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Fairgrounds being renovated

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Renovations currently underway at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds have doubled the areas designated for commercial exhibitors and the amusement rides.

"This year, we redesigned the grounds to form an oval and expect to substantially increase the number of commercial exhibitors and the number of people attending the fair," said Ray Hillman, 1986 fair chairman. Hillman also expects two arts and crafts buildings and a horse barn to be constructed before the opening of the fair on September 3.

Commercial exhibitors and food vendors are requested to submit their reservations for space by July 25, 1986. Forms can be obtained by writing to the Luzerne County Fair, c/o Hillman Service Co., 428 Market Street, Kingston, PA 18704, Attention: Commercial Exhibits, or by

calling 288-5990 or 675-6448.

"Space reservations are still on a first come first serve basis," said Buck Albert, commercial exhibitor chairman. "We strongly suggest that the commercial exhibitors reserve their space as soon as possible."

The fee for covered exhibitor space is \$12.00 per front foot with a 10 front foot minimum required; and outdoor space, with a 20 front foot minimum, is \$6.00 per front foot. The fee for food vendors is \$20.00 per front foot with a minimum of 15 (frontal) feet required. The fair will be held rain or shine and the exhibit must be set up and operational by 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 3. All exhibits and food stands must remain intact until 9 p.m. Sunday, September 7.

The fair is located on Rte. 118, Dallas and will be open from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until midnight Saturday and Sunday.

Reward offered in burglary

The leasers of The Dallas Driving Range are offering a \$200 reward for any information in connection with a recent burglary that took place there in late June.

Joe and Peg Shocklee of Kingston, who are leasing the business for the season from Jack Crossin, owner of the business, are offering the reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the June 29 break-in.

Dallas Township police are conducting investigations and have taken fingerprints in three buildings and a garage that were burglarized.

Although no money was taken, a boom-box, a pair of bolt cutters and a jean jacket, among other items, were missing.

"Whoever did it probably cut himself pretty bad," Robert Hooper, an employee at the center,

said. "There was blood found in the one building next to a cigarette machine that had broken glass around it. A T-shirt with blood on it was found on a path across the highway leading into the woods."

The incident, which probably took place between midnight and dawn, wasn't the first break-in to take place there. Hooper said the buildings have been vandalized a number of times over the years.

"It's usually nuisance-type stuff, but last year somebody did break into the garage and stole a jeep. A reward was offered then too, and they did catch the guy," he said.

A "for-sale" sign is currently being displayed at the range, but Crossin said the reasons for selling are strictly business and have nothing to do with the burglary.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON



Ole' fashioned Fourth

Don Hartshorne and Scott Townsend were winners of the bike decorating contest last Saturday at the Jeff Townsend

residence. Don won most original and Scott, the best decorated.

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Townends host bicycle decorating contest

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Townsend of Orange hosted an old-fashioned bicycle decorating contest, Saturday, July 5, at their home.

Twelve children, 10 boys and two girls, entered the contest, arriving at the Townsend home at 11 a.m. with their red, white and blue decorated bicycles in honor of the holiday and the rededication of Miss Liberty.

Julie Haas had her bicycle decorated in honor of Miss Liberty and carried out the theme by dressing, complete with pointed crown, similar to Miss Liberty.

Youngest entrant was Josh Baranowski, who decorated his three-wheeler and was dressed in red, white and blue.

Don Hartshorne received the prize for the most original decorated bicycle and Scott Townsend won the award for the best decorated bicycle. All of the entrants received

small awards from the host and hostess.

Following the judging by Mrs. Eleanor Giacomo of Orange, there was a parade of the decorated bicycles from the end of Orange Road and Mill Road to the corner of Orange Road and upper Demunds Road.

Entered in the contest were Chris Geski, Frank Geski, Jarrod Baranowski, Jeremy Baranowski, Harry Haas, David Townsend, Don Hartshorne, Scott Townsend, Christopher Towns, Beth Hartshore, and Josh Baranowski.

Combatting drugs!

Area school districts welcome United Way plan

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

The United Way of Wyoming Valley announced last week the sponsorship of several programs to combat drug abuse locally, including an appearance by New York Yankee Dave Winfield at the Paramount Civic Center in January.

Speaking at a press conference last Thursday at the United Way building on Market Street in Wilkes-Barre, Chuck Reynolds, president and chief professional officer of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, announced the agencies plans to work with area school districts in fighting the problem through education.

"All of the United Way member agencies, working closely with the educational institutions in the area and other community organizations, will sponsor and conduct programs concerning substance abuse."

One of those programs may be operated through specially trained people to work with school districts to combat the drug abuse problem.

Although all the details of the projects have not been worked out, one event planned is a speaking engagement by Winfield on Jan. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Paramount Civic Center.

The nine-time baseball All-Star, who also heads the David M. Winfield Foundation, which promotes health and education for underprivileged youths, will address 1,500 students at the center. Through the technical cooperation of WBRE-TV 28, WVIA-channel 44, will simulcast the program for viewing to approximately 20,000 students at their respective schools.

