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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
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**THURSDAY, JULY 13
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**FRIDAY, JULY 14
38 SPECIAL**

**SATURDAY,
JULY 15
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**SUNDAY, JULY 16
GUNDERSON RACING**

Grand Marshal of the 2023 Franklin County Fair

The honor of serving as Grand Marshal of this year's Franklin County Fair Parade has been bestowed upon Jackie Dohlman, ISU Extension Franklin County Youth Coordinator.

Jackie has been the ISU Extension Youth Coordinator for 26 years in Franklin County, and was "deeply touched," when she was called by the fair board and asked if she would be the Grand Marshall this year, knowing it would be the last fair of her career. Jackie started in her role in September of 1997, and will be retiring after this year's fair is in the books.

As Grand Marshal Jackie will be leading the fair procession July 11th, riding in a convertible and setting the stage and tone for the 164th Franklin County fair, which has been running since 1859. Jackie, who has been involved in "lots and lots" of fairs in Franklin County over the years, thinks "it's a very nice honor," to be the Grand Marshall, and a role she is excited to fulfill in her 25th fair appearance as Youth Coordinator.

Jackie took the position of Youth Coordinator for Franklin County Extension in large part because she'd had such a positive experience with the 4-H program during her youth. In her 4-H days Jackie showed hogs and took exhibits in food; nutrition and sewing. Jackie also served on the Union County 4-H Council, went on trips to 4-H conferences in Ames and Kansas City, and attended Citizenship Washington Focus(CWF) in Washington, D.C.

Before coming on board at ISU, Jackie had been teaching animal science as an adjunct instructor for Ellsworth Community College for seven years, until the position was eliminated. About that same time, Franklin County Youth Coordinator Gail Castillo had taken another position within 4-H and Extension, and "word was getting around that the position was open.

Jackie happened to be in Hampton around the time the position opened, doing volunteer work on 4-H and FFA displays at the Franklin County Historical Society Museum. Her dedication to 4-H caught the attention of J. Verald Brown, 4-H Hall of Famer and Dave Flint, longtime FFA instructor, partly because of her volunteer work, but also because she had worked at a local co-op in town doing feed sales and because she had married "a local boy," Roger Dohlman. The two legendary figures called Jackie and told her she'd "better apply for the job here," and



**Jackie Dohlman, ISU
Extension Franklin County
Youth Coordinator.**

the rest, they say, is history.

Over the intervening years Jackie and Roger's children Becky, Nathan and Danielle all got involved in 4-H and attended many fairs as well. Becky showed hogs and competed in food & nutrition exhibits, Nathan showed sheep, but also tried his hand at woodworking and welding, and Dani found her passion in horticulture as well as food & nutrition.

There have been a variety of Grand Marshals over the years, drawn from the ranks of many who have had influence on, contributed to, or volunteered at the Franklin County Fair.

Jackie knows the Franklin County Fair and parade are "a big deal for the community and visitors," and a "huge draw," with a lot of displays and activities going on through the week, all of which make the Franklin County Fair very unique and definitely "not your typical county fair."

Dohlman feels "very blessed and honored" to be involved as Grand Marshal and encourages everyone who can to come out and enjoy the sights and sounds of this year's fair, and of course partake of the many goodies available at the 4-H food stand!

Franklin County Fair Queen Welcome

Dear Franklin County,

Last Summer, I was crowned the 2022-2023 Franklin County Fair Queen and have had many unforgettable experiences. My reign started on coronation day, July 14th, 2022, as many fairgoers congratulated me and welcomed me into the Fair Family. I had the privilege of introducing the GrandStand events at night, including KSR Motorsports Monster Truck Show, John Micheal Montgomery with Confederate Railroad, Josh Turner, and ending the fair week with Gunderson Racing. I enjoyed spending time with our Franklin County Little Miss and Little Miss Princess. We spent the day doing crafts in the General Store, going for a train ride, and getting ice cream in Pleasant Hill. Along with that, last year, I was also the Franklin County Beef Queen. I attended the Ribeye Round Up representing both the Fair Queen and the Beef Queen, and had the opportunity to talk to many community members. Apart from that, I have been showing cattle since I was five, starting with bucket calves. In fourth grade I was able to join 4-H and show Market Heifers and Cow/calf. Last year marked the end of my showing era.

When I was not showing myself, I would hand out ribbons, trophies, and take pictures with all the class winners. Since I was young fair week has been one of my favorite weeks of the year! I have attended many activities throughout the day at the fairgrounds for many years. Last year, my favorite activities were definitely trying goat yoga for the first time, in my sash and crown, and completing a scavenger hunt with all the other Fair Queen contestants. We ran around the fairgrounds in our dresses and sashes, trying to beat each other, and learned more about the Fair! I also got the opportunity to travel to Des Moines and represent Franklin County while competing for the State Fair Queen. At the State Fair, I was kept quite busy with many activities.

