

Thursday, Aug. 31

5 p.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)
Vendor Area & Midway Open
5 - 10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet Night
6:30 - 9 p.m. Bingo (Jaycees Shelter)
6:30 - 9 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Jaycees Shelter)
11 p.m. Midway & Vendor areas close

Friday, Sept. 1

5 p.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)
Vendor Area & Midway Opens
5 - 10 p.m. Ride Special - Bracelet Night
6 p.m. Grandstand, Beer Tent open
7:30 p.m. - Michael Ray concert with Beyond Carolina (Annex)
11 p.m. Midway & Vendor Areas close

Saturday, Sept. 2

6 a.m. Flea Market opens
6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Bill Orr Memorial 5K Registration (Sculpt Fitness - Downtown)
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Sculpt Fitness)
8 a.m. Bill Orr Memorial 5K (Sculpt Fitness)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Car Show Registration (southeast corner McFerren Park)
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Fun Run (Sculpt Fitness)
9 a.m. Gates open (\$3 Admission)
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade (Downtown)
12 p.m. Midway, Vendor & Food areas open
Ride Special - Bracelet
12:30 - 2 p.m. Jaycees Playlist (Center Stage)
12:30 - 5 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)
1:30 - 5 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN
2 - 5 p.m. Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets (Center Stage)
3 p.m. Car Show Awards Presented (southeast corner)
Grandstand Opens Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
5 p.m. Demolition Derby I
Classes: Vans & Compact Figure 8, Wire Trucks, Sweetcorn
Shootout Drag Races, Gut 'N Go Compacts
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)
11 p.m. Midway, Vendor Area & Beer Tent close

Sunday, Sept. 3

8 am Flea Market opens
9 am Gates open (\$3 Admission)
11 am Children's Fishing Derby Registration (Crabtree Shelter)



12 p.m. Midway, Vendor areas open
Ride Special - Bracelet
12 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby (Lagoon)
12 - 4:00 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN
12- 5 p.m. Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)
12:30 - 2 p.m. A Natural High (Center Stage)
2 p.m. Pony Tail Contest (Center Stage)
2:30 p.m. Kids' Pie Eating Contest (Center Stage)
3 p.m. Grandstand, Beer Tent open (Annex)
3 - 5 p.m. Hannah Rose & The Sweet Nothings (Center Stage)

5 p.m. Demolition Derby II
Classes: Limited Weld Full Size,
Limited Weld 110 FWD Compacts,
Vans, 80s Wire Bonestock
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (Civic Center)
9 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Reception (Civic Center)
11 p.m. Midway, Vendor Area, Beer Tent close

Monday, Sept. 5

8 a.m. Flea Market opens
9 a.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)
Vendor, Food Areas Open
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest Registration (Civic Center)
10:30 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (Civic Center)
12 p.m. Midway Opens
Ride Special - Bracelet
12 - 1:30 p.m. Lee Anna Atwell (Center Stage)
12 - 4 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN Souvenir Sales (Center Stage)
12:30-1 p.m. Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pull registration (Tennis Court)
1 p.m. Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pull (Tennis Court)
2-4 p.m. Chicken Nugget Conspiracy (Center Stage)
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bingo (Jaycees Shelter)
9 p.m. Midway closes
Vendor Area closes

GATE FEE: THURSDAY - MONDAY \$3.00 (7 AND UNDER FREE) HOOPESTON JAYCEES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER THIS SCHEDULE

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Michael Ray brings strong country roots to festival concert

Michael Ray is riding high. The country singer has a new album, "Dive Bars and Broken Hearts," available for pre-order and buzz about new single, "Spirits and Demons."

Friday night, the 35-year-old star will perform some of his chart-topping hits and some newer material when he performs at the 79th National Sweetcorn Festival in Hoopeston. Beyond Carolina will share the stage.

While not a household name, Ray is building a body of work that is getting noticed. His first album, *Michael Ray*, was self-released in January 2010. In August 2015, his second self-titled album was released on the Atlantic Nashville label, where he peaked at #4 on the US Coun-

try chart and #21 on the US chart. His next album, titled Amos after his grandfather, topped the charts at 5 and 52, respectively.

Ray was inspired by his grandfather, Amos "Wilson" Roach, who played music for Ray and taught him to play guitar. Roach also had him perform at assisted living facilities in the area.



Photo: michaelraymusic.com
MICHAEL RAY

Several singles from Ray's albums have gone gold, including "Kiss you in the Morning" from *Michael Ray*, "Get to You," "One That Got Away," and "Her World or Mine" from *Amos*, and "Whiskey and Rain," from *Higher Education*. "Think a Little Less" from *Michael Ray* went platinum.

In *Dive Bars and Broken Hearts*, Ray returns to his harder country roots and the kind of country reminiscent of Hank Jr., Merle Haggard, and Conway Twitty.

Advance tickets are \$20 and are available at etix.com. Tickets at the door will be higher.

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 Sat. 6am-3 pm
 Sun. 8am-2pm

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, 7p.m. Monday, high school library. The board will go into executive session for a personnel issue.

The board will return to open session to take action to accept Richard Harbacek's resignation as middle school baseball head coach, eighth grade basketball and high school baseball for the 2023-24 year, effective August 22.

The board is also expected to approve the Three Circles grant for FY 2024.

Fishing at lagoon paused

Fishing in McFerren Park lagoon is prohibited through September 3. The children's fishing derby will take place at noon September 3.

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.

All are welcome to come.

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pork BBQ/bun, green beans, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce, salad, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken wrap, green beans, salad, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage, hash brown, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

Weather

Sunny today. High 77. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 80, low 58.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com Applications available onsite. EOE

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is accepting applications for a day-time bartender. Must have basset and food handlers or obtain within 120 days after employment. Applications can be picked up at Hubbard Trail or send resume to hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

RUMMAGE SALES

ROSSVILLE: 216 Thompson. Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 8-3 daily. Antiques, lots of misc. Too much to list!

HOOPESTON: 1108 Savannah Ct. Sat. 1-6, Sun. 8-3. Join me at my Classy Crap Sale. Furniture, glassware, Home Decor, Distressed Flannels, Craft Crap & much more.

**Estate Sale of
 Darlene and Barney Hedgecock
 September 2, 2023 at 8 a.m.
 502 Euclid Ave, Hoopeston.**
 This is not ordinary items you can buy at any local stores.
 Furniture, kitchen table with four chairs, night stands, coffee tables, lamps (table top and floor), filing cabinet, chairs, record player/records, dressers, paintings, pictures, Illini items, snow bunnies, Precious Moments, Clown collection, golf items, dishes - some sets from England, lots of original items from Japan, shelving units, kitchen items - blender, coffee maker, etc., rugs, cookbooks