

Reminder, we cannot put everything into your newsletter, so the news letter publishes a small capsule of history, a larger focus is on the city web page and for a full review of all historical documents, please visit the Aumsville Historical Society located at 599 Main Street in front of Aumsville City Hall.

A full review of all past Grand Marshalls can be found on the city web page.

August 25th 1990: Local corn did not ripen on time and the Oregon National Guard stepped up and brought corn from Southern Oregon to supply the corn festival.

The festival selected Marie Elam as Grand Marshall, with a theme of "Fads of the Past and Present" submitted by Eva Combs of Aumsville.

Some parade history: Individual winning walkers were Chief Little Horse, second: April Walters, third: Jayna McElwain. Winners of organized groups were Custer the Corn Dog with Ketchup & Mustard, second Atkins Thriftway Cart Walkers, and third Boppers & Rockers. The Grand Theme winner was Country Cousins Jeep Club –(Float).

Special awards: Oldest was Josie Taylor at 93 years young; youngest were twins Jared & Steven Champagne at 3 days; longest married was Jack & Aleta LaRont married on March 26, 1938; Shortest married were John & Tina Bishop married on August 17, 1990.

Delmer Sabrowski of Salem said he has been coming since he was little and now brings his 4 year old daughter. Cheryl Cook of Salem stated that she has been coming for the past 22 years.

This year the Corn Festival Committee has the responsibility for planning the festival which was under the Parks and Recreation in past years.

August 31st, 1991: 12 tons of corn was purchased from Villa Farms in Independence.

Marie Elam said "the festival began as a family deal but has steadily grown over the years". The Weaver family, who just moved from Philadelphia last week with his wife Michelle and children Matia, Monique and Joshua said "the corn is good-sweet, soft and gooey. Andy Mott of Stayton said he like the covered wagon rides because they were "bumpy".

Charlotte & Northrup Bates who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on the 25th of August.

Parade theme was "A Country Hoe Down". Oldest in attendance was Josie Taylor born on 30 Sept. 1897; youngest was Emma Lee Shafer born four days prior.

August 29th 1992: It was estimated the there were 11,000 attendees and 11 tons of corn or one pound of corn for each person this year.

Grand Marshall was Marie Pohlman with a theme of "Golden Fairy Tales" submitted by Shane Massey of Aumsville.

LaPreal Torassa of Ontario California drove all the way to see old friends and enjoy the festival. Gladys Cooper, 70 years lead four generation for the 11th year stating, "We always participate enjoying the corn and booths".

August 28th 1993: "The Golden Trail" was the 25TH Corn Festival theme and Lorene Mathews and Doris Hutchins were the Grand Marshalls. Lorene moved to Aumsville in 1958

when the population was at 300 people, and Doris move to Aumsville in 1941. Both ladies served in many capacities over the years.

The Aumsville Elementary band marched in the parade.

The Keg Toss game: the 12-15 group was won by Randy Kessinger at 24'4", the 16 and older group (men) was won by Meryl Craig at 32' 1", and women's group 16 and older was won by Anne Craig at 17' 5".

Sky Lotto, sponsored by the Aumsville Fire Department had four skydivers Bob Omstead, Bill Munson, Drew Holmes and Byron Larson all have



over 1,000 jumps. For \$1 you purchased a ticket which was taped to a plate retrieved by a diver.

Twenty-six local merchants supported the festival, Turner had 4, Salem had 21, Stayton 18, and Sublimity had 5, and Silverton had 1.

August 27th, 1994: Parade winners for floats were Beverly Hill Billies, then Cub Scouts Pack 405, and third was Aumsville School Band.

The festival game egg toss (8-11 years) was won by Sarah Davis & Lisa Hills then Korry Fitz Patrick & Kyle Miller, third by Miguel Glantz & Alex Haney. 12 & older was won by Nick Titus & Ricky Brooks, then Terry Martin & Danielle Martin, and third George Davis & Ronny Miller.