I, along with the other 102 county queens got to attend various workshops, volunteer at the State Fairgrounds, and attend individual and group interviews. Some of my favorite workshops included: Line Dancing, Earring Making, Jazzercise, Blanket Making for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, and the countless hours we spent learning how to Catwalk! I met so many amazing girls and still keep in contact with them. Throughout my four days at the State



**2022 Winner Queen
Addyson Showalter**

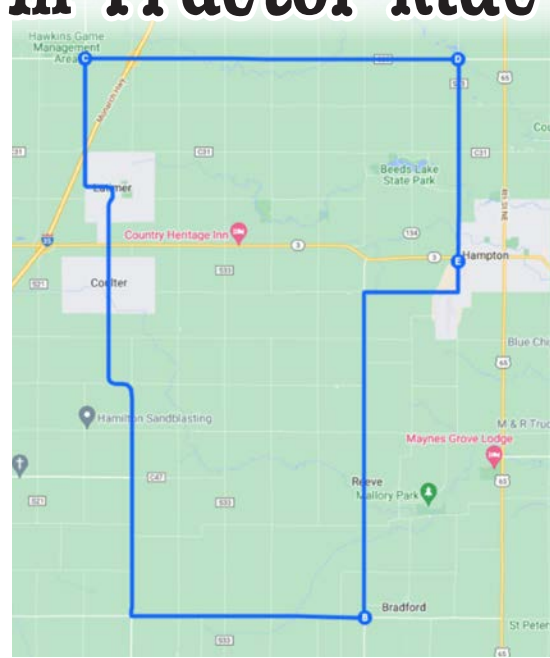
Fair, I also had an Iowa Map that almost all of the girls signed, which is amazing to look back at today. There are countless memories and activities I got to participate in that have helped me grow into a more outgoing and independent individual to this day. I am excited to see who our 2023-2024 Franklin County Fair Queen is and all the amazing things she will accomplish during her reign. Even though I will be handing down the crown to the next Franklin County Queen, I will be at the Fair every day and would enjoy sharing my experiences and talking to you, so don't be a stranger!

Addyson Showalter

2022-2023 Franklin County Fair Queen



Tuesday is Grandpa's Farm Tractor Ride



The annual Grandpa's Farm Tractor Ride will **line up Tuesday July 11th 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 4 p.m. **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.

OPEN CLASS

Join the fun and share your talent by exhibiting in the open class at the fair July 12-16. 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 10 from 4-7 p.m. and on Tuesday from 7:30-11 a.m. These times are for all projects except floriculture and horticulture, which will be entered Thursday from 7:30-11 a.m.

For more information go to the website or call the fair office at 641-456-2049.



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FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR PARADE

TUESDAY, JULY 11 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 2023 Fair. The parade will be held in Hampton on the eve of the fair, **Tuesday, July 11, at 5 p.m.** This year's fair runs from July 12-16.

There is no entry fee and no pre-registration required. Floats are judged, and ribbons awarded for: Best Chamber Member, Best Overall, and the Best of Franklin County.

Line up for the parade begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Hampton Dumont High School NORTH parking lot. Please enter the parking lot from the **west side**. The parade will leave from the east side of the high school parking lot and proceed downtown at 5:00 p.m.

Dignitaries (Grand Marshall, Fair Court, City, County, State, and Federal officials) should line up on the SOUTH end of the high school parking lot.

You are lined up in the order you arrive. En-

tries will be released by row starting on the South end of the high school parking lot and proceeding North row by row. It can take up to an hour for all the parade entries to leave the parking lot. Please plan accordingly.

Candy etiquette: Candy is allowed; however, **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.

Parade entries should enter on the WEST side of the high school with 4-H Groups, ball teams, etc., lining up at Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot.

Entries will be judged at 4:30 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.



2022's Fair Parade Winners - Best Overall - Hampton Dental



Youth Exhibit Building Schedule

Join Franklin County Extension for a fun-filled week at the Fair!

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Exhibits Building open
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Clover Kids Exhibits Judging
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 4-H Art Class with Sherry Ellis

Thursday, July 13

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Exhibits Building open
10:00 a.m. – noon Clover Kids Cookie Decorating
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clover Kids S.T.E.M. Fest
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. 4-H Invent S.T.E.M. Fest

Friday, July 14

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Exhibits Building open
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. VEGGIE 500 Decorating
11:15 a.m. VEGGIE 500 Races
1:00 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations/Extemporaneous Speaking
4:00 p.m. 4-H Working Exhibits

Saturday, July 15

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Exhibits Building open
1:00 p.m. Cake Wars!

Sunday, July 16

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Youth Exhibits Building open
9:00 p.m. 4-H Clothing Event Style Show – Van Wall Tent
Following Style Show 4-H'ers Got Talent Show – Van Wall Tent
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. 4-H Duct Tape Challenge
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Exhibits Released

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Let's have a snack

Watermelon Feed

Friday, July 14

3:00 pm - until gone

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Franklin County Fairgrounds

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FAIR WEEK 2023

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DAILY SCHEDULE

PLEASANT HILL DAILY HOURS

- 10 AM – 8 PM - PLEASANT HILL ICE CREAM STAND
- 10 PM – 8 PM - AG LEARNING CENTER
- PLEASANT HILL DAIRY - MILKING DEMO - HOURS POSTED AT DAIRY PARLOR
- GENERAL STORE - STORYTIME - HOURS POSTED AT GENERAL STORE
- SALOON - TOWNSEND WINERY
- CHAINSAW ARTIST - GARY KEENAN - NO SET DEMO TIMES

OLD TIME FARMING ON GRANDPA'S FARM

FRANKLIN FARMHANDS
HORSE-POWERED CROSS CUT SAW
HORSE-POWERED THRESHER
STEAM ENGINE THRESHER
SAW MILL
ROCK CRUSHER
HAY BALER
CORN SHELLER

