



## Sunday, August 6

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

## Monday, August 7

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

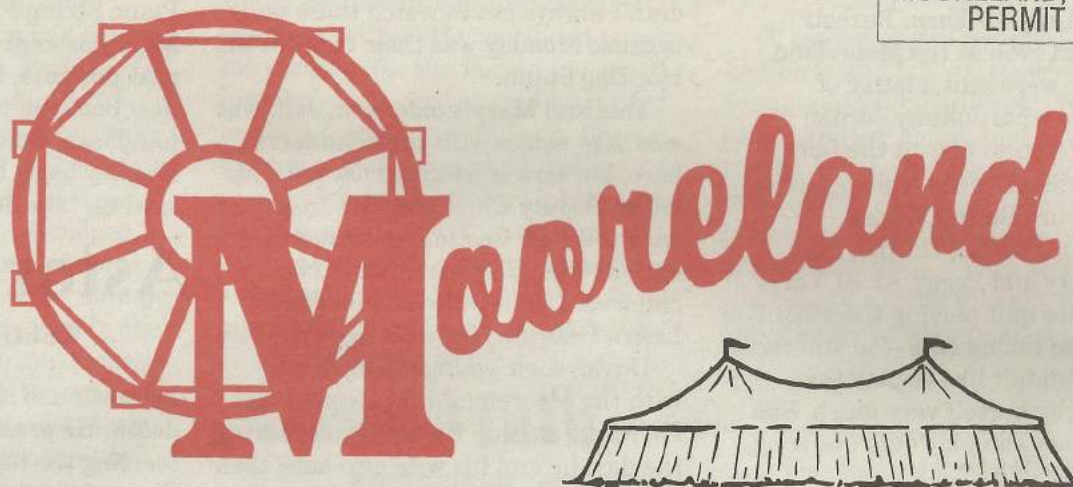
## Tuesday, August 8

8:00-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits – White Bldg.  
 8:00-11:30 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. Truck 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 9

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 followed by Miniature 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

# 67th Annual



**FREE FAIR, INC.**

*August 7-12, 2006*

## Exceptional volunteer

### *A talented Mary Murray has annually served in many different areas of fair*

Insurance CSR/agent, seamstress, musician, grandmother/babysitter, Mary Murray has many duties and many accomplishments. Tom Murray, her husband, says she leaves work at 5:00 and by 6:00 she is sewing, quitting at 11:00 to go to bed. He says she takes on so many jobs that they can never take a vacation!

But in August each year she takes a week off to work at the Mooreland

Jodie Brown as board secretary when Jodie was elected President after the death of Astor Main. Mary takes and reads minutes and sends out cards to remind members of the meetings. She has continued selling ads for this year's fair

During the rest of the year, Mary works with Farm Bureau Insurance in New Castle. In her spare time, she is much in demand for custom sewing and alterations. In the past, she made

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## Thursday, August 10

- 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 11

- 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 12

- 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 Changing Times"
- 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
- 8:30-10:30 p.m. The Young Relics

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**Mary Murray**

appearance of magician Marcus Lehmann, then takes ride tickets with her home ec. club, Young Moderns. On Saturday night, she plays piano for the Queen and Princess Contest.

This year, Mary assumed another job for the fair, this time a year-round job. She replaced

fair. Her main assignment is to take in the canning for the Home and Family Exhibit, chaired by Joyce Kirby. Mary helps supervise the exhibits, then on Wednesday, takes charge of the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift in the food building. On Thursday night, she supervises the

Mary more often gets called on for alterations, which she says often take more time and effort than making an entire garment. Especially fond of Mary's tailoring was her mother-in-law, Louise Murray. Louise, longtime Mooreland and BRV elementary teacher and a fair board member, worked in the Home and Family Exhibit and got Mary started there.

Mary's musical talents were well known in her home community of Greensboro. She began playing piano at the small Greensboro Friends Church when she was 12, and later played for VBS and revivals at the other churches in town. When she was six, she started playing the accordion. She played accordion duets with her

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# 58-year president dies

Astor M. "Pete" Main, for 58 years president of the Mooreland Fair Board, died on October 15, 2005.

Main received no compensation for all those years of faithful work. He asked for no recognition either, but did receive some, mostly from those who were in a position to see just how much work he did.

In the 2005 Fair Parade, Main was the Grand Marshal. Darrel Radford, then managing editor of the Courier-times, wrote jokingly that Broad Street's name should be changed to "Main Street" because that's where the parade passes, that's the street the Fair is on and that's where Astor and Edna Main lived and had their family business.

Astor was one of the town leaders who attended the meeting called by Gaylord "Doc" Brinson to plan the first fair. The fair was planned to have at least three rides, to last at least three days, to use the school grounds, to make it free (since there was no fence around

the schoolyard to keep people out), and to call it "The Mooreland Free Fair."

