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School board special election July 16, Mick interview, no response from Rider

Marion County Messenger reached out to both candidates running for the vacant position on the Knoxville school board. Those candidates are Dylan Mick and Tony Rider. We reached out to both on Tuesday, June 25th. We did not receive a response from Rider. Mick's responses are below.

Please educate yourself but most importantly, get out there and vote on July 16th for the future of Knoxville's students.

The questions asked by Marion County Messenger will be preceded by "MCM" while candidate Dylan Mick's responses will have "DM."

MCM: Why are you

running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?

DM: To put kids and teachers first and to be a bridge between our community and our school district

MCM: Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education?

DM: Our school has suffered from open enrollments out, I'd like to find ways to retain good staff and keep students in our district for their entire academic career.

MCM: What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board member?

DM: For 10 years post college graduation I worked in the financial industry and the last 7 years I have worked in HR. Both these careers have provided me with skills and experiences to help navigate the current financial environment schools face as well as our staffing and personnel goals.

MCM: In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?

DM: I've worked at the school since 2010 as a Boys soccer and basketball coach

MCM: Why should you be elected to the Board of Education?

DM: My goals are to put
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Sinkhole swallows road

The sinkhole near 135th Pl was first discovered in April of 2023. Initial repairs were provided by Bruening Rock Products, Inc. They were found liable after an investigation by Marion County found the original sinkhole was result of limestone mining in the area. The sinkhole reformed in early June and has since expanded across the entire road. 135th Pl has remained closed since last spring. County officials urge citizens to stay away from the area due to safety hazards.

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"Wish" will soon have a new home at the Blank Park Zoo petting zoo.

Reid to auction "Wish" to benefit Make-A-Wish Iowa

By Riley Reid
With the Marion County Fair this week, this means my Supervised Ag Experience project is almost over. My SAE has been raising a market goat named "Wish." I will be selling it to raise money for Make-A-Wish Iowa. My goat was originally going to be sold at the

Marion County fair auction. Plans have now changed, and Wish will be sold on SC Online, as a fundraiser. This is online, and will last all day. The proceeds from the goat will go directly to Make-A-Wish Iowa. The goat will then be donated to the petting zoo, at Black Park Zoo. This online sale will take place on July 18 all

day long. Make-A-Wish Iowa is an amazing organization that has benefited so many children with a life threatening medical condition. Over 300 children in Iowa are waiting for their wish in Iowa. This "wish" for a child can help improve the mental

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White flag pass nets Scott Bogucki first ever Knoxville 410 win! Pleasantville's Sawyer Phillips wins first 360 main in seven years



410 winner Scott Bogucki (center), 360 winner Sawyer Phillips (right) & Pro Sprint winner Chase Young (left).

By Bill Wright

KNOXVILLE, Iowa (July 6, 2024) – Scott Bogucki won an electric feature Saturday at the Nolan Wren Memorial Presented by Higher View Enterprise, Inc. at the Knoxville Raceway. The driver from McLaren Vale in South Australia shot by Aaron Reutzel coming

for the white flag to win \$6,000 aboard the Liebig Motorsports #10. Sawyer Phillips nailed down the 360 main event. It was the fourth win in the class for the Pleasantville, Iowa native, but the first in seven years. Altoona's Chase Young won for the second time this year in the Pro Sprints class, and

the fourth time in his career.

Dusty Zomer led lap one of the 20-lap 988 Lifeline 410 A main ahead of Reutzel, Sawyer Phillips, Brian Brown and Austin McCarl. Brown and Bogucki quickly moved into third and fourth before Kaleb Johnson stopped with a throttle problem four laps in. At the same time, Brown relinquished his third place run when his right rear tire went flat.

Reutzel shot out on the restart on the high side and cruised by Zomer in turn three to take the lead. Kelby Watt spun with a flat tire five laps in to set up another restart. Bogucki jumped at the chance to move by Zomer into second on lap seven, and Gio Scelzi and Rico Abreu moved into the top five on lap eight. Scelzi continued his strong run on the high side, grabbing third from Zomer with nine to go.

Bogucki reeled in Reutzel as the pair entered traffic with four to go, but could not make the pass. Things really jammed up with two to go, as Scelzi joined the battle for the lead. Coming for the white flag, Bogucki made his winning move on

the low side in heavy traffic.

He was able to come home for his first career 410 win here ahead of Reutzel, Scelzi, Abreu and Zomer. Austin McCarl, Emerson Axsom, Sawyer Phillips, Carson McCarl and Garet Williamson rounded out the top ten. Abreu set quick time over the 39-car field after drawing the last pill. Zeb Wise, Jamie Ball, Kaleb Johnson and Matt Juhl won heats. Chase Randall claimed the B main.

