



Fair Times Weekender



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FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR 2026

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Carli Lyon is presented to the audience as the newly crowned 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen.



The 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen Court gathers onstage as the new fair queen is about to be crowned.

Carli Lyon Named 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON – Carli Lyon, 18, of Ackley was crowned the 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen Thursday evening, during the annual coronation at the Van Wall Tent.

Lyon is the daughter of Brandon and Lori Hardman and Steve and Annie Lyon. She was crowned by outgoing 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen Abby Schoning, who reflected on her year of service before announcing Lyon as the new queen.

Lyon will spend the next year

serving as an ambassador for the Franklin County Fair and its communities.

Before crowning her successor, Schoning thanked the many people who supported her throughout her

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Little Miss, Little Mister Crowned at Franklin County Fair

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON – Two young fair enthusiasts were all smiles Thursday afternoon as they were crowned the 2026 Franklin County Fair Little Miss and Little Mister during a ceremony at the Van Wall Tent.

Five-year-old Brexley Alert, of Hampton, was named the 2026 Franklin

County Fair Little Miss. She is the daughter of Robert and Madison Alert.

Brexley enjoys spending time at the Franklin County Fair each summer, especially showing her goat Wilburt. She said one of her favorite parts of the fair is getting to play with and care for her goat before taking him into the show ring.

When asked what she wants to become when she

grows up, Brexley said she hopes to become a teacher. Following her coronation, she described the experience of being crowned in one word: “delightful.”

The 2026 Franklin County Fair Little Mister was awarded to Colin Showalter, who said he was excited to represent the fair throughout the year.

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Brexley Alert



Colin Showalter

Franklin County Fair Weekender

2026 Franklin County FAIR PARADE

Community members lined downtown Hampton Tuesday evening for the annual Franklin County Fair Parade, enjoying colorful floats, local organizations, music and plenty of hometown spirit during one of the fair's favorite traditions. Look at the photos below.



The White family watches the Franklin County Fair Parade from Main Street in Hampton.



Parade traditions bring Severy and Sarah Miller, Traci and Hudson Bruns, and Aliyah Swieter together.



Linda Miller, Luann Huling, Brooke and Ruth Tapp enjoy parade memories together.



The Brass family soaks up the sun during the parade.



The Heiden family finds the perfect view outside First Bank Hampton.



The Guerrero family watches the parade outside Koerner-Whipple Pharmacy.



Hayden and Harrison Kloetzer, Kelsey, Henryk and Remi Ford, and Kathy Oldenburger gather for parade fun.



Hampton Lions Club members serve the community outside Fareway.



Schwabke, Hass and Faink families gather outside El Valle for the parade.



Will Finn and Aubryee Showalter hand out water from FGH to paradegoers.



The Dunt family enjoys a hometown tradition outside City Hall.



The Flores family watches the festivities unfold.



Green and Ramirez families enjoy Tuesday's parade together.



Debbie and John Currie enjoy the parade outside Got You Covered.



Virginia and Sheldon Pratt smile as the parade rolls by.



The Christensen, Pralle and Hasenkamp families beam as the parade approaches.



Becca and Megan Niccum stay cool in a shady parade spot.



The Hernandez family enjoys a front-row seat to the fun.



Todd and Donna Speedy enjoy another Franklin County Fair Parade.



Marvin Gerwinske, Brian, Marlene and Kyanne Tapp bring refreshing fun to the parade.



The Hoover family smiles as the parade rolls past.



The Zamorano family claims a perfect spot outside La Frontera.



Hunst shares parade day traditions with their granddaughters.



Cheryl Craighton, Lu Leal, Susan Bender and Lorena Leal watch the parade.



Colt Powers and Mitch Williams proudly represent KLMJ on the route.



Mounted riders proudly lead horses through the parade route.



Anthony, Mikayla, Santi and Dawn Maqured enjoy parade festivities together.



Mota and Velasco families enjoy parade day together downtown.



Sharon Parks, Dale Schirmer and Holly Narber enjoy the parade from golf carts.



Parade day brings Susan and Wayne Foreman downtown.



