

Leota Country Frolic set for August 20-22 - Celebrating 125th anniversary

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Fun and fellowship will fill the small village of Leota August 20-22 as the community celebrates the annual Leota Country Frolic.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this special event as the village starts to fill a field of Tractors of all kinds and all ages including many antiques along with other equipment. The tractors will be coming in all day on Thursday, August 20 and into Friday, August 21. Booths will be set up in preparation for the big time over the three days. Last year there were 100 tractors and organizers hope for more this year. New this year there will be a Tractor parts and Miscellaneous swap meet.

The yearly event will begin with the Euchre Tournament on Thursday at 6 p.m. for registration and 6:30 to play for the championship. Many people take part in this each year and have a wonderful time.

Everything will be ready for crowds wanting to enjoy the day on Friday and Saturday activities. There will be demonstrations of all kinds along with the popular Arts and Crafts and the Flea Market. The celebration will offer Good Music, visiting the old friends and making new ones. There will be great food served by the Finley Volunteer Fire Department featuring all types of homemade pies, other desserts, fish, bratwurst, tenderloin, bean soup. French fries, hot dogs and more.

The New Chapel Church tent will also be serving breakfast on Saturday morning as well as other good food on Friday and Saturday. Sit and relax while you eat.

Begginning on Friday, August 21, there will be a cross cut saw demonstration the field of tractors and antiques. Learn how people used to saw in times past. You will be able to cut a piece of block as a Leota souvenir. Many other demonstrations will be going on in the area for you to watch and receive information about many different arts.

The Leota Country Store will be open for you to visit with many lovely items that you might want to purchase. There are also some furniture items available also. You will want to look over the many things that Norma Fagersten has in the different rooms. While enjoying the Frolic there will be ice cream available provided for purchase by the Fagerstens on the porch of the old scale shed.

A free Pedal Pull will be held both Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. with a First Place Trophy for each class.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday there will be a Watermelon Eating Contest. At 12 noon there will be a talent showcase with no money or trophies awarded only ribbons.

A quilt raffle will be held with a queen size quilt made and donated by A.E.J. Fabrics of Scottsburg that has Covered Bridges on it. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Raffle tickets will be sold also on a Wooden Vegetable Cart made by Ward Bowen. There will be an eight inch plate with a covered bridge and \$125 anniversary of Leota printed on them for sale along with Leota Hats, Rada Paring Knives with Leota Frolic on handle and 3 Blade Knives with a Covered Bridge and a tiger wood handle that must be ordered special by calling Jim and Wilma Hall at 752-2498. There will be numerous other things for sale that will be interesting. We would like to express their appreciation to all who gave items to be sold to help support the Frolic and the Fire Department.

There is no charge to come and listen to the musicians and singers along with those others who will be performing throughout the Frolic. All are encouraged to come and take advantage of this pre-autumn Festival nestled in the heart of Finley Township. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the entertainment. Bales of straw will also be available on which to sit or people can sit in the stands.

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There will also be an civil war re-enactment scheduled as well.

There will also be 50 commemorative plats available at the cost of \$20 each for the festival featuring the covered bridge.

Demonstrations scheduled at the Frolic will include:

Blacksmith - Beacher Allen

Basket Weaving - Pam Higdon

Chair Caning - Deedra Hart

Decorative Painting - Debbie Mosier

Jewelry - Rhonda Stephens

Scroll Saw - Andy Smith

Miniature Hay Bales - Don Biegler.

Dulcimer - Russ Embry and John Sheckler.

Traveling Artist - Ryan Heacock.

Rug Weaving - Barbara Shirley.

China Painting - Anna Mae Kelley.

Entertainment

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 21

6 p.m. - Old Country Ham

6:40 p.m. - Brian Allen Band

7:20 p.m. - Janet Lynn Hattabuagh

8 p.m. - Next Door Band

8:40 p.m. - John Lowry (artist)

9:20 p.m. - Steve and Kayla Griffin

Saturday, August 22

11 a.m. - Watermelon eating contest

12 noon - Talent Contest

1:30 p.m. - Top Hat Band

2 p.m. - Tony Meyers (Old Louisville Express).

2:40 p.m. - Spare Change

3:20 p.m. - Marble Hill (Mike Johnson).

3:50 p.m. - Common Ground.

4:30 p.m. - Grandview Junction.

5:10 p.m. - The Gospel Seniors (quartet)

5:50 p.m. - Cabin Creek (John Cornett).

6:30 p.m. - Bluegrass Gospel Alliance (Dwayne Nicholson)

7:10 p.m. - Monty Turner (On the House).

7:50 p.m. - James White (Deer Creek).

8:30 p.m. - Josh Richards Band.

For more information contact Leon Dart at 1-812-216-0627 or Dennis McCleery at 752-2078. Set up fee for booths are \$20.