"I can't thank my guys enough," said Bogucki in Victory Lane. "It's twelve hours (from Rapid City) one way and they do this week in and week out. This one is for them. I messed up a couple of laps, and then I got a run on Aaron. I let him see me, and he covered and did what he had to do. We got in lapped traffic, and honestly, I could run it in deeper and deeper the longer the race went on. The car was great and made my job easy. I finally got the boys one!"

Terry McCarl suffered from throttle linkage problems all night long, and he retired before a lap could be completed in the 18-lap 360 feature. Aaron Reutzel led early once the race went green, ahead of Sawyer Phillips, AJ Moeller, Kade Higday and Ryan Leavitt. Phillips had the bottom dialed in, however, and shot by Reutzel to take the point on lap two.

Higday rode the cushion to third on lap six, and Ball followed him into fourth a circuit later. Reutzel pursued the leader, but tangled with the lapped car of Brant O'Banion with eight to go, ending both of their nights. Phillips led Higday, Ball, Moeller and Leavitt back to green.

Phillips held off Higday to take the win, with Ball, Leavitt and Clint Garner trailing. Ryan Giles, Riley Goodno, Joe Beaver, Kaleb Johnson and Cam Martin completed the top ten. Reutzel set quick time over the 35-car field. Ball, Martin, Christopher Thram and Beaver won heats. Timothy Smith won the B main. Ben Brown crashed in hot laps. He was uninjured, but done for the night.

"It was a busy week in the shop," said Phillips, who crashed hard here a week ago. "The 360 has had speed and I've really qualified well

the last two years, we just haven't been able to race well. I just wish I could have been able to race Reutzel for that win. He's the best in the 360 right now, and I was looking forward to racing him for the win."

The 15-lap Pro Sprints feature went non-stop. Chase Young took the lead from the start from the pole, ahead of Mike Mayberry, Brandon Worthington, Rob Kubli and J Kinder, who advanced from tenth on lap one. Kubli snagged third from Worthington on lap two.

Young was into lapped traffic on lap eleven, and that's when Kinder went into action. He passed for fourth with four to go, third with two to go and used the high side to move by Mayberry coming for the white flag into second.

Young maintained his advantage to seal the \$800 prize. Kinder, Mayberry, Kubli and Worthington followed. AJ Johnson, Josh Jones, Matt Allen, Devin Kline and Toby Mosher completed the top ten. Allen set quick time for the sixth straight week, tying Jerry Hayes (1960) for that honor. Kody Hildreth and Kinder won the heats.

"You were going to have to go around me," said Young of his drive. "I was going to hold the bottom as tight as possible. We were the last car out there, because in the heat race, we had zero brakes. We got lucky with the invert (four) for once. We spent the whole time changing the caliper and changing the brakes. We really didn't get a chance to work on the car."

Join us Saturday, July 13 for Van Wall Night at the Marion County Fair! The 988 Lifeline 410's, the 360's the Pro Sprints will all be back in action! For more information on the Knoxville Raceway and the Marion County Fair visit us online at www.KnoxvilleRaceway.com!

410 A main (started), 20 Laps, NT: 1. Scott Bogucki (5); 2. Aaron Reutzel (4); 3. Gio Scelzi (7); 4. Rico Abreu (8); 5. Dusty Zomer (1); 6. Austin McCarl (3); 7. Emerson Axsom (9); 8. Sawyer Phillips (2); 9. Carson McCarl (11); 10. Garet Williamson (12); 11. Tasker Phillips (14); 12. Chase Randall (21); 13. Kerry Madsen (17); 14. Zeb Wise

(15); 15. Lynton Jeffrey (13); 16. Justin Henderson (10); 17. Brian Brown (6); 18. Chris Martin (19); 19. Cory Eliason (22); 20. Matt Juhl (20); 21. Don Droud Jr. (23); 22. Kelby Watt (24); 23. Jamie Ball (16); 24. Kaleb Johnson (18). Lap Leaders: Zomer 1-4, Reutzel 5-18, Bogucki 19-20. Hard-charger: Randall.

360 A main (started), 18 Laps, NT: 1. Sawyer Phillips (2); 2. Kade Higday (3); 3. Jamie Ball (5); 4. Ryan Leavitt (6); 5. Clint Garner (7); 6. Ryan Giles (12); 7. Riley Goodno (10); 8. Joe Beaver (13); 9. Kaleb Johnson (16); 10. Cam Martin (15); 11. Tony Rost (9); 12. Jack Anderson (22); 13. Tasker Phillips (19); 14. Christopher Thram (17); 15. Cole Garner (18); 16. Hank Davis (8); 17. Timothy Smith (21); 18. Chase Brown (23); 19. AJ Moeller (1); 20. Nathan Mills (20); 21. Aaron Reutzel (4); 22. Brant O'Banion (24); 23. Tyler Groenendyk (11); 24. Terry McCarl (14). Lap Leaders: Reutzel 1, S. Phillips 2-18. Hard-charger: Jack Anderson.

