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## All-time high number of Sweethearts set for festival pageant

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series detailing contestants in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant.*

Those attending this year's National Sweetheart Pageant - part of the Hoopeston Jaycees' National Sweetcorn Festival - are set for a full weekend of talent and beauty.

A record 34 young women are set to participate in the



**Let there be light**

Mark Hofbauer of Hoopeston Electric installs a new 42 watt fluorescent light bulb in the Hoopeston Area High School boys locker room. The bulb replaces a 300 watt incandescent bulb and is expected to save energy and money. The district is changing bulbs in the locker room, wood shop and former auto shop as part of an Illinois Clean Energy Commission grant for up to \$17,000.

pageant, held Aug. 29m, 30 and Sept. 1 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. This year's state representatives include:

**Arkansas:** Abby Houseworth, 23, who graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2002 with a degree in hospitality management. She is a hotel special events coordinator and will attend culinary school. Houseworth will perform a tap dance to a Jerry Lee Lewis medley.

**Arizona:** Katherine Kennedy, 23, who will perform a baton routine to "Stuff Like That There." She is a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University with a major in public relations and a minor in Spanish. She is a violence prevention coordinator with a nonprofit organization.

**California:** Veena Michelle Goel, 21, graduated from UCLA in 2002 with a sociology major. She is assistant to the vice president of marketing for Sketchers Corporation. Goel will perform a dance twirl to "Hooked on a Can-Can."

**Colorado:** Amy Beth Wiley, 23, who will perform the jazz vocal "Some of These Days" in the talent competition. Wiley is a 2003 graduate of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and works as an intern in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

**Delaware:** Linda Suzanne Kurtz, 20, a student at the University of Delaware where she is majoring in leadership and consumer economics. Kurtz hopes to be a business professor. She will sing "This Can't Be Love Medley by Rogers and Hart.

**Florida:** Kristen Gail O'Rear, 21, a student at Florida State University, where she majors in biological science. She hopes to become a physician. She will perform a lyrical dance to "Something To Believe In" as her talent.

The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are available by calling the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, (217) 283-7873.

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Letter to the Editor



A letter to HA students

Come on kids.... Concentrate on learning. Make the best of every opportunity that comes your way. I know that some of you are unhappy with school mergers, but I've heard of a lot worse things that could happen.

You could: be a good athlete, but have your sports picture in a newspaper sponsored by a distributor of fertilizer or portable potties; be chosen for the worst

character in the school play; never have help learning your multiplication tables because of a broken home and a slow class; or be the one who is told at the beginning of school, <sup>3</sup>If you were in a slow class last year, you will probably flunk this year.<sup>2</sup>

You could be the one whose long sleeves are tied together in several knots and no one notices while you try to write. You may be afraid to tattle at school, but your guardian marches off to school on your behalf. You may forget to say, <sup>3</sup>Thanks.<sup>2</sup>

You could even be picked on if you are chosen the most popular or the smartest person in your class. If you can live through these types of degradations,

then you can make it. Although, tough times may get worse, you will have learned how to cope with some of the heartaches. Remember, evil comes with a price tag. Good deeds are rewarded.

It is a fact that mergers will take place. If wrong decisions are made without the right intentions, everyone involved will suffer the consequences.

The world waits for you, so let the good times roll ... I hope they outweigh the bad.

Vera Crozier  
Hoopeston, IL

Former student says keep Cornjerkers

I am outraged to hear that the school board is even

considering changing our mascot. It is bad enough that we had to change from Hoopeston East Lynn High School to Hoopeston Area High School but now to change our mascot, too? I no longer live in Hoopeston but I am very proud to say that I am from Hoopeston, Illinois and I am also proud to say that our mascot was the Cornjerker. Yeah, it might take a little explanation but it is worth it. I look forward every year to coming home on Labor Day weekend for the Sweetcorn Festival and also to watch the Marching Cornjerkers. I would be very disappointed if they make this change.

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Police News

A **29-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone tried to enter her home through a door between the basement and the rest of the house. The woman found nothing missing, police said.

The burglary occurred in the 300 block of North Market.

**Vicki L. Underwood**, 45, of 827 E. Seminary, was arrested at 6:27 p.m. Sunday at McFerren Park.

She was charged with disorderly conduct and was released on a notice to appear.

Briefly

Bowling meetings

- Tuesday Night Classic League will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Pla-Mor Lanes. Anyone interested in bowling is urged to attend. If unable to attend, call Randy Hiltz, Doug Wagoner or Pla-Mor Lanes. Bowling starts Sept. 2.
- Thursday Men's City League will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pla-Mor Lanes.

- Fall leagues are now forming. Anyone interested in bowling may call Pla-Mor Lanes, 283-5195.

International speaker set

Zola Levitt, international speaker and television personality, will be at the Rock Church, 20 Poland Rd., Danville. He will speak on Bible prophecies and modern times at 7 p.m. Aug. 27. For information, call (217) 443-6219.

New Books at the Library

Mystery:

- The Night of the Dance by James Hime
- Last Things by Ralph McInerny
- Fear Itself by Walter Mosley

Young Adult Fiction:

- Pool Boy by Michael Simmons

Non-fiction:

- The Wonderful World of Boys by James C. Dobson
- A Round-Heeled Woman: My Late-Life Adventures in Sex and Romance by Jane Juska

- A Look Over My Shoulder: A Life in the Central Intelligence Agency by Richard Helms
- Classic Woodworking Project

Weather



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