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2025

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Russ Gibson Named 2025 Franklin County Fair Grand Marshal



From left to right, Russ Gibson, former owner Helen Christensen and Kian Gibson on Monday morning, June 9, at Christensen Jewelry

Longtime Christensen Jewelry Owner Honored for Decades of Community Service

Russ Gibson, owner of Christensen Jewelry in Hampton, has been named the Grand Marshal for the 166th Franklin County Fair, which kicks off this July. A dedicated small business owner and proud community supporter, Gibson has operated his downtown jewelry store for the past 37 years — and has spent much of that time giving back to the place he calls home.

“I’m honored — truly humbled — to be selected,” Gibson said. “This community has given me so much, and I’ve always believed in giving back whenever we can.”

Gibson and his team at Christensen Jewelry have long supported the Franklin County Fair. For roughly 25 years — “maybe even longer,” Gibson noted — the store has donated the fair queen crown. The business has given charm bracelets for the fair queen candidate longer than Gibson has owned the business. Over the last 15 years or so, they’ve added donating the fair queen trophy and “Little Miss” contest necklaces to their list of contributions.

“We try to make Franklin County and

Northern Iowa the best place it can be,” Gibson said. “If we’re able to help, we do. That’s just how we try to live — following God’s plan.”

When the call comes from the fairgrounds each year, Gibson says they waste no time. His team begins crafting each donation with care, ensuring every piece is personally engraved for its recipient.

“Everybody loves the fair,” he said. “It’s a tradition for so many families. Just look at how many people come back every year. 4-H is still going strong — and that says a lot about this community.”

Beyond his work at the store, Gibson is also a proud father of two. His son Elias is a mechanical engineer living in La Crosse, Wisconsin. His younger son, Kian, is a certified tool maker who recently joined the team at Christensen Jewelry. Gibson lives just west of Hampton.

As Grand Marshal, he will lead the fair parade on Tuesday, July 8 — a well-earned honor for a man who has helped shape and support Franklin County for decades.

Franklin County Fair Queen Welcome

WORDS FROM THE 2024 FAIR QUEEN LIBBY TREWIN :

“Serving as the Franklin County Fair Queen has truly been a dream come true — one that little-girl me could have only imagined. This past year has been nothing short of amazing, filled with unforgettable moments, meaningful connections, and the honor of representing a place I am so proud to call home.

What I’ve loved most about being Fair Queen is the opportunity to be deeply involved in our community and to serve as a positive role model for others. I’ve been able to share my love for the fair and advocate for Franklin County in ways that were both exciting and humbling.

One of the most memorable parts of my journey was the chance to compete at the Iowa State Fair during Queen’s Week last August. The experience was like no other — being surrounded by such a strong, supportive group of young women created an uplifting and empowering environment. I learned how to truly be my best self, how to lead with heart, and how to advocate for the community that raised me. I’m incredibly honored to have received the 2025 Personality Plus award, voted on by fellow contestants, judges, and past queens. That recognition reminded me that authenticity and kindness matter more than anything.

Throughout the year, I also had the joy of reading to elementary students across the county, sharing stories about confidence, friendship, and believing in yourself. Inspiring young minds and seeing their eyes light up was one of the most rewarding parts of this role.

The fair will always hold a special place in my heart — it’s more than an event; it’s a community. Over the past year, I gained a second family — a fair family — filled with people who supported, encouraged, and inspired me. Those bonds and memories are something I will always cherish.

Being the Franklin County Fair Queen allowed me to connect with people of all ages, share my love for the fair, and represent our county with pride. This experience has left a lasting impact on me, and I will forever be grateful for the memories, the friendships, and the chance to grow as a leader and as a person.

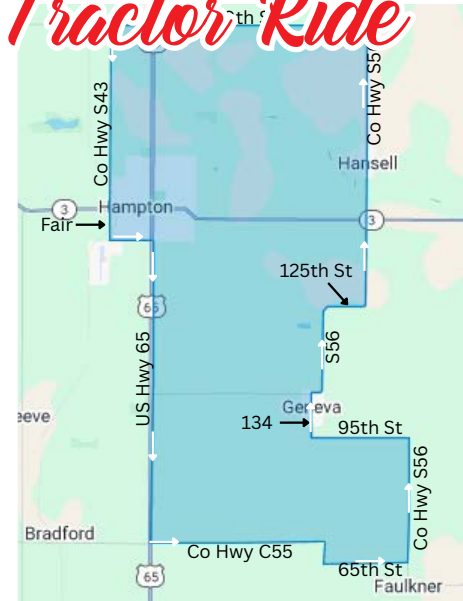
As I prepare to hand over my crown, I do so with a full heart — thankful for everything this opportunity has given me, and just a little sad to see it end. But I know without a doubt that the next queen will do great things, and I can’t wait to watch her shine.

