

124th annual Old Settlers meeting at Neavill's Grove

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The 124th annual Old Settlers Meeting, which is under the auspices of Neavill's Grove Inc., is the oldest continuous civic event in Jefferson County to meet in the same location under the same name.

This year's event is set this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 28-30.

Neavill's Grove is located about six miles northwest of Madison near Volga on Deputy Pike. It has many shade trees, an auditorium, picnic tables, benches and modern facilities which include a shelter house equipped with a kitchen.

On Friday, August 28, a spaghetti dinner will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a fiddle contest and jam session at 7 p.m. Prizes will be \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. For more information or to enter, call 1-812-866-4656 or 1-812-866-2891 or 1-812-265-2240.

The official opening will be on Saturday, August 29, at 10 a.m. with the National Anthem and a flag raising, followed by the 29th annual talent contest.

A Tractor Parade will begin at 12 noon featuring antiques, and the display of equipment will include working demonstrations of tractors.

A horseshoe pitching contest and cornhole tournaments is set for 1 p.m. for singles and doubles. This event is open to those 16 years and older. Entry fee is \$4. First and second place will receive 75% cash pay back awards. Registration is 30 minutes prior to the contest.

The 12th annual bake-off contest will start at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Mack at 1-812-273-3807.

Games and contests will begin at 1:30 p.m. for all ages. Prizes will be awarded. The event is designed for the whole family.

Joe Riggs will perform throughout Saturday afternoon.

Entertainment will also include music The Marlinaires from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

The Vicentennial Re-enactors throughout the afternoon and story telling.

The 25th annual homemade ham and bean supper will be served starting at 4 p.m.

Freddie B will perform at 5 p.m. on the keyboard.

Members of the Indiana Boots and Jeans will dance at 6 p.m.

The one-of-a-kind painted tile by Louis "Lou" E. Knoble will be auctioned at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, August 30, a worship service will be held at 10 a.m. with members of Hopewell/Smyrna-Monroe churches in charge of the service.

A chicken dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. with children's games for ages up to 12 to begin at 1 p.m.

A tractor parade will be held at 12 noon.

Gospel music will be performed at 1 p.m. featuring the Mullins Sisters and Band.

The community is invited to attend this special event and enjoy all the activities and food and fellowship.