

# MAYFEST

MAY 5 & 6, 2023

*Theme: Friends and Neighbors*



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Mayfest 2023 Theme:

# FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS


by Mariah Contreras, Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association Director



This year's Mayfest theme was inspired by Shipshewana's tight-knit community and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're a longtime resident or just visiting for a short while, everyone is treated as a friend or neighbor here in Shipshewana. At Mayfest this year, you will see even more

kids' activities and new entertainment. There's something for everyone at Shipshewana's Mayfest Celebration!

This year's theme also represents what the Bible says about loving your neighbor: "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all of your soul, and all of your mind. This is

the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39.) We hope that this year's Mayfest celebration can be a testament to that, by loving our neighbors as ourselves. 

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**A** Grand Marshal is selected each Mayfest season by the Shippshewana Retail Merchants Association (SRMA) to honor an individual who actively contributes to and promotes our community. This year's 2023 Mayfest Grand Marshals are Shippshewana residents, Jay and Kristin Chupp.

Jay and Kristin were chosen by the SRMA due to their willingness to volunteer, donate, or help in any way needed. They were also chosen because of their involvement in the community through the businesses they co-own, E&S Sales and Country Road Fabrics, alongside Jay's two brothers and two brothers-in-law.


In addition to co-owning the businesses, Jay serves on the board of the LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and he is Vice-President of ARC of LaGrange County. He has also volunteered as a teacher for Junior Achievement for the past ten years. Jay had served on the SRMA board for a number of years, serving as President and Director for part of that time. Since coming off of the board, he continues to play an active role in SRMA-sponsored festivals, such as organizing kid's games and events for Mayfest.

Though they feel unworthy, Jay and Kristin are grateful for all the blessings that God has granted them. Jay is energized by giving back and being a part of the community but could not enjoy his community involvement without the support of his wife and best friend, Kristin.

"Kristin is my rock! She puts up with a lot," says Jay. "I thank God daily for my beautiful wife who mothers my eight awesome kids and keeps things functioning in our home."

Jay and Kristin have asked two of their employees to ride in the parade in their place. "Without our many dedicated employees, we would not be able to function. We selected Markeus Horst and Marlin Miller to take our place in the parade; they are the two carry-outs who have been with us the longest."

Jay, Kristin, and their eight children live just west of Shippshewana and enjoy calling the town their home. Jay and Kristin give thanks to God for placing them in this community.

Congratulations and thank you to Jay and Kristin Chupp, our 2023 Mayfest Grand Marshals! 




# 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!**

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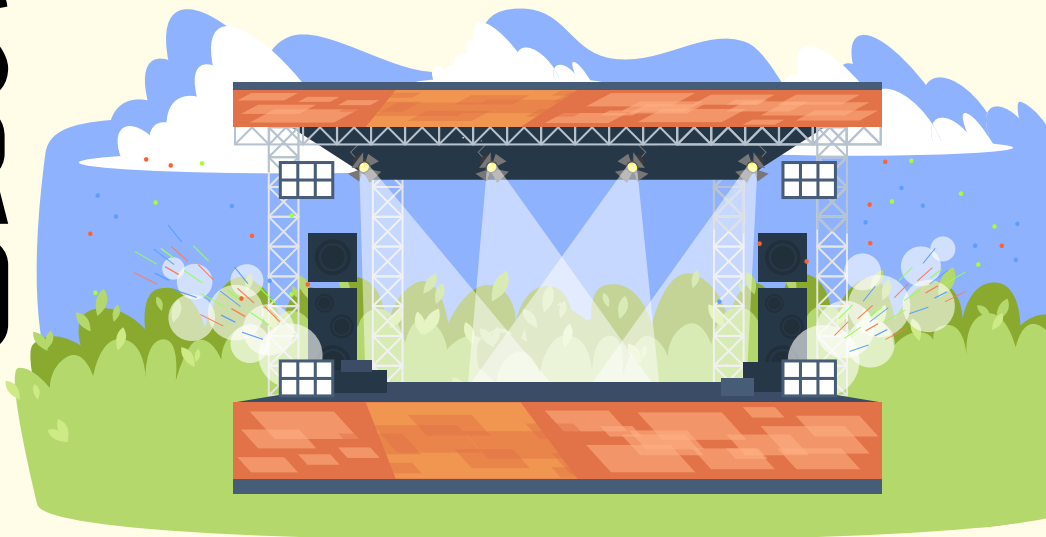
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# JIM BARRON, *Magician*




