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## Harvestville honors Rodeo with maze

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**DONNELLSON** - With fall creeping in around the corner, Harvestville Farms is gearing up for the season highlighted by a new corn maze promoting the Tri-State Rodeo.

Adam, Julie, and Kathy Hohl, owners of the Har-

vestville Farms just east of Donnellson on Hwy 2, have a cornucopia of events laid out for visitors to the farm and the usual corn maze is back for daylight or nighttime pathfinding.

The Hohls, who try to feature some local business or service group with their maze design each year, reached out to

Tri-State Rodeo Chairman Josh Denning to talk about the possibility of incorporating the Tri-State Rodeo theme into the maze this year.

"We've been doing mazes for about 13 years now," Julie Hohl said. "For the last 10 years we've been using a maze company out of Utah to help us design our maze. We haven't

done it every single year, but most years, and when we do we try to partner with another local business or service."

In past years, the maze design has featured organizations like Beck's Hybrids out of Mt. Pleasant or the Alzheimer's group out of Burlington, just to name a few.

For the first three years,

Adam said they designed a simpler maze themselves with a skid loader and some hand-made sketches.

The maze spans 10 acres this year and Adam said a person going through for the first time might take 30 to 40 minutes. However the couple is offering flashlight mazes on Saturday nights and Adam said

that might take a little bit longer to get through.

The relationship with the Tri-State Rodeo came about pretty easily.

"This year we were kicking around ideas and we love the Rodeo. This works out really well because the Rodeo happens about the same time as

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### How sweet

Jaxson Merta, 3, of Cedar Rapids works on an ear of corn on Wednesday afternoon with his grandmother Doris Boeding of West Point at the Shuck-fest behind Merschman Seeds. More than 12 tons of corn was shucked. The Sweet Corn festival starts tonight. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



## 2017 Little Miss Rodeo, All-Around Cowboy contestants announced

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**FORT MADISON** - 2017 Little Miss Rodeo and All-Around Cowboy contestants and their canister locations have been announced. Canisters will be in place August 11th through the 26th.

### Little Miss Rodeo Contestants:

\*\*Allie Ehlers, Age 7, Daughter of Mike & Renee Ehlers of Fort Madison Canister Location: Hy-Vee Gas of Ft. Madison

\*\*Brooklyn Harvey-Orton, Age 6, Daughter of Amy Orton, Heath Hawthorne and AJ Harvey all of Fort Madison Canister Location: Sub Arena

\*\*Presleigh Johnson, Age 5, Daughter of Curtis & Amanda Johnson of Fort Madison Canister Location: Hall's Ice Cream

\*\*Aubryanna Burke, Age 6, Daughter of Travis & Lacy Gustafson of Denmark Canister Location: Huffman's Farm & Home of Fort Madison

\*\*Macy Butler, Age 6, Daughter of Zeb & Kayla Butler of Keokuk Canister Location: Beck's of Keokuk

\*\*Lauren Andrews, Age 5, Daughter of Rusty & Devan Andrews of Fort Madison Canister Location: Dollhouse Dreams

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Betty Elaine Clemenson, 86, formerly of Farmington, Iowa, resident of Keosauqua Health Care Center, went home to be with her Lord at 9:12 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



CLEMENSON

Born March 28, 1931 in St. Paul, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Harvey Ray and Lillian Cowan McVeigh. She married Raymond Walter Clemenson in Primrose, Iowa, on August 11, 1950.

Survivors include five sons: Gary (Norita) Clemenson, Farmington; John Scott (Carol) Clemenson, Westcliffe, Colorado; Dennis (Diana) Clemenson, Smith Center, Kansas; Kevin (Wanda) Clemenson, Keosauqua; James (Lisa) Clemenson, Everett, Washington; one daughter: Susan (Keith) Hemmings, Farmington; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one sister-in-law, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one granddaughter, one great grandson, two brothers and one sister.

Betty graduated from Montrose High School in 1948. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and supporting her beloved St. Louis Cardinals. She was an avid reader. Above all, Betty loved being a wife, mother and grandmother. Betty was a true example of a Christian. Most important to her was "to someday meet all of my family in Heaven". She was a member of the Bonaparte Baptist Church.

