



Fair Times Weekender

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FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR 2025

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From left to right, Libby Trewin and Abby Schoning. Photo by Jennifer Burnham



From left to right, Kaitlyn Emery, Natalie Dohlman, Jade Johnson, AnnEllen Hofmeister, Alycia Martinez, Abby Schoning, Jana Harms, Jaslene Tevalan, Jenna Koons, Emma Dietz and Amelia Schrock. Photo by Elizabeth Vogel with the Franklin County Fair.

Abby Schoning Named 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Abby Schoning, 17, of Sheffield was named the 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen Thursday evening, July 10.

Schoning, who will be a senior at West Fork High School in the fall, told the Chronicle that she is honored to be named this year's queen.

"This means a lot to me. I love the community and I love the people of Franklin County," she said. "I am so excited to get to serve Franklin County this year."

Involved in softball, cheerleading, FFA and the National Honor Society, Schoning was also named "Miss Outstanding Leadership." She is the daughter of Dave and Dacia Schoning.

2024 Franklin County Fair Queen Libby Trewin gave an emotional speech, before announcing Schoning as the winner.

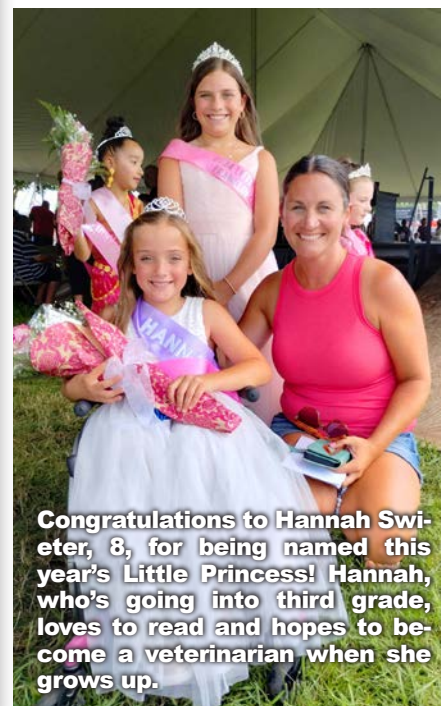
"I am so thankful for this experience," said Trewin. "I will always carry it with me. But all good things must come to an end."

The other candidates were Emma Dietz of Hampton (daughter of Shawn and Alexis Dietz), Natalie Dohlman of Hampton (daughter of Nathan and Lilianna Dohlman), Kaitlyn Emery of Hampton (daughter of Audrey Emery), Jana Harms of Sheffield (daughter of Jeremy and Sara Harms), AnnEllen Hofmeister of Geneva (daughter of

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Jiada Sochit, 7, of Hampton was named the 2025 Little Miss! Jiada, who's going into the second grade, hopes to become a zookeeper someday.



Congratulations to Hannah Swieter, 8, for being named this year's Little Princess! Hannah, who's going into third grade, loves to read and hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up.

Photos by Jennifer Burnham

Congrats, 2025 Parade Float Winners!

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce announced the following float winners for the 2025 fair: Koerner Whipple (Best of Franklin County), First Bank Hampton (Best Overall) and Access Inc. (Best Chamber Member). Images provided by the Chamber.



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A tractor making its way through downtown for the annual fair parade.



Ava Crooks and Ary Jewell riding their horses through the parade.



The Hearn family snagged the perfect spot to watch the parade, in front of city hall.



Carlos Galvan, Maria Urbina, Luis Galvan, Nina Correnti, Azzy Thomson and Eva Galvan waiting for the parade to begin.



The Access Inc. float passing the courthouse during the parade.



The Willie's crew tossing out candy during the parade.

The H-D-CAL cheerleading squad puts on a performance during the 2025 Franklin County Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 8.



Have fun at the Fair

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DOWS

'Golf Cart Grannies'

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

These two troublemakers go way back. Pat Sackville and Barb Furman first met at the Jennings in Hampton fifty years ago and they've been besties ever since.

"Our paths took different courses but then we got back together in our later years," said Pat.

You could see them shuttling people around in golf carts the first couple days of the fair. Pat said they go by the "golf cart grannies."



QUEEN: FROM COVER

Marlyn Hofmeister and Sandy Peters), Jade Johnson of Hampton (daughter of Chad and Staci Johnson), Jenna Koons of Latimer (daughter of Justin and Kyla Koons), Alycia Martinez of Hampton (daughter of Amy Wilkinson-Busby and Lyle Busby), Amelia Schrock of Dumont (daughter of Jeremy and Ashley Schrock) and Jaslene Tevalan of Hampton (daughter of Jessica and Aurelio Aburto).

Jana Harms was named first runner-up, with Alycia Martinez as second runner-up, who was also named "Miss Congeniality." Jaslene Tevalan was named "Miss Photogenic."

