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**Second time is the charm for newest National Sweetheart**

The newest National Sweetheart proves the adage "if at first you don't succeed, try again."

Madonna Kimberly Emond, Miss Michigan, competed in the 2001 National Sweetheart Pageant and finished as third runner-up.

This year, she won.

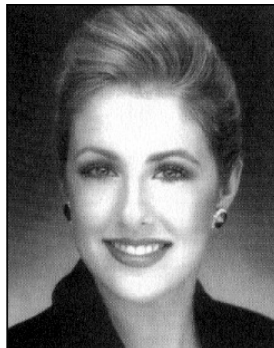
Emond, 21, was one of 23 young women hoping for the chance to be named the National Sweetheart, part of the weekend's National Sweetcorn Festival.

Along with winning the crown, Emond also won the talent competition with a jazz dance she co-choreographed to "On Broadway" from the musical "Smokey Joe's Café."

Emond is a native of Livonia and attends Eastern Michigan University. She hopes to one day teach mentally challenged youngsters.

Miss Georgia, Joan-Marie Burns, was named first runner-up, followed by Miss California, Cheri Gorin, Miss Kentucky, Bryn Lawton Chapman and Miss Louisiana, Molly Clare Causey.

This year's contestants - and spectators - got a special treat as Miss America 2002, Katie Harman, came



EMOND

to Hoopeston, participating in festival activities and performing at the Sweetheart pageant.

Harman was a contestant in the 2000 pageant but did not place. However, the experience and knowledge she gained at the local event prompted her to return to Hoopeston as a "thank you" to festival organizers and the Hoopeston Jaycees, who sponsor the festival, said pageant executive director Dolores Crabtree.

Harman's visit marked the first time a reigning Miss America attended the pageant.



Miss America, Katie Harman, waits for the start of the National Sweetcorn Festival parade Saturday while Hoopeston Police Officer Ephriam Bolin scans the crowd.

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## Police News



**Police are** investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Thursday in the 400 block of East Lincoln. An unidentified vehicle hit a parked 1998 Pontiac owned by Karen R. Layden of Hoopeston.

**Jeffrey S. Wisdom**, 34, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for possession of cannabis after an accident at 5:59 p.m. Thursday.

Wisdom, in a 1997 Chevrolet, was southbound on North Sixth St. when he reportedly blacked out, crossing the intersection of McCracken and striking the house at 425 N. Sixth St.

He was released on a notice to appear.

**Johnny R. Lane**, 36, of 635 E. Wyman, was ticketed for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage after a traffic stop at 12:39 a.m. Friday at North Market and Seminary.

Lane was released on his license and \$100 cash bond.

**An 11-year-old** boy reported Saturday that his chrome Huffy bicycle was taken from the 600 block of East McCracken.

**Two people** were arrested after police responded to a

fight call at 12:24 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Vickie L. Underwood, 44, and Donald E. Underwood, 17, were each charged with two counts of aggravated battery, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct and one count of obstruction justice and criminal damage to property.

Additionally, Donald Underwood was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Police reported that when Investigator Darrin Tate was arrested Donald Underwood, Vickie Underwood allegedly jumped on his back.

Both Underwoods were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Matthew S. Ray**, 19, of 728 E. McNeil, was arrested at 11 p.m. Saturday at city hall. Ray, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$25 cash bond.

**A Watseka man** was charged in a hit-and-run accident at 12:35 a.m. Sunday at McFerren Park.

Paul J. Bruens, 38, of 520 N. Second St., was charged

with leaving the scene of a property damage accident, reckless driving and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after he turned himself in to police at 11:05 a.m. Sunday.

Bruens, in a 1989 Buick Regal, was northbound on McFerren Park Road when he hit a parked 1994 Dodge Ram truck. Bruens then went through a fence and across the grass parkway, dragging the fence behind his vehicle. Bruens' truck was later found at North Sixth Ave. and West Thompson, where it came to rest after damaging a corn field. The truck was towed from the scene.

Bruens was released on notices to appear.

**A 21-year-old** Oakwood woman reported Sunday that her neon green Nokia phone is missing. The phone was lost or stolen along the midway at McFerren Park.

**Brian L. Smith**, 27, of 713 S. Market, was arrested after an incident at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of East McNeil.

Smith was charged with home invasion and also aggravated battery in connection with an incident at 10:30 p.m. Saturday when he allegedly struck the 19-year-old resident of the home. The battery occurred in the 100 block of East Main while the victim was sitting in his vehicle.

Emergency medical personnel were called to the scene but the victim refused medical help, police said.

**A 19-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that his 1990 Chevrolet was stolen from the front of his home in the 700 block of East McNeil.

**A 32-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that a Huffy Warp Drive bicycle was taken from the front of her home in the 700 block of East Wyman.

**Gary L. Catron**, 29, of 528 E. Wyman, was arrested following an incident at 1:50 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of West Washington.

He was charged with burglary and criminal damage to

property after police said he damaged a door and entered the home.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**A black Nokia** cell phone was found Sunday on Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Matthew M. Hofer**, 19, of 528 W. Elm, was arrested at 7:31 p.m. Sunday at McFerren Park on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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### Multi Agency van schedule

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Community center activities include: Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m.; men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Sept. 2, Ella and Annie Nelson; Sept. 3, Russel Burge; Sept. 4, Larry Codi, Cissna Park; Sept. 5, Mary Swanson; Sept. 6, Matt Brown.

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

## Obituaries

**LAH** - Mary A. Lah, 82, of Hoopeston died at 11:52 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 302 N. Market St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

**STEINER** - William Paul Steiner, 32, of East Lynn, died at 10:51 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Penn. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery near Tab, Ind. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Monday at the Funeral home. Memorials may be made to his children's education.

## Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 62. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 60.

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