Kaitlyn and John Crandall join Kyle Mollenbeck for parade fun.

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Franklin County Fair Crowns 2026 Prince and Princess

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON - The Franklin County Fair introduced a new tradition Thursday afternoon by crowning its first-ever Fair Prince alongside the 2026 Fair Princess during the Prince and Princess coronation at the Van Wall Tent.

Mateo Velasco, 8, the son of Lili and Juan Velasco, was crowned the inaugural Franklin County Fair Prince. Velasco, who will be a third-grade student this fall, said he was nervous before taking the stage but excited to be crowned.

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2026 Franklin County Fair Princess Lucille Mollenbeck poses with 2025 Franklin County Fair Princess Hannah Swieter during Thursday's coronation.



Mateo Velasco, son of Lili and Juan Velasco, was crowned the fair's first-ever Prince. He hopes to become a soccer player.

ANNUAL LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

The annual Look-Alike Contests were held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Van Wall Tent. Photos by Elian Trevino.



Jennifer and Crystal Klooster of Rockwell were named the winners of the Mother-Daughter Look-Alike Contest during the Franklin County Fair.



Raul and Liam Romero share a smile after being named winners of the Father-Son Look-Alike Contest at the Franklin County Fair.



Stop by the Pleasant Hill Ice Cream Shop for a sweet treat during the Franklin County Fair! The stand is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. until sold out on Sunday. Photos by Elian Trevino.



(Right) Madison Felderman and Graciella Urbina make their way to the ice cream stand, where they volunteered on Wednesday. (Below) Volunteers supporting Franklin General Hospital donated their time making ice cream.



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Sunday: 9 am - 5:30 pm

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BREAKFAST SERVED 7AM-10 AM

Plate Breakfast.....	7.00
Breakfast Burrito	5.00
Pancake sandwich.....	5.00
Eggs	2.00
Sausage patties (2)	3.00
Breakfast sandwich.....	5.00
Cinnamon Roll	3.50
Toast {2 slices}.....	1.50
Biscuits & Gravy	5.00
Hashbrown patties {2}.....	3.00

BEVERAGES

Coffee (Reg or Decaf)	.50
Iced Coffee (Vanilla or Caramel).....	3.50
Milk cup (White or Chocolate) ..	2.00
Orange Juice cup	2.50
Pepsi	3.00
Diet Pepsi	3.00
Mountain Dew	3.00
Diet Mountain Dew	3.00
Root Beer	3.00
Sweet Tea	3.00
Unsweet Tea	3.00
Starry	3.00
Bottled Water	3.00
Dirty Soda (Dr. Pepper, Bomb Pop, Shirley Temple).....	5.00

DESSERTS

Pie	3.00
Pie à la mode	4.25
Cookie.....	3.00
Brownie	3.00
Scotch-a-Roe	3.00

The Franklin County 4-H Food Stand is serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily during the fair. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds support Franklin County 4-H youth programs. Photos by Elian Trevino.



Sonja Vosburg and Jeannette Hemmes enjoy some sweet treats from the 4-H Stand.



Don Vosburg and Natalie Dohlman work the register.



Volunteers serve fairgoers at the Franklin County 4-H Food Stand during the Franklin County Fair.



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Photo by Staci Niccum.



The Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show is bringing high-energy entertainment to the Franklin County Fair with thrilling displays of axe throwing, log rolling, speed climbing and more. Catch multiple shows each day on the north side of the fairgrounds: Wednesday through Friday at noon and 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Don't miss one of the fair's best attractions!



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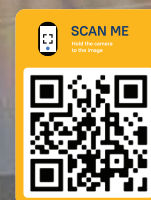


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Gold Star Amusements opened the Franklin County Fair carnival at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Carnival hours are 3-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Photos by Staci Niccum.



The Zipper features rotating cages attached to a large spinning arm, creating a fast-paced thrill ride.



The YOYO is a swing ride that lifts riders into the air as they circle above the grounds.

