

County fair brings excitement, nostalgia to Del Norte County

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There's nothing quite like the excitement of driving the 101 through our small two-lane town and seeing brightly colored chunks of machinery lined up in an otherwise empty parking lot the days leading up to the Del Norte County Fair.

Each day, more and more transformer-esque trucks and trailers fold outwards and upwards into the neon lights that make up one of the most entertaining community events of the year. It's truly a whimsical time filled with carnival rides alongside our besties, overpriced games played for oversized stuffies, and sweet deep fried nostalgia.

In a small rural county such as Del Norte, where choices for family entertainment are few and far between, the county fair brings with it not only the winning accouterments we all know and love but a chance for locals to showcase their many talents and passions. With categories that include floral arrangements, baked goods, canning, sewing, animal showcasing and everything one could think of in between, the county fair is undoubtedly rich in local culture and tradition and what better way to keep that culture active and tradition alive than supporting the next generation of local youth.

Living in a rugged rural agriculturally-active community such as Del Norte lends itself to the true purpose of county fairs. In lieu of massive mechanical rides with safety features, there's brave folk on the backs of buckin' livestock and behind the wheels of demolition derby.

Where some stand in line to buy deep-fried diabetes, there's community members who enter delectable home-made goodies they've perfected in taste and style. For every adult kickin back having a drink in the beer garden, there's a youngster taking better care of their livestock than some adults.

This is the real spirit of the county fair. Yes, all-in-all the Del Norte County Fair is a time-honored tradition where this communities talents, passion and country know-how all come together for one heck of a crowd pleasing few days.