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News from the Worthy Grand Matron

Hello Sisters and Brothers

Official Visits have begun. We have, as of the writing of this report completed 6 O.V.'s We started with Tallulah #16 in Spartanburg On September 4. The Inspecting Grand Officer. Anita Dixon AGM. We had 34 members present. Great Social time with all the members and guests.

On Saturday September 5 we were guests of Nell Chapter. The Grand Officers came to Honor Brother Fred. They had a wonderful meal. Fun courtesy put on by our PMWGM sister Glenda. A very cute Characture done by Sister Lilly. We love them. There were 48 members at this visit, Inspecting Grand Officer (I.G.O.) WGM.

On Sept. 10 we all travelled to Golden Glow #76, where there was a combined O.V. with Harmony Hope #229. Both chapters came together and performed a great O.V. Dinner down stairs was like going to fine dining. Sister Judy Justice done a beautiful job, glass plates and glasses, and silverware in cloth napkins. We also had an adorable Rainbow girl to serve us. All who came enjoyed a delicious meal and great conversations. We had 46 members at this meeting. Many thanks to Jesse Kilby who recited the AP initiatory part with flawless zeal. Thank you.

On Sept. 14 we attended the O.V. of Easley. After one little medical hiccup we proceeded on with the meeting. We had 38 member present at this Official Visit. Next was Richburg #213. On Sept. 19 the Grand Officers came out to support Sister Kim Desrosier 55 members in attendance. Great food, we were served by 3 rainbows girls from the Corinthian Assembly. Those ladies always do a beautiful job. The courtesy was on point. It was a story about a little Star name Judy.

On writing this letter I have just returned from out September Line Officers meeting. All 3 clubs come together and try to sell a few things for their club. We turned in our orders for the Pecan sale which will be delivered at the November Line Officers Meeting. And we had a super lunch sponsored by The Faithful Hearts Club.

Our next O.V. was Antioch #291. The courtesy was very cute and yes there were ducks involved. This meeting we had 44 members and visitors, great day , great food. We also had our OV at Loris, we 32 members visiting and then the next night in Anderson 26 in attendance. Our welcome was perfect and the meetings great and so was our dinners. The Popeyes, and Tiggers were everywhere, thank you for the love and the adventures.

This week coming up we will have several official visits, I hope you can attend they are Roebuck, Lyman, Fort Mill and this Saturday is Monaghan. Hope to see you there.

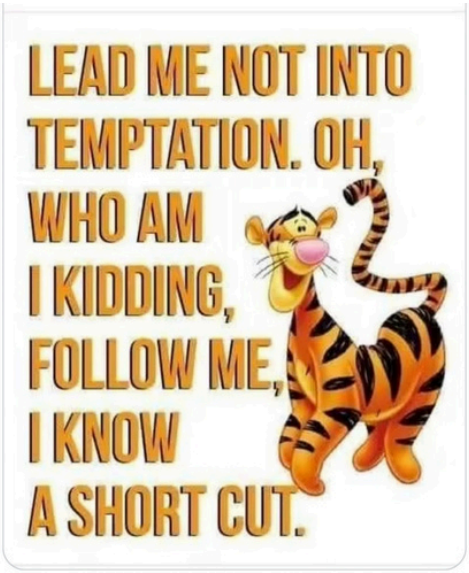
Grand Trip to St Augustine. We have filled one bus for our trip. And we are 6 people short of filling the 2nd bus, It is not too late. If you are interested in the trip in March please call Barbara Collins at 843-200-5248. To let her know if you are interested.

Remember to send in those great pictures that made you feel good, and pictures of chapter activity and your Official Visits. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the road somewhere.

"Look to the Stars" Great things are coming.

Judy M. Krummich WGM







News from the Worthy Grand Patron

Fall Greetings to all my sisters and brothers. I hope everyone is enjoying the weather we are having. This is my favorite time of the year. I like getting out in the brisk cool air in the morning and then warming up some for the afternoon activities.

Official Visits are underway and we are enjoying traveling the state and seeing our sisters and brothers. Recently myself, the WGM, AGP and his wife were able to visit West Virginia's Grand Chapter. Our AGM was planning on attending but was unable to make it. PMWGM Glenda Winchester, Don Cool Grand Lecturer and wife Millie, Jennifer Bailey Grand Conductress, Kathy Baily DD District 2, Vicky Graham Grand Representative of Ga., Dana Graham and Kim Henderson members of Westminster Chapter and Nancy Hitchman WM of Wacamaw and PGM of West Virginia were in attendance also.

