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May 3 & 4, 2024

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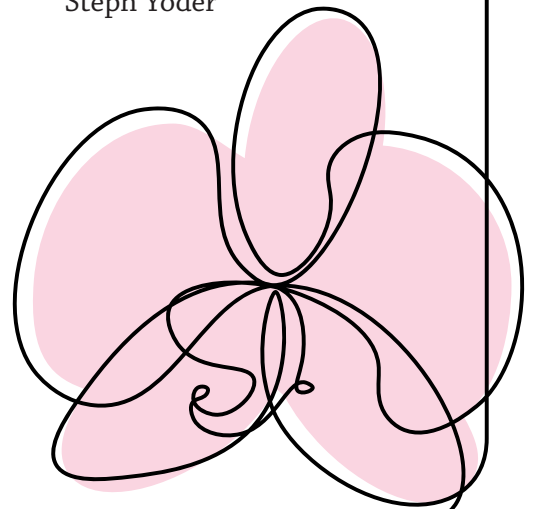
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# 2024 Grand Marshal: Laurie Sherck

Every year for Mayfest, a Grand Marshal is selected by the Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association (SRMA). This individual is one who actively contributes to and promotes our community. Recognized for her efforts within the community, the 2024 Mayfest Grand Marshal is Laurinda Sherck, known by most as Laurie.

Laurie and her husband Steven have four children, fourteen grandchildren and two foster grandchildren. Laurie grew up in Emma with her parents Joe and Kathryn Lehman. Aside from time spent at college, Laurie has lived in LaGrange County her whole life.

"My love for Shipshewana goes waaaaay back," Sherck says. Laurie's first job was at Wana Cup, and many of her childhood friends that she grew up with lived in Shipshe.

"You might say Shipshewana was my stompin' grounds growing up. In 2007, I took a part-time job working for Head Over Heels located in the Davis Mercantile. When I would drive to work in Shipshewana, a feeling would come over me that is hard to describe. It felt like I was coming home. To me, Shipshewana is not just the location. It is the people in Shipshewana that warm my heart."

Laurie's first grandson, Malachi, was born in 2004. Shortly after his birth, he lost much of his intestines. Though the doctors did not anticipate him to live more than two days, Malachi

lived to be 19 years old. At one year old, Malachi needed a liver and intestine transplant to survive; he was the first baby in the nation at that time to receive transplants from two different living donors.

Though the expenses were astronomical, individuals and merchants in Shipshewana pulled together to help provide items for a haystack supper and benefit auction for a baby they had never met.

"The outpouring of love for our family at that time is hard to put into words," Laurie says. "Even though on December 12, 2023 we lost our sweet Malachi at age 19 due to medical complications, his story is still a story of a miracle," Laurie explains. "Shipshewana was a piece of Malachi's miracle story. The heart of Shipshewana is compassion. That compassion helped a family at a critical time in their lives, and I am so grateful!"

Laurie has served as Office and Scholarship Manager at the LaGrange County Community Foundation for the past four years. Prior to working at the Foundation, she served as Executive



Director of the Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association.

"When I was asked to serve as Director for the Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association Director in 2015 I felt humbled and unqualified, but at the same time, I looked at it as an opportunity to give back to a community that I loved. I served as director of the SRMA from January 2015 until the end of September 2019. I will always carry wonderful memories and some incredible stories from that experience. I met amazing people, heard amazing stories and loved working alongside the business owners of Shipshewana."

A few more of the many unique life experiences Laurie has experienced include childcare director, legal secretary, nonprofit director and breast cancer survivor. Most recently, Laurie joined the ranks of the retired and is looking forward to some new adventures.

"I am incredibly humbled to be the Grand Marshal of this year's Mayfest Parade," Laurie exclaimed. "All I can say is Thank You!"

Congratulations and thank you to Laurie Sherck, our 2024 Mayfest Grand Marshal! 📌



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Friday, May 3 • starting at 5 pm

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# Jim Barron, *Magician*

**T**here are magicians who amaze and comedians who make you laugh but few combine the two art forms like magician/comedian Jim Barron, who will bring his unique show to Shipshewana on May 3. Barron became interested in magic at the age of ten and, while in the fifth and sixth grades, often performed magic shows for classmates at Hamilton Elementary in Hamilton, Indiana.

"There weren't as many outlets for learning magic back then as there are today so I read and re-read every book on magic in the school library. After I'd read all those, I visited the library in Edon, Ohio which was just across the state line from my home in Alvarado


and read all theirs too," said Barron.

Today, Jim Barron performs for corporate events, festivals, fundraisers and even schools. Unusual and notable performances by Barron include escaping from a regulation straightjacket before nine thousand people during halftime at the first Ft. Wayne Freedom football game. He also successfully predicted the final score of a Ft. Wayne Wizards baseball game before a record, sold out crowd.