Pro Sprint A main (started), 15 Laps, 4:42.9: 1. Chase Young (1); 2. J Kinder (10); 3. Mike Mayberry (2); 4. Rob Kubli (3); 5. Brandon Worthington (6); 6. AJ Johnson (5); 7. Josh Jones (12); 8. Matt Allen (4); 9. Devin Kline (7); 10. Toby Mosher (11); 11. Jeff Wilke (9); 12. Ryan Navratil (13); 13. Kody Hildreth (8); 14. Bob Hildreth (14). Lap Leader: Young 1-15. Hard-charger: Kinder.

Unofficial Point Standings after July 6

410 Top 10
1. Aaron Reutzel 2989
2. Austin McCarl 2967
3. Carson McCarl 2524
4. Dusty Zomer 2399
5. Chase Randall 2363
6. Lynton Jeffrey 2270
7. Matt Juhl 2165
8. Sawyer Phillips 2097
9. Tasker Phillips 2080
10. Kerry Madsen 2078

360 Top 10
1. Jamie Ball 2675
2. Clint Garner 2394
3. Jade Higday 2351
4. Ryan Giles 2196
5. Tyler Gorenendyk 2185
6. Terry McCarl 2060
7. Joe Beaver 2042
8. Ryan Leavitt 1976
9. Jack Anderson 1864
10. Cameron Martin 1851

Pro Sprints Top 10
1. Mike Mayberry 2510
2. J Kinder 2460
3. A.J. Johnson 2446
4. Chase Young 2410
5. Matt Allen 2364
6. Rob Kubli 2230
7. Brandon Worthington 1991
8. Josh Jones 1931
9. Toby Mosher 1928
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Trenton Mohn (left) and Dane Gullion (center).

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Marion County boys compete at National State Shoot

Last August, Bullets and Bows had approximately 12 members from the Marion County 4-H travel to Montezuma to compete in the 4-H state shoot. Only 4 kids from the state of Iowa could go to National State Shoot for individual shotgun team. There were other kids from Iowa for bow, muzzleloaders, air rifle, etc. That day we had 2 of our very own Marion County kids make the team for shotgun.

Dane Gullion from Knoxville and Trenton Mohn from Pella. They are both members of the Bullets and Bows and also the White Breast Beavers 4-H

group. Both the boys also participate on the school shooting teams. Dane competes with Knoxville High School and Trenton competes with Pella High School.

The other two boys that were on the team were Andrew Hughes from Page County and Cael Mess from Scott County. The shooting instructor for the team was Dale Pike.

The boys made the trip to Grand Island, Nebraska the week of June 23-28. The results are as followed:

As a Team
Sporting clays they ranked 21 out of 32
Skeet they ranked 21 out of 32

Trap they ranked 5 out of 32

As Individuals
Sporting Clays Trenton ranked 63 out of 129

Sporting Clays Dane ranked 115 out of 129
Skeet Trenton ranked 28 out of 129

Skeet Dane ranked 108 out of 129

Trap Trenton Ranked 7 out of 129

Trap Dane Ranked 51 out of 129

The family and friends of Dane and Trenton are very proud of how they did. We wanted to share this as we did have several people donate money towards their trip and the cost of this and wanted to say thank you. This is a life time accomplishment.



Knoxville Community Foundation donates to Knoxville Federated Garden Club

The Knoxville Community Foundation has donated \$10,000 to the Knoxville Federated Garden Club for the new water feature at the Bessie Spaur Butterfly Garden.

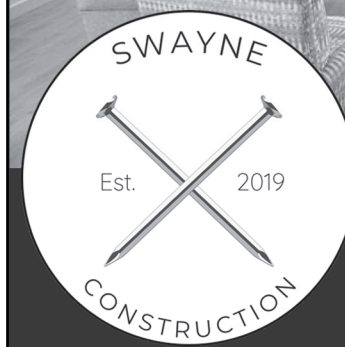
The award was given as

part of their 2024 Project Funding program.

Community Foundation President Aaron Fuller said while the plants and flowers are not planted and the lights are not installed yet, the rocks and water feature

is a beautiful addition to the hospital property. This project was completed just outside the new Don and Margaret Long Infusion Center at Knoxville Hospital and Clinics.

