

**63rd annual Grundy County Corn Festival  
Schedule of Events**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Noon – 4:00 pm Baby Show – Morris High School Auditorium (entries close Wednesday,  
September 21 at 5:00 pm) – sponsored by Morris Building and Loan  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Photo Show entries accepted – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

11:00 am – 7:00 pm Steak Sandwiches – Courthouse Lawn – sponsored by Grundy County  
Justice Assistance Board  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Art Show entries accepted – Morris Area Library

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

10:00 am – 9:00 pm Farm Fair – Main Street, across from First Midwest Bank  
11:00 am – 9:00 pm Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets  
4:00 pm – 8:30 pm Train Rides – depart from Grundy County Courthouse  
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm Chili Supper – First Presbyterian Church  
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm Skinners' Amusements Carnival – Wristbands \$15  
5:30 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront  
City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage  
Realty  
5:30 pm MCHS Madrigal Singers – Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main  
Streets  
6:00 pm Water Fights – 100 block West Washington Street  
6:30 pm Talent Show – Center Stage – Liberty and Jackson Streets – sponsored  
by WCSJ/WJDK  
7:30 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront  
City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage  
Realty

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

10:00 am – 9:00 pm Farm Fair – Main Street, across from First Midwest Bank  
9:00 am – 8:00 pm Art Show – Morris Area Library – sponsored by Rezin Orthopedics and  
Sports Medicine  
11:00 am – 9:00 pm Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets  
4:00 pm – 8:30 pm Train Rides – depart Grundy County Courthouse  
5:00 pm Spotlight on Grundy County Dancers – Center Stage – Liberty and  
Jackson Streets – sponsored by Culver's  
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm Skinners' Amusements Carnival – Wristbands \$15  
5:30 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront  
City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage  
Realty  
7:00 pm High School bands perform – Center Stage – Liberty and Jackson  
Streets  
7:30 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront  
City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage  
Realty

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

9:00 am – 11:00 pm Farm Fair – Main Street, across from First Midwest Bank

10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Art Show – Morris Area Library – sponsored by Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Log Home Festival – 4380 W. Southmor Road
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	Train Rides – Depart Grundy County Courthouse
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Brown Bag Friday – Grundy County Courthouse – sponsored by WCSJ/WJDK and Grundy Bank
11:00 am – 7:00 pm	Ham and Bean Dinner – First United Methodist Church
5:00 pm	“Magical Balloon Dude” – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
5:00 pm	Free popcorn giveaway – Liberty and Washington Streets and 400 block Liberty Street
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Hobby and Handicraft Exhibit entries taken – First Presbyterian Church
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Corn Grain and Flower Show entries taken – Grain entries accepted – First Presbyterian Church
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Skinner’s Amusements Carnival
7:00 pm	Queen Coronation parade with Coronation immediately following at Center Stage – Liberty and Jackson Streets
7:00 pm	“Magical Balloon Dude” – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
7:30 pm	MCHS Madrigals – Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets
7:30 pm	“Mary Pfiefer” – Center Stage – Liberty and Jackson Streets
8:00 pm	“The Usual Suspects” – North Stage – Liberty Street, north of Benton
8:00 pm	“The Meteors” – South Stage – Wauponsee Street and Illinois Avenue
8:00 pm	Doug’s Dancers – 200 block Liberty Street
8:30 pm	“Magical Balloon Dude” – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Happy Hookers Bass Club – Open Buddy Bass Tournament – Stratton Park
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Craft Show/Flea Market – Grundy County Fairgrounds
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Corn Grain and Flower Show – Flower and Grain entries accepted – First Presbyterian Church
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Log Home Festival – 4380 W. Southmor Road
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Farm Fair – Main Street, across from First Midwest Bank
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Art Show – Morris Area Library – sponsored by Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show – Chapin Park – sponsored by Costco Wholesale
9:00 am	Crackerbox Derby – Goold Park
9:00 am	Morris Hospital 5k Fun Run – Start/Finish at White Oak Elementary School
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration for Kiddie Water Fights – Wauponsee Street between Fire Station 1 & 2
10:00 am	Kiddie Water Fights – Wauponsee Street, in front of Morris Fire Station, sponsored by Morris and Gardner Fire Departments
10:00 am – 8:00 pm	Photography Show – Bethlehem Lutheran Church – sponsored by Morris Cameral Club
11:00 am – 9:00 pm	Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets
11:00 am	“Laughs, Lies, and Libations” – Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	Train Rides – Depart Grundy County Courthouse

Noon – 7:00 pm	Hobby and Handicraft Show – First Presbyterian Church – sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank
Noon – 7:00 pm	Corn Grain and Flower Show – First Presbyterian Church – sponsored by Morris Hospital
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Skinner's Amusements Carnival – Wristbands \$15 from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm ONLY
12:30 pm	Lineup and Judging for Kiddie Parade – South Side of Chapin Park
1:00 pm	Kiddie Parade
2:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest – Chapin Park Gazebo – sponsored by Chamlin & Associates
2:30 pm	Check-in and Inspection for Bed Races – Illinois Avenue and Wauponsee Street
3:00 pm	Bed Races – 200 block Illinois Avenue – Sponsored by Morris Soccer Association
3:00 pm	"Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
5:00 pm	"Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
6:00 pm	Outdoor Worship Service – First United Methodist Church
6:00 pm	"Krazy Karaoke" – Taste of Corn Festival – Franklin and Main Streets
7:30 pm	"Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
8:00 pm	"The Southside Hitmen" – North Stage – Liberty Street, north of Benton
8:00 pm	"Back Country Roads" – Center Stage – Liberty and Jackson Streets
8:00 pm	"7 <sup>th</sup> Heaven" – South Stage – Wauponsee Street and Illinois Avenue
8:30 pm	Fireworks – Stratton Park – sponsored by Exelon

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

### ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show – Chapin Park – sponsored by Costco Wholesale
9:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Farm Fair – Main Street, across from First Midwest Bank
9:00 am	Free Shuttle from Morris Moose Lodge to Franklin and Washington Street. Service continues until one hour after the end of the parade.
11:00 am	Lions Club Chicken Dinner – Farm Fair Tent
11:00 am	"Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty
11:00 am	Dance Schools perform – 100 block W. Washington and 300 block Liberty Streets
11:00 am	Pork Burgers – First United Methodist Church
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Hobby and Handicraft Exhibit – First Presbyterian Church – sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Corn Grain and Flower Show – First Presbyterian Church – sponsored by Morris Hospital
Noon	Kiwanis Big Wheel Race – 200 block Liberty Street
Noon – 1:45 pm	Photography Show – Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Sponsored by Morris Camera Club
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Skinner's Amusements Carnival – Wristbands \$15
12:30 pm	On Broadway Dancers and Jesse White Tumblers, sponsored by Shantels – 400 Block Liberty Street

1:00 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty

2:00 pm Grundy County Corn Festival Parade

5:00 pm "Magical Balloon Dude" – Free entertainment for all ages – Riverfront City Park, south of I&M Canal – sponsored by Spaceco and Advantage Realty