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TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Free Petting Zoo, Livestock Arena
- 6:30 p.m. – FBC Choir Concert, Founders Square
- 8:00 p.m. – Youth/College Worship Service, Cattle Show Barn

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Mosley and Parks Darracott maneuver through six inches of mud at the Flea Market on Saturday.

Winsteads catch their Fair food

By Steve Swogetinsky

The Winsteads don't buy their Fair fish, they catch them. Cooking and eating good food made by their hands is a Fair tradition at the Winstead Cabin 194.

"We don't buy our fish," Lee Winstead said. "We catch them. I have a place on the Barnett Reservoir. I am known to crappy fish a lot."

A highlight is Saturday night when they have a fish fry which usually consists on catfish and crappy.

"We also hunt our deer meat, too," said Lee's wife, Hilda Winstead.

The Winsteads sleep about 10 to 12 people

during Fair week.

"You find out you have a lot of friends if you have a Fair cabin," Lee said with a smile. "A lot of our grandchildren live (elsewhere), and we enjoy seeing them. We have a lot of traditions to enjoy spending time with them."

The Winsteads aren't big on desserts, but there is an exception. Their son, Jeff, loves caramel cake.

"My sister, Margaret Goldman, started cooking him a caramel cake in 2004," said Hilda. "That was the year when he came back from Iraq."

Lee Winstead is a lifelong resident of Neshoba County.

"I would hitch-hike to the Fair," Lee Winstead

said. "I had a first cousin who showed cows. Years ago, when they brought the cattle in, they spent the night with those cows in the dairy barn. I would sleep with them at the dairy barn."

His family would come for a day at the Fair.

"My father and mother (Vester and Mattie Lou Winstead) would bring us," Lee Winstead said. "We would bring a picnic lunch. We might not come stay (only) one day but my parents loved the Fair."

Lee Winstead said he and some friends camped out in a tent at the Fair one year.

"Right where the petting barn is now and the amusement rides are, there was a pine thicket," Lee Winstead said. "We put a tent up in those pine

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2020 souvenir wristbands, passes on sale

By Duncan Dent

The Fair Board is offering 2020 wrist bands, parking passes and barn passes at the Fair office on the Square as souvenirs.

Joseph Breazeale, 21, of Cabin 57 and a Philadelphia native, said he did not want a gap in his collection.

"I already have one for every other year and when I saw they were selling them for a dollar I had to come by and get one," Joseph said.

He said his girlfriend, Skyler Montgomery, also 21 and also from Philadelphia, saw that the board was offering 2020 wrist bands on Instagram.

Fair Board member Kaye Rowell was manning the table on Friday. She said by lunch they had sold about 150 wrist bands.

"That's pretty good," Rowell said. "We just put the announcement out last night."

Wrist bands and barn passes are \$1. Cabin owners can also pick up their envelope of two car passes for \$2.

Rowell said they expect to be at the office with the bands between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every day. She said to monitor the Fair's social media for announcements. She said there should be enough for everybody.

"We have plenty," She said. "We should not run out."

Rowell said her family has a tradition of cutting their wristbands off on the last day and putting them in a shadow box. She said she had one person come in and buy 20 wristbands.

"They said it was for an art project," Rowell said. "I have no idea what they are going to do."

Moments after Joseph left the office his twin brother William Breazeale came by to buy a wristband. He said he was going to add the band to his collection.



Joseph Breazeale shows off his souvenir 2020 wristband with girlfriend Skyler Montgomery.



Front left, Shaun Seales, Ward 4; Mayor James Young; Alderman at Large - James Waltman
Back left, James Tatum, Ward 3; Jim Fulton, Ward 2; Justin Clearman, Ward 1

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Winstead

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trees and spent the week. That was a long time ago.”

The Winsteads love to go to the horse races.

“I love the horse racing. That is my favorite thing,” Winstead said. “I love the Veterans Day program. I am not real high on the programs at night. I go but that’s not my favorite thing. I like the political speaking.

“What I really love is we have neighbors from Houston, Texas,” Lee Winstead said. “They came in last night. I really enjoyed seeing them. I enjoy spending time with people I haven’t seen but once a year,”

“I like to sit out on the front porch and see who walks by,” Hilda said. “And seeing after grand kids.”

The Winsteads have been in their cabin location since 1973. The cabin is the original structure made out of rough lumber with many improvements, such as air conditioning, added over the years.



Jeff Winstead, Ford Winstead, Leigh Laine Winstead, Hilda Winstead and Lee Winstead

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Antique car show at Founders Square today

By Sarah Watkins

Organizers expect some 60 to 65 antique automobiles to converge on Founders Square today for the annual Antique Car Show.