Thank you, Franklin County, for believing in me and for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”



2024 Fair Queen Libby Trewin

Tuesday is Grandpa's Farm Tractor Ride



OPEN CLASS

Join the fun and share your talent by exhibiting in the open class at the fair July 9-13. Open to persons of all ages, even if you live outside the county you can be an exhibitor. You can get a copy of the rules and classes at www.franklincountyfair.com or at the fair office. Open Class exhibitors can enter their projects in the exhibits building (convention center) on Monday, July 7 from 4-7 pm and on Tuesday from 7:30 am- 11 am. For more information, go to the website or call the office at 641-456-2049

The annual Grandpa's Farm Tractor Ride will line up Tuesday July 8th at 10:30 a.m. They will leave Grandpa's Farm following lunch and return in time for those who want to be in the fair parade by 4pm. Tractors must be 25 years or older and have a minimum speed limit of 10 mph at road gear. Riders can sign up in advance at the fair office or at the line-up Tuesday morning. The route can be found at www.franklincountyfair.com.

Let's share a snack



Watermelon Feed

Friday, July 11

3:00 pm - until gone

Near the gazebo

Franklin County Fairgrounds

Join us by the gazebo near Pleasant Hill for a healthy snack and visit with FGH colleagues. **We can't wait to see you!**



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TUESDAY, JULY 8TH AT 5:00 PM

Spot us for sunglasses, stress balls, and of course, candy!

Parade

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SUNDAY, JULY 13TH 9 AM - 12 PM

Find us on the grounds for free water and First Security swag.

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH 10 AM - 6 PM

See us for a chance to win a prize and receive a coupon for \$1 off ice cream (while supplies last).

Pleasant Hill

Grandstand

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH AT 4:30 PM

First 200 to arrive will get a free poncho!

No purchase or account required to enter or win. Odds of winning dependent on number of entries. Need not be present to win. Ice cream coupons limited to one per person.

Franklin County Fair Parade

Tuesday, July 8 at 5 p.m.

Plan now to have an entry in the county's biggest parade of the year, the annual Franklin County Fair Parade. The Parade is sponsored by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and will officially open the 2025 Fair. The parade will be held in Hampton on the eve of the fair, Tuesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. This year's fair runs from July 9-13. There is no entry fee and no pre-registration required. There is a limit of 2 entries per organization. Floats are judged, and ribbons awarded for: Best Chamber Members, Best Overall, and the Best of Franklin County.

Candy is etiquette: Candy is allowed, how-

ever, **safety is a concern.**

* Candy should not be thrown from moving vehicles

* We encourage only those who are walking to hand out candy

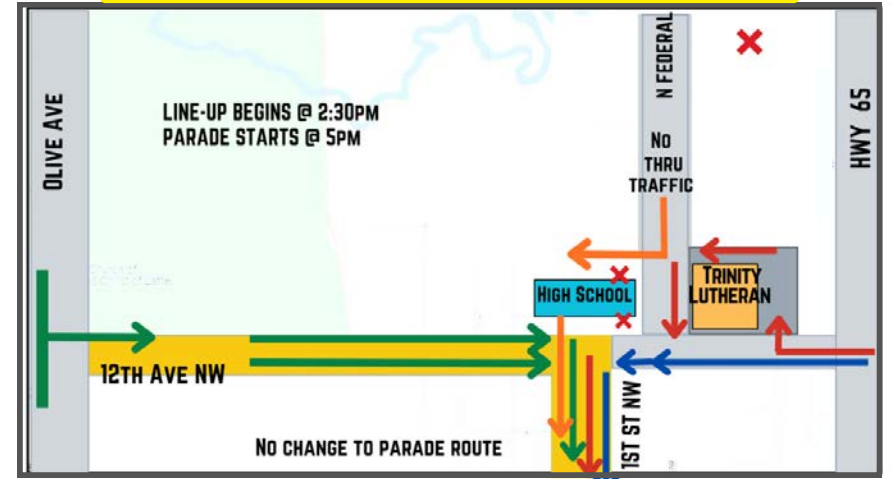
* Please pick up wrappers and other items when finished

Entries will be judged at 4:30 p.m. and prizes awarded at 4:45 p.m.

For more information on the parade contact the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce at 456-5668.

ONLY 2 GENERAL PARADE ENTRIES PER BUSINESS

*****NO LIMIT ON # OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES, SUCH AS FIRE TRUCKS*****



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FAIR PARADE
HAMPTON, IA
TUESDAY, JULY 8**

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Franklin County Farm Bureau Cookout Contest

Franklin County Farm Bureau Cooking Contest is Saturday, July 12th at Franklin County Fairgrounds from 5 am to 1pm. Judging is at 3 pm. Any Iowa resident 18+ is eligible to participate in the Cookout Contest. Contestants ages 13 - 17 will compete in the youth division. Farm Bureau membership is not required. Past Cookout Contest champions and Farm Bureau or affiliated company employees are not allowed to compete. Entry categories at the state level include pork, beef, poultry, turkey, lamb and a youth competition. Additionally, a limited number of contestants may participate in the Showmanship category.

