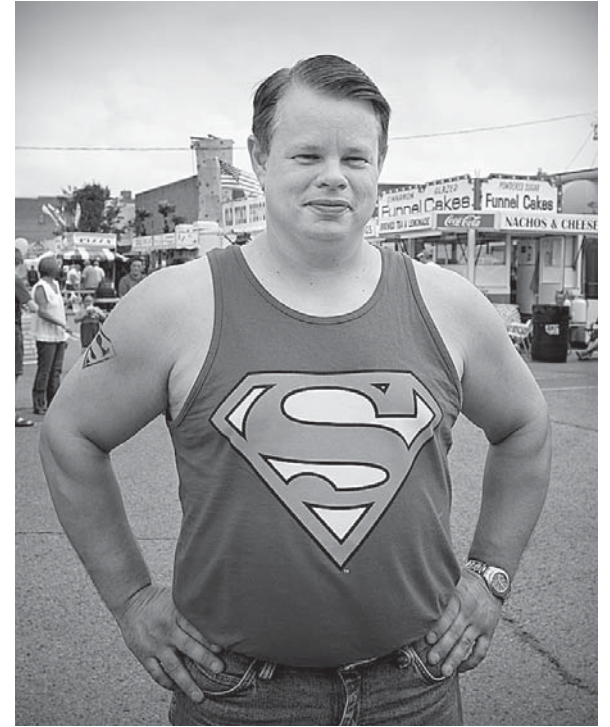




up close 'heroes



In June 1972, Illinois HR 572 declared Metropolis the official hometown of Superman. But at the Superman Celebration, any and all superheroes are welcome. Superman outnumbers the others, but caped crusaders of all stripes come to town to pay their respects and strut their stuff.

Top row: Andrew and one-month-old Zaden Zisner from Indianapolis, Indiana.; J.H. Horn from Riverdale, Illinois. Middle row: Brothers Nickolas and George Monroe from Columbus, Ohio; Duane Douglas from Metropolis, Illinois. Bottom row: Emily Marani from Benton, Kentucky; Joey Mitchell from Zeigler, Illinois.