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Asparagus Peaches

Thursday, July 11: Taco
Burger on Bun Lettuce/
Tomato Slice Santa Fe Rice
and Beans Tropical Fruit

Friday, July 12: Egg
Salad Sandwich Fruit Salad
Tomato Cucumber Salad
Mandarin Orange Dessert

Monday, July 15: Beef
Burrito Spanish Rice
Black Bean Mango Salsa
Tomatoes & Lettuce Tortilla
Chips Pineapple

Tuesday, July 16: Sweet
and Sour Chicken Fried
Rice Oriental Vegetables
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, July 17:
Breaded Pork Fritter French
Fries Lettuce Salad Berry
Cup

Thursday, July 18:
Creamy Italian Chicken
Buttered Noodles Broccoli
Applesauce

Friday, July 19: Ham
Salad Sandwich Lettuce
& Tomato Veggie Pasta
Salad Dried Fruit Mix Rice

Krispie Bar

Monday, July 22: Omelet
Hash Browns Peppers,
Onions & Mushrooms
Muffin Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, July 23: Maidrite
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Celery Sticks Fruit Cocktail
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Wednesday, July 24:
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Thursday, July 25:
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Friday, July 26: Frozen
Dinner that meets the
recommended dietary
allowances Will be delivered
Tuesday

Monday, July 29: Baked
Fish Baked Potato Zucchini
& Tomatoes Berry Cup
Dessert Bar

Tuesday, July 30:
Creamy Pesto Turkey Bake
Friendship Garden Salad
Breadstick Cantaloupe

Wednesday, July 31:
BBQ Pulled Pork Baked
Beans Coleslaw Grapes

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July Nature Notes: And..It's Summer



Tiger swallowtail on the very fragrant wild bergamot.

Can you believe it is already July? The sporadic weather has so many of us confused, but always be certain, nature will do its "thing". Enjoy the magnificent insects this month. The prairies are blooming, and the flowers will be dancing with butterflies and amazing insects!

July's full Buck Moon will appear on July 21, 2024. This moon is called The Buck Moon because the antlers of male deer (bucks) are in full-growth mode. They are magnificent to see all covered in velvet. According to the Almanac, there are several other names given to the month's Moon, including the Feather Molting Moon and the Salmon Moon. There are so many names given to this

moon that reference animals, plants, and weather.

Most songbirds have nested and fledged except Iowa's State bird that waits until late July to early August to nest. Their cup-shaped nest is made of many plant fibers, thistle down, spider webs, and caterpillar web strands. Their favorite food sources are seeds that come from flowers that we call composites (the head of the flower brings together several tiny florets, so that they look like just one large flower). These types of flowers become more abundant in the late summer, such as sunflowers, coneflowers, asters, chicory, ironweed, black-eyed Susan's, and goldenrod.

The young bald eagles of the year are being seen

trying out their wings and hunting skills. For some, we call this the "toddler" stage, unpredictable and a little clumsy. It's great to see the eagle families out and about again.

The prairies will be bursting with color this month as the blazing star, pale-purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susan's, compass plants, and Rattlesnake master are swaying the prairie breeze.

The common milkweed bloomed heavily in June, the purple milkweeds, butterfly weed, whorled and swamp milkweed are, or will be blooming soon within the prairies and roadsides. Monarch eggs and caterpillars are continuing into their second generation. Numerous insect species, and hummingbirds can be found around all types of milkweed.

The buttonbush and wild bergamot will be teaming with butterflies this month. These plants are amazing at attracting our beautiful insects.

Numerous butterflies are being spotted, and more will flourish with the summer flower bloom. Here is a list of some that have been located around the area and the banks of Red Rock: Black

swallowtails, common buckeyes, monarchs, painted ladies, red admirals, American ladies, orange sulphur, cabbage whites, summer azures, gray coppers, E.-tailed blues, viceroy, Great Spangled fritillaries, American snout, and numerous species of skippers.

National Moth Week will be July 20-28, 2024. Always a good time to explore nighttime nature. Visit a prairie area, or a large area with fragrant flowers to watch the White-lined sphinx moths, clearwings, and other beauties through the day!

Wetlands and surrounding areas are a great place to discover some of our most unique and ancient insects. Our real-life dragons and damsels are amazing insects that benefits the natural world and assist humans with valuable information about the environment. To begin with, the earliest fossils discovered from Upper Carboniferous (Pennsylvanian) sediments in Europe formed about 325 million years ago. The dragonflies and damselflies are a vital part of the aquatic food chain and are predators of mosquitoes and other pests. Spending much of their life under the water in a larval stage where it molts numerous times (approx. 6-15 times) the larvae development can vary from one to six years. Keeping track of some of the most interesting insects has been a big part of citizen science and has been most helpful in learning about climate change, dragonfly migration, and noting areas of thriving and/or declining species. And, most of all... they are just cool!

Oh! Don't forget to listen for the song of the annual cicadas in camouflage and keep watch over the fireflies!

Enjoy your summer, more next month!

