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Gate fee increase to keep Jaycees sweetcorn festival going

Those attending this year's National Sweetcorn Festival will pay more to get in as a way of keeping the festival going.

Festival-goers will pay \$2 per day to the Labor Day weekend event, said 1998 festival chairman Gilbert Warner.

The fee, \$1 more than last year, will help pay for sweet corn next year, as well as other Jaycees projects. The Hoopeston Jaycees sponsor the annual festival.

Last year, festival proceeds paid for Jaycees Christmas projects such as the senior citizens Christmas dinner and underprivileged children's Christmas program, Warner said.

But since Chiquita Brands bought the Hoopeston Stokely plant and announced this would be the last year for company-donated corn for the event, the Jaycees have had to plan for the future. "If you pay for corn and transportation, where's the money coming from," he asked.

Rumors that corn canning will return to the factory don't help planning the festival. "You can't rely on that," Warner said.

The Jaycees hope to work out a contract with a Wisconsin grower to purchase corn for next year's festival. Transporting the corn will add to the cost, but the Wisconsin growing season is more suited to the festival's timing. Illinois corn, with fewer transportation costs, could be early or late. "You can't guarantee that it will be ready," Warner said.

Festival planners have had to deal with a more immediate financial need – rising costs for this year's event.

"Everything went up this year," Warner said. "Everything" includes carnival rides, tent rental, the petting zoo and insurance.

The decision to raise the entry fee was not made

lightly. "We kicked it around a lot," Warner said. But faced with rising costs and looking at other area events, the group decided to raise the price. "We looked at the Balloon Classing, Springfest (and other activities)," Warner said. "They don't have nearly what we have (and charge as much as \$8 to enter)."

To keep costs down for local residents, the Jaycees are offering \$5 advance gate ticket booklets, cutting the entry cost for each of the festival's five days. "Hoopeston can still get in for \$1," Warner said.

The passes will be available at the Hoopeston Multi Agency and the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce office.

In another effort to help residents, the Jaycees will
See FESTIVAL on other side

Country rock concert set

A toe-tappin' good time is expected on opening night of the 55th annual National Sweetcorn Festival.

A concert featuring country rocker Darin Norwood will kick off the Labor Day weekend activities, said festival chairman Gilbert Warner. Norwood will perform from 7-9 p.m.

The concert is the latest in a list of events to boost Thursday night attendance. "We always have trouble getting something for Thursday," Warner said. Past events have included go-cart and horse races, he said.

The concert idea came from the Georgetown Fair whose concert "seems to do fairly well," he said.

Norwood, an unknown, has potential. "I think he's good," Warner said. "This is a chance for area people to say 'hey, I knew him when he wasn't anybody.'"

Month long, Sunny day Rummage Sale

Today's additions:

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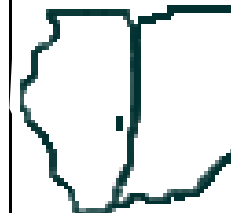
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Cross country practice

Hoopeston Area cross country practice will begin at 6:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17 at the high school.

Rules of the Road

A rules of the Road review course will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Hoopeston municipal building conference room. For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Make-up sports physicals

Make-up sports physicals for Hoopeston Area grades 7-12, excluding ninth grade, will be held from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Hoopeston Medical Clinic, 847 E. Orange. Cost is \$5, payable at the time of the physical.

Rotary meeting

The Hoopeston Rotary club will meet at noon Tuesday in Crunch's meeting room.



Police News



Bill Simpson, 853 E. Maple, reported Sunday that someone took an air conditioner from his garage.

Bryon J. Paul, 18, of #20 Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, charged with retail theft and resisting a peace officer.

Police were called to Jerry's IGA, Routes 1 and 9, for a shoplifting report. The suspects, in a blue van, were stopped by officers and, police said, Paul became uncooperative and was restrained.

Paul was released on a notice to appear.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 30

Admitted: none.

Discharged: George Reynertson.

July 31

Admitted: James Burton, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Orrin Holmberg, Roger Reckner, Cindy Shank.

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Nothing to report.

Court Dispositions



July 23: **Thomas Rollberg**, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, \$95 restitution; rule to show cause.

Terry Rucker, Ambia, Ind., deceptive practice, \$93.93 restitution; continued.

Phillip Schutter, Joliet, to pay \$75 in full; continued 30 days.

Wanda Storm, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, \$101.09 restitution, pleaded guilty; \$100, restitution.

Maria Torres, Hoopeston, leash law, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Jackie Winchester, Hoopeston, to pay \$150; paid \$20, continued to Aug. 6.

Thomas Whitney, Watseka, battery, interfering with police, disorderly conduct; summons issued.

Steven Wolford, Hoopeston, trespassing; pleaded not guilty.

Bench trials: **Thomas Badgley**, Hoopeston, failure to

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Monday.

Arlyn Rudin, 1881E 300 N Rd., Milford, reported that an unknown vehicle hit his parked 1991 Pontiac at the Dairy Queen, 715 W. Main.

Festival continued from other side

offer a second pass, this one to annex events such as demolition derbies and truck pulls. The pass, for events on Friday through Monday nights, will cost \$25, a savings of about \$3. "We looked it over and say 'we can do that to save money for Hoopeston,'" Warner said.

Costs for other festival events will remain the same. The carnival will still feature a \$10 bracelet night on Thursday and a two-for-one family special Monday night.

Weather



Partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms today and tomorrow. Highs 86-89, lows 74-77.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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HELP WANTED

Temporary help. Pick up applications at Hoopeston Foods. Second shift. Start mid- to late August. \$6.50/hour. Applications must be in by Aug. 7. 210-216

Country Terrace Apartments seeking Personal Care Assistant/Housekeeper for nights and weekends. 32-40 hours. Training provided for the right candidate 18 years or older.

Applications available at Hoopeston Hospital registration desk or phone (217) 283-9215 for appointment. 216-219

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Grant Township will be taking sealed bids on the following items:

- 1.) Unique oak antique library table.
- 2.) Two (2) metal desks – one with return.
- 3.) Computer desk with work area.

All items can be seen at 525 S. Market Street, Hoopeston, IL from 9-12 and 1-3 Monday through Friday.

Bids will be opened August 10, 1998 at 4 p.m. at Grant Township, 525 S. Market St., Hoopeston, IL. The Township reserves the right to reject and or all bids. 209-219

2 year old female registered St. Bernard. Comes with large kennel and dog igloo. Great family dog. \$250. Pro Form Space Saver treadmill w/all the extras, \$400. (217) 339-2404. 216-219

RUMMAGE SALES

MOVING SALE: patio furniture, king size waterbed, dresser, large metal desk, recliner, drop leaf table, cedar chest, bikes, Queen Ann desk, organ, coffee tables, chest-style freezer, exercise equipment and more. Can be seen evenings. Call (217) 283-7001. Hoopeston. 215-219