? At the regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Heritage Weekend, Inc. Thursday evening, July 17, Heritage Chairman, Dale “Chip” White announced, “the first three Saturdays in August- 2, 9, and 16, are work days”. “There’s lots of maintenance and preparation to be done before the festival in September”, White said. Volunteers are asked to bring appropriate tools, equipment, etc. in order to get the Heritage grounds and building readied for the upcoming festival. Lunch will be served all three days. This year is the 33rd annual festival of the Lanesville Heritage Weekend, Inc. which will be held September 12, 13, and 14.

On Thursday evening, September 11 at 7 o’clock, an Antique Tractor Pull only will be held. There are three categories: Antique, (1940-1955): 4,500 lb; 5,000 lb; and 5,500 lb; all (3 MPH Maximum). Antique (1960 and older); 12,500 lb; (3 MPH). Antique (1959 and Older) 4.500 lb and 6,500 lb; all 3 (4 MPH Maximum and Cut tires). Announcers for all the Pulls will be Buck Mathes and Tim Smith. Thursday night food will be available from the Heritage Food Booth only. For information on the tractor pulls, contact David Walther 812-952-3473 or Virgil Jawtak at 812-952-8865.

The featured tractor this year is Ferguson: (Massey-Harris: Massey Ferguson), the featured gasoline engine is Massey-Harris; Kitten is the featured steam engine.

The Lanesville Heritage Weekend is hosting the 2008 Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America (FENA) exposition. According to Amy Watson, co-chairperson of the antique tractor display, a Ferguson TO-20 tractor will be dismantled and reassembled by four gentlemen from Ireland. According to Watson, it will take 20-22 minutes because of the metric tools in Europe versus the standard tools here in America. “This is quite a sport in Europe.” Watson said. A 6-man crew in Europe, according to Watson, can reassemble this same tractor in 12-15 minutes, after which it will immediately be driven around on the grounds.

The theme for this year’s parade is “Sharing Our Heritage”. Larry and Jo Ann Baker Co-chairpersons of the parade may be contacted by calling them at 812-952-3206 for reservations. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, August 31.