

The show goes on

Fair committee announces new entertainment

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Boxcar Willie, World Ambassador of the Hobos and spokesman for the historic Knights of the Road, will be the featured performer at the annual Luzerne County Fair next fall.

Although the festival is still five months away, preparations and entertainment are now underway for the event which is scheduled for September 3-7.

Other acts that have been booked include 'Shotgun Red', a nationally known puppeteer artist, and the Leahy Family, a song and dance group from Canada which has also entertained internationally. But the big draw will be Boxcar Willie, who will open the Fair on Wednesday with two shows.

"We think he will bring in a huge crowd for the opening," Fall Chairman Ray Hillman said. "He will put on two 45-minute shows on Wednesday and I think the people will really be pleased with him. Then on Thursday night we'll have the Leahy Family from Canada. They dance, sing, play the fiddle, that sort of thing, and are a very talented group from what I've been told.

"Then on Sunday afternoon, we'll have Shotgun Red," Hillman continued. "He's a puppeteer and that

should be a real hit with families. He's been on Hee-Haw and on national cable television. They are the shows we have booked so far and we're still working on other ideas."

Aside from the entertainment projects, volunteers from local municipalities have been working on the Fair Grounds, including the construction of two horse barn buildings.

"We've been doing a lot of work up here," Hillman noted. "Actually it's become a year-round job. After the Fair is over, about 30 days later we start preparing for the next one. Now, we are putting up two structures that will house 60 horses and we're also doing some leveling off so people won't have to walk up and down hills so much."

Excavation will continue for the next few weeks with the leveled fields to eventually be donated for the Little League and soccer teams in the Back Mountain.

The Fair is owned and operated by 13 service clubs, and the way it works is that no organization can make money on the festival. The profits made either go back into the fair or into the community.

The event was originally known as the Dallas Rotary Fair before being changed to the Dallas Fall Fair, and is now presently called the Luzerne County Fair.



Run for the money

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Tense moments

Police talk armed man out of house

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A Lehman Township man who held police at bay for over four hours Saturday night while holed up inside his home with a .44 magnum rifle has been turned over to proper authorities for psychiatric evaluation.

Ronald Quarteroni, 32, of 395 Huntsville-Idetown Road was committed Sunday to a mental health facility for treatment.

According to reports, the incident developed early Saturday night after an alleged domestic dispute took place between Quarteroni and his wife, Patsy.

After apparently having been locked out of the house, Quarteroni later returned with a rifle and broke down a door to gain entrance. He then confronted his wife and fired a shot towards the ceiling. At this point in the investigation, it has not been determined whether the discharge was accidental or not.

Mrs. Quarteroni then fled the premises at some point while her husband remained inside and refused to come out when local law enforcement authorities arrived shortly after 6:30 p.m.

Personnel from the newly formed Wilkes-Barre SWAT unit were called to assist police from Lehman Township, Lake Township, Harveys

Lake, Jackson Township and Wilkes-Barre. Fire and ambulance units from Back Mountain communities were also placed on standby during the standoff.

Police blocked off much of the Huntsville-Idetown road to traffic and instructed residents in nearby homes to extinguish outside lighting to cut off Quarteroni's visibility.

Lehman Township Police Chief Paul Goodwin was in charge of the case and was assisted by Wilkes-Barre officer Patrick Rushton who played a major role in negotiations with the distraught man.

Rushton recently completed a two-week course in hostage negotiations at the Prince George's County Police Department in Riverdale, Md. After several tense moments, Quarteroni finally surrendered around 11 p.m. without incident.

No criminal charges have been filed in the case.

Mrs. Quarteroni, who had joined with negotiators after she fled the house, later told District Attorney Bernard Podcasy in an interview that she did not feel threatened at any time and that she was not assaulted during the confrontation.

Quarteroni was taken to the Lehman Township Municipal Building where he was reportedly later transferred to the Hazleton-Nanticoke Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center.

Ban placed on open burning

The municipality of Kingston Township, in conjunction with the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department and the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department has placed a ban on all open burning in the township. No permits will be issued by the Township of Kingston for open burning until conditions improve.

Township fire officials have noted a marked increase in the amount of brush fires over the last week. Fire Chief Gary Beisel of Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Chief William Eck of the

Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department have reported that their departments have been busy during the past weeks combating brush fires which have spawned due to excessively dry conditions and strong winds.

Township Police Chief Paul M. Sabol has advised township patrols to strictly enforce the open burning ban. Citations for violations of the Township open burning laws will be issued to any individual found in violation of the ban.

Alzheimer's Centers to open

Diagnostic centers to detect Alzheimer's Disease will soon be operating at 11 hospitals around the state, according to Secretary of Aging Alma R. Jacobs.

The project, under the guidance of Governor Dick Thornburgh's Human Resources Committee of the Cabinet, will provide funds to the hospitals for training personnel that will staff the centers.

Authorities say there may be at least 60 different kinds of ailments and diseases with Alzheimer's symptoms. These diseases must first be ruled out through tests and observations.

Funding for training the hospital teams is coming from a \$500,000 special appropriation by the state legislature to aid Alzheimer's victims and their families.

Lehman volleyballers are second in state

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Lake-Lehman High School annually produces a group of performers that are as good as any in the state. If you need more of a hint, this group can always be found entertaining at Black Knight football games. But now the school has another squad that is so good that, well, they have a team to beat the band.

The Lake-Lehman boys' volleyball team, currently ranked second in the state behind Farrell High School of Pittsburgh, has breezed through the Wyoming Valley Conference over the years, losing just three games in the last nine seasons. In that span, the team has won six conference championships, been to the states seven times, has not lost more than one game in any given season since 1976.