Registration is online <https://tinyurl.com/FranklinCookoutContest>

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Thursday, July 10

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Ag Adventure Scavenger Hunt
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FARM BUREAU'S
Cookout Contest
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SATURDAY, JULY 12

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July 9-13, 2025

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*Come make memories with your family.
Enjoy exciting rides, try your skill at one
of our games or eat some fun food.*

**The Carnival Hours are Wednesday through Friday
hours are 3pm - 10pm with \$30 wristbands Saturday
hours are 1pm - 10pm with \$30 Wristbands and
Sunday hours are 12pm - 5pm with \$30 wristbands**



2025 Franklin County Fair Little Miss, Little Princess & Little Mister Contest

The Queen Committee is hosting this event. We will again be accepting nominations for both boys and girls. There are two categories for both. 5-7 year olds (Little Miss and Mister), and 8-9 year olds (Little Prince and Princess). The committee wants all girls and boys to have fun with this contest. It is a great way to feel included and aspire to doing more with the fair in the future. Whether it is Fair Queen or even showing animals.. All contestants who reside in Franklin County or have most of their activities in Franklin County are eligible to participate.

Each registered candidate will ride in the fair parade on Tuesday July 8, 2025 and compete Thursday July 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the VanWall tent on the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Each candidate will be judged on personality, appearance, cuteness, and how they answer a variety of questions. We are hoping to have a large group of young men and ladies participate.

The winners of each age group (both boys and girls) will spend a de-



2024 Little Princess
Lydia Swieter



2024 Little Mister
Jace Halsne



2024 Little Miss
Audrey Craig

lightful afternoon on the fairgrounds with the Queen.

The Little Princess and Little Miss will receive a tiara from the Franklin County Fair Board, a necklace from Christensen Jewelry, as well as a bouquet of roses. The Little Prince is still being worked out for the contest but will be just as great.

Everyone is encouraged to come out to the fair and enjoy the competition.

A \$60 POP PASS ALLOWS ENTRANCE INTO ALL 5 NIGHTS ON GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT, JULY 5TH PRICE JUMPS TO \$70

The POP Pass is sponsored by Wood Vision and enables fairgoers entrance to 5 nights of grandstand entertainment, July 9-13th. Shows include Wednesday Night Heuer Rodeo, Thursday night Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder, Friday Night 49 Winchester, Saturday Night Sawyer Brown, and Sunday Night Races.

4-H members are selling POP Passes with incentives for club credit and a chance to be Family of the Day. Tickets Purchased before July 5th will be entered into drawings to take each day. Single night tickets are available.

Tickets are available at franklincountyfair.com, at the fair office, or call 641-456-2049. All tickets are general admission. No coolers. Beer Garden and concessions will be available. Lawn chairs are welcome on concert nights. Free Parking.



FAIR WEEK 2025

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 am - OPEN PONY/HORSE SHOW – ARENA - West Lot Sponsored by Abbott Realty

MONDAY, JULY 7

9 am - 11 am - 4-H/FFA ENTRY & JUDGING- Exhibits Building
12 pm – 3 pm – YOUTH EXHIBITS JUDGING – Exhibits building
4 - 7 pm – OPEN CLASS ENTRY (Except Horticulture & Floriculture)-Exhibits Building

TUESDAY, JULY 8

7 am - 1 p.m. LIVESTOCK ARRIVE
8 am - 9:15 am – HORSE ARENA WARM UP & EXHIBITOR MTG.
7:30 -11 am - OPEN CLASS ENTRY (Except Horticulture & Floriculture) -Exhibits Building
10:30 -11:30 am – TRACTOR RIDE REGISTRATION, LINEUP, AND MEAL – GRANDPA'S FARM
12 - 4 pm – GRANDPA'S FARM TRACTOR RIDE
1 pm - OPEN CLASS JUDGING (Except Horticulture & Floriculture) - Exhibits Building
1:15 pm - EXHIBITOR MEETING (All Exhibitors EXCEPT horse)
1:30 pm - SHEEP WEIGH IN

3 pm - SWINE WEIGH IN
4 pm - PARADE LINEUP
5 pm - FAIR PARADE SPONSORED BY GREATER FR. CO. CHAMBER
6:30 pm - DAIRY CHECK
7 pm - BEEF WEIGH IN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 FIRST BANK HAMPTON DAY

