



*Katrina Danielle Graham being crowned 2018 Boone County Fair Queen (left) and Annabella Grace Torres being crowned 2018 Boone County Fair Little Miss (right) each getting crowned by 2017 Boone County Fair Queen Lauren Clemens and 2017 Boone County Fair Little Miss Ella Kjellstrom. photos by Ronald K. Ramos and Paul T. Zeien, Jr.*

## Boone County Fair Queen Pageant 2018

By Sofi Zeman

In Belvidere, the Boone County Fair is undeniably the largest event of each summer. Residents of the county and beyond come out to the fairgrounds to see the countless food items, displays and activities that Boone County has to offer. The gates opened on Tuesday morning and will close Sunday night. On Tuesday, the 59th annual Boone County Fair queen pageant took us back for a night “At the Hop” to kick off the week long festivities.

Despite the consistently rainy day, our five contestants came out to the grandstand, clad in “Pink Ladies” jackets in support of the 50’s-themed event. After the contestants were introduced, they participated in a dance number to songs from the movie “Grease.” Miss Boone County 2017, Lauren Clemens and Little Miss, Ella Kjellstrom, accompanied the girls on stage to partake in the fun. While this was the only choreographed part of the pageant, the dancing continued on as hits from the era continued on in the background throughout the night.

The swim suit competition followed shortly thereafter. Here, the five potential queens presented their poise, posture and physique to the judges while wearing bathing suits. While each contestant was evaluated, the emcees of the evening shared the girls’ plans and future aspirations with the audience. Between the dance and swim suit portions, the little miss contestants were introduced individually, highlighting their specific characteristics and career plans to give the judges and audience some insight on each girl’s personality.

The fishbowl question portion came next. At this part, the queen contestants were evaluated on their abilities to speak publicly in an on-the-spot situation by being asked questions and responding in form of a one minute speech. When asked what she would do if given an extra hour at the end of each day, contestant number five, Yordanos “Yoyo” Lee Gardner responded that she would use the time to volunteer at soup kitchens.

For the final event of the evening, the contestants elegantly glided across the stage in their formal evening gowns. The judges, having been given one last look at the contestants before a decision was to be made, cast their votes

for the two finalists that would move on to the next phase of the pageant. After hours of judging and time with the contestants, they decided that it would be either Katrina Danielle Graham or Kayla Konieczki that would take home the title of Miss Boone County 2018.

From here, the last two contestants moved on to the final round, where they participated in another fishbowl question. Each girl was asked the same two questions. When asked what topic each contestant would research if they were newscasters, Konieczki replied that she would look into the controversy surrounding the legalization of marijuana.

“It would just be about global warming. Because I believe that it is real and I want to bring awareness to it,” said Graham in response.

The emcees of the evening then asked each finalist which structure in the area was most important to them. Coincidentally, Graham and Konieczki had the same answer. Both girls felt that the statue at the corner of the fairgrounds property in Belvidere best represented the county as a whole.

When it finally came down it, the judges chose Katrina Graham to reign over the county for the next year. Little Miss Alondra Torres will rule by her side until August 2019. The two were immediately put to work and will be serving as fair hosts for the rest of the week.

In their last night as Miss and Little Miss Boone County, Clemens and Kjellstrom bid Boone County goodbye.

“Thank you to Queen Lauren for being such a kind and beautiful role model. I hope I grow up to be just like you,” said Kjellstrom.

Overcome with emotion, Lauren Clemens made her last speech as queen, saying, “I hope to continue to make my county proud, even after I give my title. This year has been so much more than I could have ever imagined and I will cherish every moment.”

