

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, August 7

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service

### Monday, August 8

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

### Tuesday, August 9

8:00-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits - White Bldg.  
 10 a.m.-2 p.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. Truck Pull  
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment - K&C's Country Kickers  
 (behind Fair Board Food Building)  
 7:00 p.m. Raintree Barbershop Chorus  
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest - Teens ages 13-18

### Wednesday, August 10

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  
 1:30 p.m. Small Wonders Gymnastics  
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind Antique Pavilion  
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pull  
 7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers  
 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Crank-off in the Entertainment Pav.  
 All day Henry Co. Youth Council Promoting Being

# 66th Annual



**FREE FAIR, INC.**  
*August 8-13, 2005*

## Terry Wallen

*Involved with fair, in charge of 5K run for most of it's 25-year history*

For 25 years, Saturday morning at the Mooreland Free Fair has been devoted to the 5K run, preceded by the 1-mile Fun Run. And for most of those 25 years Terry Wallen has been the man in charge.

Terry says that Mike Rogers took charge of the first race; Wade Nicholas, the second; and Kellie (Brown) Freeman, the third. Then Terry started, but not without help, of course. Terry gives credit to his help,

people pitch in to help him and, in turn, he tries to help with the Fair "wherever I'm needed."

In the 5K Run there are trophies or plaques for the top three individuals in male and female categories by age group, and gift certificates from sporting goods stores. In honor of the 25th anniversary, the value of the awards will be increased this year, and there will also be door prizes.

Terry estimates the 5K Run has averaged 115 runners for five out of the past seven years, up

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## Thursday, August 11

- 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. Truck Pull
- 8:00 p.m. Small Wonders Gymnastics

## Friday, August 12

- 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. Out-of-Field Tractor Pull
- 7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
- 7:15 p.m. Gospel Concert

## Saturday, August 13

- 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
- 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 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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**Terry Wallen**

Coffin; last year, Ashley Thompson and Terry's niece Leitia Webb, and every year, "Mom helps get the food ready." (Drinks are provided for the runners and all kinds of fruit are donated by area merchants.)

"Mom" is Sharon Webb. She is co-chairman of Queen and Princess Contest. Terry helps with set-up and sound for that event and others, and helps with the baby contest. Terry says that

which varies from year to year but always includes his friends and relatives: brothers Gary Wallen, Rick Webb, Bill Webb and his wife, Diana; Scott Runion, Kenny Coner, Hollis Griffey, Jennifer James, Cheryl

from roughly 80 a few years ago. The Fun Run usually has only about a dozen, Terry says, "I wish there were more."

Terry has moved to a house on the east side of South Broad Street in Mooreland, not far from the fairgrounds. "It will be about a year by fair time," Terry says. But he claims the fairground as his home away from home. He is getting settled in and hopes to have his usual flower display going well by fair time. But he isn't home much. He works for Road-Way Express out of Indianapolis as a driver and dock worker, and while working stays "pretty much in Indy."

When he's not at work or at the fairgrounds, Terry can usually be found at some sports event. In the summer, he plays in two softball leagues for his church, Greenfield Community, and in

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# Interest in fair widespread

Not all of the supporters of the Mooreland Fair serve on the Fair Board or even live close to Mooreland.

For example, there is someone who jumped out of planes and can fly them and work on them, lived with his family in Europe and Alaska, rents canoes and campsites, operates sorghum and grist mills, has 10 grandchildren, has many relatives around Mooreland but doesn't live here himself, and who donates every year to help keep the horse pulling events at the Fair alive and improving.

He is the son of a former Fair Board member who took care of garden exhibits. He married a girl from rural Losantville and, after taking her with him while he served overseas, returned to live a few miles from home, south of Connersville. Who is he? Have you guessed it yet? If you are a member of the BRV Class of 1967 you probably remember him, but you may

not know most of the things he's done.

