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Marion County Fair searching for 1958 queen

INDIANAPOLIS – The Marion County Fair is looking for its queen – its very first queen, in fact!

Fair board president Ron Phillips and his board colleagues are in search of **1958 Marion County Fair Queen Janice Cook** for festivities celebrating the 80th annual Marion County Fair July 22-31, 2010.

Although the fair had been an annual event for many years, 1958 was the first year in which a fair queen was crowned.

“We know our first queen’s name, we know the year she was queen, but beyond that we have no idea where she lived in Marion County, what high school she attended, if she was in 4H, or if she’s still in the Indianapolis area,” Phillips said.

“We’re hoping Queen Janice hears about this, or family or friends hear about it and pass the word along to her,” he continued. “She can contact us by calling the Marion County Fair administration office at 317.353.2444, or e-mail us at marioncountyfair@comcast.net.”

The Marion County Fair was established in 1930 as a street fair in New Bethel (later renamed Wanamaker). Following several moves throughout the Wanamaker area, the fair relocated onto 123 acres of land at 7300 East Troy Avenue, where it remains today. Over 90,000 fairgoers annually enjoy hundreds of 4H displays and demonstrations, a wide variety of grandstand attractions, exhibits, concerts, equestrian competitions, mouth-watering fair food, carnival rides, and, yes, the Queen Pageant, during the 10-day event.

For additional information about the 80th annual Marion County Fair, log on at www.marioncountyfair.org.