

OFFICIAL GUIDEBOOK

Sch. County Fair

July 28 thru Aug. 2, 2014

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Schuylkill County Fairgrounds Site Plan

A – Livestock Barn

B – 4-H

C – Dairy Cattle

D – Livestock Building

E – Ag Arena

G – Home Crafts

K – Milk House

M – Horticulture

N – FARM Food Stand

T – Fair Office

U – First Aid

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W – Fruits & Vegetables

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The Schuylkill County Fairgrounds are located 1-1/2 miles east off Route 183 along Route 895 (Summit Station); or, take Route 61 to Route 895 West . . . proceed 7 miles west of Auburn.

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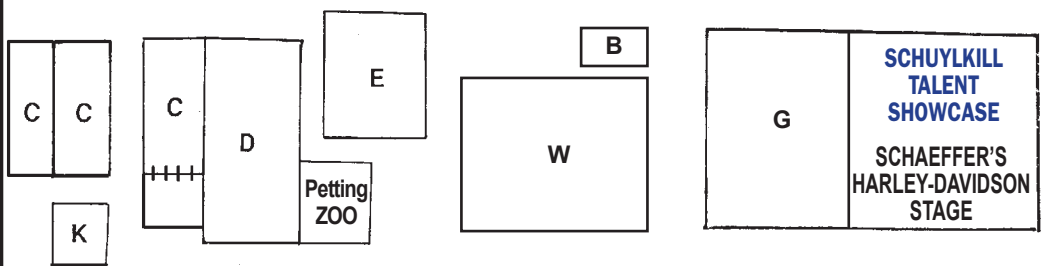
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Sch. County Fair runs July 28 thru Aug. 2

Marking its 31st year, the Schuylkill County Fair "treasures the memories of our roots" from July 28 through August 2. Held at the fairgrounds located east of Summit Station on Route 895, this much-anticipated annual event offers food and fun for the entire family.

Each year, as always, the fair's all-volunteer organization brings a variety of new activities, demonstrations, competitions, exhibits and entertainment to the event.

New, new, new!

A new amusement ride company, Goodtimes Amusement out of Hellertown, has set up 20 rides and 15 game and food trailers on the Midway.

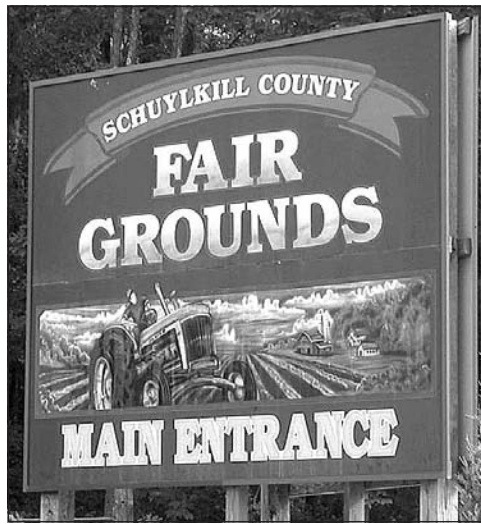
New activities at the fair include an expanded Ag Detective program, Story Time, make-and-

take projects with the Master Gardeners, and a historical walk with Mark Major to learn the historical significance of the southern regions of Schuylkill County.

New demonstrations take place this year on Bear Creek Island, the area behind the main stage accessible by a footbridge. Bear Creek Island has been

reconditioned and hosts many interactive demonstrations that include fly-fishing and muzzleloader, along with Indian lore with "Big Owl" Dave McSurdy.

New entertainment features Shake, Rattle & Soul (rock 'n roll from the '50s and '60s), the Tim



Rt. 895 ENTRANCE EAST OF SUMMIT STATION

Marchetto Show (American Idol contestant), Jesse Wade Gang (outlaws of country), Muttville Comix (slapstick comedy act), Exile (performing more than 50 years), Nashville singer-songwriter and actress, Kendall Phillips; Brandon Bennet (Ultimate Elvis), Hybrid Ice

(Danville-based band), John Cafferty and Michael Antunes of the Beaver Brown Band, and Kevin Chalfant's Journey Experience.

The fair also highlights local entertainers through the Schuylkill Talent Showcase. Performers set to take the indoor stage are the band Drivetrain, McCormick School of Irish Dance, Richie Cappel, Conner Stashel, Maudie Becker, Brook Unger, and M.B. Gymnastics.

Celebs & more

Unique to Schuylkill County are native celebrities participating in contests designed just for them. These include the Celebrity Livestock Show-

man competition and the Celebrity Tractor Pull. The truck and tractor pulls have a new twist this year with new classes of stock and modified diesel and gas pullers. A new sled from Crouse Sled Rental out of Newville will be used.

Equine enthusiasts will be able to watch an open horseshow under the lights this year during a nighttime exhibition.

Organizers of this year's fair also encourage everyone to leave their mark on the 31st Schuylkill County Fair by placing an inked thumbprint on the branches of a designated barren painted "tree." The thumb-

prints will fill the empty branches with "leaves."

Added this year to the exhibits are new classes for vegetables, youth, needlecraft and food. Competitors can test their skills and luck in new contests that will determine champions in sunflower seed spitting, pocket-sized pets, "tower of power," and potato sack racing. Anyone for whom food and drink are a passion is urged to consider entering the all-new Boilo Contest or the Yukon Gold Potato Cooking Contest.

For more information of the Schuylkill County Fair, visit its website at www.schuylkillfair.com.

Midway offers wide choice of great food

Food – some people go to the Schuylkill County Fair for that reason ever since the fair's first funnel cake was poured into hot fat 31 years ago. It's tradition for families to scope out the food vendors on the Midway and find out what new item has been battered and deep-fried.

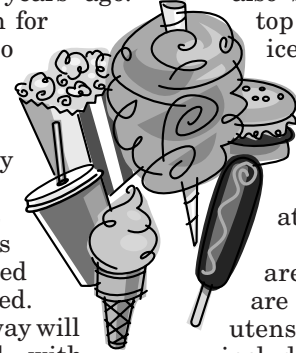
The Midway will be jammed with old favorites like French fries and corn dogs.

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream ... brought to you by the Red Dairy Barn with the blue silo that has been with the fair since its beginning 31 years ago. The dairy promotion of Schuylkill County will again offer

sweet and creamy vanilla and chocolate ice cream in cones, cups, shakes. Fresh sliced Schuylkill County peaches will also be available to top the bowl of ice cream. Few treats are sweeter or more refreshing than a peach sundae at the fair.

Most popular are foods that are eaten without utensils. Favorites include cheeseburgers, pulled pork or beef sandwiches, ice cream, French fries and pizza, with plenty of Guer's to wash it down.

Fair food is the tastiest tradition there is. When people bite into food at the Schuylkill County Fair and they like it, you can see it instantly on their faces.



See you in the woods at the county fair!



The Shadle Nature Center of the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds is just a short walk away in the woods behind the FARM Food Stand. Cool off and take a break naturally! The Nature Center will be open Monday to Friday during the fair from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday (Kids Day), the Nature Center will be open from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and then 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Activities include: interactive displays, posters from the 2014 Schuylkill County Green Challenge, and hands-on fun nature crafts for you to "make and take" with you!

The Weston Pavilion, located next to the Nature Center, features Peggy Hentz of the Red Creek Wildlife Center and her program "Owls of Pennsylvania" presented daily at 6:30 p.m. This program is included in the price of your fair admission.

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Shadle Nature Center

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Truck & Tractor Pulls Promise High Octane Fun!

For the third year the Schuylkill County Fair will have truck pulls at the fair. Two nights of pure truck pull excitement will take place on Mon., July 28 (diesel), and Tues., July 29 (gas-powered).

Registration of trucks begins at 4 p.m. and pulls will begin at approximately 7 p.m. The track, which has been used for antique tractor pulling, has been lengthened and resurfaced.

This year's event features three classes of diesel trucks. Monday's classes are stock diesel, modified diesel, and work stock diesel. Gas hogs, in stock gas 1 & 2 or modified gas classes, hit the track Tuesday.

