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Free screening of documentary **Country Crush** to be held at Kent State University Salem City Center Campus

KENT, Ohio — Aug. 4, 2010 — A free screening of **Country Crush**, a new documentary about the combine demolition derby at the Columbiana County Fair, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Kent State University Salem City Center Campus. **Country Crush** is the story of the wacky, weird combine demolition derby, a sport where giant old combines face off in a battle of metal-bending prowess.

Country Crush features interviews with several drivers who prepare the old combine harvesters for competition. It is the work of Molly Merryman, Kent State University associate professor in the Department of Sociology. The program will premiere on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 9 p.m. For additional air dates and times, visit WesternReservePBS.org/schedule.htm.

Salem City Center Campus is located at 230 N. Lincoln St., Salem. For more information or to reserve a seat for the free screening, call Western Reserve PBS at 1-800-554-4549.

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