TUESDAY JULY 11TH - TRACTOR RIDE
REGISTRATION 10 AM
11:30 AM LUNCH, 12 PM RIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 9

WEST SHOW ARENA

- 9:30 AM - OPEN CLASS HORSE & PONY SHOW
4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW TO FOLLOW
RAIN DATE FOR HORSE SHOW – WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

MONDAY, JULY 10

CONVENTION CENTER

- 8 AM – 2:30 PM - 4-H/FFA ENTRY & JUDGING
- 4-7 PM - OPEN CLASS ENTRY

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 1 PM - OPEN CLASS JUDGING (EXCEPT HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE) - CONVENTION CENTER
- 6 – 10 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL & MIDWAY - CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, FIRST

BANK HAMPTON DAY

GAMES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES – 2-4 PM - PLEASANT HILL

RAIN DATE FOR HORSE SHOW – SEE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TIMES

- 8 AM - SHEEP SHOW MEAT; FANCY GOAT SHOW (TO FOLLOW SHEEP SHOW) - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 9 AM – 9 PM - 4-H EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 10 AM - FLAG CEREMONY - NORTH COUNTRY LANDSCAPING PERGOLA
- 10 AM – 8 PM - TRAIN DEPOT & MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY - LOCATED BASEMENT OF TRAIN DEPOT
- 10 AM – 9 PM - COMMERCIAL & CULTURAL BUILDINGS
- 11 AM – 1 PM - CLOVER KIDS EXHIBIT JUDGING - CONVENTION CENTER
- 12 – 8 PM - FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 1 PM - MUSICAL CHAIRS - VAN WALL TENT
- 2 PM - KIDS ACTIVITIES - PLEASANT HILL
- 2 – 4 PM - 4-H ART CLASS WITH SHERRY ELLIS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 2 PM & 5 PM SHOWS - PIRATES OF THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN - NORTH STAGE
- 2 – 5 PM - CHRIS SAUKE, BRENDA & BRAD VAN HORN - MORT'S WATER COMPANY GAZEBO
- 3 PM - RABBIT SHOW - RABBIT/POULTRY TENT
- 3 – 5 PM - FRANKLIN FARMHANDS - NEW CHALLENGE - PRECISION AG. EXPERIENCE - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 4 PM - MOTHER/DAUGHTER & FATHER/SON LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST - VAN WALL TENT
- 5 – 9 PM - BINGO - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARKETPLACE BUILDING
- 6 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 6 – 10 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL & MIDWAY - CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 3 PM
- 6 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 7 PM - HEUER RODEO - GRANDSTAND SHOWS

THURSDAY, JULY 13 - FRANKLIN

CO. FARM BUREAU DAY

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AG LEARNING CENTER

VAN WALL TENT - 12 PM

- 7:30 - 11 AM OPEN CLASS HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE ENTRY - CONVENTION CENTER
- 8 AM - SWINE SHOW - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 9 AM – 9 PM - 4-H EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 10 AM - 12 PM - CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING - PLEASANT HILL
- 10 AM – 2 PM - CLOVER KIDS COOKIE DECORATING - CONVENTION CENTER
- 10 AM – 8 PM - TRAIN DEPOT & MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY - LOCATED BASEMENT OF TRAIN DEPOT
- 10 AM – 9 PM - COMMERCIAL & CULTURAL BUILDINGS
- 11 AM – 7 PM SCAVENGER HUNT STARTING AT AG LEARNING CENTER
- 12:30 - PM JOKE TELLING CONTEST - VAN WALL TENT
- 12 – 5 PM - FRANKLIN FARMHANDS - NEW CHALLENGE - SPRAYER EXPERIENCE - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 12 – 8 PM - FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 12:30 PM - JOKE TELLING CONTEST - PLEASANT HILL
- 1 PM - DAIRY SHOW
- 1 PM - OLD TIME FARMING DEMOS - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 1 – 3 PM - CLOVER KIDS S.T.E.M. FEST - CONVENTION CENTER
- 1 PM - 3 PM - CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING - PLEASANT HILL
- 1 – 4 PM - HARRIMAN-NIELSON HOUSE & FARM
- 2 PM KID'S ACTIVITIES—PLEASANT HILL
- 2 - 5 PM BILL HENDREN & FRIENDS - MORT'S WATER COMPANY GAZEBO
- 2 PM & 5 PM SHOWS - PIRATES OF THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN - NORTH STAGE
- 3 PM - LITTLE MISS & LITTLE PRINCESS CORONATION - VAN WALL TENT
- 3 - 5 PM 4-H INVENT S.T.E.M. FEST - CONVENTION CENTER
- 5 PM - FAIR QUEEN CORONATION - VAN WALL TENT
- 5 – 9 PM - BINGO - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARKETPLACE BUILDING
- 6 – 10 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL &

MIDWAY - CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 3 PM

- 7 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 8:30 - JOE NICHOLS - GRANDSTAND SHOWS

