

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 5

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service

Monday, August 6

5:15-5:50 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. Tractor Pull
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest - Adults, Children to 12 years

Tuesday, August 7

8:00-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits - White Bldg.
 8:00-12:00 a.m. Enter Agricultural Exhibits - Antique Pavilion
 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
 6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind Antique Pavilion
 7:00 p.m. Tractor Pull
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment - K&C's Country Kickers (behind Fair Board Food Building)
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest - Teens ages 13-18

Wednesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. Baby Contest Registration
 9:00 a.m. Baby Contest Judging
 Noon Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
 Noon Children's Day Parade Registration
 1:00 p.m. Children's Day Parade
 1:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building
 1:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind Antique Pavilion
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pull followed by Miniature Horse Pull
 7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers

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FREE FAIR, INC.

August 6-11, 2007

Fair time is here!

Come one, Come all to the Mooreland Free Fair!!!

What an exciting and fun time for all. As my first year as president of the Fair Board I have had my eyes opened to what all it takes to get everything ready for the fair.

My phone starts ringing in February with everyone wanting to know the dates of the next fair and the theme for the parade. Most people can't believe we work on the next fair right after we finish one.

The town comes alive the week of the fair with people traveling from everywhere to

All other food sold the week of the fair is by not-for-profit organizations who are trying to raise money for their causes.

It takes many people to make the Mooreland Fair work each year, not only the fair board members, but the many volunteers that provide much of their time during the week. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and fair board members who have helped make this fair a success for so many years.

The fair wouldn't be what it is if it wasn't for all of the hard work that many people continue

Thursday, August 9

- 5:00 p.m. Pork Chop Dinner in the Fair Board Food Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.
6:15 p.m. Magician Marcus Lehmann on Fairgrounds
7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
7:00 p.m. Magician Marcus Lehmann-Entertainment Pav.
7:00 p.m. 4x4 Truck Pull
8:00 p.m. Small Wonders Gymnastics

Friday, August 10

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Blood Drive in front of Merchants Building
6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pavilion
7:00 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pulls MAPA
7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
7:15 p.m. Gospel Concert

Saturday, August 11

- 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
10:00-11:00 a.m. Car Show Registration at Town Park
Noon Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
1:00 p.m. Parade Line-up Begins
2:00 p.m. Car Show Awards at Town Park
3:00 p.m. Parade - "Our Heroes"
4:00-5:30 p.m. Pickup Home & Family Exhibits
4:00-6:00 p.m. Pickup Art, Photography & Tole Decorating Exhibits
4:00-5:30 p.m. Pickup Agricultural Exhibits
7:00 p.m. Hoosier State Tractor Pull
7:30 p.m. Queen & Princess Coronation
8:30 p.m. Merchandise Drawings & Parade Results

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Poor Jack Amusements has been providing rides, food and games for the fair for approximately 40 of the 68 years the fair has been in existence.

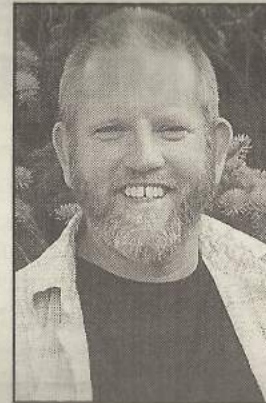
provide two scholarships to BRV Dollars for Scholars, a May Tea savings bond, and many donations to various other organizations at Blue River Valley schools.

— Jodie Brown, Fair Board President

Ron's in his 48th year Manifold men have fair tradition that continues in third generation

For a man his age, Ron Manifold has a very long history with the Mooreland Fair.

In the third generation of a fair tradition, Ron says he has been involved with the fair "since I could walk." He is now 49, so, that's been about 48 years.



Ron Manifold

His first memories of getting ready for the fair are of the family helping his grandfather, Howard Manifold, carry his "stuff" down to set up his displays in the antique tent. Howard Manifold was a pioneer of the fair and extremely enthusiastic in enlisting support for it. He used his considerable talents in electrical and plumbing work for the fair's great benefit. Howard's son, Gerald, usually called Bobby or "Mr. Fix-it," learned the trades from Howard, used them at the fair, and taught them to Ron.

Ron says his dad, downplayed his own abilities, once claimed to be just a "go-fer." Ron asked him how he had learned so much that way and Bob told him that you have to know what you're "going-fer!"

When Ron started doing electrical work at the fair with his dad and grandpa, they still had to string wires in the tents. "We started two months ahead, then a week to take it down." They "made sure everybody had water and electric." Much of the work in recent years, and especially in the time between Bob's heart attack in 1988 and his death just last year, has been devoted to reducing the amount of annual upkeep.

Ron has lived on the highway just outside of Losantville for 14 years, so, as he says, he didn't move too far away from Mooreland. His daughter, Ashley, married to Adam Perdue, lives in Selma and his other daughter, Casey, lives at Somerset, Kentucky. His grandson, Brayden, will be 5 in October. Ron says, "It takes 5 hours to go see him." Besides his daughters and grandson, Ron's family includes his partner, Kelly.

He works for Hughes Construction, a company which specializes in building and remodeling restaurants. He has worked in Indianapolis, Illinois, and Ohio on such restaurants as Golden Corral, Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Rally's, as far as Nashville, Tennessee, but has also worked nearby, helping change the Rax in New Castle into Arby's.

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The pace is steady, the country air refreshing and friends walk to the finish line.



Wade Wright drives his truck down pulling track.

Ron continues Manifold men fair tradition

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Assisting Ron with his work at the Fairground is his brother, Scott Teague, and Scott's son, Josh, from Spiceland. Ron thinks Scott, being a little younger, would keep on with the job even if Ron couldn't. Right now, there isn't too much to do except maybe some new fans for the Entertainment Pavilion. Just be sure everything works. Although most of the wiring is permanent now, light bulbs aren't. Ron has changed a lot of light bulbs.

Also, Ron has a job as vice-president of the fair board. The fair board and its officers have become quite a bit younger recently. Ron thinks this is a good thing, with new ideas being introduced and still enough of the

older people to provide the benefit of experience. "Young and old working together; that's a pretty good combination." He believes we need to try out new things every year. Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't.

One of the new things Ron helped with on the board was the purchase of land, so more cars can be parked off the street in back of the midway. There are 7 acres of parking, and now an exit out the back. "That's a big help." He has also been involved with planning, building, and improving the permanent structures on the grounds.

Ron says that everywhere you go, there is someone who has heard about the Mooreland Fair. He found somebody in Nashville who had

attended. Compared to the number of people who live in Mooreland, it's big some say bigger than the State Fair.

Ron doesn't spend a lot of time talking about his hobbies. He rides a motorcycle and plants flowers and trees at his home. But when it comes to the fair, he has more to say.

Volunteers are the key to the fair, Ron says. Many come and work and get no recognition, but we need them. It doesn't work if people don't pull together. Usually it does work because people jump in and help. "It's a tradition. If you're outside, you don't understand," Ron says, speaking from three generations of Mooreland Fair tradition. "You don't know unless you've lived it. It just comes naturally; it's what you do."

Mooreland Fair participants needed to assist with annual blood drive Friday, Aug. 10

The Mooreland Free Fair will host the 11th anniversary blood drive with the Central Indiana Regional Blood Bank. This year's blood drive will be held on Friday, Aug. 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in front of the Merchants Pavilion.

Summer months are the most depleted for the blood banks. If you have given in the past and can, please give again. If you have never given, it's a simple procedure and it's a wonderful gift for someone.

PLEASE TRY TO GIVE!