Friends May Call from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington. The family will receive friends from 10-11:00 A.M Friday August 11, 2017 at the Bonaparte Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017 at the Bonaparte Baptist Church, with Pastor Mark Caston officiating. Burial will be in Green-glade Cemetery in Farmington. The memorials will go to the Farmington Food Pantry and the Bonaparte Baptist Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home Farmington is in charge of the arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police report

08/07/17 - 7:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Rhonda Lavoy Newson, 35 of Fort Madison in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on warrants for failure to pay fines and interference with official acts. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
08/08/17 - 9:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in Blackhawk Heights.  
08/08/18 - 10:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Crystal Ann Capps, 38, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue E on charges of felony forgery and a parole violation out of Missouri. She was taken to

the Lee County Jail and held. 08/08/17 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H. 08/08/17 - 8:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of North 4th Street. 08/08/17 - 11:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Adam James Huss, 28 of Fort Madison, in the 200 block of Avenue H for driving while suspended.

### Lee County Sheriff's report

08/08/17 - 9:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dakota Lee Rogers, 25

of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on charges of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 08/08/17 - 9:44 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adrian Jamier Miles, 22, of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

08/08/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one burn complaint.

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\*\*Allee Rose Booten, Age 6 Daughter of David Booten & Carman Kaufman of Denmark Canister Location: 4 B Tack & More

\*\*Breonna Stewart, Age 7 Daughter of Brenda Stewart of Bloomfield, IA Canister Location: Lee County Bank

\*\*Melanie Sims, Age 6 Daughter of Erins Sims of Fort Madison Canister Location: Fast Break

#### All-Around Cowboy Contestants:

\*\*Ryan Rose, Age 7, Son of Josh & Heather Rose of Keokuk. Canister Location: Beck's of Keokuk

\*\*Holden Pezley, Age 5, Son of Travis & Katelyn Pezley of Montrose Canister Location: Casey's in Donnellson

\*\*Tate Markell, Age 6, Son of Kami Markell & Brent Knustrom. Canister Location: 4 B Tack & More

\*\*Terren Donlan, Age 5, Son of Jessica Donlan of Burlington Canister Location: Lee County Bank

This year's event is to be held on Monday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena. The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

Each contestant will receive a goodie bag for participating, however only one girl and one boy can win the title of Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy.

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# Maze opening coincides with Rodeo

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the opening here," Julie said.

"We went to Josh (Denning, Tri-State Rodeo chairman) and Angie (Budnik, Rodeo marketing coordinator) and they were equally as excited as we were. We all thought it would be a win-win for both of us.

Adam said they announced the maze theme on Sunday and got some shared messaging from the Rodeo and the feedback has been very positive.

The maze is designed with a clown distracting a bull and the words "Tri-State Rodeo" at the top of the design.

Entry into the maze, which runs Saturday, Sept. 2 through Oct. 31 is \$6 per person and children 2 and under are free during the day. The Saturday night flashlight maze is \$8 per person except for the kids 2 and under.