**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 Shippshewana on May 6. 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

- 7 - 10am** Benefit Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ●  
*by Marion Christian Fellowship*
- 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\*
- 11am** Kids Pedal Pulls, *after parade, on Depot Street*
- 11:30am** Art Awards ●
- 11:30am** Balloon Artist, *Davis Mercantile porch*
- 12pm** Cornhole Tournament ●
- 12 - 12:45pm** Jim Barron ●
- 12 - 6pm** Second Balloon Artist ●
- 12 - 6pm** Face Painting ●
- 12 - 7pm** Barrel Train Rides ●
- 12 - 7pm** Bounce Houses, *East of Main Tent*

## Friday

- 8:30 - 9:15am** John Dudley ●
- 9:45 - 10:30am** John Dudley ●
- 12:15 - 2pm** Westview Bands & Choirs ●
- 5:00pm** Softball Tournament ●
- 5:30pm** 3-on-3 Basketball ●
- 5:45 - 6:45pm** Moonlight Bluegrass ●
- 7 - 8pm** Chris Graber Band ●

## Saturday

- 1pm** K9 Demo ●
- 1pm** Kids Obstacle Course Races (16u), *East of Main Tent*
- 2pm** Kids' Jousting (16u), *East of Main Tent*
- 2pm** Open Division 3-on-3 Basketball ●
- 2pm** Garden Tractor Pull, *North Harrison Street*
- 2:30 - 3:15pm** Heartland Country Cloggers ●
- 3pm** Century Division 3-on-3 Basketball ●
- 3:30 - 4:15pm** Jim Barron ●
- 4:30 - 5:30pm** Acoustic Harmony ●
- 5:45 - 6:45pm** Ira Mullet ●
- 7 - 8pm** Johnson Bentley Band ●



\*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.





Softball Tournament  
Volleyball Tournament  
3-on-3 Basketball  
& 3 pt Shootout Contest



Wolfe Building

Cornhole

Pavilion

Face Painting  
Second Balloon Artist  
K-9 Demo

Restrooms

5K Registration



Garden Tractor Pull

Barrel Train Rides  
Pedal Pull

Depot Building

Food Court  
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Main Tent

Kids' Area

Stage

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



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11:30am Sat.

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# MAYFEST

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Map

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

Parade Staging Area

**\$5** Unlimited attempts to qualify.  
\$5 per attempt. Maximum  
points to score in one minute:  
25 balls = 35 points

