

Kingston festival opens

KINGSTON—Laura Opp was chosen to reign over the Kingston Geranium Festival during the annual festival queen contest Wednesday evening.

Dorcas Schwabach was chosen the festival's little queen and Michael Arledge was chosen little king during the opening night activities.

William F. "Fred" Likens was presented the Kingston Civic Club's Outstanding Citizen of the Year award. The 19-year-old queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Opp, Route 4.

Pam Goldberry, 13, was chosen the queen's first attendant in the contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Goldberry, Route 1. Second attendant is Tammy Edger, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edger, Route 1. Jane Yates, 15, was named an alternate member of the court. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yates, Route 3, Kingston. Curtis Pyle, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pyle, Kingston, was chosen Miss Compadre.

The 19-year-old little queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwabach, Hollidays. Her attendant is Cheryl Reed, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reed, Route 4, Circleville.

The little king, a seven-year-old is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arledge Jr., Route 1. The alternate is Jerry E. Balthouse 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Balthouse, Route 2, Kingston.

Likens received the citizen of the year award in recognition of his long involvement in a variety of community activities.

He formerly operated the Kingston Shell service station, and is now employed at DuPont. He is a former member of the fire department and has served as a scout leader. He was co-chair man of the Kingston Festival, organizer of the Geranium Festival, in his second year, and has remained active in the festival.

He assisted in designing and building the village park shelter house and planting trees and landscaping the park. He served four years on the village park board.

A parade opened the festival prior to the festival royalty contest. An estimated 3,000-4,000 persons visited the village park for the opening night.

Opening ceremonies were conducted by American Legion Post 81. The first night program also included country-western music by the Country Knights.

Tonight, activities will begin at 7 with a performance by the Circleville Senior Citizen Kitchen Band to be followed at 8 by a talent contest and songs by Kathryn Jones, who recently performed at the Miss Ohio contest.

Friday's program will include a musician-entertainer show by Mark Wade at 7 p.m., a square dance demonstration at 8 and a square dance at 9.

Saturday, the final day of the festival, will open its evening program with a grand parade led by Becky Lawrence, the current Ohio State Fair queen and Ohio Apple Queen. The parade is expected to have more than 50 units.

The Adolph Band will present a music program at 7 p.m. Saturday and another square dance will be held at 8.

The festival also includes an expanded carnival midway with equipment rides and games, and several food concessions, including a country star fish fry and pig roast. Other activities include ball games and a Saturday morning antique car show and program of contests and games for young people.

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