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It's Sweetcorn Festival weekend!

The food, the rides, the corn, the queens—it's National Sweetcorn Festival time!

The 68th annual event, sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees, opened last evening at McFerren Park and will continue through Monday.

Admission is \$2 per person daily. This year, active duty and retired military personnel will be admitted free with identification.

This year's event features many favorite activities, including flea market, 5k run, car show, demo derbies, truck pull, music, Rob Thompson Magic Show, parade and, of course, the queens.

Thirty-four young women from across the nation are competing in the National Sweetheart Pageant. Preliminaries of the pageant, which features first-runners-up from state pageants, will be held Friday and Saturday night, with finals Sunday. Preliminaries and finals all begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year's contestants include:

•Miss Alabama, Haley Bagwell, who will perform a ballet en pointe to "Piano Concerto in F, 3rd Movement" by George Gershwin. Bagwell attends Auburn University where she majors in public relations.

•Miss Alaska, Julia Marshall, who is majoring in nursing-anesthesiology at University of Alaska-Anchorage. She hopes to become a nurse anesthetist, then continue studying to become a neurosurgeon. She will present the classical violin piece "Nocturne 20 in C Sharp Minor" as her talent.

•Miss Arkansas, Simone Mullinax, whose talent will be the vocal "Habanera" by Bizet. A graduate student at University of Arkansas, she is pursuing a master's degree in public speaking. She plans to pursue a PhD. And become a professor.

•Miss California, Leah Cecil. She hopes to become a professional harpist and is pursuing a degree in music at California State University. As her talent, she will perform a classical harp solo, "Great Day."

•Miss Colorado, Hannah Porter, who will perform a tap dance to "Don't Stop the Beat." A student at University of Northern Colorado, she majors in business management and business administration. Owning her own business is in Porter's future plans.

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Waiting

Empty lawn and folding chairs wait outside John Greer Grade School for Saturday's National Sweetcorn Festival Grand Parade.

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- Miss District of Columbia, Melissa Youssef. A political science/pre-law major at Westmount College, she is White House-Office of Presidential Correspondence, President's Commission on White Fellowships and Office of Management and Administration. She will perform the vocal, "Rolling in the Deep" as her talent.
- Miss Delaware, Erin Magnin, who will perform the vocal, "I Dream in Color," as her talent. A music education major at University of Delaware, Magnin hopes to become an elementary/middle school music teacher.
- Miss Florida, Kalen Dennis, who majors in psychology at University of North Florida. She plans to become a certified behavior analyst in the criminal justice system. She will perform the pop vocal "I Surrender" in the talent competition.
- Miss Georgia, Kristen Springer, will perform a ballet en pointe to "Carmina Burana" as her talent. Currently principal soloist with Ballet Pensacola in Florida, the communications/advertising major at University of Texas at Austin, she plans to do public relations with a major ballet company.
- Miss Illinois, Megan Ervin, who will perform a contemporary dance to "Proud Mary. An exercise science major at Western Illinois University, she plans to earn a master's degree in exercise physiology, then open a fitness/dance center and market her "Cross-Lates Dance" fitness method on DVD.
- Miss Iowa, Emily Thompson, will perform a contemporary violin solo, "Forever," as her talent. She studied electrical engineering at Purdue University and plans to test equipment for government systems at Rockwell Collins.
- Miss Kansas, Caitlin Taylor, who plans to use a meteorology degree to become a broadcast meteorologist. She attends University of Oklahoma and will perform "Bouree" on the flute.
- Miss Kentucky, Jenna Day, who will perform the vocal "And This is My Beloved" in the talent competition. A political science major at University of Kentucky, she hopes to have a career in politics.
- Miss Louisiana, Carley McCord, received a criminal justice degree from Northwestern State University and is working on a broadcast journalism degree from Louisi-

ana State University. She will perform the vocal "Hallelujah," as her talent.

●Miss Maryland, Stephanie Kelman, who will perform a self-choreographed lyrical dance to "I'll Stand By You." A student at Salisbury University, she majors in early childhood education and plans to teach kindergarten or first grade.