FUN GAMES & MORE – PLEASANT HILL

RAIN DATE FOR HORSE SHOW – SEE ABOVE TIMES
8 am - SHEEP SHOW-FOLLOWED BY MEAT GOAT & FANCY GOAT SHOW
9 am - 9 pm – EXHIBITS BUILDING OPEN
10 am - 8 pm – PLEASANT HILL OPEN
10 am - OPENING CEREMONY- North County Landscaping Pergola
10 am – 8 pm- NORTH CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN
10 am - 9 pm – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS OPEN
11 am – Read and Roam- Pleasant Hill—Hampton Public Library
11 am - 1 pm – CLOVER KIDS ENTRY – Exhibits Building
11 am - 7 pm – AG LEARNING CENTER OPEN
12 pm –BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW– North Fairgrounds

12 pm – 3 pm - MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill
1 pm – 4-H Clothing Event Style show and 4-H's Share the Fun– Van Wall Tent
1 pm – 4 pm - MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill
2 – 4 pm - Game for All Ages – Pleasant Hill—Sponsored by First Bank Hampton
2:30 pm- 4:30 pm—Zen Coloring – Youth Exhibits Building
3 pm - RABBIT SHOW- Rabbit/Poultry Tent
3 pm - 10 pm – GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS OPEN- Wristbands \$30
4 pm - MOTHER/DAUGHTER & FATHER/SON LOOK ALIKE CONTEST – Van Wall Tent
5 pm - 9 pm - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO – Location to be determined
6 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW - North Fairgrounds
6 pm - GRANDSTAND GATES & BEER GARDEN OPEN
7 pm - HEUER RODEO – Grandstand
11 pm - BEER GARDEN CLOSES

THURSDAY, JULY 10 - FRANKLIN CO. FARM BUREAU DAY

SERVING BURGERS NOON UNTIL GONE – VAN WALL TENT

7:30-11 am - OPEN CLASS HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE ENTRY- Exhibits Building
8 am - SWINE SHOW – SHOW ARENA
9 am - 9 pm – EXHIBITS BUILDING OPEN
10 am - 8 pm – PLEASANT HILL OPEN
10 am - 8 pm- NORTH CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN
10 am - PREMIER EXHIBITOR EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS (LVST. BARNs)
10 am - 9 pm – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS OPEN
11 am – Read and Roam – Pleasant Hill—Dows Community Library
11 am - 7 pm – AG LEARNING CENTER
11 am - 7 pm – SCAVENGER HUNT SPONSORED BY FRANKLIN CO. FARM BUREAU – Begins at Ag Learning Center – Pleasant Hill
12 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds
12 pm - BURGER FEED (until gone) - Van Wall Tent – Sponsored by Franklin County Farm Bureau
12 pm – 3 pm - MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill
12:30 pm – MUSICAL CHAIRS – Van Wall Tent
1 pm OPEN CLASS HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE

JUDGING - Exhibits Building
1 pm - OLD TIME FARMING – Grandpa's Farm
1 pm - DAIRY SHOW
1 pm – 3 pm- LEGO EXPLORERS YOUTH EXIBITS BUILDING
1 pm - 4 pm – HARRIMAN NIELSEN HOUSE OPEN
2:30 pm - BLACKSMITH DEMO – Pleasant Hill
3 pm -10 pm – GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS OPEN- Wristbands \$30
3 pm - FAIR PRINCESS/PRINCE CORONATION – Van Wall Tent
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm – 4-H STORY TIME – YOUTH EXHIBITS BUILDING
5 pm - FAIR QUEEN CORONATION – Van Wall Tent – Sponsored Hy-Vee and Dollar Fresh Food Stores
5 pm - 9 pm – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO – Marketplace Building
6 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds
6 pm - GRANDSTAND GATES & BEER GARDEN OPEN
8:30 pm – RICKY SKAGGS AND KENTUCKY THUNDER – Grandstand
12 am - BEER GARDEN CLOSES

FRIDAY, JULY 11 – UNITED BANK & TRUST COMPANY DAY

SERVING 1000 PORK SANDWICHES UNTIL GONE – VAN WALL TENT

8 am - BEEF SHOW – SHOW ARENA
4-H Bucket Calf Show Follows Beef Show
9 am - 9 pm – EXHIBITS BUILDING OPEN
9:30 am - OLD TIME FARMING – Grandpa's Farm
10 am - 8 pm – PLEASANT HILL OPEN
10 am - 8 pm- NORTH CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN
10 am - GOAT YOGA (LIMIT 10 PEOPLE) – Pleasant Hill Street
10 am - 9 pm - COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS OPEN
11 am - 7 pm – AG LEARNING CENTER
11 am – READ AND ROAM – Pleasant Hill—Ackley Public Library
11 am – 4:30 pm – FRANKLIN FARMHANDS- Grandpa's Farm
12 pm - UBTC - PORK SANDWICH FEED- Van Wall Tent
12 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds
12 pm - 3 pm – MUSIC-- MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill
12 pm - 5 pm – FRANKLIN FARMHANDS- Grandpa's Farm
12 pm – WATER BALLON TOSS CONTEST– Pleasant

