

# The National Sweetcorn Festival 53rd Celebration



Labor Day Weekend  
Aug. 29-Sept. 2  
McFerren Park, Hoopeston

**Sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees**

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|-------------------|--|
| Thursday, Aug. 29 |  |
| 5 p.m.            | Gates Open - No Charge<br>Beer Tent, Display Area Opens<br>Ride Special - \$9<br>Go Cart Races/Annex<br>Dance/Beer Tent - "Keith Harden"   |
| 5-10 p.m.         |  |
| 6:30 p.m.         |  |
| 8 p.m.            |  |
| Friday, Aug. 30   |  |
| 5 p.m.            | Gates Open - No Charge<br>Beer Tent, Display Area, Midway Opens<br>Art Show/Girl Scout House<br>Bingo/Legion Shelter<br>Truck Pull/Annex<br>National Sweetheart Pageant/Civic Center<br>Dance/Beer Tent - "Blind Date"   |
| 5-8 p.m.          |  |
| 7-10 p.m.         |  |
| 7 p.m.            |  |
| 9 p.m.            |  |
| Saturday, Aug. 31 |  |
| 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 - \$1 Admission   |
| 10:30 a.m.        | Grand Parade/Downtown Hoopeston  |
| Noon              | Midway, Display Area Opens<br>Outdoor Entertainment - Uncle Cha-Cha<br>Art Show/Girl Scout House<br>Hot Rod Car Show<br>Free Sweetcorn Served<br>Outdoor Concert<br>Outdoor Entertainment-Ticka the Clown<br>Demo Derby I/Annex<br>Bingo/Legion Shelter<br>National Sweetheart Pageant/Civic Center<br>Dance/Beer Tent - "Full Circle"   |
| 1-5 p.m.          |  |
| 2 p.m.            |  |
| 3 p.m.            |  |
| 6 p.m.            |  |
| 7-10 p.m.         |  |
| 7 p.m.            |  |
| 9 p.m.            |  |
| Sunday, Sept. 1   |  |
| 8 a.m.            | Flea Market Opens  |
| 9 a.m.            | Gates Open - \$1 Admission   |
| 10 a.m.           | Horseshoe Pitching Contest   |
| Noon              | Midway, Display Area Opens<br>Outdoor Entertainment - Jeff Bibic Magic Show<br>Free Sweetcorn Served<br>Art Show Opens/Girl Scout House<br>Children's Fishing Derby<br>Bingo/Legion Shelter<br>Children's Games sponsored by McDonald's<br>Outdoor Entertainment - "Starlighters" Big Band<br>Demo Derby II/Annex<br>National Sweetheart Pageant Finals/Civic Center<br>Pageant Reception & Dance/Civic Center |
| 1 p.m.            |  |
| 1-4 p.m.          |  |
| 2-4 p.m.          |  |
| 2 p.m.            |  |
| 6 p.m.            |  |
| 7 p.m.            |  |
| 10 p.m.           |  |
| Monday, Sept. 2   |  |
| 8 a.m.            | Flea Market Opens  |
| 9 a.m.            | Gates Open - \$1 Admission   |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Antique Auto Show<br>Display Area Opens<br>Outdoor Entertainment - Chuck & Ziggy<br>Midway, Beer Tent Opens<br>Garden Tractor Pull/Annex<br>Free Sweetcorn Served<br>Bingo/Legion Shelter<br>Art Show/Girl Scout House<br>Dance/Beer Tent - "Willard Cratchlow Band"<br>Ride Special - \$9   |
| 11 a.m.           |  |
| Noon              |  |
| 1 p.m.            |  |
| 3 p.m.            |  |
| 4-9 p.m.          |  |

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## Hoopeston Area bows out of reorganization talks among schools

Talk of reorganization will continue among schools in northern Vermilion County, but Hoopeston Area will not be included.

Hoopeston bowed out at Tuesday's meeting of school officials from Rossville-Alvin, Potomac, Armstrong-Ellis Grade School, Armstrong High School and Bismarck-Henning.

The group discussing options for merging included superintendents and two board members from each of the six districts.

At board meetings this month, only Hoopeston

expressed a desire to continue negotiating on any of six proposals drafted by the districts.

Of other districts expressing a preference, none included Hoopeston Area as a prime candidate.

"Let's face it - we're out," said Gary Miller, Hoopeston Area board vice president. "Hoopeston is respectfully bowing out with the intention of keeping a line of communication open with Rossville."

