



Strike up the band for a new season

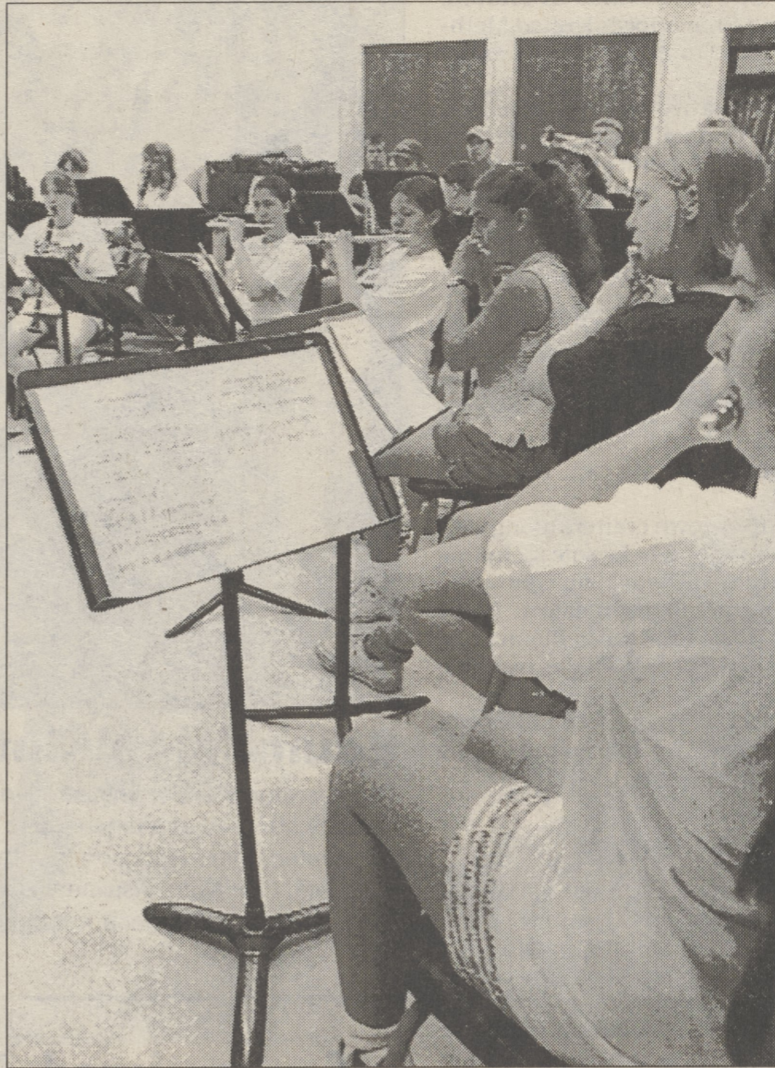
'Band Camp' is now in session

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DALLAS—With the beginning of their 1997 "band camp" last week, the Dallas High School marching band officially started preparing for the long competition season ahead. With many talented players returning to the program, expectations are running high.

"This will be one of our most successful seasons due to the large number of upperclassmen we have this year," predicted acting band director Jerry Baldauff. (Long time director Todd Hunter is away on sabbatical through January.)



This year's show, "School Days," will take audiences through the various phases of a typical school year. "The instructional staff spent many months putting together the musical and visual aspects of this program," said Baldauff. Songs include "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer," "School Days," "Notre Dame Fight Song," "Me and Julio Down by the School Yard," "Pomp and Circumstance," and "School's Out."

"This show should appeal to audiences because everyone, young and old, has memories of their school days," said Baldauff.

The show marks a departure from the highly successful jazz/big-band style shows Dallas has presented in the last few years, broadening the repertoire to include both rock and classical pieces. The band will also use various props and costume changes to depict the show's theme. According to Baldauff, "It's very important to visually enhance the music for audience appeal. Our goal is to entertain through music with some theatrical touches."

The first public performance of the 1997 Dallas High School marching band will be on August 30 at the season opening Dallas/ Marion-Catholic football game at home.

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Marcia Humphrey, top left photo, took a break during last week's practice sessions. Below left, Gene Koshinski, left, and Brian Miller work the xylophone. There's indoor practice, too, top right, as the wind instruments tune up for the new season.

Fair has events for kids, teens

It's time again for the Luzerne County Fair and all the fun, great food, and great entertainment it provides each September.

Again this year the Luzerne County Fair Committee is pleased to offer several events just for kids and teens to enter. Pre-registration is required...so call 675-1761 today for your application for these events. There are no entry fees for any of these events.

1997 Luz. Cty. Fair Annual Costume Parade: Children aged 2-5 years, boys and girls, are invited to wear their favorite fairy tale/character costume and parade for the judges. Prizes for everyone...but be sure to pre-register. Call 675-1761.

1997 Luz. Cty. Fair Princess Competition: 5 to 8 year old young ladies are invited to enter the annual Princess Competition. Judging is on personality and poise. Prizes for everyone. But be sure to pre-register. Call 675-1761.

New Event!! First Annual County Fair Talent Expo: Two age categories, 7-12 years and 13-17 years...and five different talent categories: Tap Dancing, Broadway Vocal, Acting, Comedy and Instrumental. And you can enter as a solo act, duo act or trio act...Great prizes for all. But be sure to pre-register by calling 675-1761.

The costume parade will be held Sat., Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.

The Princess competition will be held Sat., Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m. just prior to the 4 p.m. crowning of a new Fair Queen.

The brand new talent expo will be held Sun., Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. All entrants receive prizes courtesy of dozens of county merchants and the Luzerne County Fair Committee.

Seminar on vision correction surgery

Dr. Curtis Goodwin will offer a free seminar and consultation for anyone interested in learning more about laser vision correction. The seminar will be held at Dr. Goodwin's office at 170 N. Memorial Hwy. in Shavertown Wed., Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. You may call 675-3627 for more information.

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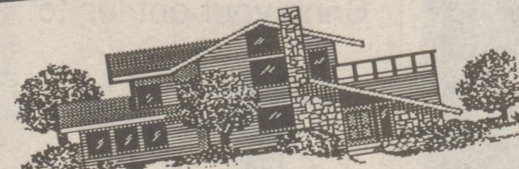
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