

Farming On Main set for June 14

The “On Main” series of events in downtown Tompkinsville will continue in June with the “Farming on Main” activities set to begin Saturday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m..

The Third Annual event, honoring Monroe County farmers will be held in downtown Tompkinsville with activities for all ages.

Cash prizes will be given in the hay bale throwing contest held on Second Street.

The pedal tractor parade will line up at South Central Bank at 6 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:30 p.m. down Main Street to the area where the

pedal tractor pull will begin following the parade.

The pedal pull feature classes for ages 3-8 (tractor will be provided for youth).

For the parade, children can travel in any way — pedal tractors, bicycles, power wheels and red wagons are welcome. (Parents will be asked to walk beside their child.)

A cruise in will be held (tractors and farm equipment welcome as well) between Becky’s Boutique and Tompkinsville Hearing. Cars and tractors can arrive beginning at 5 p.m.

Live music will feature Copper Canyon on Main Street from

5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with downtown shopping and food filling the evening.

Again this year, the H.A.M. Henderson Lodge Jeep Poker Run will also be held in conjunction with this year’s event. The sign in will begin at Sarge’s at 12 noon with check in and poker hands at 4:30 p.m.

Jeeps will line up in front the *Tompkinsville News* office with judging from 5-5:30 p.m. and winners announced between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

All proceeds of the Jeep run will benefit the Veterans Brigade and Community Kids Fund.

Registration still open for River Race

Pre-registration is still open for the 12th Annual Gamaliel Lions River Race, presented by Bugtussle Transportation on Saturday, June 14.

Pre-registration is available by sending all your information and payment via Venmo by using the QR code above at right.

One entry from all pre-registrations will be drawn for a free race.

This annual event features a kayak and

canoe race down East Fork Creek to Barren River. June 21 will be the alternative date in the event of bad weather, organizers note.

Last year was another record breaking year with even more entries expected this year.

To participate, be prepared to launch between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday at the East Fork Creek on Highway 87, one mile South of Gamaliel on SM Turner Road at



Drew Peden’s farm. Signs will be posted.

The annual event features a competition between kayaks and canoes, floating and racing down toward over the \$1,500 in prize money up for

Gamaliel River Race,

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The 9th annual basketball camp, held in memory of Molly Denise Harlin, saw over 100 youth of all ages learning the fundamentals of basketball in a county-wide two-day event. The Monroe County High School and Asbury College basketball stand out, Molly died in 2015 and her friends, family and former teammates have come together to hold the yearly camp to continue to share “Molly’s love for the sport with the camp encompassing everything Molly was passionate about,” her family noted.

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Several free classes available at Adult Ed

Several classes are available at the Monroe County Adult Education Center, located at the Monroe County Community Resource Center (formerly the old Tompkinsville High School Ag building). These classes are free-of-charge to all participants.

In addition to the normal classes for the General Education Development, or GED testing, several other opportunities are available.

Evening classes are available for reviewing basic skills, gaining employability skills, English as a Second Language are available. These, along with GED assistance are offered on Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Work Keys classes for obtaining a Kentucky

Career Readiness Certificate, are available. This certificate is an excellent credential for showcasing your abilities when seeking employment.

The Paraeducator Assessment is also administered by the staff at Adult Education. This assessment is a requirement for teacher’s aid position in Monroe County School System.

Literacy classes are also available, providing free one-on-one classes to help adults improve their reading skills. The learner works with a tutor at times convenient for the student. Those wishing to take advantage of the program, should call the center for confidential assistance.

An additional prep course is available for those wishing to take the ASVAB, or military

preparation test, to help increase skills/knowledge required. There are also postsecondary preparation classes including postsecondary entrance exams, financial aid and many other facets.

The free classes to prepare you for taking the GED test are offered by Adult Ed.

These, along with many other offerings, are available year-long for GED and college prep, from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Through the G.E.D. Ready Test program, the official G.E.D. test can be taken at Adult Ed to anyone who has passed the GED Practice Test.

For questions concerning classes, call or come by the Monroe County Adult Education 309 Emberton Street Tompkinsville, KY 42167 270-487-8709

Sheriff’s tax account receives clean audit

State Auditor Allison Ball released the audit of the sheriff’s settlement for the 2023 taxes administered by Monroe County Sheriff Dale Ford.

State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff, once on the tax account and the other on the office’s fee account.

The auditors published the audit that the “sheriff’s financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.”

The auditor continued that there were no instances of

noncompliance found.

No matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered material weaknesses were found.

The audit report can be found on the auditor’s website at <https://www.auditor.ky.gov/Auditreports/Monroe/2023MonroeSTS-audit.pdf>



For the third year in a row, MCHS’s Ansley Turner took the Class A state championship in high jump at last week’s KHSAA state track meet. For other results from the state tournament, see page A-6. Ansley is the daughter of Brad and Tara Turner of Gamaliel.



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