

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service

### Monday, August 4

5:00-5:45 p.m. Children's Pedal Pull Registration  
 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements  
 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, & Tole Decorating Exhibits in the White Building  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Pedal Pull  
 7:00 p.m. MICHINOH Truck Pull — 2 & 4-Wheel Drive  
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest

### Tuesday, August 5

8:30-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits at White Building  
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Enter Open, FFA, & 4-H Exhibits in White Building  
 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements  
 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building  
 6:00 p.m. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pavilion  
 7:00 p.m. Super Stock Antiques & Antique (before '59) Tractor Pull  
 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Crank-Off

### Wednesday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Baby Contest Registration  
 9:30 a.m. Baby Contest Judging  
 Noon Children's Day Parade Registration  
 1:00 p.m. Children's Day Parade  
 Noon. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements  
 1:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building  
 1:00 p.m. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pavilion  
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pull  
 7:00 p.m. Reintree Promenaders

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## Keeping track

*Don Linville contributed many years to tractor pulling at fair*

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Former Fair Board member, Don Linville, died Thursday, February 6, 1997. He and his wife, Betty, put in countless hours working to benefit the Mooreland Fair and the Mooreland community.

Much of their work has been "behind the scenes" and not something given notice by everyone. Betty likes it that way. She spent





7:30 p.m.

& Cornfield Cloggers  
Magician Marcus Lehmann

### Thursday, August 7

- 4:00-8:00 p.m. Blood Draw in front of Merchants Building
- 5:00 p.m. Pork Chop Dinner in the Fair Board Food Building
- 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
- 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building
- 6:00 p.m. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
- 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. Raintree Promenaders & Cornfield Cloggers
- 7:00 p.m. Nettle Creek Players
- 7:00 p.m. Out-of-Field Stock Farm Tractor Pull

### Friday, August 8

- 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
- 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building
- 6:00 p.m. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. Raintree Promenaders & Cornfield Cloggers
- 7:15 p.m. Gospel Sing
- 7:30 p.m. Central Indiana Tractor Pullers Pull

### Saturday, August 9

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Run Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Mile Fun Run
- 9:00 a.m. 5K Run
- 10:00 a.m. Run Awards
- 10:30 a.m. Mooreland Free Fair Car Show
- Noon Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
- 3:00 p.m. Fair Parade
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Pickup Home & Family Exhibits
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pickup Art, Photography & Tole Decorating Exhibits
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pickup Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits
- 7:00 p.m. NTPA Sanction Super Pro Stock w/4-Wheel Drive Trucks -NTPA
- 7:30 p.m. Queen & Princess Coronation
- 8:30 p.m. Merchandise Drawings & Parade Results

many years in charge of the pod building, and still looks after the parade. But, she doesn't want recognition for the work. Neither, probably, did Don Linville.

*As a Fair Board, and as a community, we want to give credit where credit is due. Lori Linville Teague wrote the following article about her dad, and there is no way we could improve on it.*

My dad became a member of the Mooreland Fair Board, we believe, in 1971 when my parents moved here. His primary job as a fair board member was to head the events on the track . . . arranging and scheduling events to take place each evening, finding sponsors for trophies, soliciting donations such as equipment and fuel to be used on the track, driving to pick up the bleachers and then spending hours putting them together (before he suggested the bleachers be purchased), and the hundreds of hours he spent conditioning the track months before the fair took place.

My dad took pride in making sure the events held on the track were the best around. He made sure the track was perfect and was bothered by



**Don and Betty Linville**

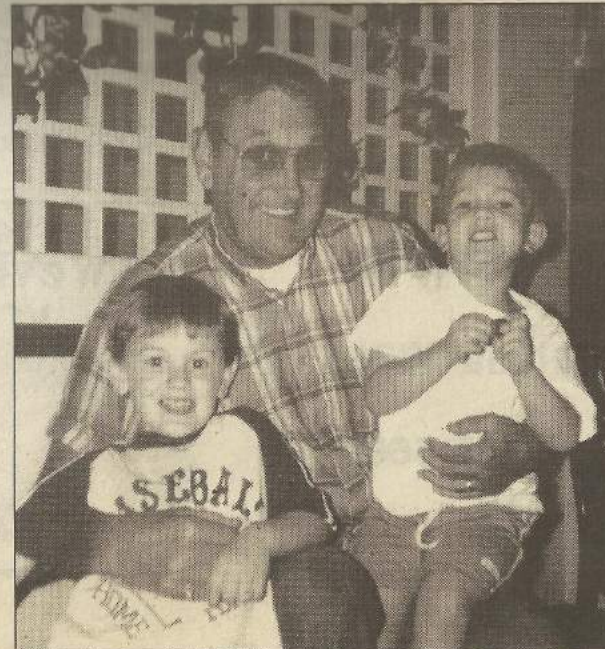
even the smallest rock sticking out of the well-leveled dirt. Brad (*her brother*) remembers the fun he had helping Dad and often falling asleep in those early years in the pull-back tractor my dad ran each evening of the fair, most nights well into the next morning. I remember helping him keep track of the distances pulled by the tractors and giving the trophies to the winners.

Dad not only worked the track in Mooreland, but became the "Roving Ambassador" for the Mooreland Fair tractor pulls. Because he pulled our tractor "The Sodbuster" in, not only Indiana, but Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky as well, he made sure that every tractor pull he participated in knew the dates of the Mooreland Fair and the events to be held on the track. He asked this information be announced everywhere we went and Brad and I always knew our job would be to pass out tractor pull flyers to every puller we met.

During fair week, our phone would ring "off the wall" with calls for my dad. Calls would come in from all over Indiana, as well as surrounding states.

Dad took great pride in knowing pullers wanted to come to Mooreland and that many pulling associations considered the tractor pulls at the fair to be among the very best. We take great pride in knowing that our dad had a lot to do with that.

During the years that he headed these events, Dad had a lot of young help who trained under him, like Kenny Johnson and Todd Brown. When he finally decided it was time to let others take over, Kenny and Todd knew just about all there was to know about grooming a track and filling each evening with exciting events, because Dad



**Don & grandsons Bryce & Brandon**

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*Don & grandson Drew Teague mow together*

## Don Linville

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had taken the time to teach them.

He enjoyed helping the Mooreland Fair become the success it is today and contributed many, many hours to make sure the people in the community had events on the track to enjoy. Many people who attend the Mooreland Fair, loyally each year have their own personal memories and as someone who has grown up in this community, and attended the fair each year of my

life, many of my best memories of the fair center around the work my parents have done as fair board members.

When I go to the fair this year and hear those same familiar sounds on the track that I grew up with, I will think of the work my dad put into that track and tell my sons how much their grandpa enjoyed being a part of it all.

—Lori Teague

## Historic band organ to be on display at fair

K.A. Pontus Piano Service of Hartford City will display this Band Organ Friday and Saturday evenings of the Mooreland Free Fair.

It took 8 years to reconstruct to the exact dimensions of an original Wurlitzer Band Wagon Organ. It contains 97 wooden pipes, pressure and vacuum bellows, cymbal, snare

drum and bass drum.

These organs were used on Merry-Go-Rounds and at skating rinks.

This organ plays itself using a perforated paper roll similar to those in player pianos.

Please come by and enjoy this fine organ while at the Mooreland Free Fair.



*Musical instrument at fair Friday and Saturday*



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