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July 11 Dyer-Hudson Judging 9 am-2 pm
 July 11 Open Class Drop off from 2-6:00 pm at East door of Dyer Hudson

FRIDAY, JULY 12
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6:00 Earliest livestock may arrive at Fairgrounds.
 8:00 Check In for Dog Obedience Show
 8:30 Dog Show
 9:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Opens
 9:00 Fruit & Grains, Seeds, Vegetables & Herbs Judging - Dept. C & D Open Class
 10:00 Flower Arrangement Group 1 & Children's Judging Dept E Open Class
 11:00 Textiles Judging - Dept. F - Open Class
 Noon Bucket of Flowers Silent Auction, Bids Open, Dyer-Hudson Kids Craft Corner - Tent Area
 1:00 Arts, Crafts & Photo Judging - Dept. A - Open Class
 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Coloring Contest
 3&5 Absolutely Jim
 3 - 6 Open Skate - Skate Pit
 5-5:30 Goats in place and goat check-in and weigh-in
5:30 NO TRAILERS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS
 5:30 All Swine in Place
 5:30 Concert Gates Open
 5:30-6 Dairy Check in - Exhibitors must be present during check in
7:00 Cooper Alan, Ashley Cooke and Dylan Schneider Concert
 8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

SATURDAY, JULY 13
Today's Sponsor:



7:00 Sheep in Place; Check-in & Weigh-in
 7:30-8:30 Poultry Check-in
 8:00 Beef in Place
 8-9 Beef Check-in & Weigh-in
 8:30 Rabbits in Place
 8:30-9:30 Rabbit Check-in
 9:00 Meat Goat Show - Show Pavilion
 9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open
 10:00 All Horses in Place
 10:00 Bottle Animals
 10:30 Culinary Judging, Dept. B - Open Class
 11:00 Horse Trail Classes - Horse Arena
 12- 2 Face Painting by Knoxville FFA
 12:30 Pitch Tournament
 12:30 Kiwanis Kiddie Tractor Pull - Registration
 1:00 Kiwanis Kiddie Tractor Pull
 1-2 Dairy Check in - Exhibitors must be present during check in
 1:30 Skill-A-Thon Check-in
 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Loved it, Liked it, Tried it
 2-4 Skill-A-Thon
 2 & 4 Absolutely Jim
 2-8 Toby the Balloon Dude
 3-6 Open Skate
 3:00 Check in Pet & Cat Show, Show Pavilion

3:30 Pet Show & Cat Show, Pavilion
 4:30-5:30 Bingley Building-Rubber Band Cars
 6:45 Sprint Car Races, (4-H Night), Introductions of Fair Queen
 8:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Close



SUNDAY, JULY 14
Today's Sponsor:



6:00 Swine Weigh-in
 8:00 Church Service - Columbia Methodist Church - Show Pavilion
 8:30 Horse Show, Horse Arena
 9:00 Carcass Scanning Beef, Sheep and Goats
 9:00 Clover Kid Pet Show Check-in
 9:15 Clover Kid Pet Show
 10:00 Clover Kid Bottle Lamb Check-in
 10-11 Bingley Building-Cloverkids Coding with Beebots
 10:15 Clover Kid Bottle Lamb Show
 11:00 Open bucket Bottle Lamb Class
 11:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open
 11:00 Skid Steer Rodeo Sign-up - Farm Bureau Tent
 11:00 Farm Bureau Partners of Choice Displays:



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11:00 Knoxville Rural Fire Department Display
 11:30-1 Marion County Cattlemen Lunch - Show Pavilion
 12:00 Kids Craft Corner - Tent Area
 12:00 Clover Kid Bottle Calf Check-in
 12:15 Clover Kid Bottle Calf Show
 12- 2 Face Painting by Knoxville FFA
 12-6 Toby the Balloon Dude
 1:00 Open Class Bucket Calf Show
 1:00 Farm Bureau Event - Under grandstand
 - Free kids activities
 - Free root beer floats
 1:00 Bingo - Bingley Building
 1:00 Farm Bureau Skid Steer Rodeo Operated by Bandstra Farms
 1:00 Horticulture Judging - Dept. E - Open Class
 2&4 Absolutely Jim
 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Sprouting up Science
 2-3:30 4-H Awards Presentation-Show Pavilion
 2:30 Baby Contest Registration, Dyer-Hudson
 3:00 Baby Contests, Dyer-Hudson
 3-6 Open Skate
 4-5:3 Little Hands on the Farm
 4:30 Pee-Wee Showmanship
 7:00 Duckworth Rodeo - Infield
 8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

2024 Marion County Fair Program

MONDAY, JULY 15
Today's Sponsor:



