



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Jamie's Flea Market Celebrates Its 40<sup>th</sup> Year at Annual Family Fun Day**

*Founder Martha Jamie will attend*

*Family business tradition lives on with Jamie's granddaughter and Mock daughters*

JULY 24, 2014 – S. AMHERST, OH – On Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie's Flea Market, Northern Ohio's largest flea market, will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> year as a flea market. Jamie's is family-owned, and since it began as an auction house and furniture store in the 1960s, has been owned and operated by the Jamie and Mock families. The flea market is a source of income for hundreds of indoor and outside vendors, and each week attracts thousands of shoppers and tourists from Ohio, neighboring states and beyond.

The founder, Martha Jamie, 98 years old, and her daughter Janice Ingersoll will attend the birthday celebration alongside the current owners, Lynette and Karen Mock, and general manager, Lorna Ingersoll, Jamie's granddaughter to blow out the candles on a cake baked especially for the occasion by Kiedrowski's, a long time vendor and local bakery. August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the same day as Jamie's main summer event, Family Fun Day. The annual celebration started in 2002, offers music, games and prizes for children and adults as a way to thank them for their continued patronage. "Today's event is ideal to celebrate 40 years of great finds and family fun at Jamie's Flea Market," says Ingersoll.

In the 1960s, Bill and Martha Jamie (pronounced Ja-may) opened an auction house on Telegraph Road in South Amherst, the current site of the flea market. In 1974, having built two buildings, the Jamies decided to rent out booth space to vendors, starting the business known today as Jamie's Flea Market, which in 1976 was sold to daughter Janice and her husband Stan. When Stan retired Ralph and Lolita Mock bought the flea market in 1983. The Mock's four daughters now own and operate the business. General Manager, Lorna Ingersoll who is Stan and Janice's daughter and her son Dan also works at the market, continuing the family tradition.

#### **About Jamie's**

Jamie's is Northern Ohio's largest flea market with 200 indoor vendors and space for up to 400 outside vendors. Over 250,000 people shop at Jamie's each year. The market is open all year, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with free admission and free parking.

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