Entertainment at the Mort's Water Gazebo

Friday 12pm - 3pm Tim Collins & Denny Campbell

Saturday 12pm - 3pm Sleepy Bones Allison

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Dawn Groszkruger entertains the audience during a performance at the Mort's Water Company Gazebo on Wednesday, July 15.

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FAIR QUEEN: FROM COVER



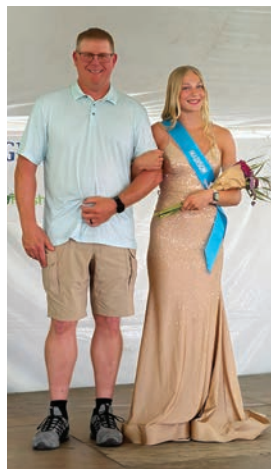
Carli Lyon was named Miss Outstanding Leadership



Maren Subbert of Hampton was named First Runner-Up



Payton Hinders of Hampton



Madison Heilskov was named Second Runner-Up



Eva Dohlman of Hampton was named Miss Ackley



Adason Jean Hovey of Ackley



Graciella Urbina of Hampton was named Miss Photogenic

year as queen.

“I would first like to start with some much-deserved thank yous,” she said. “First, thank you to all of you for coming out to support these wonderful queen candidates. The support from family members, friends and all fairgoers means so much on this journey.”

She also thanked the Franklin County Fair Board, the fair queen committee and her family for making her year possible.

Reflecting on her reign, Schoning said serving as fair queen allowed her to grow both personally and as a representative of the county.

“Over the past year, through this crown, I’ve met so many new people, had so many wonderful experiences and grown so much as a person,” she said.

Schoning shared one of the questions asked of this year’s contestants. “Do you wear the crown, or does the crown wear you?” She said her answer was both.

“The crown wears me because through it, I’m connected to every single fair queen before me, and because it is something to represent that is more than myself,” Schoning said. “But I wear the crown because of my love for this fair and all of its people.”

Lyon brings a strong background in leadership, agriculture and community involvement to the role. Throughout high school, she served as class president, FFA chapter president and 4-H club president. She was also named Franklin County Beef Princess and the 2024 Youth in Agriculture Award.

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2025 Franklin County Fair Queen Abby Schoning gives her farewell speech.



2025 Queen Abby Schoning crowns new 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen Carli Lyons.

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Her FFA accomplishments include competing at the district and state levels in soils judging, livestock judging, agricultural broadcasting and extemporaneous speaking. She also performed with the Iowa FFA State Choir and earned the chapter's Star Greenhand Award.

Outside of FFA, Lyon participated in National Honor Society, dance team, golf, tennis, speech, school plays, Battle of the Books, honor band, choir and FCCLA, where she served as a district officer. She is also active in St. John's United Church of Christ, teaching Sunday school and volunteering during Vacation Bible School.

When she is not volunteering or participating in school activities, Lyon enjoys

cooking, baking, sewing and quilting. She has earned numerous awards for her projects and said her favorite part of the Franklin County Fair is exhibiting her livestock and 4-H projects. She plans to attend Iowa State University this fall to study animal science.

Seven contestants competed for this year's title. Maren Subbert of Hampton, daughter of Nathan and Kari Subbert, was named first runner-up, while Madison Heilskov of Hampton, daughter of Brandon and Patricia Heilskov, was named second runner-up.

Eva Dohlman of Hampton, daughter of Nathan and Lilianna Dohlman, received the Miss Congeniality award. Graciella Urbina of Hamp-

ton, daughter of Luis Urbina Jr. and Candice Woltjer, was named Miss Photogenic.

Other contestants included Payton Hinders of Hampton, daughter of Tristan and Stephanie Hinders, and Adason Jean Hovey of Ackley, daughter of Christina Smith.

As the 2026 Franklin County Fair Queen, Lyon will represent Franklin County at the Iowa State Fair Queen contest, parades, community celebrations and agricultural events throughout the coming year, continuing the tradition of promoting the county and its annual fair.

MISS/MISTER: FROM COVER

Colin hopes to become a farmer when he grows up and said his favorite color is red. While he enjoys many activities at the fair, his favorite is riding the carnival rides.