The first fair was held in August 1939. According to Brinson, "They came from miles and miles away. There were thousands." Doc served as president for the first three fairs, before it temporarily halted during World War II.

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It is hard to find an aspect of life in this small town that didn't involve Astor Main. His work with the fair is the activity best known to many of Mooreland's younger citizens, especially since

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# Exceptional volunteer Mary Murray

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older brother, Larry Lines, all over Henry County for Farm Bureau events, and even at the Mooreland Fair. They were sent a letter of acceptance from Johnny Jordan entitling them to play at the fair.

The Lines children from oldest to youngest, are Betty, Charles (deceased), Everett, Harold, Bob, Larry, Mary and Peggy. At 16, Larry "L.J." Lines quit playing the accordion and started racing cars – he still races. But Mary didn't like to play the accordion by herself very much. She says she now can play only one song, "Alabama Jubilee."

Mary graduated from Knightstown High School in 1963 and in June 1966, married Tom Murray and moved to Mooreland. Due to Louise letting people know about her playing, Mary soon became the pianist at First Christian Church. Because the church's organist, Theo Pierce, went to Michigan in the summers, Mary began playing the organ, after taking organ lessons from Bonnie Greenwell. She continued to play the piano too; especially popular for many years was the trio of Sandy Brown, Glenda Miller and Beth Conway, with Mary as accompanist. Mary played organ at Bundy Auditorium for Henry County REMC meetings for 18-20 years. The organ is no longer there, so she now plays the grand piano on stage.

When Mary and Tom were first married, Tom was very involved with the fair, the parade and tractor pull – "Norman Waltz and Tom Kontz got me started" – then pedal pull and

garden pull. He was also active with the Fire Department. Mary says she didn't always get to watch those pulls because Monday was their night in the Hot Dog Stand.

Tom and Mary's older son, Jeff, was also very active with the volunteers here, but now is usually busy with his job as Deputy Chief and Fire Inspector with the New Castle Department. Jeff and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Devin DeBruhl, 10, and LeAra DeBruhl, 13, who enjoy the fair.

David, their younger son, is still with the Mooreland Fire Department. He works at Blue River Schools during the day; he and his wife also have their own business, the Mooreland Pizza King. He goes before school to start the dough, then goes back in the evening. Tom and Mary keep Cody, their grandson, who just turned three while David and Christina work at the Pizza King.

Mary has gone from not knowing many people at the fair, to being very involved. Tom says, "Sometimes we ride down there together and don't see each other until it is time to go home."

Although Mary is in charge of canning exhibits at the fair, she doesn't do any canning herself. She is involved with another food product – noodles. She is an active member and officer of Christian Women United and has been chairman of the chicken and noodle dinner for several years.

Family is important to the Murrays. Tom and Mary still go to Heritage House every Saturday morning to look after Louise.

Tom is now self-employed in

farming and excavating, after working at his family's business, New Castle Piano String Factory for 29 years. Mary has kept up with most of her past pursuits, but also has started a new hobby of making one-of-a-kind handbags. Tom compares them to Vera Bradley bags, but says, like her sewing, "she doesn't charge enough

for them."

Whatever she charges, it is more than she makes working for the community, the church and the fair, but Mary feels it is important for Mooreland people to volunteer their time. "If you don't help out, we wouldn't have a fair," Mary said.

## Astor Main – president dies

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he continued as president until his death. He presided over the fair board meeting the first Monday in October, the month he died.

He presided over every monthly fair board meeting with a fair, but firm, hand. He called the meetings to order on time; then he would say, "Let's go around the horn." That meant that every member present had a chance to speak in turn. He enjoyed dealing with Poor Jack and other businesses involved with the fair.

His work at the fair wasn't all in an advisory capacity, though. The term fair "board" is slightly misleading because the members are actually workers, mostly in their own specific area, but some, like Pete Main, worked for the general good. Into his eighties, he could be seen doing manual labor on the fairgrounds, including some very heavy work like putting up tents.

Main's own living was made in one occupation – funeral director. His father, Frank Main, started Main and Sons Funeral Home in 1906, and Astor and his brother, Owen, continued it in

Mooreland and New Castle until he and his wife, Edna, bought his brother out in 1956. From then until his retirement in 1971, they were very much confined by the demands of the business. One of Mooreland's oldest citizens recalls how very busy Main and Sons was. "They had a lot of funerals; nobody ever went anywhere else."

Astor was, for many years, the president of the Mooreland Cemetery Board. He was a 50-year member of the First Christian Church, Mooreland Masonic Lodge, and Order of Eastern Star, all on Broad Street (the Main street) in Mooreland. For eight years, he represented the area on the Henry County Council.

Astor Main lived just a few days past his 74th wedding anniversary. Astor and Edna had one daughter, Joyce Cassidy, one granddaughter, Anita Kay (husband, Mark) LeBeau Griggs, and two great-grandsons, Jacob and Justin LeBeau.

After Astor died, Edna made her home with Joyce in Kettering, Ohio, where she died June 18, 2006.