●Miss Massachusetts, Amanda Narciso, who will tap dance to "Come Rain or Come Shine" as her talent. A psychology major at Salve Regina University, she plans to become a professor of psychology.

●Miss Minnesota, Samantha Phillippi, who will perform a vocal dance, "But I Am a Good Girl," in the talent competition. She has a double major of dance and elementary education at Minnesota State University-Mankato, and plans to be an educator.

●Miss Missouri, Tippe Emmott, a communication major at Missouri State University who plans to perform and have a successful dance career on Broadway. She will perform a ballet en pointe to "Un Dia Llarga" as her talent.

●Miss Montana, Gillette Vaira, who will perform the vocal, "You Raise Me Up" as her talent. She has a master's degree in broadcast journalism and a bachelor's in mass communication with a minor in international studies and is a broadcast reporter for the NBC affiliate in Billings.

●Miss Nebraska, Mindy Schreiber, a psychology major at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who hopes to own a counseling service specializing in marriage and family counseling. She will present a vocal performance of "For Once in My Life" as her talent.

●Miss Nevada, Kellie Mills, a psychology major at University of Nevada-Las Vegas. A recreation supervisor at New York, New York Hotel and Casino, she plans to be a private practice for children. She will perform the vocal "I Am Changing" in the talent competition.

●Miss New Hampshire, Rebecca Redina, who will perform a lyrical dance to "Happy." An EMT, she is studying biology/pre-med at University of New Hampshire-Durham, and plans to be a physician assistant.

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In the Beer Tent

Labor Day Weekend!

Friday:
Straight Shooter 9-1
Featuring Lonnie Hafner

Saturday:
Full Circle and Outbound Drive, 8-1

Sunday:
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● Miss New Jersey, Katie Berry, who is director of public relations for Kandice Pelletier Swimwear. She majored in dance and communications/media studies with a concentration in journalism, at Fordham University. She hopes to one day dance with a professional company in New York. She will perform a classical ballet en pointe to "Carmen's Suite."

● Miss North Dakota, Laura Harmon, who will perform the vocal "O Mio Babbino Caro" as her talent. An environmental geography major at University of North Dakota, she plans to pursue a graduate degree and work towards preserving the environment.

● Miss Ohio, Meggie Wittman, a musical theater major at Kent State University, who hopes to pursue a Broadway career and become an arts educator. She will perform the vocal "At Last" as her talent.

● Miss Oregon, Nichole Mead, who will perform a lyrical dance to "What's Love Got to Do With It" in the talent competition. A psychology major at University of Oregon, she plans to earn a Ph.D and work with soldiers suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

● Miss Pennsylvania, Lexie-Olivia Grant, a manager for Origins Cosmetics, she studied arts, education and business at Gettysburg College. She will perform a violin solo, "Explosive" by Bond, as her talent.

● Miss Rhode Island, Alana Lauro, who will perform a ballet ensemble to "Spanish Dance." A nursing major at Community College of Rhode Island, she plans to become a pediatric nurse while working towards a master's degree in nursing.

● Miss South Dakota, Calista Kirby, a nursing major at University of Nebraska, who will perform a gymnastics routine to "Defying Gravity" in the talent competition.

She plans to get a master's degree in public health with an emphasis in community education and work for the American Cancer Society.

● Miss Tennessee, Chandler Lawson, who is majoring in political science/international and comparative studies,

with a minor in communications, at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. She plans to become a lawyer, practicing in entertainment or international law, while running a nonprofit corporation. She will perform the vocal "Cry Me a River" in the talent competition.

● Miss Utah, McKenna Wheeler, who will perform a dance to "Turning Tables" as her talent. A business administration/dance major

at Salt Lake Community College, she is an independent choreographer and dance instructor for children ages 3-18.

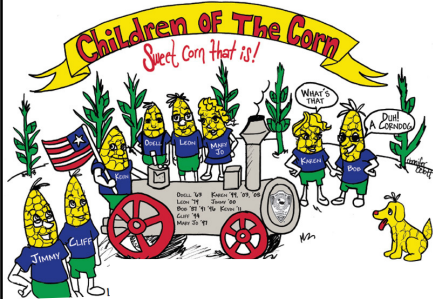
● Miss Vermont, Kimberlee Supernaw, who hopes to be lead infant/toddler teacher and nanny, using her major of early childhood education with a minor in movement science at Westfield State University. She will perform a lyrical dance to "Hollywood's Not America."