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FAIR WEEK 2025

Hill

12:30 pm - 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS/ EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING – Convention Center Conference Room

1 pm – RUBBER CHICKEN THROWING CONTEST – Pleasant Hill Street

1 pm - POULTRY SHOW – Rabbit/Poultry Tent
1 pm - 4 pm - TRACTOR AUTO STEER DEMO –

Grandpa's Farm

1 pm - 4 pm – HARRIMAN NIELSEN HOUSE OPEN

2 pm – PIE EATING CONTEST – Van Wall Tent

2:30 pm - BLACKSMITH DEMO – Pleasant Hill

3 pm - FREE WATERMELON SLICES Sponsored by Franklin General Hospital

3 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

3 pm – 5 pm - BRACELET MAKING – Exhibit Building

3 pm -10 pm – GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS OPEN- Wristbands \$30

4 pm - HD/CAL DANCE CLINIC – Van Wall Tent

4 pm - 4H WORKING EXHIBITS – Exhibit Building

5 pm - HC/CAL DANCE PERFORMANCE – Van Wall Tent

5 pm - PRAIRIE PULLERS GARDEN TRACTOR PULL

- Grandpa's Farm Sponsored by Franklin Financial Services & Clapsaddle-Garber Associates

5 pm - 9 pm - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO – Location to be determined

6 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

6 pm - GOAT YOGA (LIMIT 10 PEOPLE) – Pleasant Hill Street

7:00 pm - GRANDSTAND GATES & BEER GARDEN OPEN

8:30 pm – 49 WINCHESTER – Grandstand

12 am - BEER GARDEN CLOSES

SATURDAY, JULY 12 – POET DAY

GIVEAWAYS

8 am - OPEN BUCKET CALF, OPEN FEEDER PIG, OPEN BOTTLE LAMB & GOAT – SHOW ARENA

8 am – 3 pm – IOWA CORN TRAILER- In front of Commercial Building

8:30 am - TRACTOR & PICKUP WEIGH IN – Grandpa's Farm

9 am - 9 pm – EXHIBITS BUILDING OPEN

9 am - TRACTOR & PICKUP PULL Sponsored by Franklin REC



9:30 am - OLD TIME FARMING DEMOS – Grandpa's Farm

10 am - 8 pm – PLEASANT HILL OPEN

10 am - 8 pm - NORTH CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN

10 am - GOAT YOGA (LIMIT 10 PEOPLE) – Pleasant Hill Street

10 am - 9 pm – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS OPEN

10 am - HORSE POWER THRESHING MACHINE – Grandpa's Farm

10:30 am - PEDAL PULL WEIGH IN (No entries after 11)

Van Wall Tent

11 am – 4:30 pm – FRANKLIN FARMHANDS- Grandpa's Farm

11 am - 7 pm – AG LEARNING CENTER

11 am - MILLER'S PEDAL PULL – Sponsored by Cen Pe

Co Lubricants Alan & Deb Brown

11:30 am - 3 pm – MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill

12 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

12:30 pm - REGISTRATION FOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING – Show Arena

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm - MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill

1 pm - LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST- Show Arena

1 pm - HAMPTON FIRE DEPT. DEMO – West of Cattle Barn

1 pm - 4 pm – TRACTOR AUTO STEER DEMO – Grandpa's Farm

1 pm - CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT – Convention Center Meeting Room

1 pm - 10 pm – GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS OPEN – Wristbands \$30

1 pm - 9 pm - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO – Location to be determined

1 pm - 4 pm – HARRIMAN NIELSEN HOUSE OPEN

1 pm – 1:30 pm – VEGGIE 500 DECORATING – Exhibits Building

1:30 pm – VEGGIE 500 RACES – Exhibits Building

2 pm – READ AND ROAM – Pleasant Hill—Coulter Public Library

2 pm - HORSE POWER THRESHING MACHINE – Grandpa's Farm

2:30 pm - BLACKSMITH DEMO – Pleasant Hill

3 pm - Iowa Farm Bureau Cookout Contest Judging - Pleasant Hill Street

3 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

3 pm - 3:45 pm – REGISTRATION FOR FARM CHORE RELAYS – ARENA-West Lot

4 pm - CUTEST BABY CONTEST – Van Wall Tent

4 pm – 4-H PRESS DAY – Exhibits Building

5 pm - 7 pm – FRANKLIN CO. CATTLEMEN RIBEYE ROUNDUP - Van Wall Tent

6 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

6 pm - GOAT YOGA (LIMIT 10 PEOPLE) – Pleasant Hill Street

7 pm GRANDSTAND GATES & BEER GARDEN OPEN

8:30 pm – SAWYER BROWN – Grandstand

12 am - BEER GARDEN CLOSES

SUNDAY, JULY 13 – FIRST

SECURITY BANK & TRUST DAY Stay Cool with Hand Fans & Free Water (while supplies last)

9 am - 5:30 pm – EXHIBITS BUILDING OPEN
9:30 am - OLD FASHIONED FARMING – Grandpa's Farm
10:00 - WORSHIP SERVICE – Van Wall Tent -

Sponsored by Franklin Co. Ministerial Assoc.

