

Jackson County Apple Festival opens this evening

JACKSON — John Finch, former Jackson City School Superintendent, will be the grand marshal of the 40th annual Jackson County Apple Festival which begins today.

Finch retired this year after being involved for nearly 40 years in education in Jackson County.

Jill Martin will be the 1980 Apple Festival Queen. She is a 1979 graduate of Oak Hill High School and is a sophomore at Rio Grande College. Ms. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Jackson.

The 1980 Apple Festival celebration begins at 8 this evening with a preview showing, which features all the rides you can ride for \$4 until 10 p.m. The art show will open at the old Jenkins Building on Main Street. The J.D. Hinton Band will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. at the grandstand.

The official opening of the festival comes Wednesday at noon when all booths and exhibits open. During the afternoon, visitors will be able to watch apple cider and apple butter being made, along with the annual school parade, Little Queen contest, apple pie eating contest and the Apple City Players band from the grandstand. At 9 p.m. Ms. Martin, along with her court of Karen Pratt and Bernie Newsom, will be crowned.

Booths and exhibits will be judged and the apple pie baking contest will start at 2 p.m. Thursday. The All Ohio Fox Hunters Bench Show will take place in front of the grandstand at 5 p.m. The U.S. Air Force's rock band, Flying Circus, will perform two shows at 8 and 9:15 p.m.

The Quilt and Craft show will be held at Memorial Auditorium Friday

at Broadway from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all booths and exhibits will open at 2 p.m. Flying Circus will again be on the grandstand at 4:30 and 7.

Friday night features the Apple Bowl as the Jackson Ironmen host the Ironmen Tigers in a rematch of last year's Southeastern Ohio Athletic League title matchup.

The Bob Braun Show, with Rob Reider, Nancy James and the Ted Rakel Orchestra will be at the grandstand from 9 to 11 p.m.

Saturday's activities begin with the Big Wheel Race in front of the grandstand at 9:30 with classes open to boys and girls ages four through six years old. The second annual Apple Festival Volleyball Tournament will be held at the Jackson High School gym from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Grand Final Parade will run

from 8 to 9:30 p.m. It features the largest lighted parade in Ohio with the Apple Festival Queens, band competition and float judging.

The festival officially closes at 11:30 p.m.

Here is a schedule of events for the Apple Festival:

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Preview showing; all the rides you can ride for \$4 until 10; art show opens at Jenkins Building on Main Street.

7 to 9 p.m. - J.D. Hinton Band at grandstand.

Wednesday

Noon - Official opening; all booths and exhibits open; all rides \$4 until night.

1 p.m. - Apple butter and apple

cider making; art show at Jenkins Building.

2 - Annual school parade featuring Little Queen contestants and floats.

2-45 - Little Queen Contest at grandstand.

3:30 - Apple pie eating contest at grandstand sponsored by Jackson Burger Chef; pre-registration at Burger Chef.

5 - Apple City Players Band at grandstand.

6 - All rides \$4 until 10 p.m.

6:30 - Wagon Wheelers square dance demonstration at grandstand.

8 - Grand opening parade.

9 - Crowning of 1980 Apple Festival Queen and court.

Thursday

Noon to 3 p.m. - All kiddie rides open for small children.

1 - All booths and exhibits open.

2 - Booths and window displays will be judged.

5 - Booth and window display winners announced; art show opens; all rides \$4 until 10; All-Ohio Fox Hunters Bench Show in front of grandstand.

8 & 9:15 - Flying Circus will be at grandstand.

Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Quilt and craft at Memorial Auditorium with quilting demonstrations.

2 - All booths and exhibits open.

4:30 & 7 - Flying Circus at grandstand.

8 - Apple Bowl Game with Jackson Ironmen hosting Ironmen Tigers.

9 to 11 - The Bob Braun Show at grandstand.

Saturday

9:30 a.m. - Big Wheel Race for boys and girls ages four through six.

10 to 5 p.m. - Quilt and craft show at Memorial Auditorium.

10 to noon - Second Annual Apple Festival Volleyball Tournament.

11 a.m. - Cheerleading competition at grandstand.

Noon - All rides you can ride for \$4 until 5 p.m.; all booths and exhibits open; apple cider and apple butter being made on Main Street.

1 to 4 p.m. - Marko the Magic Clown will be performing on the midway.

2:30 & 5 - Flying Circus at grandstand.

4 - Queens' reception at Sadler's Restaurant by invitation only.

5:45 - Introduction of Ohio Festival Queens at grandstand.

6 - All rides \$4 until closing.

6 to 7 - All display apples in front of grandstand will be sold.

7 to 7:30 - Adelphi Community Band at grandstand.

8 to 9:30 - Grand Final Parade.

10 - Parade winners announced and presents awarded.

11:30 - Festival officially closes.

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