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JONATHAN ON THE RIDES

My son, Jonathan McLeod Alden, was 2½ years old when he first went to the Cabarrus County Fair at the old fairgrounds off of Hwy. 29. The merry-go-round was his favorite ride. My sister, Leslie Ann Skinner, took this picture of us. We also enjoyed the petting zoo.

His fourth grade teacher at Rocky River Elementary, Ms. Towery, had her class bring in a picture to frame with popsicle sticks and old buttons. This picture of my cutie pie with his beautiful red checks has sat on every desk where I have worked since given to me on Mother's Day.

Robbie Alden, Concord, Union Power



ABBY UNAFRAID

This is our daughter Abby at the Raleigh State Fair last October. We did not know how she was going to do on the rides, because she was only 2 years old. Abby had the best time, and now we look forward to seeing her smiles at the State Fair every year.

*Curt & Kristi Chambers
Timberlake, Piedmont EMC*



CORK A CUP

This picture was taken at the Cleveland County fair in 1999. My niece was playing a game which gave us time to spend together.

Bertie McClain, Kings Mountain, Rutherford EMC



FRIENDS

I have been bottle-feeding this baby calf since it was born. It has become best friends with my family's new pet lab.

Hope Earnhardt, Asheboro, Randolph EMC

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TIFFANY THRILLED

This was taken in Forest City, off of 74 Bypass. A fair had come through Rutherford County for four days. My 4-year-old daughter, Tiffany, could not keep her mouth closed on this ride. I tried to get her to close her mouth because bugs might fly in.

Though my daughter is 19 years old now and 6 feet tall, I still have a time with her keeping her mouth closed because she loves to talk!

Sharon Hardin, Rutherfordton, Rutherford EMC



FUN & FISH AT THE CABARRUS FAIR

What fun we had at the Cabarrus County Fair 2006! My children and my nieces went to the fair for the first time together, and they had a blast. What was supposed to be an hour or two, turned out to be an all-evening affair. Needless to say, we closed the festivities with letting the boys try the Ring Toss for a fish or two.

Shannon Storm, New London, EnergyUnited



JULIE AND MR. MCFEELY

On October 19, 1997, we took our 4-year-old daughter, Julie Etzler, to her first North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh. Although it rained all day, we got to meet Mr. McFeely from "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood," a Public Television children's TV show. Julie was excited to meet him and gave him a letter to deliver to Mr. Rogers. She actually received a reply back from Mr. Rogers. That letter is in her scrapbook to treasure since Fred Rogers has passed on. What great memories that day held even though we were soaked to the skin!

Kamie Etzler, Hope Mills, South River EMC



ON A DARE AT THE DIXIE CLASSIC

In 1961 I went to the Dixie Classic in Winston-Salem. Wandering about the grounds we discovered a real live lion sitting on a table, and for a buck you could have your picture taken with it. He was huge. For a while we watched with no takers. Then my friends dared me to have my photo taken with him. He looked humble and meek as a house cat, so I bravely sat beside him, and even dared ruffle his fur. The photographer was preparing to take the shot, but when I put my arm around the cat, his jaw dropped, and his eyes grew wide. Apparently I wasn't supposed to touch, but I wasn't afraid. The cat's attention wasn't on me but on my two frightened friends. When it came time for their photo, they declined.

Franklin McCormick, Yadkinville, EnergyUnited



HUNTER AND GRANDMA

This was the first time I went to the fair, the 2004 North Carolina State Fair. I was 8 years old when Daddy, Momma and Grandma took me. This picture is special to me because it was taken with my Grandma who I love very much.

Hunter Downing, Raeford, Lumbee River



THE VIEW AT THE TOP

At the 2006 Cabarrus County Fair, my grandchildren enjoyed the Ferris wheel. They had been to the fair before, but this was the first time they had been at night. The view was incredible at the top.

Frank Whitley, Concord



LIGHTS & TRACTORS

This is October 2005 at Cleveland County Fair. I loved going to the fair when I was young and couldn't wait to see how my 6-month-old son, Thomas, would react. He was really excited to see all the lights. But I think my husband, Wyman, was even more excited when he saw the tractors.

*Rosemary Morgan
Rutherfordton, Rutherford EMC*



THE MARKET LAMB

My youngest child, Alea Doby, was 3 years old when she was going to show her first market lamb at the Stokes County Fair, with Daddy's help. The year is 2005. We so enjoyed those times.

Kelli Doby, Dobson, Surry Yadkin EMC



PRIZE WINNERS

My grandmother and I entered my jam and canned fruit at the Cabarrus County Fair. I ended up winning 2nd place for fruit canned. On the shelf under the thank-you sign is a picture of my great-grandmother sitting beside baskets of peaches she picked over 60 years ago on the same farm I picked mine in Candor. My grandmother is 91 and in a nursing home. I will cherish this picture the rest of my life.

Cherilyn Harris, Concord



POP'S LAST FAIR

Cabarrus County Fair in Concord, September 1995, was the last fair my dad, G.F. "Pete" Brown, and I went to. We would go every year. He was 85 years young, and on Dec. 16, 1995, he was working on the roof of his porch and the ladder broke. The doctors didn't think he would make it. He came out of a coma in two weeks. The doctors wanted to know what an 85-year-old man was doing on the roof, and we said, "Just working." He passed away six months later. A super great man. 🇺🇸

Bette Brown Blume, Concord

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