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# Miss Oklahoma takes swimsuit, gown, ties for interview, named Miss National Sweetheart

Oklahoma's representative to the National Sweetheart Pageant did her state proud last weekend.

Ashley Marie Ehrhart topped the evening gown preliminary competition and tied for the overall interview award with Hanna Menzner, District of Columbia Sweetheart.

While Ehrhart did not take the top spot in talent with her jazz dance to "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," she was awarded the 2021 Eva Leanza Cornett Award, all before being named the 2021 Miss National Sweetheart Sunday evening.

Rounding out the top spots were first runner-up, Noelle Thompson, Tennessee Sweetheart. Menzner as second runner-up and third runner-up, Chapel Tinius, Kentucky Sweetheart.

Ehrhart is the first winner of the Leanza Cornett Memorial Scholarship, which was created after Ms. Cornett died on October 28, 2020, from a severe head injury she sustained two weeks previously in a fall in her home. Ms. Cornett was the 1991 Miss National Sweetheart and went on to become Miss America in 1993. She returned to Hoopeston in 2016 to judge the National Sweetheart Pageant.

Thompson was named the overall talent winner with a yodel vocal of "I Want to Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart." She was also a preliminary swimsuit winner and received the Exercise in Medicine Award, established by 1986 Miss Hoopeston Amy Slates Gibson, and her husband David Gibson. She also received the Ronnie Reed Service Award.

Vermont Sweetheart Meara Seerly, was named the winner of the 2021 Erica Hemphill Award. Ms. Hemphill, who represented Maine in 2016, died February 5 of an undiagnosed glioblastoma. The scholarship was established by her host family, Natalie and Darren Duncan.

Seery also won the John Bitner Award, named in honor of the longtime pageant volunteer.

Other categories and winners were: People's Choice,



Miss Oklahoma, Ashley Ehrhart, rides in Saturday's National Sweetcorn Festival Grand Parade. On Sunday, she was named 2021 Miss National Sweetheart.

Anna-Claire Smith, Miss North Carolina; Congeniality, Anna Masengarb, Miss Iowa; Director's Award, Katie Tessier, Miss California and STEM Scholarship, Hallie Wright, Miss Indiana.

Also, Misti Runge Award, Kensi Riley, Miss Massachusetts and Nicole Steinhagen, Miss Maine; and Sweetheart Community Service Award: Katie HaeHae, Miss Utah. Rounding out winners were Abby Miller, Miss Wisconsin, wining the Bonnie Berglund Award for Parade Wear and Sarah Blum, Miss Idaho, winner of the Pat Musk Award, named in honor of the longtime pageant organist.

## From the Blotter

Tarah F. Hinton, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:17 a.m. Thursday to College Way and Penn for a report of a battery. She was located, charged with domestic battery and resisting a peace officer and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Samantha J. Palomo, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called for a verbal argument at 4:25 p.m. Thursday in the 800 block of South Fourth St. She was charged with criminal damage and unlawful acts

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constituting disorderly conduct and was released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Carrie A. Arce, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:47 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Court. Wanted on a Shelby County warrant for failure to appear for stolen property, she was released on bond with a new court date in Shelby County.

Mark D. Caddel Jr., 24, of Milford, was arrested after police were called at 9:49 a.m. Thursday about a vehicle stolen from the 800 block of East Chestnut. Caddel was found based on the description of the man who stole the vehicle and arrested on preliminary charges of theft over \$10,000, vehicular invasion and disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Keaton G. Longest, 24, of Milford, was arrested at 1:18 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was released on bond with a new date in Vermilion County Court.

A Cricket phone with a peach colored protector was found Monday. The owner will have to unlock the phone at the police station to prove ownership.

Karla A. Cassady, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:09 p.m. Monday after police were called about an altercation at McFerren Park. She was charged with disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Several items were found at McFerren Park over the weekend and turned in at the police station, where they may be claimed. Items include a knife with blade design, Samsung phone, woman's black wallet, man's brown wallet, necklace with large pendant, sunglasses, Link card, debit card (Tiffany Jack) vape pen, multicolored backpack purse, black hoodie, and a black cane.

Milford Police arrested Lance D. Pierce, 32, of Milford, on September 3. He was charged with possession of methamphetamines under five grams. He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail where he was released on bond.

Christopher E. Musser, 47, of Cissna Park, was arrested by Milford Police on Sept. 3, charged with possession of methamphetamines under five grams. He was

## Weather

Sunny today. High 78. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 64. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/.

taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he was released on bond.

Iroquois County Sheriff's Police arrested Miranda Williams, 29, of Stockland, on September 7. She was charged with domestic battery and taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she remained in lieu of bond.

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cident Monday at the intersection of CR 1000 N, just east of CR 2000 E. A vehicle driven by Daniel A. Muller, 52, of Rankin, was eastbound. He swerved to avoid a deer and hit a utility pole, causing more than \$1,500 in damage. He was charged with no valid driver's license.

Iroquois County Sheriff's Police investigated an ac-

Thursday, 8 am-3 pm and Friday, 8 am-1 pm and must be turned in to the Administration Office at City Hall. Applications available to fill out online at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

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