"I always like to be there early so I can find a good place to park my car," said James Frank Chaney, who along with Larry Nicholson has coordinated the show for about the past 17 years.

Chaney said people from throughout the state come to show their antique vehicles and to see antique vehicles. Many of the vehicles on display are local.

The Tinsley family of Philadelphia plans to take their truck, Big Red, a 1948 F5 Ford truck that was owned by the late-Plez Tinsley Sr. to the show.

Plez left the truck to sons Billy and Mike after he died in 1995 and the brothers recently completed a restoration of Big Red.

"It went to the wire getting Big Red ready," Billy said. "My nephew Thomas Tinsley installed a new car-

buretor in the nick of time. I took it for a test drive and it is now parked within a mile of the Fairgrounds at sister Jo Ann's home. All systems go."

The carburetor is just the latest element in the frame-off restoration that repaired the metal on the truck and gave Big Red a fresh bright red paint job.

Big Red is a step up from a regular pickup truck with a bigger frame than a regular pickup truck and has a V8 flathead engine with a four on the floor. Big Red is decked out with a flatbed and a large wench on a boom that is perfect for hauling timber or pulling other vehicles out of jams and towing them.

Plez Sr. used to take Big Red to the Fair years ago and the family is excited to be bringing it back to the Fair this year.

"Hopefully maybe we can get a picture of all of ... Daddy's great-grandchildren at the Fair," said Jo Ann Tinsley-Rounsaville. "It would be a great time to do that. He would be tickled to death."



The Tinsley's "Big Red" will be on display at the antique car show.

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Maggie Bradley, Liam Bradley, Tommy Bradley, Jessie Pendergrass, Heather Pendergrass and Audrey Pendergrass take a stroll through the Midway.

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Wile wins Saturday's Heart O' Dixie Triathlon

By Steve Swogetinsky

Daniel Wile of Meridian braved the humidity and the weather to win the 41st Heart O' Dixie Triathlon Saturday morning.

Wile finished the course with a time of 2:07:37.

Megan Davis of Biloxi was the first female finisher.

The first Heart O' Dixie Triathlon was first run in 1980. It was the longest running triathlon in the United States until it was paused last year.

The triathlon begins with the .5 mile swim at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. That's followed by the 27.5 mile bike race which progresses through the rolling red clay hills down Highway 25 to Philadelphia. It concludes with a seven-mile run to the Neshoba County Fairgrounds.

As always, a large crowd gathered at the Grand Stands afterwards for the awards ceremony.

The Heart o' Dixie Triathlon is a project of the Philadelphia Sertoma Club, which has done the event ever since the start. All money raised goes back to the community through various projects.



Daniel Wile of Meridian crosses the finish line in first place.



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- 9:30 a.m. Worship service conducted by Rev. Scott Boatner and God's House –
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- 10:30 a.m. Antique Car Show – Founders Square
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- 1:00 p.m. Bluegrass music by the **VERNON BROTHERS** – Grandstand
- 1:30 p.m. Children's Concert, Kevin Cole, Bandmaster – Founders Square
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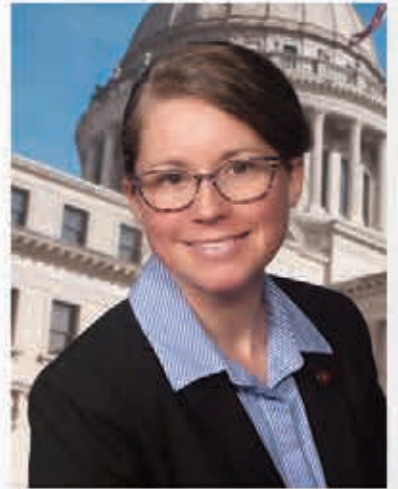


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Hanna Collins, Parker Jo Collins, Jon David Collins, Ladner Hollingsworth and Mary Kate Hollingsworth

Collins' legacy kept alive at Joe's Place

By Sarah Watkins

Joe Collins' memory will live on at Cabin 920, or Joe's Place, which he built in the early 1980s.

"He passed away in February 2020, so this will be our first year without him," said Mary Kate Collins Hollingsworth, Joe Collins' granddaughter.

Joe's Place still retains the old couches Joe Collins furnished the cabin with in the 1980s, and the two-story cabin sleeps between 25 and 30 people.

"Originally where our cabin was built, there were no other fair cabins in front of it, so you could sit here and watch the horse races," Hollingsworth said.

Mary Kate Collins Hollingsworth said her grandfather would want them to celebrate the Fair and keep his legacy alive. This year the family plans to sit around their porch and tell their favorite stories of their grandfather.

