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Abby Seale is crowned Miss Neshoba County Fair 2021 by Miss Neshoba County Fair 2019 Olivia Delaney Adams.

Seale crowned Miss NC Fair

By Audrey Hall

Abby Seale, 20, was crowned Miss Neshoba County 2021 last night at the Grandstand. She also captured the Miss Congeniality Award and Interview Award.

Abby Seale is the daughter of Steve and Tina Seale. She is a member of Cook's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Abby is a Mississippi State University President's List Scholar, Phi Kappa Phi honor society member, and placed in the Top 10 in the state competition as Neshoba County's Distinguished Young Woman.

Abby plans to graduate from Mississippi State

University with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and pursue a doctorate in Physical Therapy.

First alternate was Madison Avery Delancey, 19, daughter of Heather and John McCarty.

Second alternate was Zoey Raine Bell, 18, daughter of Scott and Memory Bell.

Third alternate was Piper Lane Fulton, 18, daughter of Jason and Angela Fulton.

Stagewear Award was given to Madilyn Joe Hall, 19, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Hall.

Most Photogenic Award was given to Sydney Grace Sisson, 17, Jim and Maria Sisson.

Other contestants were Kyleigh Laughlin, 18, daughter of Angela and David Turk; Anna Caroline Stephens, 18, daughter of Amy Stephens and Don Grantham, Jr; Alexa Jade Battle, 19, daughter of

Scott and Christy Battle; Mallory Chunn, 17, daughter of Latisha Clark and Bill Chunn; Lauren Pope, 18, daughter of Jody and Sarah Pope; Marlee-Keeton Pierce, 18, daughter of Barry and Catina Brantley; and Khloe Elyse Cockerham, 19, Brent and Christy Cockerham and Wayne and Kelly Williams.

Pages were Layton Seth Coward, Addy Walker Phillips, Rivers Makinley Pope, and Marianna Grace Truett.

The outgoing Miss Neshoba County Fair Olivia Adams, Emcee Keith Page, and Entertainer Madison Hardy Dennis entertained Fairgoers during the pageant.

The pageant was directed by Jennifer Bounds.

Striblings passing down family traditions

By Duncan Dent

A hallmark of the Fair includes passing on traditions from parents to children.

This year, Paige Stribling, Miss Neshoba County 2010, was able take her daughter, Campbell, who just turned 3 to her first Miss Neshoba County Fair Pageant last night to see the 13 contestants vie for the coveted crown.

Paige and her husband, Tyson Stribling, have a long history at the Fair. They both grew up in Philadelphia where they live now and raise their Campbell and their son, Hamp, who will be 2 years old in August.

They stay in Cabin 77, Dr. Kent and Mitzi Stribling's cabin, just off the Square. Their children love the proximity to the Square where they can jump right into the excitement.

Campbell's favorite activities include blowing bubbles and listening to the nightly dance music.

Maybe she will add the pageant to

Hamp is happy to find a patch of dirt he can dig in or run his trucks through.

"He goes out back where there is a patch of dirt he can dig into a lot," Paige said. "Anywhere he can play with his dump trucks."

Tyson's favorite activities include making the short walk to the racetrack for the horse races and finding a comfortable chair where he can sit and enjoy one of his playlists on his portable speaker. Usually, he is listening to Waylon Jennings.

He said everyone looks forward to Uncle Glen Stribling's lamb chops.

Paige said they also visit her family in the Dunn Cabin, Cabin 934. Her parents are Eddie and Penny Richardson.

"I miss my old bed at the cabin," Paige said with a chuckle. "But we get to take the kids over there and spend a lot of time traveling back and forth."



Tyson and Paige Stribling are holding their children, Hamp and Campbell, on the Cabin 77 porch.



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Cornhole tournament held at Cabin 332



Tanner Salter and Taylor Weldy



Taylor Weldy with wife Johanna and daughter lvy

By Audrey Hall

Cyndi Weldy's favorite memories of the Fair revolve around watching her son Taylor growing up and enjoy himself and now she has a granddaughter to spoil.

Taylor is 34 and never missed a Fair. Now, Cyndi Weldy gets to watch her grand-daughter Ivy learn about and enjoy in the Fair.

Spending time with family is the No. 1 tradition, but several other traditions make the Fair memorable, too.

When her father was alive, on Thursday nights, as family members and friends moved into the cabin, Kenneth Wells would cook sausage dogs with peppers and onions. He died three years ago and those Thursday nights are fond memories.

Wells also famously had a nickname, Boss Hogg, an affectionate moniker that went so far back that Weldy isn't sure how he earned it. Wells had his own chair with Boss Hogg emblazoned on its back, in which he always watched the horse races.

Nowadays, friends and family still come to Cabin 310-A to watch the horse races, another big tradition. They swap stories and reminisce about former Fairs, such as the time Trace Atkins visited their cabin eight or nine years ago and took pictures with all of the starstruck children.

"He was real friendly," Weldy said.

Cabin 332 held a big cornhole tournament on Saturday, the newest tradition for cabins 310-A and 332. Holding the tournament was a family decision and 16 people participated, all connected to the cabins. The proud winners were Tanner Salter and Taylor Weldy, who posed for a picture with their badge of honor and corn kernel bags in hand.





Cabin receives upgrade, still awaiting a name

By Sarah Watkins

The Tingle and Dearing families got ready for the 2021 Fair by installing a new roof on Cabin 944.

Caleb and Dagan Tingle and Dagan's mother, Denise Dearing, have been working for the past four years to make their cabin feel like a home.

They started by putting in new floors upstairs and downstairs and continued renovations, redoing the bathrooms.

"We've always wanted our own cabin," Dagan said. "Then, a lady mentioned that this cabin was about to open, so we bought it."

The Tingles along with Dearing, purchased Cabin 944 two weeks before the Fair four years ago.

Cabin 944 is full of smiling faces. The Tingle's youngest daughter, Aubrey Tingle, 3, is excited to ride the rides and this will be the first year she is old enough

to do so

Aubrey made her first visit to the Fair in 2018.

"I had Aubrey on Monday of the Fair and came back with her on Thursday," Dagan said of the 2018 Fair.