Winning the Little Mister title was a memorable moment for Colin, who said being on stage and hearing his name announced made him feel "happy."

If he could encourage families to visit one part of the Franklin County Fair, Colin said they should make time to see the livestock.

"The animals," he said.

Colin is active in Clover Kids and entered two projects in this year's fair: A lego model of French fries and an airplane.

Earlier in the week, Colin competed in the popular

Mutton Bustin' event and earned fourth place with a score of 74.5.

The annual Little Miss and Little Mister coronation recognizes young ambassadors who represent the spirit of the Franklin County fair through their enthusiasm, involvement and community pride. With Brexley and Colin serving as this year's titleholders, both said they are looking forward to making memories, meeting new people and celebrating everything the Franklin County Fair has to offer.

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FAIR WEEK 2026: REMAINING SCHEDULE

Friday, July 17

8:00 AM Beef Cattle Show (Show Arena) Livestock
 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Exhibits Building Open Exhibits Building Open Class (Deb Lukensmeyer)
 9:30AM Old Fashioned Farming Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 10:00 AM-9:00 PM Commercial Exhibits Open Commercial & Marketplace Buildings Commercial
 10:00 AM-8:00 PM North Central Model Railroad Club Open Railroad Club Railroad Club
 10:00 AM-8:00 PM Ice Cream Stand Open (butterfinger) Ice Cream Stand/On Grounds
 11:00 AM-4:30 PM Franklin Farmhands Grandpa's Farm FFA Chapter
 11:00 AM Read & Roam Pleasant Hill Office
 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Ag Learning Center Pleasant Hill Rodney & Lacey (Farm Bureau help)
 12:00 PM 3:00 PM Live Music by Tim Collins + Denny Campbell Mort's Water Gazebo On Grounds
 12:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 12:00 PM Water balloon Toss Pleasant Hill Street On Grounds
 12:30 PM 4-H Educational Presentations/Extemporaneous Speaking Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Kickerball Pleasant Hill Street On Grounds
 1:00 PM 4:00 PM Tractor Auto Steer Demo Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 1:00 PM 4:00 PM Harriman Nielson House Open Historical Society
 1:00 PM Rubber Chicken Throwing Contest Pleasant Hill Street On Grounds
 2:00 PM Pie Eating Contest Van Wall Tent On Grounds
 2:30 PM Blacksmith Demo Pleasant Hill On Grounds
 3:00 PM 10:00 PM Carnival (Gold Star Amusements) Commercial (Alan)
 3:00 PM Poultry Show (Rabbit/Poultry barn) Livestock
 3:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 4:00 PM 5:00 PM Monster Arm Wrestling Weigh-In Marketplace Building Commercial
 4:00 PM 4-H Working Exhibits Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 5:00 PM Monster Arm Wrestling Marketplace Building

Commercial
 5:00 PM Prairie Pullers Garden Tractor Pull Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 5:00 PM 9:00 PM Knights Of Columbus BINGO Marketplace Building Knights Of Columbus (Jim Davies)
 6:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 7:00 PM 12:00 AM-Grandstand Gates & Beer Garden Open Entertainment
 8:30 PM Get The LED Out Entertainment
 Between Market & Breeding Show 4-H Bucket Calf Show (Show Arena) Livestock

Saturday, July 18

8:00 AM Open Bucket Calf Show (Show Arena) Livestock
 9:30AM Tractor & Pickup Pull Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Exhibits Building Open Exhibits Building Open Class (Deb Lukensmeyer)
 9:30AM Old Fashioned Farming Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Bedazzling in the Exhibits Building Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 10:00 AM-9:00 PM Commercial Exhibits Open Commercial & Marketplace Buildings Commercial
 10:00 AM Horse Powered Threshing Demo Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 10:00 AM-8:00 PM Ice Cream Stand Open (Raspberry) Ice Cream Stand/On Grounds
 10:00 AM-8:00 PM North Central Model Railroad Club Open Railroad Club Railroad Club
 10:30AM Pedal Pull Weigh-In Van Wall Tent On Grounds
 11:00 AM-4:30 PM Franklin Farmhands Grandpa's Farm FFA Chapter
 11:00 AM-11:30AM Livestock Judging Contest Registration (Show Arena) Livestock
 11:00 AM Read & Roam Pleasant Hill Office
 11:00 AM Pedal Pull Contest Van Wall Tent On Grounds
 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Ag Learning Center Pleasant Hill Rodney & Lacey (Farm Bureau help)
 11:30AM Livestock Judging Contest (Swine Barn) Livestock
 12:00 PM 3:00 PM Live Music by Sleepy Bones Allison Mort's Water Gazebo On Grounds
 12:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On

