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Laurelville Old Time Fireman's Festival fun raises funds

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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.

The fire department presented Smith with a clock plaque and Valentine thanked him for the 40 years of service he's given the volunteer fire department.

A familiar face in the community, Smith also served on Laurelville Village Council for eight years and the Board of Public Affairs for six.

"Ohio's Most Expensive Cake Auction"

As the parade awards wrapped up, the crowd was abuzz about the cake auction, which was scheduled for 9 p.m. Last year, one cake sold for \$17,000 — a record-setting sale (for the last 16 years).

That night, Valentine auctioned off three cakes instead of the usual two, collecting a total of \$18,825.

"We might set another record this year," he said after announcing the float winners. "\$20,000 is what I want to see."

Valentine almost met his goal. LVFD collected a total of \$19,150 from the cake auction — one cake sold for \$1,850 and the other reeled in \$17,300, breaking the 2006 record by \$300.

The first cake to sell was



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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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 Tina Marshal was auctioned for \$125 and purchased by Chuck and Judy Smith of Laurelville.

Another wall quilt made and donated by Marshal was auctioned for \$125 and purchased by Al's Plumbing from Laurelville.

A full-size quilt made and donated by Sandy Harr was auctioned for \$500 and purchased by "Mike Smith for Perry Township Trustee" of Laurelville.

The final full-size quilt made and donated by Pam Arledge was auctioned for \$800 and pur-

chased 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 Karshner winning a digital camera.

Winners of the Big Wheel Race were: Jacob Poling and Katie Clowest won the 4-5 age

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

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Fascinating Facts From The Bible
 By Macin O'Del

ACROSS

1. One of two men who walked on the Sea of Galilee? (K.J. Matt. 14:25-31) (D.R. Matt. 14:25-31)

7. The other of the two men who walked on the Sea of Galilee? (K.J. Matt. 14:25-31) (D.R. Matt. 14:25-31)

13. "...The Lord your God hath given you _____ and hath given you this land." (K.J. Josh. 1:13) (D.R. Josh. 1:13)

35. "...Fear not _____; for thou hast found favor with God." (K.J. Luke 1:30) (D.R. Luke 1:30)

58. "As many as I _____, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore and repent." (K.J. Rev. 3:19) (D.R. Apoc. 3:19)

90. "... _____, why hath satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost...?" (K.J. Acts 5:3) (D.R. Acts 5:3)

97. A son of Achbor? (K.J. Gen. 36:39) (D.R. Gen. 36:38)

168. A son of Ishmael? (K.J. Gen. 25:14) (D.R. Gen. 25:14)

193. "...Depart from me; for I am a _____, O Lord?" (Two words) (K.J. Luke 5:8) (D.R. Luke 5:8)

232. "...Set thine _____ in order; for thou shalt die, and not live...?" (K.J. 2 Ki. 20:1) (D.R. 4 Ki. 20:1)

254. "...The _____ shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him." (K.J. Job 18:9) (D.R. Job 18:9-10)

DOWN

1. A son of Shomer? (K.J. 2 Ki. 12:21) (D.R. 4 Ki. 12:21)

5. The scribe of David? (K.J. 2 Sam. 8:17) (D.R. 2 Ki. 8:17)

40. "...Who am I, that I should go unto _____?" (K.J. Ex. 3:11) (D.R. Ex. 3:11)

43. "This is _____; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him." (K.J. Matt. 14:2) (D.R. Matt. 14:2)

67. A king of the Ammonites? (K.J. Jer. 40:14) (D.R. Jer. 40:14)

80. A son of Sennacherib? (K.J. 2 Ki. 19:37) (D.R. 4 Ki. 19:37)

102. "...He shall send His _____ before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence." (K.J. Gen. 24:7) (D.R. Gen. 24:7)

142. "Praise ye the Lord for the _____ of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves." (K.J. Judg. 5:2) (D.R. Tacet)

161. A son of Ishmael? (K.J. Gen. 25:14) (D.R. Gen. 25:14)

179. The father of Ahiman? (K.J. Num. 13:22) (D.R. Num. 13:23)

181. "Many _____ have compassed me;" (K.J. Psalms 22:12) (D.R. Psalms 22:13)

In reference to: K.J. - King James D.R. - Douay Rheims This Week's Answers

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