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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.

Fair outlasts inclement weather to shine

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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.