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Always big doings for village over Labor Day

This is going to be a hard column to write. By the time you finish reading it, I'm sure you will be saying I am a Gloomy Gus, but so many sad things have happened since the last column and I do feel sad. But first let me tell you about some fun things that are going on around this area.

STOUTSVILLE LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES

This is the biggest Labor Day at Stoutsville. The festivities will begin Friday, Sept. 2, at 4 p.m. with a fish fry at the KP Hall. From 5-7 p.m. will be the entries of flowers, veggies, arts and crafts and canned goods. The parade lineup will begin at 6 p.m. with the parade being at 6:30. This will be the Little Miss and Mr. Firefighter parade. Jeff Hunter will be the parade grand marshal and also the master of ceremonies for the contest. Then from 7:30-10:30 p.m., D.J. Johnny Garber will host the music for the evening.

Saturday, there will be a men's softball games going all day. From 9 a.m.-noon there will be the entries in the baked goods department with judging to follow. There will be fish dinners served in the firehouse kitchen from 12:30-30. During the afternoon there will be 3 on 3 basketball games at the schoolhouse. At 1 p.m., rocket shoot on the ball diamonds; 2 p.m., pedal tractor pull; 3:30 p.m., big wheel race; 4:30 p.m., parade lineup; 5 p.m., Miss Firefighter Parade, with judging to be held on stage following the parade. Hunter will also MC for this contest. The visiting queens will be on stage at this time.

Then at 6 p.m. will be free-shooting basketball at the school for grades seven and eight, nine and 10 and 11 and 12. At 7:30-10:30 p.m. will be a square dancing on the blacktop at the firehouse, with the group The Added Touch playing for the dance.

Sunday morning there will be open church services at the firehouse. This year, the Rev. Bryan Thomas of Heidelberg Church will be in charge of the services. This is always an inspirational part of the weekend, so if you don't have a church, come on out and join us. Following the church service, the women will serve their roast beef dinner in the kitchen of the firehouse. This dinner will also be served until 7:30.

The Songsmen Gospel Group will perform from 1-2. Then there will be a firemen's water battle after which the Firefighter of the Year

Award will be presented. Following this, the Songsmen Group will sing again 3-4 p.m. At 6 p.m. there will be a talent contest, which is open to the public. There will be different age groups with cash prizes being awarded.

Monday, which will be the biggest day of all, there will be a steam engine show. At 9:30 a.m. the parade will form and will begin at 10. Then at 11 a.m. will be the judging of pets, at 11:30 is the baby contest (I would hate to be a judge on this one). From noon-1 p.m. the ever-famous Adelphi Band will be in concert. Once again, the women will serve the famous barbecue chicken and fish dinners from noon-7:30 p.m. From 12:30-1:30 p.m. there will be a drum and baton competition at the school.

At 12:30 will be the Queen's dinner at the K.P. Hall. At 1:30 will be a squad and firefighters extraction demonstration; 2:30, Cynthia's School of Dance; 4 p.m., the popular Men's Sexy Legs contest (so guys, get your legs ready and get in this contest). Also at 4 will be Win, Lose or Draw. At 5 p.m. will be a clothesline race; 6 p.m. will be the egg-toss; and to finalize the celebration will be the Johnny Garber Show from 7:30-10.

By this time most folks in Stoutsville will be dragging, but there is still tons of work to be done after the event is over. I know the folks in charge would appreciate all the help they can get, not only in the kitchen, or at the school house, or the KP Hall, but after a big weekend like this there is a lot of cleaning up.

I think there are two women especially who deserve a big "thank you" and lots of hugs for getting and keeping this thing going. I heard last night this is the ninth year these two women have kept this event going. Pat Martin and Venita Daft deserve a firetruck full of roses for those many years. There are lots of others who help in many ways, so

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thanks to each of you also.

If you have any questions on any of these activities during the Labor Day Weekend, give a call to either Mrs. James Daft or Mrs. William Martin.

Oops! One thing I did forget to tell you...the Senior Citizens Group of Stoutsville will hold a drawing on a "Flower Garden" quilt. It will be on display at their table. You may get your ticket for \$1 from any member of their group.

A-C MARCHING ACES

The Marching Aces of Amanda-Clearcreek High School have recently returned from band camp which was again held at Rio Grande College. The band may be small, but they are to be heard. I hear they put on a great show on Friday of Band Camp. I remember when our kids went, Friday was always the big day. Moms and Dads, don't think for a minute they don't have fun, they do but they also have to work. After the work is done, they can play.

Nancy Blackmore and Dennis Moore are the band directors and I know they are doing a terrific job. This is Moore's first year at A-C, so parents, get behind him with your support. There are only 37 members this year, so they could

use more. They will be playing for all the football games again this year and hopefully when basketball season comes, they will have the pep band coming on. They are planning several fund-raisers so when someone asks you to help, do it.

TARLTON FISHFRY

Are you hungry? Do you like fish? Then come to the Tarlton Town Hall this Thursday, Aug. 25, to the annual fish fry. This is sponsored each year by the United Methodist Church of Tarlton. They will be serving sandwiches and carry-out fish at 3 p.m. and the supper will begin promptly at 4 p.m., rain or shine. They will be serving ocean perch-all you can eat for \$4.50 adults and \$2 for kids.

ANNUAL HOG ROAST

Sunday, Aug. 14, John and Helen Estep of Sixteenth Road held their annual hog roast for their friends and neighbors. There were people everywhere, and gobs of food, especially the pork. John, you did a great job. Thanks for your hospitality and your friendship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First of all, I would like to say "thanks" to all the folks who helped in any way at the vacation Bible school this year. I understand there were between 75 and 80 children enrolled. Now, that's a lot of kids, but they had a great staff teaching the Bible classes, planning and doing craft work, learning songs and having a great time.

The program was held Friday night and I hear they had a packed house. This was held at the Stoutsville campgrounds and there were at least five churches participating. The Rev. Frank James and his wife, Kymberly, were the directors and Diane Miller and Phyllis Zawacki were in charge of the music for the week. A special thanks goes to these folks as well as to the persons responsible for the goodies at the end of the session.

Also, a real special "thanks" to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds who cleaned the grounds after each day's sessions. There will be an evaluation meeting for the teachers and

directors of the would guess plans for next year.

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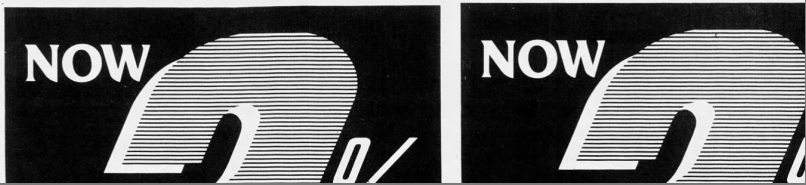
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