*On behalf of The Boone County Journal, I would like to thank pageant director, Sharyn Geske for all of the help that made reporting at the 2018 pageant possible.*



*Belvidere's century-and-a-half-tradition of fine harness racing wasn't stopped by Tuesday's inclement weather. In the fourth race, the Belvidere Maiden, here shown coming down the stretch, Mississippi horse Mighty Oak Michael, driven by owner Debrico Griffin, finished ahead of Marengo horse, Evco Lane, driven by trainer David Samuelson. Spurred by Native, driven by Jimmy Daniels, was third, and Flash Me Baby, driven by Robert Anderson, came in fourth. This was Evco Lane's first race.*

*Horses from five different states competed in Tuesday's race, with a similar card on Wednesday. The first race was won by Ruby Ruby Ruby, second race by Lourhianon, and third race by Lous Game N Match, all from Illinois. Fourth race was won by Iowa horse Bordogna, and the sixth race by Kentucky horse Flying Shekel in his second-ever start. Race seven, the biggest race of the day, was sponsored by the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, featuring exclusively Illinois jockeys. First past the post was Ricky Bobbie, driven by G. Gamboe.*

*The heaviest rains held off until after the program was complete. Although track conditions steadily deteriorated, only the seventh race was officially designated as sloppy. Hundreds of lunchtime race fans enjoyed the program from the grandstand.*

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**HAND WOVEN BASKET**  
Shelly Bychowski, Genoa  
Excellent craftsmanship and appearance. Cool looking basket.



**DECORATED CAKE**  
Diane Selkopf, Belvidere  
Purple and white marbled frosting made by rolling fondant colors together. Creative and trendy. Emulating a crystal geode.



**JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPH- BEST OF SHOW**  
Nathan Ducharme, Poplar Grove Nice color and nicely centered on butterfly.



**JEWELRY - BEST OF SHOW**  
Pam Meyers, Belvidere  
Gorgeous piece



**FLORAL ARRANGEMENT - BEST OF SHOW**  
Sherry Johnson, Belvidere Very unusual materials. Water hyacinths, corkscrew rush, and creeping jenny. Has a ferniness and is an all-green arrangement.



**CANNED BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES**  
Erica Rosene, Rockford Color excellent. Fill level good. Cucumbers cut in uniform pieces.



**BANANA BREAD**  
Wesley Brooks, Poplar Grove  
Good flavor, texture, and flavor. Good quality and aesthetics.



**CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES**  
Terry Raup, Poplar Grove  
Uniform golden color. Uniform size and shape. Right amount of chocolate chips. The cookie has good structure as the right amount of flour was used.



**WOODWORKING--CHESTS, BOXES, AND, MUSIC BOXES**  
Steve G., Belvidere  
Nice detail, great craftsmanship.



**OATMEAL COOKIES WITH ANOTHER INGREDIENT**  
Bethany Hassen, Poplar Grove  
Uniform size and shape of cookies. Good color and texture. Good combination of flavors: oatmeal, raisin and coconut.



**CINNAMON ROLLS**  
Ruth Luetkenhaus, Belvidere  
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**Educationally,** I have received a bachelor's degree with double major in Business and in Marketing, and a minor in Communications. Also, I have received a MBA (Masters of Business Administration) from Northern Illinois University. I am a certified Illinois assessment officer (CIAO), and held the office of Belvidere Township Assessor from 2010-2013. I have remained in the assessment field for the past 8.5 years.

**As a private citizen** worked to create the Belvidere Boone County Taxpayers Association. Between 2008 and 2010 the association successfully fought back (2) county referendums, saving Boone County Taxpayers millions of dollars. In addition, I have served as a board member on the Belvidere Boone County Food Pantry for 10 years.

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**CERAMICS - BEST OF SHOW**  
Debbie Marner, Poplar Grove  
Unfinished item, dry brush.



**WOODWORKING -BEST OF SHOW**  
William West, Poplar Grove  
Considerable detail and time spent. Well put together. Phenomenal craftsmanship.



**PATRIOTIC QUILT**  
Mary Jean Lane, Kirkland  
Good balance and design. The points are all sharp. Edges and corners all match.



