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Family, friends and racers watch the finish of a heat in the Dixie Derby, part of Drivin' the Dixie day Saturday at McFerren Park. See related photo on other side.

Rain causes on again, off again Drivin' the Dixie Day

"Tarp off, tarp on" could have been the slogan of the day Saturday at Hoopeston's Drivin' the Dixie event.

Sunny skies started the day, but then, blue tarps could be seen covering vendors' wares as rain pelted McFerren Park. After a while, the sun came back out and the tarps disappeared but soon the process was repeated.

Dixie Day included all-day events including a flea market, car and motorcycle show and Jaycees dunk tank, as well as a children's fishing derby, Dixie Derby pinewood car race, pictures with Miss Hoopeston Brook Judy, children's face painting and fire department water. See DIXIE on other side

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Local girl to compete for fair title

Abigail Foster, of Hoopeston will once again compete for the title of Junior Miss Vermilion County at the Vermilion County Fair in the Danville.

Foster is 15 years old and will be a sophomore at Hoopeston Area High School. She is the daughter of Tom and Angie Foster and granddaughter of Bob and Euna Foster of Rossville and the late Randall and Sally Tyler of Hoopeston.

Foster is one of 8 girls that are set to compete for the title. She will go through an interview process, evening gown competition and will have to write and give a 30 second commercial about her sponsor at the pageant. Her sponsor for the pageant is Tyler's Fab and Welding Inc. of Hoopeston.

The contest will take place at 6 p.m. June 25 at the Vermilion County Fair grounds in Danville.



FOSTER

Dixie continued from other side

wars.

In the Dixie Derby, first place winners in each division took home a trophy. Winners included:

Youth Division:

- 1st—Mark Lukas
- 2nd—Israel Layden
- 3rd—Danelle Coffey
- 4th—Pizza King
- 5th—Gage Foster

Adult Division:

- 1st—Rick Sanner, Pecatonica, IL (known as “Bubba” on Derbytalk.com
- 2nd—Jeff Coss
- 3rd—Ryan Collins

Briefly

Named to Dean’s list

Norfolk, VA.—Jessica Whiteman, daughter of Steve and Vicki (Rush) Whiteman of Stafford, Va., (formerly of Hoopeston), was named to the Dean's List and named as a Dean's Perfect Scholar for the spring 2008 semester at Old Dominion University, for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is a biology major in the College of Sciences.

Whiteman is the granddaughter of Dale and Joanna

Artistic Repertory Theatre offers ‘Cinderella’ this weekend

Take the beloved story of love and dreams come true that is “Cinderella.” Now add the beautiful music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and you have musical theatre for the entire family to enjoy.

Callie Huffman and Emily Margevich as the awful stepsisters will delight theater-goers with their antics. Patty Eisenberg is the properly evil stepmother, Ashley Beauvois the fairy godmother and Mike Caparula and Julie Stump are the king and queen. Scott Oyer is their butler and Alex Linares is the court herald. Marty Kloska is the bishop and Ray Stump the palace guard. Rounding out the cast is James Potts as the prince and Jessica Brackmann as Cinderella.”

Join us when the Artistic Repertory Theatre presents “Cinderella.” Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27-29 at the McFerrer Park Civic Center at Rt. 9 and Penn.

Tickets are \$8 reserved seating, advance pay. Doors

Business Division:

- 1st—Hennings
- 2nd—Star Chrysler
- 3rd—Dago’s Truck Repair
- 4th—NAPA Auto Parts

The NAPA car also took home a trophy for most creative car.

All participants received a Dixie Derby t-shirt and drink ticket. The winners of each division also received a Derby Dome to display their cars in.

Derby track and timer were provided by Cub Scout Pack 118. The races were run by Mike, Delaine and Christopher Webb of Pack 118, with Laura Warner doing check-in for the cars.

Rush of Wellington and Charles and Anna Whiteman of Hoopeston.

Farewell open house

A farewell open house for Economic Developer Shannon Ruh will be held from noon-2 p.m. Thursday, July 3 at Hoopeston City Hall. Everyone is invited to wish Shannon well in her new position as urban planner in Peoria.

open one hour before show time for lunch counter purchases.

Tickets are available by calling the box office, (217) 283-6553.



Callie Huffman, left, and Emily Margevich, right, duke it out as the evil stepsisters while evil stepmother Patty Eisenberg looks on. The trio, members of the Artistic Repertory Theatre, are part of the cast presenting “Cinderella” this weekend.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 86, low 68. Tomorrow, high 88, low 69.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Meetings

Grant Township Board, 6 p.m. Thursday, township office. Special meeting to consider forming a multi-township assessing district.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Ludlow Migrant Head Start is seeking applications for Education Coordinator, Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Disability Coordinator, Cook and Bus Aides. Bilingual preferred but not required. Send resume to joanmoser@hotmail.com or P.O. Box 136, Wellington IL 60973 or fax to (815) 984-4500. Call Ludlow office, (217) 396-0213, or Wellington office, (815) 984-3706, for any questions Positions are opened until filled. EOE

Hoopeston Director of Economic Development

The City of Hoopeston, IL is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the Director of Economic Development. Position involves assisting the City with business retention and expansion, comprehensive planning, grant writing, and other community and economic development activities. For a full job description please visit the City Web Site at <http://www.hoopeston-il.gov/index.php/jobs/3/80>. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to Bill Goodwine by email at billgoodwine@gmail.com or drop documents off at the City Hall at 301 West Main Street by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2008. If you have any questions about the position please call 217-283-7679.

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RUMMAGE SALES

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