Truck pulling is a mixture of horsepower, traction, and chassis setup on a four-wheel drive vehicle that is attached by a heavy chain to a weighted sled. The farther a truck pulls the sled, the more stress and pressure it will experience along the track. By the end of the track, even the most powerful trucks will be stopped cold by extremely large forces created by the amount of weight bearing down upon the sled.

Some trucks will break under the pressure, and spectators may witness drive-shafts and axles twisting into scrap metal as man and machine go to war, just to see who can get the best hook. A



NEARLY A FULL PULL - Large crowds filled the grandstands and lined the track last year to watch and hear diesel trucks in competition.

mix of adrenaline, testosterone, and excitement, it is a sport that can engulf

the entire family, offering unrivaled fun and excitement.

Tractor Pull

High-octane intensity

explodes into the Schuylkill County Fair on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 2. Power-hungry antique tractors battle it out at the antique tractor pull. This event stars the area's best drivers and their ground-powered machines.

Participating in the pull are tractors model year 1959 or earlier and rear wheel-driven only. Classic 1960 to 1972 factory turbo may participate with all antique rules applying.

Registration for the antique tractor pulls starts at 11 a.m. at the Ag Museum in the fairgrounds. Pulls begin approximately at 1 p.m. on Sat., August 2.

Fun While Learning • Prizes

Hey Kids! Be an Ag Detective

Have you ever wondered...where milk comes from? ...how important bees are to us and to the food that we eat? ...what is the only apple native to North America? Discover all of this and more when you become an Ag Detective.

This unique program allows young and old to learn about Schuylkill County's #1 industry - agriculture - in a fun and engaging way. Placed throughout the fairgrounds are 20 stations where the answers may be found.

Detectives start their investigation by stopping by the "Farming for a Day" tent to pick up an official Ag Detective badge and their working papers. As detectives they now have the opportunity to investigate topics such as 4-H, alpacas, the Ag

Museum, apples, bees, sources of milk, corn, chickens, goats, horses, rabbits, sheep, steers, the difference between straw and hay, America's national flower, parts to a



quilt, how many clusters of grapes it takes to produce a glass of wine, what a grain is, and when FFA was founded.

At the end of the investigation, the Ag Detective turns in his or her paperwork, redeem-

able for a prize, to the fair office. This program is open to all, but only youth under 18 years are eligible for a prize.

There are four more parts under the program's expansion this year. Ag Detective also comes in a clue format. A participant still uses the stations around the fairgrounds, but this time the clues are more deeply hidden. In the dairy barn and cattle barns there is another Ag Detective activity called "Cattleville" in which participants search the poster for byproducts of the cattle industry.

The third activity is found in the horse barn. Here measurement and converting the "hand" into feet are done to determine how many "hands," as well as feet, tall a horse or pony stands.

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Buyer: Bill's Produce and Market



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Grand Champion Dairy Beef
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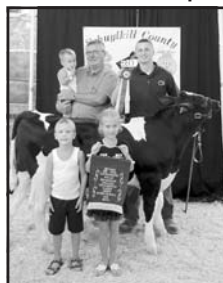
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Colt Morgan

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Res. Grand Champ. Rabbit Meat Pen



Exhibitor:
Ian Lengel

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Sch. County Fair Royalty to be Named Monday



CASEY GREGORY
Queen



LILY KEITSOCK
Princess



KATE KRAMER
Princess



ELIZABETH GARRAWAY
Princess



MADELINE SCHUETTLER
Princess



ANGELIQUE ANTONINI
Princess



HALEY RYMARKIEWICZ
Little Miss



ANTOINETTE ANTONINI
Little Miss

Somewhere in this lovely lineup are the smiling faces of the 2014 Schuylkill County Fair Queen, Princess, and Little Miss.

Young women seeking the privilege of representing the Schuylkill County Fair have their chance on Mon., July 28, at 3 p.m. during the royalty competition. The 2014 Royalty Crowning will follow at 8 p.m. Those chosen will preside at fair functions throughout the week and represent the fair at

county parades and celebrations.

The contest is divided into three age levels. At the time of the contest, Little Miss contestants must be between the ages of 7 and 10, Princess candidates between the ages of 11 and 15, and candidates for Queen between 16 and 20. All must be residents of Schuylkill County. Each young woman submitted a letter explaining why she would like to be the 2014 Queen, Princess or Little Miss.

All candidates take part in three days of events. On Sat., July 27, a Royalty Bash is thrown for all contestants. The girls spend a relaxing, social day together, and their parents are welcome to attend. This year organizers added a mini rehearsal so that the new contestants feel a bit more relaxed for Monday night's onstage contest. After rehearsal, the young women mix and mingle, enjoying games, ice-breakers and light refreshments.

Prior to the fair's opening day, contestants attend a judges' reception Sunday at the Ag Museum on the fair-

grounds. Here the judges interview the contestants individually. While girls are being interviewed, the current royalty have games and snacks prepared for everyone. The girls also vote for Miss Congeniality, who receives flowers and a gift during the crowning ceremony on the opening day of the fair.

During onstage competition on Coronation Day, July 28, each candidate presents a short onstage speech based on the letter she has submitted: "Why I want to be Schuylkill County Fair Royalty" and answers one impromptu age-appropriate question. The 2013

Royalty are conducting this year's contest. Judges tally the scores and coronation takes place at 8 p.m. on the M&T Stage. The purpose of the Fair Queen and royalty competitions is to encourage the promotion of agricultural fairs and build a bridge to better understanding between youth and adults in both urban and rural settings. Jackie Hoffman, a former Schuylkill County Fair Queen, coordinates the contest.

Wearing their crowns until July 28 are the members of the 2013 fair royalty court, currently comprised of Little Miss Rebecca LaScala, Prin-

cess Haley Obrzut and Queen Rachael Naradko.

Candidates for 2014 Fair Queen are Casey Gregory and Lily Keitssock, both of Pottsville. Princess hopefuls include Kate Kramer, Minersville; Elizabeth Garraway, Pottsville; Madeline Schuettler, Pottsville, and Angelique Antonini, Schuylkill Haven. Little Miss candidates this year are Haley Rymarkiewicz, Pottsville, and Antoinette Antonini, Schuylkill Haven.

Additional candidates may also vie for the titles, having applied after the initial July 7 deadline to be included in this Guidebook.

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A combination of talent, humor, and a high threshold of pain have

rocketed Doc to the height of his field. His tradition of fire-eating, juggling, even walking across 100 broken glass bottles, will have his audience howling in laughter one moment and peeking between their fingers the next.

Making the most of his 40 years "of practice," Doc has performed at a myriad of fairs, circuses, and famous amusement parks – including legendary giants such as Disney World and Universal Studios.



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Play It Cool at Nature Center

Stroll through the shade of the trees at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds during fair week to the James S. Shadle Nature Center. Enjoy a change of pace during a busy fair day as you step inside the nature center and view many of the new exhibits featuring plants, animals, geology and natural history of the area.

Operating hours for the nature center are Monday through Friday 5 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 4 to 7:30 p.m. Speak with Porcupine Pat about the latest environmental issues and their impact on the area.

The nature center will be set up with a number of interactive learning

stations. Roll a tree out of newspaper and watch it sprout branches. Understand the circles of the earth by making an earth bracelet that reminds us there is a water circle, plant and soil circle, air circle, sun circle and the earth revolves in a circle.

Create a farm charm to show the importance of farms in our lives and the need to protect the environment. This is done by dropping a pinch of each of the valuable resources that the farm uses to produce our daily food, fuel, and fiber into a small plastic jewelry pouch with a piece of yarn to make a necklace.

Can't see the forest for the trees? Be part of the learning tree mural where participants trace their handprint onto green and brown construction paper and cut them out. The brown hand, representing the roots, and the green cut-



PORCUPINE PAT

out, representing the branches, is placed on the mural to create a forest.

Twist a paper bag around an empty soda bottle to create a free-standing tree. This is a great way to remind us of the importance of trees in our daily lives and why they, like the fair, are "rooted in our communities."

