

Sherrif's Dept. watched over fairgoers

By RICH JOHNSON
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An unseen aspect of this year's Luzerne County Fair was the security provided by the county sheriff's department. While no major incidents were reported, there were plenty of small ones to tend to.

One incident struck close to home, though, for Lt. Richard Zeglin and his wife, who is an emergency medical technician (EMT). On the first night of the fair they received a call that a child had been injured. Upon arriving at the scene they found that the child was being held by her mother and she had broken her hand. Later in the week, Zeglin chuckled about the incident saying, "The really bad part came when I saw the doctor's bill."

Overall, Zeglin said that this was one of the smoothest-running fairs ever and he gave a lot of credit to the volunteers and to the visitors. "We had it pretty easy this year," said Zeglin. "We didn't have any major problems and the fair committee and the visitors have to be commended for that. You could say we put out a lot of brush fires," Zeglin said, "so we didn't have to fight a major fire."

The sherrif's staff kept busy

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during the fair handling all the small problems that came about, many of which were medical situations. This was the first year that the fair had a first aid station available to the public. The station was manned by sheriffs personnel who are EMT's.

Some of the situations that came about dealt with youngsters being injured while running around and the heat affecting people. In one circumstance a woman approached a deputy and said that her husband suffered from asthma and his medicine wasn't working. She said that her husband could not make it to their car and she was worried because he was too proud to ask for help.

Two sheriff's personnel approached the man and a couple of minutes later they were driving him to his car in a golf cart. The woman, who did not want to give her name, praised the

men's work. "I am so thankful and impressed that help was so readily available to us. It is things like this that make a fair great," she said. "This was our first trip to this fair but I guarantee it won't be our last," she added.

Most of the calls handled by the department are in no way glamorous. They are calls that need to be handled as quickly and quietly as possible.

Zeglin said that his men handle a lot of circumstances like this and the public doesn't hear about them. "We go out and do what is necessary to keep this a safe place for everyone," he said. "The fair committee spends a lot of time making this a great fair and we just do our part to help out."

Zeglin said that part of their success is due to the manpower that is available. In addition to officers, the department's K-9 division was on hand to help with crowd control.

Whether it be helping a child find his parents or to help a person to their car the Zeglin said that the department will be at the fair doing what it can.

"Sheriff Jagodinski supports our efforts here and when we tell him how smoothly things have gone he will be happy to send us back again," said Zeglin.

It was last fair for Woodward

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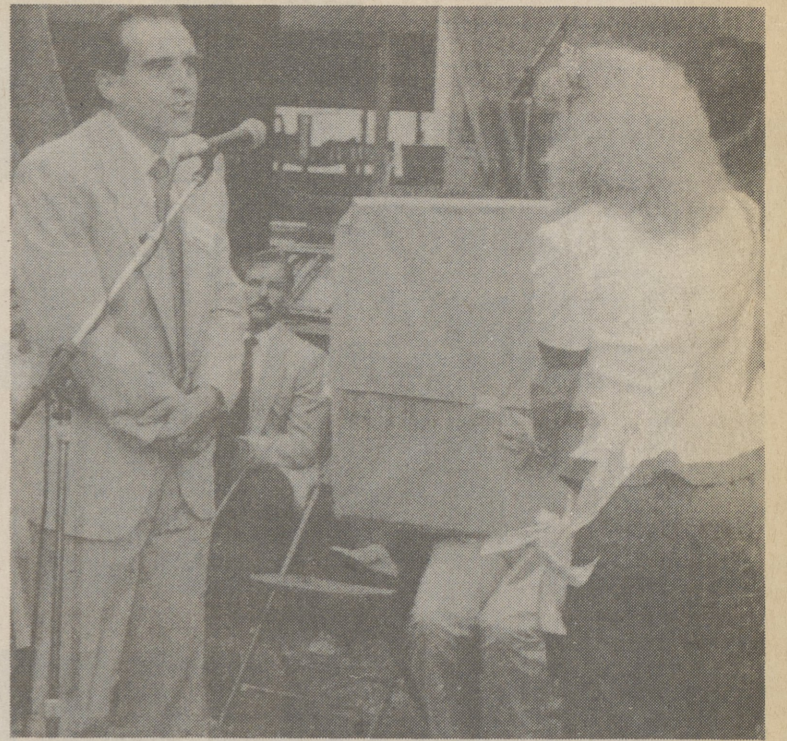
As general chairman Hugh Woodward walked around the Luzerne County fairgrounds Sunday the many long hours of work he had put in during the five-day event showed in his face. Also showing was a bit of sadness because he knew that this would be the last Luzerne County Fair for him.

Woodward's job has taken him and his family to Cincinnati and so this fair had a little more meaning than ones in the past. "This has become a big part of my life and I can say I will miss it," said Woodward.

The past few weeks have been hectic for Woodward as his family has already made the trip to Ohio to start a new life there. He has stayed behind to work at the fair and clean up all the details before moving on.

