



Beauty Pageants

September 15 at Capitol Theatre

The annual CornFest beauty pageants will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 15 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Union City, but the fun won't end there, because the queens in the Little Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss and Miss CornFest divisions are asked to serve as special ambassadors at CornFest events.

Those specific winners are also eligible to participate in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival pageants in the spring of 2018, with all WTSFP rules applying.

First to take the stage will be participants from birth to 12 months for the Wee Baby Miss CornFest. They will be followed by little girls from 13-23 months old at 10:15 in the Baby Miss CornFest competition. Tiny Miss CornFest contestants who are 2-3 years old will be up next at 10:30, with Petite Miss CornFest entries for 4-5-year-olds appearing on stage at 11.

Girls in the 6-9 years old division will compete for the Little Miss CornFest crown at 12:30 p.m., after a lunch break, and they will be followed by the Junior Miss CornFest beauties who are ages 10-12 at 1:15. Teen Miss CornFest lovelies ages 13-15 compete at 1:45, with Miss CornFest contestants who are 16-21 years old wrapping things up at 2:15.

Entry fees will be \$25 for early registration by Sept 12. On

the day of the pageants, the price will be \$35.

Fans of the local beauties can find seats for the glittering stage moments by paying \$5.

To sign up for the popular event, download a form from the CornFest website at obioncountycornfest.org.

Completed registration and the fee should be mailed to Miss CornFest, 216 South First St., Union City, TN 38261 in time to arrive by Sept. 12.

Organizers are setting up an optional practice opportunity from 5-6 p.m. Sept. 14 at the theater.

For more information, call or text chairman Leslie Russell at (662) 507-9708.



Leslie Russell of Union City is chairman CornFest's Beauty Pageants. This is her first year volunteering with the organization.

She is the owner of Delta Belle Boutique and is married to Tyler Russell. They have three children, Emma, Matt and Nate Russell.

She is an active member at First Baptist Church in Union City, Union City J'Cettes and Main Street Union City board.

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