The Tingles and Dearings are looking forward to returning to the Fair this year.

Each year, Dagan and her mother split the cooking at the Fair.

"Every Tuesday is taco Tuesday," Denise Dearing said.

They have not yet named their cabin, so they simply call it Cabin 944. Both Dagan and Caleb Tingle have never missed the Fair. Dagan works at All Temp Appliance and Refrigeration LLC in Union and will have the whole week off for this year's Fair.

"I haven't missed a Fair in 27 years," Dagan Tingle said.

The couple and their family spent Memorial Day Weekend at the Fairgrounds celebrating the holiday and cooking food.



Aubrey and Caleb Tingle

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Addyson, Saydee and Maggie McCrory are covered head to toe in mud.



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Veterans memorial service today at Pavilion

By John Lee

A veterans memorial service has been held annually at the Fairgrounds since the Allied victory in World War II that freed Europe from Hitler's tyranny.

The program is at 10:15 this morning at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Pavilion.

The Fair was cancelled for four runs during the war and resumed in 1946.

Lt. Col. Christopher P. Clark will make the opening remarks and Frank Porter, pastor of Pleasant Grove Congregational Methodist Church, will offer the invocation.

Clark will also present Clint E. Walker, a special guest speaker for the service.

The program will include the playing of "Taps," laying of wreaths and a flag ceremony. The Neshoba Central High School Band will play.

"Our veterans have made such a great sacrifice for all of us and we need to honor them," said Joe Jordan of the Fair Board.

"We're sadly losing more and more of our World War II and Korean War veterans, and we want to keep honoring them. We love putting this service on, and we have a deep appreciation for what veterans in Neshoba County and the rest of the country have done for us."



Neshoba County Fair Program Coordinator Joe Jordan with Ennis E. "Chip" Bailey of Philadelphia, retired Special Forces, at the Veterans Memorial.

Jordan said he hopes everyone will come out and support the men and women who fought for the nation's freedom. "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, and we welcome each and every person that comes out to show their respect and support the veterans," Jordan said.

Ret. Sgt. Maj. Ennis E. "Chip" Bailey of Philadelphia served until 2012 when he returned from his final deployment in Afghanistan where he was a Green Beret in the Special Forces.

"I never miss the memorial service," said Bailey, who served all around the world, including in Afghanistan and Columbia.

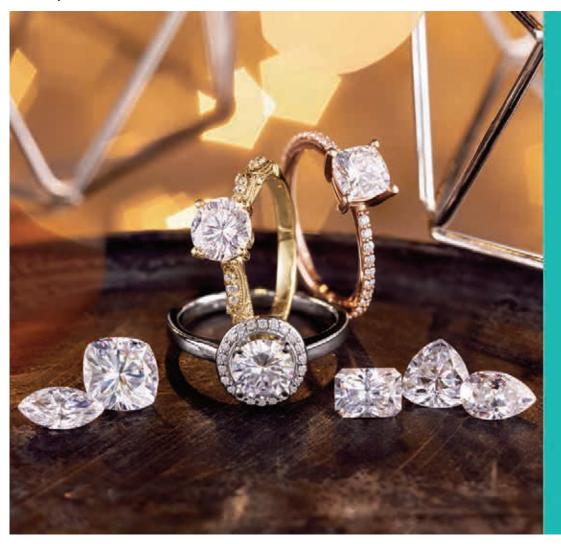
His Special Forces team was deployed for immediate service after the Sept. 11, 2001, after the terrorist attacks. "The focus of the attention is not only for the men we've lost but also for the World War II veterans. They're special men and should be honored."

Bailey said he has been attending the memorial services for the past 20 years and he always makes sure to stand so the World War II veterans can have places to sit.

"It is a very patriotic thing, and we make sure we remember the fallen men and women from all the wars we've fought throughout the years," Bailey said. "It follows a very standard protocol, but that's the way the military does things."

Bailey said the military would not be able to function without support and a good economy.

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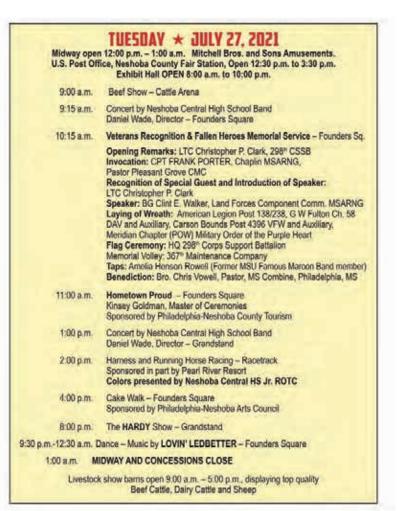


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Kayslee Bennett, 9, and her aunt, Michelle Barnett, catch up at the Fair.









Dianne Walton, Tyler Walton, Ronnie Walton, Finley Walton, Grant Walton, William Walton, and Laure Ferlisi enjoy breakfast on their cabin porch.



Gwen Breazeale-Alexander, Jeff Chapman and Paul Breazeale relax on the porch at Cabin 44.