Entry to the Shadle Nature Center is free as part of your fair admission. Join "Porcupine Pat" of the Schuylkill Conservation District during fair week.

Please Touch; Leave Mark

While you are visiting the 31st Schuylkill County Fair this week, the fair association asks you to help it "Treasure the Memories of Our Roots." It would be our treasure if you would leave your mark – literally leave your mark – on



While touring the fairgrounds, fairgoers will find framed tree signs. Leave an inked thumbprint as a leaf print on one of the barren branches. These tree signs will be placed in the exhibit halls for years to come.

Chicken BBQ Awaits on Entry Day, July 26

The Schuylkill County Fair, again this year, is selling a takeout barbecue chicken dinner. For a donation of \$8, your meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, beverage and roll and can be picked up at two locations. It is available at the FARM Food Stand on the fairgrounds, Sat., July 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at Moyer's Car Care Center on the corner of Routes 183 and 443 from 10:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.



Saturday is also the day for entry of general exhibits into the fair. So when you bring your items for exhibit, stop by the FARM food stand. Proceeds benefit the Schuylkill County Fair.



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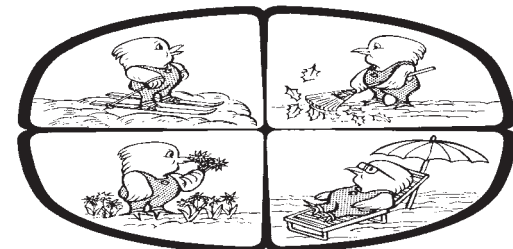
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Popular "Farming for a Day" is Bigger & Better



"Farming for a Day" is back and bigger than ever under a larger tent for this year's Schuylkill County Fair.

Farming for a Day has added several new activity stations. In the tent there are stations where young and old can make a living necklace to wear. While creating that necklace, add more baubles to your collection by making pasta jewelry.

Adding to these two stations is the corn grinding station. Here, using some muscle, children may grind corn into cornmeal and wheat into flour. View the drone

bees in action making honey in the hive and try to pick out the queen bee.

Back at one of the activity stations, children are able to squeeze a pail of sweet, creamy milk from the model milking cow presented by the Dunn Family in memory of Robert "Bobby" Dunn. Dunn, through his "heart of a kid" and patience as an ambassador of agriculture, would have liked children to learn what it takes to produce that cold, refreshing glass of milk. Learning by doing at this activity station enables children to comprehend how much work is involved with milking dairy cows two to three times each day. They also discover that chocolate milk does not come from brown cows.

From the milking station, kids can churn butter from sweet cream donated by Guers Dairy.



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a game of corn bag toss.

These new activity stations are just a few of the many stations found in the Farming for a Day tent. Other successful hands-on activity centers returning from

last year include picking apples and gathering eggs from nesting boxes. Tri-Valley's FFA station enables children to dig up real potatoes growing in a sandbox garden and play in a corn-filled or

soybean (sand) box. Card some wool for a winter sweater or grind some wheat to make flour. Nearby, stalks of corn with ears show children how corn is grown.

Story Time

Also, new this year is a "quiet corner" where kids can sit and listen to a story or color in the fair's coloring book with soy crayons. Members of the Schuylkill County Reading Council will read aloud stories about agriculture every evening at 6 p.m. in the Farming for a Day Tent.

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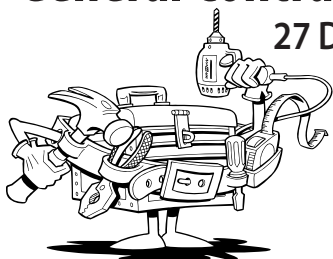
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BIG NAME ENTERTAINMENT - NIGHTLY

Tim Marchetto Show Monday - 9 p.m. Only

The Tim Marchetto Show comes to the Schuylkill County Fair Monday night for one show on the M&T Stage at 9 p.m.

Marchetto, whose hometown is Bethlehem, Pa., describes his musical style as "all over the road map." The versatile singer can perform "everything from Andrea Bocelli to Usher," and the absence of any one particular

musical style, Marchetto says, is something that weighs in his favor.

Marchetto knew sing-



an a cappella doo-wop group close to home, he realized then that singing was something he was going to do for the rest of his life.

Marchetto who is a prize-winning karaoke singer, was also one of the top 60 contestants on Season 6 of Fox TV's "American Idol."

The entertainer has also performed as lead singer with

ing was in his future the first time he sang in public in 1996. Singing at Musikfest as part of

Shake, Rattle & Soul, the band scheduled to precede his performance on the M&T Stage.



Shake, Rattle & Soul Monday - 7 p.m. Only

Get in motion Monday evening with the sounds of Shake, Rattle & Soul, the Lehigh Valley's heart-and-soul party band.

Performing the music of the 1950s through the '80s on the M&T stage at 7 p.m., this crowd-

pleaser will heat up the stage in time for the Tim Marchetto Show at 9.

Dance, funk, Motown, oldies, R&B, soul and more are the genres you will hear from this versatile group of musicians, who are based in Bethlehem, Pa.

The members of Shake, Rattle & Soul are Mike Vasko (guitar, keyboards, vocals), Dave Dionisi (sax, vocals), Matt (drums, vocals), Jerry Young (bass, vocals), Edwin Martinez (percussion, vocals), and Tommy Wiley (bass, vocals).

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Twitty Fever Band Tuesday - 7 & 9 p.m. Shows

The entertainment spotlight at the M&T Stage on Tues., July 29, shines on the return to the fair of the Twitty Fever Band, sponsored by Red Lion Café. The Schuylkill County Fair is proud to bring The Twitty Fever Band back for two performances that evening, first at 7 and then at 9 p.m. Catch the fever as Dave Rehrig pays trib-

ute to Conway Twitty and his music.

With Conway Twitty's blessing, Rehrig formed the Pennsylvania band. The show is a highly entertaining mix of top 40 and classic country hits, combined with comedy and a special onstage tribute to the country legend. Rehrig has devoted his energy into perfecting the late country star's sing-

ing style, mannerisms and body language into one extraordinary performance that is fresh, new and excitingly effortless to enjoy.

So close your eyes, sit back and you will swear it is Conway Twitty on the stage. Help Dave Rehrig continue to treasure the memories of our roots by seeing him perform live here in Schuylkill County.

BIG NAME ENTERTAINMENT - NIGHTLY

Jesse Wade Gang Wednesday - 7 & 9 p.m.



You will discover your country roots Wednesday evening when a band of country music outlaws, the Jesse Wade Gang, steps onto the M&T Stage at 7 and 9 p.m. The pair of performances is sponsored by L&L Excavating Inc.

Entertaining audiences for 25 years, the popular band is described as a "hard-hitting, rock-in' country blues tribute band." The group consists of Jesse Wade (vocals, guitar), Josiah Bortlik (vocals, guitar), Pete Quaken (bass guitar), Danny M (drums), John Derk (keyboard), and Bryan Sheckler (sound engineer).

High-energy performances of the Jesse Wade Gang span the music of country greats George Jones and Patsy Cline to Travis Tritt and Jason Aldean. The band plays in a variety of venues across Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia.

Chalfant Journey Experience Thursday - 7 p.m. Only



the Journey Experience. The group is not a cover band; Chalfant is a talented singer, songwriter and entertainer who actually shared the live stage with Journey and was a stand-in for lead singer Steve Perry.

A versatile vocalist who connects with

Fans of the rock group Journey won't want to miss Kevin Chalfant's Journey Experience famous - one after another. Thursday on the M&T Stage at 7 p.m.

The performance features all of the lights, sounds, and atmosphere you would expect from a show called



The band is comprised of Chalfant (lead vocals), Chuck Giacinto (keyboard), Mike Higgins (guitar), Ralph Gardner (lead guitar),

Randy Hatzer (bass guitar), Peter Robillard (bass guitar), and Tim Higgins (drums).

