



Sweet Corn Festival Scrapbook



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The Sweet Corn Festival Queen Naitzy Garcia, her attendants Kendall Biers and Karsyn Klatt, Mini Royalty King Kaedyn Landers and Queen Cassidy, Parade Grand Marshal Matt Friedlein, back right, Chamber of Commerce President Evan Wixom, back left, City Clerk Emily McConville, back second from left, and Chamber President/CEO Sam Setchell, front right, enjoyed an ear of delicious sweet corn after the Grand Parade on Sunday.



Kaedyn Landers was chosen Mini King and Karter Cassidy was named Mini Queen during the Mini Royalty Pageant on Saturday.



Mendota native Matt Friedlein served as the Grand Marshal in this year's parade.

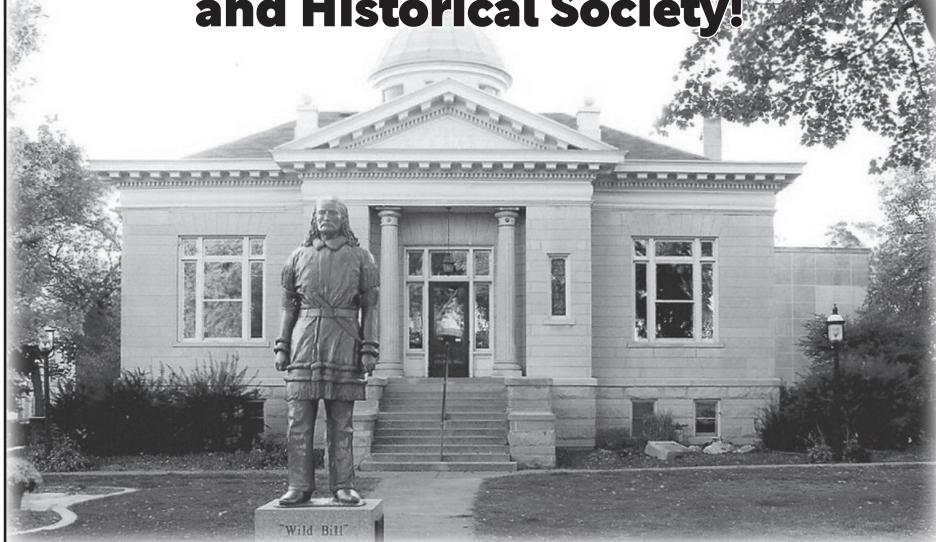


These youngsters enjoyed a delicious corn dog before the start of the Grand Parade on Sunday.



The Mendota High School Marching Trojans won the first-place trophy for Musical Units in the Grand Parade.

Cheers to another great Sweet Corn Festival from the Mendota Museum and Historical Society!



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The Jesse White Tumblers put on a high-flying performance during the parade.



A 1965 Minneapolis-Moline G707 tractor owned by Dwight Frick was chosen for the first-place trophy in the Antique Farm Vehicle category.



A 1953 Case SC-3 owned by Paul and Chad Hamrick was chosen for the second-place trophy in the Antique Farm Vehicle category.



A 1972 John Deere 112 lawn tractor owned by Eric Tarr was chosen for the second-place trophy in the Antique Vehicle category.

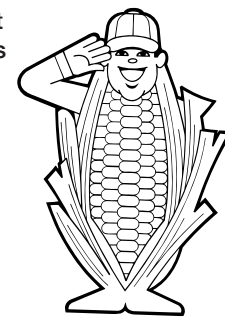
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A special thank you to all of our event and parade unit sponsors, whose public-spirited generosity enables us to attract visitors from far and wide year after year.

We also would like to thank everyone who gave their time to work this year's event and thank all of those who made any financial contributions.

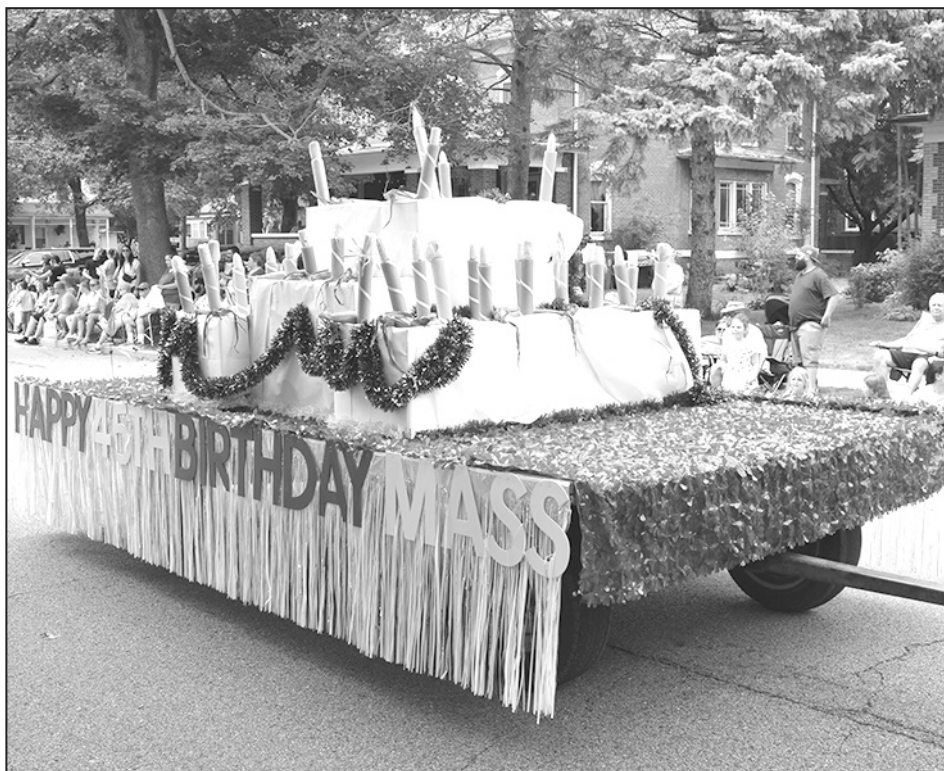
Finally, thanks to all who attended.

