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Newly-added festival contest seeks 'corn'ucopia of recipes

The National Sweetcorn Festival has always been about...sweet corn. Whether it's cooking it for the thousands of guests or using it for decorations, corn is the centerpiece of the event. One thing has been missing from the festival for several years and that is cooking with the vegetable. This year, Marti Kaeb is remedying that.

Kaeb is chairman of the first annual Corn Cook-Off to be held at noon Sunday at the display tent at McFerren Park.

The idea for the event came from watching television. "We watch the Food Channel

all the time and they have all kinds of cook-offs," she said, "and all the food festivals, like pumpkin and garlic, have cook-offs."

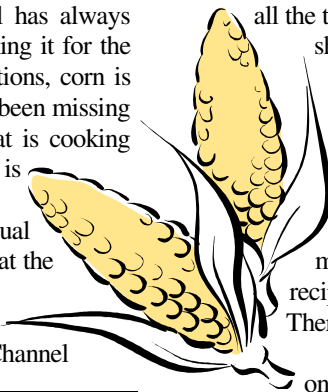
Those who wish to participate in the cook-off must submit written recipes to the park office by 9 a.m. Sunday. Each recipe must contain corn in some form, whether corn meal or kernels and may be original or borrowed. Borrowed recipes must include the originator's name. There is no entry fee for the contest.

At 11:50 a.m. dishes to be judged on appearance only must be in the display tent. Those dishes need not be hot.

At 12:50, contestants entering the taste portion of the contest must have their entries at the display tent. For this segment, heat matters. "If they're supposed to be hot, they have to be hot," Kaeb said. Assistants will be on hand to either reheat or keep the dishes warm, she said.

Cooks who want their dishes to be judged on appearance and taste must submit two dishes, one for each judging.

See CORN on other side



Sweetcorn Festival Weekend

BJ's Pump

Friday -

Smokin' Grover

9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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Saturday -

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6:30

2:30-

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National Sweetcorn

Thursday, Sept. 2
5 p.m.

admission

Gates Open - \$3

& Display Area Open
5-10 p.m.
Ride Special *Bracelet Night \$14
7 p.m.

(Annex)

11 p.m.
Midway & Beer Tent close

Friday, Sept. 3

5 p.m.
Gates Open - \$3 admission

Midway, Beer Tent &

Display Area Open

5-8 p.m.
Art Show Opens (Girl Scout House)
7-10 p.m.

(Legion Shelter)

7 p.m.
Bob Bohm's Family Survivor

Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)

National Sweetheart Pageant

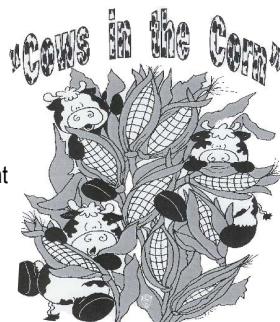
Preliminary

8 p.m. -12 a.m. (Civic Center)
11 p.m. Ded Necks (Beer Tent)
Midway closes

Saturday, Sept. 4

6 a.m.
Flea Market Opens
7:30 a.m.

Run/Walk - Honeywell School
8 a.m.



Sweetcorn 5K Run - Honeywell School
8:45 a.m.
Little Corn Eaters Run - Honeywell School
9 a.m.

Gates Open - \$3

admission

Hooterville Iron Car Show (South End)
10:30 a.m.
Grand Parade

Noon

Midway, Beer Tent & Display Area Open

Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/

Magic

Art Show Opens (Girl Scout

House)

Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
Raffle

1-4 p.m.
(Legion Shelter)
1:30-5:30 p.m.

Served

2-5 p.m.
B-ball Shooting Contest

2-3 p.m.
Wabash Valley Band (Band Shell)
3:30 p.m.

Family Survivor/Magic

6 p.m.
Demo Derby I (Annex)
6-9 p.m.
Haywire (Band Shell)
9 p.m.
Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic
7-10 p.m.

(Legion Shelter)

7 p.m.
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary

1 Mile Fun

(Civic Center)

8 p.m.-12 a.m. X-Krush (Beer Tent)

Corn continued from other side

Winners will be selected for taste, appearance and an overall winner for both taste and appearance, Kaeb said. Trophies will be awarded to the top winners. Awards will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday on the east side of the park office.

Local people will judge the entries, including Mayor Chalmers Flint, Dick Layden and a third person, she said.

For more information on the contest, Kaeb may be reached at (217) 283-6609.

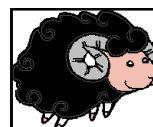
For those who just can't get enough of the golden vegetable, this year's festival will also include a corn eating contest. That event will be held at 4 p.m. Monday.

Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 83, low 60. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 83, low 64.

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