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**Second time is the charm for South Carolina Sweetheart**

As a contestant in the 2013 National Sweetheart Pageant, Lauren Cabaniss was named second runner-up. Last weekend, Cabaniss returned to the pageant and went home to South Carolina as the new National Sweetheart.

The 26-year-old Cabaniss performed a contemporary jazz dance to Jai Ho, composed by A.R. Rahman as her talent during the pageant.

The Spartanburg, SC resident is artistic director and owner of Dance Designs: Academy of Dance and a graduate of the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

First runner-up was Florida's Chandler Parnell who sang "A Piece of the Sky" composed by Alan Berman. She also won the Misti Runge Scholarship from Group A/B.

Second runner-up was Miss Kentucky, Emma Kathleen Smith, who sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon.

Third and fourth runners-up were Stephanie Meadow-

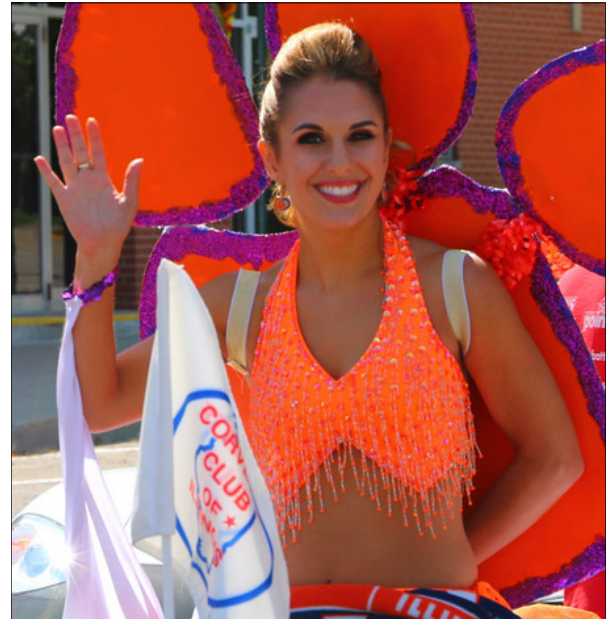


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Lauren Cabaniss, South Carolina contestant in the National Sweetheart Pageant, in Saturday's parade. Cabaniss went on to win the title.

croft of New York and Cari Anne Cashon of Kansas.

New Mexico's Amelia Linde was named Miss Congeniality and also won the Misti Runge Scholarship from group C/D.

Winner of the John Bitner Judges Award was Elizabeth Upshur, Miss Tennessee.

Haylee Bande, Miss Wisconsin, was named winner of the Ronnie Reed Service Award and the People's Choice.

The Victoria Humphrey STEM Scholarship Award, named after the 2016 National Sweetheart, was won by Katarina Fielding, Miss Vermont.

**Reminder of student drop off, pick up at HAMS, HAHS**

Parents and students are reminded that beginning Tuesday, entrances and exits into Hoopeston are a high and middle schools have been changed. The former entrance off of Fifth St. is now an exit. Although left and right turns will be allowed onto Fifth St., officials encourage motorists to go north onto Fifth to keep traffic moving.

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## From the Blotter

**Francis Briscoe Jr.**, 46, of Hoopeston was arrested after police investigated a report of forged checks passed at 2:52 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut.

He was charged with forgery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Charles Gawthorp III**, 34, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 6:54 p.m. Thursday to the 300 block of Larkspur Lane for a domestic disturbance.

Gawthorp was arrested on preliminary charges of aggravated domestic battery, unlawful restraint and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **16-year-old** Hoopeston youth was arrested at 8:35 p.m. Thursday at McFerren Park on an outstanding Vermilion County warrant and was taken to the Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center in

Danville.

**Jackie Carswell**, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:14 p.m. Friday at East Thompson and North Seventh Ave. She was charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and unlawful display of registration and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

**Chase Hensley**, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:50 a.m. Thursday to Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, for an audible fire alarm. Smoke was located. No injuries were reported.

Firemen were called at 10:01 a.m. Friday for a drainage ditch fire in the 1000 block of West Orange. Police also responded for traffic control while firemen extinguished the fire.

5:54 p.m. Friday on Washington at McFerren Park. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 6:34 p.m. Friday at Carle Hoopeston, 701 E. Orange. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2005 Chevrolet van owned by Rachel Sandstedt.

A **56-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8:57 a.m. Saturday that someone took undisclosed items from her property in the 200 block of East Main.

A **representative of** Longfellow Market, 402 W. Orange, reported at 9:25 a.m. Saturday that someone took several items from the business.

A **63-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 10 a.m. Saturday that someone damaged a flag pole beyond repair and desecrated an American flag that was displayed. The damage occurred in the 700 block of

### Obituaries

**BORDERS** - Janice Borders, 80, of Hoopeston died at 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**DUNAVAN** - Gary Lee Dunavan, 67, of Rossville, died at 5:25 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at Presence Covenant Medical Center, Danville. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, rural Rossville. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, 2509 S. Neil St., Champaign IL 62830-7744 or American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Dr., Suite 200, Arlington VA 22202.

**LONGEST** - Betty (Probasco) Longest, 86, of Milford, formerly of Hoopeston, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Christian Church or donor's choice.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 67, low 47.

West Washington.

**Brittany N. Wisdom**, 23, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after her 2009 Chrysler collided with a 2013 Toyota driven by Eric W. Jones, 56, of Danville.

The accident occurred at 11:23 a.m. Saturday at West Penn and South Dixie Hwy.

Ambulance personnel treated minor injuries at the scene.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident at 8:20 p.m. Saturday. An unknown vehicle struck the McDonald's building just west of the second drive-through window.

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