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Miss California, Jireh Gerry, takes Miss National Sweetheart title at 79th sweetcorn festival



A 23-year-old California woman was named Miss National Sweetheart Sunday at the conclusion of the 2023 National Sweetheart Pageant.

Jireh Gerry, of Hollywood, was one of 19 contestants for the crown, took top honors after Saturday's preliminary competition and Sunday's finals.

NSP photo
JIREH GERRY As her talent, Gerry sang "Rise Up," originally done by Andra Day, taking the overall talent award with her rendition. She also won the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) scholarship.

The pageant is now affiliated with the Miss Volunteer America program. Gerry has chosen "Stay Gorgeous Girls" as her cause. The program builds the self confidence of teen and tween girls, providing educational classes on health, beauty and personal care in hopes to create life skills that contribute to personal, academic and professional success, according to the group's website.

A Biola University student, Gerry plans to become a pediatric surgeon.

Miss Alabama, Emily O'Rear, was named first runner-up, while Maclyn Rease Porter Presley, Miss Kentucky, was second runner-up. Presley received double preliminary awards, in lifestyle & fitness and in evening gown.

Rounding out the field were Miss Texas, Mary Kathryn France, as third runner-up and Miss Indiana, Dyna Kristine Martinez, fourth runner-up.

Judges for this year's pageant were Harry Culpepper, Jr., of South Carolina; Octavia Reese, Miss Michigan 2005, who now lives in Chicago; Susan Sullivan, who has been involved with the Miss California system for 34 years; Doug King, who started coaching in the Miss America system in 1992, judging 58 pageants in 31 years; and Victory Ram, entrepreneur, advocate and personal development coach. She is owner of Be Victorious Pageant Prep, coaching clients to more than 400 awards.



California Sweetheart Jireh Gerry channels Marilyn Monroe - complete with blond wig - in the National Sweetcorn Festival Grand Parade Saturday. She went on to be crowned 2023 Miss National Sweetheart Sunday night.

Obituaries

MILLER - Helen S. Miller, 85, of Hoopeston, passed away at 9:25 P.M. Tuesday August 29, 2023, at Arbor Rose of Tolono. She was born September 23, 1937, in Hoopeston, IL, the daughter of Edgar and Ruth (Goin) Mullens. She married Charles D. Huddleston Sr., and he preceded her in death in 1985. She later married Donald Miller and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Charles D. "Charlie" Huddleston of Hoopeston; two grandsons, Ryan (Jennifer) Huddleston of Oakwood and Christopher (Andrea) Huddleston of Westville; four grandchildren, Caleb, Landon, Eidan, and Rowan; three nephews, Brian, Gary Lee, and Mark Catron; and one special cousin, Sandy Pickett.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, JoAnn Baker and Lois Cox; and one nephew, Eric Catron.

Helen owned and operated her own hair salon, Family Style Beauty Shop, for more than 40 years. She also volunteered doing hair at the nursing home and funeral homes for families in need. She was a member of the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, where she enjoyed helping in the kitchen. Helen's love was her work as she enjoyed her customers, many of whom she had known for years. She also enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family and friends. Throughout her life, Helen was a faithful servant to the Lord.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Tom McCann officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Helen to the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Helen's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

CARD - Lawrence Douglas "Larry" Card Sr., 66, of Bismarck, died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at home. He will be cremated and a celebration of life held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

CROUCH - A memorial service for Anita (Florek) Crouch, 63, of Freeport, formerly of Milford, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 9, at Milford Christian

Church, 811 E. Hickory St. A luncheon will follow. Mrs. Crouch died July 30 at home.

HAMM - Laverne Hamm, 97, of Danville, died at 8:59 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2023, at home. He will be cremated and a private graveside service will be held. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

SMITH - Marcia L. (Dobkins) Smith, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 7:04 a.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2023. She will be cremated and a graveside service held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Shelter. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:45 a.m. August 28 at Rtes. 1 and 9. Police said Audi F. Zarate, 27, in a 2014 Chevrolet sedan and Daniel G. Gillison, 35, of Wheaton, collided, then came to the police station to make a report.

Zarate was at fault, police said.

Terry L. Williams, 34, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 11:30 a.m. August 29. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released with a new date in Vermilion County Court.

Nicole M. Hughes, 36, of Danville, was arrested after police reported that officers witnessed an incident in the Casey's General Store parking lot at 4:28 a.m. Thursday.

She was arrested on a preliminary charge of aggravated assault with vehicle. She was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **debit card** was found Thursday in front of the police station. The owner may identify and claim it there.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:30 p.m. Thursday to the south alley in the 700 block of East Main after a construction company struck and Ameren gas line buried there. Ameren also responded.

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Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include land bank demolitions. Agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Open house set for Safe Routes plan

Hoopeston officials will hold an Open House on a proposed Safe Routes to School grant-funded project. It will be held 6-7 p.m. September 5 at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

The proposal consists of new sidewalk along the west side of First Ave. between West Elm St. and West Orange St. (IL Route 9) and reconstruction of

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

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

TUESDAY: Chicken patty, veggies, corn, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Fettucine Alfredo, Max Stick,, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

TUESDAY: Chicken patty or hot ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Fettucine Alfredo or cheeseburger, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Partly sunny, then chance of thunderstorms today. High 89. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70. Tomorrow, chance of storms, mostly clear late. High 87, low 62.

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sidewalk along the north side of Orange (IL Route 9) from First Ave. to Fifth St. These improvements will meet the American Disability Act requirements, to create a safe route to school for all students.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or www.cityofhoopeston.com. For questions call (217) 283-5833.

East Lynn Fertilizer is looking for a full-time customer applicator. Competitive Pay. Health Insurance & Retirement Plans. **Apply in person** at 41284 S Main St. East Lynn, IL.

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 daytime 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

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at silgancontainers.mua.hr_department.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13827

Silgan Containers is hiring an Electrician – Industrial/Maintenance Technician. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392

Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Truck Drivers needed. Must have clean driving record. Contact Brent @ 815-405-4000 sinntruckinginc@gmail.com

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.