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## Beallsville will be jammin' at National Pike Auto Show

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BEALLSVILLE – Area cooks will face off in a competition July 23 and 24 that will result in some good eating at Kelley's Acres in Beallsville.

The contest is part of the fourth annual Country Jam Cook-off Competition and National Pike Auto Show. The festival also will feature musical entertainment July 23 by Traditional Country at 3 p.m. and NOMAD at 7:30 p.m., plus Stone Ridge at 3 p.m. July 24.

Owner and organizer June Kelley is looking forward to hosting the event at her market, where she normally sells landscaping supplies and makes hand-breaded fish sandwiches.

Although she has decorated her shop with a lot of local memorabilia, most of her customers travel from "the big city" to enjoy the country atmosphere.

"A lot of the people I get in that little building are from Pittsburgh. They love coming out here. They say it's like driving to nostalgia," she said.

"Where can you go in Pittsburgh and pay \$5 to get in the gate or get a half a pound of fish on a big hoagie bun for \$5.90?"

However, she is hoping locals and Pittsburgher's alike will participate in the cook-off, because she is donating a large portion of the proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It's a charity she holds dear to her heart; her 8-year-old granddaughter, Tori Molnar of Charleroi, who has cerebral palsy, was granted a wish to visit Disney World in March.

"Tori wants to send another child," she said. "We are so grateful they did that for her. These kids get to go there for a week and forget they are ill. We hope to raise \$3,500, and if we don't get it, we will do a fall festival with hayrides."

Kelley is hoping to raise the money by holding a cook-off in which area cooks will have the opportunity to compete in categories such as best casserole, soup or salad; best meat, poultry, seafood or barbecue; best wings; best dessert; and best all-around kids' meal. All of the recipes will be featured in the "Country Jam Cookbook," which will be available in September.

There is a registration fee for the cooking competition, and space is limited. Deadline to register is 5 p.m. July 11.

For those who are more interested in transportation than food, the festival also will feature an auto show. Those who would like to participate can register vehicles in the following categories: motorcycle, classic cars, classic trucks, antique cars, antique trucks and people's choice. For those who like small vehicles, there will be remote-control and push-car races.

There also will be a Country Kids Contest for the best dressed cowboy prince and princess.

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