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# Laurelville queen youngest to ever reign at festival

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LAURELVILLE — Michele Ebert became the youngest Miss Laurelville Volunteer Fireman in the history of the firemen's Old Time Festival Thursday night.

Michele, 14, will be a freshman at Logan Elm High School this fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ebert,

Route 2, Laurelville. Her father is a member of the volunteer fire department.

Two 15-year-old Logan Elm sophomores were selected as the new queen's attendants. They are Robin Lynn Stump, first runnerup, the daughter of Mrs. Bea Stump, Route 1, Laurelville, and Lee Robinette, second attendant, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinette, Laurelville.

Judges for the contest were James Irwin, Ashville, representing the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Circleville; Kenley Freeman, city editor of the Logan Daily News; and Ruth Watts, fashion manager for Sharff's Fashions in Circleville.

The queen and her court will reign over the festival along with the Little Miss and Mister and Junior Miss and Mister Volunteer Fireman, who were chosen Wednesday night.

The Little Miss and Mister, for ages 3-5, are Lori Shaw and Billy Moss. Their attendants are Holly Whitcraft and Gary Hopkins.

The Junior Miss and Mister, for ages 6-8, are Dawn Renee Hartranft and Billy Cramblit. Their attendants are Denise Barton and Bryan Creager.

The community was deluged by a rainstorm with heavy wind and hail just before the evening's events were scheduled to start, but the storm ended without disrupting activities.

"I think it may have helped," a festival spokesman said. "It cooled things off. Everyone needed the rain on their gar-

dens, so they came out in a good mood."

The Thursday night crowd was estimated at 3,500, by the spokesman. Part of the turnout was attributed to the popularity of "Grooves Thang", the rock group which also performed last year's and became an instant hit with the young people.

The volunteer firemen set a Thursday night record for festival fish sales. "They were still selling at midnight," the spokesman said.

County music will be featured tonight when Nashville recording artist Doug Jones and The Mark III musical staff will present two performances, at 8 and 10 p.m.

On Saturday, the final day of the annual festival, the firemen's fish fry will begin at noon, and a carnival matinee, at which children can ride all rides for one price, will be held from 1-4 p.m.

Firemen will stage a water fight at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, and at 3, the Country Knights will present another country music program.

The festival parade will begin at 6 p.m. while the Adelphi Community Band will present a concert at 7. Beginning at 8, a country music program will feature The Mark III, Alma Mea, Farrell Adams and Mike Cutright.

The annual cake auction—featuring "Ohio's most expensive cakes" — will take place at 9:30. Last year, one of the cakes sold for \$355.

Festival activities will end with the annual square dance in the streets at 10.

## Valley shortens school days

pected to be \$1,107,821.44, leaving a deficit of \$101,278.75.

The budget, approved by the board, is an estimation of income and expenses for 1976. Actual amounts of spending will be determined in January when the board makes its appropriations for the various school expenses. The budget will be balanced at that time.

O'Dell said one of the main budgetary concerns of the school is the cafeteria fund. In 1975 the cafeteria had an income of \$93,500 and expenses of \$105,000. To meet the expenses, \$11,500 had to be transferred from the general fund to the cafeteria fund.

In 1976, the board has projected cafeteria income of \$116,000. O'Dell said it is difficult to operate the system's five cafeterias with the continuing inflation, and still maintain low school lunch prices.

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