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Shannon Zekoski, of Harding, helped her grandmother and grandfather sell their homegrown vegetables at the 2005 Dallas Harvest Festival. Main Street in the borough will once again be lined with fresh produce, food and one-of-a-kind items on Sunday, Sept. 16, for the Fifth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival.

A community comes together

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Fresh fruits and vegetables will soon be sold at a farmers market in Dallas. Residents will compete to see who can make the tastiest chili, children will perform and businesses will have their merchandise on-hand on Sunday, Sept. 16 – all part of the Fifth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival.

The popular Back Mountain event has only been in existence for five years.

A committee that was part of a community visioning program in 2002 looked at the revitalization of downtown Dallas Borough and decided the borough would hold a large block party

to bring attention to the downtown and reinforce the connection of the land and community.

The first Dallas Harvest Festival Committee was formed in February 2003 to plan for a September event that year. The block party would close Main Street which would be lined with produce vendors under tents. In order to obtain maximum attendance, the festival was scheduled for the Sunday of the weekend in-between the Luzerne County Fair and the Bloomsburg Fair.

The plans were in place but no one knew

what to expect.

To the surprise of many, the first Dallas Harvest Festival attracted roughly 5,000 people. In addition to produce, the event featured entertainment by children and the initial Kiss the Pig contest. Dallas Borough Manager Joe Moskowitz said the feedback from the first festival was very positive.

“What they related to us was this harvest festival reminded them of the old days of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction,” he said.

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