Sponsors were Mort's Water (for the trophy), along with AmericInn, Central Park Dentistry, Christensen Jewelry, Everbloom Flower Co, Eric and Pauline Barke-ma, Franklin County Fair Board, Franklin REC, Head Quarters Salon, HyVee Foods & Dollar Fresh, PCI Construction, Wild Bloom Boutique, Willier Photography.



Pierson Dirksen, 7, is this year's Little Mister! Pierson, who's going into second grade, hopes to become a police officer someday. Here he is with last year's Little Mister, Jace Halsne. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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Big Surprise for Dad

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Eleven-year-old Archer Robertson had a big surprise for his dad Wednesday afternoon: his photograph is going to the state fair. He kept it a secret until Wednesday. And judging by his dad's face, we'd say he was surprised. The photograph features garden artwork and his grandmother's childhood bicycle. This is Archer's first year participating in 4-H. Photos by Jennifer Burnham and Robyn Hill-Ko-foot.

Look-Alike Contest Winners



The Johns took first in the father/son look-alike contest at the fair! We can see why. Bravo to John Paul Kew III and John Paul Kew IV. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Val and Audrey Plagge of Latimer won the mother/daughter look-alike contest at the fair! Congratulations to these two beauties. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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Bingo!

The local Knights of Columbus will be holding bingo every day this week. Stop by the marketplace building to join in on the fun. Hours: Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. , Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m. , and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. .

Photos by Jennifer Burnham.



Henry and Missy Crawford take a break from working the cash register at the food stand on Wednesday, July 9. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

4-H FOODSTAND MENU		DESSERTS	
Plate Special	9.00	Root Beer Float	4.00
Daily Special	8.00	Pie	3.00
Hot Dog	2.50	Pie Ala Mode	4.00
Reuben Sandwich	5.00	Ice Cream Cone	2.00
Idaho Taco	3.00	Ice Cream Sundae	3.00
Pizza (1 slice)	3.50	Scotch-a-Roo	2.00
Whole Pizza	19.00	Decorated Sugar Cookie	2.00
Tamale	2.75/5.00		
Pork/Chicken		4-H FOODSTAND BREAKFAST MENU	
Taco Salad	6.00	Plate Breakfast	6.00
Perito Salad	3.00	Breakfast Burrito	4.00
Macaroni Salad	3.00	Pancake Sandwich	4.00
Coleslaw Salad	3.00	Eggs	2.50
Broccoli Salad	3.00	Sausage patties (2)	3.00
Potato Chips	1.50	Breakfast Sandwich	4.00
BEVERAGES		Cinnamon Roll	3.00
Coffee-regular (small)	1.50	Toast (2 slices)	1.50
Iced Coffee	3.50	Biscuits & Gravy	5.00
Vanilla	2.00		
Milk	2.00		
White Chocolate			
Orange Juice	2.50		
POP (Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Diet Pepsi, Dew, Root Beer)	3.00		
Sweet Tea	3.00		
Unsweetened Tea	3.00		
Lemonade	3.00		
Bottled Water	3.00		



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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.



Jack Crawford, Henry Crawford, Nora Wede, and Grandpa Crawford working the food stand on Wednesday, July 9. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Good Food for a Good Cause

Hungry? Want to support local youth? Grab some good food at the Franklin County 4-H food stand, which is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the fair. All proceeds go towards supporting local 4H projects and causes, including scholarships for college and events. The food stand, which has been a long-standing fair tradition for decades, is run by volunteers throughout the week.

Friendly Faces at the Commercial Exhibits Building

Here's a small sample of some of the vendors and groups in the commercial exhibits building.

Photos by Jennifer Burnham.



Emmett and Karla Mae Elling with Iowa Bee.



Greg Hellman with Sukup.



Klay Dodd, Kael Dodd and Jim Davies at the Windsor Theatre boothOne North Iowa Hospice.



Janelle Dohrmann with Forever Linked.



Allysa Miller and Gina Schnatehorst with Iowa Specialty MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.



Autumn Hawver and Macy McDonough with MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.



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Tyler Eaton and Caleb Vanlaere with Midwest Construction.

Blacksmith Demo at the Fair

Gary Knipfel gave a memorable blacksmithing demo at the Franklin County Fair on Thursday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. He's been blacksmithing for over 30 years and it started as a hobby. He will be doing the show at 2:30 p.m. everyday until the fair ends on Sunday! He also has a few items he has made on display.

Photos by Evan Pharr.



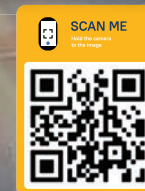
Animal trainer Brunon Blasza, who has spent his life training bengal tigers, brought three different tigers to his show at the fair this year: Zack, a five-year-old Bengal tiger; Bella, a 12-year-old Siberian tiger; and Tasha, a 17-year-old Sumatran tiger. Photos by Evan Pharr.



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