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Trewin smiling after being crowned



Fair Queen Committee with the past and present queens, as well as the state fair queen



Kierra Dodd crowning the new queen, Libby Trewin



Audrey Craig, who was named Little Miss, and Lydia Swieter, who was named Little Princess at the 2024 Franklin County Fair.



Jace Halsne, the son of Michael and Tonya Halsne, was named Franklin County Fair's first-ever Little Mister

Libby Trewin Named 2024 Franklin County Fair Queen

By Jennifer Burnham
Hampton Chronicle

Libby Trewin, 17, was named the 2024 Franklin County Fair Queen on Thursday evening, July 11.

Trewin, the daughter of John and Emily Trewin, told the Chronicle her heart was racing when her name was called and she couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to compete with. She was also named Miss Congeniality that night.

"The other girls were always so support-

ive and I'm so proud of each and every one of them," Trewin said.

2023 Franklin County Fair Queen Kierra Dodd was there to crown Trewin at the end of the ceremony, saying she couldn't think of a more deserving person of the honor.

The other contestants were Ella Davis, of Hampton and the daughter of Steven and Alicia Davis; Lauren Hill, of Dows and the daughter of Shawn and Michelle Hill; Olivia Hamm, of Latimer and the daughter of Travis and Monica Hamm; Kodey Eilderts, of Hampton and the daughter of Dusty and Emileigh Eilderts; Aubryee Showalter, of

Sheffield and the daughter of Joe and Kelli Showalter; Rachel Wilkerson, of Iowa Falls and daughter of Jeromy and Sarah Keehn and Elliana Ragsdale, of Hampton and the daughter of Kent Ragsdale and Dori Jo Berding.

Elliana Ragsdale was named Miss Photogenic and second runner-up. Aubryee Showalter was named first runner-up and Miss Outstanding Leadership.

An hour earlier, during the pageant for the younger children, Audrey Craig, the

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Photos by Nolan Hoyt and Jennifer Burnham



The Nixt family, of Hampton, awaiting the commencement of the parade. Little Adley brought her stuffed animals with her for the big occasion. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Franklin County Beef Queen at the parade on July 9. Photo by Matt Grohe



Representatives with United Bank & Trust Company make their way through the parade. Photo by Matt Grohe



Raney and Mike Hunst, of Hansell, settled in before the start of the parade, which they watch every year. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



McKensie Shupe and Megan Abbas handing out cups of cold water at the parade on July 9. Photo by Matt Grohe



The Krukow family lives in Iowa Falls but they never miss the Franklin County Fair or the parade! Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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daughter of Trevor and Kaylea Craig, was named Little Miss and Lydia Swieter, the daughter of Jacob and Stephanie Swieter, was named Little Princess at the 2024 Franklin County Fair.

The other contestant for the Little Miss pageant were Charley Borcharding, daughter of Mike and Kaylee Borcharding; Hazel Castillo, the daughter of Silvano Castillo, Mariana Yanez and Hannah Castillo; Cora Freie, the daughter of Mike and Brandy Freie; Rylan Kulish, the daughter of Michael Kulish and Annaka Ragsdale; Hallie McCormick, the daughter of Travis and Whitney McCormick; Luci Mollenbeck, the daughter of Jesse and Megan Mollenbeck; Avery Nicholson, the daughter of Brooke Nicholson; Evelyn Osborn, the daughter of Leslie and Shon Osborn; Jiada Sochit, the daughter of Britt Lumley and Jimmy Sochit; Morgan Sprung, the daughter of Jess Sprung and Jessica Sargent; Hannah Swieter, the daughter of Jacob and Stephanie Swieter; and Emma Toomsen, the daughter of Nick and Anna Toomsen.

The other contestants for the Little Princess pageant were Miyah Arana, the daughter of David and Danielle Arana; Alondra Duncan, the daughter of Emma Calles; Kinzley Kline,

the daughter of Conner and Chandra Kline; Sydney Lundt, the daughter of Sarah Lundt and Lauren Plagge, the daughter of Ian and Val Plagge.

Jace Halsne, the son of Michael and Tonya Halsne, was named Franklin County Fair's first-ever Little Mister. When asked how it felt to win, Jace told the Chronicle "good!" with a big smile on his face. The other contestants in his category were Beckett Fischer, the son of Brandon and Megan Fischer; Leo Fischer, the son of Brandon and Megan Fischer; Karter Freerks, the son of Randy Freerks; Eli Hesnard, the son of Justin and Katie Hesnard; Omer Miller, the son of Tanner and Sarah Miller; and Carson Treanor, the son of Evan and Cary Treanor.

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The Fair Queen Committee: Abby Baltes, Jennie Barkema, Caleigh Chipp, Kirsten Suntken and Megan Suntken.



2024 Franklin County Fair Queen Candidates. Photo by Matt Grohe



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Taco Riendo Food Truck a Hit at Fair So Far

By Jennifer Burnham
Hampton Chronicle

The family behind the Taco Riendo food truck at the Franklin County Fair means businesses. Owner Juan Carlos Lobato said he started the restaurant in 2013 in Eagle Grove, and since then they've added two food trucks and another brick-and-mortar location (in Webster City) to their small but growing company. While there are other Mexican food options at the fair this year, Juan Carlos said they are the only ven-

dor to sell "hot Mexican food." The menu includes burritos, tacos, loaded hot dogs, cups of corn and more. But their tacos and burritos are their most popular items, according to the family. By Wednesday afternoon, they'd had about 110 orders at the fair. They set up shop Tuesday afternoon. You can find them on Facebook by searching for "El Taco Riendo Restaurant."