These former Mooreland area residents are Dwain and Sandi (Swoveland) Robinson. Sandi is the daughter of Ernie and Mary Swoveland. Dwain is the son of Charles and Mildred Robinson and the brother of Kay DeWeese, Carol Blevins, Daniel Robinson, and Penny Seager. "Charlie" Robinson served on the Fair Board and took care of the garden exhibits, assisted by Penny, as long as he was able. He died on the last day of 2001. Mildred still lives in the family home in Mooreland.

As Dwain recalls it, the Robinson family growing up had the best of both worlds. The front yard was in town on Jefferson Street, close enough for kids to walk downtown. Dwain bought cinnamon oil in little vials at the Holaday Store and used it to flavor toothpicks which he sold at school at \$1 for a baker's dozen.

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## 'Let's Celebrate' theme of parade

Marching to the theme "Let's Celebrate" the 2005 Mooreland Free Fair Parade will begin promptly at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. This year's parade promises to provide fun entertainment for the whole family. Entries have been received by bands, floats, novelty units, clowns, antique and fire units.

Again, entries will be judged in eight divisions including three float divisions, decorated vehicles, novelty entries, horse unit or riders, custom cars and antique entries. An overall parade winner will be chosen. Entries in a float division or in the decorated vehicle division must be received by the parade committee no later than midnight Wednesday, August 10, to qualify for Saturday's judging.

Judging for floats begins at 1:30 p.m. with decorated vehicles judged at 2 p.m. All entries should be in the field and positioned by 2:30 p.m. since incoming traffic will be closed at that

time. Marching units and walking units will assemble in the parade field located at the Landreth Farm on Wilbur Wright Road north of U.S. 36.

Each year the parade is enjoyed by many spectators and by those entering the parade. The parade committee frequently hears from former participants who don't want to miss a parade. This year it was John Trieschman calling to say, "I've moved to Greenfield and I want to be sure you have my address for my parade entry. I love the Mooreland Fair Parade and don't want to miss entering." Watch for John and his "Clown Mobile."

Entries can be made by contacting: Andrea Bales at 766-5604, Lori Clone at 766-5186, or Betty Linville at 766-5434. Parade results will be posted on the fair bulletin board and announced immediately following the Queen and Princess Contest. See you at the parade!

## Terry Wallen

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the winter he referees basketball games. When he can get home in time, Terry likes to watch his son, Tyler, a senior this fall at BRV High School, run cross country and track. On the board in the gym at BRV, Terry's name still appears as a record holder in the shot put, with a throw of 47 feet, 5½ inches in 1980, the year he graduated.

In his high school years, Terry spent a lot of time at the Fair working in the Band Boosters tent selling elephant ears and his mother made a lot of them. Terry and his brothers and cousins all were active playing and

Remembering past fairs, when his grandmother, Maxine Houser, also on the Fair Board, played in the kitchen band and worked with Cable Club on shows and floats, Terry sees tradition as an important thing. He wants to help make the community a place for kids to enjoy. "I had it when I was growing up and I want the kids in the future to keep on having it. The Fair's a good thing for people. Everybody just needs to have fun."

For the 25th year of the 5K Run, Terry and his helpers would like to

## Fire department receives grant

### \$150,000 permits replacement of '74 tanker

The community of Mooreland and Blue River Township are surrounded with a great group of men who give their time for medical, fire, and mutual aid runs. In addition to the emergency runs and training, the volunteers spend countless hours raising money for new, much-needed equipment.

With the help of Mark and Joyce McCarty of Star Development out of Cambridge City, and after hours of collecting information and holding community meetings, the Blue River Township Fire Department received a grant. The grant is from the Department of Rural Affairs and is a federally-funded grant distributed through the state of Indiana. The \$150,000 grant allows the fire department to replace their current 1974 tanker with a new tanker. This will be the first new purchase for the fire department since the 1998 purchase of a pumper truck.

Representatives from the fire department (Chief Todd Brown, Assistant Chief Bill Halstead, and Chaplain Merrill Coffin) and

Mooreland town board members (Mysia Brown, Don Davis, George Gard, and Raymond Perdue) went to the Statehouse in June to accept the grant.

