

# Estimated 2,000 attend opening of festival

LAURELVILLE— About 2,000 persons turned out for the opening night activities at the Laurelville Firemen's Old Time Festival Tuesday.

Sam Ebert, of the Laurelville Fire Department which sponsors the event, said the weather for the festival opening was nearly perfect.

Opening night activities included a fish fry, carnival, bingo games in the firehouse and a gospel music concert by the Royalaires.

The carnival, fish fry and bingo will be featured each day during the festival, which continues through Saturday. Festival activities begin at 6 each evening and at noon on Saturday.

Tonight's attractions include a country music program by the "Country Knights" and the Little Miss and Mister festival royalty contests.

Thursday, Miss Old Time Festival, the festival queen, will be chosen from a field of 38 contestants, and "Grooves Thang"

will present a concert of rock music.

Friday evening activities will begin with a 6-8 p.m. concert by the Bicentennial Community Band; 8-9 p.m. county music program by the "Customs", a square dancing demonstration by the Mini-Steppers, and a 9 p.m. stage performance by the Laurelville Marching Majorettes.

A firemen's water battle will be staged at noon Saturday at the village ballfield. From 1-4 p.m., a carnival matinee will allow children to ride all amusement rides by paying one flat rate entry fee. The "Country Knights" will perform again at 3 p.m.

The festival grand parade will begin at 6 p.m., and will feature an old-time dress contest. The Adelphi Band will present a concert at 7 p.m., the Justice Family Band will present country music for square dancing at 8 p.m., interrupting at 9 for the festival cake auction and resuming at 9:30.

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