You are the keys to making the Sweet Corn Festival the success that it is. We will see you all next year
 Aug. 8-11, 2024 at
 Mendota's 77th Sweet Corn Festival!



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The Mendota Area Senior Services float was chosen for the Grand Marshal's trophy in this year's parade.



A 1936 1 1/2 ton Ford truck owned by Funfsinn farm was chosen for the first-place trophy in the Antique Vehicle category and the third-place trophy in the Antique Farm Vehicle category.



The home of the Sweet Corn Festival! We are proud of the way our community pulls together to host such an event every year!



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The Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council float carried Cinco de Mayo Queen Flor Delao and mini-royalty Adriana Rojas and Anthony Contreras.



Naitzy Garcia answered her question during the question & answer portion of the Sweet Corn Queen Pageant.



De Colores youth Mexican Folk dance group was a colorful and entertaining presence during the parade. This group was chosen by Naitzy Garcia for the Queen's Trophy.



The Mendota High School Class of 1973 had its 50th reunion and then capped off the weekend by riding in the Grand Parade on Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To everyone involved in organizing another successful Sweet Corn Festival!

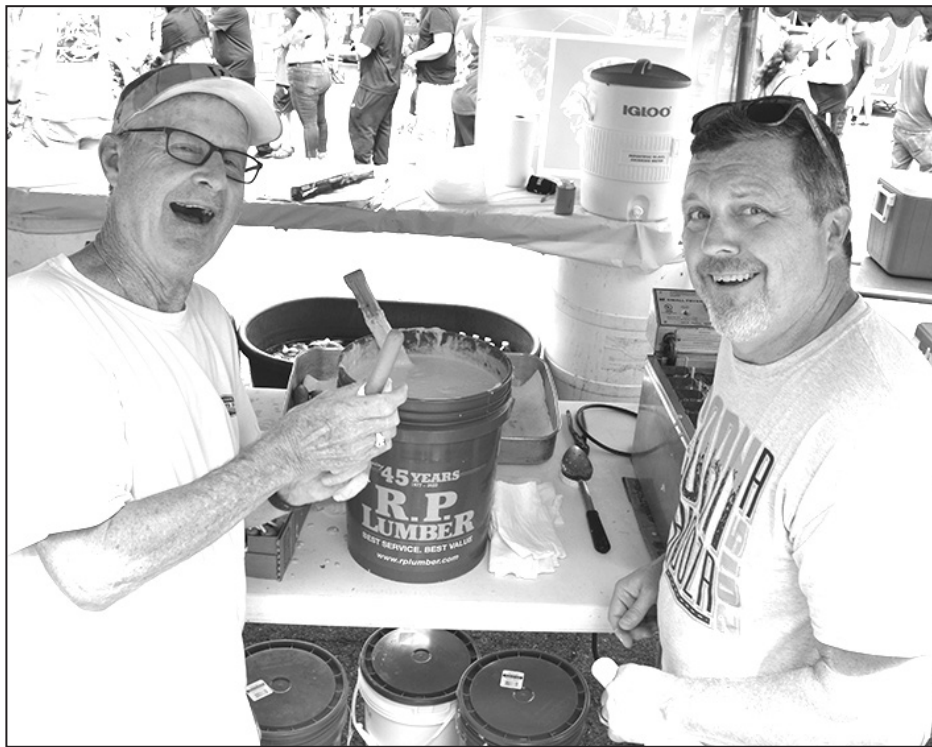


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Long-time Mendota Lions Club members Mike Wasmer, left, and Todd Phalen, put their expert corn dog cooking talents to work on a usually busy Sunday during this year's festival.



The Crafters Market Place and Flea Market drew large crowds at two locations on Saturday and Sunday.

Krenz Dental congratulates everyone on another successful Sweet Corn Festival!



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The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry had an entry in this year's Grand Parade as it sets off on a fundraising effort for a new building.



The Golden Knights Drill Team from Chicago showed off their precision style during the Grand Parade on Sunday.



Big crowds filled the streets of Mendota during the four days of this year's Sweet Corn Festival.



The 2023 Mendota High School cheerleaders performed all along the parade route.



The Mendota VFW Color Guard is always one of the first units in the Grand Parade.

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The Queen and her Attendants along with the Mini Royalty rode together on the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce float during the Grand Parade.



Thousands of ears of sweet corn were boiled and served free to anxious recipients on Sunday afternoon of the festival.



Once again this year, the South Shore Drill Team from Chicago dazzled the parade-watchers and then held a performance in front of the Mendota Elks Lodge after the parade.



People stood in line down Illinois Avenue to get their hands on the delicious sweet corn served at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Jefferson Street.