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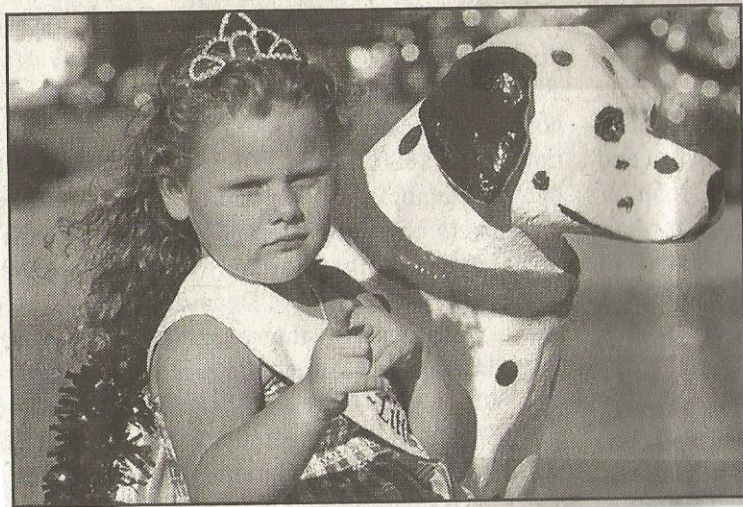
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## Laurelville Old Time Fireman's

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## Festival fun raises funds



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Kay Lynn Davis, this year's Little Miss Old Time Fireman's Festival, strikes a pose during the parade. At right, the Adelphi Community band, who played late Saturday afternoon, ride down Main during the parade.



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LAURELVILLE — The Fireman's Festival burned on until midnight Saturday as square dancers sashayed and Silver Spur played on the main streets of Laurelville.

The annual festival, celebrating its 84th year this summer, was one of the best that Laurelville Fire Chief Butch Valentine could remember.

"Everything's been fantastic; we've had good weather and a good turnout every night — Mother Nature's been treating us well," he said.

Valentine has been with the Laurelville Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, and this year marks his 19th as fire chief.

### **The Grand Parade**

The festival's stats increased on all fronts this year — including the food department. The firemen thawed more than 1,700 pounds of fish for the nightly fish fry. And at least 118 floats, tractors, cars and trucks joined the Grand Parade, compared to only 80 entries last year.

The winning float on Saturday was from the Amanda Township Firefighter's Festival. The festival's Queen and her court wore matching red gowns, accented by fire extinguishers that lined their float. Second place went to the South Bloomfield Old Village Days float, and the Deer Creek Dam Days float took third.

Lifelong Laurelville resident Paul Smith was honored as the parade's Grand Marshal.

baked and donated, "In memory of John and Rose Norton," by their daughters Cathy and Connie Norton, (all of Laurelville). Salt Creek Valley Bank and Vinton County National Bank purchased the Nortons' cake for \$1,850.

The second cake was baked and donated by June Eveland of Laurelville. Area businesses and local residents joined together to purchase the cake for the record-breaking \$17,300.

Bob Butts, who helped collect cake donations, is retiring after 21 years of service. He asked for a "lifetime pass" to the festival, which Chief Valentine granted.

### Quilt Auction and Contest Winners

According to Sunday's press release: Laurelville Grain purchased a lap quilt made and donated by Betty Short from Laurelville for \$100.

A wall quilt made and donated

by Al's Plumbing in Laurelville.

Winners of LVFD's \$1,000 raffle were: Kim Whitcraft of Laurelville, winning \$500; Donovan Ward of Circleville, winning \$250; Cory Redman of Laurelville, winning \$150; and Nick McNichols from Ray, winning \$100. The top ticket seller was Jay Garrett, of the fire department, selling more than 3,000 tickets.

Donna Collier of Kingston and Cristina Stewart of Laurelville won bicycles from the advanced ride-ticket raffle. Jay Garret won an afghan raffled off by Hocking County 911, (made and donated by Mary Fraley), and Judy Smith, Laurelville, won the 911 address sign.

The Laurelville Police Department held a raffle in conjunction with its dunking booth, which resulted in Rick Jones taking home a TV and Travis

group, with Hayden VanCuren and Kiara Pickell winning in the 6-7 age group.

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