"He'd want us to keep eating, playing dominos or cards and enjoy the Fair as if he were here," Mary Kate Hollingsworth said.

Even though this will be Cabin 920's first

year without Joe Collins, a new generation of children will be participating and bringing loads of entertainment to the cabin.

"We have had many births this year and marriages," Mary Kate said.

Mary Kate Collins Hollingsworth got married this year, and so did her brother Hugh Collins. Both siblings also have babies that will be at the Fair this year.

One of the Collins family traditions is cooking lots of food. Every Saturday, they cook seafood.

The big thing the family did when Joe

Collins was still alive was to wake up early and sit with him while he watched the races.

"Not everyone went, but if you typically went, he was going wake you up," Mary Kate said.

The family is looking forward to seeing old Fair friends and introducing the new babies, Parker Jo Collins, Hugh and Hanna Collins' baby girl, and Ladner Hollingsworth, Mary Kate and Zach Hollingsworth's baby boy.

"It's going to be a tough but exciting year," Mary Kate Hollingsworth said.



Joyner Applebee, 2, Emery Weaver, 1, and Baylor Weaver, 3, share the porch swing with a trio of dogs.



(L to R): Tinsley Rounsaville (5), Ty Rounsaville (3), Mary Clayton Byars (4), and Ava James Byars (9)

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Nance has 70 years of Fair memories

By John Lee

Jenny Nance of Nance Cabin 224 has enjoyed the festivities of the Fair for more than 70 years, as she has been attending the Fair since she was just 6 years old.

Nance's original cabin, formerly named Ford Cabin 224, was built by her late father in 1957, who constructed the cabin from lumber off a tenant house on her old family farm. After the old cabin was torn down, what is now known as Nance Cabin 224 began construction in 1994.

"The cabin was left to me, so it's the Nance Cabin now," Nance said. "We're planning to renovate the cabin again next year with metal sidings and other things made to last."

Nance, 77, a native and lifelong resident of Clinton, said her favorite thing to do at the Fair is to visit with her neighbors, as the majority of the people around her in nearby cabins are people she only sees only once a year.

"Some of my other neighbors are from Florida and Texas," Nance



Jenny Nance relaxes on her front porch of Nance Cabin 224.

said. "We also have another cabin across the

Racetrack and two of my husband's sons stay in there. It's just like

a family reunion every year." Nance said she always invites

family and friends to attend the Fair. "I always tell them, 'You either like it or you don't,'" Nance said. "If you can't stand the heat or the dust or the dirt, don't come."

Nance also has plenty of company that comes to her cabin on the first Saturday of the Fair each year.

"We always have a lot of company that comes that day, usually around 25 and 30 people," Nance said. "We always look forward to the beauty pageant, and Hardy performing. We just look forward to everything."

Nance said the Fair is a place to relax and have fun, and every time you turn around, you're eating. She spends weeks cooking and getting ready, but the preparation is worth it. When it's all over, she's already looking forward to the Fair again next year.

"When you come here, you have to be happy," she said. "We're glad to be here and see everybody. It's a fun place to be."



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Breland Bungelow is where family reunites

By Sarah Watkins

The Breland Bungelow was built by the late Raymond Breland with materials from a family-owned supply store in the early 1970s.

Michael Beckham, who stays at the Bungelow, appreciates his grandfather's hard work to make their cabin feel like a home.

In the past, Beckham worked in the oil field out of Texas and he would have to ask to take off 2 to 3 years in advance to be able to attend the Fair. Now Beckham is self-employed and works as a cabling contractor for Mississippi electric co-ops.

"It's much easier to make the fair," Beckham said of his new work.

Beckham and his fiancé, Laurel Ball of Louisville, started going to the Fairgrounds to grill or ride around this year as soon as the electricity was turned on in May.

At first, Ball did not understand how seriously Beckham took the Fair. Now Ball feels the same way Beckham does about the Fair.

Beckham and his mother, Terri Breland Eaves, a native of Philadelphia, live in the Linwood community in Neshoba County and are not far from the Fairgrounds.

"The Fair is a reunion that never gets passed up," Beckham said.

The Breland Bungelow cabin residents do a lot of cooking, with Beckham and his family members taking turns cooking.

"If you ever make your way over to the Bungelow, you definitely won't leave hungry," Beckham said.



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Cabin history began with a simple phone call

By Sarah Watkins

One phone call 20 years ago led to the Jones and Chunn families buying Cabin 201-A.

LeighAnn Moore Jones recalls receiving a telephone call from Scott and Carla Johnson, the previous owners of Cabin 201-A.

"Sometime in the middle of that year, Carla called and said, 'I know y'all like the cabin. Would you be interested in buying?'" And we said, "Yes!" LeighAnn Jones said.

