

1996 Vermilion County Fair & Expo



Route 150 West, Danville, IL
Front gate admission - \$2/person
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Schedule of Events Sunday, July 7

"FAMILY DAY"

Starts at 3 p.m.

Kids' games and Pig Races - FREE

Animal rides available

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Monday, July 8

Team Roping Contest	Horse Arena	7 p.m.
Queen Contest	Grandstand	8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9

Team Roping Contest	Horse Arena	7 p.m.
Baby Contest	Grandstand	6 p.m.
Talent Contest	Grandstand	8 p.m.

time approx. - follows Baby Contest

Wednesday, July 10

TPA Sanctioned Tractor Pull	Grandstand	7 p.m.
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Thursday, July 11

Jr. Horsemanship, Halter and Performance	Horse Arena	6:30 p.m.
Non Wing Sprint Cars and Street Stock Car Races	Grandstand	Time Trials 7 p.m. Races 8 p.m.

Friday, July 12

Western Horse Show	Horse Arena	6:30 p.m.
Modified, Sportsman	Grandstand	Time Trials 7 p.m.
Street Stock Car Races		Races 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

Draft Horse, Pony and Mule (Halter)	Horse Arena	11 a.m.
Draft Horse, Pony and Mule (Hitch)	Horse Arena	5 p.m.
Dwarf Cars and Street Stock Car Races	Grandstand	Time Trials 7 p.m. Races 8 p.m.

Car Show/Art Show	9 a.m.
Band - Bolero	8 p.m.

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Fund established for Rankin woman injured in car mishap

RANKIN—A fund has been established to help a Rankin woman defray medical costs stemming from an accident last month.

The fund is for Dawn (Davis) Sparrow, 25, who was injured when the door of a moving car shut on her arm.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, when Sparrow took her son Brandon, 2½, and her one-year-old nephew to the post office.

Sparrow left the boys in the car while she ran in to check the mail. Brandon was in a car seat in the back, while her nephew was wearing a seat belt in the front.

While Sparrow was inside, her nephew crawled from the confines of the seat belt, knocked the gear lever and sent the car rolling backwards.

When Sparrow saw what was happening, she ran to the car, pulled open the door and tried to stop the car. In the process, the door closed on her arm, gashing the flesh and severing arteries.

"She almost died on the streets of Rankin," said her mother, Jean Vogel of Hoopeston.

Crowds invade theater for premier of 'Independence Day'

Approximately 350 people wended their way under the hovering unidentified flying object, past the military vehicle, and past the gaze of something with a bulbous head and 9-inch long fingernails.

Despite the unfamiliar surroundings, none of the people seemed afraid. And then they saw it.

"Independence Day" at the Lorraine Theatre, that is.

The movie, rated PG-13, is about an alien invasion. Theater owner Greg Boardman went all-out to make Tuesday's opening as realistic as possible, complete

Vogel credits passerby Mike Bushue with saving her daughter's life. Bushue, she said, applied a tourniquet above the gash to stanch the bleeding. "He spazzes at the sight of blood, so everyone was amazed he did that," Vogel said.

Bushue's presence was the first piece of good luck after the accident. More followed, Vogel said.

Someone in the post office called for an ambulance. A Hoopeston ambulance and personnel were returning to Hoopeston from Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana and were only 10 minutes away.

Sparrow was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, where she was stabilized. Hospital personnel began looking for a doctor with the expertise to reattach Sparrow's torn arteries and nerves. She was transferred to Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis where, Vogel said, a surgeon ranked third in the nation operated on her daughter.

Another fortunate aspect is that it was the left arm of the right-handed Sparrow that was injured. "There are different positives about this," Vogel said.

with a military Humvee, inflated UFO, and alien paraphernalia.

Boardman was pleased with the turnout for the premier. "If it does as good as 'Twister,' I may have to keep it another week," he said. "Independence Day" is scheduled to end June 25.

Boardman was pleased not only with the crowd, but with the film's special effects. "If you know what it sounds like when an F18 launches, it sounds like that," he said.

The movie will play at 7:30 and 10 p.m. nightly,

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Police News



Kenneth L. Ramsey, 357 North St., Wellington, reported Tuesday that he saw a boy on a bicycle run into his 1981 Cadillac.

Ramsey then found scratches on the right front

fender, a dent on top of the fender and a cracked windshield.

The car was parked in the parking lot at 301 W. Main when the incident occurred.

Briefly

Trash pick up delayed

Trash pick up will run one day behind schedule the rest of this week and next week because of the Independence Day holiday.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be held

from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 at Hoopeston city hall. The course is free and open to anyone. For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Crossword winner

Deb Walton of Woodland was the June winner in the Just the Facts crossword puzzle contest. She will receive a \$50 gift certificate from S.A.R.A.

Vogel first heard her daughter had been injured

~~See FUND on other side~~

Fund continued from other side

while Sparrow was still at the Hoopeston hospital. Vogel, who, like her daughter, works at Pamida Discount Store, was first told by someone that Sparrow had fallen and required stitches. It was not until workers from the hospital called with questions that Vogel learned the truth. "It went from someone telling me she tripped and fell and had to have stitches to this," Vogel said.

Sparrow received seven units of blood at the hospital and underwent three surgeries of 10, 4 and 2 hours.

She now faces approximately 18 months of physical therapy to regain the use of her arm and determine how much strength she will have in her arm and hand.

Now that the initial shock has worn off, Vogel and Sparrow will face mounting medical bills. "I haven't had time to think about that," Vogel said, adding Sparrow has insurance on her car but no major medical coverage. "I've just had to turn it over to the good Lord. That's all I could do."

The accident has been not only a financial drain, but an emotional one, as well. Sparrow was "just getting it together," registering for classes at Danville Area Community College, Vogel said.

"She doesn't know why this happened," Vogel

said. "She said 'I don't know why I did that - you always told me not to leave kids in the car,'" Vogel said. "I told her this happened for a reason, that God's in charge, and we'd know why someday."

Residents in the town are also asking why it had to happen, but they're determined not to see it happen again.

Last week, Vogel said, another mother left her child unattended in a car. Someone in the post office warned her of the dangers. "She said 'Don't you remember what just happened here,'" Vogel said.

Contributions to Sparrow's fund may be sent to

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 2, 1996

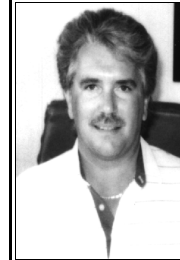
Admitted: none.

Discharged: Barbara Fraley and June Stephenson, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High near 87. Tonight, continued partly cloudy. Low near 64. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 87, low near 66. Sunday, warmerscattered thunderstorms. High near 94, low near 74.



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