**Hot dog eating winners**

August 5, 2011

* [Community News](http://www.morganmessenger.com/news/category/section/community-news)

The Morgan County Fair looked more like Coney Island on July 30, with a
hot dog eating contest taking center stage in the scorching summer heat. The contest was split into two divisions, youth (10-17) and adult (18 and up).

Christian Guzman took first place in the youth division after downing eight hot dogs in five minutes, while Caleb Murray ate six to earn second place.

In the adult division, Kevin McLaughlin took first place with seven and Geoff Blankenship earned second place after eating six.

Drama ensued when both divisions needed a tiebreaker for second place; as a result, the contestants had to eat two hot dogs faster than their opponent. Murray and Blankenship ignored what their stomach’s told them to do, and secured second place wins.

The fundraiser was sponsored by the Morgan County Partnership to raise money for specific programs that will help teens in the community become more engaged, as well as educated on topics such as drug prevention, healthy eating habits, and basic assets that are crucial to being successful in school. A number of community organizations generously donated for the cause: Rankins Fitness, Temptations Café, Ambrae House, BTM Accounting, CNB, State Farm Insurance, Tim Close Insurance and Dairy Queen.

The planning committee was led by Kevin Close. Morgan County Partnership’s Summer VISTA recruited other youth in the community to assist in the planning. Other members helping included Brady Smith, Korinne Cowles, Jenna Hansroth and Jacob Montague.

(Morgan Messenger)