Our trip to St. Augustine and Jacksonville is looking really good, We already have a large group going and would like to have you join us. The trip is March 1-March 4. The cost is $550 pp based on double occupancy. It is going to be a fun trip. Included is Travel, accommodation, 6 meals, all gratuities for bus and trolly drivers. Get signed up and come join us for this fun and exciting time.

Pecans have been ordered and will be picked up at the Line Officers meeting in November. Be safe and hope to see you on the road soon.

Mike Smith WGP



Westminster Chapter #103





On September 28 a few members of the Westminster Chapter #103 celebrated Mychele's birthday by taking the collected donations to the Oconee Humane Society. They were able to take a tour and pet animals and then concluded by presenting them with a donation check of $500. The donations of food, bedding, toys, etc... are always needed and will continue to be donated throughout the year. Anyone that would like to foster or adopt are encouraged to as the facility is at maximum capacity.

Westminster Chapter #103

Four members of Westminster's Chapter joined Sister Judy Krummich WGM & Brother Mike Smith WGP, a others totaling 12 SC delegates who attended West Virginia's "In The Starlight You'll Never Walk Along" 122 Annual Session at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis WV on Oct 1-3rd. WV's Sisters and Brothers were so hospitable making the trip very enjoyable. It was evident that a lot of planning went into all the events the WGM Cindi Shockey and her team organized for us.

The Thursday night's formal opening was exciting providing the opportunity to hear the address of the Deborah J Dhayer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. She announced some of her appointments from WV for the upcoming General Grand Chapter in the fall of next year. If you ever get the chance to visit WV you should stay at the Canaan Valley Resort in the fall. The air was so crisp and clean. Felt like you were inhaling pure oxygen. The leaves were already turning golden, red and orange. The wildlife were so abundant. We were constantly looking out the window to witness all the many deer that were eating below the lodge. I have never seen a beaver eating grass before. Just a little hint for you, stay in the South wing, not as much walking. If you are fortunate enough to receive a Representative Appointment please attend their session. I promise you will come home with many memories and thoughts that make you laugh in the middle of the night. Kathy Bailey DD#2

Please join us on October 15 for our regular meeting with meal starting at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Our Official Visit will be November 14 starting at 12 noon with meal then visit to follow.

Star love and God Bless,
Darlene Butts Chapter Reporter



left to right: Dana Graham, Kathy Bailey, Vickie Graham & Kim Henderson after a session that lasted until 11:20 p.m. Ski slopes in picture behind us.

Westminster Chapter #103

We held our meeting on Oct 15 th with BBQ and great sides to accompany it. Worthy Matron discussed the visit to the animal shelter and how appreciative they were to receive the donations. We discussed other organizations to donate to and it was voted on to donate to Dot's Kitchen and Middle of Main (one of the stores from the Walhalla Fire that didn't have insurance.) We prayed for many people that are sick, going thru treatments or have had death in their family. PWM Peggy Medlin and her husband Larry have been sick and are in need of prayers.

We are getting ready for our official visit on November 14 so please come out and support us and partake in a great meal beforehand. Here are a few pictures from the West Viginia trip.

Star Love,
Sister Darlene Butts









ITINERARY CHANGES



Palmetto #2 will have their OV on November 16 with Kim Desrosier AGC as IGO.
Berkely #112 OV has been moved Oct 17 to Feb 6 WGM IGO
Hartsville #91 and Leonora #30 will have a combined OV at Leonora November 12, WGM IGO
Newberry #226 has moved their OV to November 7 Sat at noon. WGM IGO.

In Memoriam



Please keep the family and friends of the following Stars in your prayers:
Flonise Brown, Lexington 176
Linda Grant, Little Mountain



You're Invited!

OFFICIAL VISIT

Corinthian Chapter #297

Corinthian Masonic Lodge
5196 Hampton Ridge Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Sister Judy Krummich, Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Mike Smith, Worthy Grand Patron

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Meal at 6:00
Courtesies, Pictures, & Prayer Circle to follow
Meeting 7:30

Becky Sutton, Worthy Matron
Bill McMillian, Worthy Patron

Kathy Wallace, District Deputy
David Wallace, DGM to District Deputy

Home Chapter of:
Pat Conner, Past Grand Matron
Nancy Jones, Past Grand Matron
Sheila Jackson, Past Junior Grand Matron
Steve Jackson, Past Junior Grand Patron





You're Invited!