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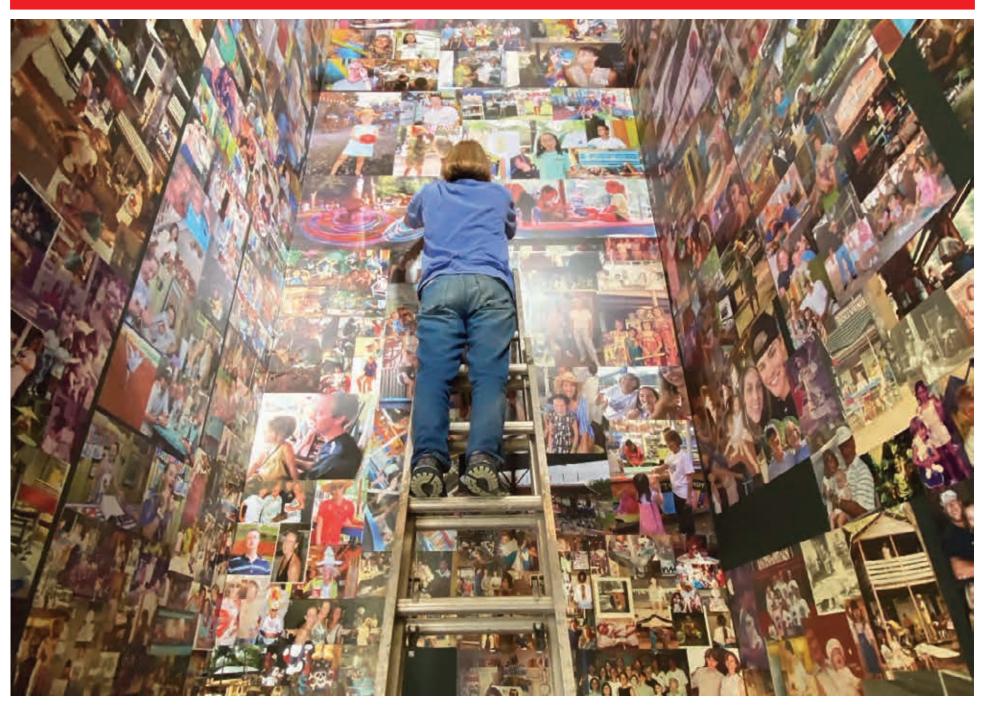
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Jane Kynerd puts pictures in place on the 18-foot wall in Cabin 6.

Family history etched on cabin walls

By Payton Bishop

Many families have pictures dating back several generations that capture precious memories of the Fair.

Why not collage them all together on a wall while renovating your cabin? Kay Walker said that is the idea that came to her when she was reconstructing Cabin 6.

She sent an email out to all of her cousins saying, "Send Adelle (her daughter) all of your pictures from The Fair."

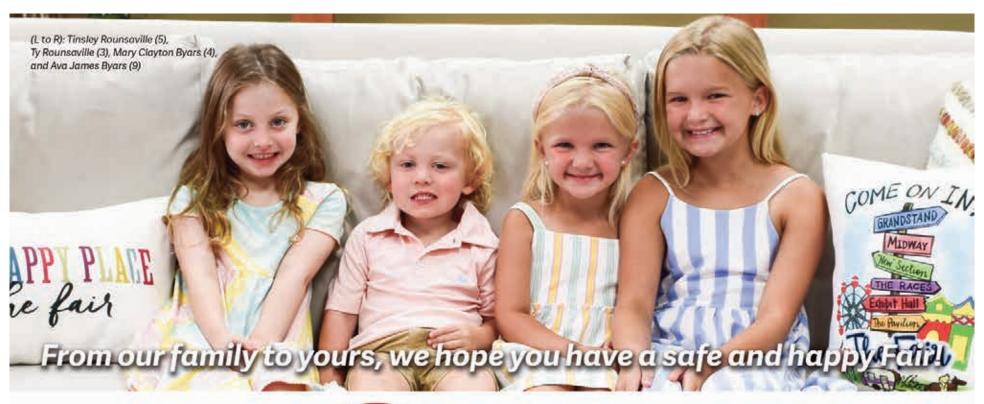
Adelle Walker, without any heads-up from her Mom, received 755 pictures to put together. That was OK by Adelle, who is a photographer and takes many of her inspirations from the Fair. Adelle's grandmother and her aunt originally made collages out family photos and placed them in the cabin. Adelle digitalized all of the old collages that her family had in the cabin, and over a span of the next 9 months, continued to put together the new collages.

In March, Adelle along with her mother, Kay, and Kay's sister, Jane Kynerd, spent the next three days putting pictures on an 18-foot wall in the cabin. Adelle called all of the photos "a portal of memories." The wall contains five generations worth of memories.

"This place is bigger than Christmas and New Year's for us," Adelle said. "We love everything about this place."



Kiley Goforth, Mandy Morse and Emily Morse enjoy some refreshments on the front porch of Split Cabin 71-72.







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Jones Burks, Anna Claire Hancock and Emma Clark take turns holding some bunnies at the Petting Zoo.



Vonnie Moody and dog Flora rock on the front porch.



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Nowell enjoys the Fair atmosphere

By Audrey Hall

Pamela Nowell can attest that the Fair, as distinctive as it looks with the long red Racetrack and Ferris wheel, also has a very distinctive sound. Many of Nowell's favorite memories of the Fair surround the music she's heard and the sounds she associates with the Fair's atmosphere.

Nowell was in the high school band and played trumpet in the Racetrack stands. Her favorite song to play at the Fair was "The Land of Make Believe."

When not playing in the stands, Nowell explored the Fair with her friends. Nowell recalls fondly the past Fairs of her childhood. As teenagers, she and her friends would explore the Midway, wander up and down the halls of the Flea Market, and attend concerts in the Pavilion.

This Fair is Benjamin Nowell's fourth, and he is having fun exploring the Fair, too. He is very proud of his cabin and its décor. He en-

joys pointing out the colorful lights and flags. Benjamin also likes the rides and the horses and couldn't possibly choose a favorite. He'll ride them all.

Another of Nowell's fondest memories was meeting Dierks Bentley when he performed at the Fair. Nowell got to touch the country musician's famous curls, as this was in the era before he cut his hair. Nowell also remembers the hilarity of having slept right through the Fair's George Strait concert. Somewhere in the cabin, there are pictures of her sleeping that particular night of concerts away.

The atmosphere of the Fair is close to Nowell's heart. Sometimes, the music is the biggest source of joy. Sometimes, when Nowell was a child, it was waking up early in Cabin 312 and hearing the horses warming up on the Racetrack. She said her earliest memories of the Fair were the gentle sound of their hooves on the track dirt early in the cool morning.



William, Pamela, and Benjamin Nowell









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Kids find new way to move around the Fair

By Duncan Dent

The Lambert twins brought a new way to traverse the Fairgrounds from their home in Louisiana allowing them to zoom around the Fair with one of their best friends from home.

Neva Lambert, 12, said she has had her "one wheel" for about a year. She was spotted rolling through the Square last Friday with her twin brother, Lowell, also 12, and his best friend 11-year-old Max Ribes.

Neva said her one wheel allows her to travel across the Fairgrounds quickly.

"It is easier to get around the Fair," she said. "It's fun and fast to ride."