"I have mixed emotions on wanting the fair to end," said Woodward. "It's been hectic and I have a lot to do before moving but I will miss all of this."

"As chairman of the fair I am glad things went well, but as Hugh Woodward I have a few



GIFT OF THANKS - Luzerne County Fair Chariman Hugh Woodward (left) is presented a painting from last year's fair queen Heather Hand during opening ceremonies of this year's fair. The painting, a collage of scenes of previous fairs, was given to Woodward in recognition of his many years of work with the fair. This was Woodward's last year as chairman of the fair as he and his family have moved to Cincinnati. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

sad feelings because the fair has been fun and there are so many people I have met through this that I will now have to say goodbye to."

Woodward's wife, Linda, has also played a big role in the county fair and was missed by a number of volunteers. Woodward said that some of the

volunteers sent her a bouquet of flowers which made her "...sit down and cry when she realized that she would be missing her friends at the fair."

Woodward smiled a bit when he said that next year's fair won't have him as a chairman but might see him and his family as visitors.

Harveys Lake gets recycling grant

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Harveys Lake Borough moved one step closer to beginning a curbside recycling program when it was approved for a grant by the Department of Environmental Resources last week.

DER approved more than \$54,000 to be used by the borough and Lake Township for the recycling program. News of the approval was met with excitement by borough councilman David Abod, who is coordinator of the recycling program.

"I haven't received official notice yet," said Abod. "But I've been told

that our application was approved and we're jumping up and down over it."

Abod said that most of the money will be used to buy a truck and trailer needed for the curbside program, according to Abod. He said that the equipment will be used by both Harveys Lake and Lake Township for recycling projects.

Currently the borough is holding a weekly dropoff program in which residents can bring recyclable materials to a dumpster across from the borough building. This will change once the curbside program begins, according to Abod.

"I am very happy with the way things are going," said Abod. "If everything goes as planned we will make it easier for residents to recycle. We will be able to pick the stuff up at doorsteps and the materials will not have to be separated by the residents."

Abod said that there is a lot of work to be done before the program starts. He said that the borough is hoping to have the program underway by the beginning of 1991.

He added that the borough is also in the process applying for another grant to help obtain more equipment for the project.

Library news

Bell collection at Back Mountain Library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a collection of interesting bells in the display case at the library. The bells are borrowed from the collection of Nancy Rowlands of Centermoreland. Nancy is 13 years old and is in 8th grade at The Baptist High School in Clarks Summit. She likes bells and enjoys collecting them. She receives them for Birthdays, Christmas and special occasions.

There are 42 bells in the display case and they include bells from different parts of the country, such as Arizona, Ohio, the Pocono Mountains and Nashville, Music City, USA. The liberty bell is in the collection along with some special Christmas bells, including a very delicate pink Merry Christmas bell. The bells are made of wood, crystal, china, bronze and clay; there is a gold apple and a bell from the Amish country. There are animals on bells, a swan, chickens, kittens, puppy dogs and many bells with birds. There is a cow bell (an actual cow sitting on a bell), a very delicate thin gold bell, an ice cream cone bell and many tiny thimble bells.

Nancy keeps her bells at home on a shelf her Dad made for her and on two other stands. She has been collecting the bells for four years and now owns a total of 47. She does not have a favorite one and tells me they are from different people and different places and they are all very special to her.

This is a very appropriate display for the month of September. Something to do with another kind of bell. A school bell! These bells will be at the library until October 3 and they make a unique addition to our library.

The library staff planted our annual flowers in the flower boxes at the entrance way to the library and this year we chose Impatiens in various colors. They are now at their peak and make a lovely welcome as you enter the library. A new garden club group in the Back Mountain took over our special triangle planter at the entry and the various kinds of flowers they planted keep surprising us as they begin to bloom. They are a very special blend of flowers and a neat contrast of colors. Included in this bed is our favorite Peace Rose, which is in its second summer, having survived last winter by special protecting covering. Come

and see our flower gardens.

The library had a busy month in August. The circulation total was 8,308 which included Adult titles of 4,366 and juvenile 3,942. Book Club books circulated 318; Reference questions, 261; new books added, 133 and new borrowers totaled 111, 61 adult and 50 juvenile. Our two summer work study students have returned to their

colleges and we will miss their help.

A young boy came into the library and wanted to borrow about 20 rather heavy books. The librarian said, "You must have a lot of homework today—you are borrowing so many books". His answer, "No, my pants are wrinkled and I have to press them".

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time before it is actually presented. This fact weighs heavily on Hillman, but he is continuing to hope the court makes a quick decision.

"I can only hope this decision comes as fast as the Superior Court's decision in favor of Smith," said Hillman. "We haven't given up and we hope the court will take a hard look at everything and allow the appeal."

Smith's attorney, Basil Russin, could not be reached for comment.

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