Speaking on behalf of his client, Winfield's attorney, Jeffrey S. Klein, a Wyoming Seminary graduate now working out of New York, said, "What Dave is saying is that drugs destroy lives, and that it is a problem that should be discussed in the classroom. He's trying to tell young people that it's O.K. to say

"no" to drugs."

Here in the Back Mountain, both the Lake-Lehman and Dallas school districts have already implemented educational programs to curb drug abuse and invite any additional efforts that may aid in those programs.

"We welcome any type of program like this," said Dr. David Preston, Lake Lehman superintendent. "It's a problem that is best dealt with in the classroom."

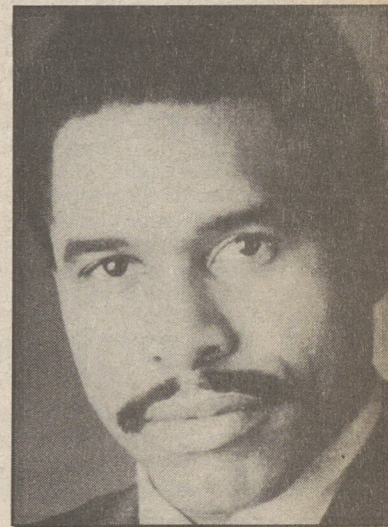
Preston said Lehman does have a program entitled "Here's Looking at You," that informs students in grades K-through-8 of substance abuse, but has no curriculum for high school students.

"Research shows that the best

way to prevent the use of drugs is through education at an early age when children can establish attitudes toward certain subjects," Preston explained. "But the high school does have a SADD program (Students Against Drunk Driving)."

Dr. Thomas Cyphers, principal at the Dallas Senior High, says that school district also has the same type of program as Lehman in grades 7-through 10, and he, too, would welcome any additional programs.

"We are looking for speakers all the time," Cyphers said. "Not just on the topics of drugs and alcohol, but for other problems that affect our youth."



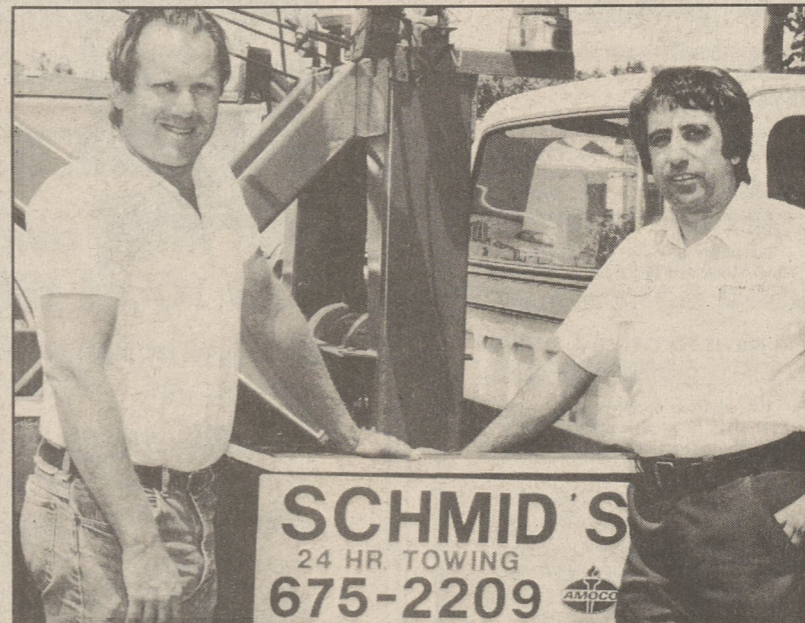
DAVE WINFIELD

Noxen girl improving

A three-year old Noxen girl who received serious injuries after being involved in a lawn mower accident Monday night has improved and is now listed in "fair condition" at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

A hospital spokesman said that Kathryn Boice, 3, of RD 1, Box 26A, Noxen, is in fair condition and resting comfortably. The spokesman said a deep laceration on her thigh had been stitched and that one toe on her right foot was lost in the mishap.

Reports indicate the girls father was operating a ride-on lawn mower when the child suddenly darted out in front of her. The incident took place at approximately 7:50 p.m.



Gearing up

The 40th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction begins today, July 9 at 6 when the sound of the auction bell will announce the beginning of what we hope will be the best ever auction. Pictured above is Dr. John Shaskas, left, general chairman, and Gerry Schmid of Schmid's Amoco Station in Shavertown. Schmid's will donate \$100.00 worth of gasoline to the auction.

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Could it be?

The temperatures lately have been rather hot and humid, but is it possible the mercury crept over the 100 degree mark. This thermometer at the Merchants Bank on Route 415 shows 103 degrees on Monday afternoon. Temperatures are expected to drop today with rain forecast for most of the day.