This year, the family did some minor renovations, such as putting in new cabinets and getting new furniture for the downstairs living room.

At the time, LeighAnn's oldest daughter, Bethany, whose married name now is Chunn, was 5 and her youngest son, Cole Jones, was 1.

The family could tell Cabin 201-A was located in an excellent neighborhood for them and their children.

Now LeighAnn's granddaughter Darci Chunn, 3, is growing up in the same Fair cabin her mother, Bethany, enjoyed as a child.

The family enjoys attending pre-fair events each year almost as much as attending the Fair.

"During pre-fair, you get to know your

neighbors because once the fair starts, it's so busy," Jones said. "This is one of those neighborhoods where they're first-year fair neighbors, then you're friends, and then they become your family."

The Chunnns and Joneses, who live about a mile from the Fairgrounds, keep in contact with their Fair family throughout the year. They take their vacation time during the Fair each year, and they also keep a countdown until the power comes on at the Fair.

One of the families' traditions is having a big Sunday lunch with Jones' husband, Chris' family, and the Womble family. The lunch includes country vegetables and ham.

LeighAnn Jones also put her spin on the cabin with her original artwork pieces. Jones painted different designs on the staircase and painted a kitchen table with Fair cabins.

"She's a painter," Bethany Jones Chunn said of her mother.

Some fairgoers will ask Jones to do signs and paintings for their cabins.

The Jones and Chunnns go to the annual car show to support their Pawpaw, Mack Jones, who usually has two or three cars at the event.

This year LeighAnn and Bethany said they plan to take 3-year-old Darci to the first pageant she will be old enough to remember at the Fair.



Bethany Jones Chunn, Darci Chunn and Leigh Ann Jones

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A cake from the Breland Cabin 270-A



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McKee enjoys time with campground pals

By Steve Swogetinsky

Deborah McKee looks forward to enjoying spending time with her friends at the Fair each year.

McKee is retired from the Madison Police Department. She and her husband, Reggie, live in DeKalb.

"I married Reggie and have been coming here for the past eight years," McKee said. "It is like taking a burden off of my heart. I have never seen so many friends in my life. I love seeing the same people every year."

"It's the same group every year. I help with the cooking. The week before the Fair, all of us get together and cook something different every night. And then we enjoy doing things when the Fair starts."

McKee is a fan of the horse racing.

"My favorite part of the Fair is the horse racing," McKee said. "Someone asked me the other day if I am coming to shake the bucket. They have chips and we bet on the horses. I love that part."

She also likes to go to the concerts.

"I have a friend who has a cabin and we go down and spend time when them," she said.

McKee said the one thing about stay-

ing at the camp grounds is that she can go down and enjoy the activities. And then she can leave all the excitement there and come back to the quiet of the camp grounds.

This year will be a little sad for McKee after her mother-in-law, Odessa Whitehead, died last year.

"I think about her every time I walk by her camp space," McKee said. "My daughter is in her spot this year. They had been coming for years and years."

McKee said friends from out of town come to stay with them.

"Right now, it is me and Reggie," McKee said. "Some of his people from Louisiana come every year. One of his cousins, Troy, was on the 'Swamp People.' He catches the alligators with his hands. He is trying to come this year."

McKee is enjoying spending time with her grandson, Josh. He likes the rides, McKee is a big Mississippi State fan and is happy that the Bulldog baseball team won the college baseball World Series. She doesn't attend the games but she enjoys watching them on television. A friend who attended the World Series in Omaha brought her a T-shirt which she was proudly wearing. She is also an Alabama fan.



Reggie and Deborah McKee



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Rylee Hardy, 7, Elles Mercer, 7, and Tynlee Hardy, 5, play in front of their cabin.



Above, Alan Hymel and Samantha Hymel are excited for this year's Fair. At right, Suzan Stephens-Bounds and Mark H. Bounds in Cabin 250 on Sunset Strip. Suzan has been coming to the Fair since she was 2 weeks old.



Jennifer Nance Rogers, Jason Rogers and Ginny Nance sit at Happy Hollow.



Above, Will Owen, Debra Yates and Miles Owen escape the sun on the front porch. At left, Dick Wheelock, Megan McCoy, Margaret Mayfield, Melinda Mclaurin, Alison Mayfield and Rob Mayfield catch up before the day gets started.



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Scrabble is a go-to game for the McCoy's

By John Lee

Debbie McCoy has enjoyed spending time with her friends and family playing cards and Scrabble late into the night at the Fair for the past 55 years.

