

LET'S CELEBRATE! 1968-2018

"50 YEARS of GOLDEN EARS

Your Aumsville Corn Festival continues with its publication excerpts from historical records allowing citizens to gather a small glimpse of what occurred over the past 50 years of festival history. This portion is a glance into the 1970's.

August 23, 1969:

- Approximately 1000 in attendance.
- Gave away a ton of hot buttered corn.
- First Local kids parade with 80 entries. Barbara Ellen Johnston was the first prize winner of the under five year olds class in the first parade.
- First year for water ball fighting; the Aumsville fire department bested the Stayton fire department 3 out of 5 times.

August 29, 1970:

- 1,500 lbs of "All the corn you can eat" starting at 12:30 PM in Porter-Boone Park.
- The second Kiddies parade which started at the water tower and travel down Main Street to the park started at 6 PM.

August 31, 1972:

- Purchased 3 tons of local corn.



- Mayor Ted Nichol was the festival chairman.
- The Festival ran from Noon to 8 PM.
- Hosted games, music and the fireman's water fight.
- Marie Elam, was named Aumsville Health Volunteer for 1972.

August 25, 1973:

- Joel Mathias was festival chairman and is quoted, "we want to keep it small, home-townish",

- Doris Hutchins, parade chairwoman and she commented, "we hope it will grow so we can have it every year'.
- The parade started at 4 PM
- This is the first year we find a theme, "Corn Is".
- The first time the festival had artwork on display with crocheted pieces and some ceramics.
- Hay rides and horse shoes are offered.
- Free to the kids - splashing in Mill Creek.

August 24, 1974:

- First year for Tug-of-war between other city councilors.
- First year the festival asked for donation as local corn was not ready and they had to purchase corn for \$80 a ton.
- 4000 in attendance
- 5 tons of corn eaten and given away.
- The City Park and Recreation committee who sponsored the event stated that "**this was the best year so far**" in the short history of the festival.

August 27, 1977:

- 4th annual tug-of-war; Aumsville councilors beat the Stayton councilors. The Army Guard bested Guerdon Industries for the other Tug of War trophy.
- 1800 in attendance.
- Doris Hutchins was the first recorded Grand Marshall for the corn festival parade.
- Theme of "Indian Maize Days"

August 26, 1978: 10th Annual Festival

- Theme "Hillbilly Corn Squeezin' Days"

- Darlene Loyd was chairwoman.
- Volunteers and brown paper bags to sell corn in were in high demand.
- The parade started this year at 11 AM.
- Corn eating contest was held at 12:30 PM



- Plus a watermelon seed spitting contest, treasure hunt and piñata break, and much more.
- A street dance was held at J & W Market from 9 PM to 1 AM starring Mary Rogers & Co., and Arkie of the Jolly Cowboys.
- Youngest person in attendance was Donavon Cash, 2 weeks old. (He will 40 years old this year!)