Lowell said that the one wheels handle well offroad and are not too loud.

"I like that it's kind of silent," he said.

Ribes added, "They are easy and quick."

Whether they have started a trend is too early to tell, though they could be seen zooming across the Square and weaving in between cabins throughout the day.

The twins are the children of Stefhanie and Tommy Lambert of Baton Rouge, where Ribes is also from. The twins stay in Cabin 29 and have been coming to the Fair since they were babies.



Lowell and Neva Lambert with Max Ribes show of their one wheels.





Fair concerts are special for Threadgill

By Audrey Hall

Fair concerts have a special place in Leslie Threadgill's heart.

The music is always a highlight, but Threadgill also has a fun story she likes to share about the time she met Kenny Chesney before a concert in

Threadgill, an Auburn alumna, met Chesney right before a small concert in Auburn.

Threadgill and her sister were outside the venue and got to meet Chesney, who stood a little shorter than expected but proved to be generous with his fans. Threadgill and her sister had a good laugh about the experi-

"We were starstruck, for sure. We didn't have tickets to the concert, but he got us in," Threadgill said.

The Fair provides similar joys for Threadgill and her husband and son, who like to attend the music concerts and listen to the different artists every year.

They attended Friday's concert and listened to Southbound perform.

"I married into this Fair," said Threadgill, a Birmingham, Ala., native. Her husband Tyler Threadgill introduced her to the Fair tradition when they began dating. Now, the Threadgills attend annually with their son John Tyler and stay in Cabin 243.

This year will be John Tyler's fourth Fair. His favorite part of the Fair so far has been exploring the Midway; he likes the motorcycle ride best.

This year has been Leslie Threadgill's favorite Fair so far, because it's the first Fair John Tyler has been old enough to remember.

"Seeing his eyes light up," said Threadgill when deciding on the highlight of this year's Fair.

Penns' chicken-on-a-stick is a close second, though. And the music is always worth staying up for.



John Tyler and Leslie Threadgill







Benjamin Jackson, Adam Jackson, Marilyn Jackson, Anna Kate Stanford, Katherine Stanford, Corbin Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Allie Jackson, Ashley Jackson, and Laura Jackson pose for a family photo in the Cumberland-Jackson Cabin 43.



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Cousins Parks and Sayda Posey take a nighttime stroll on Sunset Strip.







 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HARDY}}$ visits with young fans Emma, Katie, Mims and Leigh Wilson.



Cousins Keeli Pigg and Maggie Martin wear matching clothes for a photo.



Emmi Johnson and Pax Posey watch the horse races.



Mary Claire Smith, 6, takes a stroll through the Fairgrounds.



Charlie Booker and Ady Kate Nicholson of Cabin 267 enjoy playing with their balloon animals.



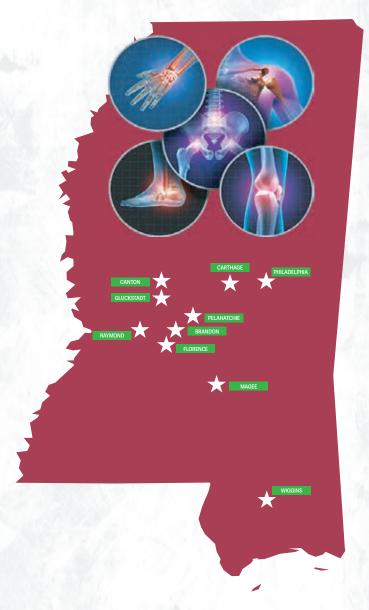
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Remodeled Jeep makes perfect 'Fair' vehicle

By Audrey Hall

Sometimes the Antique Car Show at the Fair is a testament to the determination and the human ability to take something apart and put it back together again.

Quite a few of the cars on display were rebuilt not completely from the ground up, but certainly close. A white pick-up truck and a brown and orange Jeep are two entries from this year's show with stories where that hard work has come to fruition.

Tommy Majure's 1946 Chevrolet Pick-up has been a labor of love. He bought it with a partial restoration and had to take the motor and transmission out. He calls the truck a learning experience, as he's restored a couple of vehicles in the past, but this is the first one he has had to work on to this extent. Luckily, Majure has enjoyed the process so far.

"I love seeing all the other vehicles," Majure

He has attended the car show every year for the past 10 years. This year, he brought the Chevy Pick-up so he would have something to park in front of the cabin and because he enjoys talking about it.

The best part about showing his cars at the car show is getting to chat with other people about the vehicles or hear about old memories the cars bring



Norman Price

back for others.

"To see other people enjoying it is where I get my joy," Majure said.

His remodeled cars are all white, because white has the best resale value and the paint lasts the longest. The Chevy Pick-up was a navy blue color, originally. But, Majure wanted to be able to drive this truck. He drives it nearly every day and

said it runs as well as his Toyota.

"It's always overwhelming when you first start, you do a little job, and this little job, and that little job, and before you know it you've gotten a big job done," Majure said.

Norman Price had a similar experience when he bought his 1979 Jeep CJ7 about six years ago when his children were in high school. Price originally bought the Jeep because he wanted his children to drive a standard or manual transmission. After they finished high school and moved out of the house, Price decided to restore the Jeep.

Everything on the car has been totally redone. Price said he took it off the frame, rebuilt the front end and the rear end, redid the wiring, the harness, the engine, the paint and the interior. The wiring was the most difficult, Price said.

"Making sure when you cut your right blinker on, the right blinker came on," he said.

He handled everything but the paint and body. The Jeep's current paint job is its original brown paint and orange stripes. It was important to Price to take the car back to its original state.

"That's the way it looked in 1979," he said.

Price said his wife likes to take the Jeep to work on Fridays, if the weather is pretty. He doesn't keep the top on, so a nice day is a requirement for taking the Jeep out for a ride.

The Jeep was once Price's "Fair vehicle." The left side of its windshield shows the many Fair stickers it has received over the years on its way to Cabin 902.

Price has another project in the works: a 1969 Convertible Firebird, which he plans to bring to the Antique Car Show as soon as it is finished. Neither he nor Majure plan to let a Fair go by without participating in the Antique Car Show's camaraderie.