Upon graduation from Vincennes University with a degree in Broadcasting Technology, he started a career in radio, all the while perfecting the speaking and comedic skills he employs in his live comedy magic performance. Today,




when he's not appearing with his magic act, he's part of the award winning morning team at WBCL radio in Ft. Wayne.

Looking for entertainment for your next event? Barron guarantees to make yours unforgettable, outstanding and fun! He can be reached at 260-459-1745 or online at [majicjim@aol.com](mailto:majicjim@aol.com). 

# Acoustic *Harmony*

**L**ooking for a new music group to fill your speakers and sooth your ears? Watch these six individuals perform at Mayfest.





Acoustic Harmony is a group of good friends and family singing their blend of gospel, country, and bluegrass music.

Invite your own family and friends for some entertainment meant to put everyone in a good mood. 





# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS













## Key












-  = Main Tent
-  = Wolfe Building
-  = The Cove
-  = Town Park

## Friday

- 8:30 - 9:15am Jim Barron 
- 9:45 - 10:30am Jim Barron 
- 10:45 - 12pm Westview Band & Choir 
- 5:00pm Softball Tournament 
- 5:00pm Old Fashion Horse Races, *Pletcher Track*
- 5:30pm 3-on-3 Basketball 
- 5:45 - 6:45pm Acoustic Harmony 
- 7 - 8pm Lonesome Road Bluegrass 

## Saturday

- 7 - 10am Benefit Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale   
*by Marion Christian Fellowship*
- 7:30am Pickleball Tournament 
- 8am 3-on-3 Basketball   
*sponsored by LaGwana 260.463.4901*
- 8am Softball Tournament 
- 8am Volleyball Tournament 
- 8:15am Kids' Fun Run 
- 8:30am 5K Run 
- 10am The Grand Mayfest Parade\*
- 11:00am Art Awards 
- 11:00am Cornhole Tournament 
- 11:30am Balloon Artist, *Davis Mercantile porch*
- 11:30am -12pm David & Goliath Story 
- 12pm Kids' Pedal Pull, *on Depot Street*
- 12 - 6pm Second Balloon Artist 
- 12 - 6pm Face Painting 

- 12 - 7pm Barrel Train Rides 
- 12 - 7pm Bounce Houses, *East of Main Tent*
- 12:15 - 1pm John Dudley 
- 1pm K9 Demo 
- 1pm Kids Obstacle Course Races (16u)  
*East of Main Tent*
- 1pm Open Division 3-on-3 Basketball 
- 1:30 - 2:30pm Heartland Country Cloggers 
- 2pm Garden Tractor Pull, *North Harrison Street*
- 2pm Kids' Jousting (16u), *East of Main Tent*
- 2pm Century Division 3-on-3 Basketball 
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm David & Goliath Story 
- 3:30 - 4:15pm John Dudley 
- 4:30 - 5:30pm Sam Miller 
- 5:45 - 6:45pm Full Measure 
- 7 - 8pm Lonesome Road Bluegrass 

*\*All events will pause for the Parade • Events subject to change. • Food and activities all day long! • Food at corner of Main & Morton Street  
All activities downtown Shipshewana (near Main & Morton St.) unless noted otherwise.*





# Mayfest

May 3 & 4, 2024

Map

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Parade Route, Sat. 10am  
starts at the Shipshewana  
Auction parking lot

Parade  
Staging Area

# SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

## 7-10 AM

BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE SPONSORED BY MARION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Join us for the annual

### *Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser*

Partnered with Crushed But Not Broken

*Breakfast proceeds will go to  
Crushed But Not Broken of LaGrange, IN  
for a newly purchased house renovation.*



### *Bake Sale Fundraiser*

The Marion Christian Fellowship Youth Group  
will be selling baked goods during Mayfest.


*Proceeds of the bake sale will go to the Marion Christian  
Fellowship Youth for their West Virginia Mission Trip.*



# LONESOME ROAD BLUEGRASS



Lonesome Road Bluegrass is a group of six siblings who began playing music together approximately four years ago. The oldest, Ken, is from Drasco, Arkansas. Sherri is from Macon, Mississippi. The four younger siblings are still at home in Summersville, Missouri.


Lonesome Road Bluegrass members include Ken on bass; Sherri on rhythm guitar, lead and harmony vocals; Kevin on lead guitar, lead and harmony vocals; Jessica on rhythm guitar, lead and harmony vocals, and she is also learning fiddle; Kody on banjo; and Cheyenne on mandolin and harmony vocals. 