● Miss Washington, Nicole Lynn Erhardt, who will power clog to "Waka Waka" in the talent competition. An elementary education major at Washington State University, she plans to pursue a master's degree and teach first grade.

● Miss Wisconsin, Raeanna Johnson, who majors in dietetics at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She plans to be a nutritionist and business owner. As her talent, she will perform a lyrical dance en pointe to "Hallelujah."



This year's National Sweetcorn Festival logo, "Children of the Corn," pays homage to the familial history of some Hoopeston Jaycees, whose parents were also instrumental in the festival.



68th National
Sweet Corn Festival

September 1-5, 2011 McFerren Park - Hoopeston
Sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00 pm Gates Open—\$2 admission
Display Area Opens
Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
5-10:00 pm Ride Special** Bracelet Night
11:00 pm Midway & Beer Tent Close

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 pm Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
Display Area Opens
Midway Opens
5 p.m.-1 a.m. Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
6:30 pm National Sweetheart
Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7:00 pm I & I Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)
7-10:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)
11:00 pm Midway Closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:00 am Flea Market Opens
7:30 am 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Honeywell School)
8:00 am Sweetcorn 5 K Run (Honeywell School)
8:45 am Little Corn Eaters Run (Honeywell School)
9:00 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
9:00 am Custom Car Show (South End)
River Valley Mopar Club
10:30 am Grand Parade (Downtown Hoopeston)
Noon Midway, Display Area Open
Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
Noon-10 p.m. Ride Special ** Bracelet Night
1-4:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1:30 pm Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
1:30-5:00 pm FREE SWEETCORN
3:00 p.m. Greg Rhodes Band (west side of Souvenir Bldg.)
3:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
5:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
6:00 pm Demo Derby I (Annex)
6:30 pm National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7-10:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)
11:00 pm Midway Closes
1:00 am Beer Tent Closes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am Flea Market Opens
9:00 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
9:30 a.m. I & I Antique Tractor Club (south end Park)
11:00 am Children Fishing Derby Sign Up
Noon Midway, Display Area Open
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
12:00 pm Children's Fishing Derby
12-4:00 pm FREE SWEETCORN
12-10:00 pm Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
1:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
1:15-2:15 pm Autograph Session (CC)
Crossroads (west side of souvenir Bldg)
1:15-2:15 p.m. Autograph Session (CC)
1-4:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)
3:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
Crossroads (west side of Souvenir Bldg.)
Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
5:00 pm National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (CC)
6:30 pm Demo Derby II (Annex)
7:00 pm Midway, Beer Tent Close
10:00 pm Pageant Reception

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am Flea Market Opens
9:00 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
Display Area Opens
Baby Contest Registration
9:30 am Antique Auto Car Show (South end of Park)
10:00 am Baby Contest
Noon Midway Opens
Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
Ride Special** Bracelet Night
Noon-8 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN
12-4:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1-4:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
2:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
4:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
5:00 p.m. Ronnie's Rockin' Juke Box (Jaycee Shelter)
9:00 pm Midway and Beer Tent Closes
Free admission for active duty military and retired military w/ID
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Briefly

No paper Monday

Just the Facts will not be printed Monday for Labor Day. Publication will resume Tuesday.

Clinic closed Monday

Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Clinic will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Obituaries

CANNON- Doris Maxine (Compton) Cannon, 62, of Salem, Ore., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, at her daughter's home in Salem. Funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Cremation rites will be accorded. There will be no burial. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, care of Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school
TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, peaches
WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, mandarin oranges, juice
THURSDAY: Ravioli, salad, pineapple
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: No school
TUESDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, peaches
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib, salad, pears
THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets or Hot Pocket, tri-tater, mandarin oranges, juice
FRIDAY: Sausage pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit
All meals include milk.

Weather

Sunny, not today. High 97. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 70. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 89, low 64. Sunday, sunny. High 77, low 52. Monday, Sunny. High 72, low 49.

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