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Big Blue BBQ finalist Brad Leighninger watches as his son, Hudson, cooks hamburgers for the Kids Que competition Friday during Big Blue River Days in downtown Marysville. Leighninger said when the family goes to competitions and there is a youth contest, his kids will grill a burger.

Missouri team wins barbecue contest; 170 show up for AutoFest

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There was a lot energy in Marysville for Big Blue River Days on Friday and Saturday, according to event organizers. Thirty teams battled in the Big Blue BBQ, and about 170 vehicles arrived for the 34rd annual AutoFest.

Overall grand champion of the Big Blue BBQ was Damn Fine Beef & Swine, Ryan and Kim Cain from Lee's Summit, Mo.

New this year was the barbecue sauce contest with 26 participants. A tasting event was held for the public to choose favorites. Winner was Meat Rushmore Fountain, Joel Fleetwood, Independence, Mo.

Bill Weickert, AutoFest chairman, said Mother Nature sent a downpour in the



Best of show and favorite Mopar in the AutoFest was a 1974 Plymouth Road Runner owned by Lynn and Charlene Kramer, Kelly.

morning, but the day ended with a beautiful afternoon.

"We were a little disappointed in the numbers of vehicles due to the weather, but some amazing vehicles showed up, and the amount of spectators was also incredible," he said.

Weickert said vehicles started coming in about 7 a.m. Saturday, and 76 cars were registered and parked for the show when the rain started.

"To wind up with 170

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March-May
third driest
on record

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March, April and May 2025 in Marysville proved to be the third driest period on record with 4.4 inches of precipitation, according to Christopher "Chip" Redmond, assistant meteorologist, KSU Weather Data Library/Mesonet manager.

With an average temperature of 55.9 degrees, the period tied for the sixth warmest on record.

The outlook for summer is trending dry, he said.

"The forecast for summer (June through August) favors below-normal precipitation," Redmond said. "Ar-

eas to the north that have missed a lot of the moisture will have much more stress since they have missed much of the timely moisture already. As we enter the summer, we rely upon moisture patterns that tend to result from feedback. Dry areas will favor becoming drier, and wet, wetter. As we move forward, the drier conditions to our north will likely begin to expand southward making moisture more limited.

"Additionally, temperatures are favored to be above normal through the summer months. We have had a lot of overcast days

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New physician to
join Blue Rapids clinic

Community Memorial Healthcare announced last week that Dr. Kimberly Euler Deters will join the Blue Rapids Medical Clinic as a family practice physician, beginning Aug 1.

Euler, a native of Doniphan County, earned an undergraduate degree from Washburn University and completed medical school at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. She finished



Dr. Kimberly Euler Deters

her residency at the Lincoln Family Medicine Residency Program in Lincoln, Neb., where she trained in full-spectrum family medicine.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Euler to our practice," said Curtis R. Hawkinson, Community Memorial Healthcare administrator. "Her outstanding training, Kansas roots and dedication to patient-centered care make her a valuable addition to both our clinic and our hospital." Euler is passionate about caring for individuals and families at all stages of life, a news release said. She

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Texas Longhorn sale
slated here Saturday

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Texas Longhorn cattle from seven states will start arriving in Marysville Friday morning for the Midwest Texas Longhorn Affiliate Sale at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Marysville Livestock sale barn.

Justin Rombeck, one of the organizers of the event, said the public is invited to come out to see the 74 Texas Longhorns that will be sold. Others on the organizing committee are his wife, Amanda Rombeck, and his parents, Jim and Becky Rombeck, Lyons.

This is an inaugural event for the not-for-profit organization. Part of the commission profits go to those in need and for schol-

arships.

Longhorn ranchers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Oregon and North Dakota will sell Longhorn females in an assortment of ages.

Justin and Amanda Rombeck will have a bull and five females in the sale.

An \$80,000 bull out of Missouri will be on display at the sale barn during the event.

"Longhorns are a unique breed," Rombeck said. "It is a breed that is expanding in popularity. Both male and female have horns."

He expects prices at Saturday's sale to range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 per animal.

Rombeck started in the Longhorn business in 1997

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Anderson files for school board

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Tyson Anderson, 41, Marysville, has filed for Position 5 on the Marysville USD 364 Board of Education.

Voters will elect school board members and city officials in the Nov. 4 general election. The candidate filing deadline was June 2.

"I want to give back and make a positive difference in our community, and I believe serving on the school board

is one of the most impactful ways to do that," Anderson said. "I chose to run because I believe a strong education and a solid work ethic are among the most valuable things we can provide our children. These values are at the heart of my decision to seek this position."



Tyson Anderson

Anderson said his goal for the district is to help Marysville schools maintain a strong focus on education while providing an environment where both students and staff feel supported and valued.

"I want our students, staff and community to continue to take pride in our schools. I also want to ensure our students are challenged academically and grow throughout their time in the

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RETIRING AGAIN

Educator Gay Frazee retired once. Now she's going to try again. 1B



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