10 am - 8 pm – PLEASANT HILL OPEN

10 am - 8 pm - NORTH CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN

10 am - 8 pm – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS OPEN

10 am - AG OLYMPICS – West Show Arena

12 pm - BUCKET OF JUNK SILENT AUCTION BIDDING CLOSES

12 pm - 4 pm – AG LEARNING CENTER & FRANKLIN FARMHANDS OPEN

12 pm - 5 pm – GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS OPEN – Wristbands \$30

12 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

1 pm - GOAT YOGA (LIMIT 10 PEOPLE) – Pleasant Hill Street

1 pm - 4 pm – MUSIC – MORT'S WATER GAZEBO – Pleasant Hill

1 pm - IOWA DRAFT HORSE OVERLOAD PULL – Grandpa's Farm

1 pm - 7 pm – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO – Location to be determined

2 pm – READ AND ROAM – Pleasant Hill—Sheffield Public Library

2 pm – 4 pm – SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE- Exhibits Building

2:30 pm - HORSE POWER THRESHING MACHINE – Grandpa's Farm

2:30 pm - BLACKSMITH DEMO – Pleasant Hill

3:00 pm - EXHIBITOR RELEASE MEETING- show arena

4 pm – AUCTION OF CHAINSAW SCULPTURES – GARY KEENAN Sponsored by Sietsema Atkinson

Funeral Home and Woodley Funeral Home

4:30 pm - GRANDSTAND GATES & BEER GARDEN OPEN

5 pm - BRUNON BLASZAK'S ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS SHOW – North Fairgrounds

5:30 pm – 4-H YOUTH & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS RELEASED

5:30 pm - LIVESTOCK RELEASE- follow route

5:30 pm – GUNDERSON RACING-FIGURE 8 & CRUISER CARS-Grandstand

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Brunon Blaszak's Royal Bengal Tiger Show

Do you want an exciting and educational show for your next event? Then Brunon Blaszak's Royal Bengal Tiger Show is the one for you! Brunon Blaszak is a third-generation tiger trainer who has performed with Sumatran, Siberian, and Bengal tigers his entire life. Just like his mother, Ada Smieya-Blaszak, Brunon is devoted to preserving these magnificent creatures for generations to come and uses his exciting show for both entertainment and to spread a conservation message about protecting tigers.

Tigers once occupied most of Asia, including India, China, Sumatra, Java and Bali. Some subspecies of tigers are completely extinct, while the remaining few are threatened with extinction. Protected by the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species (CITES), the tiger is a particularly special animal, and Brunon's expertise in working with them shows in the vast knowledge he gives audiences during his performances.

Internationally acclaimed, Brunon, along with his son Sebastian, is helping to ensure that people will continue to love and learn about these beautiful big cats! With his fast-paced show of excitement and danger along with top-notch educational value, this show will appeal to the entire family! Come watch both Bengal tigers, known for their striking stripes, and Siberian tigers, distinguished by their white markings that help them blend into snowy landscapes, skillfully walk tightropes and perform an impressive array of leaps, jumps, and dances.

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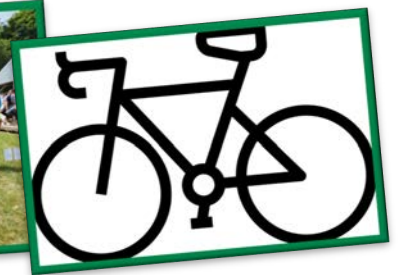
Heuer RODEO

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The rodeo is scheduled for Wednesday July 9th. The event will be open to both boys and girls with four classes: Boys age 5-6, Girls age 5-6, Boys age 7-8, Girls age 7-8. Entries are limited to four in each class. To enter, call the fair office at 641-456-2049. Names will be taken June 26-July 7 at 3 pm. A drawing will be held and competitors notified. All entrants must bring their own bicycle helmet and sign a waiver.



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The 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen will be crowned on Thursday July 10th at 5:00 pm. She will reign at the fair and represent Franklin County in the Iowa State Fair competition in August.

A crystal trophy will be presented to the Queen sponsored by Morts Water Company and donated by Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

The Queen will also receive a tiara donated by Christensen Jewelry, one dozen long stemmed roses, a gift certificate from HeadQuarters Salon, Hampton, a gift certificate from Wild Bloom Boutique, and a portrait from Willier Photography.