FRIDAY, JULY 14 – UNITED

BANK & TRUST COMPANY DAY

SERVING 1000 PORK SANDWICHES

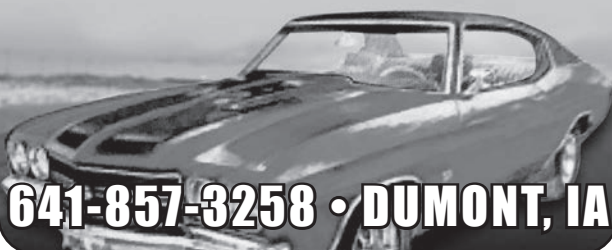
12 PM UNTIL GONE – VAN WALL TENT

- 8 AM - BEEF SHOW; 4-H BUCKET CALF SHOW (TO FOLLOW BEEF SHOW) - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 9 AM – 9 PM - 4-H EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 9:30 AM - OLD TIME FARMING DEMOS - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 9:30 AM - SHEEP DOG TRAILS HANDLERS MEETING - WEST SHOW ARENA
- 10 AM - GOAT YOGA (LIMITED TO 10) - PLEASANT HILL
- 10 AM - SHEEP DOG TRAILS COMPETITION - WEST SHOW ARENA
- 10 – 11 AM - VEGGIE 500 DECORATING - CONVENTION CENTER
- 10 AM – 8 PM - TRAIN DEPOT & MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY - LOCATED BASEMENT OF TRAIN DEPOT
- 10 AM – 9 PM - COMMERCIAL & CULTURAL BUILDINGS
- 11:15 AM - VEGGIE 500 RACES - CONVENTION CENTER
- 12 PM - WHISTLING CONTEST - VAN WALL TENT
- 12 PM, 3 PM & 6 PM SHOWS - PIRATES OF THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN - NORTH STAGE
- 12 – 5 PM - FRANKLIN FARMHANDS - NEW CHALLENGE - TRACTOR EXPERIENCE - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 12 – 8 PM - FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 12:30 PM - HOG CALLING - VAN WALL TENT
- 1 PM - POULTRY SHOW - RABBIT/POULTRY TENT
- 1 PM - 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 1 – 4 PM - HARRIMAN-NIELSON HOUSE & FARM
- 1 – 4 PM - TRACTOR AUTO STEER DEMO - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 2 PM - MOM & HUSBAND CALLING CONTESTS - VAN WALL TENT
- 2 – 5 PM - DAWN, TERRY & FRIENDS - MORT'S WATER COMPANY GAZEBO
- 3 PM - H-D DANCE TEAM & CHEER CAMP (TO FOLLOW DANCE TEAM) - VAN WALL TENT



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- 4 PM - 4-H WORKING EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 5 PM - PRAIRIE PULLERS GARDEN TRACTOR PULL - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 5 - 9 PM - BINGO - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARKETPLACE BUILDING
- 6 PM - GOAT YOGA (LIMITED TO 10) - PLEASANT HILL
- 6 - 10 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL & MIDWAY - **CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 3 PM**
- 7 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 8:30 PM - 38 SPECIAL - GRANDSTAND SHOWS

SATURDAY, JULY 15 – POET DAY GIVEAWAYS

- 8 AM - OPEN BUCKET CALF SHOW; FEEDER PIG SHOW (TO FOLLOW OPEN BUCKET CALF SHOW)
- BOTTLE LAMB/GOAT SHOW (TO FOLLOW FEEDER PIG SHOW) - LIVESTOCK ARENA SHOW
- 8:30 AM - WEIGH IN TRACTOR & PICKUP PULL - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 9 AM - TRACTOR & PICKUP PULL - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 9 AM - 9 PM - 4-H EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 9:30 AM - OLD TIME FARMING DEMOS - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 10 AM - GOAT YOGA (LIMITED TO 10) - PLEASANT HILL
- 10 AM - HORSE POWER THRESHING - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 10 AM - 8 PM - TRAIN DEPOT & MODEL TRAIN

- DISPLAY - LOCATED BASEMENT OF TRAIN DEPOT
- 10 AM - 9 PM - COMMERCIAL & CULTURAL BUILDINGS
- 10:30 AM - MILLER'S PEDAL PULL TRACTOR WEIGH IN (NO ENTRIES AFTER 11 AM) - VAN WALL TENT
- 11 AM - MILLER'S PEDAL PULL CONTEST - VAN WALL TENT
- 12 PM, 3 PM & 6 PM SHOWS - PIRATES OF THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN - NORTH STAGE
- 12 - 5 PM - FRANKLIN FARMHANDS - NEW CHALLENGE - COMBINE EXPERIENCE - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 12 - 8 PM - FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 12:30 PM - LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST REGISTRATION - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 1 PM - LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 1 PM - CAKE WARS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 1 PM - HAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMO - SOUTH SIDE OF THE LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 1 PM - CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT - CONVENTION CENTER
- 1 - 4 PM - TRACTOR AUTO STEER DEMO - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 1 - 4 PM - HARRIMAN-NIELSON HOUSE & FARM
- 1 - 5 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL & MIDWAY - **CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 1 PM**
- 1 - 9 PM - BINGO - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARKETPLACE BUILDING
- 2 PM - HORSE POWER THRESHING - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 2 - 5 PM - OPEN JAM WITH DAWN - MORT'S WATER COMPANY GAZEBO
- 2:30 PM - KID'S SCRAMBLES REGISTRATION (NO ENTRIES AFTER 2:30 PM) - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 3 PM - SCRAMBLES - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 4 PM - CUTEST BABY CONTEST - VAN WALL TENT
- 5 - 7 PM FRANKLIN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S RIBEYE ROUNDUP - VAN WALL TENT

- 6 PM - GOAT YOGA (LIMITED TO 10) - PLEASANT HILL
- 6 - 10 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL & MIDWAY - **CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 1 PM**
- 7 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 8:30 PM - LAUREN ALAINA - GRANDSTAND SHOWS

