

Looking back to July 14, 2018

Written by Jonathan Wright

The following information was entered into the July 14, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

Germantown Fair is July 28; Adams County Fair ends today

The 164 annual Old Reliable Germantown Fair is set for July 28, at the Germantown Fairgrounds.

Kitten Gilligan, member of the Germantown Fair Board, said the fair is one of the oldest continuous fairs in the United States. Turnout for the fair is usually positive, she said, provided the weather is favorable, with most attending on Fridays and Saturdays.

The fair's main draw, Gilligan said, is usually between the baby shows, tractor pulls and livestock sales.

"It varies," Gilligan said. "The truck and tractor pulls are always a big pull. If it makes a lot of noise and throws a lot of dirt, it'll draw a crowd."

Some of the newer events also garner the interest of visitors. Gilligan mentioned the Central Kentucky Remote Control Pullers and lawn mower obstacle course as new events, having started a year ago, that are beginning to see a large turnout.

Gilligan said the fair also encourages visitors with its 'pay one price' of \$10 throughout the entirety of the fair. Families will also get a nice break with the fair's family fun night, where admission is half-priced on Tuesday, July 31.

The fair will begin on Saturday, July 28 with the swine show at 10 a.m. and the Howie Howe Memorial tractor pull and Germantown horse show at 7 p.m. Rides will not be available on that day.

On Monday, July 30 there will be a power tractor pull at 6:30 p.m., demolition derby, chicken rodeo, Miss Germantown Fair pageant and Little Miss and Mister pageant at 7:30 p.m. and the greased pig contest at 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31 will have floral hall entries from 8 a.m.- 2:45 p.m., Miss Teen and garden tractor pull at 7:30 p.m. and a cake auction at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 will have livestock showmanship at 5 p.m., KOI truck and quad drags at 7 p.m., Miss Pre-Teen Pageant and backseat driver contest at 7:30 p.m. and the backpack blower competition at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, August 2 there will be a livestock show at 9 a.m., tractor driving contest at 7 p.m., Battle of the Bluegrass pulling series and Baby Miss and Mister pageant at 7:30 p.m. and the Tiny Miss and Mister pageant at 8:15 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 3 will have novice livestock showmanship at 9 a.m., baby show at 6:45 p.m., livestock sale at 7 p.m. and the KITPA truck and tractor pull and lawn mower obstacle event at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 4 there will be the open Kentucky dairy and beef show, both at 10:30 a.m., Central Kentucky Remote Control Pullers at 4 p.m., corn hole tournament and nail driving contest at 7 p.m. and mud sling at 7:30 p.m.

The fair runs from July 30-Aug. 4. Rides open at 6 p.m. each day.

Adams County fair is also underway this week. According to Fair Board Secretary Lisa Edmisten, the fair has seen plenty of visitors.

"We've had beautiful weather, a lot of people, it's been great," she said.

Edmisten said usually the main events visitors flock to are the demolition derby, rodeo and the various 4H events and shows.

The final day of the fair is Saturday, July 14, with the gates opening at 7 a.m. Motorcycle mania, open horse show, election of fair board members and the demolition derby sign in start at noon, cloggers at 3 p.m., demolition derby at 7 p.m. and barnyard olympics at 8 p.m.

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sure they either catch up or finish for the year."

Underwood was impressed with the success of the restorative behavioral center in its first year.

"Even the kids who were more than a year behind were finished and caught up. So, when they go back in next fall, they are where they should be," Underwood said of the behavioral center's success this past school year.

Even to be accepted to attend programs at the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center in Georgetown as a junior and senior in high school a student must be caught up at the end of their sophomore year. So, being caught up on school work can open up numerous educational opportunities for high school students.

The restorative behavioral program lasts five hours on a school day and is for students ranging

from elementary school to a senior in high school.

Brown County Juvenile Court provides transportation for the students of the restorative behavioral center, so it's difficult to "skip out" on a school day.

Helping Hands has partnered with Brown County Juvenile Court to help provide lunches for the student.

"In five hours you're amazed at how much work they can accomplish," said Underwood.

Chronic absenteeism is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as "students missing 10-percent or more of school."

Chronic absenteeism arose as an even more serious challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The U.S. rate of chronic absenteeism reached around 31-percent in the 2021-2022 school year and decreased to 28-percent in the 2022-23 school year, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Ohio showed a 31-percent rate of chronic absenteeism for the 2022-23 school year.

Students who are chronically absent are much less likely to read at grade level and graduate high school, according to information provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Brown County Restorative Behavioral Center hopes to grow to be able to assist more students, but more space is needed and possibly more funding.

"If this continues to grow, we're looking at where we can put these kids," said Ashmore. "Moving forward, our concern is space."