Grounds
 1:00 PM 1:30 PM Veggie 500 Decorating Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 1:00 PM 10:00 PM Carnival (Gold Star Amusements) Commercial (Alan)
 1:00 PM 4:00 PM Tractor Auto Steer Demo Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 1:00 PM 4:00 PM Harriman Nielson House Open Historical Society
 1:00 PM 9:00 PM Knights Of Columbus BINGO Marketplace Building Knights Of Columbus (Jim Davies)
 1:30 PM Veggie 500 Races Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 2:00 PM Horse Powered Threshing Demo Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 2:30 PM Blacksmith Demo Pleasant Hill On Grounds
 3:00 PM BBQ Contest Judging Pleasant Hill Street On Grounds
 3:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 4:00 PM 4-H Press Day Youth Exhibits Building 4-H
 4:00 PM Cutest Baby Contest Van Wall Tent On Grounds
 6:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 7:00 PM 12:00 AM-Grandstand Gates & Beer Garden Open Entertainment
 8:30 PM Craig Morgan Entertainment
 Following Feeder Pig Show Bottle Lamb/Goat Show (Show Arena) Livestock
 Following Open Bucket Calf Show Feeder Pig Show (Show Arena) Livestock

Sunday, July 19

9:00 AM Tack May be Removed Livestock
 9:00 AM Horse Show Rain Date (Horse Arena) Livestock
 9:00 AM-12:00 PM First Security Day - Free Water & Swag Office
 9:00 AM-5:30 PM Exhibits Building Open Exhibits Building Open Class (Deb Lukensmeyer)
 9:30AM Old Fashioned Farming Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 10:00 AM-9:00 PM Commercial Exhibits Open Commercial & Marketplace Buildings Commercial
 10:00 AM Sold Out Ice Cream Stand Open (Toppings) Ice Cream Stand/On Grounds
 10:00 AM Farm Chore Relays (Show Arena) Livestock
 10:00 AM Worship Service Van Wall Tent On Grounds
 10:00 AM-8:00 PM North Central Model Railroad Club Open Railroad Club Railroad Club
 11:00 AM Read & Roam Pleasant Hill Office
 12:00 PM Bucket of Junk Silent Auction Bidding Closes 4-H
 12:00 PM 5:00 PM Carnival (Gold Star Amusements) Commercial (Alan)
 12:00 PM 4:00 PM Franklin Farmhands Grandpa's Farm FFA Chapter
 12:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 12:00 PM-4:00 PM Ag Learning Center Pleasant Hill Rodney & Lacey (Farm Bureau help)
 1:00 PM Iowa Draft Horse Overload Pull Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 1:00 PM-7:00 PM Knights Of Columbus BINGO Marketplace Building Knights Of Columbus (Jim Davies)
 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Live Music by Jack Jensen Mort's Water Gazebo On Grounds
 2:00 PM 3:00 PM Science Fair at the Fair Exhibits Building 4-H
 2:30 PM Horse Powered Threshing Demo Grandpa's Farm Grandpa's Farm
 2:30 PM Blacksmith Demo Pleasant Hill On Grounds
 3:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 4:00 PM Chainsaw Sculpture Auction East of Commercial Building On Grounds
 4:30 PM Grandstand Gates & Beer Garden Open Entertainment
 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Youth Exhibits Released 4-H
 5:30 PM Muddy Mayhem (Figure 8 Races) Entertainment
 5:30 PM Open Class Exhibits Released Exhibits Building Open Class (Deb Lukensmeyer)
 6:00 PM Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show North Fairground On Grounds
 Before 9:00 AM All Blocking Chutes MUST be Removed Livestock

PRINCE/PRINCESS: FROM PAGE 3

Velasco enjoys many of the attractions the fair has to offer. He said he is most looking forward to riding the Tornado and has already enjoyed eating a corn dog. He is also active in Clover Kids, where he exhibited flower photography and a Lego project at this year's fair. Outside of the fair, Velasco enjoys swimming at the Hampton Aquatic Center and hopes to become a professional soccer player.