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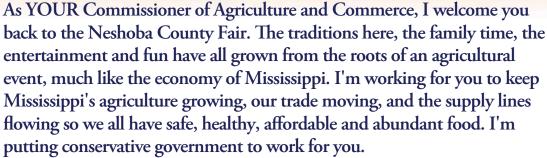
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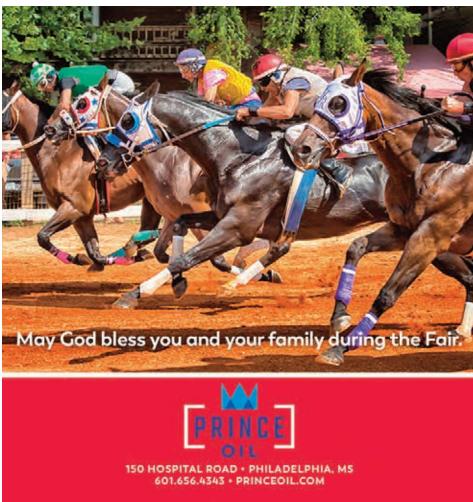


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Deneese Mosley, Layla Mosley, Debbie Boykin and Jaci Jones snack on some curly fries in the shade.





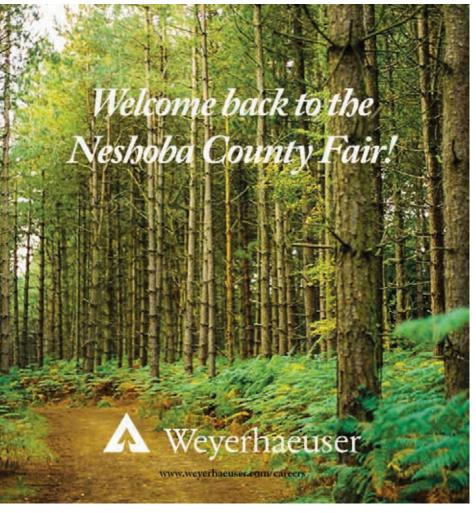


Brooklee Pogue is ready to serve breakfast in her Fair apron.



Clay Mercer, Grace Sanders, Trey Sanders and Laney Grace Griffis of Cabin 734 take in the night sights on the Midway.





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Above, Grayson King, JonTyson Tubby, and Parker Kilpatrick play in the rain water. At right, Haley and Heidi Melton play in the rain at Cabin 251





Rebecca Allen, Joyce Cole, and Candice Cole relax on the porch of Cabin 18.



Maurie Simmons, 4, and Sutton Rogers, 4, enjoy some snow cones.



Above, Millie Jane Chipley, Brandon Chipley and Ella Kay Chipley escape from the rain on the porch. At left, Richard Boykin and Lynn Boykin beat the heat and enjoy some food.





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History behind antique cars runs deep

By Audrey Hall

The Antique Car Show features cars of all makes and models, each a project close to their owner's heart.

When he was 19 years old, Laban Smith made the mistake of trading in his 1971 Buick Skylark Gran Sport. He regretted doing so from day one, and upon returning to the shop a week later to buy it back, discovered it was gone. Someone else had leaped on the opportunity first.

In 2006, Smith found the same model car in San Antonio, Texas, and he wasted no time in driving to San Antonio and retrieving his child-hood car doppelganger to bring it home. This car, a hotrod red, isn't the same: Smith's original car was burgundy with a white interior. But, Smith has no intention of repainting this one.

"It looks so good from a distance, I won't mess with it," he said.

The find has been rewarding for Smith. For the most part, the car has only required basic upkeep such as new brakes. He likes to cruise the Gulf Coast in this car.

"Cruising the Coast is nothing but a car show!" He said.

Fiancée Sherlon Boswell is the first woman to drive the car. Smith's wife died a few years ago without ever driving the car and so Boswell has recently gotten behind the wheel. She and

Smith attended Neshoba Central High School together and have known each other since. Now, they enjoy the '71 Buick Gran Sport together.

Nearby, Jimmie Nowell showed off his 1967 Chevrolet Impala, remodeled after the car that appeared in nearly every episode of the hit CW show "Supernatural." Nowell's daughter Maggie was a big fan of the show and Nowell painted it and put the car back together for her.

"When I gave this car to my daughter, her face lit up and it was worth all the work," Nowell said.

He and his daughter went to a fan convention in Nashville, where she showed the show's stars a picture of the remodeled Chevy Impala. Actor Jensen Ackles had a lot of compliments for the remodeled version of his character's car, saying, "Man, that's so cool."

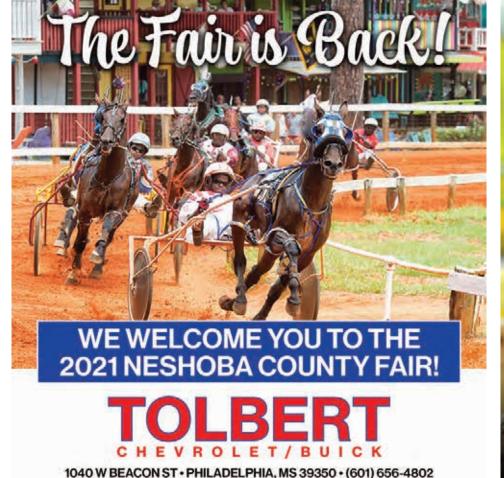
This is the Chevy Impala's first time at the Fair, but otherwise, it is well-traveled.

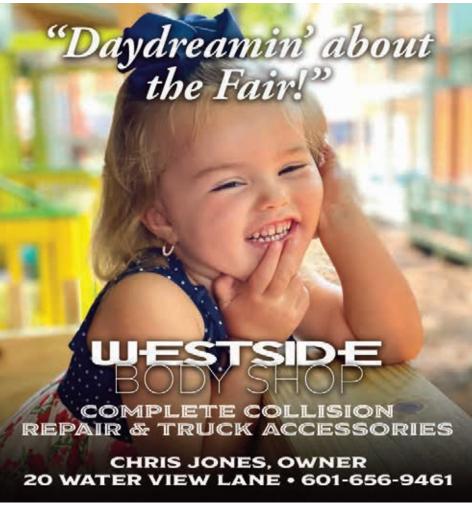
Nowell used to attend the Fair more often when he was younger and has enjoyed this recent return to the Fairgrounds. Visiting with friends he wouldn't otherwise see has been the highlight, other than showing the Chevy Impala at Sunday's car show.

