Apples, apples and ...

Not to mention, fun, friends, family and food await in Westminster

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WESTMINSTER — City officials will tell you they can't believe this year will mark the 49th annual Apple Festival in Westminster.

Each year, festival representatives try their hand at making it bigger, better and full of more entertainment.

The festival comes on the heels of apple harvesting season in Oconee County, the largest apple-producing county in all of South Carolina.

While the majority of the festival fun is slated for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12, there are plenty of activities to get involved with leading up to the weekend.

Calling all kids! Come to the apple festival ready to get on some rides and have a blast, as carnival and fair rides will be set up in the heart of downtown.

Bikers, rev up your engines and join in on the charity cruise around town that will be held at West-Oak High School this morning. If you haven't already pre-registered, you can register at the high school from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. today and still ride!

Like to swing a club? Join in on the Rotary Golf Tournament on Tuesday morning, Sept. 8.

While numerous vendors have been a familiar staple for many years at the festival, crafts, arts, food and, of course, apples are a few examples of what the daily browser will find for purchase.

Classic cars, face painting, a rodeo, tons of music, a parade and plenty of that deliciously tempting food will all be lining historic main street.

"Really, they do such a wonderful job at keeping this festival so family friendly," said Mark Klein. "While most community festivals are family friendly, this one has games for the kids, rides for the kids and entertainment that the kids really get in to. Plus, I get to sneak in a funnel cake or two, or seven."

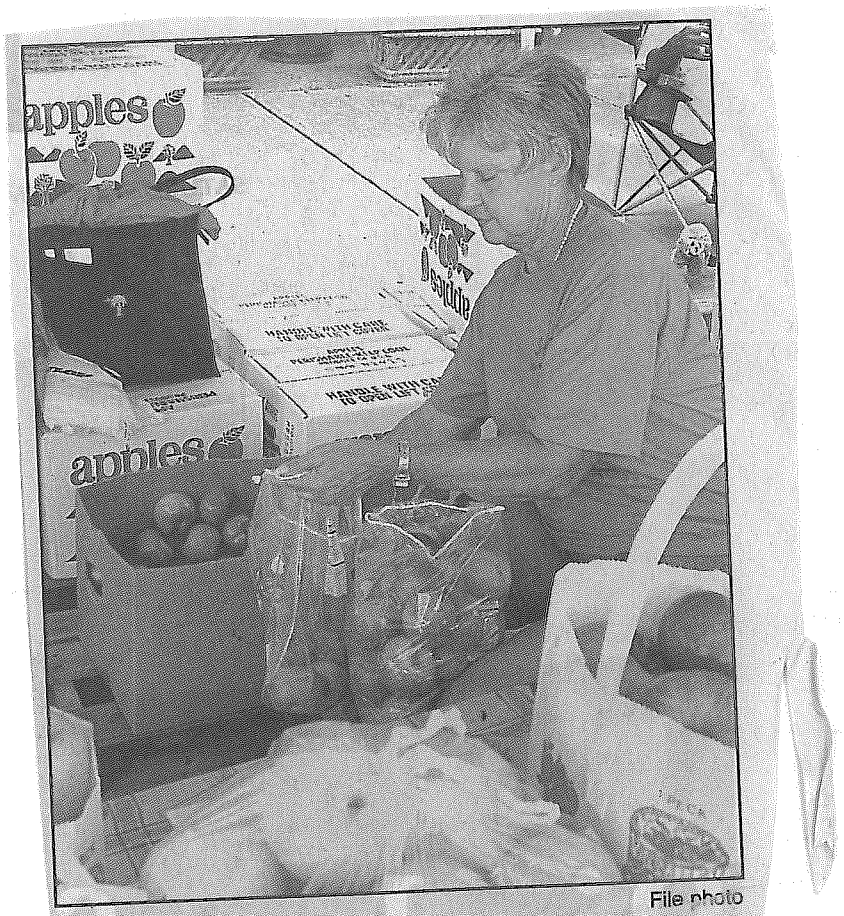
For more information about the festival, visit www.westminstersc.com/event97.htm or call Sandra Powell at the Westminster Chamber of Commerce at (864) 647-7223.

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The South Carolina Apple Festival will make its 49th run in Westminster this week. The entire event is structured for family fun, including a midway with rides, good food and arts and crafts.



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And, it goes without saying that you can purchase your fill of apples at the festival.