While the grant significantly helps the department upgrade equipment, the volunteers continue to work hard to raise money. At this year's fair, you will again see the department members and their families serving their famous foot long hot dogs and sloppy joes at the hot dog stand. Follow your nose to the red building and support your local fire department and the volunteers!

The volunteers of the Blue River Township Volunteer Fire Department are Todd Brown, Greg Boggs, Glenn Coffin, Merrill Coffin, Aaron Criswell, Jim Davis, Brian Gard, George Gard, Phil Gard, Bill Halstead, Dave Hardwick, Kenny Johnson, Kevin Lykens, Randy Madison, Bob Manifold, Ronnie Manifold, Chris McCartt, David Murray, Jeff Murray, Bill Patterson, Gary Sorrell, and Dustin Snyder.

See you at the fair!

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...marching in band. Music is still a big part of his life, and he continues to "DJ" for parties and weddings.

Now, during the Fair, Terry helps clean up in the food building every night. He says that even though it's work "you can have fun in the food building joking with everybody." As with many of the jobs at the fair, Terry says, "Everybody can make it as fun as they want to."

...have an extra turnout. Runners are good to help spread the word and help each other out, Terry says. "We get people from Indianapolis and even from other states: New York, Ohio, Texas. One lady in her 70's comes from Indianapolis every year." According to Terry Wallen, future generations can keep on having a good fair provided people keep getting involved.

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*Thank you, Mooreland Fair Board*

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# Interest in fair

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In back of the house was the alley and across the alley was the country, where the Robinson's raised crops and animals, and where Dwain broke horses and learned to make sorghum molasses.

Dwain left Mooreland for one year to attend Riverview Academy in New Jersey, but returned to finish school at the old Mt. Summit building. He then joined the service and served for 26 years, usually living with his family "on the economy." (That means in the countryside rather than on the base.) Two children started school in Italy, where they were the only Americans in the school. When the children were

eight, ten, and twelve, and living in Alaska, they build igloos and stayed in them overnight.

The family drove from the southern tip of Italy to Denmark by car. They made friends. Many stay in touch and some have visited here. The Robinsons try to return to Europe every few years, but "can't miss the Mooreland Fair. It's like a magnet."

Dwain was in the Rangers. He jumped out of planes and learned to work on their engines. After retirement from the service, he continued to work on planes - "all kinds, up to 727's and 747's" and took up flying as well. One of his more

interesting jobs was to pilot and maintain the 727 used by the Indiana Pacers, to "have it operational ... warmed up in wintertime." He maintained 44 planes for DHL Cargo, an express delivery carrier.

After Dwain's family followed him all over the world, they could have settled anywhere. But they ended up back home in Indiana, south of Connersville, except for son Ken, who now lives in Illinois. The Robinsons own and operate, along with son Shane, the 40-acre Whitewater River Campground and the Whitewater Canoe Rental. The campground hosts country, bluegrass, and gospel music. There is a beach on the river where nearby churches sometimes come for baptisms. The Whitewater Scenic Railroad goes by the campground and picks up passengers to go to Metamora.

Old-fashioned events reminiscent of Mooreland traditions are held at the campground. Dwain has the old sorghum mill once operated by Charles Robinson. Sorghum Days takes place the first week in October every year. "You can smell the sorghum cooking a long way off!" The Robinsons also use the old family grist mill to grind corn. Daughter Tami DeGroat lives just down the road; "she has five boys and helps with everything." That could be rendering lard, making cider, or

just putting on a big kettle of soup beans or chili where everybody just helps themselves for no charge. It's a lot like a small town.

What is Dwain Robinson's connection to the Mooreland Fair? He respects its traditions and wants to keep them alive. He remembers people who helped the fair, like the Waltz's, Walkers, and Gards. He remembers learning to break horses in Mooreland. He remembers the enjoyment he had watching the people connected with horses and pulling, people like the Jordan and Jones families, whose grandchildren are involved with horses now. "Horse, pony, mule pull .... It's fun watching animals do their best."

Dwain wants the pulls to continue, not just to survive, but to thrive and grow. He doesn't participate in the events himself, "just plays the part of a spectator," but he contributes annually to pulling events at the Mooreland Fair.



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