Every year, the Antique Car Show gives car enthusiasts a chance to show off their hard work and appreciate the efforts of others. As this Fair's line-up proves, sharing these projects with loved ones is the best part.



Sherlon Boswell and Laban Smith







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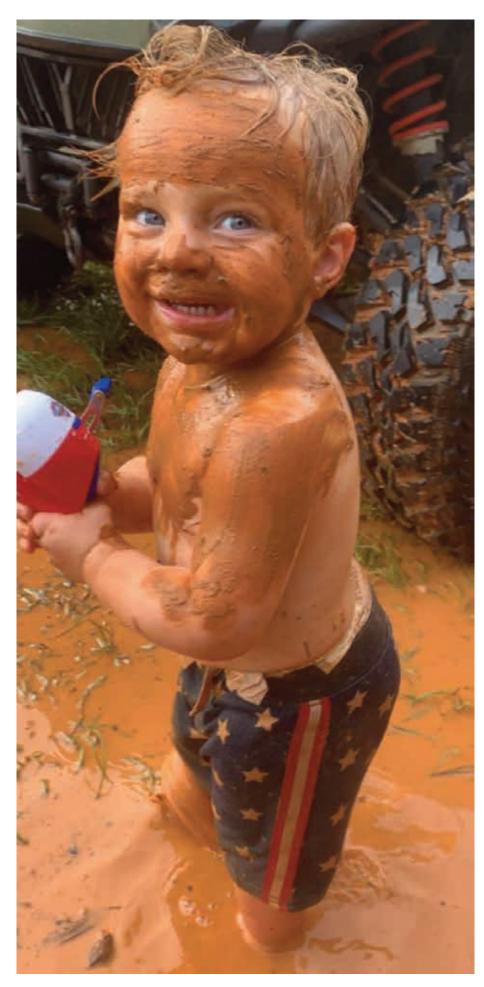
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Lucy Gaydosh, 6, Kenny Gaydosh, 11, and Thatcher Reed, 10, sell signs to buy Lucy a pass to ride on the Midway.

Calbert's first trip to Petting Zoo a success

By John Lee

Three-year-old Mary Catherine Calbert finally got to visit the Petting Zoo on Saturday, and she even got to hold and a baby rabbit.

"She and the rest of us are looking forward to spending time with family and seeing the horse races," said her uncle, Jason Craig. "We've been to the Petting Zoo several times over the years, and I know Mary Catherine is going to like it a lot. She's loving the Fair so far."

Craig said Calbert enjoyed seeing the kangaroos before she headed to the baby rabbit pen.

Calbert's mother, Jaimie Calbert of DeKalb, has been attending the Fair for as long as she can remember and started bringing her daughter as soon as she was born.

They are currently staying in a camper lot near the petting zoo.

"I'm not sure what her favorite animal will be," Jaimie Calbert said. "I would say anything Mary Catherine can pet. She loves animals, and she is certainly looking forward to what the rest of the Fair has to offer."



Mary Catherine Calbert stands with her uncle Jason Craig at the Petting Zoo.



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- What is your favorite ride on the Midway? The swings and the drop down.
- What is your favorite Fair meal? We like steaks and chicken and fries.
- What's one thing you especially look forward to at the Fair? We like the rides and the bands.
 - How many people stay in your cabin during the week? About 16

– By Mollie and Aubrey Mcadory



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Luke and Rhett Powell enjoy the motorcycles at the Midway.



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Todd Dunn from Sturgis cools off and eats a steak meal he grilled at Camper site #1.



Ella Gibbon and Makenna Reece visit the alpacas at the Petting Zoo.





Bill Lea and Darlee Parker stand on the porch of Cabin 35 which they call "Dixie's Corner."



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Ingredients:

2 tablespoon butter or margarine

1 clove garlic, chopped

1/3 cup honey

1 tablespoon lemon juice

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Preheat a grill for medium heat. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, and cook until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in honey and lemon juice. Reserve half for basting, and brush the other half onto the chicken breasts. Lightly oil the grill grate, and place chicken on the grill. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes pr side, turning frequently. Baste often during the last 5 minutes. Chicken is done when the meat is firm, and juices run clear.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE GRILLED CHICKEN

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 45 mins Additional: 30 mins Total Time: 1 hr 35 mins Servings: 6

Ingredients:

1 (3 pound) whole chicken

³/₄ cup sour cream

1/4 cup diced red onion

2 cloves garlic, diced

1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon dried dill weed

2 tablespoon olive oil

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

To make the chicken easier to grill evenly, remove its backbone. Do this by placing the chicken breast side down on a work surface with the tail end facing you. With a boning knife or sturdy kitchen shears. Cut from front to back next to the backbone. Turn the chicken so the neck end faces you and cut on the other side of the backbone. Remove the backbone and use it for making stock or discard. Turn the chicken over and cut through the tailbone or wish bone. Spread the chicken out flat so it's 'butterflied.' Mix together the

sour cream, red onion, garlic, oregano, dill, salt, and pepper in a bowl and blend thoroughly. Gently lift the skin from the chicken being careful not to puncture or break the skin. Spoon the sour cream mixture under the skin, and massage gently to east the mixture into all areas of the chicken. Cover, and refrigerate for 30 minutes, or overnight. Preheat a grill for medium heat. Lightly oil a grill grate, and place 4 inches from the heat source. Lightly brush the chicken with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Place chicken on prepared grill skin side up. Cover the grill, and cook until the meat is

firm and juices run clear when pierced with a knife, 45-55 minutes. There is no need to turn the chicken over.