John Cafferty/Michael Antunes of the Beaver Brown Band with Hybrid Ice Thursday - 9 p.m. Only

John Cafferty and Michael Antunes of The Beaver Brown Band perform at 9 p.m. on the M&T Stage of the Schuylkill County Fair, July 31. See these two performers of this legendary "East Coast Rock 'n' Roll" group for one performance only.

Cafferty began his career in 1972 and achieved mainstream success in the 1980s with "Eddie & the Cruisers - Motion Picture Soundtrack." "Hearts on Fire" was featured in the Sylvester Stallone film "Rocky IV," and he received his second double platinum sound track award. Over the years John has placed 35 songs in major motion pictures.

Today, John Cafferty and Michael Antunes continue to tour and bring



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has impressed audiences for decades and continues to leave its mark on rock music today.

The group's most notable song is "Magdelene" released on the album Hybrid Ice in 1982. The song became a radio hit at the time, and "Magdelene" was later covered by Boston on its album Walk On in 1994.

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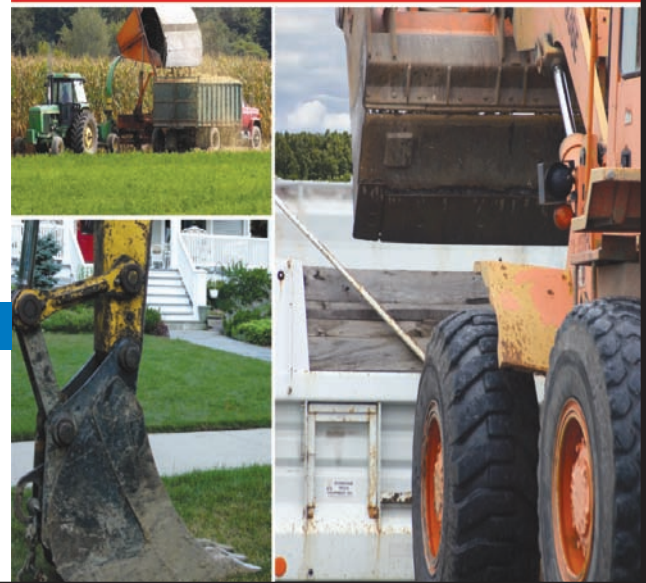
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2014 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 26 – ENTRY DAY

Entries of General Exhibits – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kauffman's Chicken Pickup

9 a.m. – 4-H Horse Show (*Horse Ring*)

SUNDAY, JULY 27 – JUDGING DAY/Fair Closed

MONDAY, JULY 28 – M&T PULLING DAY

\$8 Admission – Sponsored by M&T Bank

9 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show (*Livestock Area*)

1 p.m. – 4-H/FFA Market Goat Show (*Ag Arena*)

3 p.m. – Queen/Princess Contest (*M&T Stage*)

4 p.m. – 4-H/FFA Breeding Meat / Dairy Goat Show

4 p.m. – Fair Officially Opens to Public w/Ceremonies

4 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Theme: Pulling

6:30 p.m. – Fly Fishing Demo – **Sch. Co. Sportsmen Assoc.**

7 p.m. – Shake, Rattle & Soul • Sponsored by M&T Bank (M&T Bank Stage)

7 p.m. – **Diesel Truck Pull (Ag Museum)**

7 p.m. – Dairy Judging Contest (*Show Ring*)

8 p.m. – Royalty Crowning (M&T Stage)

9 p.m. – Tim Marchetto Show • Sponsored by M&T Bank (M&T Bank Stage)

TUESDAY, JULY 29 – KIDS' DAY

\$8 Admission – Sponsored by Mattera's Inc., General Contracting and Electric Service

8 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show (*Ag Arena*)

11 a.m. – Fair Opens to Public

11 a.m. – ID Me, Child Identification Program

11 a.m. – Tuscarora R.C. Club Display (*M&T Stage Area*)

12 p.m. – Bee Bundle w/ Master Gardeners

12 p.m. – Big Owl Indian Lore (*Bear Creek Island*)

12 p.m. – Jell-O Eating Contest (*Kids' Area*)

12:15 p.m. – Ice Cream Eating Contest (*Kids' Area*)

12:30 p.m. – Corn Husking (*Ag Arena*)

12:30-2:30 p.m. – Ag Arena Activities (*Ag Arena*)

1 p.m. – Watermelon Roll (*Kids' Area*)

1:30 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Theme: Kids Cartoons

1:30 p.m. – Sunflower Seed Spitting Contest (*Kids' Area*)

2 p.m. – Pie Eating Contest (*Kids' Area*)

2:30 p.m. – Milk Chugging Contest (*Kids' Area*)

3 p.m. – 4-H/FFA Alpaca/ Sheep Show (*Ag Arena*)

5 p.m. – Sch. County Winery Cooking Contest

5:30 p.m. – Pedal Tractor Pull (*Kids' Area*)

6 p.m. – Kids Cooking Contest

6 p.m. – Celebrity Showman Competition (Show Ring)

7 p.m. – Gas Truck Pulls (Ag Museum)

7 & 9 p.m. – Twitty Fever Band, Country • Sponsored by Red Lion Café

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 – Treasure the Memories of Our Roots

\$8 Admission – Sponsored by Schuylkill County Commissioners

9 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Market Steer/ Breeding (*Ag Arena*)

11 a.m. – Dairy Beef Show

4 p.m. – Fair Opens to Public

4 p.m. – Family Feud (*Ag Arena*)

4:30 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Fair Theme

5 p.m. – Ethnic Cooking Contest

6 p.m. – Horse Show (*Horse Ring*)

6 p.m. – Adult Milk Chugging (*Kid's Area*)

6 p.m. – Adult Pie Eating (*Kid's Area*)

6 p.m. – Historical Walk with Mark Major

7 p.m. – Celebrity Tractor Pull

7:30 p.m. – Boilo Competition

7 & 9 p.m. – Jesse Wade Gang, Country

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8 p.m. – Big Owl Indian Lore (*Bear Creek Island*)

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9 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Dairy Show (*Show Ring*)

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4 p.m. – Fair Opens to Public

4:30 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Theme: Dairy

4:30 p.m. – Market Livestock Bidders Reception (*Main Hall*)

5 p.m. – Threshing Demonstration

6:30 p.m. – Muzzle Loader Demo • **Sch. Co. Sports. Assoc.**

6 p.m. – 4-H/FFA Livestock & Dairy Champion Milk Sale

7 p.m. – Kevin Chalfant's Journey Experience

9 p.m. – John Cafferty and Michael Antunes (of Beaver Brown Band)

w/ Hybrid Ice • Sponsored by Comfort Inn Midway

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 – COUNTRY DAY

\$12 Admission – Sponsored by Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson

8:30 a.m. – Open Dairy Show (*Ag Arena*)

10 a.m. – Poultry Show

4 p.m. – Fair Opens to Public

4:30 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Theme: Harley Hog

5 p.m. – Master Showman Contest (*Ag Arena*)

5 p.m. – Threshing Demonstration

6 p.m. – Yukon Gold Potato Cooking Contest (PA Pref.)

6 p.m. – Hay Bale Toss (*Kid's Area*)

7 p.m. – Kendall Phillips • Nashville singer-songwriter, actress

7:30 p.m. – DJ Chicken Nugget, **Line Dancing (Main Exhibit Hall South Overhang)**

Sponsored by Schuylkill County 4-H Program

8 p.m. – Big Owl Indian Lore (*Bear Creek Island*)

9 p.m. – Exile • Sponsored by Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 – FAMILY FUN DAY

\$10 Admission – Sponsored by Kreitzer Sanitation

11 a.m. – Fair Opens to Public

11 a.m. – Registration for Antique Tractor Pull (*Ag Museum*)

11 a.m. – ID Me, Child Identification Program

1 p.m. – Antique Tractor Pull (*Ag Museum*)

1 p.m. – Tower of Power Contest

1:30 p.m. – Tractor Parade – Theme: Family Fun

2 p.m. – Pocket Pet Contest (*Ag Arena*)

3 p.m. – Catapult Craft/Contest (*Kid's Area*)

3 p.m. – Big Owl Indian Lore (*Bear Creek Island*)

3:30 p.m. – Kids Hay Bale Toss, ages 5 –10 (*Kid's Area*)

4 p.m. – Egg Relay (*Kid's Area*)

4 p.m. – Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (*Kid's Area*)

5 p.m. – Potato Sack Race (*Kid's Area*)

5:30 p.m. – Penny / Candy Scramble (*Kid's Area*)

6 p.m. – Schuylkill County Idols (M&T Stage)

7 & 9 p.m. – Brandon Bennett, Ultimate Elvis • Sponsored by Kreitzer Sanitation

BIG NAME ENTERTAINMENT - NIGHTLY

Kendall Phillips Friday - 7 p.m.



try music.

