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"Fair outlasts inclement weather to shine"
(Note for judges: Please disregard the two beauty pageant photos as those were taken by an outside photographer and not by Titus Mohler.)
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BRITNEY VANDIFORD | BRITNEY VANDIFORD PHOTOGRAPHY
 Pictured are the girls crowned Tuesday, Aug. 9, in their respective divisions of the 2022 Little Miss Franklin-Southampton County Fair Pageant. They are, from left, Miss Heart Savannah Fowler, Pre-teen Queen Chelsea Epps, Junior Queen Gracie Story, Little Queen Kendley Taylor and Wee Queen Rowan Bryant.

From left, the three ladies pictured here were crowned Wednesday, Aug. 10, in the Teen, Miss and Ms. divisions of the 2022 Miss Franklin-Southampton County Fair Pageant. They are Natalie Pugh, Madison Lowe and Meredith Taylor.

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BY TITUS MOHLER
 STAFF WRITER

Thousands from the area and beyond gathered in Courtland for the 2022 Franklin-Southampton County Fair that ran from Wednesday, Aug. 10, through Saturday, Aug. 13, and outlasted some inclement weather that came during the week.

"I feel we had a good fair considering we had the rain Wednesday and Thursday," Fair President Glenn Joyner said. "But overall, (the fair) really picked up at the end of the week on the weekend. Weather was perfect for it the last of the week. So it was, I would say, above average."

He estimated that across all four days of the fair, between 8,000 and 9,000 people attended it.

Joyner stated that the



Six-year-old Addyson Moss, of Emporia, is strapped in and holds on as an attraction at the fair turns her around and upside down.



Lucy Carbonetto smiles as she begins her climbing wall journey Friday, Aug. 12, at the fair.

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Ed Griggs and his granddaughter Kaydyn Griggs make their descent on the Fun Slide at the fair.



A'Layla Peterson smiles as one of the rides at the fair speeds up and sends its occupants through the air at an angle.



The smile of Matthew Domer, of Southampton County, conveys his interest in the activity of the robots on the screen as Amy L. Phillips, promoting Blackwater Robotics at the fair, helps explain what the machines are capable of.



Alfred Mackler, of Suffolk, enjoys some time at the wheel of a 1948 Farmall Cub that was on display at the fair. The tractor has belonged to Tommy Lowe for about 25 years. Standing next to the tractor with Alfred is Lauren Mackler.



Southampton Treasurer's Office receives accreditation

STAFF REPORT

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SUBMITTED | VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 646 (Governor Darden Road) is open to traffic following the completion of a safety improvements project in Southampton County that included shoulder widening and side-slope regrading.



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SUBMITTED | DREW PAGE

Franklin residents meet NBA team owner, player

Franklin residents Drew Page and Ann Dove Page had the opportunity to meet "Shark Tank" star and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban at the Finney-Smith Foundation Black Tie Gala. The event took place at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott on July 29. Dorian Finney-Smith, a player for the Mavericks and former Portsmouth high school standout, hosted the foundation event to raise money for Hampton Roads youth. Cuban was the keynote speaker. Pictured are, from left, Finney-Smith, Ann Dove Page, Cuban and Drew Page.

FAIR: 'I saw a lot of different license plates'

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majority of people attending the fair were local, meaning they came from Suffolk to Emporia and everywhere in between, but he did sense there were a decent number of people who traveled a bit to come

this year, possibly for the first time.

"I've been here all my life — I saw a lot of faces I've never seen," he said. "I saw a lot of different license plates in the parking lot."

Joyner's wife, Janet Joyner, ran both the Little Miss and Miss Franklin-Southampton County Fair pageants and was pleased with how they went. Due to

the inclement weather on Aug. 9 and 10, both events were moved to Southampton High School.

"We had wonderful pageants this year," she said. "Everyone loved them being at the school and in an air-conditioned building."

Glenn Joyner made a point to highlight the 2022 fair's sponsors.

"With all this, we couldn't have done it without the sponsors," he said. "They really, really stepped their game up with times like they are right now, and sponsors were up from the previous years, and we picked up right many new sponsors. I keep wanting to shout out to them as much as I can because they are my bread and butter when it comes to the events."



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Jennifer and Jim Bolton run a fair booth representing their business, Choot'em Up, a marshmallow tactical supply company. They showcased marshmallow guns, operated by mouth, that can fire marshmallows at distances ranging from 45 to 90 feet, depending on the gun.

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