## Heartland Country CLOGGERS

Since 1994, the Heartland Country Cloggers have been dancing their way into the hearts of the people throughout Northern Indiana. They do both traditional and contemporary performances.

Dancers in the group range from the young to the young-at-heart; each Clogger is dedicated to the joy of performing his or her art. Appreciative audiences are their greatest reward. They have performed at county fairs, festivals, nursing homes, parades, private parties and many more.

The word “clog” is a Gaelic term meaning “time.” Clogging is “time” dancing in which the heel is the time keeper. With roots in European and

African steps and styling, clogging is the dance was first unique to Southern Appalachia. It is great family-fun and exercise. 





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## Cornhole TOURNAMENT MAYFEST 2024

**MAY 4  
11:00 AM**

Located at the Wolfe Building Parking Lot

Cost is \$50 per team

**CASH PRIZES!**

2 Divisions: Competition & Advanced  
Round Robin Starts at 11:00 am  
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# JOHN DUDLEY,

## *Magician*

John is a magical entertainer for the young and the young-at-heart. From the opening tricks to the grand finale, John's show holds the audience in wonder. His show has thrilled audiences throughout the Midwest at festivals, company picnics, libraries, school assemblies and county fairs.


Every second of the show has the audience involved and totally entertained. John enjoys having the audience participate, permitting them to feel like part of the show. John's show combines some of the oldest magical methods known to man with modern fast-paced fun, so a good time is **GUARANTEED!**

Inspired by his seventh grade teacher, John chased a lifelong dream of entertaining and amusing others. Now you can reap the benefit of years of study and practicing to make sure your event is a **SUCCESS!** 



# SAM MILLER

Sam Miller is a singer/songwriter originally from Lewisburg, Kentucky, now living in Middlebury, Indiana.

He writes and sings a lot of his own songs but he also does a fair amount of cover songs from his favorite musicians. 



# Shipshewana Mayfest

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### OPEN & CENTURY DIVISIONS

*Saturday, May 4, 2024*

At The Cove: 705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not A Player's Name)

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Open ☐ Century ☐

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 4)

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 4)

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 4)

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 4)

**T-Shirts for all  
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Open and Century Divisions \$75

**Entry Deadline April 19, 2024**

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**STARTS AT 1 PM**

*Cash Prizes*

**STARTS AT 2 PM**

**Must keep 100 years of experience on the court.**

**CENTURY DIVISION:** Teams limited to 4 players (Century Division must keep 100 years on the court with 3 players at all times). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 1.

**For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.**

**OPEN DIVISION:** Teams limited to 4 players, can be over 18 (but don't HAVE to be). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 2.

*Players cannot play in both the Century and Open Divisions.*

#### **Guidelines:**

Referees will call the games (their decisions are final). Tournament is double elimination. Cash awards of \$200 (first place) and \$100 (second place) will be awarded. Entries (in these divisions only) will still be accepted until day of tournament. Must be at least three paid entries for

competition to take place. Each team to pay \$75 entry fee with pre-registration (in our office by April 19). **All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts.** After that, please bring your \$75 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments. **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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# FULL MEASURE



Full Measure features songs in classic country and gospel style, and loves finding good harmonies with their vocals along with a little yodeling mixed in now and again. Band members include Matt Schwartz on acoustic guitar/vocals, Sheila Mullet Schwartz on keyboard/vocals, Amos Wickey on electric guitar/vocals, and Ken Miller on steel guitar. Having been in various bands through the years, each member brings their own musical experience to the group. Full Measure plays at festivals, fairs, and private events in the northern Indiana and southern Michigan areas. Find Full Measure at [www.facebook.com/harmonies4u](https://www.facebook.com/harmonies4u). 

**PICKLEBALL**

**MAY 4**  
**7:30 AM**  
Located at The Cove

2 Divisions: Open & 15U  
→ Entry Fee: ←  
Open - \$20 per player  
15U - \$10 per player

**PRIZES FOR 1ST AND 2ND!**

Deadline to enter Tourney:  
May 1 at 6:00 pm

Round Robin, then Double Elimination. Number of rounds determined by amount of teams. Call or text to enter: 260-350-9312



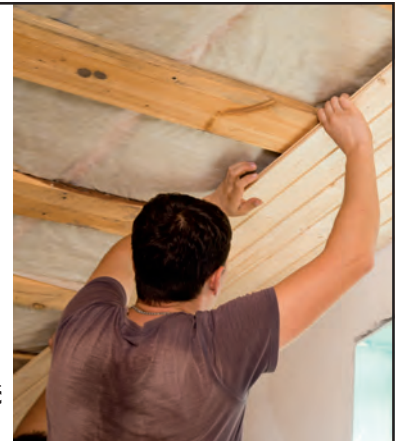
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