



Hello, my name is Jacy Samet and I am your 2013 Miss Hoopston! I am twenty years old and currently studying at Eastern Illinois University to be a special and general education teacher in the future. I am very proud to be representing Hoopston this year and I would like to take this time to formally invite you to the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sweetcorn Festival this Labor Day weekend. This years' festival chairmen, Darrin Brewster, and all of the Hoopston Jaycees have worked very hard to make this years' Sweetcorn Festival the very best and are bringing in a lot of new things for everyone to enjoy.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sweetcorn Festival starts its five day celebration on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and goes through to Monday, September, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Starting Thursday the midway will open where everyone can get their fill of carnival games and rides, especially the tilt-a-whirl (my favorite!) and the variety of food available at one of the many food vendors, including my favorite the elephant ears. Friday night the park begins to come alive, with the first demo derby that night and the carnival rides in full swing for all ages. Then Saturday morning join the businesses of Hoopston, local marching bands, the visiting royalty, and myself for the Grand Parade that travels straight down Main Street Saturday morning. This parade holding the record for longest parade route in Illinois is one that you don't want to miss. Once the parade concludes, head back to the park to enjoy the car and bike show with a DJ from 9-4 and then join Southern Transfer and Renegade to play through the night. Don't forget the magic show at the Jaycee Shelter Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Don't forget to make your way over to the steam engine for the FREE, HOT, BUTTERED sweet corn Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

As Miss Hoopston I am honored to be the official host of this years' National Sweetheart Pageant taking place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I am extremely excited to spend the week with the beautifully talented girls competing in the National Sweetheart Pageant. The week will kick off that

Monday with a Queen's dinner, and then the sweethearts and I will take a tour of all the businesses in Hoopeton. The pageant starts Friday night and goes to Sunday night where you can come watch the amazing women compete for the title of Miss National Sweetheart.

It is a privilege and great honor to be your 2013 Miss Hoopeton and I hope to see you all at the various events during the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sweetcorn Festival. Be sure to stop and see me during the week and say hi! There are tons of fun events for everyone, young and old. So come out and get you fill of carnival rides, midway games, demo derbies, magic shows, the grand parade, the Sweetheart pageant, and the delicious FREE hot-battered sweet corn. Can't wait to see you all there!