

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 6

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service
featuring "The Gracemen"

Monday, August 7

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
6:30 p.m. "Woody" Junior Mawk
7:00 p.m. Truck Pull 4-Wheel Drive
7:30 p.m. Talent Contest

Tuesday, August 8

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 open 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 & Farm Stock
Tractor Pull
7:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge Country Line
Dancers on cement beside food building

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Baby Contest Registration
9:30 a.m. Baby Contest Judging
Noon. Children's Day Parade Registration
Noon. Midway Opens with
Poor Jack Amusements
1:00 p.m. Children's Day Parade
1:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating,
Home & Family Exhibits open 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. Raintree Promenaders
& Cornfield Cloggers

Thursday, August 10

5:00 p.m. Pork Chop Dinner
in the Fair Board Food Building

56th Annual



FREE FAIR, INC.

Aug. 7-12, 1995

Volunteers make fair thriving event

Junior Darby involved with annual fair for many years

Ernest L. Darby Jr., is one of the Mooreland residents who has worked at the fair year after year without attracting much attention.

"Junior Darby," as everyone calls

years ago because, he says, "When you get old, you like to take it easy."

During the fair, on Aug. 10, Junior will be 71.

He "took care of the graveyard" for 20 years, and still does a little work

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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. Mooreland Community Lions Club
- 7:00 p.m. Central Indiana Tractor Pullers

Friday, August 11

- 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with
Poor Jack Amusements
- 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating,
Home & Family Exhibits open 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. Open Class Mini Rods

Saturday, August 12

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. . . Run Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Mile Fun Run
- 9:00 a.m. 5K Run
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. . Registration for
Ice Cream Crank-Off
- 10:00 a.m. Run Awards
- 10:30 a.m. Mooreland Free Fair Car Show
- 11:00 a.m. 7th Annual Homemade
Ice Cream Crank-Off
- 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. Hoosier State Tractor Pullers
NTPA Sanction
w/Two-Wheel Drive Trucks - NTPA
- 7:30 p.m. Queen & Princess Coronation
- 8:30 p.m. Merchandise Drawings
& Parade Results
- 9:00 p.m. Dance

him, took care of trash for the fair. He "picked it all up and hauled it to the dump or used to burn it in back" for a long time; he isn't sure exactly how long. He's been involved with the fair, he says, "about ever since it started." He stopped hauling trash a couple

there once in awhile, but says he doesn't do too much anymore. He doesn't mow the cemetery now, he just mows his own yard.

Junior and Geneva, his wife of 43 years, still live in Mooreland, in a mobile home on Jefferson Street.



Junior Darby

Joyce Kirby gives Home & Family Art Exhibits her special expertise

The Mooreland Free Fair has, for many years, been fortunate to have the home and family arts division managed with "a professional touch." Joyce Kirby, a professional home economics educator, took over in 1972 as chairperson of what used to be called "Women's Exhibits." Mrs. Kirby received bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics from Ball State University and taught at Blue River Valley Junior-Senior High School for 27 years.

Joyce is part of a farm family. Encouraged by her parents, Marvin and Beulah Bales, she and her sister, Lois Miller, completed many 4-H projects and won many awards in agriculture and home economics. Joyce's husband of 30 years, Michael Kirby, in addition to working for Chrysler Corp., is a farmer.

During Geneva Leffingwell's tenure as chairperson of the women's exhibits, Joyce served under her, as judge, for 2 years, judging everything except flowers. Now there are six or seven judges, and each exhibit division has a coordinator: Faye Koontz, flowers; Louise Murray, baking; Karen Bales, canning; Bobetta Jester, needlework; Marlene Jester, quilting; Mary Murray, sewing; Pat Criswell, ceramics; and Diana DeBord, crafts. And others work, too, Joyce says, "Really, it takes a lot of help."

One of the others is Joyce and Mike's daughter, Delanna. She got an early start as a helper, Joyce remembers. "She was 3 months old ... She sat in the stroller while I judged."

As soon as Delanna was big enough, she started helping carry exhibits to the exhibit area. She has worked with her mother nearly every year since.

Delanna graduated from Indiana University with a degree in apparel merchandising. She is a manager at JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts in Muncie, but arranges her schedule to continue helping with the exhibit.



Joyce Kirby

Jason Kirby, the Kirbys' son, attends Ball State University and works on a farm. He is a volunteer fireman for Blountsville and Modoc Fire Departments, and has taken classes to be an EMT. Jason also helps with the fair at the car show on Saturday, and at the tractor pulls.