**ORIGINAL LEGO--JUNIOR**  
Gunner Weinreich, Machesney Park  
Highly detailed and original.



**BLUEBERRY PIE**  
Janet Munrow, Belvidere  
Delicious and beautiful.

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Debbie Hoffman, Loves Park  
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**COLOR PHOTOGRAPH - BEST OF SHOW "Missing Daddy"**  
Barb Lamene, Capron  
The title and the picture tell the story. Nicely composed, nice light, subject is sharp in soft background. No question as to the subject matter.



**PAINTING - BEST OF SHOW**  
Sarah Durham, Belvidere



**AFGHAN - KNITTED, 2 COLORS**  
Barbara Raczkowski, Garden Prairie  
Even tension and even threads. 2-sided, reversible makes this a winner. Nice colors.



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**BLACK/WHITE PHOTOGRAPH - BEST OF SHOW "Ideal Height"**  
 Lindsay Ramon, Parkville, Missouri  
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**DRAWING - BEST OF SHOW**  
 Kelli Knight, Belvidere  
 Lots of layers of pencil. Dark tones and whites and grays helps give the dinosaur head a 3D look. Stands out.

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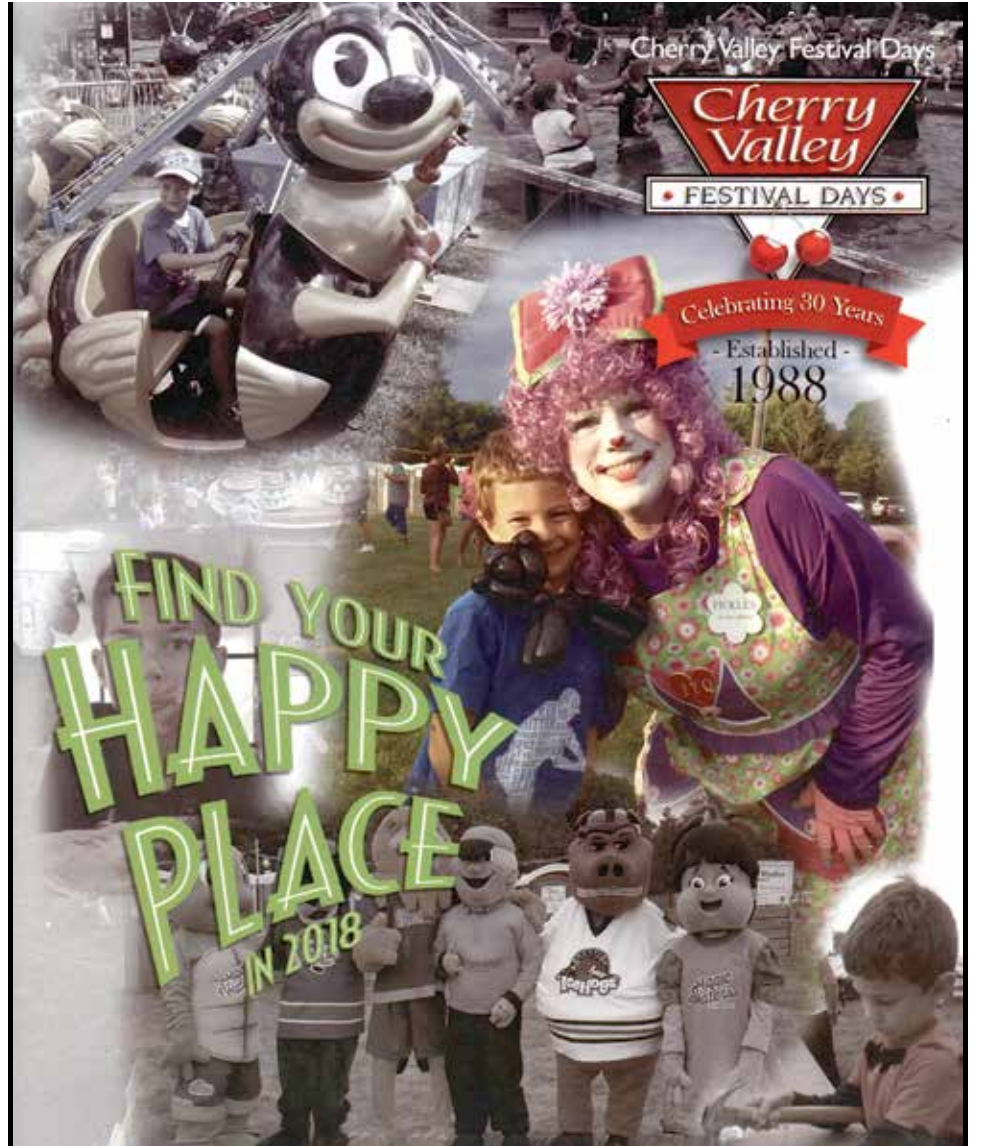
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**Friday, August 10th**

