 of every ticket sold being donated to help fight birth defects.

For information or reservations call 283-2195.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S CLASSIC COMEDY "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be presented by the Departments of Theatre and Music of Bloomsburg University, as their summer production, at 9 p.m. on Aug. 7 through 10 and again on Sept. 5 through 7 in Mitrani Auditorium of Haas Center for the Arts.

The production, also referred to as "The Lass That Loved a Sailor," takes place on board a 19th century British Man-of-War. It involves a tale of hopeful love threatened by the snobbery of England's social rank.

Tickets (\$5, adults, \$2.50, children under 12 and senior citizens) are on sale now and at the door. Group rates are available. For reservations call 389-4287 or 389-4284.

THE DADDOW-ISAACS AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 672, Dallas, met recently at the Post Home and elected the following officers for 1985-86:

Marion Harvey was re-elected president; Florence, Shively, vice president; Marguerite Dubil, second vice president; Ruth Struthers, secretary; Marion Kunigonis, treasurer; Dorothy Adamski, historian; Jean Hazeltine, Sergeant-at-arms; Florence Owens, chaplain.

The Annual Family Picnic will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. Telephone Committee will contact members.

Self-help tests work

The first self-testing medical diagnostic tool was the thermometer. Things are much more sophisticated now.

The August Reader's Digest reports that "last year American consumers spent some \$350 million for diagnostic tests and devices - up seven-fold since 1980 and still on the rise."

You can monitor your own blood pressure with a simple manual device selling for \$20 for \$30 or an electronic model costing \$240 that automatically pumps up the cuff and provides a digital readout.

Sales of pregnancy-test kits are rising at a 15 to 20 percent annual rate. The tests are more accurate for positive results than for negative - 98 percent accuracy when the test is positive, but only 82 percent when negative. "If a woman gets a negative result, she is advised to take another test a week later, unless she has her period in the interim. If she does as directed, the level of negative accuracy rises to 94 percent," the Digest article continues.

Ocult blood tests, designed to reveal hidden blood in the rectum, can indicate cancer, colitis and ulcers. As a rule, doctors will perform this test on their patients 50 and over during their annual physical. But many people do not have an annual physical. They can do the test at home for between \$4.50 and \$7.50. A positive finding does not in itself signify the presence of disease; it does, however, give strong motivation for checking with one's doctor.

Additionally, there are home tests for blood-glucose levels - essential for many diabetics - and tests for urinary-tract infections. In preparation are home tests for cholesterol, strep throat and forecasting of fertility cycles for women.

These tests are not to be used for self-diagnosis, physicians caution, but they are valuable "screening tools" for alerting someone to see a doctor if there is need.

'Smoke-Out' on Public Square

The Wyoming Valley OK Heart Project will hold a special OK Heart "Smoke-out" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today on Public Square, W.B., designed to inform and educate people about the dangers of smoking cigarettes, OK Heart spokesperson, Pat Hawk said.

"We hope that the day will be a form of encouragement for people to quite smoking," Hawk said. "We will have booths set-up to hand out smoking literature and to answer questions."

According to Hawk, everyone who participates for the day will sign a "Quitter's Honor Roll" which will be signed by and displayed in Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McLaughlin's office in City Hall.

Hawk said that the "smoke-out" was created because smoking is one of the five "risk factors" associated with heart disease. The other four risk factors, known as modifiable risk factors are stress, diet, weight control and exercise.

Since the OK Heart Project kicked-off in June, an estimated 22,000 Wyoming Valley residents have taken the "Risk Factor" test and returned it for examination. OK Heart officials say that an additional 20,000 to 30,000 Wyoming Valley resident have taken the

Heart Test, but have not returned them for examination.

Hawk said that anyone attending the "smoke-out" will be able to discuss any issue dealing with heart disease and that an answer to any question will be provided. "We will find an answer for you one way or another," Hawk said.

In addition to Mayor McLaughlin, state senators Rapheal Musto and Frank O'Connell are expected to attend.

Hawk also said that starting on August 9, a second Heart Test will

be given to Wyoming Valley residents. According to Hawk, it is extremely important for people who have taken the first test to take the second test.

"The second test will help measure any major changes in the health and awareness of Wyoming Valley residents," Hawk said.

Heart Tests are available this week and can be picked up at the OK Heart Headquarters in the Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre.

— JOHN F. KILDUFF

New lottery begins

Pennsylvania's new "Pa. Double" Lottery instant game, with a chance to double your cash, was launched Tuesday, Aug. 6, Bernard Edwards, acting Lottery Executive Director announced.

Concurrent television spots featured ambidextrous Fred, the "Pa. Double" spokesman, who multiplied viewers' fun as they closely watched the commercials for redundancies repeated in the ad which closes with twin retailers.

"This is a game you can play alone or in tandem with a twin, a

pair of freinds, a couple of neighbors or on a double date," Edwards recited. "You don't have to be double-jointed to rub off the six spots while you're singing a duet in your duplex in a double-breasted, double-knit suit.

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* August 21 — Great Adventure. Includes admission into safari & park.
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MULTIPLE DAY TOURS
* August 30 to September 1 — Colonial Williamsburg. Includes 2 nights accommodations at the Ramada Inn West, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner at the hotel and 1 dinner at The Cascocks, admission into Colonial Williamsburg Restored Area, admission into The Governor's Palace and admission into Beach Gardens.
* September 2-4 — Spend your Labor Day at the "NEW" Trump Castle Hotel & Casino. Package includes your 2 night casino accommodations.
* September 10-15 — Nashville Grand Ole Opry Tour. Includes 5 nights hotel accommodations, sightseeing, Opryland Park, Grand Ole Opry ticket, 3 breakfasts, dinner cruise, and one dinner at hotel in Nashville.
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