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Former Miss Hoopeston poised to try for Miss Illinois title

A Hoopeston woman who served as Miss Hoopeston last year would like to wear a new crown—that of Miss Illinois.

Alexandra Hasbargen, daughter of Lori and Tony Hasbargen, is one of 25 young women who will compete for the Miss Illinois title next week.

The pageant, part of the Miss America scholarship pageant program, will be held June 18-21 at the Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles.

The winner of the state pageant will represent Illinois at the 2009 Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas.

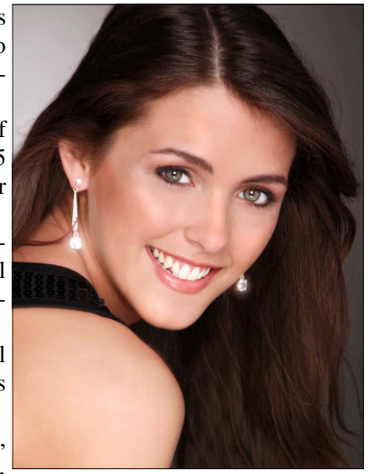
Preliminary phases of competition, including swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question, will be contested on the nights of Wednesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 19.

The 2008 Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen Pageant takes the stage on Friday, June 20 with its preliminary night of competition.

The week culminates with the coronation of the new Miss Illinois 2008 and Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen 2008 on Saturday, June 21.

Women vying for Miss Illinois have been divided into two groups. Hasbargen will appear in talent and evening gown competition Wednesday evening, have her interview Thursday morning and wrap up with on-stage question and swimsuit competition on Thursday evening.

As her talent, she will perform the vocal "If I Had My Way."



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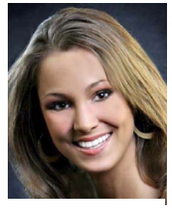

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Hasbargen is the first Miss Hoopeston to participate in the Miss Illinois Pageant.

To be eligible to compete for the title of Miss Illinois 2008, contestants must first win a local pageant Contestants must be between the ages of 17-24, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Illinois for at least six months, meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization, be in reasonably good health and be able to meet the time commitment and job requirements and responsibilities.

Contestants must also raise a $100 donation for Children's Miracle Network, the official platform of the Miss America Organization, in order to compete in each local pageant.

Special events are expected to include the induction of former Miss Illinois 2002 turned Miss America 2003 Erika Harold (who will also serve as emcee on finals night) into the Miss Illinois Hall of Fame, formal introduction of the members of the Miss Illinois Princess Program Class of 2008, several on-stage tributes, and much more.

Tickets are available by phone through the Norris Cultural Arts Center box office by calling (630) 583-7200, ext. 10.

Also competing this week will be Miss East Central, Victoria Davis of Thawville, who will perform an acrobatic dance to "Nothin' to Lose" and Miss Hoopeston Teen, Jordan Arford of Danville, who will perform a jazz dance to "Baby I'm A Star.

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DACC Level I, II nurses recognized at recent ceremony

DANVILLE—A nursing recognition ceremony was held Friday, May 16, at Danville Area Community College's Mary Miller Gymnasium, with 29 students from Level I and 25 students from Level II nursing participating in the ceremony.

Level I students are entry level nursing students who will take a State Board Exam for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) later in the year. Level II students are either continuing their nursing education from Level I, or are currently LPNs in the community who want to complete an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN). Level II students take a State Board Exam for licensure as Registered Nurses (RN) later in the year.

Earlier this year, Connie Schroeder, DACC Director of Nursing Education, announced a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for the May 2007 Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) graduates. 2007

Graduates in the Registered Nursing (RN) program at DACC enjoyed a 96 percent pass rate. The national and state pass rates are 87 percent and 91 percent for practical mursing graduates and 85 percent and 86 percent, respectively, for registered nursing graduates.

Historically, graduates of both the Level I and the Level II nursing programs at DACC have scored above the state and national averages on their licensure exams.

Police News

Two bicycles were found abandoned at 3 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of West Washington. The bikes, a Mongoose and a Murray, may be identified and claimed at the police station.

A 50-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 7:51 p.m. Sunday that someone took several items from his garage in the 700 block of South Fifth Ave.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:27 a.m. Monday in the 800 block of North Sixth St.

Police said Rachel K. Biggs of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Ford Taurus, backed in the alley and hit a utility pole.

Briefly

Birthday open house

There will be an Open House, Saturday, June 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the First Church of God in honor of Lucille Vorick's 90th Birthday. Her family is hosting. No gifts please but cards are welcome.

Meetings

Grant Township board, 4 p.m. Tuesday, township office.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 61. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 87, low 65.

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