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Linda Burns of Heritage Farms packages fresh vegetables for a customer at the Ridgway Farmers Market. (Photo by Katie Weidenboerner)

## Bountiful harvest at farmers markets

By Katie Weidenboerner  
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As the summer begins to creep toward the months of bountiful harvest, local farmers markets are beginning to spring to life as local farmers bring their produce for sale.

For those like Diana Gahr who, along with her husband Ray, organize the Fox Township Farmers Market, the payoff of the market is having a "really nice, calm community event."

The Fox Township market was organized in 2007 in the Bambino's parking lot and has since moved down the street to the Fox Township Park.

With a strong following, market goes come rain or shine to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, baked and canned goods, and crafts. If graced with sunshine, Gahr said it's a regular sight to find people congregating together to talk and catch up – another important benefit of the markets.

Like other farmers markets throughout Elk County, Diana Gahr said the market starts at the end of June, bringing about five vendors, a number which often doubles by its final month in October.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture dubbed last week – National Farmers Market Week.

The department's Agricultural Marketing Service announced last year that it's National Farmers Market Directory now lists 8,268 markets, an increase of 76 percent since 2008.

The data reflects continued demand and



Stephen Bagley of St. Marys waits for customers at the St. Marys farmers market. Bagley and his business partner Martin Dornisch sell the gourmet mushrooms they grow. (Photo by Katie Weidenboerner)

growth of farmers markets in every region of the country. Pennsylvania, with 297 markets, ranks seventh highest in the country.

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## Brockway begins preparations for 'Our Town' Project on WPSU

By Andrew Bundy  
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BROCKWAY — The first planning meeting for Brockway's upcoming showcase on WPSU's Our Town Project was held at the Brockway Area School District Business Office Thursday.

This meeting is the first of several meetings that will help shape the story being told on the Our Town program.

"The Our Town Project was designed by WPSU as a way to get involved in the communities that make up our viewing area," said producer Carley Greiner. "We get to learn about our communities by having the residents tell the story of their towns."

The program has been running since 1996. Brockway previously featured in a special in 2007. The show is described as a one-hour video scrapbook that visually tells the unique story of communities in the WPSU viewing area.

"WPSU doesn't solicit stories," Greiner said. "I don't call anyone up and twist their arms. People come to us with the stories they want to tell. People are enthusiastic and passion-

ate about their communities and tell their stories to the camera."

Greiner described the interview process, in which she personally interviews 26-30 "storytellers," prompting them to go into as many details as possible about the piece of history they want to tell. Each interview gets edited down and helps create a narrative that runs through the whole special.

"Stories from the past, present and future are welcome," she said. "If there's a new project that will impact the community, tell us about it. If a story has been told before on a previous edition, that's okay because everyone tells their stories differently. The storytellers bring their own uniqueness to the tale."

Thursday's meeting was just a preliminary discussion about the project and the process. No stories were generated from that meeting. Those will come during the Community Meeting at Taylor Memorial Museum at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. The meeting is open to the public and anyone who is interested in seeing how this program will be done is encouraged to attend. Greiner

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Joe Shick, center, of DuBois, hams it up to the delight of his grandson, J. T. Hughes, on a ride Friday at the Clearfield County Fair. (Photo by Paul A. Wilson)

## Week of 'fair weather' boosts attendance

By Terry Whetstone  
 Special to the Courier Express

CLEARFIELD — The 155th edition of the Clearfield County Fair came to an end Saturday night, and for the first time in a long time, the weather was beautiful for nearly the entire week.

"Tuesday was cold and that kept attendance down, and we had some rain for about 20 minutes before last night's (Saturday) show started," Fair Manager Greg Hallstrom said. "Aside from that, the weather was great."

Brenda Morgan, public relations for the fair, said attendance was not too bad Friday night, despite the unexpected cancellation of Little Big Town.

The fair board still wanted to put a show on for all of the country fans, so they signed David Nail in a short amount of time and he took the stage on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The concert was free to fairgoers.

"We promoted that show the best way we possibly could, for the amount of time we had," Hallstrom said. "The fair board, myself included, felt it would have been better-attended than it was."

The other night the weather was not up to par was Tues-

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