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Corn takes center stage but tomatoes, garlic get their due, too

For some, the tender, golden sweet corn takes center stage during the National Sweetcorn Festival. After all, that's what the event is named after.

Others fancy the National Sweetheart Pageant. This year, 30 young women from around the country have come to Hoopeston, each hoping to claim the title of National Sweetheart.

Still others come for the sights and sounds of the midway or the crashes and cheers of the demo derby, or the annual concert featuring a country singer or group. This year, Joe Diffie will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the McFerren Park annex.

Then there are those who come for the garlic and tomatoes.

Wait, what?

Both vegetables are featured at St. Anthony's taco booth, a favorite of many festivalgoers.

Each year, area residents donate home-grown tomatoes. A request is put in the church bulletin and word spreads from there, said Bill Goodwine, coordinator of St. Anthony Youth Group's annual mission trip.

Tomatoes are often dropped off at the parish hall when no one is there, but "We check the door throughout the day. Since we like to thank people, we would like to know who brought them, he said.

Then there's the garlic which, for years, has been sup-

plied by Fred Zenke. A wet, cold spring ruined his crop and those of other local growers, so this year, the taco crew will depend on Hoopeston IGA for garlic, as they do for the meat. "IGA is great to work with," Goodwine said. "They grind our meat early every morning and we cook it fresh each morning."

Then there's the recipe...or rather, the lack of one. "We really don't have a recipe," said taco volunteer Sabrina Koening. "Yolanda Pemberton's taste buds are our guide."

Since the taco stand is off the midway, workers create their own little ambiance, complete with mariachi music. "We will be having so much fun ourselves that if you come, you will have fun with us," said Alyssa Alwardt, a three-year taco and mission trip veteran.

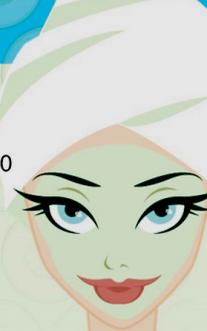
Money raised goes to the youth mission trip taken each June. "At camp, we join 250 other students, split into groups of five or six and accomplish 50 projects," said Mason Layden. Mackenzie Tate added, "We often see some real poverty wherever we go."

The trips are also about fun. Last year, the group ate dinner in New Orleans' French Quarter. "Who will forget the flaming Bananas Foster for dessert, asked JJ Mendez.

St. Anthony historians say the taco booth dates back to 1946. "I didn't help at that one," Ryleigh Wardell deadpanned in pretended earnestness.

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5 p.m. Gates, Display Area, Midway, open
5-10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet
6:30-9 p.m. Bingo (JC Shelter)
Souvenir Sales (JC Shelter)
11 p.m. Midway closes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

5 p.m. Gates, Display Area, Midway open
5-10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet
6:30 p.m. Beer Garden opens (Annex)
6:30-8:30 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Annex)
7:30 p.m. Joe Diffie Concert (Annex)
1 a.m. Beer Garden closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

6 a.m. Flea Market opens
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Sculpt Fitness - downtown)
8 a.m.-1 p.m. Car show registration (SE corner of park)
8 a.m. Bill Orr Memorial 5k (Sculpt Fitness)
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Run (Sculpt Fitness)
9 a.m. Gates Open
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade (Downtown)
12 p.m. Midway, Display Area Open
Ride Special - Bracelet all day
12-5 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
12:30-1:30 p.m. Kasey Burton Music (Center Stage)
12:30-5 p.m. Souvenir Sales (by Center Stage)
1 p.m. Alpha Dog Entertainment Laser Tag (Annex)
1:30 p.m. Chicken Dance contest (Center Stage)
1:30-5 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**
2-2:30 p.m. Ponytail Contest registration (by Center Stage)
2-2:30 p.m. Tammy's Dance Arts Center (Center Stage)
2-3 p.m. Capital City Comhole registration (Annex)
2:30 p.m. Ponytail Contest (in front of Center Stage)
3 p.m. Car show awards (southeast McFerren Park)
Capital City Comhole Tournament (Annex)
Beer Garden opens (Annex)
3-5 p.m. Mike Ellis Band (Center Stage)
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7-9 p.m. Trivia Contest (Beer Garden)
11 p.m. Midway Closes
12 a.m. Beer Garden closes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8 a.m. Flea Market opens
9 a.m. Gates open



11 a.m. Children's Fishing Derby sign-up (Crabtree Shelter)
12 p.m. Midway, Display Area open
Ride Special - Bracelet all day
Children's Fishing Derby (Lagoon)
12-12:45 Coal Black Exotic Animals (by Center Stage)
12-4 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**
12-5 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
Souvenir Sales (by Center Stage)
12:45-1:20 p.m. Will and Katie Clayton Music (Center Stage)
1:30-2:30 p.m. HAHS Vocal Ensembles (Center Stage)
2:30-3 p.m. Coal Black Exotic Animals (by Center Stage)

3 p.m. Annex, Beer Garden open
3-5 p.m. TBT Band (Center Stage)
6 p.m. Demo Derby (Annex)
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (CC)
9 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Reception (CC)
10 p.m. Midway closes
12 a.m. Beer Garden closes (Annex)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
9 a.m. Gates, Display Area Open
9-9:45 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest registration (CC)
10 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (CC)
12 p.m. Midway opens
Ride Special - Bracelet all day
12-4 p.m. **FREE SWEETCORN**
12-4 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
Souvenir Sales (by Center Stage)
12:30-2 p.m. The Chickadee Sermon (Center Stage)
1:30-2 p.m. Kids Pie Eating Contest registration (by Center Stage)
2 p.m. Kids Pie Eating Contest (by Center Stage)
2-4:30 p.m. Bingo (Crabtree Shelter)
2:30-4:30 Shorty and the Chef (Center Stage)
9 p.m. Midway closes

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One person killed, two injured in single-vehicle accident Monday

One man was killed and two others injured in a one-vehicle accident Monday night.

Illinois State Police investigated the accident, which occurred at 8:26 p.m. on Rt. 9 just east of Cheneyville Road.

The westbound Ford Freestar van left the road, struck a culvert flipped and came to rest in a cornfield, according to the report.

An unidentified 37-year-old passenger was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, Miguel I. Vera, 36, of San Benito, Tex., and an unidentified 38-year-old passenger, were taken to a local hospital.

Vera was charge with driving under the influence of drugs, improper lane usage and no valid driver's license.

Identifying the victim is pending until Vermilion County Coroner Jane McFadden completes notification of the man's next of kin.

Obituaries

PERKINS - Daryl L. Perkins, 55, of Hoopeston, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. He was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston VFW, 428 W. Orange.

Weather

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ROSSVILLE: 113 Benton. Sat., Sun., Mon., 8 a.m. Lots of misc: movies, records (33 1/3, 78), fabric, too much to list!

HOOPESTON: 631 Trego Dr. Thurs. 1-6 p.m. & Fri. 8 a.m.-? Furniture, décor, women, men, teen, girls & boys clothing, lots of misc.

HOOPESTON: 17230 E 4000 North Rd. Labor Day Weekend Sale. 25 tables of rural treasures and one of a kind primitives. Browse, barter or buy as a part of your Labor Day Fun! Inside white barn north side of road. August 29, 30, 31. 8 am-8:30 pm.

HOOPESTON:803 Euclid. Fri., 8-2. Summer & winter clothes: men, women, baby, girls size 8-10, boys, shoes, coats; knickknacks, dorm fridge, cabinet, computer desk, baby seats & walker, sliding glass door, Halloween & Christmas decorations, box coil roof nails, lots of misc. Rain or shine!

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