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New Sweetheart Pageant directors keep show going on

The sets are built and the props ready for the 51st National Sweetheart Pageant.

Preliminaries for the pageant, part of the National Sweetcorn Festival, will be held Friday and Saturday night with the finals scheduled for Sunday evening.

The pageant will be a new experience for one of this year's co-directors. "I've never seen one," said Marti Kaeb. "I've never even seen a video of one. I've only seen about a half hour of one."

Her contribution to the duo is theater experience, which she will use for the production numbers during the pageant.

Kaeb, who was in high school theater, has also helped put on productions at Holy Family School in Danville.

Kaeb's co-director, Michelle Crabtree is bring-

ing some pageant experience to the team. She has worked with the pageant for three years, serving as parent coordinator for one year, planning meals, gatherings and tours for the parents of queen contestants, and two years as part time chaperone.

She has also helped executive directors Odell and Dolores Crabtree with preparation work for the event.

The theme of this year's production was decided after watching old movies. "Basically, I went to Marti's, had a good meal, pigged out and watched a movie," Crabtree said.

West Side Story was chosen as the theme. Production numbers will include "I Feel Pretty" and "Tonight."

See **SHOW** on other side

Spontaneous kind of guy new air personality at WHPO

He's been known to drive to Indianapolis in the middle of the night for a White Castle hamburger.

On long weekends, he might drive to Florida to visit friends.

In short, Kerry Lake, WHPO's new morning personality is a "spur of the moment" kind of guy.

Lake, who started on the air Aug. 9, is a Danville native whose voice has hit the airwaves in Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina.

The 33-year-old Lake didn't plan a career in radio. "A lot of my friends said 'You talk so fast, you ought to be on radio,'" he said.

While living in Georgia, he hit the pavement, looking for a radio job. He finally found one, and

used his mix of music and humor to work his way from the night shift to the evening shift, finally getting a drive-time slot.

"I didn't know how to be professional or anything," he said. "I just knew what was funny to me."

Lake, who returned to Danville in 1993, has been away from radio for six or seven years. And he can tell the difference.

"I don't have the one-liners I used to have," he said. "I'm not as quick-witted. I think maybe down the road that stuff will come back to me."

So far, Lake has gotten mixed reviews. "I've had good reviews and bad reviews," he said. "but so far, nobody's called up saying they hate me."

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Up & Coming

Library reminder

Residents of the Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin school districts are reminded that they can use the Hoopeston Public Library free of charge until April 1995.

EIMPC activities

Upcoming activities at the community center include Thursday, 9 a.m., coffee hour, 12:30 p.m., euchre.

The center will be closed Monday, Sep. 5

Local singers wanted

Singing voices needed for the National Sweetcorn Festival pageant show. To participate, call 283-6609 or come to the McFerren Park Civic Center at 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

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Show continued from other side

Crabtree said "I Feel Pretty" is especially appropriate. "There's a line in there that goes 'Look out Miss America,'" she said, adding that many Sweethearts go on to the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City.

While sets and props were done very early, choreography for the production numbers came later and in a very unusual way. "I did most of the choreography while I was mopping my kitchen floor," Kaeb said. "I'd mop for a while, then an idea would hit me, then I'd mop some more."

The 25 Sweethearts competing in this year's pageant will have little time to practice their production numbers.

Contestants arrived in Hoopeston Monday Tuesday, they will practice their talent routines, leaving only parts of Tuesday and Wednesday to practice the production.

With such a tight production schedule, the women say they aren't hoping for miracles, but for a smaller victory. "I'd be happy not to have too many long pregnant pauses," Kaeb said. "I just want a smooth-running show, plain and simple."

Crabtree agreed, adding "I want a group of girls who want to have fun. That's what we're trying to get our show to be - a lot of fun - so they'll remember Hoopeston."

Both want to direct the pageant for three years, training someone else to take over. "We've already got ideas for next year," Kaeb said. "Our creative juices were flowing."

Police News

Trudy A. Tubbs of 648 E. McCracken, reported Sunday that her son's bicycle was found missing at 2 p.m.

Todd Underwood of 520 Front St., reported Monday that someone took a car stereo, video cassette recorder and television from his residence.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 25, 1994

Admitted: Julie Mullen, Rossville

Discharged: Hazel Marie Wells, Hoopeston.

Aug. 26, 1994

Admitted: Santos Zamarripa, Hoopeston

Discharged: Rodell Lage, Hoopeston.

Aug. 27, 1994

Admitted: none

Discharged: Maxine Mitchell, Boswell, Ind.

Aug. 28, 1994

Admitted: Wesley Dazey and Marian Flynn both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 80-85. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 75, low near 66.

The National Sweetcorn Festival 51st Celebration

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 1

5 p.m. Gates Open Water Wars Open Beer Tent Opens Display Area Opens

5-10 p.m. Ride Special ** \$8

7 p.m. Go Cart Races - Annex (\$4/\$2)

8 p.m. Dance in Beer Tent "KARAOKE"

Friday, September 2

5 p.m. Gates Open Water Wars Open Beer Tent Opens

Display Area Opens Midway Opens

5-8 p.m. Art Show Opens - Girl Scout House

7 p.m. Truck Pull - Annex (\$4/\$2) Bingo - Legion Shelter

National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary - Civic Center

9 p.m. Dance in Beer Tent - "SILHOUETTES"

Saturday, September 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

9 a.m. Gates Open Volleyball Tournament Begins Water Wars Open "Hillbilly Bob"

(Entertaining throughout the day)

10:30 a.m. Grand Parade - downtown Hoopeston

Noon Midway Opens Display Area Opens

Lion's Club Food Stand Opens

Petting Zoo Opens - Pool Area

Noon-5 p.m. Ice Cream Social \$2 All You Can Eat

Noon-8 p.m. Art Show Opens - Girl Scout House

1-5 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN SERVED**

Hooterville Iron Car Show - south end of park

1:30 p.m. Free Entertainment - "Bandwagon" - Corn Area

2 p.m. Radio Control Car Races

First Pig Race Begins

6 p.m. Demo Derby 1 - Annex 7-10 p.m. Bingo - Legion Shelter

7 p.m. **National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary** - Civic Center

9 p.m. Dance in Beer Tent "FULL CIRCLE"