12:00-1:00pm Orion Samuelson (With Silver Creek Band)  
 2:00-4:30pm Looking for Treble band (50's to 80's Pop/Rock)  
 5:00-6:00pm Mary Lees School of Dance  
 7:00-10:00pm Silver Creek Band (Country)

**Saturday, August 11th**

9:30am Talent Contest sign up (At Entertainment Building)  
 10:30-3:30pm Talent Contest – Open to all Amateur Talent  
 10:30am Junior Talent – Age up to 14  
 12:30pm Senior Talent – Age 15-21  
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 5:00-6:00pm Celia's Dance and Education Center  
 7:00-10:00pm Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B)

**Sunday, August 12th**

8:30-9:30am Church service conducted by Gideon's International \*  
 12:30-1:30pm Lip Sync Contest – conducted by Arnie Pearse  
 Prizes 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25  
 1:30-3:00pm Karaoke Contest – conducted by Arnie Pearse  
 Prizes 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25

(Contestants must pay admission to fair at gate)

6:00-9:00pm Rockin Horse Band ( Top 40 Country)

Letter to The Editor

Absentee Adam,

This past week a group of LaSalle and Grundy county residents held the Illinois 16th District Community Forum. Sara Dady and Adam Kinzinger were invited and both agreed to participate. As you can imagine, these residents worked hard and spent a lot of money to put on this event. Approximately, 200 people showed up that evening to listen to what Sara Dady and Adam Kinzinger had to say. Well, Kinzinger never showed up. That's right, he was invited, did not show up to the event, and no one called to say he would not be there. No one at his office knew where he was or what he was doing.

Sara Dady was there, spoke and took questions from the audience like the professional she is.

In the past, I have written about Kinzinger not wanting to face voters but not showing up for a planned event is the worst. People living in the 16th Congressional District deserve better than a Representative who ignores us, accepts money from special interest groups and then votes in their best interests, not ours. You can bet that voters will remember Kinzinger's absence and lack of caring this November.

Wayne Borchardt  
 Belvidere

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 Darby, Elsie, 94, Belvidere, August 4  
 Foresman, Patricia, 56, Belvidere, July 23  
 Golubski, Loretta, 94, Belvidere, August 4  
 Hicks, Kenneth, 73, Genoa, August 1  
 Metheny, Braden, 56, Belvidere, August 1  
 Stehley, Bob, 95, Formerly of Belvidere, Aug 3

**Community News & Events**

**Midway Village Museum's Magical Gardens Special Event-** Saturday, August 11, 2018. 10 A.M. To 3 P.M. Located at the Victorian Village at Midway Village Museum. Families of all ages are invited to explore the enchanting landscapes of the museum's grounds. Visitors will take part in tours and crafts focused on the natural and magical wonders of the grounds! Enjoy a garden scavenger hunt, make a fairy wreath or wizard wand, listen to fairy tales in the garden plus so much more! Admission is free for Midway Village Museum members. \$8 Adults; \$6 Children (ages 3-17) and Infants are free (ages 0-2).

