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Corn limit cut in half, quicker lines expected: chairman

A new limit on the number of per-trip ears of corn distributed at this year's National Sweet Corn Festival will be implemented this year.

The 12-ear limit formerly imposed will be cut to six this year, said festival chairman Karen Porth.

Hot, buttered corn, cooked using an old-fashioned steam engine, will be given away Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Last year, some festival-goers stood in line for an hour and a half before receiving their bounty but the six-ear limit is expected to shorten the wait, Porth said.

It is also expected to decrease the amount of corn wasted, more important than ever this year since corn is

no longer being donated by Stokely.

The Hoopeston Jaycees, festival sponsor, are buying corn from a Harvard, Ill., grower. Ten tons each will be delivered for Saturday and Sunday consumption with another six tons coming Monday, Porth said.

Thursday marks the 56th festival's opening day, an opening Porth is looking forward to. "I'm ready for it to start, and not because I want it to be over," she said. "We're ready for it."

The only thing Porth now has to worry about is the weather, which can make or break a festival. "My only stressor right now is the rain," she said.

Final profiles of National Sweetheart contestants given

Thirty two girls will compete Labor Day Weekend for the title of National Sweetheart.

The National Sweetheart Pageant, held in conjunction with the National Sweet Corn Festival, attracts first runners-up from state pageants across the United States.

This year's contestants include:

Massachusetts – Abbie Lynne Rabine, 20, will present the theatrical vocal "Piece of Sky" during her portion of the talent competition. Rabine attends Gordon College, majoring in music education. She hopes to teach and would some day like to be the spokesperson for the Learning Disabilities Association of America.

Tennessee – Tara Elizabeth Boosey, 24, of Nashville, Tenn., graduated in 1997 from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville, with a degree in management. She is currently an executive search consultant for DHR International, Inc. During the talent competition, she will sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Utah – Joanna Larsen, 23, of Orem, Utah, will perform a flute solo, "Carmen" during the talent competi-

tion. Larsen received a degree in English education from Brigham Young University. She is pursuing a master's degree in English at the school, where she also teaches freshman English classes.

West Virginia – Jodi Clark, 21, of Cameron, W.Va., is a 1999 graduate of West Virginia University College, where she majored in foreign language with a concentration in business. She plans a career in international corporate law. Her talent is a ballet en pointe to "Who Will Love Me As I Am?"

Wisconsin – Catherine Apilado, 19, of Racine, Wis., is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside, where she majors in meteorology. She hopes to become a meteorologist for the National Weather Center. She will sing the aria "Time to Say Goodbye" during the talent competition.

Vermont – Hannah Jane Nelson, 23, of Ryegate, Vt., will sing "God Bless the U.S.A." during the talent competition. Nelson, a 1997 graduate of Lyndon State Col-

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lege, majored in psychology. She is a therapeutic case manager for children and families in a community mental health center.

Washington – Nicole Marie Abrahamsen, 23, of Vancouver, Wash., is a 1998 graduate of Washington State

University. A human development major, Abrahamsen hopes to teach elementary school and coach at the high school level. She will perform a tap dance to “Fabulous Feet” during the talent competition.

Wyoming – Kimberly Wilkerson, 23, of Gillette,

Wyo., will sing “Everybody Says Don’t” during the talent competition. A 1998 graduate of the University of Wyoming, Wilkerson majored in agricultural communications. She plans to market for the ag industry.



Police News



A **resident reported** Tuesday that a CD case and CDs were taken from a 1999 Monte Carlo in the 500 block of West Main.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday at 1025 E. Thompson.

Police said John J. Bernal, of Pinos Altos, N.M., backed a 1998 Volvo into a building at that location.

Four people were arrested at 1:04 a.m. Wednesday on alcohol-related charges.

Jason K. Simonton, 17, of 810 E. Seminary, was charged with no valid driver’s license, illegal transportation of alcohol and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Philip E. Kremetz, 28, of 303½ N. Market and Shara N. Kietzman, 19, and Colleen M. Griffin, 19, both of 14114 E 3550 N Rd., Rossville, was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger. The women were also charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

All were released on notices to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:20 a.m. Wednesday at Rt. 9 and Market.

Police said Jeffrey T. Maire, Hoopeston, in a 1997

Chevrolet truck, was westbound on Rt. 9, signaling to turn left. He changed his mind but April Foster, Hoopeston, in a 1991 Lexus, saw the signal and entered the intersection, hitting Maire.

Class of ‘94 reunion Friday

The Hoopeston class of 1994 reunion will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Compton’s Bar & Grill.

Classifieds

CHILD CARE

Carousel Day Care (next to municipal building) has a few openings for 2 year olds and up for full time. Projects, computer, piano play, large fenced yard with a safe environment. Licensed with Dept. of Children & Family Services for 18 years. Free meals & snacks. (217) 283-4218

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242-246

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236-250

Taking applications for experienced waitresses. Apply in person, Merita’s Family Restaurant, Rt. 1 south, Rossville.

242-246

Hoopeston Foods is now taking applications for first and second shift temporary positions. Pick up applications at 215 W. Washington.

243-251

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243-249

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is now accepting applications for Teacher, Home Visitor, Teacher Assistant, and Bus Aid. Please send letter of application to P.O. 136, Wellington, IL 60973. Bilingual/bicultural preferred, but not required. Please call for more information. Deadline is Monday, September 6th. EOE.

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243-250

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Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8-4.

901 Wilson, Hoopeston. Friday, Sept. 3. 8-4. Cookware, lamps, drapes, chairs, glassware, knickknacks, baskets, mirrors, infant jumping seat, infant clothes, girls clothes, regular size clothes and much more.

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Aug. 31

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