OFFICIAL VISIT

Newberry Chapter # 226

1304 Caldwell Street, Newberry, SC 29108

November 7, 2026

Judy Krummich, WGM
Mike Smith, WGP

Angela Livingston, Worthy Matron
Eugene Wicker, Worthy Patron

Betty Lester, District Deputy
Calvin Russell, DGM to District Deputy

Banquet 12 p.m.
Pictures 1 p.m.
Prayer Circle 1:15 p.m.
Meeting 1:30 p.m.

You're Invited!

OFFICIAL VISIT

Westminster Chapter No. 103

206 Retreat St, Westminster, SC 29693

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Official Visit to follow

Inspecting Grand Officer is
Judy Krummich, WGM
Accompanied by Mike Smith, WGP

Kathy Bailey, District 2 District Deputy
Elizabeth Marion, DGM to DD

Mychele Christmas, WM, Grand Esther
Ronald Dodson, WP
Gloria Roys, Secretary

You're Invited!

OFFICIAL VISIT

Mary Pinckney Ouzts #1

November 16, 2026

Greenwood Masonic Temple
121 Bailey Circle, Greenwood, SC 29646

6 p.m. Pictures and Courtesies
6:30 p.m. Meal
7:30 p.m. Meeting

The Chapter will be holding a
Dessert Auction during the meal to benefit
SCIORG Color Club in honor of member
Dedra Hart, Supreme Worthy Advisor
of IORG, as she prepares for
Supreme Assembly 2028!

Inspecting Grand Officer
Judy Krummich, Worthy Grand Matron
Accompanied by
Mike Smith, Worthy Grand Patron

Haley Wallace, Worthy Matron
Jesse Wallace, Jr., Worthy Patron
Luanne McClellan, District Deputy
Wanda Spence, DGM to District Deputy
Home Chapter of
Shirley Loftis, PGM

Anderson 130

What a wonderful night that Anderson Chapter #130 had for their official visit. There was good food, fellowship, singing and...well you should have been there. We were blessed to have Sister Judy Krummich, WGM and Brother Mike Smith, WGP join us for our official visit.

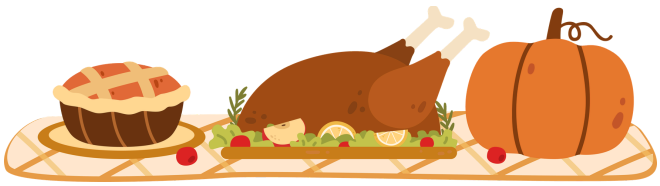
This was Sister Judy's first time in our chapter room. Sister Awone Rector was surprised with a special recognition for her 50 years of service and sister Tamara Rigsby, WM for her 25 years of service. Both were privileged to have Sister Judy Krummich, WGM pin them with their respective pins. Thank you for each of you that are always available to help fill in an office and we are eternally grateful.

Submitted by Penny Davis, Chaplain









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- Visit to Historic St. George Street
- Narrated Cruise on the St. John's River
- Dinner Party with Entertainment
- Admission to the St. Augustine History Museum

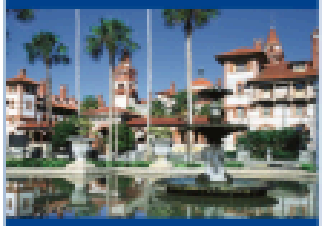
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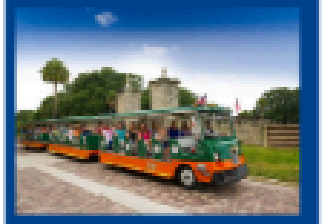
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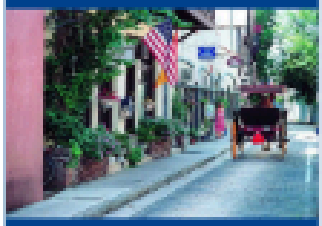
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St. Augustine, our Nation's Oldest City



Guided Trolley Tour of St. Augustine



Historic St. George St



Aerial view of Amelia Island

Departure: Columbia, SC @ 8 am

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for the sunshine of Jacksonville, Florida! Upon arrival, you'll enjoy Dinner and check into your Jacksonville area hotel for a three night stay.