Imagine a Brown County where every student who attends the five public school systems in the county is caught up in their school work and graduates from high school. That's the ultimate goal of the restorative behavioral center.

"Every kid should graduate, and this helps to make sure that happens," said Underwood.

For more information about the Brown County Restorative Behavioral Center and how to possibly assist the center, call (937) 378-6726.

HMH Radiology receives ACR accreditation in Mammography Services

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Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in 3-D Mammography Services by the American College of Radiology (ACR) following a recent peer-reviewed evaluation.

This accreditation applies to the hospital's FUJIFILM ASPIRE Cristalle with digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT) mammography system, a leading-edge technology designed to enhance image quality and improve workflow.

HMH has maintained ACR accreditation in mammography since 1998, with re-accreditation occurring every three years to ensure continued excellence in patient care and imaging services.

The ACR Gold Seal of Accreditation is the highest level of recognition for image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities that meet ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards, as determined by board-certified radiologists and medical physicists. Evaluation criteria include image quality, personnel qualifications, equipment adequacy, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs. The comprehensive report provided by the ACR Committee on Accreditation is used by facilities to drive

continuous improvement.

The American College of Radiology, founded in 1924, is a national organization representing more than 37,000 radiology professionals. The ACR is dedicated to advancing the practice and science of radiological care through education, accreditation, and research initiatives.

HMH installed its FUJIFILM ASPIRE Cristalle with DBT system in 2022, offering patients advanced 3-D breast imaging that improves the detection of abnormalities and supports early diagnosis.

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. Early detection significantly increases survival rates. Routine screening mammograms are recommended starting at age 40, or earlier for those with a family history of breast cancer. To schedule a mammogram at HMH, call (859) 235-3600.

The HMH Radiology Department offers a comprehensive range of imaging services for both adults and pediatric patients. The department is staffed by highly trained and licensed radiology technologists and experienced radiologists who provide accurate imaging and timely diagnoses. For more information about HMH Radiology Services, visit www.harrison-memhosp.com or contact the department directly at (859) 235-3559.

Kentucky taps the brakes on speeding this summer

Submitted by Marla Marrs
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FRANKFORT – As travel increases this summer, Kentuckians are encouraged to slow down, obey posted speed limits and help keep everyone on the road safe.

Speed limits are not merely suggestions; they are in place to protect everyone on the road. Driving over the speed limit greatly reduces a

driver's ability to react to unexpected situations, such as stopped traffic, road debris or encountering vulnerable road users such as highway workers, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists.

Speeding and aggressive driving are major contributors to roadway fatalities. In fact, approximately one-third of all traffic fatalities in Kentucky involve a speeding or aggressive driver. In response, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety (KOHs) is partnering with law enforcement agencies statewide to implement the "Not So Fast, Kentucky" speed awareness campaign through July 31.

"We want families to have a great time exploring all the beautiful things Kentucky has to offer this summer," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "But to keep everyone safe on the road, I'm asking all Kentuckians to slow down, stay focused and be patient with each other on the road. Together, we can prevent crashes and make sure everyone gets home safely."

Funds for the campaign are provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and distributed by KOHS

to law enforcement agencies that applied and were approved for full-year grants.

"With the summer construction season underway, we're asking drivers to be especially vigilant in work zones," added Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray. "Your choices behind the wheel affect more than just you – they impact your family, friends and everyone sharing the road. Let's work together to make Kentucky's roads safer this summer."

As construction season ramps up, drivers need to stay alert and use extra caution in work zones. A work zone is any part of the highway where government crews, contractors or utility companies are doing construction, repairs, resurfacing, inspections or maintenance. To keep everyone safe, slow down, watch for signs and stay alert.

Legislation passed last year (Senate Bill 107) increased fines for speeding and aggressive driving in work zones. In addition to fines of \$500 or more, drivers may even have their license revoked, depending on the violation. These tougher consequences are in place for a reason. Work zones

are active job sites where workers are often mere feet from traffic. Reduced speeds and attentive driving help to prevent crashes and protect everyone on the road.

The KOHS provides the following tips for dealing with speeding and/or aggressive drivers:

Wear your seat belt! It is your best defense against injury and death.

Do not challenge the driver by speeding up or attempting to hold your lane.

Give them plenty of space, as they may lose control of their vehicle more easily.

Avoid eye contact and ignore gestures.

If you can safely report an aggressive driver to law enforcement, provide a vehicle description, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel.

If an aggressive driver is following you, drive to a safe place such as the nearest police or fire station, gas station or other areas where there are people. Use your horn to get someone's attention. Do not get out of your car and do not drive home.

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