On the day the exhibits were due in 1975, Joyce remembers, the committee members kept telling her to take it easy, and she kept telling them that her baby wasn't due for 2 more weeks. Joyce helped with the exhibits all day, and Jason was born that night!

Joyce has now changed professions — from home economics teacher to LPN. She has been a nurse for 2 years and works part-time at Liberty Village in Muncie and Holly Hills in New

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Castle. Although she isn't "locked into one particular schedule," she is usually on the night shift, working 4 to 7 nights a week.

While working for her LPN degree at I.U. East, Joyce twice had final exams on the day the exhibits were brought in. Once she worked on exhibits in the morning and took exams in the afternoon; the other time, she had to miss that day at the fair.

Like most Fair Board members, Joyce also helps with the fair in other ways: lining up units in the parade field on Saturday, selling tickets for rides one evening, donating food for the food building and sometimes working in it; as well as sitting in the exhibit room during the fair.

Her duties as chairperson include listing classes, contacting judges, getting supplies and ribbons, setting up for exhibit the Saturday before the fair and cleaning up afterward, getting division chairpersons and helpers, taking in exhibits on Tuesday morning and releasing exhibits on Saturday after the parade, arranging for people to sit in the exhibit area each evening, and coordinating cash prizes.

Through the years, the exhibit has grown in size and variety. Some traditional categories, such as canning and flowers, are consistently strong; and, every so often, new ones are added — like ceramics and decorated sweatshirts. One of the most labor-intensive traditional arts, quilting, has experienced renewed popularity.

"People do a lot of craft-type sewing now," Joyce says, "like dolls and stuffed animals, but there is a lot of competition in quilts."

With increased interest, Joyce believes, has come increased proficiency. Expert judges are needed, especially for needlework, because so many entries are essentially perfect. "If they weren't good, they wouldn't be here . . . There's really nothing wrong with them," Joyce says, "so it just comes down to the judge's preference."

Joyce has the addresses of everybody who exhibits. "They are not just local," she says; "we have as many from other places." And most of them come to the fair at least three times; to bring their exhibit, to see how it placed, and to take it home.

Much of the appeal, Joyce thinks, is because "ours is an old-fashioned kind

of thing." Joyce herself likes tradition but says she has learned a lot in the last couple of years. It's been an interesting experience, she says, "working with some of my former students and having some of them teaching me!"

One of Joyce's former students, Marlena Pearson, recalls special memories of her home economics class: "The thing I remember the most," Marlena says, "is that Mrs. Kirby was always so kind." And, just recently, Marlena's 97-year-old grandmother, Addie McQueen, praised Joyce's qualities as a nurse (at Liberty Village in Muncie, while Mrs. McQueen lived there) in a strikingly similar way.

Whether teaching, nursing, or managing exhibits for the Mooreland Fair, Joyce Kirby is a true professional.

Area businesses support fair by selling advance ride tickets

Advance ride tickets for the 56th Annual Mooreland Free Fair this year will be 20 tickets for \$7. Every ride will take at least 2 tickets, with some rides taking 3 tickets and some taking 4.

For example, some 2-ticket rides are the slide and the fun house, 4-ticket rides are the sky wheel, sea dragon, wipe out, scooter, and the Olympic bobs. Most of the other rides will take 3 tickets.

Armbands will be available for unlimited rides on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from noon to 5 p.m. for \$8.

Advance tickets can be purchased at

the following businesses: Mooreland Grocery, First United Bank, Mooreland Feed and Grain, and Linda Lee's Beauty Shop, all in Mooreland; Massengale's Bait & Tackle on Messick Road near Summit Lake State Park; Small's Market and Service on Highway 35 west of Blountsville; Farmer's State Bank and Crossroads Marathon of Losantville; and Mike's Marathon in Mount Summit. You may also purchase tickets from any Fair Board member.

If you have questions please contact Jodie Brown at 766-5304 after 5:30 p.m.



Ethan and Laurie Day

Babies to contend for top prizes Wednesday morning

One of the most popular fair events, the baby contest, will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the entertainment building.

Awards will be given in the following categories: biggest, bluest, and brownest eyes; darkest, reddest, curliest, most and least hair (for age); longest eyelashes; also chubbiest, deepest dimples, biggest smile, and most sober expression.

Babies must be no older than 24 months. Registration is at 9 a.m. There will be no pre-registration. Babies may be entered in as many categories as you wish, with an entry fee of 25 cents for each category.

Preliminary judging of large categories will be conducted first, followed by final judging of small categories, then by the finals of large categories. All winners will be recognized and photographed after completion of the entire contest.