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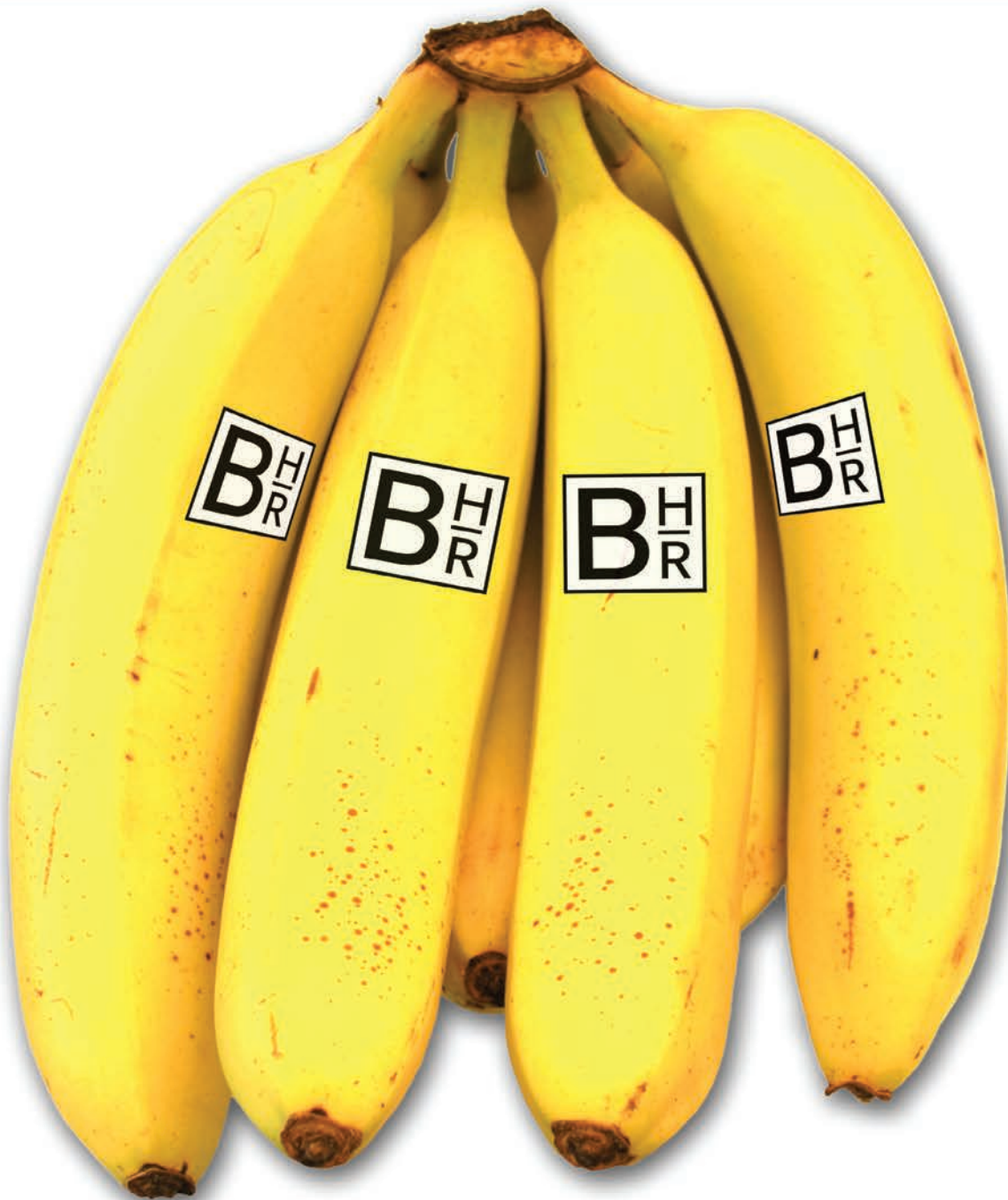
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WELCOME TO THE 2022 BANANA FESTIVAL

On behalf of the City of Fulton, I would like to welcome you to the Twin Cities 2022 Banana Festival. This year marks 60 years that a group of volunteers had the vision to start the Banana Festival and I would like to personally thank the volunteers and sponsors that have made the Banana Festival a continued success for all of these years. This year will prove to be nothing less with numerous festivities concluding with Chase Matthew live on stage at Unity Park.

While you are our guest in the Twin Cities, I encourage you to explore all the many other things the Twin Cities have to offer. Again, as Mayor, I would like to personally welcome you to the Twin Cities 2022 Banana Festival, and I hope you enjoy "peace, love, and bananas".

David Prater
 Mayor, City of Fulton, KY

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FESTIVAL ORIGIN RECALLED

On Aug. 29, 1963, a group of civic leaders held the first formal planning session concerning the idea of an annual Banana Festival. The group came from the meeting enthused, encouraged and ready to organize an event which would greatly surpass any project ever undertaken by twin cities residents. The following article which was published in the Aug. 30, 1963 edition of The Fulton Daily Leader relates the discussion of that meeting.