Born in Indiana, the Nashville singer, songwriter and actress is most recently known for being a 2010 and 2011 national finalist in the Colgate Country Showdown and a contestant on the 2006 season of American Idol. In 2007 Phillip's music video for her single "It's You" made the Top 64 videos on CMT's Music City Madness.

Friday is Country Day at the fair and special guest performer Kendall Phillips warms up the M&T Stage on Friday night at 7 p.m. with her vibrant pop style of coun-

Don't miss her performance leading up to Friday's national entertainment headliner, Exile, which takes the main stage at 9 p.m.



Exile - Friday at 9 p.m.

The legendary country rock band Exile delivers one performance only at 9 p.m. Friday, August 1 on the M&T Stage.

Exile, originally known as The Exiles, is an American band. They started by playing local clubs, which led to touring with Dick Clark's Caravan of Stars opening shows and providing backup for ma-

jor rock artists.

Their name was shortened to Exile in 1973, consisting of leader/guitarist Pennington, lead singer Jimmy Stokley, keyboardist Buzz Cornelison, bassist Kenny Weir, and drummer Bobby Johns.

They hit the peak of their success in 1978 with the ballad hit "Kiss You All Over." After a couple of

minor subsequent pop hits, they re-established in 1983 as a country music group.

Between then and the early 1990s, the band had several country chart hits.

The country music version of the band included Pennington (guitar, lead vocals), Les Taylor (guitar, vocals), Sonny LeMaire (bass, vocals), Marlon Hargis (keyboards) and

Steve Goetzman/Gary Freeman (drums). Their biggest hits spanned from 1978 through 1987. When Stokley departed in 1980, he was replaced by Taylor, who helped forge the path for the group's transformation into a country band with a strong Southern rock flavor.

During those years, Exile received 11 nominations for Vocal as well as Instrumental Group of The Year from the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association.

All told, there have been 35 members of Exile. In 2008, it was announced the mid-1980s country lineup reunited with plans to release an EP and tour dates to be scheduled.



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BIG NAME ENTERTAINMENT - NIGHTLY

JOHNNY PEERS AND HIS MUTTVILLE COMIX

Brandon Bennet Is the Ultimate Elvis Two Different Shows; Friday - 7 & 9 p.m.

The return of Elvis to the Schuylkill County Fair highlights a week of exceptional entertainment. Brandon Bennett performs as the "Ultimate Elvis" Saturday evening on the M&T Stage of the fair. Bennett will pay tribute to Elvis at 7 and 9 p.m.

Bennett's show will take the audience on a journey through Elvis's career, including "The King's" introduction to the entertainment world in the '50s, the famous 1968 television appearance that marked Elvis's return to live performances, and the concert years - symbolized by the powerful vocals, high-energy stage performances and the legendary jumpsuits.



Bennett has received numerous accolades for his impersonation of Elvis Presley. In 2008, he won the "Ultimate Elvis Tribute Contest" and

went on to win the title of the "Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist" at Graceland. He is the 2002 International Images of the King World Champion, making

him the youngest contestant ever to place and win the competition.

As a world-renowned and much sought-after Elvis illusionist, Bennett appeared in the re-enactment of the "50th Anniversary of Elvis Return Home as a Star in 1956" at the Tupelo Festival in 2006.

With his tribute show and his band, "The Heart Break Orchestra," Bennett performs in venues throughout the country, dazzling fans with his spot-on impersonation. He has also opened for legendary performers such as Diamond Rio, Ronnie Milsap and Chuck Berry. You can see Brandon Bennett live as he pays tribute to Elvis at the fairgrounds.

Muttville Comix Daily at 6 & 8 p.m.

Johnny Peers & Muttville Comix

Sit! Stay! Get ready to howl! Johnny Peers and his personality-plus canines will tickle your funny bone at the Schuylkill County Fair. Johnny and his canines perform daily on the staged amphitheater at 6 and 8 p.m.

A Ringling Brothers Clown College graduate, Peers has been working with dogs since he got his first puppy, Freckles, a Beagle mix, from the Humane Society in 1972. Since their 1980 debut, the Muttville Comix have appeared on David Letterman, Primetime Live and Circus of the Stars, and at Disneyland, Busch Gardens, the Big Apple Circus, the Royal Hanneford Circus, even

The White House.

A show for the whole family and the dog lover in everyone, the show stars mostly dogs rescued from shelters or pounds, like Daphne, the world's only skateboarding basset hound; Squeaky, the ladder climbing fox terrier; Mr. Pepe, who responds to commands only in Spanish; and Sir Winston, the pointer mix who only answers to "Sir." The 2003 Animal Planet Pet Star Winners, the show is "...a truly funny, slapstick dog act." (Providence Journal-Bulletin).

Come see Johnny Peers and Muttville Comix perform at the fair starting Tues., July 29, and running through August 2 daily.

Todd Gladfelter Daily at 5:30 p.m.

On the upper midway fairgoers will find Todd Gladfelter, chainsaw carver, hard at work. In addition to his mastery of chainsaw artistry, Gladfelter, a self-described man of the earth,

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The Ag Museum in the fairgrounds has attractions to interest the whole family.

In its 20th year, the Schuylkill County Agricultural Museum's mission is to preserve the history of local agriculture. The museum offers self-guided tours and exhibits operating antique farm machinery, equipment, engines, woodworking tools, a sawmill and household appliances.

A chalkboard at the welcome area lists the day's schedule, including a small agricultural equipment demonstration of hit-and-miss engines. Other demonstrations highlight the milling of wood in the saw mill area. Also, outside the Ag Museum daily at 5:30 p.m., Todd Gladfelter will use his chainsaw to carve wood into intricate designs. Gladfelter is a blacksmith artist, chainsaw carver, woodworker

and cabinetmaker.

Not to be missed and listed daily is the Bessemer hit-n-miss engine. A working piece of history, this engine was used to provide energy to factories in the 1800s and early 1900s. Included with the engines and tractors are the People's Choice awards where the public may vote on a favorite tractor.

At the Ag Museum track there will be two truck pulls. In its fourth year, the truck pulls are bigger and better than ever. Diesel trucks pull on Monday at 7 p.m., and gasoline trucks pull on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Truck registration for either event begins at 4 p.m.

The Ag Museum operates a tractor parade daily. See the tractors as they meander through the fairgrounds displaying the theme of the day.

On Kids Day, Tuesday, the Ag Museum operates

the pedal tractor pull at 5:30 p.m. Also, if you stop by the Ag Museum you'll get a lesson how a fly wheel works while you make one out of a can to take home – a fun toy to remember the museum. Make a barn out of a paper bag and place all your papers from the Ag Detective activities inside your "barn."

Wednesday evening, July 30, features the Celebrity Tractor Pulling Competition. Cheer on lo-

cal noted individuals "outstanding in their field" as they attempt to sit in the driver seat of tractors and push forward the throttle.

Thursday and Friday the Ag Museum demonstrates its antique threshing machine and bailer on the midway at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Family Fun Day, the Ag Museum hosts its antique tractor pull. Registration for this event begins at 11 a.m. and the pulls start at 1 p.m.



DON'T MISS agricultural history on display at the Ag Museum.

Yukon Gold-A Rooted Treasure

Digging for gold – more clearly stated, digging for Yukon Gold Potatoes – to exhibit at the fair began at the Bear Creek Festival held right here on the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds.