There are Prizes for 1st Runner up, 2nd Runner up, Miss Congeniality, Miss Outstanding Leadership, and Miss Photogenic.



2024 Fair Queen



2024 Fair Court

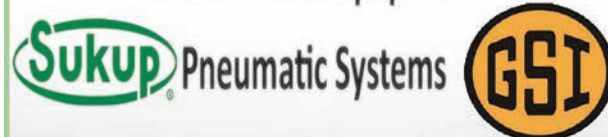


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RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER

Thursday, July 10



Show at 8:30 PM Gates Open at 7:00 PM

Fifteen-time GRAMMY® Award-winner Ricky Skaggs' career is easily among the most significant in recent country music history. If Skaggs' burgeoning trophy case full of awards wasn't already enough evidence of that fact, consider that legendary guitarist Chet Atkins once credited Skaggs with "single-handedly saving country music." His life's path has taken him to various musical genres, from where it all began in bluegrass music, to striking out on new musical journeys, while still leaving his musical roots intact.

Born July 18, 1954 in Cordell, Kentucky, Skaggs showed signs of future stardom at an early age, playing mandolin on stage with bluegrass pioneer Bill Monroe at 6 and appearing on TV with Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs at 7. He emerged as a professional bluegrass musician in 1971, when he and his friend Keith Whitley were invited to join the legendary Ralph Stanley's band the Clinch Mountain Boys.

Skaggs then went on to record and perform with progressive bluegrass acts like the Country Gentlemen and J.D. Crowe & the New South, whose self-titled 1975 Rounder Records debut album was instantly recognized as a landmark bluegrass achievement. He then led Boone Creek, which

also featured Dobro ace and fellow New South alumnus Jerry Douglas.

But Skaggs turned to the more mainstream country music genre in the late '70s when he joined Emmylou Harris's Hot Band, replacing Rodney Crowell. He became a recording artist in his own right in 1981 when his Epic label debut album *Waitin' for the Sun to Shine* topped the country charts and yielded a pair of #1 hits. Overall, his productive stay at Epic Records would result in a total of 12 #1 hits. Additionally, he garnered eight Country Music Association Awards--including the coveted Entertainer of the Year trophy in 1985.

Skaggs, of course, fit right in with young "new-traditionalist" '80s artists like Randy Travis, and helped rejuvenate the country music genre after the worn-out "Urban Cowboy" period. But, Skaggs put his own stamp on the country format by infusing his bluegrass and traditional country music roots into the contemporary Nashville sound.

Skaggs' 1997 album *Bluegrass Rules!*, released on his newly-formed Skaggs Family Records label, marked a triumphant return to bluegrass—which he's solidified ever since with a series of GRAMMY® Award winning albums, record-

ed with his amazing bluegrass band, Kentucky Thunder (8-time winners of the IBMA 'Instrumental Group of the Year'). Skaggs' label has also served as a home for similar bluegrass and roots music-oriented artists including The Whites.

In the past decade, he has been honored with inductions into the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Musicians Hall of Fame. In 2018, a landmark year, Skaggs was also awarded membership into the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, the IBMA Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and country music's greatest honor, the Country Music Hall of Fame. Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts in 2020 for his contributions to the American music industry.

Ricky struck his first chords on a mandolin over 60 years ago, and he continues to do his part to lead the recent roots revival in music. Clearly his passion for it puts him in the position to bring his lively, distinctively American form of music out of isolation and into the ears and hearts of audiences across the country and around the world. Ricky Skaggs is always forging ahead with cross-cultural, genre-bending musical ideas and inspirations.



Since its formation, 49 Winchester has fiercely retained this inner resolve to transcend one's lot in life with a reckless abandon that's led to widespread acclaim and fandom in the country, Americana and rock realms.

"We're happy to be doing what we're doing and never could have imagined doing it on this scale," Gibson says. "Everyday we're out there is a blessing for us."

Captured in a handful studios around the country whenever there was a rare moment between relentless touring schedules — including recording stints at White Star Sound (Louisa, Virginia), Pet Moose (Richmond, Virginia) and Echo Mountain (Asheville, North Carolina), as well as Nashville's Blackbird and Front Stage — *Leavin' This Holler* is that signature 49 Winchester sound of rollicking country and searing rock music, but with a matured approach this go-round.

"We've all grown a lot in our personal lives since Fortune Favors the Bold," Gibson says. "Several of us have started families, and that's kind of played into the lyrical themes — things are a little different with this record."

Beyond its upbeat country tempos ("Hillbilly Happy") and sorrowful

ballads ("Tulsa"), whirlwind guitar riffs ("Make It Count") and rumbling vocals ("Traveling Band"), *Leavin' This Holler* offers up a more focused sense of self — this new, bountiful level of intent and purpose.