The 60 entries from a population of 1,860 marched in the parade with a theme "Let's get Korny" there was no Grand Marshall this year.

Dan Kerr, manager of the new Aumsville Meadows Subdivision volunteered to pay for the cost of the corn this year.

August 26th, 1995: "Ears to Ya" was the theme, and Joan Bartosz was the Grand Marshall.

Horse groups were won by Blue Ribbon 4-H, then Philip Santibanez, and third by Santiam Valley Grange Equestrian; Bikes were won by Salano Brothers the Ann Hortsch.

The Person who travel the farthest was Margaret Harstad from Apache Junction, Arizona. The longest married went to Don and Thelma Gentzler – 57 years, youngest was Mark Rutherford – 12 days.

This year the festival issued a souvenir post card with the following information: The city was first named Hoggum because of all the pigs, changed to Condit with the first post office on July 10th, 1862, changed to Aumsville on March 11th, 1868 to honor the pioneer Amos Davis, whom friends call Aumus.

August 24th, 1996: For the 28th Corn Festival, John Horstch was Grand Marshall with a theme of "The Good Ears".

The farthest from home was Glenn Stolle from Philadelphia, PA. Youngest in attendance was Judy Marie Jones-Bodda, two day old. 9 year old Cody Baker talked about the hot weather, "All you need is a Coke or something, and then you get some hot corn and go jump in the water".

Emery and Sons delivered the corn this year in one trip. A big thanks went out to Police chief Robert Long, dispatcher Patti Etherington, officers: Richard Schmitz, Larry Roberta, March Taylor, Erika Quinn-Ellenbecker, reserve officers: Shane Bird, Dustin Cox, James Foster, Glenn McClatchie and Geoff Miotke.

August 26th, 1997: It was stated that Fred Schwarz was a walking encyclopedia of corn festival information. He could tell you how to shuck corn, cook corn, eat corn "dress casual and just dig in as it is just dripping with butter". He said that when the Governor attended he went through 25 napkins. Fred has been volunteering for 22 years.

Chairperson Chadwick estimated that there were over a 100 volunteers helping with shucking, cooking, serving and other items.

Volunteer Jim Kopetski said "It's a good way to see what's going on in the community". Peggy Aikin said, "It's a good time to spend time with our Grandchildren and have them support the festival, the kids sleep outside and talk half the night".

August 29th, 1998: The Corn Festival parade was in memory of Chris Kergil, a long time resident who past in January of that year.

David Drews was the Grand Marshall with a theme of "Thirty Grand Ears". The Weblos Pack 405 was the color guard.

The festival committee makes some major changes concerning vendors and their spaces. Dogs and bikes were still not allowed in the park during the festival.

Winners of the Kernel guessing contest were: 5th, Clarence Francis, 4th Coleman Trevino, 3rd J.J. Cervantes, 2nd Gean Nelson, 1st place went to Aaron Cervantes with a count of 2800 kernels – Total kernels were 2869. An estimate 10,000 people were in attendance and festival goers claimed it was the "best festival ever". Officer Larry Roberta said "it was one of the quietest too". Thennell of Grass Valley said, "This is a wonderful thing", and then shucked corn for a few hours.

August 28th, 1999: Closing out the 1990's was Darlene Loyd as Grand Marshall, with a theme of "Y2 Corn". Remember the pending collapse of word

systems connected to computer – not even an event?

Entertainment this year was by “Riders of the Western Range”. Rusty Nails the clown was in the parade atop of his own float.

Guess what the vegetable of choice was, yes, 13.5 tons of Hot Butter Corn. Connie Chadwick, president of the festival had her grandson fly in

from New Jersey to do the announcing – he had been coming sense he was an infant. When it was over, the cleanup contest, which should go down as the best idea in janitorial history, took care of the garbage while volunteers helped pack away the festival for 1999.