

LAURELVILLE

Village preps for 87th edition of fireman's festival

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LAURELVILLE — A lot has changed in America since 1923. Television made an appearance, first in black and white and then in color, to inform and entertain. Man walked on the moon. The Internet created a way to bring the world closer together.

What hasn't changed is that each July, the opportunity to have a good time in the streets of Laurelville returns like clockwork in the form of the Fireman's Old Time Festival. This year is no exception, with the 87th annual version of the popular event running Wednesday through Saturday on the Laurelville streets, the same as it did for the first time in 1923.

The festival has many of the trappings of traditional summer celebrations across the area. There are midway rides and games opening at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 1 p.m. Saturday. There are festival pageant contests at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. There's live entertainment that includes the Night Hawk Band

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For a schedule of events, visit the Laurelville Volunteer Fire Department website at www.laurelvillevfd.com/fest.htm.

Wednesday night, Willow Creek Band Thursday night, Idle Tymes Friday night and the First Capital Cloggers, Adelphi Community Band and OSU Alumni Brass Band Saturday afternoon.

And, of course, there's a grand parade set for 6 p.m. Saturday, and plenty of food and activities for children.

This festival, however, has something unique — "Ohio's most expensive cake auction." The event, which will take place at 9 p.m. Saturday, has set a new winning bid record each of the past 19 years, culminating in a pair of cakes last year going for a combined total of \$20,500.

Many of the activities will take place in downtown Laurelville at the junction of Ohio 56 and Ohio 180.

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