4-H'ers from the Blue Mountain 4-H Livestock Club, led by Kim Morgan and Jill Felty, shared their agricultural knowledge with participants at the festival. 4-H members

helped visitors make organic pots by wrapping cut layers of newspaper around a bottle. The wrapped newspaper bottom was folded up into the bottle, flattened, and the bottle removed. Soil was added to the new pot, and to the soil was added a Yukon Gold seed potato.

The Yukon potato variety was developed in Canada around 1966. It produces a gold mine of

yellow-skinned and yellow-fleshed potatoes within days of planting. The organic pot disintegrates in the ground as the plant matures producing golden tubers that are ultimately perfect for boiling, baking and French-frying.

Each participant was given written instructions on how to care for and harvest their golden potatoes in time for the Schuylkill County Fair

where they could be exhibited in one or more classes designed specifically for this project.

This year's Schuylkill County Fair is "Treasuring the Memories of Our Roots" since the fair has been rooted in the community for 31 years. Potatoes are a root vegetable and everyone wants to dig for gold; this is just one of many memories that can be treasured.

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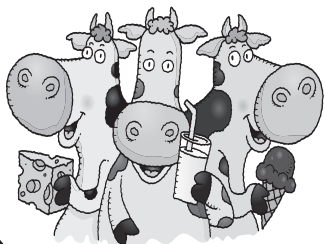
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4-H and FFA at Heart of Fair Week

Interested in animals? How about bugs? Or, have an eye for photography? These are just some of the many interests a young person could find in the 4-H program.

4-H is a nationwide community of young people constantly learning while working with caring adults. The program is a volunteer-based organization that allows young people to learn by doing. And in 4-H, they can do just about anything that interests them.

The 4-H experience begins by choosing a project from more than 275 options offered in Pennsylvania. Some of

the most popular projects available in Schuylkill County are animal science (livestock, equine and poultry), gardening, entomology, sewing, cooking, wildlife, embryology, photography and crafts.

Pennsylvania 4-H began in 1912 in Mercer County. From these rural beginnings in western Pennsylvania, it has grown into the largest youth development program in the state. It now serves more than 204,000 young people.

Here in Schuylkill County there are approximately 190 4-H'ers in 10 clubs: Schuylkill County 4-H Cloverbuds (ages

5-7), Bridle Wild 4-H Horse Club, Blue Mountain 4-H Livestock Club, Grassy Meadows 4-H Club, Schuylkill Stampede 4-H Livestock Club, South Schuylkill 4-H Dairy Club, West Penn 4-H Community Club, Schuylkill Doodle-Do 4-H Poultry Club, and Nocked and Loaded 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Additionally, Schuylkill County 4-H and Avenues also partner to form the Therapeutic Riding Program and 4-H Club.

Membership is open to youth ages 5 to 18, and participants do not need to be residents of Schuylkill County. 4-H members

can also look beyond the local club and participate in county-wide activities, making new friends, and broadening their horizons.

One of the activities in which 4-H members participate annually is the Schuylkill County Fair. Here they showcase their hard work by exhibiting and showing animals and displaying items they made regarding their project. Also, throughout fair week the equine, livestock, and dairy clubs exhibit their animals in the fair barns and show ring.

On Tues., July 29, 4-H clubs host Ag Arena



RAISING AND SHOWING ANIMALS

activities. Clubs are responsible for hands-on learning stations in the livestock show ring for all youth to participate.

Thursday evening, all 4-H market animals are marketed to businesses and friends of 4-H. Anyone interested in supporting the members can contact the Schuylkill County Extension office for information.

To culminate a fun-filled week, Schuylkill County 4-H sponsors country line dancing with DJ Chicken Nugget at

7:30 p.m. – a jam-packed good night with friends, family and fairgoers.

The Schuylkill County 4-H program is in full swing this summer, and its members look forward to seeing new faces, showcasing their hard work and practicing the 4-H slogan, "Learn by Doing."

Want to join a 4-H club or volunteer your time? Contact Briana Luckenbill at the Schuylkill County Extension office, located in the Schuylkill County AG Center, Pottsville or call 570-622-4225.

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Amusement Rides Are Free Every Day

When the Schuylkill County Fair opens on Monday, July 28, and runs through August 2, people will notice a new amuse-

ment ride company on the Midway – Goodtime Amusements, LLC of Hellertown. Established in 1986, Goodtime is a

family-run business that provides its amusement services to nonprofit organizations.

Operating solely in the eastern portion of Pennsylvania, Goodtime offers up to 20 rides along with food and game concessions.

A new "kiddy" ride, Zamperla Mini Jet, has been purchased for the 2014 fair season. Hampton, Paratrooper, Bear Affair, Spinner, Train, Dragon Wagon, Teacups Bumble Bees, Yo Yo Swings, Starship, Siz-

zler, Loop O Plane, Tilt A Whirl, Castle Mania, Super Slide, Boats, and Carousel are among the many rides to be found at this year's fair.

Rides aren't the only fun on the Midway. Goodtime Amusements features games where the operator is having just as much fun as the customer. Fifteen game and concession trailers will be available for all to have a good time. Goodtime operators aren't in it to win; instead, they want fairgoers to have fun.



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Fun and Fiber – It's Kids' Play

On Tues., July 29, in the Ag Arena (livestock show ring), there will be kids' activities featuring fun, food and fiber from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Ag Arena activities will be set up at multiple interactive stations. Participants can get their "Milkstache" on; that is, have their photo taken with a milk mustache and a dairy calf for a dollar donation. More fun is waiting as you "meet and greet" 4-H livestock animals up close without "gates" between the animal and you.

Fiber art is another station where participants can make a wool dryer ball. Use your magic fingers to weave a scarf or sash with yarn. Create a child's toy that simulates the way a tractor works on the principle of the fly wheel with weights and rubber

bands. Mold a soy crayon for your next art project. Shrink your artwork into a "shrinky dink" and then into a charm pin.

Play with clay from baking soda and cornstarch and sculpt your next project into three dimensions. Wrap a wash cloth into a boo-boo bunny. Combine cornstarch and moo glue to make Gak. Create a batch of play dough in a plastic bag.

Then walk into the Fruit/Vegetable Building and make pudding in a bag with the Schuylkill County Dairy Princess and her court. Nibble on some Holstein cookies and wash them down with a frosty orange banana sipper.

Saturday

If you miss Tuesday's fun, bring the whole family on Saturday, Aug. 2

for Family Fun Day. Work as a family unit to build the tallest tower of power using rolled up newspaper. Learn how Schuylkill County's number one agricultural crop – the potato – can power a clock or participate in the potato sack race. Enter in the Pocket Pet contest or

catapult marshmallows at each other. Toss a bale of hay. Roll an egg. Spit a watermelon seed. Sit on a hay bale and listen to stories about agriculture.

The whole family will learn more about agriculture while doing many of the hands-on activities on Saturday.



MEET ANIMALS UP CLOSE

Lots of Kid Contests Every Day

Many new contests were created for this year's fair. One such contest is the catapult made with Popsicle sticks, rubber bands and a spoon, designed to catapult mini-marshmallows. On Tues., July 29, Kids Day, there are numerous contests from which to choose: Jelly-O slurping starts at noon followed by ice cream eating. Slow down on that full stomach by using your muscle in the corn husking contest. Roll a watermelon

or participate in the sunflower seed-spitting contest. Watch out for pie in your face during the pie eating contest. The pie might need to be washed down with the milk chugging contest.

Watch the Tractor Parade go by with "kids cartoon" as the theme. Rejuvenated, pedal away that energy in the Pedal Tractor Pull run by the Agriculture Museum. Not to be outdone by the adults, there is a kids

cooking contest at 6 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Kids Tent, children 10 and younger may involve themselves in crafts. The crafts are easy, hands-on and fun to engage all children.

Friday evening, Aug. 1 brings out the kid in all of us at 6 p.m. with the Hay Bale Toss. The bale tossed farthest in each class is the winner.

