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Miss Alabama takes home National Sweetheart 2024 crown

America has a new reigning National Sweetheart. Miss Alabama, Kaitlyn Funk, 21, was named the 2024 National Sweetheart after she and 17 other contestants competed in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant. Funk, of Birmingham, Ala., attends Southern Union State Community College. She performed the vocal "Feelin Good" as her talent. The pageant has partnered with Miss Volunteer America pageant program, which focuses not only on beauty and talent, but also giving of themselves. The five points on the Miss Volunteer America crown represents the principles of its organization with the word SERVE, standing for Scholarship, Education, Responsibility, Vol



Miss Alabama KAITLYN FUNK

unteerism and Empowerment. Funk's SERVE is "Self Harm Awareness Really Empowers." Along with the top honor, Funk was also named winner of the Leanza Cornett Award, established this year in memory of the 1991 Miss National Sweetheart and judge at the 2016 National Sweetheart Pageant, who died two weeks after sustaining a serious head injury in a fall at her home in 2020. Other award winners were:
Overall Talent Award: Miss Tennessee, Lydia Wal-drop

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Obituaries

DROLLINGER - Susan Marie Ward Drollinger, 65, of Hoopeston, passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at her home. She was born December 10, 1958, in Hoopeston, the daughter of Michael and Mary Ann (Bishop) Ward. She married Mark Drollinger March 17, 2017, in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Joshua Morgeson and Lucas Morgeson both of Hoopeston; one daughter, Kellie Morgeson (Chellsea Weinard) of



SUSAN DROLLINGER

Hoopeston; two brothers, Daniel (Charlotte) Ward of Pomona, IL and Stephen (Mary Jean) Ward of Millersville, MD; one grandson, Colin Ward Morgeson of Charleston; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mark, Susie was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Mary Ann Ward; and one sister, Martha Ward.

Susie served as the assessor for Grant/Butler Multi-Township Assessment District. Anyone who had the opportunity to know her was lucky, as she was simply one of a kind. Her smile was infectious as was her laugh. Susie had the biggest heart and so much compassion for people and animals and was always willing to give anyone the benefit of the doubt. She had a love for animals, especially for her five cats. Susie's family was the most important thing to her, as were her pets. She was constantly rooting for them all. Susie will be missed by so many people, especially those closest to her.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated, and a Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. October 6 at The Legion, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston.

The family requests no flowers, but donations may be made in memory of Susie to any animal shelter of the donor's choice.

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

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

HULS - Eldon Dean Huls, 81, of Armstrong, died at 4:03 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Flatville. Burial, with full military honors by American Legion Post #210, will be in Danville National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Death Notices

HUGHES - Edna Hughes, 96, of Rossville, died at 8:42 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2024, at Hawthorne Inn Assisted Living Facility, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

Jordan Davis-Ervin 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:49 p.m. Thursday at South Market and East Penn. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville by a Vermilion County Sheriff's deputy.

Rolando Vasquez, 45, of Ambia, Ind., was ticketed after a traffic stop at 7:46 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of North Dixie Hwy. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Desire Welch, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:16 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of West Orange. She was ticketed for no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Victor Hutton, 55, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:49 a.m. Friday at West Maple and South Eighth Ave. Wanted on Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the police station, then transported to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Kaylynn Krueger, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called to a disturbance at 4:20 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Thompson. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was also charged with resisting/obstructing a peace officer and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

James Bieber, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:39 p.m. Friday to the 300 block of

Indiana deputy in critical condition after shooting near Sheldon

A police pursuit that started in Iroquois County has left an Indiana deputy in critical condition and the alleged suspect dead.

According to reports from police agencies, the incident occurred the evening of September 1, when Iroquois County deputies were pursuing what was described as an armed suspect with a hostage. The pursuit went into Newton County, Ind., when that sheriff's department also became involved.

The chase returned to Illinois when the suspect, 37-year-old Andrew Roselius, of Clifton, crashed in Sheldon.

According to reports, Roselius left his vehicle and gunfire was exchanged, killing Roselius and critically injuring Newton County Corporal Brandon Schreiber.

Corporal Schreiber, a five-year department veteran, was taken to Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka

and was air lifted to Carle Hospital in Urbana, where he was listed in critical condition.

No hostage was found in Roselius' car.

At 8:45 p.m. Sunday, Iroquois County Sheriff's Department requested Illinois State Police to investigate the incident. According to police reports, once ISP completes their investigation, results will be given to the Iroquois County State's Attorney's office.

Newton County Sheriff's Department issued a statement, expressing "heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support and prayers from our law enforcement families, both from Indiana and Illinois, as well as from our community. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and means more than words can express."

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