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## Hoopeston title safe Stokely to keep corn pack at Hoopeston plant

Hoopeston will keep its title as Sweet Corn Capital of the World following an announcement that the Stokely plant will continue to process sweet corn.

The announcement was made to employees Monday and made public Tuesday.

The decision ends two years of announcements that corn pack would be discontinued, said plant manager Bill Nicholls.

Approximately 275 workers were expected to lose their jobs with twice-promised end of corn pack.

However, last year, production was reinstated because of flooding at other Stokely locations. This year, the plant took advantage of early local harvests to boost depleted inventory.

Nicholls cited the location and efficiency of the Hoopeston plant as reasons for the change. "Our geographic location is an asset for us because we can start a couple weeks earlier than the Wisconsin plant," he said.

Also, high-speed equipment was installed after a fire destroyed the corn processing area approxi-

See CORN on other side

## Pageant judges panel boasts of international flavor

Two of the five-member panel of judges for the National Sweetheart Pageant may bring a continental touch to Hoopeston.

Judge Kenn Berry is a native of England, immigrating to the U.S. in 1947, while Caroline Keller Reece has been producer/director and mistress of ceremonies for the Miss Mansfield-Sherwood Forest pageant in Mansfield, England.

Berry has been involved with the Miss America program for 44 years, attending 46 consecutive national finals in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He is a member of the board of directors for the Miss New York program. He has judged over 30 state pageants and has coached numerous contestants.

Reece, of Ohio, has judged and performed in pageants and has worked as a script writer, lighting technician, assistant to the producer and entertainer at the Miss Ohio and Texas pageants and was a finalist in the Miss Ohio pageant in 1988.

and 1989.


Other judges include

June Graves, a runway model and national couture representative for Staley Platos-Martin Ross collections. A former member of the board of directors of the Miss Texas pageant, Graves has trained Miss America contestants from 12 states.

Dr. Susan Shea, who has 20 years of pageant experience, including judging, directing and emceeing. She now serves as regional field director and is on the state board of directors of the Miss Illinois pageant.

W. Harold Laster, who has served as executive director of the Miss Cincinnati pageant and assistant producer for the Miss Ohio pageant. He has judged 29 state pageants for the Miss America program since 1980. A bicycling enthusiast, he is the first judge in the Miss America system to bicycle across country from Seattle to Atlantic City.

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## Treasurer issues reminder on property tax deadline

Herb Hales, Vermilion County treasurer/tax collector, reminds all county property taxpayers that the second installment of property taxes are due Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Payment is of 1993 taxes, payable in 1994.

The treasurer's office and all banks will accept second installments without penalty through Monday, Sept. 12. Taxpayers who have not paid the first installment now owe a 4.5 percent penalty on the first amount.

first installments, along with the penalty, must be paid through the treasurer's office. An additional 1.5 percent penalty will accrue on both un-

paid installments after Sept. 12.

Hales also announced that the annual tax sale has been set for Monday, Nov. 14. Taxpayers who know their payments will be late should pay the tax and penalties by Oct. 1 if they wish to avoid publication and certified notice of tax delinquency.

For more information, contact Hales' office at 431-2631.

## Police News



A boy's black BMX bicycle was found Monday at 323 S. Fifth St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday.

A car driven by Debra L. Beaty, 410 E. Thompson, was southbound on South Third St., when her tire blew out, causing her to slide through the intersection at East Main.

Beaty's 1984 Buick struck a 1988 Mercury driven by Roy A. Carlson, 323 S. Fifth St.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday.

A 1981 Pontiac driven by Wendy E. Beatty, 508 S. Fifth St., struck a railroad crossing arm in the 100 block of West Maple.

Holly S. Stocker, 38, of 6304 State Road 9, Rankin, was arrested at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear. She was released on \$100 cash bond.

## Weather



Cloudy today with a slight chance of showers. High near 75. Tonight, clearing. Low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High near 80, low near 68.

**Watch for the special weekend  
edition of Just the Facts!**

## The National Sweetcorn Festival 15th Celebration

Sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees

### 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"