Saturday of fair week starts at 11 a.m. with amusement rides by

Goodtimes Amusement Company. The "tower of power" competition goes off at 1 p.m.; Pocket Pets are at 2 p.m., followed by the catapult craft/contest. Kids Hay Bale Toss for younger children 5 through 10 will be held at 3:30 p.m., followed by an egg relay and a watermelon seed-spitting contest. Hop into a potato sack for the potato sack race. A penny and candy scramble finish the week for kids' contests.

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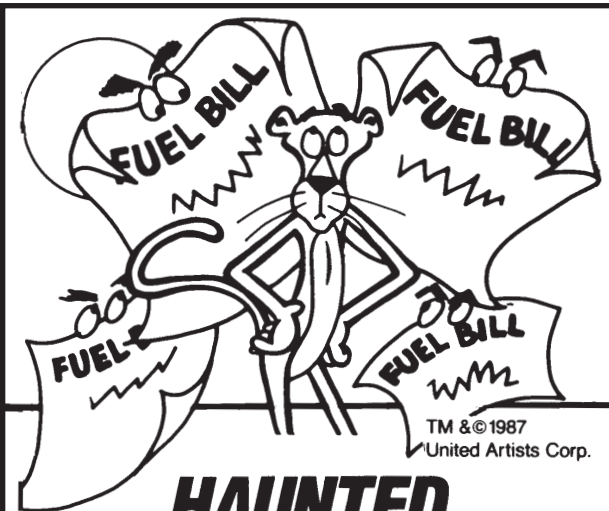
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The best of show quilt is on display in the arts and crafts building, where you can also view photographs exhibited by amateur photographers. Look for the wines and beer. Take a moment to smell the roses or flowers in the horticulture building. Find out who won the market basket of vegetables.

In the Ag building you will find the best of show in vegetables, grains, fruit and eggs. Also, view the PA Preferred display of agricultural products produced in Schuylkill County. Their variety will surprise you.

Native celebrities participate today in one of two contests designed

just for them. These include the Celebrity Livestock Showman Competition and the Celebrity Tractor Pull.

"Visual opportunities" Monday feature a rabbit show, goat shows, Queen, Princess and Little Miss contest and crowning, tractor parade, Story Time, fly-fishing demonstration, Shake Rattle & Soul, Tim Marchetto Show, Diesel Truck Pull, dairy judging contest, and Schuylkill Talent Showcase featuring the band "Drivetrains."

"Owls of PA" Program at Weston Pavilion Daily

Peggy Hentz of the Red Creek Wildlife Center, located at the corner of Deibert's Valley and Moon Hill roads, presents "Owls of Pennsylvania" daily during fair week. She delivers her live raptor program at 6:30 p.m. in the Weston Pavilion, located near the James S. Shadle Nature Center. The program is sponsored by the Weston Estate.



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Kids' Day – Fun for All Ages Starts Early

Be a kid again on Tues., July 29. The fair opens to the public at 11 a.m. A new company, Goodtime Amusements, is operating the rides. The rides and all the other fun and entertainment are yours with one admission price. The market swine show begins at 8 a.m. The



ALL THE WAY FROM JERSEY – Sisters Gabrielle and Stephanie Buchmann enjoy shaved ice cones at the Schuylkill County Fair.

alpaca/sheep show has moved to 3 p.m. 4-H/FFA members show their animals in front of a judge, who determines which are superior.

Visit with the flyboys of the Tuscarora R.C. Club. Bundle some bees with the Master Gardeners. Sit around a campfire with Big Owl and learn Indian Lore. Speaking of stories, listen to a few during Story Time, presented by the Reading Council of Schuylkill County.

Be an Ag Detective and investigate the facts about agriculture at 20 stations set up throughout the fairgrounds. Lunch under the trees of the Dr. James S. Shadle Nature Center; then venture inside to see a number of interactive nature learning stations and do projects with Porcupine Pat.

The Kids Tent, sponsored by Kiwanis of Schuylkill County, is home to many creative contests just for this day. The contests include corn husking, watermelon rolling, milk chugging, sunflower seed spitting, ice cream, pie, and Jell-O

eating. Exercise with the pedal tractor pull run by the Agriculture Museum or take a more relaxed attitude and watch for the tractor parade as it meanders by. Try your hand at the daily kids crafts, also in the Kids Tent.

Ag Arena activities will be set up with multiple interactive stations. Participants can get their "Milkstache" on for a photo taken with a milk mustache and a dairy calf for a dollar. Meet 4-H livestock animals and make fiber art, soy crayons and much more.

Don't miss the Celebrity Showman Contest at 6 p.m. featuring county "celebrities" from various professions.

Some big kids take the track at 7 p.m. for the gas truck pulls in stock gas 1 and 2, and modified classes. Top off Kids Day with a sweet treat by sampling the desserts of the Schuylkill County wine contest and kids cooking contest.

The Twitty Fever Band performs at 7 and 9 p.m. Play the whole day at the Schuylkill County Fair and be a kid again.

"Celebrity" livestock show: Whoa, Betsy!

Well-known celebrities from all around the county have accepted the challenge of being in the first-ever Celebrity Showman Contest. The contest, sure to get a lot of media coverage, will be held on Tues., July 29, at 6 p.m. in the Agricultural Arena. The



celebrities, without dropping any names, are in the news media, political arena and agricultural industry. The celebrities will exhibit, to the best of their ability, a species of livestock to the audience and professional livestock showman judge.



MOUNTAIN OF ICE CREAM – This giant sundae was free for fairgoers.

Today's "visual opportunities" include all of the above and Johnny Peers & Muttville Comix, Peggy Hentz "Red Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center," Schuylkill Talent Showcase featuring Richie Cappel, chainsaw artist Todd Gladfelter, naturalist Porcupine Pat, and Farming for A Day.

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to the fair. Don't miss out on the milk (mustache) chugging and apple pie (in your face) eating contests.

Johnny Peers and his personality-plus canines will perform on the staged amphitheater at 6 and 8 p.m. Rooted deep in the community is our own Peggy Hentz of Red Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, who presents nightly educational programs about local wildlife.

Before you leave be sure to "leave your mark" on the 31st Schuylkill

County Fair. Place your thumbprint on one of the tree art designs to remember this eventful year.

"Visual opportunities" today feature beef show, family feud, tractor parade, ethnic cooking contest, Story Time, open horse show, adult milk chugging, adult pie eating, historical walk with Mark Major, celebrity tractor pull, boilo competition, Jesse Wade Gang, Big Owl Indian lore, and the Schuylkill Talent Showcase spotlighting Conner Stashel.



BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND SET UP EARLY

Boilo Contest! Treasure If You Can Remember

The Schuylkill County Fair will hold its first ever Boilo Contest (Cham-pagne of the Coal Crack-ers) on Wed., July 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the PA Preferred Culinary Area of

the fairgrounds.

The competition is open to adults age 21 and over of the coal region of Pennsylvania. Contestants may bring their sealed bottles for judging as early as 6:30 p.m. to reserve an area to display their product.

The fair is "Treasuring the Memories of Our Roots," and what is more rooted in the county than boilo?



Contestants must bring the beverage in a plain, sealed jar or bottle. An entry form must accompany the boilo along with an entry fee of \$2 per jar. Entry forms are available on the fair website, www.schuylkillfair.com. Categories are boilo, apple-pie boilo and non-alcoholic boilo. Prizes will be awarded for the top three entries.

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Dairy Day Features 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction

Drink a cold one at the fair on Thurs., July 31. A tall, cold glass of milk, that is.

The day starts early for 4-H/FFA dairy exhibitors, many of whom will rise around 5 a.m. to pre-

pare their dairy animal for exhibit. Special care will be taken to see that the animals are cleaned and groomed to perfection. The show starts at 9 a.m. with a showmanship class where 4-H/FFA exhibitors compete for top honors. This will be followed by a long day of exhibiting various breeds of cows in classes divided by the age of the cow. The

dairy show is sponsored by Hometown Farmers Market.