Last week, coach John Baranowski's team, which went through the 1985 conference schedule unscathed at 12-0, opened defense of its WVC title with a convincing victory over arch-rival Dallas Area and once again figures to be the cream of the crop this year, too.

"We have a lot of experience on this team and we should have another good season this year," Baranowski said. "But, you can never tell what's going to happen over the course of a year. Just last week, one of our key players hurt his ankle in a tournament but, fortunately, it was nothing serious."

Tunkhannock and North Pocono figure to provide the stiffest tests, but nevertheless, Lake-Lehman, which has an overall conference record of 89-9 since the teams inception back in 1976, should be sitting atop the standings at the end of the year.

Although the Black Knights lost only two players from last year's team, they were key performers in all-scholastic setter Dave Jachimowicz and outside-hitter Dave Mosier. Baranowski will have plenty of firepower returning, however, in senior co-captains Chris Kukoski, who was named MVP in the prestigious Bethlehem Liberty tournament last week, and Greg Javer, who was an honorable mention.

"We always play those guys at opposite ends," Baranowski explained. "When one is up front the other is in the back row. That's the way we set up our rotation."

Others counted on will be seniors Mark Vandermark, a three year starter, along with Pat Hozempa and Mark Yaple, both two year starters, and sophomore Alex Frederick.

Waiting in the wings will be key substitutes Kevin Gibson, a senior

who has suffered from injuries over the last two years, Rocky Lopasky, a sophomore defensive specialist and backup setter Mark Major.

Lake-Lehman, which finished second in the final Eastern state balloting and sixth overall last year, have achieved their highest ranking ever with their current second place position.

"The way the teams are rated are really two-fold," Baranowski explained. "The coaches from the eastern part of the state vote on who they think are the top ten teams in the east and are tabulated at York. The coaches from the western part of the state do the same thing involving their teams, only their choices are called into Plum, Pa. in that part of the state. Then the two are sort of meshed together and they come up with an overall rating."

The Black Knights proved just how good they are when they traveled to Bethlehem Liberty High School where the top 10 teams in the east squared off against one another with Lake-Lehman emerging as the champion, vaulting them to the No.2 spot in the state.

But despite their success, not even Baranowski can say for sure why the program has been so successful.

"I can't really say why we have been so good," Baranowski said. "We practice hard and the kids are very dedicated. But one thing we do have going in our favor, and the school officials have been very supportive in this, is that we travel a lot to compete against some of the best teams in the state. Erie, York and teams from Western Pennsylvania are the hot-beds for volleyball, but we have been going up against some very good competition."

Don't look for Lehman to slide much, if at all, next year, either. While the Black Knights varsity team was competing in the Allentown area last week, the JV's were participating in a tournament at Coughlin with the varsity clubs of other Wyoming Valley Conference teams. They finished second.

And that's the name of that tune.



Township officials

Shown here at a banquet honoring Kingston Township as the 1986 Municipality of the Year by the Luzerne County Conservation District. From left, seated, Willard Piatt, chairman of the board of supervisors; Edward Price Jr., supervisor. Standing, Daniel Wisniewski, supervisor; Herbert Hill, supervisor; Ambrose Gavigan, vice-chairman, board of supervisors.

Kingston Township lauded by Luzerne County group

The Luzerne County Conservation District has chosen Kingston Township, Luzerne County as the District's 1986 Municipality of the year.

Since 1975, the Conservation District has presented an annual award to a Luzerne County farmer that utilizes sound soil conservation practices on his land in an effort to protect our soil and water resources. 1986 will be the first year the Conservation District honors a

municipality for its efforts in the field of conservation.

In a letter to Kingston Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Willard Piatt, Joanne Nardone, Conservation District Manager stated "Kingston Township, which continually demonstrates a keen interest in the environment through its stream improvement projects, reclamation projects, and planning and zoning decisions will be the first

recipient of this new award."

The announcement of Kingston Township's selection as the 1986 Municipality of the Year will be officially made at the annual Tri-Ag Banquet which will be held at the Town Hill United Methodist Church in Huntington Township on Tuesday, April 15, 1986 at 7 p.m.

Richard E. Grubb, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Heart disease ranks high

Statistics released by the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association last week revealed that more than half the deaths recorded in Luzerne County over a 10-year period have been related to some form of heart disease.

Information compiled from data obtained through the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Data Statistics Bureau showed that 52.6 per cent of the deaths in our area from 1975 to 1984 were cardiovascular related. In comparison, Luzerne ranked slightly lower than 16 of the 20 counties encompassing the study, although the percentage is still mildly higher than the national average of 48 per cent.

The statistics do not attempt to establish trends, provide scientific analysis or predict future cardiovascular mortality percentages, rather, the figures are used primarily to enlighten people of the gravity of the disease that is one of the top two killers in the United States.

"Our purpose isn't to scare anyone with these statistics," John Abood, director of communications for the northeast chapter, said. "We just want to give people a better understanding of how serious a problem heart disease is."

Although figures reveal the highest number of fatalities in the 65 and up bracket, the disease actually starts at a much earlier age.

"I remember reading an article on the autopsies that were performed on men who were killed in battle during the Vietnam war, and it was found that a very high percentage of them had already begun to show some form of heart disease," Abood explained. "So it's not something that only affects the elderly. It often starts at an early age."

In an effort to educate young people about the heart and its function, the Association last year began a program for pre-schoolers in the Scranton area and have now intro-

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