- 7:00 Agriland FS Breakfast Feed-Show Pavilion
- 8:00 Sheep Show
- 9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open
- 10-2 Toby the Balloon Dude
- 11-12 Bingley Building-Blender Bike Challenge
- 10:00 Flower Arrangements Group 2 Judging Dept E Open Class
- 12:00 Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area
- 12- 2 Face Painting by Knoxville FFA
- 2&4 Absolutely Jim
- 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Color Monster
- 2:30 Notification deadline for.....SELLING MARKET Animals
- 3:00 Poultry Show- Poultry barn
- 3-6 Open Skate
- 4-5 Bingley Building-Trivia Challenge
- 7:00 Impact Pro Professional Wrestling- Show Pavilion
- 7:00 Fun Horse Show
- 8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close



TUESDAY, JULY 16
Today's Sponsor:



- 7:00 Rabbit Show in Rabbit barn
- 8:00 Beef Show, Show Pavilion (Breeding Cow/Calf , Market)
- 9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open
- 10-2 Toby the Balloon Dude
- Noon Beef by Marion County Cattlemen's Assoc. in 4-H Concession Stand
- 12:00 Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area
- 12- 2 Face Painting by Knoxville FFA
- 1:00 4-H Bucket Calf Show
- 4-H Bucket Lamb & Goat Show
- Immediately following 4-H Bucket Calf Show
- 1&3 Absolutely Jim
- 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Art Mistakes
- 3-4 Bingley Building-Explore Drones
- 3:30 Dairy Show Cattle & Goats
- 3-6 Open Skate
- 4:30 Barn Yard Olympics

- 5:30 Bucket of Flowers Silent Auction Ends – pick up @ Dyer-Hudson
- 7:00 Demo Derby-Grand Stand
- 8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
Today's Sponsor:



- 8:00 Swine Show- Show Pavilion
- 9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open
- 10-12 Bingley Building-Breakout Boxes
- 12:00 Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area
- 1:00 4-H Foundation
- 1&3 Absolutely Jim
- 1-2 Bingley Building-Houseplant Propagation
- 1:15-4 4-H Exhibits released- Dyer-Hudson exhibits must be removed for exhibitors to receive premium.
- 2:00 Livestock Costume contest, Show Pavillion
- 2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-Oil Spill Clean Up
- 2-6 Open Class Exhibits Released - **Report to East door of Dyer Hudson**
- 3-6 Open Skate
- 4:00 4-H State Fair Dyer Hudson Exh. Mtg. Dyer Hudson
- 5:00 Dyer-Hudson Closes
- 5-7 Appreciation Dinner –Show Pavilion, Marion County Bankers Association
- 6:00 4-H Foundation Recognition Events, Show Pavilion
- Senior Member Recognition
- Parade of Champions/Winners
- 4-H Bucket of Junk Auction
- 30 minutes after 4-H Recognition Events**
- All Non-Market Animals Released

THURSDAY, JULY 18
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- 7:30 Buyers' Appreciation Breakfast and Registration, Show Pavilion
 - 8:30 Livestock Sale, Show Pavilion
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- All Livestock Exhibits Must Be Removed 1 Hour After The Sale Ends**

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Sworn in

Knoxville's newest officer, Matthew Eagleton was sworn in by Mayor Brian Hatch at the city council meeting on Monday, July 01.



Royalty Crowned

The 2024 Marion County Fair Queen, King and Jr. Princess were crowned June 22nd at Dyer Hudson Hall. Selected to be the 2024 Fair Queen was Marley Larson of Knoxville, Dillion Hall, Knoxville was chosen as the inaugural Fair King and Aliana Pearson, Knoxville was selected as the Jr. Princess.

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Mick for school board, no response from Rider, special election July 16

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our kids, teachers, and community's best interests first. I am close to the school district in multiple ways and my experiences make me an ideal candidate to best serve our district.

MCM: What differentiates you from the other candidates and/or board members?

DM: My experience, my goals, and my reasons for wanting to serve. My relationships with teachers, students and my place within the community.

MCM: What do you see as the primary work of the

board of education?

DM: To create an environment with a shared vision to provide excellence to the students of the Knoxville community.

MCM: What is a school board member's role and responsibility? How does that role differ from the role of the superintendent or administration?

DM: To review policy, serve as a voice for the community, and hold the district accountable to accomplish the goals that serve our kids.

MCM: What is the best way to address differences

of opinion on the board or between the board and the administration? **DM:** Open honest and concise communication. Being approachable as well as collaborative to find common ground among differences.

MCM: Given all the issues that arise, how can the board stay focused on student achievement?

DM: By continually making sure the topics and issues at hand are viewed from a "how does this serve kids" perspective.

MCM: How does a school board balance the need to

provide a quality education with the need to respond to the local taxpayer burden?