If you haven't done so yet, today is a great day to visit the James S. Shadle Nature Center and the Ag Museum. Check this fair guide for information about demonstrations and activities at both venues. Sign up to be an Ag Detective and discover answers to

questions such as this one: Which apple is the only one native to North America?

Thursday in the Kids Tent, children 10 years of age and under can get involved in easy, hands-on crafts. "Farming for a Day" has added several new activity stations this year in addition to returning favorites. Every evening, stories about agriculture are read at 6 p.m. by members of the Schuylkill County Read-

ing Council.

The 30th annual 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale takes place Thursday evening. Robert Derfler, Pine Grove, auctions the quality livestock. The sale starts at 6 p.m. in the Livestock Show Ring. Buyers may register to bid on an animal starting at 4 p.m. and enjoy a complementary light meal until the auction starts.

All of this and lots more are waiting on

Thursday at the Schuylkill County Fair. "Visual opportunities" for fairgoers today include the dairy show, 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale, threshing demonstration, tractor parade, Story Time, muzzleloader demonstration, Kevin Chalfant's Journey Experience, John Cafferty and Michael Antune of the Beaver Brown Band, Hybrid Ice, and Schuylkill Talent Showcase featuring Maudie Becker.



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Great Event for Public Sale Helps Fund 4-H/FFA

The 30th annual 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale will take place on Thurs., July 31, at 6 p.m. with auctioneer Robert Derfler. The sale starts promptly at 6 p.m. in the Livestock Show Ring of the Schuylkill County Fair.

Prospective buyers may register to bid on an

animal starting at 4 p.m. and enjoy a complementary light meal prior to the start of the auction.

Livestock for sale are owned and raised by 4-H/FFA members, who have put time and hard work into raising and training their animals for this event. The animals selected by the

4-H/FFA members are chosen for their superior genetics and raised on special diets to present optimum quality for the consumer.

Proceeds from the sale of these animals return to the 4-H/FFA members to help defray the cost of purchasing and feeding the animal.

On Saturday, Aug. 2, the Schuylkill Talent Showcase features on the Schaeffer Harley Davidson Stage, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., the talented dancers of the McCormick School of Irish Dance from St Clair.

The McCormick School of Irish Dance promotes the development of each of its members as dancers and as individuals while fostering a love for the art of Irish dance as well as an appreciation for Irish culture. The school is located in New Philadelphia and instructed by Caitlin Albon.

The dancers, ranging in age from four to 19, perform locally and compete in many different states year round.

The dancers will perform a mixture of traditional and also some more contemporary Irish dances for performances. These dances are performed in two different types of shoes: soft shoes and hard shoes. Soft shoe dancing is much more graceful and balletic, while hard shoe dancing

is more about rhythm and sound.

In addition to the McCormick School of Irish Dance on Saturday, the Schuylkill Talent Showcase performers on the Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson indoor stage also include the band "Drive-

train" (Monday), Richie Cappel (Tuesday), Conner Staskel (Wednesday), Maudie Becker (Thursday), and Brook Unger (Friday).

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Later, experience the excitement of the Live-stock Showman Contest in which eligible youth exhibitors vie for the coveted prize of "master showman" by exhibiting to the best of their ability various livestock. Competitors are broken into age categories so they compete for this top prize against youth of similar age.

Agricultural activities include a threshing demonstration, Yukon Gold Potato Cooking Contest and Story Time by the Schuylkill County Reading Council. The traditional hay bale toss is also held Friday evening. Step into line dancing with DJ Chicken Nugget as he spins the country hits meant to keep you stepping out on the dance floor.

Into a little native culture? Visit with Big Owl on the Bear Creek Island around the campfire as he speaks about the native Indians who inhabited our area. As day rolls into evening, rock and roll to the country sounds of Exile. Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson of Orwigsburg was instrumental in bringing Ex-



RAJAH SHRINE CLOWNS ENTERTAIN

ile's performance to the fair. Other "visual opportunities" today include a performance by Nashville singer-songwriter and actress Kendall Phillips, and these performers and activities: Johnny Peers & Muttville Co-

mix, Peggy Hentz of Red Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Kids Area activities, Schuylkill Talent Showcase featuring Brook Unger, chainsaw artist Todd Gladfelter, naturalist Porcupine Pat, Farming for a Day and Ag Detective activities.



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Family Fun Starts Early, Climaxes Fair Week



Come home to the fair Saturday, Aug. 2, for Family Fun Day.

The day starts early at

11 a.m. with registration for the Antique Tractor Pull and officially opens to the public at the same time with I.D. Me, presented by the Schuylkill County Sheriff's Department. Protect your children by enrolling them in this free identification

program.

Rides also open at 11 a.m. Today's fun begins as families work together to build the tallest tower out of rolled up newspaper in the Tower of Power contest. Walk with the tractor parade as it makes its way through the fairgrounds with a theme of "family fun."

Interactive exhibits run throughout the day. Bring your small family pet and enter it in the Pocket Pet contest. Make a catapult and see how far a marshmallow travels through the air. Sit and rest with Big Owl around a campfire on Bear Creek Island and learn about the local Indian inhabitants of the area. Let the younger family members participate in the Kids Hay Bale Toss. Transport eggs with family members in a relay race and participate in a potato sack race.

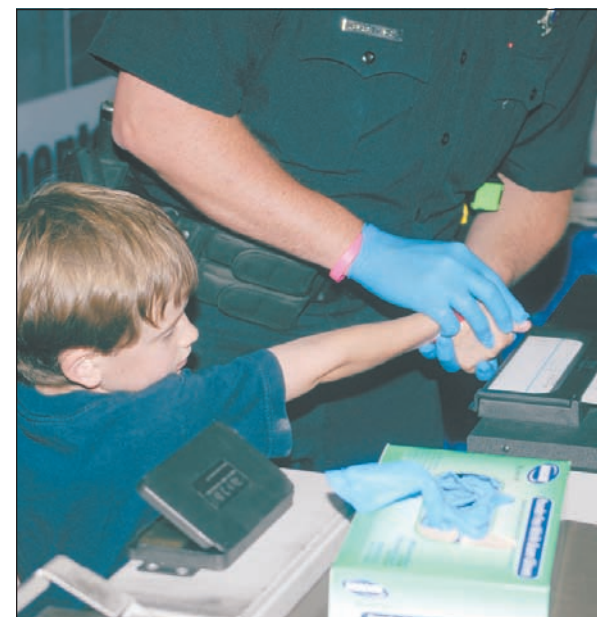
See how far you can spit a watermelon seed and then enjoy a fresh slice of watermelon when you are done. Scramble for pennies and candy. Hear stories during Story Time. Listen to the Schuylkill County Idols. Then settle down in a chair to watch Brandon Bennett, the "Ultimate Elvis" tribute artist. You may just want to extend the fun for the day by moving to the grove of a few of "The King's" tunes.

Recapping Saturday's "visual opportunities," for the day: the Antique Tractor Pull, I.D. Me, Tower of Power, tractor parade, Pocket Pets, catapult craft/contest, Big Owl Indian lore, Kids Hay Bale Toss, egg relay, watermelon seed-spit-



RIDE AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE

ting, potato sack race, kill County Idol, Elvis Talent Showcase featuring Story Time, candy and impersonator Brandon ing McCormick School of penny scramble, Schuyl- Bennett, and Schuylkill Irish Dance.



I.D. Me Free Program Offered Tues. & Sat.

Sheriff Groody and his staff will be at the Schuylkill County Fair on Kids Day, Tuesday, July 29, and Family Fun Day, Saturday, Aug. 2, to enroll your child in the I.D. Me child identification program. Come to the fairgrounds anytime from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. either day to protect your child.

Through I.D. Me, the Schuylkill County Sheriff's Department captures a digital photo of

your child and stores it on the county computer network.

If your child becomes a victim of abduction, the digital photo and demographical information are sent to the Pennsylvania State Police for submission to the Code Amber Alert organization. If criteria are met, the Amber Alert System is activated.

I.D. Me is a free community service provided by the Schuylkill County Sheriff's Department.



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