McCoy, a Neshoba County native, resides in Wells Cabin 249, which her father built in 1966. She said it is the original cabin and not much has been done since its construction. Her father built the cabin because her mother had wanted a Fair cabin for quite a long time.

"While I stay in the Wells Cabin, the McCoy Cabin, which belongs to my ex-husband, is right down the street where my grandson Cullen and the other kids can go play," she said.

McCoy's grandson, Cullen McCoy, said his highlight of the Fair is spending time with friends and family every year, and he loves to participate in family water balloon fights, which he's taken part in during his past couple of visits to the Fair.

"Cullen can also visit his mother's family cabin across the Racetrack, which is the Grantham Cabin," McCoy said. "Out here, Cullen and his friends and family can go places. It's a fun place to be a kid. You can stay up late and have fun."

Originally, the Wells Cabin did not have air conditioning until 1983, when McCoy's twin sons were born. She said the newborns needed the cool air. The cabin was also built over a ditch and she is planning to do some repairs since the cabin has started to sink a little bit to one side. Before this cabin was built, she rented one down the street by what is now the Stubbs Cabin.

"You can spend time with your family, you can play cards, you can play Scrabble, and hope it doesn't rain too much," McCoy said.

She said the Fair is a lot of work and money, and everyone involved is always exhausted. However, it's always worth it, and it's a lot of fun. Getting to visit with her friends and family is what she always looks forward to the most every year since she doesn't get to visit with them as much as she used to.

"Once you get to be my age, you get to spend more time with folks you don't get to see as often. We usually have around six to eight people in this cabin, but it depends from year to year," she said. "I've been coming to the Fair for a very long time, and I have a lot of good memories."



Debbie McCoy, right, and her grandson Cullen McCoy spend time with friends and family at her father's original cabin, Wells Cabin 249.

 A photograph of a horse race in progress on a dirt track. Several horses and jockeys are visible, competing. The scene is outdoors with spectators in the background.

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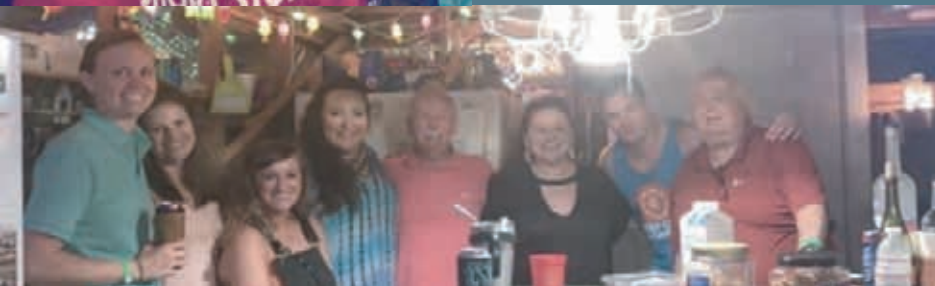
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JW Phillips, 2, enjoys the carousel with his dad, Jacob Phillips. JW loves horses and didn't want to get off.

Payne once slept in a tent at the Fair

By Audrey Hall

Janice Smith Payne and Uhl Payne bought Fair Cabin 150 in 1967 several years before they bought a house.

Uhl Payne built the original cabin for only \$800 in 1967. Their son Paul Payne was born July 12, 1968.

"We brought him to the cabin when he was two weeks old," Janice Payne said.

Uhl Payne grew up close to the Cold-water community and remembered attending the Fair as a child.

"The Grandstand used to be a lot bigger than it is now, and when we were kids, we would climb up to the top of it," Uhl Payne said.

Janice Payne grew up in Philadelphia, and her family would rent a cabin each year before the Payne's purchased Cabin 150.

Uhl Payne's family did not own a cabin. "One year, I slept in a tent," Uhl Payne said.

The Paynes' favorite part of the Fair is being around their family and other family members who have cabins close to them.

"We see people at the Fair that we only see once a year, so it's just like a reunion," Janice Payne said.

There is only one family in the cabin, but Janice and Uhl's granddaughters Baileigh and Landry Payne invite friends to stay the week.

The Paynes are retired and have been staying at the Fairgrounds most weekends leading up to the Fair.

Before the Fair every year, Janice Payne starts freezing and preparing food. She keeps every Fair menu taped to the cabin's refrigerator, and prepares enough food for 15 people.

"The most we've ever fed is Marty Stuart and his band," Janice Payne said. "We fed 97 people that day."

This year will be the tenth anniversary of them tearing down the old Cabin 150 and rebuilding it.

In 2011, a huge pine tree beside the cabin started pushing the old cabin, causing it to start leaning.

"We realized that the old cabin was so badly deteriorating and damaged, we just whipped it off the block and started from scratch," Janice Payne said.