SUNDAY, JULY 16 – FIRST SECURITY BANK & TRUST DAY "SINCE 1903"

STAY COOL WITH HAND FANS & FREE WATER (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

- 9 AM - 4-H CLOTHING STYLE SHOW - VAN WALL TENT
- 4-H SHARE THE FUN TALENT SHOW (TO FOLLOW STYLE SHOW) - VAN WALL TENT
- 9:30 AM - OLD TIME FARMING DEMOS - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 9:30 AM - 5 PM - 4-H EXHIBITS - CONVENTION CENTER
- 10 AM - AG OLYMPICS - WEST SHOW ARENA (PRE-REGISTER AT THE FAIR OFFICE)
- 10 AM - FAIR WORSHIP SERVICE (BY FRANKLIN COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOC) - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 10 AM - 8 PM - TRAIN DEPOT & MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY - LOCATED BASEMENT OF TRAIN DEPOT
- 11 AM - 4 PM IOWA CORN GROWERS TRAILER - WEST SIDE OF THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING
- SUNDAY 12 PM, 3 PM & 5 PM - PIRATES OF THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN - NORTH STAGE
- 12 - 3 PM - FRANKLIN FARMHANDS - NEW CHALLENGE - PLANTER EXPERIECE - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 12 - 5 PM - SAM'S AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL &

- MIDWAY - **CARNIVAL ARMBANDS \$25 - MIDWAY OPENS AT 12 PM**
- 12 - 8 PM - FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 1 PM - IOWA DRAFT HORSE OVERLOAD PULL - GRANDPA'S FARM
- 1 PM - BILL RILEY TALENT SHOW - VAN WALL TENT
- 1 PM - GOAT YOGA (LIMITED TO 10) - PLEASANT HILL
- 1 PM - 4-H DUCT TAPE DESIGNS CHALLENGE - CONVENTION CENTER
- 1 - 7 PM - BINGO - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARKETPLACE BUILDING
- 2 PM - RUBBER CHICKEN THROWING CONTEST - PLEASANT HILL
- 2 - 4 PM - JACK WIBHOLM - MORT'S WATER COMPANY GAZEBO
- 3 PM - LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR MEETING & AWARDS - 5:30 PM DISMISSAL
- 3 PM - HERDSMANSHIP & PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD - LIVESTOCK SHOW ARENA
- 4 PM - CHAINSAW SCULPTURES AUCTION - EAST OF COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT BUILDING
- 4:30 PM - GRANDSTAND GATE & BEER GARDEN OPEN - GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- 5:30 PM - GUNDERSON RACING - FIGURE 8 & CRUISER CAR RACES - GRANDSTAND SHOWS



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2023 Franklin County Fair Little Miss and Little Princess Contest

The Queen Committee is hosting this darling event. There will be two age categories 5-7 years old (Little Miss) and 8-9 years old (Little Princess) The committee wants all girls to enjoy and have fun with this contest. They feel it is a great way to include the younger girls who may aspire to be a future Franklin County fair queen. All girls ages 5-9 who reside in Franklin County or have most of their activities in Franklin County are eligible.

Each registered candidate will ride in the fair parade on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 and compete Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the Van Wall 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 ladies participate.

Little Princess and Little Miss will spend a delightful afternoon on the Franklin County 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 long-stemmed roses from

Carol's Flower Box, Hampton. Committee Chair Caleigh Chipp commented, "This has been a great addition to our Queen contest and gives young girls a chance to compete in a fun atmosphere and be on the big stage." Everyone is encouraged to come out to the fair and enjoy the competition.



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4H members are selling POP Passes with incentives for club credit and a chance to be Family Of The Day. The Franklin County Farm Bureau sponsors the Cash Drawing at each show, tickets purchased before July 5th will be entered into drawing. Single night tickets are available. Heuer Rodeo is \$20 per ticket. Gunderson Racing Single Nights are \$15 and Pit Passes are additional \$10. Joe Nichols is \$40 per ticket. 38 Special is \$45 and Lauren Alaina is \$40. The ticket price will go up \$5 for music nights and KSR Motorsports on July 5th. **Tickets are available at www.franklincountyfair.com, the fair office 641-456-2049.** All tickets are general admission. No coolers, beer garden and food stand are available. Lawn chairs are welcome on music nights. Free parking.

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Franklin General Hospital invites Franklin County Fairgoers to join them for a Watermelon Feed Friday, July 14, at 3:00 p.m. in Pleasant Hill. FGH leadership and staff will be on hand to serve the melon and visit with attendees.

The Watermelon Feed was a regular event at the Franklin County Fair for many years but has been missing for the last several. FGH is thrilled to be bringing it back. "We are very excited about the opportunity to get out and serve our community in a different and fun way,"

said FGH CEO Kim Price. "We look forward to seeing and visiting with community members in a different environment than the clinic, hospital or other areas of our facility. It's always great to interact with the people we serve, but it's even more enjoyable when it's somewhere as fun as the Franklin County Fair."

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There is a new Carnival in town! Sam's Amusements and Carnivals are a family owned and operated carnival by Gary and Jodi Montgomery since 2009. Based out of Okla-

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Sam's Amusements & Carnivals owns and operates a variety of modern and classic amusement rides geared toward all ages. For thrill seekers, teens and adults will love the high-flying sensation of the Rockstar. Family audiences will enjoy rides such as the Bumper Cars and Ferris Wheel that accommodate both adults and children. Younger children will enjoy the wide variety of kiddie rides from the Farm Tractors to the Go Gator Roller Coaster.



