

# Labor Day Ox Roast - Perfect!

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It's called the Sunbury Lions Club Labor Day Ox-roast and Flea Market on the Square, but most eastern Delaware County residents know that the Sunbury Lions Labor Day fund raiser is really a community-wide effort.

Just a casual glance around village square during the event tells the story.

Sunbury Lions are all busy at their aligned stations, that's expected. But so are members of the Big Walnut Lions Club. Look a little closer and you see Big Walnut High School Marching Band members, members of Big Walnut FFA, Big Walnut cheerleaders from a variety of squads, and members of the Big Walnut Leo Club, all with their sleeves rolled up and helping out.

"Counting all the volunteers that help us out, we have almost 400-man hours<sup>†</sup> invested in the day," Sunbury Lion Rick Eyman said.

Eyman ran through a few of this year's numbers.

With perfect weather on tap, 182 flea market vendors showed up for the day. By day's end, 950 pounds of beef were served as sandwiches, plus 81 pounds of Cole Slaw, 230 pounds of potato salad, 30 gallons of beans, 630 individual slices of pie, 750 hot dogs and assorted beverages.

"This year we bought our meat locally from Aaron Bloch, owner of The Butcher Bloch in Fairland Plaza," Eyman said.

"Kroger worked really well for us for all our

perishable stuff; and we used GFS for paper products."

While this year's final numbers were not available at press time, the Sunbury Lion's Club Ox-roast and Flea Market on the Square generally earns about \$25,000 to be distributed locally.

The Sunbury Lions Club is a Big Walnut community staple that lends support to a variety of organizations, including Big Walnut Friends Who Share, K-9 Companions, Ohio Radio Reading, Ohio Quest, Camp Echoing Hills, News Reel, Central Ohio Lion's Eye Bank and Delaware Speech and Hearing.

The Sunbury Lions also help Big Walnut students via service scholarships and band support, and by helping to finance FFA and cheerleading activities.

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**The Bird House Guy from Mansfield, Richard Mellor, never misses a Sunbury Lions Ox Roast and Flea Market.**