Ambitious plans for an annual Banana Festival to be held in the twin cities were laid last night at a meeting of civic leaders which was held at the chamber of commerce. Twenty-two representatives of all civic clubs in the community were present at the meeting.

Plans were put into motion for an immediate fund raising campaign to finance the festival and for a permanent organization of fund management. A total of \$1,325 was pledged from among those attending.

Date of the festival for this year was tentatively set for middle of November.

A temporary organization was named to set up a non-profit corporation, to be called the Twin Cities Banana Council, Inc. Application will be made for a charter, by-laws written and shares sold, after which there will be a meeting of stockholders to elect officers and form the permanent organization.

Nathan Wade was named temporary chairman last night, Dewey Johnson, temporary secretary and one representative of each civic club, forming the temporary board of directors. This group will meet next Thursday night for approval of bylaws.

Sale of shares in the corporation will begin within the next few days, under the direction of Joe Treas, Mrs. Paul Westpheling and Kenneth Turner. The first donation was one of \$500 from the Civitan Club, matched with an equal amount by YMBC.

The idea of a Banana Week for the twin cities was first promoted by the Civitans about a year ago and it is

hoped that the organization of a corporation and with necessary funds in hand, it will be possible to go ahead with plans for the celebration and to establish it as an annual affair.

Promotion of bananas was chosen as the theme of the festival, due to the fact that a tremendous number of bananas are distributed from Fulton after their arrival from southern ports. Bananas imported from Central America are sent here by rail from New Orleans and iced here before being sent to points all over the United States resulting in the twin cities being labeled "The Banana Capital of the South."

The celebration here is expected to be similar in scope to the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt, the Fish Fry in Paris, the Okra Festival in Bells, etc. Hope has been expressed that the observance may bring national publicity to Fulton-South Fulton.

Tentative plans for the promotion include a parade, beauty pageant, junior pageant, distribution of free bananas, manning of hospitality booths at entrances to the community, window displays, a banana pancake breakfast, a banana cook-off with prizes for the best banana recipe,

a fireworks display, tours of the Ice Plant, and of companies that manufacture banana ice cream, special recognition of visiting dignitaries, distribution of literature explaining why Fulton is the banana capital and various other related projects which will add to the entertainment of the week and bring publicity to the twin cities. Definite plans are to be formulated at a later date.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS...

1963...Prior to the festival, Carolyn Allen of Fulton, an eighth grader, wrote Chet Huntley of NBC and requested that the network provide coverage of the festival, which resulted in NBC Commentator Edwin Newman to be in attendance, where NBC did tape a program and feature Allen in it...President John F. Kennedy sent a telegram to the twin cities congratulating residents for their efforts to bolster peace and understanding among nations. The telegram was sent Nov. 7, 1963, two weeks prior to the day he was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

1964...While inclement weather in New Orleans, La. kept Al Hirt, a well-known musician and scheduled fes-

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HIGHLIGHTS FIRST 25 YEARS

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tival headliner from coming, he was perhaps the only celebrity who did not show up, as 1964 was considered a banner year for festival officials as a host of Latin America government officials and state department representatives attended, including U.S. Ambassador Averell Harriman; Jose Antonio Correa, ambassador from Ecuador; Gonzalo Blanco, Mexican ambassador; Gonzalo Facio, Costa Rican official Ralph Lally, president of the National Banana Association; entertainer Jerry Van Dyke, Aunt Jemima, Kentucky Gov. Ned Breathitt, Artis Ray Harm and Miss Tennessee, Rita Munsey. Miss America 1964 Donna Axum arrived in Union City to attend the first International Banana Festival in 1963, greeted by Jo Westpheling.



1965...Bobby Nichols, PGA Golf Champion of 1964 attended the festival and played a round with local area golfers; Miss Ecuador 1964 Pat Ballesteros visited the Banana Festival.

1966...After a group of local residents made a trip to Ecuador to further expand the festival, a trip chronicled by Jo Westpheling in the Fulton County News, the mother of Miss Ecuador 1965 came to the twin cities with a group of Latin American students to enjoy the festival, making way for the beginning of an integral part of many festivals to come, "The Amigos" visit.

1967...Ernst and Ernst, an account-

ing firm, studied the feasibility of a Latin America Center in the twin cities.

1968...Dottie West and Merle Travis entertained festival goers at the Kitty League ball park, but scheduled Strawberry Alarm Clock cancelled their show. Kentucky Gov. Louis Nunn attended the festival and a pie eating contest was a highlight.

1969...Lionel Hampton, Bill Anderson and the Po' Boys, the Berea Square Dancers and Battle of the Bands provided entertainment and U.S. Sen. Frank Albert Stubblefield attended the festival.

1970....The Joffrey II Ballet Company, Barbara Mandrell, Sonny James and the Southern Gentlemen, Furry Lewis, Jerry and Lee Schilling and a Dixie Jazz concert offered a wide variety of entertainment.