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# What It's Like to Show Animals

by *Burke Cochran*

The Boone County Fair boasts a myriad of attractions. Fried food, fun rides, and hordes of people: It's easy to forget that the fair is primarily an agricultural event - and similarly attracts a diverse group of people who show animals at the fair.

There are three different divisions, 4-H, Junior, and Open. Open division allows any competitor, regardless of age or experience. This division is often considered the most competitive; however, that can vary between different years and events. Junior division is similar to the open, with the exception of age restrictions. Illinois State Fair guidelines state that competitors in the junior division must be 17 years of age or under. Many are much younger. Competitors in the 4-H division must be between 8-18, and members of an affiliated 4-H club.

Williams has always competed in the 4-H division.

The livestock season begins long before the showings at the fair. Williams typically gets a baby animal in February and raises it until the fair begins in August. The animals come from local sources, and much preparation is needed to get them ready for showing.

For a swine, muscle development is one of the most important aspects judges look for in show. Physical aspects such as smooth shoulders, a muscular ham, and firm stifle are important shows of the muscles on a swine. Furthermore, certain body types are

preferred. For swine, a long body and legs that are set wide apart are signs of health, with these aspects are largely dependent on the breed.

This year, Williams is showing a swine. It's a crossbreed, and to get proper muscle development, Williams would regularly exercise her animal by taking it on walks.

Although Williams does have good memories with her swine, one moment that comes to her attention is her and her friends sleeping in the barn with it. Her favorite animal that she has raised and shown was a goat she had two years ago. Williams says that goats are easy to bond with because of the care required when the animals are young. Williams had to bottle-feed the goat until it was old enough to eat on its own. She likens the bonding experience of raising a goat to owning a pet dog. For a goat, muscle development is also highly prized in show. The muscle in a well-raised goat should be evident, extend down into the stifle, and the goat should have muscular forearms. The goat's legs should stand straight beneath the body, rather than crooked, inwards or out, and its frame should be level over the top.



Williams had a Boer goat, which is one of the most common breeds in show, and would similarly exercise her animal to ensure that it would attain proper muscle development.

According to Williams, one of the best aspects of showing at the fair is the community that is made. Seeing many of the people every fair, it's easy to befriend the other showmen in the events. The fair makes a community out of the people in the livestock events. Williams says that she has made many friends out of fellow exhibitors.

"It's like school," Williams said, "You see these people on every day of the fair, year after year, and you become friends with them. The supportive community is probably one of my favorite parts of showing."

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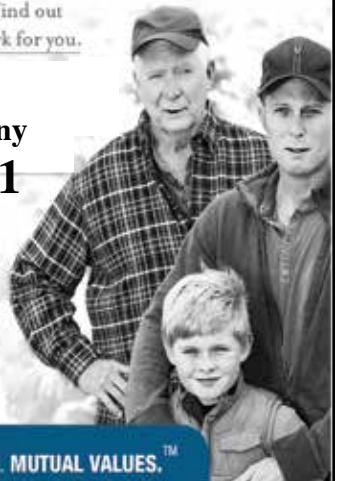


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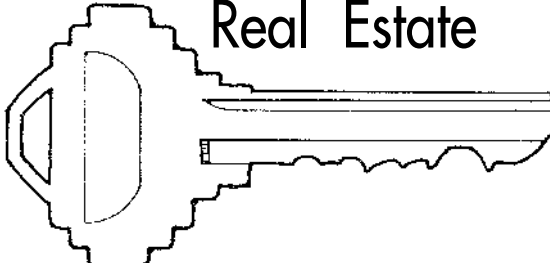


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TIAA, FSB D/B/A EVERBANK Plaintiff,  
-v-  
AGUSTIN JUAREZ, KRISTI M. JUAREZ Defendant  
18 CH 12  
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STATE BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
EVELYN MARIE HUNTER GRANAT; ROSEMAN & SONS, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, if any; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2017 CH 125  
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The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor trustee for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Popular ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-E Plaintiff,  
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