Her son Paul Payne wanted the color pumpkin orange for the new cabin so that is the color the family chose.

One of the Payne's fair traditions is measuring their grandchildren's height each year.



Janice and Uhl Payne



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■ **What is your favorite Fair meal?** Anything my dad cooks on the smoker is amazing!

■ **What's one thing you especially look forward to at the Fair?** Seeing all my friends and family I haven't seen in a while and dancing all night long!

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Ruth Whitehead, Debbie Lashley, Leighton Mcilwain and Jake Mathews relax on the porch.



Terri Fry and Judy Stephens repaint their chairs on the porch of their cabin. They decided to go with a nice and bright yellow color.



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Servings: 8

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1 pinch ground black pepper

1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup

16 ounces sour cream

1 (2 pound) package frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed

2 cups cooked ham, cubed

1 onion, chopped

¾ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

¼ cup butter, melted



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease 9x13 inch baking dish. Season beaten eggs with pepper; pour into baking dish. In a large bowl, combine soup, sour cream, hash browns, ham, onion and cheese. Mix thoroughly and pour over eggs. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove and drizzle over top of casserole. Return to oven and bake for an additional 15 minutes, until golden.

BREAKFAST POTATOES

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 50 mins

Servings: 4

4 medium russet potatoes

1 onion, roughly chopped

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon ground cumin

1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste

¼ cup butter, cut into 4 pieces

4 slices bacon, chopped

¼ cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Cut potatoes into fourths and place in a large bowl with onion. Add olive oil, cumin, salt, and pepper; toss to coat. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator until oven is preheated. Spread potato-onion mixture in an even layer on a baking sheet. Place butter on top

of the potatoes, 1 piece at each corner. Bake in the preheated oven until potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. While potatoes are baking, cook bacon in a skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently, until evenly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Transfer cooked potatoes to a serving platter. Top with Cheddar cheese and bacon.

BACON AND EGG TACOS

6 eggs

¼ cup crumbled cooked bacon

2 tablespoons butter

3 slices American cheese, diced

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

6 flour tortillas

1 cup salsa (Optional)

Whisk eggs together in a bowl; stir in bacon.

Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add egg mixture; cook and stir until eggs are completely set,

2 to 3 minutes. Stir in American cheese, salt, and pepper.

Wrap tortillas in damp paper towels; microwave until warmed through, 30 seconds to 1 minute

Spoon ¼ cup egg mixture into the center of each tortilla; fold sides to cover. Serve with salsa.

BISCUIT CINNAMON ROLLS

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 35 mins

Servings: 20

Ingredients:

Butter for greasing

2 tablespoon brown sugar

Filling:

½ cup white sugar

2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

2 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Glaze:

½ cup confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons milk

Biscuits:

1 (10 count) package refrigerated

biscuit dough

¼ cup butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter the bottom of an 8-inch round or square baking pan and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons brown sugar. Combine white sugar, cinnamon, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and vanilla extract in a bowl. Mix filling well. Separate the biscuits and roll or punch down each one until flat. Coat with melted butter and sprinkle each with filling mixture to coat. Roll up each piece of dough and cut in ½, placing each cut-side down into the prepared pan, yielding 20 pieces. Bake in the preheated oven until biscuits portion on top of rolls begins to brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and glaze.

LEMON-RICOTTA CORNMEAL WAFFLES

1 cup all-purpose flour

½ cup cornmeal

¼ cup white sugar

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

¼ teaspoon salt

¾ cup half-and-half

½ cup ricotta cheese

2 large eggs

2 tablespoons melted butter

1 teaspoon lemon extract

cooking spray

Preheat a waffle iron.

Whisk flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a large mixing bowl.

Whisk half-and-half, ricotta cheese, eggs, melted butter, and lemon extract together in a separate bowl until smooth. Pour into the flour mixture and mix until thoroughly combined.

Coat the preheated waffle iron with cooking spray. Pour batter into waffle iron in batches and cook until crisp and golden brown and the iron stops steaming, about 5 minutes.



Robert Litton, Lisa White, Deborah Mckee, Josh Cooley, Don Johnson and Banker Fleming beat the heat at their picnic table.



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Jay Brimer, 4, and Daisy Sabatier, 4, go for a wagon ride with Joe Sabatier, Carly Brimer, Wyatt Brimer, 2, and Emily Sabatier.



Nathan Sistrunk and Kristy Barrett catch up at the camper site.



Brynlee Jones, Emery Floyd and Natalie Floyd.

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Bentley Davis, Caitlin Davis, Easton Davis, Grandpa Raymond Lundy, Bailey Davis, Grandma Glenda Lundy, Eli Davis and Scott Davis have family time.

