

Moonshine Festival Set To Begin Friday

Parades, contests, food and country entertainment will highlight the annual New Straitsville Moonshine Festival to be held Friday, May 26, through Monday, May 29.

More than 35,000 are expected to attend the festival which will feature arts and crafts booths, food and civic organizations booths and an art show.

The State Department of Liquor Control will set up a still display and answer questions. The Department of Natural Resources will have a wildlife display and will sell souvenirs and moonshine pie.

Johnson Amusements of Hamilton will furnish about 15 rides and 30 attractions on the midway. All rides will be 40 cents each or three for \$1, and Johnson Amusements and New Straitsville Betterment Association will sponsor two family days when patrons can ride four hours at a cost of \$2.

Thursday will be the first such night, and children will be able to ride from 6 to 10 p.m. The little queen and queen contests will be held at 7 p.m., and a record hop with music by

the Boo Hoo Plus One will be held at 8 p.m.

Queens Day, Friday, May 26, will begin with an official opening at 6 p.m., and Mark Wade, ventriloquist, will perform at 6:45 p.m. Miss Moonshine and her court will be crowned at 7:30 p.m. The evening's entertainment will end with a street dance and show to the music of the Pleasant Mountain Bluegrass Boys at 8 p.m.

Saturday will be Kids Day, beginning with the Little Molly Jo Show at noon, followed by activities and contests at 1:15 p.m. and a water balloon contest at 2 p.m. Marko the Magician and Tarbaby the Clown will perform at 3:30 p.m., followed by a dog show at 4:30 p.m.

Little Miss Moonshine will be crowned at 6 p.m. WWVA Jamboree stars Bob Gallion and Patti Powell will perform at 7 p.m., followed by a street show at 8 p.m. with Bill Drake and the Rhythm of the Road. A second show will be presented at 9:30 p.m., followed by dancing until midnight.

A costume and beard contest

at noon will kick off Sunday, Old Fashioned Day. Kenny Yahn and the Country Knights will play at 1 p.m., Marko the Magician and Tarbaby the Clown will perform at 3:30 p.m., and the Americana Players at 4:30.

A show by the Capitals will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by an Old Fashioned Fiddlers Contest at 8 p.m., and a second show by the Capitals at 10 p.m.

Monday is Parade Day, and activities begin at noon with a Disco Dance Troup from Lancaster, presentation of visiting festival queens at 2 p.m., and the 1978 Grand Parade with over 75 units scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Grand Marshal Earl Green of WTVN-TV, Columbus, will lead the parade, which will feature bands, baton corps, floats, Shriners and antique cars. The Adelphi Community Band will perform at 4:15, and a street dance with music by Rated X at 5 p.m. will end the 1978 festival.

More information is available from Ken Burgess, Box 403, New Straitsville.

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