Day 2: After a Continental Breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive along the coast accompanied by your guide. Learn about the Kingsley plantation and Florida's unusual history as you head to AMELIA ISLAND, southernmost of the Atlantic coast barrier islands. After taking a GUIDED TOUR of this beautiful island, you'll visit the historical district in Fernandina Beach and have an opportunity to stroll along this stunning beach. This evening, enjoy a Dinner Party with Entertainment.

Day 3: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your journey begins with a GUIDED TROLLEY TOUR OF ST. AUGUSTINE, which offers a fascinating glimpse into the city's past and its stunning architectural marvels. The tour also includes admission to the St. Augustine History Museum, providing further insight into this historic location. Following the 90-minute TROLLEY tour, enjoy the flexibility of Hop-On/Hop-Off privileges on the TROLLEY for the rest of the day, allowing you to explore all of St. Augustine at your own pace. You can choose to stop at numerous historic landmarks including, but not limited to, the Old Jail, Potters Wax Museum, City Gates, St. George Street, Churches, Lightner Museum, St. Augustine Distillery, San Sebastian Winery, Plaza de la Constitucion, The Oldest House, The Marina, Ripley's Believe It Or Not, and the Fountain of Youth. (Please note the admission to these additional museums and attractions along the trolley route is on your own.) Tonight, you'll relax and enjoy Dinner at a local area restaurant.

Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for a NARRATED CRUISE on the ST. JOHN'S RIVER. Later, you'll depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

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Antioch #291

Antioch Chapter #291 had our Official Visit on Saturday, October 10, 2026. We started the day off with the Worthy Patron/ Grand Warder, welcoming everyone to the Antioch pond, where ducks and Sunflowers were seen everywhere! After a delicious home cooked meal, we all went to the chapter room for courtesies lead by Sister Melba Sims with help from Sister Jamie Hyman. In the courtesies, Little Miss Antioch had a farm. We were introduced to several animals aka special guest such as the Tiger, Tweety Bird, a Cat, a Duck, and the farmer to care for the animals. We can't leave out the tiniest animal, the mouse. All special guest received items to remind us of the different animals. A fun time was had by all.



We then proceeded with the official visit where we received an almost perfect certificate. There was about 43 in attendance. We were happy to see so many out in the rainy weather. The district deputy stated Antioch had all our ducks in a row! If you can't tell, we love ducks, especially rubber ducks, around Antioch! After prayers for our sick, speeches from the WM, WP, DD, WGP, and WGM, we all were wished safe travels home! We hope all enjoyed the fun, food, and fellowship and come back soon to visit anytime!

Star love, Bridget Sims, WM





Greetings from Easley #200 Order of the Eastern Star!

We had a great meeting in October, and initiated two new members. Help us welcome Jordan and Blythe Burgess. We are incredibly happy to have them join our OES family.

We enjoyed our monthly fellowship meal at Silver Bay in Easley this month. It is always good to just get together and enjoy each other's company.

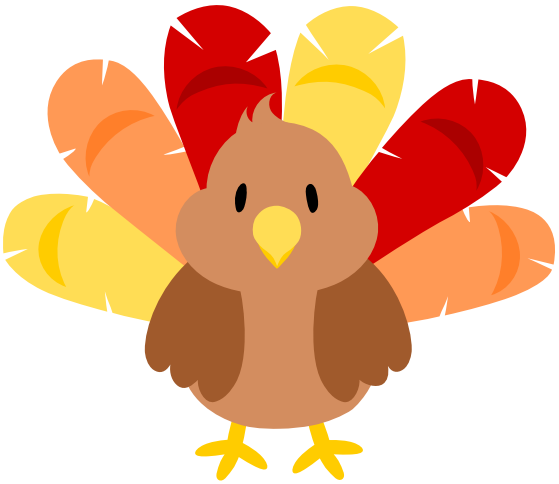
We are gearing up for the holidays. We plan to put together boxes for United Christian Ministries to help feed families this Thanksgiving. We are also very excited about working with Helping Hands of Central (a home for boys) and having a pizza and game night with them in the near future.

