

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service – York Family

Monday, August 4

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 5

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
7:00 p.m. Mini-Rods & Farm Stock 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
9:00 p.m. Karaoke

Wednesday, August 6

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
7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Crank off in the Entertainment Pav.

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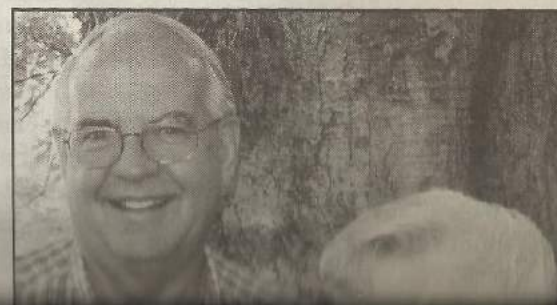
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August 4-9, 2008

What a trip . . . Max & Judy James

Judy and Max James live in the country, in a peaceful part of northern Henry County, but their lives are far from leisurely or uneventful.

They have had many careers between them, although Max says that once he started driving buses, he never stopped. He started with school buses and then began to drive the tour buses he now takes all over the country. This year he has about 100 trips planned, some with school groups and some with tour groups.



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Thursday, August 7

- 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 8

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind Antique Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. Lucas Oil Pro Pulling Truck & Tractor Pull
- 7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
- 7:15 p.m. Gospel Concert

Saturday, August 9

- 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 - "Snapshots of Life"
- 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 & Truck Pull followed by Adult Pedal Pull
- 7:30 p.m. Queen & Princess Coronation
- 8:00 p.m. Merchandise Drawings & Parade Results
- 9:00 p.m. Bluegrass

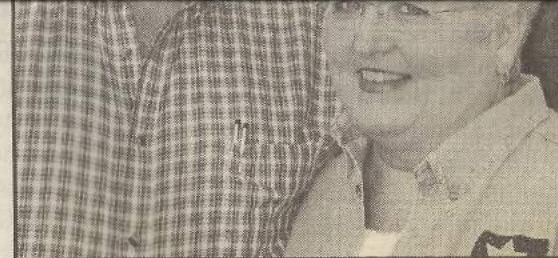
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tours, the company which he and his wife, Judy, founded and operate.

Even when the James' are at home, their phone often rings with questions about upcoming tours. A recent sell-out was a trip to West Baden and French Lick. Later this year will be several tours to more distant destinations, including Glacier National Park, Branson, and Gatlinburg. Some popular destinations such as Nashville and Branson are scheduled more than once a year. There are also many one-day trips at low cost for dinners, concerts, and ball games in Indiana or nearby.

Judy is always a hostess, whether escorting a tour group or just working in her church and community. She bubbles with enthusiasm when talking about helping people have a good time. Food is a big part of the reason people enjoy JuMa Tours. Max's mother, Charline James, was known in this area for her wedding catering. Max's father, Charles James, a farmer who got Max started in farming, also helped with her catering. Then Judy and Max's sister, Phyllis Battice, got into the catering business. Judy says, "I love it!"

Among Judy's other careers are her 12 years in food service at Ball State. She applies her



Max & Judy James

experience to dealing with restaurants where the tour buses stop.

She has also used these skills at the fair. When the Fair Board first took over the Food Tent, Judy was one of the general chairmen, along with Betty Linville, Jane Bales and Janet Modjeski. Judy remembers some of 'the kids,' including Kim, Steven, and Jennifer James, sleeping on the tables. Everything had to be moved from storage buildings to the tent..

Now Judy works just one day in the Food Building - on Wednesday for Mary Murray, serving, among other things, cold drinks and doughnuts to customers from the baby contest.

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Mooreland Free Fair . . .

A lifetime affair for Eric Miller

George Eric Miller is a Mooreland native who has been involved with the Fair almost his entire life. As an 8-year old, he rode with his dad, George Miller and Gene Parker as they collected ads. Eric remembers sorting 3.5 cards into stacks for Blountsville and Mt. Summit as they approached each town.

Later, Eric became interested in antique tractors. He helped Norman Waltz with threshing exhibitions until those were discontinued. He helped put up tents and did other

jobs as needed around the Fairgrounds. In 1988, he started the Antique Tractor Show back by the "bean tent." That exhibit still goes on and Eric still shows the 1937 Model B his grandpa, Elmer Manifold, bought in Mooreland from the Conway Brothers.

Among his major contributions to the Fair activities are the pedal pulls. In 1982, he put on the first kiddie pull with the sled, and in

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Wednesday is also the day Judy's home economics club, the Young Moderns serve.

On Thursday evening, along with the other Young Moderns, Judy sells ride tickets, and on Saturday she helps Lori Clone line up parade entries and pass out ribbons. On Saturday night, Max usually helps out in the Entertainment Building by singing to the outgoing and incoming Mooreland Fair Queens.

Max likes to see the excitement in school children's faces when they go on a school trip and to feel that he has been a positive influence in their lives. Teachers and sponsors tell him what they want to see. He plans the trip so they can do what they want with the time and money they have. He has a lot of driving experience, especially helpful in getting around big cities like New York and Washington, D.C. He says the students often meet him on the street years later and say, "I remember you; you were our bus driver!"

