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## Record! 1986 County Fair doubles in size

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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The masses are gone and serenity has returned. Only the skeletal remnants are visible. But for five days last week the Luzerne County Fair was the showcase event of Wyoming Valley as a record crowd turned out for the 18th annual festival.

"It was a great year," beamed Fair Chairman Ray Hillman. "We doubled everything we had over last year. All of our exhibitor space was taken and we had a waiting list for people who wanted to set up here. That never happened before. And, for the first time, we filled the parking lots across from the medical center. Next year we will expand the parking even more. It was just a fantastic year."

Approximately 105,000 people attended this year's Fair, following a 70,000 turnout from the year before. And it's going to be getting bigger.

"It's almost scary," said Carolyn Bulford, public relations director for this year's event. "We are becoming so well known that we just keep growing. We're already planning to expand with more structures for next year. How many, I don't know. And we'll also concentrate on expanding the grounds."

"But I can't say enough about the

volunteers," Bulford added. "The more you become involved in something like this, the more you realize how important these people are. The Jobs Corps, for instance, without their help we would never have completed the buildings (two arts and crafts and the horsebarn), and from the volunteers of the clubs that make up the Fall Fair Association, they were a big help. Plus the women who spent time in the arts and crafts building, which was a huge success, were there until 4 a.m. helping out."

Other highlights of the Fair were the opening night performance by Boxcar Willie and the Texas Trainmen, the Hanover Area cheerleaders, the horseshows, which expanded from two to three, the Lake-Lehman Band and the birth of two calves.

The dollar amount generated won't be known for a few weeks, but before any profits are realized, first there is a small matter of bills to be paid that have to be attended to.

"We're 100,000 in debt before we make anything," Hillman explained. We have the materials for the three buildings and the electricity lines that had to be put in to be paid for. But we'll have all those bills taken care of within a month, no problem."

That is until next year. And preparations for the 1987 fair should be underway by early October.



### Fair fun

These two guys, manning a souvenir booth at the 1986 Luzerne County Fair, have some fun with Dallas Post

photographer Donna Sutliff. This year's fair, held at the fairgrounds on Route 118 in Lehman, was the biggest and best attended ever.

Dallas Post/Donna Sutliff

## Fair stands were haven for those who love food

By JOHN HOINSKI  
Staff Writer

Americans love to eat. Mention the word food and heads turn. If people have a greater urge than to bombard their palate with tantalizing dishes, it is their desire for passion. Except, of course, when there is too much food to be ignored.

Last week at the 18th Annual Luzerne County Fair, approximately 25 exhibitors, fried, baked, steamed and froze enough concoctions to keep people reaching for Alka-Seltzers for days. From french fries to funnel cakes and pizza to pierogis, the Fair was a haven for

those with hearty appetites.

"We started out with the Slavic food," Kathleen Gill of Shickshinny laughed as she held a gyro stuffed in a pita pocket with all the trimmings. "Then we went to the Italian and Greek food. And now we're making our way over to the seafood. We were here last year and we really enjoyed the Fair. Plus the kids like to see the animals and displays and we see a lot of friends."

Bonnie and Mark Chackan of Plymouth, along with their seven-year-old daughter, Angie, also enjoyed their Sunday evening in the Back Mountain and did a little indulging themselves.

"We like the gyros," Bonnie said. "We have been

coming here for the last three years. It's just nice to get out."

And while the patrons enjoyed gobbling up whatever delights they could cram into their stomachs, the exhibitors were busy firing up their grills.

"We made a lot of good connections," said Jack Rentko of Rentko's Catering in Nanticoke, making their first appearance at the festival. "It was a lot of hours, but it was worth it. We've already received an offer for a wedding and some small parties. So it was a lot of good advertisement."

"And the people who ate here were coming back two and three times. Everything we make is homemade, plus we had a good selection. We had pierogis, haluski,

Manhattan and New England clam chowder, pigs-in-the-blanket, chili and batter dipped items. Plus we offered a 10-item breakfast for \$2.95."

And there were others: "We had a good night on Saturday," said one vendor who only likes to be referred to as Frank, of Frank and Helen's potato pancakes from Kingston. "It's tough to compete with the local vendors from the Back Mountain, but then again, when you're in business, it always seems like the guy next to you is doing better," said Helen, his wife.