We would love to have you visit us anytime. We meet on the second Monday of each month. Meal at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Irby







Ridgeville Chapter #290
OES Visit to “Home Again of the Lowcountry”

On September 16, 2026, Ridgeville Chapter # 290 Order of the Eastern Star, District 13, had the honor of participating in the presentation of a $500 check made payable to “Home Again of the Lowcountry” in Summerville, South Carolina, on September 16, 2026. Presenting a check to this incredible charity was such a blessing and an honor. Jennifer Bailey, Jean Baxley, Tina De Leon, Danielle Bunting, and Carey Baxley were there representing Ridgeville Chapter #290. We are grateful to the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star for supporting our community service.



Ridgeville Chapter #290 “50th Anniversary”

Fifty years ago, a light was lit at Ridgeville Chapter #290 by sisters and brothers who believed in charity, truth, and loving kindness. We don’t just look back at fifty years on a calendar; we look at the countless hands held, tears dried, and lives touched. Happy Golden Jubilee to our Chapter—may our Star continue to shine bright for generations to come.

We had the honor of presenting 2 of our lovely members with a Lifetime membership to our chapter at our celebration, for their steadfast devotion given to the principles of our Order—Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindness. Sister Loreen Simpson and Sister Mary Cummings have walked with us through the labyrinth of our service, bearing the light of our Star with grace, fidelity, and unflagging commitment.







Ridgeville Chapter # 290
Masquerade - Official Visit

On September 24, 2026, Ridgeville Chapter #290 had their official visit. Everyone had an amazing evening. The food, entertainment, and decorations were all fantastic. We appreciate everyone who could make it.











Roebuck #216

Roebuck 216, OES, had their Official Visit on October 19, 2026 with WGM JUDY KRUMMICH as Inspecting Officer and WGP Mike Smith as her escort. Our OV Banquet was a huge success and absolutely delicious! We had 6 Grand Officers visiting! WM Linda Hoover presented WGM and WGP Honorary Memberships. WGM thanked everyone for a great job and presented WM her certificate for OV! WGP gave his remarks - especially thanking us for homemade banana pudding! 👍🤗 We were proud to have all the Grand Officers, especially the WGM and WGP! We had 33 attend our OV! Star Love, Barbara Sanford







Bethel Shelters

Provide a safe place to sleep, a hot meal to eat,
and pathways to self-sufficiency for homeless individuals year-round.

October 9, 2026

Grand Chapter of South Carolina Order of the Eastern Star
145 Shadowood Court
Seneca, SC 29678

Thank you for your generous gift of $4,000 to Bethel Shelters. Your support makes it possible for us to provide a safe place to sleep, a hot meal to eat, and pathways to self-sufficiency year-round for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. So far in 2026, we have served 365 different men through our Night Shelter Program and 703 men and women through our Day Shelter Program. We are grateful for the opportunity to share a few updates about what is happening at Bethel Shelters and the impact your generosity is helping make possible.

Last month, we celebrated our annual Love Our Neighbor Community Event, a week dedicated to bringing our community together in support of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The second annual Civitas Marathon Relay kicked off the celebration, followed by a week of partnerships with local restaurants and businesses, and concluded the week with our annual BBQ sale. We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors, restaurants, volunteers, and individuals who supported Bethel Shelters throughout the week.

We also celebrated Bethel Day Shelter's 5th anniversary. Since opening on October 1, 2021, we have provided respite, showers, laundry services, storage, and resources to nearly 2,000 men and women with 103,000 service stays!

On November 8, 2026, we will open our overflow shelter locations to ensure that no man is turned away when the coldest nights of the year arrive. We are able to make this commitment because of our partnerships with local churches throughout our community.

While the need for shelter continues to grow, we are also encouraged by the number of individuals taking important steps toward stability. During the first nine months of 2026, 35 individuals have transitioned into housing, and another 16 have transitioned into new programs. These accomplishments are the result of intentional case management, accountability, and collaborative partnerships that help our guests address barriers and move from homelessness toward self-sufficiency.

Thank you again for your generous contribution and for helping Bethel Shelters live out our mission. We look forward to celebrating all that we will accomplish together throughout the remainder of 2026.

Sincerely,

Alicia Cohen

Alicia Cohen

Thank you for your support.

THE CAROLINA MIRACLE® LEAGUE

September 22, 2026

Mrs. Crissy Amaker
Order of the Eastern Star
145 Shadowood Court
Seneca, SC 29678

Dear Crissy,

The Carolina Miracle League deeply appreciates your generous donation of $2,000.00 for our special brand of baseball.