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Jaimee Mercer drinks her morning while Max Mercer, 6, sits on the front porch and colors.



Kerby Tinsley and John Tinsley enjoy a nice morning on the porch before heading out to the Fairgrounds.

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KaiLynn Roberston, Lynda Gayle Robertson and Ella Gace Robertson

Wristbands, brochures deck walls of 898

By Sarah Watkins

Each year, members of the Robertson Family hang wristbands and brochures from the Neshoba County Fair on the walls of Cabin 898, a tradition started after the family purchased the cabin in 2002.

Now the wall is covered with wristbands and brochures from past Fairs in the Cabin the Robertsons of the Bond Community call their Farmhouse at the Fair.

Lynda Gayle Lewis Robertson, daughter of Frances Lewis and the late Gary Lewis, grew up 3-to-4 miles from the Fairgrounds, and her husband, Mike Robertson, bought Cabin 898 with Mike's parents, the late Truett and Melba Robertson, two weeks before the Fair in 2002.

Lynda Gayle said the main reason they bought the cabin was for their two daughters, Ella Grace and KaiLynn Robertson.

At the time, both of the Robertson daughters were young. Now the girls are grown and have some friends stay with them during the Fair.

"We own a farm, so we just go with the Robertson Farmhouse at the Fair," said Lynda Gayle Robertson, in explaining the theme of Cabin 898.

Lynda Gayle Robertson's late father-in-law and mother-in-law, Truett and Melba Robertson, sent her on a hunt to find the perfect cabin for the family in 2002, and she picked Cabin 898 that can sleep 20, but this year will only sleep the four Robertsons.

In the past, KaiLynn and Ella Grace Robert-

son's favorite part of the Fair was watching the horseraces with their late Pawpaw Truett.

They said they still plan to watch the horseraces even though they said it will be different without their Pawpaw.

Many of the Robertson family members have cabins at the Fair, and every Fair Sunday, they get together for a Sunday meal that has become a tradition for the family.

All the girls of the Farmhouse at the Fair Cabin make sure to get dressed and ready for the Monday Neshoba County Fair Pageant.

"My tradition is just showing up," KaiLynn Robertson said.

The family also enjoys pre-fair events. However, due to multiple deaths in the family, the Robertsons did not do much pre-fair stuff this

year, but they did attend the July 4 Shady Lane Smoke Off.

"We also really like the nightly entertainment," Lynda Gayle Robertson said, adding they are excited for the opportunity to see Hardy and Riley Green at the Fair this year.

During the Fair, the Robertsons do a lot of cooking on the grill. They typically do a steak night, boiled shrimp night and other themed-meal nights.

The Robertson girls also love to go to the Flea market and Lynda Gayle Robertson works the Heart O' Dixie Triathlon every year at the Fair.

"I work the transition from the bike to the run," said Lynda Gayle Robertson, who works as an assistant teacher.

White's Fair highlight is annual car show

By John Lee

Jerry White looks forward to one thing every time he attends the Fair: taking his Jeep to the Car Show on Sunday.

"The rest of my family is always wound up about the Fair, they're ecstatic about it every year," White said.

White, 66, grew up in Neshoba County and has been attending the Fair ever since he was born. He resides in the White Cabin 120, which has been rebuilt and renovated a couple of times since his grandfather, Homer White, built the original White Cabin in the late 1960s.

"My grandfather built the original cabin, which started as a one-story, in the late 1960s," White said. "It was torn down and rebuilt as a two-story in the early 1970s, and later in the 1970s it was renovated into a three-story, which is the current state it is in today."

White's favorite thing to do at the Fair is take his Jeep to the car show on Sunday.

"That's what I'm excited about every year," he said. "There's usually around six of us at the cabin, and they look forward to everything the Fair offers."

White said he is amazed to see what used to be trees and parking lots near where his cabin is located have a lot of other cabins in those places now. He said it is great to see how much the Fair has grown and expanded.

"We've been here in this spot for a lot of years," he said. "We used to bring refrigerators and beds and other equipment here back when the cabin was just one story. And when the Fair was over, we'd take it all back home. The Fair was and still is always a big deal for us."



Jerry White of White Cabin 120 enjoys spending time at his cabin and taking his Jeep to the Car Show on Sunday.