Judging by the crowds huddled around all the food stands, it looked as though all the vendors did well.

## Marines will assist in soccer field preparation

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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Final preparation for the School District's new soccer field will be completed by Sunday, superintendent Gerald Wycallis announced Monday night at the Dallas School Board meeting.

Approximately 30 Marines will be present over the weekend, leveling the field and sifting topsoil through a separator. About half that number will begin work on the site on Thursday. The job is being done as

part of a community project.

In other business:

— Appointed Mrs. Rita Bren as a full-time nurse during the absence of Mrs. Eleanor Fleming who has been granted a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 1986-87 school year.

— Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Maureen Stair, TELLS aide, with regrets.

Appointed Ms. Gail Keen, RD 1, Box 500A, Harveys Lake, as a part time chemistry teacher at the rate of \$12.00 an hour.

— Appointed Ms. Anne Z. Gray as

a part-time TELLS aide for the 1986-87 school year at the rate of \$5.00 per hour, four hours a day.

— Agreed to change the name of the Dallas Intermediate School to the Dallas Elementary School.

— Named Robert Mitkus as the junior high school cross country coach.

— Appointed Ms. Maria Augustine as cross country coach; Mrs. Sheila Bonawitz as cheerleaders coach and Mrs. Karen Arnaud as strutters coach.

— Named Ms. Patricia A. Harrison as the junior high school cheer-

leading advisor.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to confirm the interim action of the Superintendent to transfer Mr. Roy Stambaugh, RD 2,

Box 274, Harveys Lake, to a maintenance position in the Dallas School District. Mr. Stambaugh will be assigned to all schools, and will be paid at the rate of \$11,250 prorated

for the 1986-87 contract year. The vote passed by an 8-1 margin with director Albert Pisaneschi voting against.

## Fire breaks out in high school lockerroom

A small fire broke out late Monday afternoon in the girls' lockerroom of the Dallas Senior High School, causing minor damage.

At approximately 2:35 p.m., a female student who had been attending a physical education class, attempted to enter the room when she noticed smoke emanating

from it. After alerting Larry Shuler, who had been teaching the class at the time, he in turn notified assistant principal Frank Galicki who summoned the Dallas Fire Company.

By the time the two trucks arrived, however, the fire was extinguished. "One of the ballasts in

the fluorescent lights caught on fire," said Fire Chief Bob Besecker. "It burned the plastic covering the light, but there was only smoke when we arrived and it was contained to the one room."

Two exhaust fans were used to clear the smoke.

## Surgery separates mother, son

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The Gerald Brown family of Centermoreland has had more than its share of trouble this summer. Mrs. Brown (Janet) and her son, Carl, recently returned home after having been patients in out-of-town hospi-

tals during the past summer.

Carl, a teacher associate in the Tunkhannock School District, was born with a congenital heart defect and on June 16 he underwent open heart surgery in the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. On the same day, his mother, Janet, had a kidney transplant at Geisinger Medical Center in

Danville.

Following their surgery, mother and son returned home from the hospital just one day apart, but a series of problems sent both of them back to their respective hospitals and it was on August 30, that mother and son returned home

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### Together again

Janet and Carl Brown, shown here in the livingroom of their home in Centermoreland, have been separated off and on throughout most of the summer, spending time in two different hospitals. Janet, Carl's mother, underwent a kidney transplant at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, while Carl, who was born with a heart defect, underwent rare reconstructive heart surgery at the University of Alabama Hospital. The mother and son are shown here during the first time they were reunited after being separated for one month. Since then, the pair have been separated several more times, each suffering complications requiring additional hospitalization.

### 'Country Store' planned

The Centermoreland Civic Group will sponsor a County Store on Saturday, September 13, and Sunday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days on the lawn of Frank Williams' home near the fire hall.

Fruits, vegetables and baked goods will be offered with all proceeds going to Janet Brown and her son, Carl, to help defray their medical expenses.

Janet, a registered nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, underwent a kidney transplant on June 25 at Geisinger Hospital while Carl, who was born with a heart defect, had rare reconstruction surgery on June 18 at the University of Alabama Hospital.

Anyone with products for the country store may leave them after 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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