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# Final day of Jesus Fest wraps up

## Crowd attending festivities treated to delightful weather

by Billy Wolfe  
STAFF WRITER

CLARKSBURG — Love of faith and the sunny, breezy weather Sunday brought a crowd of several hundred to Main Street for the final day of Jesus Fest.

"I've enjoyed being here and talking with all the people. It gives you the feel of a block party without all of the alcohol," said Tracia Fisher, who was running a booth for Operation Christmas Child.

The non-denominational charity organizes care packages for children in underdeveloped countries, providing toys and school supplies. This was the second year that Operation Christmas Child had a booth at Jesus Fest.

"It's so neat, because you can get your message out to all of these other people who are seeking or who have already found the Lord," she added.

Several food vendors, as well as other charity organizations, had tents and booths set up along Main Street.

Nine-year-old Luke Stirewalt said his favorite part about the festivities was the cotton candy, but that he enjoyed the music as well.

But the deeper spiritual meaning of Jesus Fest is what drew D.K. Scheuvront to the public gathering.

"This city really needs Jesus. He is the answer. In fact, the whole world needs Jesus. It's all about him," Scheuvront said.

"I haven't had a favorite part because I've liked all of



Staff photo by Billy Wolfe

Singer Louann Lee performs the closing set for Jesus Fest Sunday afternoon in downtown Clarksburg.

it. It's just fantastic, because it gets the people together for a good reason," said Aaron Scheuvront, who had attended all three days of the festivities with his family and members of his church.

But not everyone in attendance was a Christian.

Although he is Jewish, Adam Boykin was working with the Seventh Day Adventists to help "unify the churches" in the area.

"I think this is a good

event for the community. The times are getting harder. We've been attacked by terrorists, and all I can say is we need anything that can unite us," he said.

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The final performance of the afternoon was by Louann Lee, a California-based Christian singer, who performed with a full backup band.

As she began her set, members of the remaining crowd got to their feet, singing and swaying to the music.

One of those who got into the music was Clarksburg resident Donna Pitzer, who raised her hands into the air and swayed back and forth as the musical acts performed their heartfelt sets.

She said that her faith saved her from a life of drug abuse and hard times, and that she now attends church regularly at the Mount Zion Baptist Church on Water Street.

"God restored me," she said.

"Today is a work of God."

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