DM: By being fiscally responsible as well as being aware of the impact and tax implications of their decisions. Strong communication with local government to best understand these things is a way to make sure this goal is met.

MCM: How many terms are you planning to serve?

DM: So long as the community supports and wants to have me on the board will proudly serve the best interests of our kids.

Iowa Realty Knoxville to attempt to fill a pickup truck with donations for the Marion County Humane Society

What: Fill Randy's Truck for the Marion County Humane Society - Supply Drive and Pet Meet & Greet

Who: Iowa Realty - Knoxville and the Marion County Humane Society

When: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 8am to 11pm
Where: Knoxville Farmer's Market, Knoxville Square

The Marion County Humane Society is a local non-profit that provides shelter and care for homeless dogs and cats in our county, and they are currently at capacity and in great need of a variety of supplies and funds for medical care for the animals at the shelter.

To help meet this need, for the second year, the Realtors at Iowa Realty Knoxville will be spearheading an effort to 'Fill Randy's Truck' with donations for the MCHS at the Knoxville Farmer's Market on the Square, Saturday, July 13th from 8am to 11am. MCHS will bring wsome adoptable furry friends for the public to meet.

Community members are invited to drop off donations of pet food and treats, litter, and other supplies (see the MCHS wishlist at: <https://www.marioncountyhuma>

[.org/wish-list-items](https://www.marioncountyhuma.org/wish-list-items)). Cash donations are also welcome to fund spay and neuter efforts and medical care for the animals taking shelter there.

The effort began last year when Randy Chambers, one of the Realtors with Iowa Realty, decided he wanted to help out the homeless pets in the name of his beloved rat terrier, Maggie. Sadly, Maggie passed away earlier this year, which makes the event even more meaningful for Chambers. Last year's event was a big success,

and the realtors were happy to deliver a large quantity of supplies to the local pet shelter.

Randy will be there on Saturday to help load up this year's donations, along with the rest of the agents at Iowa Realty Knoxville, and they hope to be able to fill the back of the pickup!

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Water tower at former VA campus demolished

The skyline has again been altered on the west side of the city of Knoxville. The iconic baby blue water tower was torn down on Monday, July 01.

The original plan was to keep the water tower standing as a symbol of what once was. Knoxville Mayor Brian Hatch released a statement regarding the water tower.

“After many discussions with potential developers and contractors, it became clear that due to the condition and location of the water tower in relationship

to future development, it was in the best interest of the city and county to remove the water tower while we had an opportunity to do so. Just like the entire former campus area, it is always difficult to see pieces of our past removed, but it is important and exciting to focus on the new life and vibrancy that new development in that area will bring. I hope this first phase of housing, paired with the new splash pad park, serves as a perfect example of that new life.”

Knoxville City Manager

Heather Ussery had this to say about the change of plans.

“It’s just been more and more apparent that the remaining of the water tower doesn’t fit with the overall future of our development. What might happen back there someday is still unknown at this time. Overall a non functioning water tower just doesn’t make sense within that. It could be some large safety hazards at some point as well.”

Knoxville Hospital & Clinics creates \$73.8 million impact on local economy in 2023

Last year, Knoxville Hospital & Clinics (KHC) generated 576 jobs that added \$31.2 million in total wages and \$73.8 million in total gross domestic product to Marion County’s economy, according to the latest study by the Iowa Hospital Association.

“Knoxville Hospital & Clinics contributes to the strength of our county’s economy in many ways and takes great pride in the vitality of our communities which is why it is so important to have a strong hospital,” said KHC CEO Kevin Kincaid. “One way we make a direct positive impact is with the number of area residents we employ and their salaries and benefits. It is important to us that we attract and retain qualified professionals who are committed to being a part of our communities, raising their families here, and sharing in the investment in the future of the area. Another way is caring for the health of our community. The programs

and services we offer are designed to help individuals in their efforts to manage their health conditions, and we take that responsibility very seriously.”

Overall, KHC helped create 2.9 percent of all jobs, 2.8 percent of all wages, and 3.5 percent of all gross domestic product in Marion County during the last 2023-2024 fiscal year. As a non-profit community hospital serving Marion County and the surrounding area, we take great pride in providing exceptional care close to home.

The study was compiled from hospital-submitted data to the American Hospital Association’s annual survey of hospitals. The study found that Iowa hospitals employed 137,841 people in 2023. As an income source, hospitals provided over \$9 billion in wages. Hospital expenses accounted for over \$21.3 billion of the state’s gross domestic product.

“Iowa’s hospitals and health systems implemented the programs and services

accounted for in this study in response to their communities’ needs,” IHA President and CEO Chris Mitchell said. “Many of these programs and services wouldn’t exist without hospital support and leadership. With IHA’s advocacy, these efforts help ensure the financial stability of hospitals, making it possible for them to provide the services and programs most needed by the people they serve.”