El Taco Riendo employees Sofia Gutierrez and Dani Lobato were excited to work at the Franklin County Fair this year. According to Lobato, whose parents own the business, they offered the only authentic Mexican food at the fair this year. Photo by Jennifer Burnham



Every July, Nathan and Kari Subbert help run the Trinity Lutheran Youth Fellowship concession at the Franklin County Fair. Photo by Matt Grohe



Sean Smith, owner of Smitty's Fun Foods, preparing for another year of selling food at the Franklin County Fair on July 9. Smith said this is their 63rd year at the fair. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

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Have You Tried the Infamous "Trinity Burger" at the Fair Yet?

By Jennifer Burnham
Hampton Chronicle

Once again, a group of high school volunteers are manning the Trinity Lutheran Youth Fellowship concession at this year's Franklin County Fair. The menu features a \$7 barbecue pork sandwich, \$5 walking tacos, \$6 super nachos and more. But their claim to fame is their Trinity Burger — a burger topped with pulled pork and nacho cheese, which goes for ten bucks. If you have a sweet tooth, a slice of the homemade pie will probably hit the spot. (The pies are made by members of the church.) Kari Sub-

bert, who has been helping with the concession stand since the '90s, said the church's high school fellowship program has been at the fair for the last 40 years. They are open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the fair. When describing the Trinity Burger, Subbert said that "it sounds like an odd combination, but it really works." The money brought in from the concession stand sales helps support the church, including their harvest meals throughout the year. Subbert said she begins planning for fair week in April — including figuring out who's baking pies on what days and looking at last year's sales. "It's definitely a group effort," Subbert said.



Contestants giving their best jokes

Joke-Telling Contest Winners

See results below. The winner got a ticket for an ice cream from Pleasant Hill Ice Cream or a Saparilla at the Pleasant Hill General Store.

First Place — Haddie Pluff, 7 years old

Second Place — Conner Grulick, 12 years old

Third Place — Shenna Pluff, 13 years old



Conner Grulick



Haddie Pluff



Shenna Pluff

Greimann Bros Train Returns to Fair for 35th Year

By Matt Grohe
Hampton Chronicle

All aboard! The Greimann Bros Inc. line is running engine #999 for approximately the 35th year at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Don Greimann, who lives southwest of Chapin is the conductor of the 3 car train which gives rides from the depot through the fairgrounds for a 50 cent fare per passenger, a price which has not changed in 35 years. Don's father Milo, a train enthusiast, built the engine and the cars himself to give rides to other train lov-



Don Greimann takes fairgoers for a ride. Photo by Matt Grohe.

ers at events around the region. The train can carry from 18 to 24 passengers and runs daily 1-5pm and then from 6pm to whenever Don says. Don donates most of

the money taken in to the Franklin General Hospital Auxiliary and Franklin County Historical Society who allows him to store the train in their building overnight.



Don Greimann, who lives southwest of Chapin, ready for more passengers at the Franklin County Fair. Photo by Matt Grohe



The train stop is right next to the convention center. Photo by Matt Grohe

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Tony with his daughter at their booth in the commercial building at the fair. Photo by Matt Grohe

Tony's Concrete Among New Exhibitors at Fair

By Matt Grohe
Hampton Chronicle

Tony's Concrete is a new exhibitor at the Franklin County Fair for 2024. Tony started his business in Hampton in April of last year and employs five people locally, but hopes to grow the business. Tony's operates in the Franklin County area and is a family business that does "anything that has to do with concrete." Tony's has worked on jobs pouring from 1 yard to 25 yards of concrete on projects such as driveways, sidewalks, RV and building slabs, patios and parking lots. Tony got experience in the concrete business by working for a paving company in Denison, and putting in eight years with Larry Adams of Adams Concrete and Construction of Hampton. Tony credits Mike Hartmann and Lance Larson there for mentoring him and showing him "how to do a great job on every single project." Come on down and see Tony at the fair as he works the booth with wife Liliana La Valle, daughter Grace, son Greg, and daughter Geovanna.

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Natalie Dohlman, Isabel Grant, Madison Dohlman and Ava Abernathy working the Extension Office's informational booth in the convention center at the Franklin County Fair. Photo by Jennifer Burnham



L to R: Jolanda Cruz, Estrella Cruz, Caydlynn Winkowitsch and Amiya Cruz having fun on the merry-go-round on July 10. Photo submitted by Trista Cruz



Gary Keenan, of "Carving by Keenan", working on another sculpture at the fair. Photo by Matt Grohe



Charlane Pralle Janssen enjoys a gyro under the shade of the David Nolan Colglazier tent on July 11 at the Franklin County Fair. Photo by Matt Grohe



Erik and Jared Snell, of Tiffin, won first place in the father-son look-alike contest at the Franklin County Fair. Congrats to both! Photo by Jennifer Burnham

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