Julie said they also built a smaller maze not connected with the 10-acre

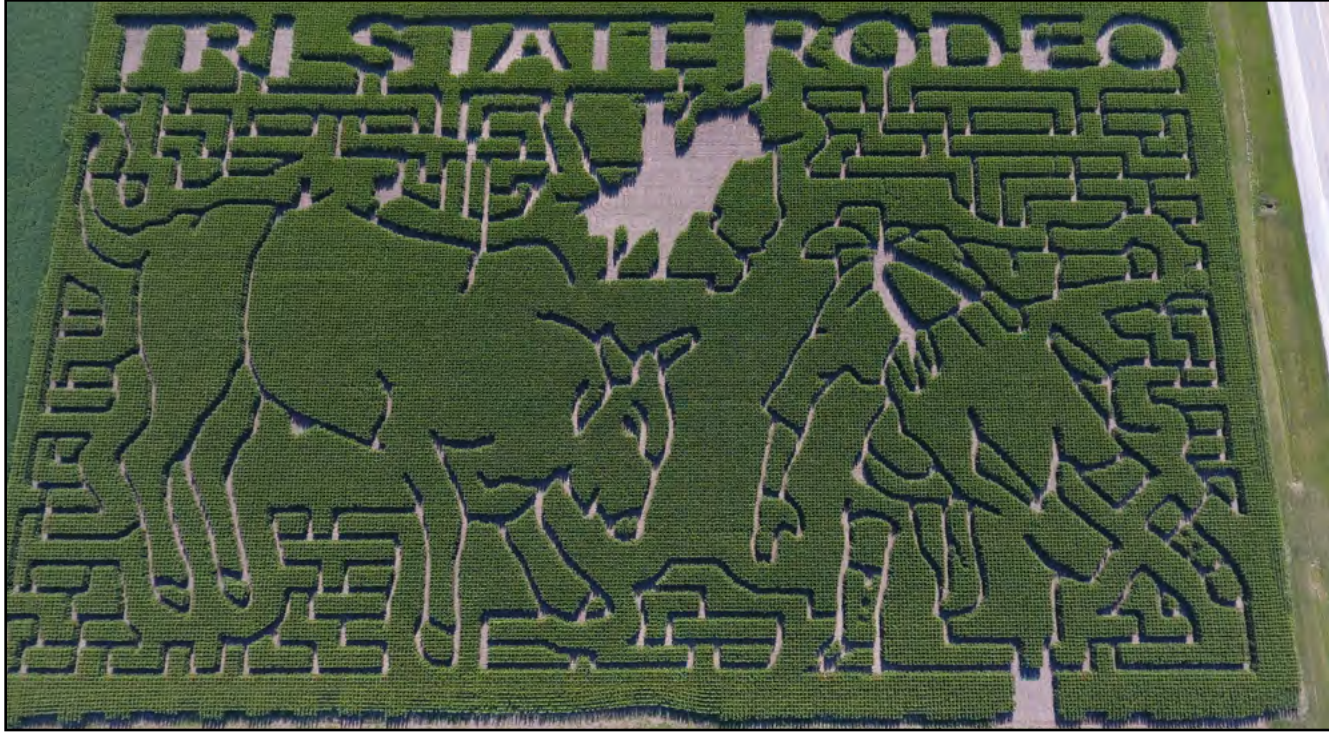


Photo courtesy Central Lee High School and Harvestville Farms

This year's Corn Maze at Harvestville Farms depicts a rodeo clown distracting a bull at the Tri State Rodeo. The maze will be open on Saturday, Sept. 2.

maze for younger children or families with less time.

"If you have families with small children and don't want to be in there that long, we do have that option and it's free to them. That takes about five to seven minutes and it's the same maze we use

for school field trips.

Adam said the maze isn't tough to create and only hurts the yield a small amount.

"Our first maze took three days to mark it and two more to cut. Now we can have it done in a day and a half. Once we

decide on a design, the Maize Co in Utah that Harvestville farm partners with sends a blueprint that Adam then plots on a grid and then we mark it when the corn is about two inches tall. That's when it's easier and you can still see the whole

field." He said he plants the corn closer together to increase the population of stalks so people going through the maze can't see through the corn very well, so yield loss is kept at a minimum. Another new attrac-

tion coming this fall will be a pumpkin jumper. Julie said the company has brought in a 30'x70' inflatable pumpkin that people can jump up and down on. There are also going to be new food options at different locations including the second play area and by the maze.

AirEvac, pending no emergencies, will be making a landing on Sept. 24. On September 23rd the pumpkin patch and horse drawn wagon rides will be open and visitors can go into the patch and pick their own pumpkins. Nauvoo On The Road will be on site on Oct. 7 doing demonstrations on brick and rope making. On Oct. 15 Bobby Reid will skydive onto the property and on Oct. 28 and 29 there will be a pumpkin painting session for kids.