"Each album captures a kind of different season in my life," Gibson says. "In terms of what I'm dealing with, what lessons I'm learning, what lessons I'm failing to learn sometimes."

Both "Fast Asleep" and "Anchor" incorporate the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, with the stirring melodies showcasing Gibson's voice erupting into the ether of an unknown tomorrow.

"We love the string arrangements from those great country acts of the 1960s, 70s and 80s," Gibson says. "We wanted to explore every possible sound we could on this record. No stone left unturned sonically — we got it exactly where we wanted it."

Now with a decade under its belt, 49 Winchester is also going through this full circle of emo-

FRIDAY, JULY 11

SHOW AT 8:30 PM

GATES OPEN AT 7:00 PM

tions and sentiments as of late. Still calling the rural countryside of Castletown, Virginia, home, Gibson shakes his head in appreciation and gratitude for the simple things in life, which, as you get older, become the most important.

"There's no place like home — it's a constant source of inspiration," Gibson says. "I'll be riding down some backcountry road and there's just something about that movement, that hum of the motor, and the thoughts running through your mind that spark a song."

With *Leavin' This Holler* hitting the streets, 49 Winchester is gearing

up for more worldwide touring featuring several arena gigs with Tyler Childers and their debut at Bona-roo.

And, in a highly-anticipated appearance, 49 Winchester will also be headlining the famed Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion — a homecoming festival of sorts for the band, who played some of its earliest gigs at the renowned gathering.

"We've all just come along so far as musicians and as friends," Gibson says. "The way we think musically has changed, the way we perform has changed — we've just grown and evolved."





Gates Open at 7:00 p.m. • Show Starts at 8:30 p.m.

When asked what has set Sawyer Brown apart in the music business to account for four decades of success, lead singer and front man Mark Miller answers, “one of the unique things about the band is we don’t really have a lot of love songs, we have life songs.”

Years before *The Voice* and *American Idol*, there was *Star Search* with Ed McMahon. In the first season, an eclectic and charismatic country-rock band appeared on the show. Taking America by storm, after being told no time after time in Nashville showcases, Sawyer Brown won

over millions of fans with their electrifying TV performances week after week in Hollywood. Capturing the hearts of all ages, their sound was compared to country super-groups like Alabama and Charlie Daniels Band, but they looked more like the Rolling Stones and Aerosmith. From ignored underdogs in music city to overnight rock stars from LA to New York, they swept the competition and won.

Riding on the wave of sudden TV popularity, the band spent their first year and a half on the road with country and pop icon Kenny Rogers,

opening his shows in arenas across the U.S., all while learning from the best. From there, Sawyer Brown began to quickly carve out their own niche, delivering hit after hit. Selling out venues, and constantly wowing an ever-growing fan base. Navigating the music business on their own terms, the band blazed a new trail through uncharted territory to constantly beat the odds and win the day in the volatile world of the entertainment industry.

Since 1984, the band’s high-energy reputation, uncompromising dedication to their fans, along with their

relentless drive to stay true to themselves have never wavered. For the past forty years, “The Boys” legendary live shows have captivated audiences with no signs of ever slowing down. Today, Sawyer Brown just keeps on delivering their unapologetically blue-collar, grass-roots message through music. One of their fan-favorite songs says it all. “They were searchin’ for stars when we came along. It was rock ‘N Roll in a country song, There were five of us thinking that we can. This is the life and times of a travelin’ band.”



**Gates Open
at 4:30 p.m.
Races Start
at 5:30 pm.**

Sunday, July 13



Gunderson Racing LLC
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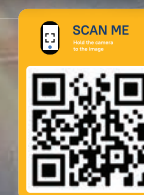
The dream of Gunderson Racing started at a young age for myself. I have been around this sport, hobby, since I was a kid. I think I was around age 7-8 when I first watched a figure 8 race. Ever since then I've been a "Motörhead" and wanted to help my cousins and their buddies and be a noisy kid around all the race cars. My summers have been full of dirt track racing since then. I finally was old enough at 16 to race myself and I did just that. I bought my first car already built and ready to go

to the track, but then after that I built my own cars other than a few I have bought as "rollers". Everyone that knows me will tell you I live for this sport and now myself, my wife Ciera and our families have had the chance to own/promote the Figure 8 series in North Iowa. We are doing our best and putting in the time and effort to keep it going and help it grow. After 2 full race seasons under our belt I can say it is a lot different then what I thought it would be to own this series. Not in a bad way, just coming from

being a driver in the series to being the promoter and flag man it is all on a different level. Just as being a driver there are always ways to improve and listen to new ideas, think of new ways to improve the series as the drivers think of ways to improve their race cars. So hopefully this series is around for a while and we can keep up with the change in times/cars and get the young kids as I once was involved in the series also. Just as our race team says ""We are Good and Getting Better "".

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