



Sweet Corn Festival Scrapbook



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The Sweet Corn Festival Queen Maya Martin, her attendants Aliza Salinas-Cervantes and Paige Manning, Mini Royalty Graham Phillips and Nova Marez, Parade Grand Marshal Larry Gies, second from right, Chamber of Commerce Chair of the Board Michelle Barkman, right, and Chamber President/CEO Shelby Weide, left, enjoyed an ear of delicious sweet corn after the Grand Parade on Sunday.



Graham Phillips was chosen Mini King and Nova Marez was named Mini Queen during the Mini Royalty Pageant on Saturday.



Former Mendotan Larry Gies was the Grand Marshal of the parade and was joined by his wife and daughter.



Past Presidents of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce gathered together for the Grand Parade on Sunday.



A large supply of items were available for sale at the flea market & craft show.



Maya Martin answered her question during the question & answer portion of the Sweet Corn Queen Pageant.

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A 1930 Ford Model A truck owned by John Noble won first place antique vehicle.



Mr. Steve entertained children with several shows during the festival.



A 1965 Minneapolis Moline u-302 tractor owned by Dwight Frick won first place antique farm tractor.



Family and friends gathered for a ceremony honoring the life of former Mendotan Dr. Jerry Galloway, organized by MHS classmate Ken Gehler, on stage.

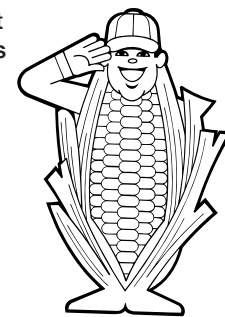
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A special thank you to all of our event and parade unit sponsors, whose public-spirited generosity enables us to attract visitors from far and wide year after year.

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. 10 - 13, 2023 at
 Mendota's 76th Sweet Corn Festival!



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The Mendota Museum & Historical Society parade entry of the Stamberger Courting Buggy was the Queen's Trophy winner.



Patty Andrews, 1969 Queen, was one of many former queens that returned for the 75th annual festival.

Krenz Dental congratulates everyone on another successful Sweet Corn Festival!

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The Zero Gravity ride gave children quite a thrill during the festival.



The Mendota High School Marching Trojans won first place musical units in the parade.



The "Normal Clown" from Normal took a bite out of a giant ear of sweet corn.



The Great Lakes Navy Band captured first place for performance and first place for organization.



The Golden Knights Drill Team electrified the parade crowd with a spectacular performance.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To everyone involved in organizing another successful Sweet Corn Festival!



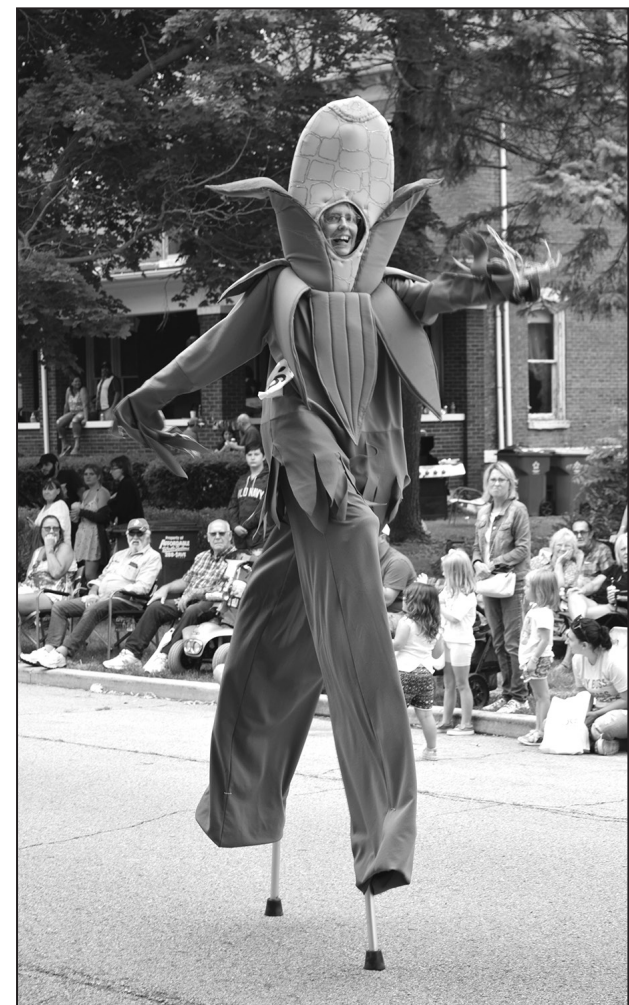
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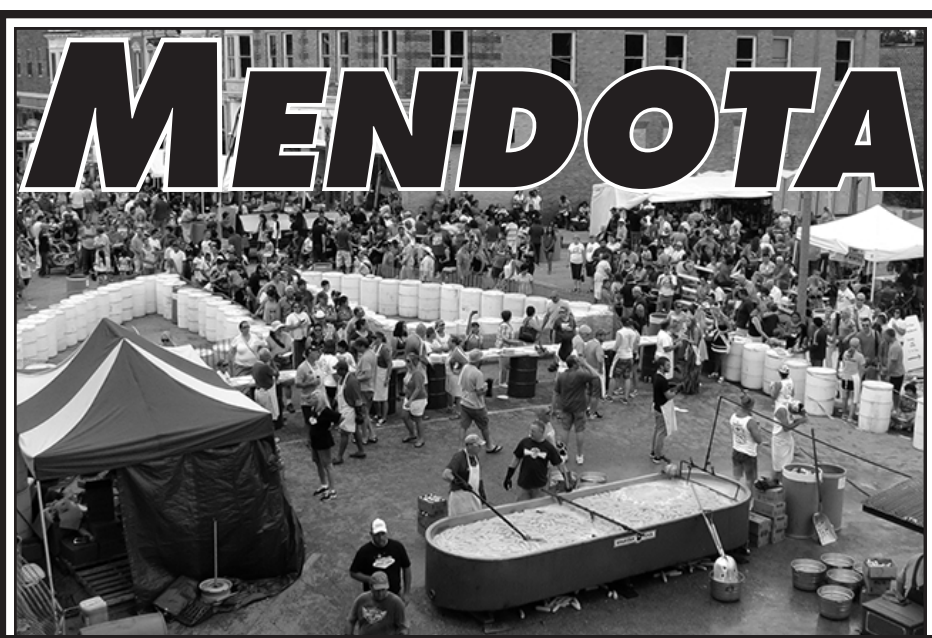
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The Jesse White Tumblers soared through the air much to the delight of the parade-goers.



A giant stilt-walking piece of corn made its way through the streets of Mendota during the parade.



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

THE CITY OF MENDOTA



The Mendota VFW Color Guard was the favorite parade entry of the grand marshal.



2022 Royalty and Mini Royalty waved to the crowd along the parade route.



The Mendota High School band entertained before the Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant.



The Mendota High School drumline put on a fabulous show during intermission of the Queen Pageant.



De Colores youth Mexican folk dance group was a colorful and entertaining presence during the parade.



The dart game with a chance to win a stuffed animal is always a favorite among the children attending the festival.



Elizabeth Schillinger was named Miss Congeniality at the Queen Pageant.



A long line formed down Illinois Avenue awaiting the free sweet corn.



Children enjoyed the many rides on the midway at this year's festival.



A large group of volunteers made sure the sweet corn was ready for consumption.



Once again, the South Shore Drill Team dazzled festival-goers with an electric performance.