GRILLED BBQ CHICKEN NACHOS

Prep Time: 15 mins Cook Time: 20 mins Total: 35 mins

Servings: 8 Ingredients:

2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 teaspoon chili powder 2 tablespoon BBQ sauce

1 (14.5 ounce) package white corn tortilla chips

1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained

3 cups shredded milk Cheddar cheese

½ cup sliced pickled jalapenos ½ cup hickory wood chips, soaked

Place chicken breasts in a medium bowl. Coat with olive oil, sprinkle with chili powder, and turn to combine evenly. Set up a grill for indirect heat. Cook chicken breasts over high heat, about 2 minutes per

side. Finish cooking over indirect heat, covered, about 5 minutes per side. Cut chicken into 1/2-inch cubes and coat evenly with BBQ sauce in a small bowl. Arrange a portion of tortilla chips in a single layer on a grill tray, cast iron griddle, or disposable foil pan. Sprinkle black beans and ½ of the shredded cheese on top. Add a second layer of chips. Arrange chicken on top and cover with remaining cheese. Top with jalapeno slices. Add wood chips to charcoal. Place nachos over indirect heat and cover grill. Grill until cheese is melted, rotating tray at least once, 5 to 10 minutes...





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Katherine Yates, 6



Atley Boulden and Gracie Dees are ready to watch the races.



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Breland and Ellison Walker have fun riding at the Midway.



Jack Flake, Ollie Patterson, Cutler White, William Moorehead, Charlie Smith and Jake Myers walk around the Midway.





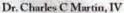


Emersyn Liddell enjoys her snack in her wagon before heading out across the Cabin 334 B&C hosted a tea time for their neighboring cabin friends. Fairgrounds.

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BROTHERS IN GRIME



KB Breland, 5, and brother Burkes Breland, 3, of Cabin 234, play in Dookey Creek. Their parents are Jacob and Logan Breland.



Amba and Buddy Ogletree

History recorded on walls of Cabin 309

By Duncan Dent

The words "record-keeping" have a pretty dreary and bureaucratic ring to them but at the Fair they take on a lively spirit of ingenuity.

Many cabins log visitors by signature and Cabin 309 is no different though instead of singing a Fair poster, guests are invited to sign the walls in the downstairs bathroom.

The bathroom walls, ceiling and door in the Stokes Wreck Cabin is covered with signatures

and still has space for many more. Logan Lynch, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, said the earliest date he can make out goes back to the mid-'80s. Buddy Ogletree of Madison, said that sounds about right for when the tradition was started.

Whenever a new guest pops by it is not long before you see someone's eyes light up and say, "Get me a marker."

Buddy's wife, Amba Stokes Ogletree, is the cabin owner. It was built by her father, the late Harold Stokes in 1962. Harold owned a tow

truck and wrecking service in Philadelphia. Amba's mother Eloise Stokes is 93 years old and makes trips out to the Fairgrounds when it is not too hot.

The Stokes Wreck sleeps 28 people at full capacity. Logan is Amba and Buddy's son-in-law. He is married to their daughter Danielle Lynch. They have two children Carson, 10, and Juliet. 7.

Like at most Fair cabins, food is a big part of the Stokes Wreck cabin tradition. Cabin lore

says that one year a cousin making a delivery of chicken to the cabin got caught up in the middle of one of the horse races. Buddy said that truthfully it happened in between races and it did cause a bit of a stir.

Logan is "responsible for all the protein" with his signature meal being ribs.

Amba spends the weeks leading up to the Fair preparing and freezing casseroles to ensure there are always ready-to-eat meals for every-one

Board games rule the roost at Cabin 75

By Duncan Dent

Card games and board games are a popular pastime in many cabins, and in the Breazeale-Shaw Cabin the game titles make up an ever-expanding list.

Uno, Solitaire and many more have been longtime staples of Cabin 75's game repertoire.

"We love games," Marianna Breazeale Shaw said. "We play a lot of cards."

Marianna said two new games have been introduced to the players in their cabin this year, Rummikub and Chess. Rummikub is on track to be a hit, she said.

She described the game as a combination of gin rummy and Scrabble.

"It is so much fun," she said. "About half of us already know how to play it. It already looks like we may have a new yearly tradition."

One fine Fair morning Marianna had the game set up with her son Henry Shaw, who is 8 years old. They were teaching a cousin, 15-year-old Caroline Breazeale, how to play while 9-year-old Benji Shaw looked on in amusement.

"I like (Rummikub)," Henry said. "It takes a lot of thinking."

Caroline said her favorite game is Play on Words. She said the game is a disk that scrambles a bunch of lettered tiles and each contestant is charged with finding as many words as they can in the scramble.

Marianna said Mancala is probably the most played game in the cabin.

Marianna and her husband, Ben, own the cabin with her brothers and their wives, Glenn and Carter Breazeale and Maury and Lauren Breazeale. They inherited the cabin from their father, Don Breazeale, when he died in 2015.

The cabin has been in the family since their great-grandfather, Joe Coghlan, built it in the late 1950s just behind Founders Square to the west.

Mariana said she has been coming to the Fair all of her 37 years. Their family is spread spread out around the Southeast. The Shaw's live in St. Francisville, La., where Ben is the pastor of a Presbyterian church, Christ Community Church.

Glen and Carter live in Chattanooga and Maury and Lauren are in Jackson "where we all grew up." Her grandparents were Pearl and Forest Breazeale of Neshoba County.

"We love coming to the Fair and getting to spend time with our family. It is a fun place," Mariana said.



Betsy Boyd, Caroline Breazeale, Benji Shaw, Henry Shaw, Gigi Breazeale and Missye Rhee Shaw. Rummikub is set up on the table.





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Kay Barfoot, Chance Barfoot and Hayden Kilgore do a little shopping at the Flea Market.