Distance and Hoopeston's tax rate of \$3.56 per \$100 assessed valuation made the northernmost

See TALKS on other side

## Free shuttle bus, street changes planned for 1996 festival

To organizers of the National Sweetcorn Festival, held locally each Labor Day weekend, rain is the biggest nightmare. To those attending the five-day event, finding a parking place can be a nightmare, as well.

Event officials hope to alleviate some parking problems caused by thousands of people trying to park their vehicles in McFerren Park with two traffic flow measures.

First, a free shuttle bus service will run continuously from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday through Monday from a grass lot at John Greer Grade School to McFerren Park, said James Eyrich, festival parking coordinator.

Second, Penn St., which runs past the park entrance, will be one-way between Ninth Ave. and Route 1, and the turn lane on Route 1 at Penn will be closed.

The measures are being implemented to increase the flow of traffic and decrease the number of vehicles which back up onto Route 1. "In the past, we've had some heavy traffic congestion," Eyrich said. "It would take 45 minutes to go through the park and not find a parking spot. We'd like visitors to park at John Greer first."

Shuttle buses, provided by the Hoopeston Area school district, will take festival-goers to within less than one-quarter block of the main gate.

Changes on Route 1 and Penn St. were approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation, which will provide signs notifying motorists of the changes, Eyrich said. Hoopeston Mayor Bob Ault also approved the changes, he said.

To reach the shuttle bus lot, northbound traffic should exit Route 1 on Elm St., then go north on Sixth Ave. to Main, then east to the parking lot. Southbound traffic should turn east on Main to the lot.

Those exiting the lot should use Main St. to Route 1.

People who need to go to the park should turn east on Elm St. from the highway, left on Sixth Ave and left again on Penn St.

Visitors with handicapped designations are asked to exit Route 1 on Elm St. and use the Elm St. entrance to the park to reach designated parking spaces.

Because vehicle safety is a concern, Eyrich said cars in the shuttle lot will be monitored by parking attendants on the scene.

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**Aug. 15: Earl H. Lequire**, Hoopeston, illegal possession, sidewalk; \$45 fine.

**Charles R. Richardson Jr.**, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, \$110.25 restitution; \$75, restitution.

**James Roach**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, summons issued.

**Cynthia Strawser**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, \$45.

**Frances M. Torres**, Ambia, Ind.,, deceptive practice, \$73.65 restitution; \$100 bond applied.

**Brandi L. Anderson**, Bismarck, \$300.31 due; warrant issued.

## Talks continued from other side

school unattractive to most others.

Armstrong-Ellis officials felt a combined district with Hoopeston would be "just too large," according to a letter from board president Marj Welchans.

Bismarck-Henning compared its tax rate with that of Hoopeston's. "Maybe we shouldn't sit in judgment, but we asked ourselves if the people of Hoopeston would want a tax increase," said board member Perry Jaynes.

Also, he said, the distance between the two districts would be too great to bus students. "How far we bus our kids is also a concern," he said.

Although Hoopeston is out, the other districts will continue talking. Since none of the six scenarios submitted by superintendents was favored, each board will now be asked to submit one or two proposals, "one that you can live with and one that's what you want," Miller said.

A compilation of curricula will also be made, by Randy Hird, Potomac superintendent. Hird said the information in needed to give to the public. "If the idea is to sell, what are we selling (the public)," he

asked.

Both the proposals and curricula materials will be presented when the group meets again, at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Potomac Grade School gym.

Representatives agreed that more emphasis must be placed on the tentative nature of the discussions. "We're not laying bricks tomorrow," said Wayne Scarlett of Armstrong-Ellis.

Stan Morgan of Bismarck-Henning suggested the group use euphemisms for discussions to reduce public apprehension.

"Consolidation" and 'reorganization' are not popular words," he said. By using terms such as "joint venture" and "joint agreement," "maybe we can get their mindset away from those words," he said.

Although talks will continue, some representatives were disappointed early talks did not produce a more concrete solution. "I'm a little disappointed we couldn't come to an agreement on the first go-round," said Morgan.

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Aug. 26, 1996**

**Admitted:** Otilio Aguilar, Hoopeston; Donald Gay, Wellington.

**Discharged:** Constance Fenwick, Hoopeston.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High in the upper 80s. Tonight, clear. Low in the low to mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 85, low near 65.

**Tunis L. Clyden**, Milford, fines and costs due, failed to appear; warrant issued.

**Heather Davis**, Hoopeston, 22 hours public service work converted to \$95; to be paid by Sept. 5.

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