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## FAYETTE COUNTY SET FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

**Uniontown, PA** – No matter how you celebrate Independence Day - whether it's by grilling up some juicy and delicious burgers or relaxing and cooling off poolside - the holiday just wouldn't be the same without fireworks. Fortunately for Fayette County residents, there is an abundance of colorful July 4<sup>th</sup> displays scheduled for their enjoyment this weekend.

Fireworks Over Fayette will be held at dusk on Sunday, July 3. The display is presented by the Fayette Chamber of Commerce, 84 Lumber and Nemacolin, along with WMBS, Fayette Parts Service, Andrew D. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematories, Inc., and Ferguson-Brownfield Funeral Homes and Crematories, Inc. Other sponsors include Penn Health Group, Goodwill of Southwestern PA, Reach Marketing and Design, United Bank, Stewart Collision, 3J Solutions, Faith Assembly, Dream Chasers Staffing Service LLC and Events by Lindsey LLC.

Muriel Nuttall, executive director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce said, "Our members are proud to have been able to present fireworks in our county seat for more than 30 years – that truly makes it a tradition for our residents and one that we hope to continue. Our businesses consider the display to be a thank you to the community that supports them throughout the year."

The best spots to view the fireworks are in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 40 and Route 119 or the intersection of Route 40 and New Salem Road.

At the other end of the county, Connellsville is going all out with its Red, White & Boom celebration on Saturday, July 2. Sponsored by the Connellsville Festival Association and Parks and Recreation Board, the event will be held from 2-10 p.m. on North Arch and West Apple streets and will feature an assortment of food and beverages, crafts and vendors and a basket auction. Festival attendees can test their throwing arms with Crawford Axe Throwing or give their brains a workout with a 2-minute escape room. A bounce house will be on-site for the kids.

"I am thankful to the Connellsville Festival Association and members of our recreation board for coming together in a short amount of time to plan a wonderful community event to celebrate our country's independence," Connellsville Mayor Greg Lincoln said. "The day will be filled with local vendors and music and even a kids' carnival, and it will end with a wonderful fireworks display."

Lincoln said the festival "would not be happening without the continued support of the Somerset Trust Company" and noted that Mid Penn Bank is a major donor, as well as many other businesses and individuals.

"(I'm) hoping for good weather and a safe time for everyone that comes out to support the Red White & Boom Saturday," he said.

Mill Run residents also will enjoy a full day of celebration, as Indian Creek Baptist Church once again sponsors its Independence Day event.

"We always have a great turnout in our church grove," church secretary Pam Hughes said. "It's a great time of seeing old friends, talking about the old days, eating great food, games for everyone, oldfashioned cake walk, special music, honoring veterans, a parade, and of course, great fireworks."

The day, planned annually by a committee including Patti Show and Candi Strunk, begins with a parade at 12:30 p.m., followed by a flag-raising by the Normalville and Ohiopyle Volunteer Fire Departments. Keystone Quartet will provide the music, and refreshments - including the popular fried dough - will be available all day. Fireworks are set for 9:30 p.m. and can be viewed from the church grove, as well as a few side roads.

The church is located on Indian Creek Baptist Church Road, just off Route 381 in Mill Run.

Other great places to check out fireworks displays around the county include:

- Luzerne Township Volunteer Fire Company, 1101 LaBelle Road, LaBelle. Feast on pork sandwiches and hot dogs at the fire company's annual hog roast beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at the ferry landing. Fireworks are slated to begin at dusk.
- Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, 119 Elliottsville Road, Farmington. The Mountain Area Fair, which began June 26, culminates with a fireworks display at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at the Farmington Fairgrounds off Route 40.
- Hiller/Brownsville, Patsy Hillman Park, 100 Hillman Park Drive, Brownsville. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 3, with a flag-raising by Girl Scouts of America. Shaved ice, egg rolls and empanadas will be sold by vendors, and snacks and drinks will be available at the concession stand. The Classics will play from 6-9 p.m., and fireworks will begin at dusk.
- **Masontown**, Water Tank Hill on Ronco Road. Fireworks will begin at dusk Monday, July 4, from the highest point in Masontown.
- **Rich Farms**, 2043 Springhill Furnace Road, Smithfield. The people who bring you RIch's Fright Farm each Halloween have switched gears for a fireworks spectacular to begin at 5 p.m. Monday, July 4. There will be a midway festival, along with food, drinks, giveaways and prizes. Jukebox will take the stage at 6 p.m., and fireworks will begin between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit <u>www.FayetteCountyPA.org</u>.

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