Sharing the spotlight was Lucille Mollenbeck, who was crowned the 2026 Franklin County Fair Princess.

Mollenbeck will serve as a youth ambassador for the fair, representing the fair during events and greeting fairgoers. Her selection recognizes her enthusiasm for the Franklin County Fair and her involvement in the activities throughout the fair.

Together, Velasco and Mollenbeck

will represent the fair's young royalty, helping celebrate the traditions that bring families and communities together each summer.



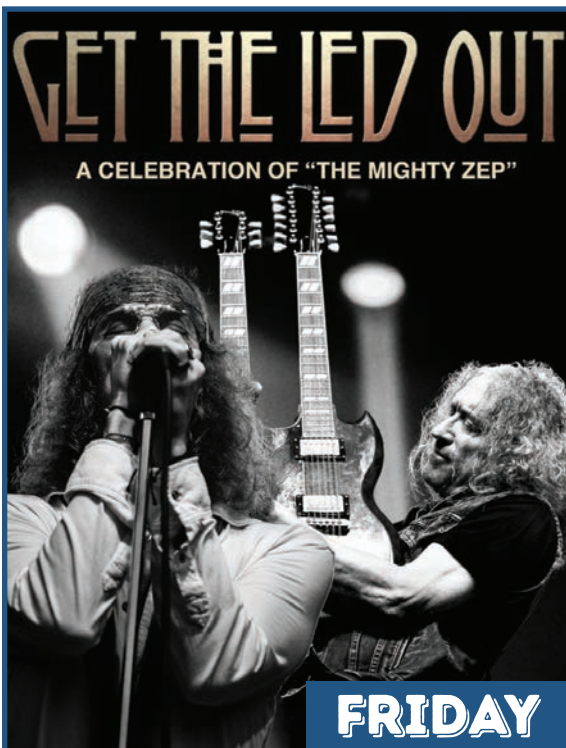
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Friday, 8:30 pm



Check out the acclaimed American country music singer, songwriter, and television personality. Best known for hits like "That's What I Love About Sunday" and "Redneck Yacht Club."

Saturday, 8:30 pm



Strap in and hold on — Muddy Mayhem is bringing the dirt, the noise, and the heart-pounding excitement of Figure 8 racing to the Franklin County Fair grandstand!

Figure 8 racing is one of the most uniquely thrilling forms of motorsport you'll ever witness. Cars blast around a track that literally crosses itself at the center, meaning drivers aren't just racing the clock — they're racing each other through the intersection, trading paint and nerves every single lap. There's nothing else like it.

Sunday, 5:30 pm



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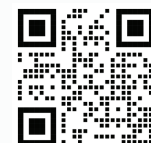


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Commercial Exhibits

A look at some of the vendors and organizations featured inside the Commercial Exhibits Building.
Photos by Elian Trevino.



Jon Caspers with West Fork Food Pantry.



Marianne Carolan with her businesses Fingers & Toes and Color Street.



Donnis Borchering with Country Heritage Inn.



Arthur, Scarlett, and Beatrice Card and Zac Nuzum with Reborn Ranch.



Karli Hansen and her friend with Heartland Co-Op



Kelly Guty and Chance Wahl with Mort's Water Company and Mort's Plumbing and Heating.



Britta Dimler a distributor for Young Living Essential Oils.



Ruth Tapp and Elisa Van Wert with Franklin County Tourism and the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.



Brenda Nichols and Sherry Sanders with Mulford Bros.



Keira Myers and Elizabeth Brinkman with Sukup Inc.