Sat., May 6  
at The Cove

Divisions & Sat.  
Shoot Out Times:  
*times subject to change*

12 and under  
1:30 pm

15 and under  
2:00 pm

18 and under  
2:30 pm

Open (all ages)  
3:00 pm



# 3 POINT SHOT CONTEST

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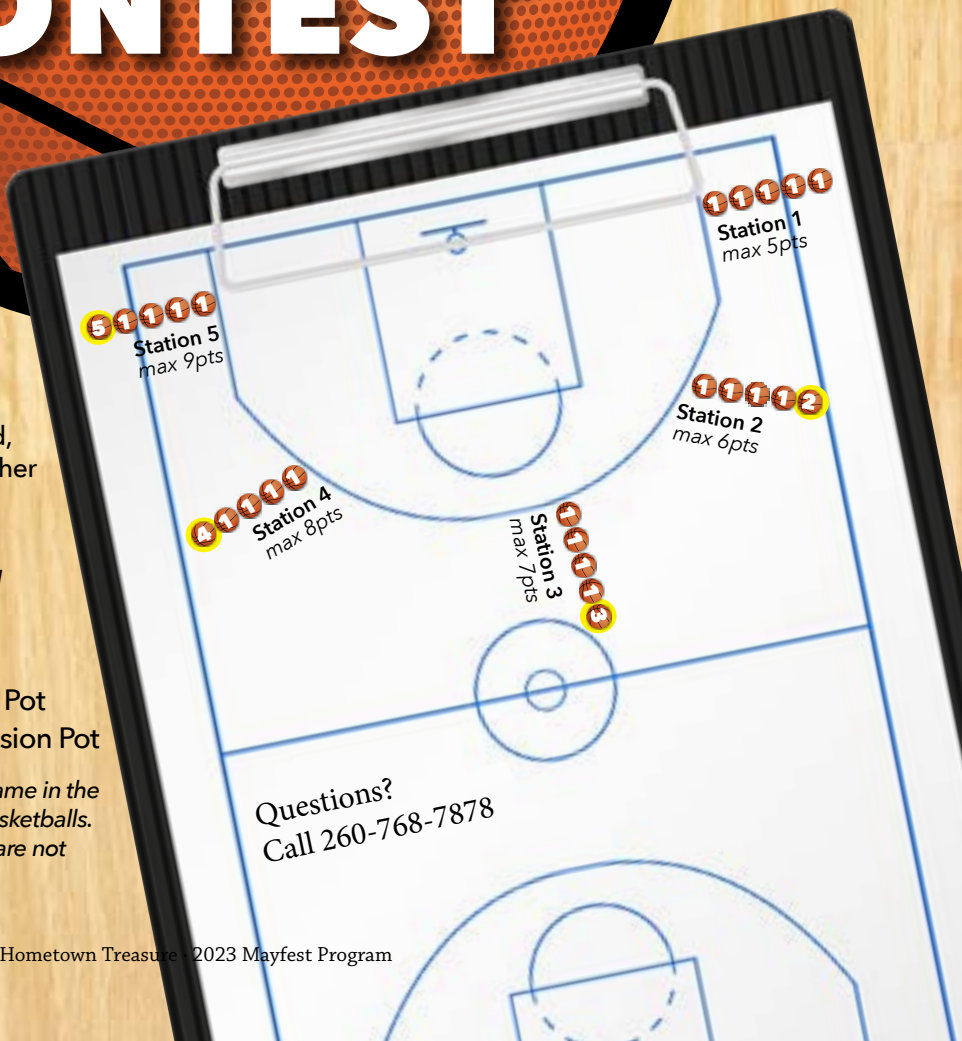
A player cannot be on the leader board more than once. Only their top score will be kept. At set time, shooters with top five scores will have a shoot off. All players tied with 5th best score will qualify. During the prize round, a tie for first or second will result in another shoot-off between those shooters tied.

**Prizes:** Each division will start with \$25 in the pot, each attempt in that division will add \$3 to the pot! Top qualifiers and pot value for each division will be posted and updated continuously.

**Division Runner-up:** 25% of Division Pot

**Overall Division Winner:** 75% of Division Pot

**Drawing:** every paid entry will get their name in the drawing for a chance to receive one of five basketballs. Must be present to win. Prize money winners are not eligible to win basketballs.



# Shipshewana Mayfest

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY OPEN & CENTURY DIVISIONS

*Saturday, May 6, 2023*

At The Cove: 705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Division: Open  Century

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 6)

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 6)

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 6)

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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**T-Shirts for all  
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Open and Century Divisions \$75

**Entry Deadline April 21, 2023**

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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 21). **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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# Heartland Country CLOGGERS



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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 a combination of tap dance, square dance and Irish step. In this country, the dance was first unique to Southern Appalachia. It is great family-fun and exercise. 



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# IRA MULLET

*Local  
Singer/Songwriter*

Ira Mullet is a local singer/songwriter from Shipshewana, Indiana. After a season of hardships, he produced his first album "You Carried Me" in an effort to share the inspiration of hope, healing, and encouragement in this journey of life. His music is a mixture of Country Gospel as well as well-known traditional cover songs that are focused on the testimony of God's Grace. 📍



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# SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 7-10 AM

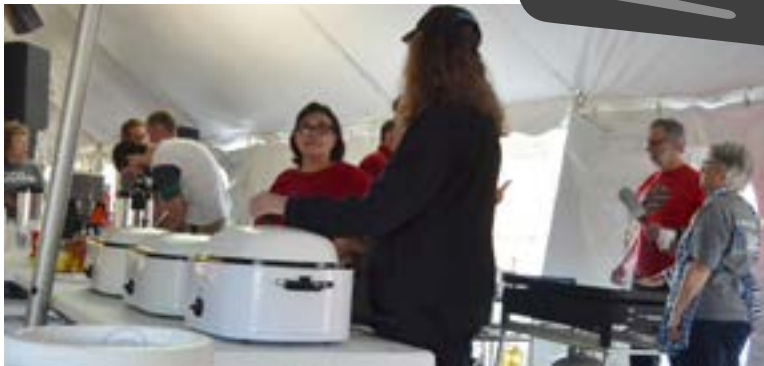
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# JOHNSON BENTLEY BAND

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