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### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 10 Aug \_\_\_\_\_

 Light Rain  
High – 86.5° F | Low – 67.8° F

FRI 11 Aug \_\_\_\_\_

 Clear Skies  
High – 79.8° F | Low – 64.7° F


SAT 12 Aug \_\_\_\_\_

 Broken Clouds  
High – 77.9° F | Low – 58.6° F

SUN 13 Aug \_\_\_\_\_

 Clear Skies  
High – 82.5° F | Low – 76.9° F

MON 14 Aug \_\_\_\_\_

 Light Rain  
High – 73.4° F | Low – 65.3° F

[OpenWeatherMap](#)

# 2017 Sweet Corn Festival Schedule

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Carnival .....5 to 10 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts In The Park .....5 to 10 p.m.  
Free Sweet Corn Served .....5 to 10 p.m.  
BBQ Pork Loin Dinners Served.....5 to 10 p.m.  
• Pork Producers Assisting With The BBQing!  
• Carry Outs Available!  
Free Entertainment On The Stage  
• Princess & Queen Candidate  
Interviews & Coronation .....6 to 7 p.m.  
• Holy Trinity Drill Team Performance Following

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Carnival .....5 to 10 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts In The Park .....5 to 10 p.m.  
Free Sweet Corn Served .....5 to 10 p.m.  
BBQ Chicken Dinners Served .....5 to 10 p.m.  
• 1/4 & 1/2 Chicken Dinners, 1/2 Chicken Only & Carry Outs Available!  
Free Entertainment On The Stage  
• 101.7 The Bull Radio Sweet Corn Eating Contest, Open to All Ages .....5 to 6 p.m.  
• Raeanne's School Of Dance ..... 5:30 to 6 p.m.  
• Paulette's Dance Studio ..... 6 to 6:30 p.m.  
STAGE PERFORMANCE- Free Entertainment  
• Double Play .....7 to 10 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

5K & 10K Run In Front Of Main Stage  
Sponsored By FMCH  
• Registration (Entry Fee) ..... 6:45 to 7:30 a.m.  
• Run Begins Front Of Main Stage .....8 to 9 a.m.  
• Awards Ceremony .....9:15 a.m.  
Horseshoe Doubles Tournament - Ages 16 & Over  
Cash Prizes Awarded. Northeast Side of the Square  
• Registration ..... 9 a.m.  
• Tournament..... 10 a.m.  
Arts & Crafts In The Park .....11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Free Sweet Corn Served .....11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
BBQ Chicken Dinners Served .....11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
• 1/4 & 1/2 Chicken Dinners, 1/2 Chicken Only & Carry Outs Available!

Pee Wee Drags In Front Of Stage - Ages 3-6  
No Entry Fee. Trophies to 1st - 3rd Places.  
Candy & Ribbons To All Participants.  
• Registration .....10:30 to 11 a.m.  
• Races .....11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Carnival ..... Noon to Midnight  
Junior Water Fights - Ages 7 -12  
No Entry Fee. In Front Of Stage. Ride Tickets To All Winners  
• Registration ..... 12:30 to 1 p.m.  
• Water Fights..... 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Bath Tub Races - Must Be 18 To Enter  
\$30 Entry Fee. Teams Of 3. In Front Of Stage.  
• Registration ..... 2 to 2:30 p.m.  
• Races ..... Begin At 2:30 p.m.  
STAGE PERFORMANCE - Free Entertainment  
Stage Sponsored By Pilot Grove Savings Bank  
• Copperhead Creek .....7 to 10 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Free Sweet Corn Served ..... 11 a.m. to ?  
BBQ Chicken Dinners Served ..... 11 a.m. to ?  
• 1/4 & 1/2 Chicken Dinners, 1/2 Chicken Only & Carry Outs Available!  
Carnival ..... 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts In The Park ..... Noon to 7 p.m.  
Sweet Corn Festival Parade ..... Noon  
Mini Garden Tractor Pull - Sponsor Sinclair Tractor  
• Weigh In ..... 1 to 2 p.m.  
• Tractor Pull ..... 2 p.m. to ?

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