



# Sweet Corn Festival Scrapbook

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Sweet Corn Festival Queen Madelyn Becker, her attendants Bria Frey and Ava Jones, Mini Royalty King Landon Fancher and Queen Maeve Schmidt, Parade Grand Marshal the Holy Cross state champion basketball team, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Sam Setchell, front left, and Chamber President Marion Quintana, right, enjoyed an ear of sweet corn after the Grand Parade on Sunday.



Ryleigh Sondgeroth, right, was selected as Miss Congeniality during the Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant on Friday night.



Maeve Schmidt was chosen the Mini Queen and Landon Fancher was named the Mini King during the Mini Royalty Pageant on Saturday.





A 1965 Minneapolis Moline tractor driven by Dwight Frick was selected for first place in the Antique Vehicle category during the Grand Parade.



Madelyn Becker answered her question during the question and answer portion of the Queen Pageant before being named the Queen of the 77th annual Sweet Corn Festival.

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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.

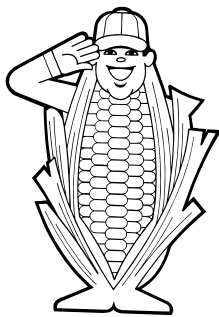
We also would like to thank everyone who gave their time to work this year's event and thank all of those who made any financial contributions.

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. 7-10, 2025 at

Mendota's 78th Sweet Corn Festival!



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Mendota's very own De Colores Dance Group strutted their stuff throughout the route of the Grand Parade.





Gary Swanson's Sound & The Generics Goodies Band was chosen to receive the Grand Marshal's Trophy during Sunday's parade.



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



The Final Phaze Performance Dance Team of Chicago, which has been featured in dance videos, in movies, on B.E.T. and MTV, put on a spectacular show for the people lining the streets during the Grand 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





Scooter's Coffee of Mendota was chosen to receive the Queen's Trophy during Sunday's parade.



A 1953 Case SC-3 driven by Paul Hamrick of Spring Valley, which was owned by his grandfather, received the second-place trophy in the Antique Vehicle category.

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The Mendota Little League 10u All-Stars were honored with a ride in the Grand Parade after finishing in second place in the Illinois State Tournament held in Paris, Ill., in July. The team won 11 straight games during its tournament run before falling in the state championship game.





The Village of Sublette entry in the Grand Parade was chosen to receive the Friendship Trophy.



Mendota Lions Club members Zach Hunt, left, and Todd Phalen cooked up some of those famous Lions corn dogs, the best ones money can buy during every festival.



Oglesby native Andrew Bloomquist, now living in Chicago, belted out tunes during the Queen Pageant on Friday. He performed before and at intermission of the pageant.

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

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Sat & Sun 1:00-4:00 P.M.  
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Some children were thrilled and others terrified during this trip on the Dragon ride located on the Carnival Midway.



Mr. Steve delighted festival-goers with music, magic, balloons and comedy all blended into entertainment for the entire family.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To everyone involved in organizing another successful Sweet Corn Festival!

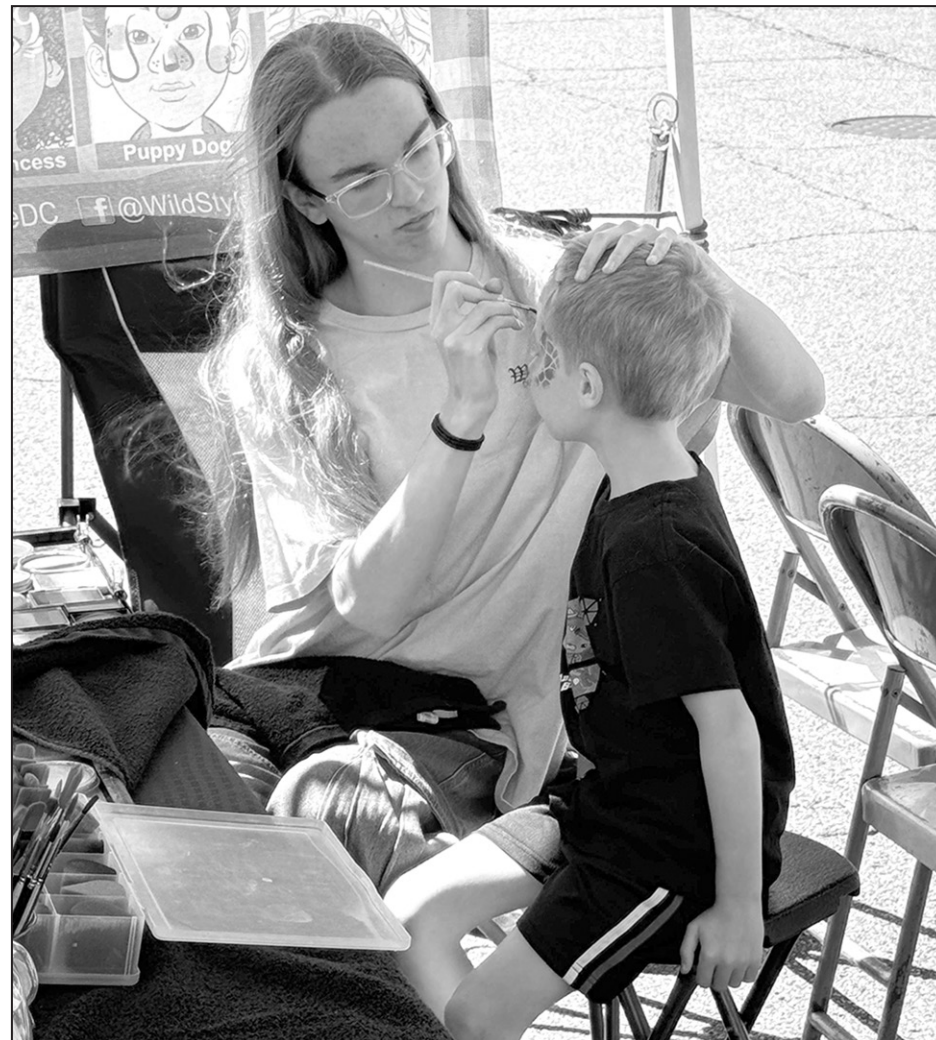


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Professional artists showed off their face-painting talents by transforming children into their favorite animal or superhero.





Nicor Gas and its "Nicorn" Drill Team received the first-place award in the Performance category during the Grand Parade.



The Mendota Area Senior Services entry took second place for Best Use of Corn in the Grand Parade.



The Chinn Memorial Committee walked in the parade in honor of its dear friend, Dr. Mary Chinn. The group of medical professionals created the committee to continue to serve the community of Mendota in her honor.

**Krenz Dental congratulates everyone on another successful Sweet Corn Festival!**

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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.



People stood in line down the 700 block of Illinois Avenue to get their hands on the delicious sweet corn served free at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Jefferson Street on Sunday afternoon.



The South Shore Drill Team from Chicago delighted the parade crowd with performances throughout the parade route and in front of the Mendota Elks Lodge after the parade.



Cory Biers got some help from members of the Mendota High School football team to get the sweet corn ready for serving on Sunday afternoon.