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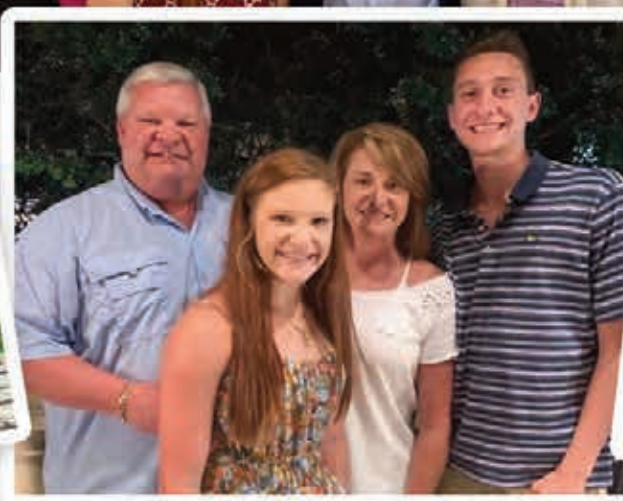
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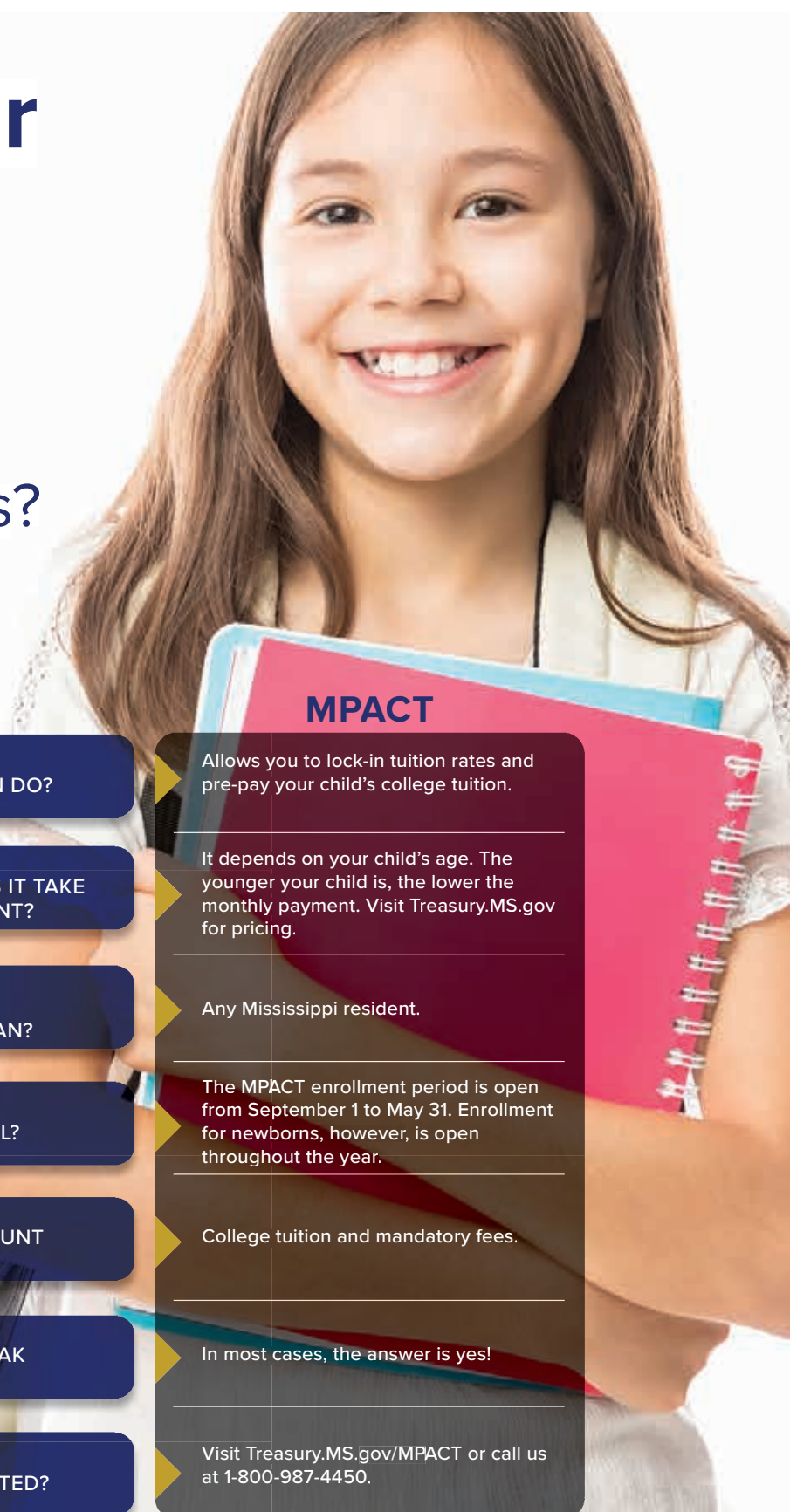
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