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## Singing, dancing, dramatic readings on tap at pageant

*This is the first in a series on contestants in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant.*

Thirty-two young women are expected to compete in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant, part of the National Sweet Corn Festival sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Contestants include:

**Florida:** Mari Frances Wilensky, 21, of Jacksonville. The University of Florida student majors in exercise and sports sciences. She will perform the vocal "At Last" in the talent competition. Her platform is "Literally at Risk."

**Georgia:** Amanda Kozak, 21, of Warner Robins, who will perform a tap dance to "On Broadway" during the talent competition. Kozak attends Valdosta State University where she majors in early childhood education. Her platform is mentoring with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

**Indiana:** Megan Ashley Meadors, 20, whose platform is "Keeping the Memory Alive/Alzheimer's awareness." An Auburn resident, she attends the University of Indianapolis majoring in occupational therapy/psychology. She will perform the vocal "Big Time."

**Kansas:** Sarah Collett Jump, 22, of Basehor. She will perform the pop vocal "Son of a Preacher Man" as her talent. Jump is majoring in history with a political science major at Washburn University. Her platform is "Promoting Volunteerism."

**Kentucky:** Emily Ann Cox, 19, of Campbellsville, whose platform is "Make Each Day Count: Improving the Lives of the Elderly." She is a pre-pharmacy major at Western Kentucky University. Her talent will be a piano performance, "Impromptu in C Sharp Minor Op 28 No. 3."

**Louisiana:** Jamie Wilson, 22, of Minden, who will perform the vocal "The Way of Love" in the talent competition. The Louisiana Tech University student majors in political science with a pre-law concentration. Her

platform is "Increased Awareness of Dyspraxia: The Invisible Handicap."

**Maine:** Kayla Mae Bailey, 22, of Gloucester. A University of Southern Maine student, she majors in social work. She will perform a jazz dance to "I Believe." Her platform is "Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention in Schools."

**Maryland:** Leah Ledbetter, 23, of Beltsville, who will perform a dance to "See What I Wanna See." She attends Bennett Career Institute to become a barber/stylist. Her platform is "Community-Based Organizations for Youth."

**Massachusetts:** Michaela Janelle Gagne, 22, of Fall River, whose platform is Public Awareness of Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes." A Lesley University student, she is pursuing a Master's degree in art therapy. She will perform the Broadway/jazz vocal "Whatever Lola Wants."

**Michigan:** Angela Mari Corsi, 23, of Farmington Hills, a University of Michigan student working towards a Master's degree in business administration. She will perform a contemporary dance en pointe to "Sway" as her talent. Her platform is the "Make-A-Wish Foundation of America."

**Montana:** Meredith McCannel, 23, of Billings, who will perform the vocal "Walkin' After Midnight" in the talent competition. She attends Montana State University working towards a Master's degree in public administration. Her platform is "Accepting Personal Responsibility."

**Nevada:** Kari Ramos, 20, of Reno. She will perform a dramatic monolog, a personal reinterpretation of "No Monsters." She attends Truckee Meadows Community College, majoring in psychology. Her platform is "Mentoring: The Power of One-on-One."

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## Thursday, Sept. 1

5 p.m. Gates Open - \$3 admission  
Beer Tent & Display Area Open  
5-10 p.m. Ride Special \*Bracelet Night \$14  
7 p.m. Truck/Tractor Pull 1 (Annex)  
11 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

## Friday, Sept. 2

5 p.m. Gates Open - \$3 admission  
Midway, Beer Tent & Display Area Open  
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
7 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor  
Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)  
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)  
8 p.m.-12 a.m. Tons of Fun (Beer Tent)  
11 p.m. Midway closes

## Saturday, Sept. 3

6 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun 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  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1:30-5:30 p.m. Free Sweetcorn Served  
2-5 p.m. Free Throw B-ball Shooting Contest  
3:30 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
6 p.m. Demo Derby I (Annex)  
9 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary

8 p.m.-12 a.m. Blind Pilot (Beer Tent)  
11 p.m. Midway closes

## Sunday, Sept. 4

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
9 a.m. Gate Opens - \$3 admission  
Noon Midway, Display Area Open;  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
Free Sweet corn served  
12-4 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby  
1 p.m. Corn Cook-off (Display Tent)  
Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1-4 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
4:30 p.m. Demo Derby II -(Annex)  
6 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (Civic Center)  
7 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
7-10 p.m. Teen Dance - Sweet Emotions (Beer Tent)  
10 p.m. Pageant Reception  
Midway closes

## Monday, Sept. 5

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$3 admission  
9:30 a.m. Antique Auto Show  
Display Area Opens  
Noon Midway, Beer Tent Open  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
12-4 p.m. Free Sweetcorn Served  
12-5 p.m. Ride Special \*Bracelet Day \$14  
12:30 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
2 p.m. Figure 8 Demo Derby(Annex)  
4 p.m. Bob Bohm's Family Survivor/Magic  
Corn Eating Contest  
9 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

## Pageant continued from other side

**New Hampshire:** Kristen Finn, 21, of Milton. Her platform is "Muscular Dystrophy Awareness: From Emotions to Actions." A student at Southern New Hampshire University, she is majoring in history. As her talent, Finn will perform the vocal "Who Will Love Me as I Am."

**New Jersey:** Jamie Patricia Ginn, 23, of Ocean View, who will perform the jazz dance "Dancin' Fool." A 2004 graduate of Rowan University, she majored in

## Briefly

### Crossing closed

The CSX crossing on Main St. is closed until further notice. Workers are repairing track there.

### Former exchange students sought

Hoopeston Rotary Club is seeking former exchange students to ride on the group's float in Saturday's parade. The float will mark Rotary International's 100th anniversary.

To participate, call 283-4732.

### Class reunion

The class of '95 is holding a reunion for students, families and teachers at 3 p.m. Sunday at Rankin park. Something to do for everyone. Please bring a snack or beverage item. Call Sarah (Bell) Combes with questions at (309) 826-7788.

## Obituaries

**GADDIS**—James R. Gaddis Sr., 63, of Milford died at 2:20 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Kidney Fund, 6110 Exec Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852 or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 82. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 65. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 81, low 61.

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chemical engineering and is employed by DuPont. Her platform is "Muscular Dystrophy Awareness: From Emotions to Actions."

**New Mexico:** Christina Marie Hall, 22, of Albuquerque. She is a student at Eastern New Mexico University majoring in vocal performance. She will sing "This is the Moment" as her talent. Her platform is "A Voice for Crohn's Disease and Colitis."

**New York:** Kimberley Ferdinando, 23, of New York City. A 2004 graduate of Fordham University, she majored in communications/media studies and Spanish and is employed by NBC. She will perform a self-choreographed modern dance to the poem "Phenomenal Woman." Her platform is "Generating Support for Special Olympics in the Community and Beyond."

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