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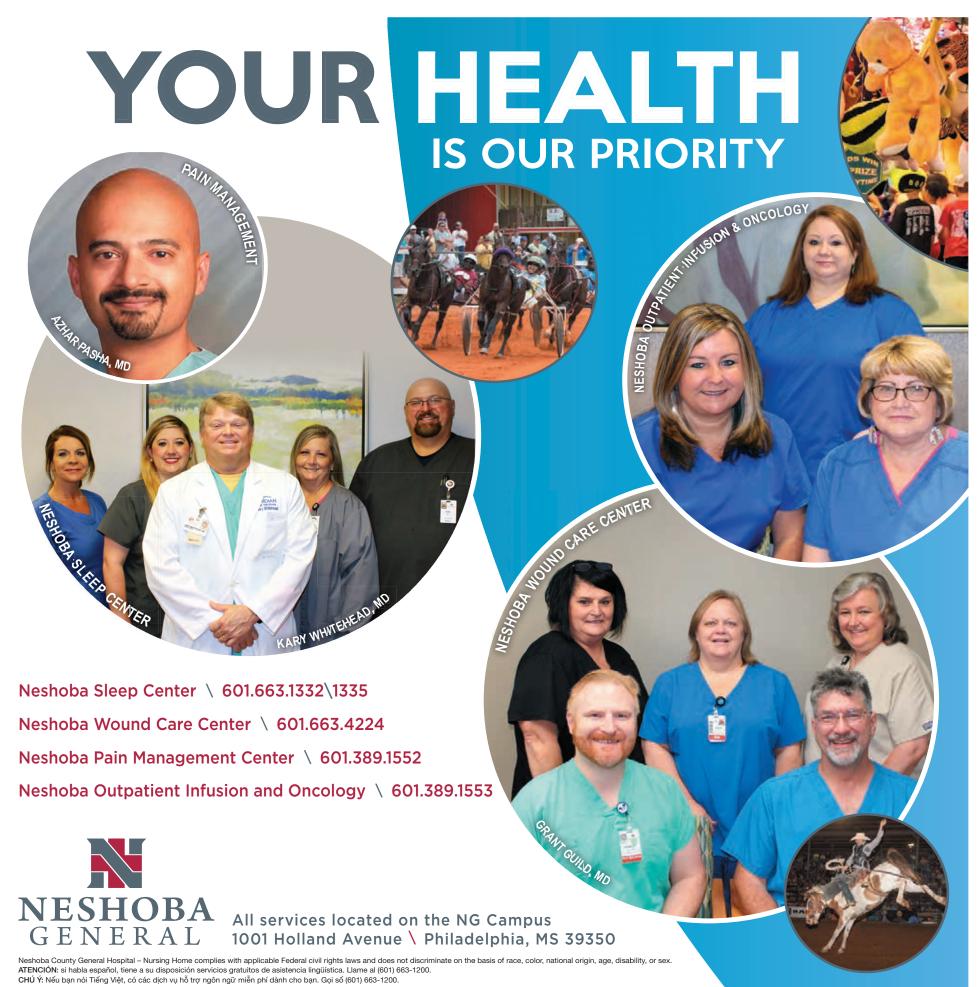
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Lena Cheatham, 8, Cabin 239



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Finley Moore, 1, Raelyn Pace, 7, Wyatt Moore, 4, and Riggs Pace, 3, are all smiles for the Fair.

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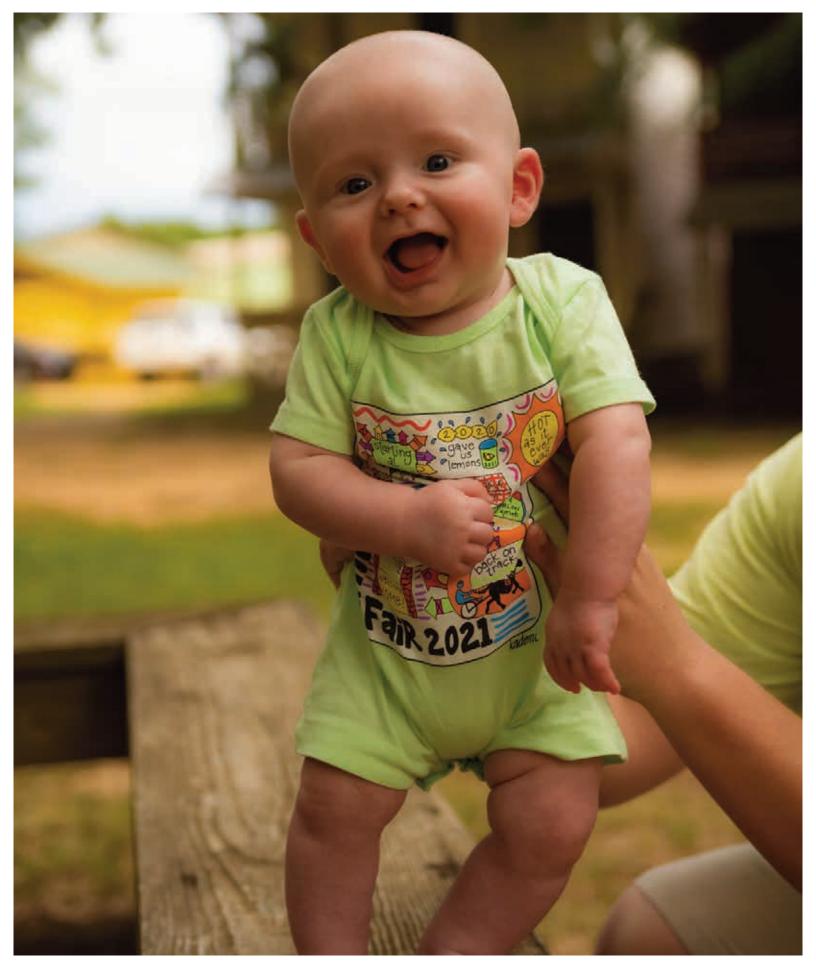
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Leighton Davison of Cabin 888 is in absolute awe of the Fair and all the happenings.

Walker Williams, 7, Cabin 81





Chasen Jenkins is so happy at his first Fair.



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Huntley Willis, 5, Cabin 9

Leighton Tidwell, 11



Maggie Lee Griffis, Elli Huffman, Lauren Pope, and Vy Byrd is loving her first Fair ride. Zoey Bell enjoy the night life.





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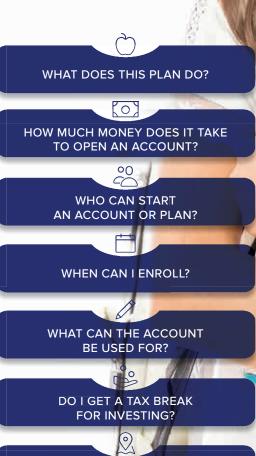
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