The James' always have a booth in the commercial building at the Fair. Before the JuMa Tours booth started in 1992, they had a Christian Witness Booth. Max attended Bible College and pastored a church for several years. They are now active in Center Chapel United Methodist Church, where Max is a lay leader and opens Sunday School each week. Judy is leader of family ministries and in charge of funeral dinners and the bazaar.

Judy feels that the JuMa Tours booth is more of a connection with the community than a business tool. People just come by to talk. She thinks

Judy and Max have two grandchildren in college. Son, Steven, lives in Scottsburg and has two boys, one in college studying criminal justice and the other recently played in a baseball tournament in Coopertown, N.Y.

Daughter Kim Dickerson and her husband, Mike, also have two children. Daughter, Karen, attends Bethel College at Mishawaka, where she is a vocal performance major. Son, Matthew is a third grader at Sunnyside. Kim occasionally helps out in the booth and enjoys seeing people she went to school with and community friends.

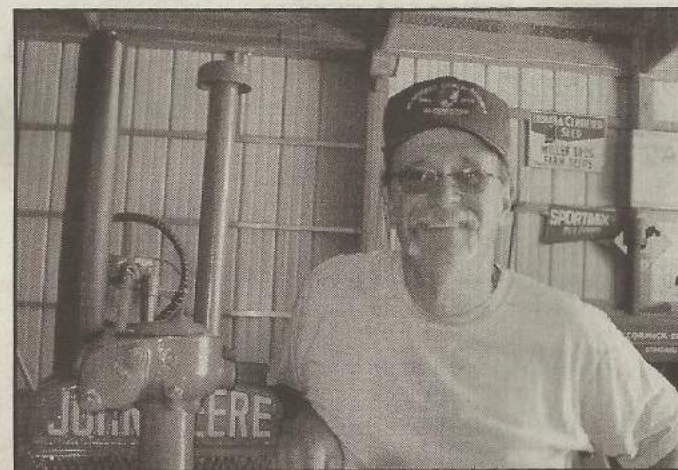
Enjoyment of the fair goes back a generation, too. Both Max's mother, Charline James, and Judy's mother, Virginia Johnson, are still active and look forward to coming to the fair.

Whatever your age, in Judy's words, "spending time visiting with old friends, enjoying all the great fair food and staying busy with all the activities at the fair is the way to have a great time the second week of August!"

Besides the booth, tickets, ribbons, food building and taking a couple of "day trips" during the fair, Judy also helps Joyce Kirby take in and set up the homemaking exhibits.

If someone would like to get involved with the fair, Judy suggests sitting with the exhibits would be a good place to start. The quilts, food, sewing and crafts have to be supervised all week.

Max and Judy have been through a lot, good and bad, in their years together. They know what it is to lose everything, as they did when their



Eric Miller has spent many hours doing several jobs for the Mooreland Free Fair. In recent years his interests have turned to tractors.

Eric Miller

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2006, the first adult pedal pull. Eric has kept a record of the number of "hooks" (hooking a sled to a tractor) in the kiddie pulls over the years. The kiddie pull typically has 85-90 participants in three different age groups. The newer adult pulls have been attracting 15-20 participants each year. Adult pulls include competitions between fire departments and police departments for charity. Although the adult pull is fun, he says that it is different with little kids. "You just never know what will come out of their mouths!"

Eric plans throughout the year by visiting events in other places to observe new innovations to make the fair pulls more successful. This year, his schedule includes the kiddie pedal pull on the cement slab behind the food building on Monday, followed by the antique tractor show on Wednesday Thursday, and Friday, and the adult pedal pull on Saturday night "in the dirt."

Eric's priorities besides the fair include his wife of 37 years, Martha, along with his two daughters, Kim Jenks and Kristy Miller. And, of course, the addition of a granddaughter, Evelyn Jenks, who will be two in August. Although Evelyn lives in Fishers, she has already begun participating in the fair festivities, winning the Baby Contest for "Biggest Eyes" in 2007. Eric retired from Chrysler in 2003 and is farming. However, he states, "When people need something done, I go." Martha retired as well, after working in the banking industry for 38 years. They still reside in the Mooreland area and are enjoying their retirement. Some of Eric's other work in the community involves the cemetery. Each year before Memorial Day, Eric and Owen Dale Brown put flags on the veterans' graves. Eric gives credit to Tom and Mary Lou Koontz for locating most of the military graves. It

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that the strength of the fair is the way people come back just to enjoy it. It makes you feel good, she says, to hear people say, "I take my vacation for the fair." or "Mooreland - isn't that where they have the fair?"

Jennifer James, the youngest of Judy and Max's children, is probably the one most interested in the fair. She lives in New Castle.

house burned a few years ago. And they know what it is to be at the mercy of the weather, as they were just this summer when a violent storm hit as their tour bus was coming down I-69. That's why they recently worked with WGNR to promote personal kits for disaster relief. As Judy says, "We've been there!"

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