Hewer Rodeo

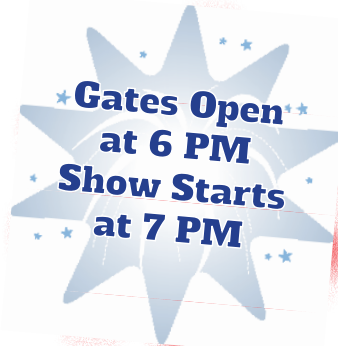
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Giggle laugh cry and hold your breath that's just some of what you will be doing when you see 38x Rodeo Clown of the Year Shawn "Boom Boom," Thompson in action. With his wireless mic and many props he is a crowd pleaser.

Boom Boom also has many special guest appearances in his acts such as Dolly Parton, David Copperfield, and Kenny Chesney. Shawn Boom Boom Thompson enjoys making people laugh and it shows.

Shawn says after becoming a cancer survivor he looks at comedy as a must in life, Yes a Cancer survivor. In 2002 Boom Boom was diagnosed with NON-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (cancer). After a year of Chemotherapy and some trying times in his life Shawn believes he is here today to make

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MUTTON BUSTIN' WOOLLY RIDE

The popular Mutton Bustin' Woolly Ride will return to the Franklin County Fair during the intermission of the Heuer Rodeo.

The rodeo is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13. The event will be open to both boys and girls with four classes: boys, ages 5 and 6; girls, ages 5 and 6; boys, ages 7 and 8 and

girls, ages 7 and 8. Entries will be limited to four in each class. To enter, call the fair office at 641-456-2049.

Names will be taken July 1-11 at 3 p.m. A drawing will be held and competitors notified. All entrants must bring their own bicycle helmet and sign a waiver.



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Queen Coronation

The 2023 Franklin County Fair runs July 12 through 16, 2023. The queen will be crowned on Thursday, July 13th at 5:00 p.m. 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 Mort's Water Company and donated by Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

Other prizes for the queen at the county level include a generous scholarship.

The queen will also receive a tiara donated by Christensen Jewelry, one dozen long stemmed roses from Carol's Flower Box, Hampton, a gift cer-

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The first Runner-up will be presented a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

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Miss Congeniality will be presented with a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

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A Miss Photogenic will be chosen and presented a portrait from Lauren Trewin, Sheffield and a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.



Fair Queen Candidates 2022



2022 Franklin County Fair Queen Addyson Showalter with 2021 Iowa State Fair Queen McKenna Henrichs of Plymouth County, right, and 1st and 2nd 2022 runner-ups, left.

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JOE NICHOLS - THURSDAY JULY 13

Joe Nichols has been a mainstay of country music for two decades, bridging the gap between the genre's old-school roots and contemporary era. He's a 21st century traditionalist — an artist who's both timely and timeless, racking up a half-dozen Number 1 singles and ten Top 10 hits with a sound that honors his heroes. From his first radio smash, 2002's "The Impossible," to 2021's Home Run," Nichols has proudly done things his own way, blurring the boundaries between country music's past and present along the way.

It's an approach that has earned Nichols multi-platinum success, three Grammy nominations, a CMA award, an ACM trophy, and — perhaps most importantly — the support of his idols. He still remembers the day he received a letter from Buck Owens, who passed away the same week his message arrived in Nichols' mailbox. The two had previously crossed paths in Bakersfield, California, where Owens complimented Nichols on his classic sound... and gave him some good-natured teasing about the length of his hair.

"He wrote me the day before he died," remembers Nichols, who was still riding high on the success of his gold-selling fourth album, *III*, and its chart-topping single "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off." "It was so nice of him to do that. He said, 'I'm really proud of you. I love the way you're keeping it country. And thank you for cutting that daggum hair!' An honor like that is irreplaceable. It's got nothing to do with winning awards or having your songs on the radio. It's much more than that. It's the kind of thing you pass down to your grandkids."

For Nichols — an Arkansas native who grew up listening to icons like George Strait, Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Buck Owens — keeping things country has been a lifelong mission. He made his ma-

yor-label debut with 2002's *Man With A Memory*, a platinum-selling album rooted in southern storytelling and honky-tonk hooks, then continued blending the worlds of neo-traditionalist country and modern twang with follow-up records like *Real Things*, *Crickets*, and *It Never Gets Old*. Between duetting with Dolly Parton on "If I Were a Carpenter," serving as Garth Brooks' hand-picked opening act, and numerous other career milestones, Nichols also kept things lighthearted, showcasing his easy-going humor with "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" and a slow, shuffling cover of Six Mix-a-Lot's "Baby Got Back." At the core of his sound, though, remained a serious

commitment to a bigger goal: making genuine country music that nodded to his influences while still breaking new ground.

"It's a fine line to walk," he admits. "How do you stay fresh while also honoring your roots? I've always admired people like Merle Haggard and Buck Owens, who built their careers on timeless songs and created their own sound by electrifying traditional country music. It's one thing to have hit songs, but it's something else entirely to have hits that still sound timeless 15 years later. That's always been my goal. I'm a country singer who loves the old-school stuff. I throw it back and pay homage to the guys I grew up listening to, while hopefully bringing that sound into the modern world."

