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Clearfield County

The next fair to happen occurs Aug. 2 through Aug. 7 in neighboring Clearfield County. This year marks its 150th year celebration, Publicity Director Brenda Hunter said.

For the celebration, the fair — located in Clearfield, Pa. — will feature an "outstanding line of entertainment," as well as a theme of "Celebrate and Educate," Hunter said.

With carnival rides, food, displayed art and 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) showcases, the Clearfield County Fair ranks in the top six fairs in the state, Hunter said.

She also said the fair is "a place for family and friends" to come together and visit.

...mission to the fair is \$8, which includes an all day ride pass for anyone who is four or older.

Huntington County

On Aug. 7 the Huntington County Fair in Huntington, Pa., opens and runs until Aug. 14.

Jim Davis, the president of the fair, said the idea for a fair in Huntington County began in 1828 when the county decided it wanted to merge the business district with the rural part. But the fair didn't actually open until 1831.

Because of various challenges and financial issues, the fair has not happened every year, but it will occur as planned this year, Davis said.

Linda Grove, superintendent of the floral department, said the fair features animal shows, live entertainment, tractor pulls, demolition derbies and vendors in three different halls.

Grove said she thinks people enjoy coming to the fair because it is "family-oriented."

"[For] some of the kids that are showing, their parents showed and their grandparents showed," she said. "It comes to be a family tradition, and everybody looks forward to this week out of the year."

Tickets at the gate are \$5.

Mifflin County

A day later, on Aug. 8, a fair featuring children opens in Mifflin County. The Mifflin County Youth Fair — located in

Reedsville, Pa. — will stay open until Aug. 15.

The fair, which has been around for more than 50 years, was initially started as a "roundup for 4-H projects," said Sue Shank, administrative support assistant for continuing education at Penn State and a fair committee member.

"4-H projects can range from any livestock project or it can be cake decorating, rocketry, shooting sport, reptiles... anything imaginable," Shank said. "Anything that somebody wants to learn and were able to create a group and make a project."

The approximately 300 projects will then be judged. First prizes, second prizes and a grand prize will be awarded in each category, Shank said.

Food catered toward children, such as candied apples and cotton candy, will be served. There will also be numerous bands performing throughout the fair, she said.

"[The fair is] a social thing for many people," Shank said. "Many people also like to see the interaction of the kids."

Shank said there is a parking fee of about \$5.

Other fairs scheduled to occur throughout the summer months include the Grange Fair in Centre Hall, Pa., the Clinton County Fair in Mackeyville, Pa., and the Bellefonte Arts and Craft Fair in Bellefonte.

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