The Iowa Hospital Association is a voluntary membership organization representing the interests of hospitals and health systems to business, government, and consumer audiences.

Knoxville Hospital & Clinics is a non-profit community hospital serving Marion County and the surrounding area. Named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, KHC’s highly skilled medical staff and specialists provide personal, compassionate, and innovative quality health care to patients. For more information regarding this release and other happenings at Knoxville Hospital & Clinics, call Public Relations at (641) 842-1418.



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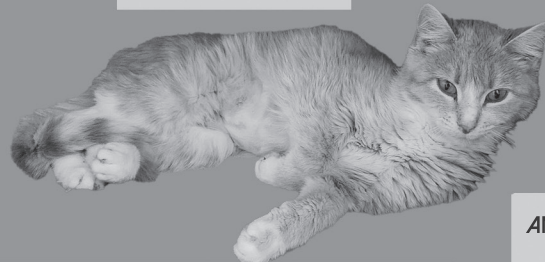


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Pleasantville Pig Out made possible with help of many

Festivities began Friday night, June 14 with bounce houses, a dime toss, 9 square, bags, food and beverages, a home run derby and live music.

Saturday started off with breakfast served by many different entities, the farmer's market in the park and the car show around the

town square. A wet morning didn't keep folks away.

The afternoon and evening brought a bags tournament, a barbecue contest with a freewill donation dinner provided by the contestants after judging, food trucks, and more live music.

All proceeds to the Pig Out go to the Jasper Street

Park Project and help keep this event coming back each year. The event is made possible by the Pleasantville Betterment Organization, sponsors and volunteers. More information and photos can be found on the Pleasantville Betterment Organization Facebook.

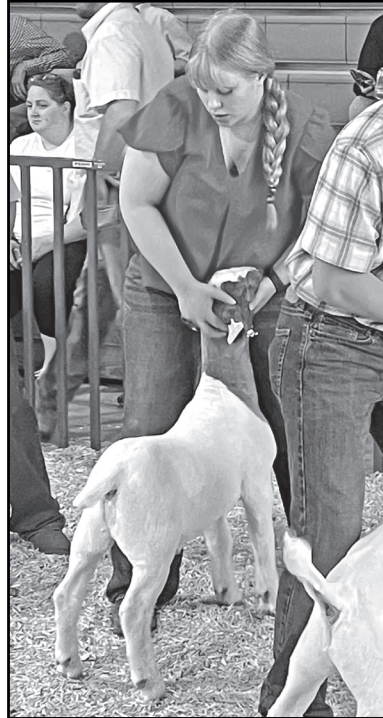
Board of Supervisors honor respected IT Director

The Marion County Board of Supervisors honored former Marion County IT Director Andrew Meyers with the reading of a proclamation and approval of a memorial picnic table at the June 25th meeting.

Meyers passed away in a

motorcycle accident in May. Supervisor Kisha Jahner read the proclamation during the meeting with Meyers family in attendance. The board also approved placement of a picnic table on the courthouse lawn honoring Meyers.

Meyers was well respected by his colleagues to citizens and a dedicated county employee and friend. The board hopes the picnic table will help citizens remember Meyers for years to come.



At left Riley shows her goat "Wish." At left Princess Riley is shown with Princess Belle while having her wish granted by the Make-A-Wish Iowa organization.

Reid to auction "Wish" to benefit Make-A-Wish Iowa

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health of the child and their family. The children are from age 3 to age 18. This organization is dear to my heart, as I am a wish child myself. I wanted to pay it forward to other children to grant their wish. I'm 16 years old and I am in

the Knoxville FFA chapter. The goat will be sold July 18 on SC Online. For more updates on my project there is a Facebook group called Riley Reid's SAE project for Make-A-Wish Iowa. If you want to see the goat, he will be at the Marion County Fair. The meat goat

show starts at 9:00 AM, Saturday July 13. If you want to help this cause, you can bid on the goat all day July 18th. The goat will be sold on July 18 as a fundraiser, then he will be donated to Black Park Zoo.

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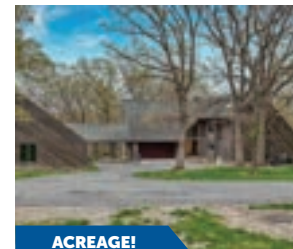
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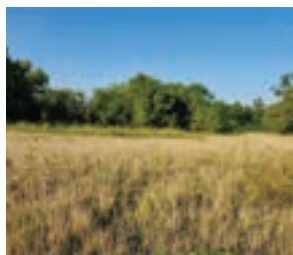


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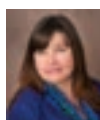
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