Nichols swings for the fences once again with his newest single, "Home Run," written by award-winning songwriters Ashley Gorley, Dallas Davidson and Ross Copperman. It's a song about reconnection and rebirth — an anthem for anyone looking to turn life's curveballs into a straight shot toward the center field seats.

"It's more than a great hook; it's a great message, too," says Nichols. "After the year we've had, we could



all use a little bit of a break, just to step away from the rat race for a while and get back to our roots. We could all use a reminder of what home feels like."

"Home Run" reunites Nichols with acclaimed music producers Mickey Jack Cones and Derek George, who helmed Nichols' much-lauded 2013 Red Bow Records album *Crickets* containing back-to-back number 1 hits "Sunny and 75" and "Yeah."

Additionally, "Home Run" reunites Nichols with longtime collaborator and legendary label head Benny Brown, who helped Nichols achieve success at Red Bow Records before signing him to the newly-formed Quartz Hill Records in early 2021. The song marks the singer's first release for Quartz Hill, ushering in a new era of classic-influenced country music. For Nichols — an artist who remains focused on honoring his roots — there couldn't be a better group of partners to join him in the next phase of his career.

"For the first time in a long time, I don't feel any pressure," he says.

"I'm around great people. I'm the type of person who's always striving for more, but I've reached a place where I'm grateful for everything I've accomplished so far. It's been such a good run. I feel at peace, and that has freed me up to make new music that's very honest."

Carrying the torch for traditional country music is a full-time job, even for a legend in the making. Joe Nichols continues to meet the challenge with the same roll-up-your-sleeves work ethic that helped launch his career decades earlier, mixing sharp songwriting, a palpable appreciation for the genre's past, and modern melodies into his own sound. There's more music to make. More milestones to chase down. More home runs to knock out of the park.

The game is still unwinding. But Joe Nichols has already hit his home run.



38 Special - Friday July 14



After more than four decades, 38 SPECIAL continues to bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to over 100 cities a year. At each and every show, thousands of audience members are amazed by the explosive power of the band's performance.

Their many Gold and Platinum album awards stand in testament to the endurance of a legendary powerhouse.

With sales in excess of 20 million, most associate the band with their arena-rock pop smashes, "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin' Into the Night," "Caught Up in You," "Fantasy Girl," "If I'd Been the One," "Back Where You Belong," "Chain Lightning," "Second Chance," and more – Timeless hits that remain a staple at radio, immediately recognizable from the first opening chord, and paving the way to their present-day touring regimen.

Guitarist/vocalist DON BARNES says it's all about maintaining that intensity in their live shows. "We never wanted to be one of those bands that had maybe gotten a little soft or complacent over the years.

We're a team, and it's always been kind of an unspoken rule that we don't slack up, we stack up. We go out there every night to win."

Completing the team is bassist BARRY DUNAWAY, drummer GARY MOFFATT and keyboardist/vocalist BOBBY CAPPS. The most recent addition to the band is legendary virtuoso guitarist and vocalist JERRY RIGGS.

For 38 Special onstage, it is a celebration of camaraderie and brotherhood, a precision unit bringing the dedication and honesty to a long history of classic songs, as well as surprisingly fresh new material. Since 1976, the band has released more than 15 albums. And from the start, they've toured relentlessly, bringing their signature brand of 'muscle and melody' to fans worldwide.

It is that steely determination that lives on in the hearts of these 'Wild-Eyed Southern Boys.'

Barnes adds, "This music keeps our wheels on the road. We're a band that's tried to stay honest with what has driv-

en us over the years. We started out with nothing but bold determination to make our own history and to endure. Looking back now, it has been our greatest pride to have persevered and attained that level of success and longevity. For us, it's the ultimate validation."

"The magic's still there," adds Barnes. "It's an emotional high for us to keep 'bringing it' after all these years. When those lights go down and we all walk up those steps to the stage and hear that crowd roar, it's a real rush to the head. It feels like we're getting ready to strap ourselves in and it just takes off from there."

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Lauren Alaina

- Saturday July 15

Ten years into her Nashville career, Lauren Alaina is in the upper echelon of country music's most authentic voices, beloved personalities, and open hearts. She's earned a reputation as one of the genre's most compelling storytellers by boldly incorporating her struggles and heartache into her critically acclaimed first two albums. Lauren's third studio collection, *Sitting Pretty on Top of the World*, is an artful evolution of immaculately penned, unflinching reflections of the mountains and valleys on her journey.

Sitting Pretty on Top of the World opens with the telltale sound of a needle dropping down on a record, and with that, Lauren sets the tone for some of the most captivating music of her career. Lauren was inspired to lean into the tenets of classic country music for this project and on the album's lead track, "It Was Me," she offers a timeless country ballad filled with heartsick self-reflection. Lauren's voice emotionally soars through the aching, introspective lyrics: "It wasn't you I

didn't love, it was me."

"The other person isn't always the bad guy," Lauren concedes. "On 'It Was Me,' I'm taking full ownership of being in the wrong. It was really hard to admit that I was the one at fault and to realize that I didn't love myself enough to allow someone else to love me." But the vulnerable "It Was Me," co-written with Hillary Lindsey, is a song Lauren considers to be one of the best she's ever written.

