



## Sunday, August 4

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service, "The Promise"

## Monday, August 5

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  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull (1958 & older)  
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment - K&C's Country Kickers (behind Fair Board Food Building)  
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest

## Tuesday, August 6

8:30-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits - White Bldg.  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enter Open, FFA, 4-H Exhibits - Antique Pav.  
 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. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pav.  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.  
 7:00 p.m. Out-of-Field Stock Farm Tractor Pull  
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest

## Wednesday, August 7

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. Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pav.  
 4:00 p.m. Smoke House - Fire Safety at west end of Merchants Bldg.  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.  
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pull  
 7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers  
 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Crank-off in the Entertainment Pav.

# 63rd Annual



FREE FAIR, INC.

Aug. 5-10, 2002

# Jodie Brown...

*She wears many hats while serving the local community*

Jodie Brown is down to earth. She knows what's going on and she can tell you straight out what it is. That's probably the most noticeable thing about her. You ask her a question, and she doesn't just give you a pat answer. She says, "Well, \_\_\_\_\_, (whatever your name is), I'll tell you how it is." Then she tells you. And she won't just agree. If you're wrong, she'll say, "No," then tell you how it is.



Jodie, along with Betty Linville, Bonnie Greenwell, and Jenny Cash, is in charge of the food building. Jodie's job there, like most of her other jobs at the fair, is before and

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## Thursday, August 8

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.	Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
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.	4-Wheel Drive Truck Pull
8:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Band - Entertainment Pav.

## Friday, August 9

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.	Open, FFA & 4-H Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
6:00 p.m.	NTPA-HSTPA Tractor Pull: Super Antique, ISFPA Farm Stock & Hot Farm Tractors
7:00 p.m.	Cornfield Cloggers
7:15 p.m.	Gospel Concert

## Saturday, August 10

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Run Registration
8:30 a.m.	Mile Fun Run
9:00 a.m.	5K Run
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Car Show Registration at Town Park
10:00 a.m.	Run Awards
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
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 - HSTPA Tractor Pull: HSTPA Super Stock, ISFPA Super Hot Farm & Central Indiana Mini-Rods
7:30 p.m.	Queen & Princess Coronation
8:30 p.m.	Merchandise Drawings & Parade Results

you find out quickly about Jodie is just how busy she is. Jodie holds a more-than-full-time job at Henry County Courthouse. She is in her sixth year as County Assessor and is running unopposed this fall for another term. There are no term limits for her office, but Jodie says she isn't sure of her plans after the next four years. Before serving as assessor, Jodie worked for then-assessor Tom Saunders, who held office for ten years - a long time.

Jodie decided to run for office when Tom left. She likes working for the taxpayers. She says, "Most people are really nice - it's not like people think - they don't come in all mad about their taxes." "Meeting the people," she says, "that's what I like about the job." According to Jodie, most people will treat you about like you treat them.

Jodie is a member of the Henry County Republican Club and was especially active in the successful campaigns of her former boss. She is very loyal to him and to the party. She admits to being "just a Republican at heart!"

Jodie is also loyal to her school. After serving four years at Blue River Valley High School as scorekeeper for girls' basketball, she kept doing the job for another 20 years. She's planning to do it again this year. She and her dad, Jerry, are also loyal fans of local boys' teams and Indiana University. Last March, they followed the Hoosiers to "the Final Four" in Atlanta.

There are many other things Jodie does with her family. She helps her brother, Todd, with his pulling contests and other events in "the bleachers," such as the June 24 tractor show. Todd's wife, Mysia, is also on the Fair Board, and helps Jodie with tickets. The whole family is involved with the fair, but Jodie's mother, Lenora has been on the Fair Board longest. She is best known as co-chairman of the Queen and Princess Contest.

Todd and Mysia's sons, Devon and Noah, get to come along to help. Last year they got some good out of a trailer parked in back of the food building.



**Jodie Brown**

the chairmen work to get ready for the fair; Jodie helps clean every night after closing. She says that Terry Wallen dumps grease and cleans the grill and Brian

Greenwell does "anything you ask him to do."

Jodie's first job at the fair was the Children's Day Parade. She started doing that in 1983 or 1984, and did it for five or six years, until the current chairman, Rita Snyder, took over. Jodie also did the Ice Cream Crank-Off. She says, "I started it - Bridgett VanLandingham and I." Jodie stopped doing events like these during the fair hours because she started being the official fair photographer. She says she has 12 albums of fair pictures and isn't in any of them!

Jodie started on the Fair Board in 1984 and has been its secretary since Janet Modjeski retired. In that capacity, she attends all meetings, records and reads minutes, and conducts correspondence. She is also responsible for getting "the paper" together and selling ads, with help from Mary Murray, Judy James, Andrea Johnson, and Azure Cross. Last year, she and Todd helped deliver papers, too.

Jodie thinks a lot about the kids in the family and their place at the fair. "Noah is three this year - no more stroller! No more easy way to keep track!" No wonder Jodie thinks about that - her first memory of the fair was getting lost. She remembers it well, and so does her mother. Lenora says Jodie was about four. Wes Hedrick found her and brought her back. Later on, Lenora says, she just let the kids out at 6 or 6:30 and picked them up about 9.... "I guess it was a different world." But, to Jodie, the fair doesn't seem much different. She still sees it through a child's eyes. She says, "It's still fun for the people - that's why we do it."

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## Jodie

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Jodie thinks her family works on the fair because they learned to work being farmers. All three kids, Jodie, Todd, and Kellie, used to work picking and selling sweet corn to raise money to buy tickets. Lenora remembers taking them to Grandma Brown's (Beatrice and Byron Brown) to sell it. Or Grandma Helen (Helen and Lloyd Hagy) would take it to the courthouse, where she worked for several years.

Family and extended family are still important to Jodie. She is looking forward to hearing her sister, Kellie Brown Freeman, sing at the fair. And Jodie recently helped give a shower for Kellie and her husband Joe Freeman's second child, a sister, Tessa, for four-year-old Dylan. Hosted by her family, Lenora's 60th birthday party last year was practically a community event. Jodie even has a new community interest which she started with Tod Howard, the Blue River Mooreland Historical Society.

During the week of the fair, Jodie devotes most of Monday to finishing up one of her biggest jobs. She counts up all the advance ticket sales and makes the money and tickets balance

out. "That can be a nightmare!" By Monday evening at 5:15 p.m., she is ready for the Pedal Pull. She works with Eric Miller on that. Her enthusiasm shows when she talks about it: "I love the Pedal Pull!" she says. "It's the best!" Kids have fun — probably 125 or 130 kids. For the past five years, they have given away a pedal tractor, and now give four trophies in each of three age categories.

On Wednesday, Jodie goes early, about 8 or 8:30 a.m., to take pictures of the Baby Contest. On Thursday, it's a fairly early day, too, because the food building people have to put on the green beans and fix the food to go along with the pork chop barbeque. And on Saturday, Jodie is there until the last person leaves. After the fair last year, she helped Joyce Cassidy take down tents.

"When the Mooreland Fair is over, it's the end of summer," Jodie says. "It's kind of depressing, really." She does believe that everyone should do some kind of community service. Although there's not much time for Jodie to visit at the fair anymore, she still enjoys it. "It's fun seeing people have a good time."



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