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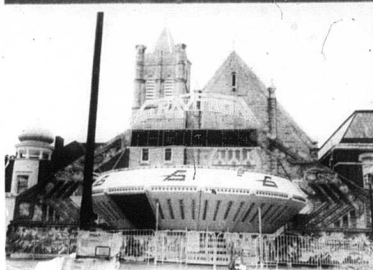
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Blackberry Festival gets a cloudy, soggy start

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor



A number of new rides have been added to the festival, including the Gravatron and Bear Affair. There are the traditional rides for children and adults such as the roller coaster and Tempest.

A large number of game booths and food trailers are ready for the many patrons who attend the Blackberry Festival every year. The celebration will continue until Saturday, July 4 and a large crowd is expected for every night of the event.

The Blackberry Festival got underway Monday evening, June 29, with sudden ground under the feet of its attendees and workers.

Severe thunderstorms plagued the state Monday, leaving behind flooded streets and lawns in many counties. Although the yard of the Courthouse, where the event has been set up, was muddy and wet and the skies continued to hold the threat of rain and storms, a number of carnival personnel assured this reporter that the show would continue as planned.

The workers stated that when weather conditions were as wet and uncomfortable as they were Monday night, most attendees of the fair enjoyed playing games and eating hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy and just enjoying the summer-time celebration.

Photo By: Amy Rankin

The Gravatron, a new ride this year at the Blackberry Festival, sits on the back street behind the Courthouse, waiting to thrill its riders during the event June 29-July 4.

We've Moved

The Carlisle Mercury has moved to a new location and we invite everyone to drop in and see our new look. If you need to see us come to our new office at 113 South Locust Street in Carlisle beneath the Depot Bank. We hope to see you soon!

Cheatham Club has fish fry on July 11

The Marie Cheatham Club of Carlisle (formerly Marie Chapter 229) will have their annual Fish Fry on Saturday, July 11, 1998. The meeting will be at the Depot on Market Street at 5 p.m. All members please bring a covered dish and enjoy everyone's company.

Nicholas Co. retired teacher group meets

The Nicholas County Retired Teachers met at the library on June 8. We welcomed three retirees to our association: Martha Taylor, Brenda and Bill Anderson.

The Devotional was given by Lucille Clark. Lucille Tiesback, president, gave information to the new members about our club. Jeannette Wallace read two poems that she composed one to a former retired teacher, Marjorie R. Wilson and one to "Mother".

The president read two poems: "A Teachers Walk" and "A Teacher Who Passed My Way" by Audrey Taylor.

A social hour followed honoring the retirees.

The next meeting will be Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. at the library.

Meeting scheduled for 15-year reunion

A meeting will be held to discuss plans for our 15-year reunion on Sunday, July 5, at 2 p.m. at Park of the Town Restaurant.

For additional questions or comments, please call Toni Warner at 289-7457.

Trade openings at Job Corps

Job Corps centers in Kentucky have immediate openings available for training in cement masonry, culinary arts, business/financial, carpentry and health occupations trades.



Bear Affair is a new ride for the Blackberry Festival this year and promises to spin its riders into a whirl.



Basketball shoots are just one of the many games offered at this year's Blackberry Festival in Carlisle, scheduled for June 29-July 4.



Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark signed a proclamation on Thursday, June 25, to declare Puppy Day for July 4, 1998. Pictured behind him from left are Leona Trussell, Treasurer; Ruby McKee, Poppy Chairperson; and Eunice Bromagen, President.



The Tempest, an old favorite of many carnival goers, awaits its riders while sitting in the lawn of the Courthouse where this year's Festival is being held.



"Sweet and Fluffy Cotton Candy" is a favorite tradition of most carnival goers and is included as a part of this year's Festival.



The Ferris Wheel sits proud in the Courthouse lawn after its absence from the Blackberry Festival for so many years.

Cars and motorcycles are always a favorite ride for the youngsters at the Blackberry Festival.

Mayor signs proclamation declaring Poppy Day

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Those present for the proclamation signing in addition to Mayor Clark were: Eunice Bromagen, President; Ruth McKee, Poppy Chairperson; and Leona Trussell, Treasurer.

President, Ruby McKee, Poppy Chairperson and other ladies of the V.F.W. Post 8666 Auxiliary entered a request for Poppy Day.

The official declaration came after Eunice Bromagen,