As you know, we proudly provide adaptive baseball for the special needs community in Spartanburg. Our Fall season just started and we are expecting an exciting season.

Thank you for being a "champion" for our players and their families. Together we are making a difference in the lives of so many, with just a simple game of baseball.

With warm regards,

Pamela A. Dean
Executive Director

Thank you

Little Mountain Chapter #276



Pat Sadler, Ralph Grant, Marilyn Grant, Jenny Bowers (Screaming Eagles), Helen Lindler WM, Sharon Ostrander, Necia Free, Butch Russell WP, Wanda Son, Linda Betz, Beverly Bedenbaugh, Judy Sebesta, Angela Livingston, Betty Lester. (Photo by Meredith Achelpohl)

At the social hour before the October stated meeting of Little Mountain OES Chapter #276, Jenny Bowers of Screaming Eagles Special Needs Athletics joined our members for the presentation of the $500 check from SC Grand Chapter Charitable Giving. Jenny then gave a description and update of the vision and plan for the non-profit organization that has been providing the special needs community in the Midlands with athletic experiences since 2017. The organization bought 34-acres of land they call “The Nest.” This property is being developed and serves as a complex space for sporting activities, hands-on farming and animal care, camping and hiking for the special needs youth and adults. A historic home located adjacent to “The Nest” became available for purchase, and it was purchased with the generous assistance of a local bank. Fundraisers and donations are being used to pay off the hefty mortgage on this property. This property is known as "The Perch". The vision is to make it a special needs adult day facility, and, also, serve to facilitate summer camps, movie nights, and sponsor dinners and respite for families. This organization serves special needs individuals from Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Saluda Counties. Jenny and the members of Little Mountain OES are very appreciative of this donation to help those with special needs. Some of our members have relatives that participate in this program, so it was special to them for our chapter to assist in the expenses of this organization. Check out the activities that are offered at https://screamingeaglesspecialneeds.org or follow the activities at Screaming Eagles Special Needs Athletics on Facebook.

After the social hour, the October meeting was held, opening in long form with 15 officers present. The Masons invited the members to their Family Night. Members Miriam Adams, Linda Betz (praise report), Johnny Free, Ralph Grant, Angela Livingston were remembered with prayer during sickness and distress along with some community members. Other business items were discussed and taken care of before Worthy Matron Helen Lindler gave a reading on Hope. The chapter was closed in ritualistic form with a retiring march.

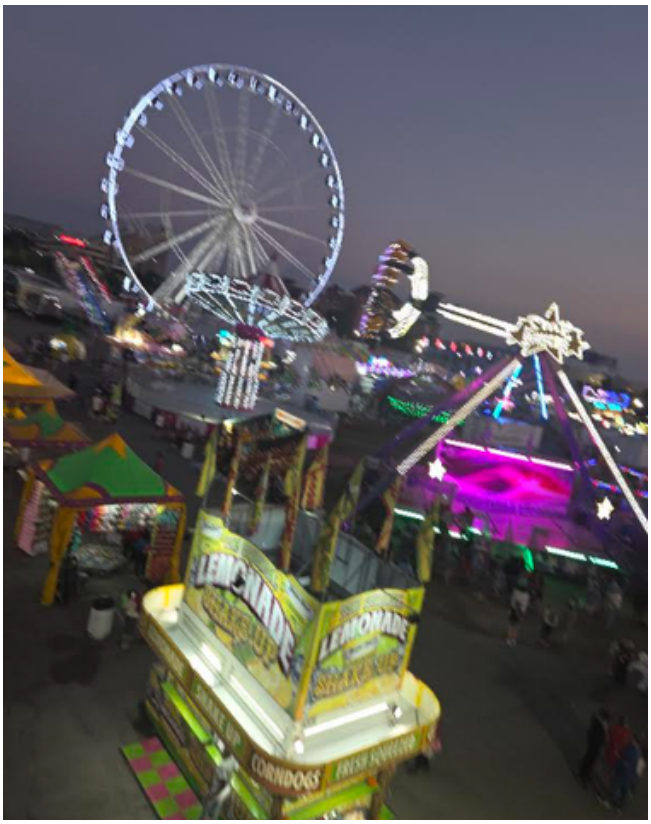
Marilyn B. Grant PM, PSN reporter

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