Lauren takes pride in the exposed transparency of her songwriting on this project, and though most writing sessions took place via Zoom, Lauren was crafting verses and choruses alongside the likes of award-winning songwriters including Liz Rose, Lori McKenna, Hillary Lindsey, Emily Weisband, David Garcia, Jordan Reynolds, Ben Johnson and Kennedy Lykken. She co-wrote 14 of the album's 15 songs, much of it inspired from recent life experiences including two impactful break-ups, the loss of her stepfather, and like much of the world, Lauren struggled

with despondency as she adapted to life in the pandemic.

The album's title track "On Top of the World" delves into the dark reality behind polished facades. Writing the song with Jordan Reynolds and Sasha Sloan after the pandemic forced her to stay home for the first time in a decade, Lauren, in a heightened emotional state, revealed how she felt enveloped in loneliness and sadness.

"I've been on the road and touring for 10 years and having that taken away so suddenly felt like an abrupt stop to everything I've been working for, and that was a really scary thing for me," she says, "but the whole world stopped for everybody, and I needed to find new ways to connect with people."

Lauren applies that same honest vulnerability throughout the album from the harrowing ballad "What Do You Think Of?" featuring Danish Pop Star Lukas Graham, to the pensive flow of "I'm Not Sad Anymore," to the beautiful simplicity of "Good Ole Boy" with its scaled back production that truly allows Lauren's vocals to shine.

"This whole thing [album] is about loving yourself and being brave and being strong," Lauren says. "I was faced with all these trials, and I hope people feel themselves in these songs. I think we all live

the same stories with different characters. And maybe people realize new beginnings can be good."

"Getting Good," a duet with Trisha Yearwood, is the only song Lauren didn't write on the album. Penned by Weisband, the song is a poignant truth-telling about choosing to be happy. Drawn to the concept, Lauren says, "Life is all about perspective, and you sometimes you have to shift your perspective."

Lauren punctuates the lovelorn with the playful yet forthright "When the Party's Over" and with the propulsive yet nostalgic "Run." She also teamed up with Emily Weisband and the album's producer Paul DiGiovanni to write the lighthearted, here-for-the-fun, rebound tune, "Getting Over Him," featuring country star Jon Pardi. Lauren rounds out the album with the beautifully hopeful "Change My Mind," which she co-wrote with Seth Ennis and Cameron Bedell.

Then with the familiar crackle of a vinyl record nearing its end, the album comes to a close. A journey from start to finish. Lauren explores life in these unique times and *Sitting Pretty on Top of the World* is the salve and the soundtrack for anyone traversing their own personal quest for hope and new beginnings.



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Gunderson Racing: Blake Gunderson

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.

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Everyone that knows me will tell you I live for this sport. So hopefully this series is around a long while yet 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.

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GRANDSTAND LIGHTING



Visitors and talent at the 2023 Franklin County Fair are in for a real treat this year as they will be enjoying a major grandstand lighting and electrical upgrade courtesy of the Franklin County Fair Foundation, the Franklin County Fair Board, Musco Lighting, Mid-American Energy and A & M Electric. The total cost of the project will be around \$200,000 and is the result of an initiative embarked upon by the Franklin County Fair Board and Franklin County Fair Foundation in 2008 and rebooted in 2023.

A & M's four person crew, headed up by owner Mike Harper, worked long hours in the month leading up to the fair to get the Fair Foundation funded lighting and associated upgrades installed in time for the 164th running of the fair taking place from July 12th to July 16th. Harper estimates that he and his team will have over 1,000 hours in the project once

completed.

The new lighting and upgrades date back to 2008, when CAL graduates Kevin Johnson of Musco Lighting, and Franklin County Fair Board volunteer David "Colzy" Colglazier drew up an ambitious plan to bring brighter, more energy efficient grandstand lighting to the fairgrounds. Their plan was to replace the aging 1980's era lighting equipment which was deteriorating, drew 800 amps of power, and relied solely on overhead power transmission, with a superior and lower cost lighting option.

The project languished however until earlier this year in January when members of the Fair Board and Foundation, along with Alan Brown, former President and current Fair Board VP, and Johnson of Musco, met with Mid-American Energy and Harper of A & M on the then frozen fairgrounds to sketch out a plan to make Colglazier's and Johnson's ambitions a reality.

Out of that meeting came quotes, prices and a plan which was quickly approved by the Board. The rebooted plan called for the lights to be funded by the Franklin County Fair Foundation, with the Fair Board then covering the cost of the installation and the electricity to run power to the stage. Kevin Johnson of Musco also pitched in, helping to keep the system affordable by doing the project in honor

of his good friend David Colglazier, who was tragically killed when his single engine Cessna 172 crashed between Latimer and the Hampton airport in 2009.

The full upgrade involves two new sets of power panels and four new poles with six LED fixtures each, as well as burying of all transmission lines and bringing dedicated power to the grandstand, which had formerly relied on generators to power the stage. The lighting will also draw 75-80% less power than the previous arrangement and be fully controllable by app, as well as being supported by 24/7 monitoring through Musco's Control Link Central (™) service.

As a result of the improvements fairgoers will have brighter lights for the rodeo and races and the acts will enjoy better and more consistent power for the concerts. Safety for volunteers working heavy equipment at the fairgrounds will also be improved with the transmission lines being buried and out of the way.

The Franklin County Fair Board and Foundation will do a formal dedication of the project during the fair before a grandstand show, where they will recognize the efforts of all involved. The ceremony will celebrate both the evolution of the fair's infrastructure, as well as acknowledge Colglazier's and Johnson's contributions to lighting up the Franklin County Fair for future generations.

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