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Tammy Klotz Reigns Over Laurelville's Old-Time Festival

Tamara (Tammy) Sue Klotz was crowned Miss Old-Time Festival for 1977 before an estimated crowd of 3,000 during ceremonies Thursday evening at the annual Laurelville Firemen's Old-Time Festival.

Selected from a field of 17 contestants, Miss Klotz succeeds Beverly Swackhammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swackhammer of Laurelville Rt. 2, as queen.

Miss Klotz, 15, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Klotz of 21965 Sams Creek Rd.

Amy Wilson, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Thompson Rd., Laurelville, was chosen as first attendant for the queen's court. Lee Anne Robinette, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinette of Laurel St., Laurelville, was selected as second attendant.

The contestants paraded before the judges, accompanied on the organ by Mary Lou Lehman of Laurelville and vocalist Wanda Harman of Happy Hollow Rd., Laurelville.

Before choosing six finalists, the judges talked to each girl individually about the information card she had filled out.

In addition to the queen and her court, the finalists included: Tammy Churchheus, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Churchheus, Amanda Rt. 2; Cheryl Hartranft, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orman Hartranft of Laurelville; and Teresa Clevenger, 15, daughter of Mrs. Jane Oliver, Pike St.

Master of ceremonies for the contest was Jean West, wife of Laurelville Mayor Robert West, and judges included Candy Smith and Ruth Ann Watts, co-owners of Humphrey's Studio, Logan, and Cindy Wulfert of

Frank's Barber Shop, Circleville.

The evening's festivities were opened with the crowd joining Miss Harman in singing the national anthem. At one point Joe Cavinee, a former Laurelville resident, joined in with his trumpet. Cavinee currently is working in Gethsemene, Fla.

Following the crowning ceremonies, the audience enjoyed a rock concert and dance featuring Grooves Thang. This is the rock group's third appearance at the festival.

A fish fry will begin the activities at 5 p.m. tonight at the Fireman's Fish Booth, followed by a concert from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring the Ross County Bicentennial Band.

At 8 p.m., the Kustoms will provide country music and square dancing will be demonstrated by the Mini-Steppers, a group of local youngsters who recently formed a square dancing group.

Concluding the evening's activities will be a performance at 9 p.m. by the Laurelville Merchants Majorettes on the stage.

A fireman's water fight starts Saturday activities at noon, with a carnival matinee (all rides for one price) from 1 to 4 p.m. Country music with the Kountry Knights begins at 3 p.m.

The big parade begins at 6 p.m., with a concert by the Adelphi band at 7 p.m., and country music and square dancing to the music of the Justice Family at 8 p.m.

The cake auction, a special feature of the Laurelville Festival, begins at 9 p.m., followed by square dancing in the streets with the Justice Family offering the music.

Joint Committee To Eye Health Costs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The House has voted to establish a joint committee to study rising health care costs.

Before the panel is created, the Senate must agree to the resolution offered by Rep. Casey Jones, D-45 Toledo. It passed the House 90-4 Thursday.

Weather

A heavy downpour dumped nine-tenths of an inch of rain in the Hocking Valley early today, with an 80 per cent probability of more rain tonight and 20 per cent Saturday. Highs near 80 and lows in the 60s are expected. It was 70 degrees under dark threatening skies at 11 a.m. today, after an overnight low of 65. Thursday's high was 87.

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