

Apple Festival opening Tuesday at Jackson

The Jackson County Apple Festival begins Tuesday and runs through Sept. 24 in downtown Jackson. The festival includes a Corvette show, three parades, a midway with rides and games, a firemen's battle and a mini-tractor pull. Apples will be made into ice cream, turnovers, candied, pie, sauce and, naturally, cider.

The Jackson Jaycees are the sponsors of the event. The schedule of the Jackson County Apple Festival is:
Tuesday — 4:30 p.m. — Preview showing all races; 7 p.m. — Music in the grandstand
Wednesday — Noon — Official opening of the festival; 2 p.m. — Afternoon parade, Little Queen's Contest, art show, apple bobbing contest; 5 p.m. — Jackson High School's percussion section; 7 p.m. — Wagon Wheelers Square Dancers; 8 p.m. — Grand Opening Parade, Crowning of the 1983 Apple Festival Queen; 9 p.m. — Southwestern Ohio Jamboree Grap.
Thursday — 1 p.m. — Apple pie baking contest; 2 p.m. — Baby crawling contest; 3 p.m. — Mini-tractor pull; 5 p.m. — Little Banton Corps Competition (grandstand)
Friday (Senior Citizens Day) — 9 a.m. — Quilt and craft show, noon-5 p.m. — grandstand entertainment; 8 p.m. — Apple Festival's feature at Jackson of Nashville stars.
Saturday — 9 a.m. — Quilt and craft show, art show; 9:30 a.m. — Big wheel race; 11 a.m. — Firemen's water fight, cheerleading competition, Corvette show; 1 p.m. — Music from the grandstand; 3 p.m. — Dynamic Men from Drum Corps; 4 p.m. — Show apple sale (grandstand); 4:30 p.m. — Adept Community Bands; 8 p.m. — Grand Finals Queens Parade with more than 200 units for bands and float competition.

Budget cuts threatened

JACKSON — Cities and villages in Jackson County may have funding cuts and Jackson county officials also face cuts as the result of belt-tightening moves by the county commissioners.

The commissioners conferred with the county budget commission this week and talk of a minimum 15 percent across the board budget cut dominated the meeting. The budget commission members will make a recom-

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mendation to the commissioners about how much the cut-backs should be.

Commissioner Joe Conger said 1984 will be a crucial year, but he predicted things may be better in 1985. The budget commission recommended recently that the formula dividing the state's local government allocation be changed to allow the county an increased allotment and decreases to the cities, villages and townships.

Under the new formula Jackson county would get 50 percent of the local government funds while the cities of Jackson and Wellston, villages of Oak Hill and Coalton would divide another 30 percent with Jackson county's 12 townships sharing in the remaining 14 percent.

Reason for the formula change is a decrease of 8.2 percent, or about \$40,632 by the state in local government funding.

Under the proposal the city of Jackson would get 17.72 percent, Wellston 11.92 percent, Coalton and Oak Hill 5.41 percent and the townships 14.26 percent.

The present formula distribution is Jackson County 45.28 percent, Jackson 13.5 percent, Wellston 12.3 percent and Coalton and Oak Hill five percent.

Airport costs edge \$20,000

JACKSON — Operation of the James A. Rhodes airport cost Jackson County nearly \$20,000 last year, according to County Auditor Don Clark.

Salaries, utilities and supplies (including gasoline) accounted for \$25,991 last year, and the airport received \$6,352 from gasoline sales and hanger rental fees. Credit card sales, 80 percent of the fuel and hanger business, was not included.

Charity drive under way

JACKSON — The 1983 Jackson County United Way campaign is under way with a goal of \$55,000, according to President Pat Tope.

Two new agencies, the Arthritis Foundation and the Jackson County Alcoholism program, will participate this year.

Other participating agencies include Red Cross, Girl and Boy Scouts, Goodwill Industries, Wellston Recreation Board, Council for Retarded Citizens, Oak Hill Teen Center, Jackson County Senior Citizens, Ministerial Association Meals program, YMCA, USO and Coalton Athletic Association.

Basement jail boosted

WELLSTON — Plans to construct a jail in the basement of the city hall building got a boost this week after city officials conferred with Jill Kirk, jail inspector for the Ohio Bureau of Adult Detention Facilities.

Service Director Ron Potts said the architects for the municipal building, to be reconstructed following last year's fire, will have to redesign the jail plans and submit them to Ms. Kirk before construction begins. The basement jail will be one of the options in the bidding for the reconstruction.

Potts said the city learned that radio dispatchers could be utilized as jailers as could auxiliary police, provided they were properly trained.

This would permit the city to meet qualifications for eight-hour holding calls for prisoners, thus making it possible for police to take several prisoners to the Jackson county jail in one trip. Potts added that by following guidelines presented by Ms. Kirk the police department will be highly improved.

Election board extends hours

JACKSON — As voter registration deadlines near for the Nov. 8 general election the Jackson county board of elections is planning to extend its hours of operation.

Final date for voter registration is Tuesday, Oct. 11, according to Board Chairman Christy Alexander.

The board office, in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse, is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. but the office will be open evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 11.

In addition the office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon on three consecutive Saturdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8.

Litter program in trouble

JACKSON — Jackson county's Green Box litter control program may end this fall if additional funding to extend the program is not found.

Chip Smalley, litter control program director, said one Green Box, Ohio 279 near the Bellville coal tipple, has been permanently removed.

The receptacle has been set on fire twice in the past two weeks, and seven or eight times since the program began.

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