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# Bob Manifold left Mooreland Free Fair legacy

Mooreland Fair Board member Gerald R. (Bob) Manifold, 71, died unexpectedly on July 1.

Called "Bob," "Bobby," or "Mr. Fix-It" by everyone, Manifold worked hard in everything he did and always had a smile.

Manifold is survived by his wife, Charlene; six children, Ronnie Manifold, Teresa Jessee, William Martin, Debra Hoffman, Scott Teague and Julie Neal; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a brother, Mike. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Garnet Manifold, a brother, Ralph Manifold and a sister, Betty Sayre.

In addition to the fair, Bob Manifold served his community and his country. He was on the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years. He attended First Christian Church in Mooreland, and was a member of Mooreland Cemetery Board and Masonic Lodge. He also was a veteran of the United States Army.

If there ever was an "Indispensable Man" for the Mooreland Fair, it was Bob Manifold. He couldn't remember when he started working for the fair, because he grew up doing it. His dad, Howard Manifold, was one of the fair's founders in 1939. Howard was so enthusiastic about the fair that from the time the fair resumed in 1948 after the war, he drew Bobby, then a teenager, into the preparations.

In a 1989 interview, Bob told how they started preparing for each fair as soon as they took down the previous year's exhibits. Collecting and exhibiting antiques provided a strong motivation for the family interest in the fair, but it was their experience in the Manifold Heating and Plumbing

Just how much he was actually doing for the fair was brought home to everyone in the summer of 1988 during his recuperation from a heart attack. Although he made some surprise appearances on the fairgrounds, most of the physical work was done by others under his instruction. Bob gave these workers credit: "I don't know who all helped, Fair Board and others, but it seemed like everybody just pitched in." Ronnie Manifold and Scott Teague were a big help that year and still do much of the actual work involved with the fair. For several years, they have served along with Bob on the Fair Board. Ronnie began a term as vice president this year.

## Ham 'n' Beans sales benefit local food bank, mission work

The Mooreland Friends Church will once again be serving Ham 'n' Beans, cornbread, sausage sandwiches, peach cobbler and drinks. You can find them at the west end of the fairground in the antique building. This outreach has been around since 1978. The church and all who help try to make it a place where everyone can sit down, relax and enjoy a wonderful meal.

In the first year 300 pounds of beans were sold, now it is about 750 pounds. Many hogs are purchased to serve the tasty whole-hog sausage sandwiches. Many ovens are busy during the week baking close to 400 pans of cornbread and 100 pans of peach cobbler. The aroma can be detected throughout the Mooreland community as volunteers prepare for

After his heart attack, Bob went back to work at Delco Remy in Anderson, saying that he was "too young to retire." He continued to take his vacation for the fair and to spend his after-work hours, until he retired in 1993, in preparation for it. One of his major goals became to make himself "dispensable," training others in his specialties and installing equipment which required less annual movement and maintenance. Bob hoped that his projects would pay big dividends for future fairs. "I'd like to

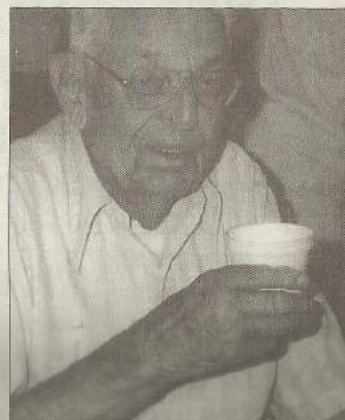
get things where you could just replace a few light bulbs and flip a switch."

Of course, it will never be that easy. As Bob would tell you, everybody wants something different. But Bob, like his father before him, left a legacy for the fair in the improvements he made. When asked his views on the future of the fair, Bob called upon his dad's vision for it. "They were always changing it, trying to make it better... We're going to have to keep changing it."

## Astor Main

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On Saturday night of the 2002 fair, Astor Main's fellow board members surprised him with a party in honor of his 90th birthday. No matter how busy they were on the fairground, everyone managed to get to the party. How fitting that it should have been during the fair, at the fair. And to quote a Mooreland resident who has known him ever since high school, "I never hears of anyone who had anything against Astor Main."



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business which made them "indispensable" to other exhibitors.

Gradually Bob did more and more of the skilled work, mostly electrical, which was essential to set up the fair. He joined the Fair Board and was faithful in attendance at meetings, sometimes bringing up ideas for improvement of the fair infrastructure, sometimes just quietly doing the work, then filling the board in on what had been done. No one ever questioned that Bob Manifold knew what he was doing.

the fair.

Workers at the Bean Tent find their effort to be a rewarding experience both in fellowship and service as they work together to provide the meal to the customer.

The profit from the Mooreland Friends Church Bean Tent are designated for mission work in both the United States and foreign countries. A portion of the profits also go to support the Mooreland Area Food Pantry which serves Mooreland and the surrounding community.

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