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Downtown Dallas will come alive

Harvest Festival has blossomed into three days of activity next weekend.

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Committee members for this year's Dallas Days and Harvest Festival all have one thing in common. "We're thrilled," said Mary Ann Ochman.

The interest and enthusiasm generated by last year's inaugural event has created an optimistic atmosphere for the repeat performance.

"Last year was a great community event where people could get together and talk. We had a great turnout and we hope to again this year," said Ochman, whose jewelry store on Church Street will be open throughout the day.

Dallas Days kicks off with "Wordhorde" at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Friday, Sept.

17. Children's events, sponsored by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 18 at College Misericordia. A dance, featuring The Original Starfires, will be held at Irem Temple Country Club on Saturday night. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available by calling the borough office.

The Harvest Festival itself will be from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19 in downtown Dallas. Sixty-five vendors will be set up along Main Street and the surrounding area (see map).



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"We have more food than last year," said Mary Manzoni, who is in charge of vendors for the event. "We have lots of good things like funnel cake, halushki, pork barbecue, peel & eat shrimp, biscotti, beef and chicken done over a wood fire, and many others."

All vendor booths were reserved over a month ago and the waiting list for next year is already getting long. In addition to 22 food vendors, there will also be florists, jewelers, gift tents, service groups and a farmers' market.

The fall library auction will be held in the public works garage behind the borough building, beginning at 1 p.m.

"We will feature many unique as well as practical items and many ideas for gift giving this holiday season," said Karen Boback, who is coordinat-

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Back Mountain Library Fall Auction committee member Karen Boback is pictured with some of the items to be featured over the block: a Penn State University chair, a collectible Holiday Angel Barbie, a painting featuring Benjamin Franklin, and a limited edition bank crafted from a Post Office box.

Old, new and cute items for the auction

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
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Combining the efforts of two community events, the Back Mountain Memorial Library will hold a mini-auction in a Dallas Borough building during the Dallas Harvest Festival.

More than 300 antique items and new goods offered for sale, beginning Sunday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. and continuing until the supply is gone, says Karen Boback, auction co-chairperson.

One of the most interesting pieces will be a dollhouse, originally purchased by the library at a local estate sale, that has been

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A celebration of 125 years for the borough

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The Borough of Dallas will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year in conjunction with Dallas Days.

"Harvest Festival is a celebration of the agricultural heritage of the community," said Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager. "The Borough decided to link the 125th anniversary celebration to this community event."

The Borough will receive an award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and the County Commissioners are expected to be on hand. State Senator Charles Lemmond and Representative George Hasay also plan to make presentations to the borough.

"The borough has purchased 500 numbered commemorative coins that will be sold at the festival," said Moskovitz. All profits from the sale will benefit the Mayor's Club of Dallas, a non-profit, non-political fund used for special local activities.

The Harvest Festival and anniversary celebration are products of the Dallas Visioning Committee. "One of the reasons we hold it in front of the borough building is that we're interested in redeveloping downtown Dallas," said Moskovitz. "We want to return some energy and activity to downtown."

One lifelong Dallas resident, Millicent (Millie) Rustine Hand LaBar, agrees that things were different in the past. "A lot of businesses have come and gone," said Mrs. LaBar.

She and her first husband, Joseph Hand, built and ran Joe's Men's Clothing Store for 20 years on Main Street.

"When Joe died, I closed the store and it was empty from 1968 to 1976. Then my daughter-in-law, Sue Hand, was looking for a place to give art



POST FILE PHOTO

Vendors filled Main Street for last year's Harvest Festival. This year, activities and events have been added, and entertainment will be continuous for Sunday's celebration.

lessons. They expanded the building and my son Joe builds frames in the back."

Mrs. LaBar was born and raised and still lives on the corner of Main Street and Huntsville Road. "I'm one of the senior, senior citizens around here," she said. "Main Street has changed. Ever since the flood more and more people moved out here and they keep coming. There is so much traffic that the cars are backed up on Huntsville Road in the morning."

Mrs. LaBar's second husband, Paul LaBar, was a mayor of Dallas. "He grew up right across the street from me on Main Street above the old Post

Office Building. I didn't pay much attention to him then," said Mrs. LaBar. "I guess he stayed on his side of the street and I stayed on my side."

Although Mrs. LaBar does not get around much anymore, she will enjoy seeing the festival activity from her front windows.

The 125th anniversary will also be noted with a special pictorial cancellation available from the Dallas Post Office for 30 days following the event. The Post Office will have a booth at the festival where people can purchase a stamped postcard

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Lehman and Idetown churches consolidate

Three centuries of faith unite, plan for the future.

By SANDY PEOPLES
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LEHMAN - While a recent headline proudly boasted of the swelling population at a Back Mountain school, another noted that two churches in the region would merge.

Soccer fields and baseball diamonds are screaming with activity on Sunday mornings, but churches find themselves with fewer and fewer of the faithful in attendance. The generations which placed a high priority on going to church are waning, and those who would follow seem to have found other things to do in that time slot.

Such is the plight of the Lehman

and Idetown United Methodist churches and many others not only in our area but also across the country. A decrease in membership usually means a decrease in donations, and the expense of heating and maintaining the older buildings is on the rise. Rev. Nancy Russell is the pastor of both churches and looks to the future while trying to preserve some of the past.

"The Idetown church recently came to the Lehman church to ask about being together," said Russell. "We have almost 300 years of heritage between the churches to celebrate, and we look forward to our new journey of faith together as one congregation."

Jennie Ide, a member of the Idetown church, is also a member of the merger visioning committee

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The sign out front says it all. Members of the Idetown United Methodist Church are now attending services at the Lehman United Methodist Church.

Plant owner pledges to fix noise problem

Neighbors say they're tired of talk, and want to see action.

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DALLAS TWP. — Neighbors of the Pulverman Enterprises plant on Lower Demunds Road are taking a wait-and-see approach to promises by the company's owner to address complaints of excessive noise.

Randy Mark, Pulverman's owner, attended the Sept. 7 board of supervisors meeting to discuss possible solutions to the low-frequency thumping noise generated by his metal fabrication plant.

Pulverman was cited for violating the noise ordinance after extensive sound studies were performed by the township.

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