1971...The Exiles, a rock group, performed along with the Marimba Band and the Doodletown Pipers, with a Briar Patch Dance hosted for teens.

1972....Jim Ed Brown and the Gems entertained, and Peter Nero, well known composer and pianist with noted recordings such as the theme from Love Story and Summer of '42 captured the interest of festival goers at his concert. Hostess Princess was Rose Gattis, who received \$1000

in cash, courtesy of local retail merchants.

1973...Lionel Hampton returned for a performance at Fulton High School, and country entertainer Mel Tillis also took the stage.

1974..."Going Bananas", a musical revue directed by Bob McCrary featured a local cast, Boots Randolph was the main performer and a home tour featured the homes of Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Poe, Mrs. Ual Killebrew and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Whitesell.

1975.....Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass, as well as the Exiles, Marimba Band and an Old Fiddlers' Contest were on the schedule, with another staging of "Going Bananas", a Kiddie Parade, Rocking Chair marathon and Window Fair.

1976...Another local production featuring 50 young adults, "Portrait of '76" was directed by Larry Walker, with the Fulton-South Fulton Art Guild designing and constructing the set and props. Buck Owens was the featured entertainer.

1977....Tom T. Hall was featured performer, with a tractor pull, equipment show and a Summer Salute to Agriculture reported to have drawn 8,000 visitors were included in the Banana Festival events, as well as

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 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Fulton Daily Leader</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">DEDICATED TO THE INTERESTS OF FULTON, KENTUCKY AND SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Headlines Nov. 11, 1963</p> <p>VOLUME LXV. Five Cents Per Copy 267</p>			
<h3>20,000 In Twin Cities For Festival Parade</h3>			
Miss Carol Glisson Of Martin Chosen As "International Banana Princess Of 63"	President Of United States Congratulates Twin Cities	World's Largest Banana Pudding Served After Parade Beauty Pageant Ends Affair	
<h3>Miss America Is Guest Of Honor Today</h3>			
<h3>Henry County Woman Is Grand Champion Banana Baker</h3>			
Mrs. J. R. Green Of Fulton And Mrs. Curtis Boyd Of Mayfield, Second And Third	Miss Kentucky, Miss Tennessee And Numerous Other Beauties Also In Town For Festival	Talent Show Twist Contest, Street Dance, Square Dance	Hooten Tickets Selling Draw Large Crowds Here
<h3>Thousands Join In Fun At Bana-ra-ma In Twin Cities</h3>			
Banana Spectacle--Banana Princess Contest <small>Volunteers Needed To Sell Souvenirs To Festival Goers</small>	FULTON RESIDENTS BEWARE... BANANA BRIGADE IS OUT	Hospitality Center Open For Visitors	Rotarians Enjoy Banana Program Tues. Commentator Ed Newman Arrive Nov.

MUSIC FILLS FESTIVAL AIR

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a candlelight home tour featuring the residences of Mrs. Gilson Latta, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weaks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gossum, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beadles, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Binford, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell McDade, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. Ward Bushart.

1978...Danny Davis returned to the festival after having won a Grammy and performing at the White House, with Cal Smith, winner of the Country Western Song of the Year, "Country Bumpkin" and Record of the Year, also performing. A Salute to Agriculture and a Racking Horse Show drew a large crowd at Kitty League Park, and a Banana Split Eating Contest appealed to local youth.

1979...The American Music Theatre gave festival goers renditions of classic favorites, "Porgy and Bess", "My Fair Lady", and "Annie Get Your Gun", while country music fans enjoyed a show by Razy Bailey and the Lewis Family provided gospel and bluegrass tunes.

1980....The American Music Theatre returned with a "Banana Brits" show and concerts were presented by J.D. Sumner and the Stamps, the Only Fair Blues Band and the U.S. Navy Country Empires. Homes of the Gaylon Varden family, the Bobby Caldwell family, the Joe Johnson family and the Dan Taylor family were featured on the home tour.

1981....Country music claimed the most audiences with the Country Beat, Country Sound and Constant Country bands entertaining at city park and at the Banana-rama dances. Nationally known singers, the Vogues performed old favorites at Fulton High School.

1982.....Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander was on hand for the festival, presenting the Three Star Award for community development to the City of South Fulton, and Kentucky Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins was also in attendance for the festival. The Blackwood singers, a celebrity auction, a dance featuring Instant Replay and a

banana bonnet contest were included for the 1982 line-up.

1983....Ky. Gov. John Y. Brown was the featured speaker at the Latin American Day luncheon, a concert featuring the Windows was held at a Fulton High School and attracted an overflow crowd of teenagers and young adults.

1984.....While most festival events went off like a charm, Saturday's big schedule was all wet, following torrential downpours which began early in the morning and continued until the Harris Fork Creek overflowed and flooded portions of South Fulton and Fulton. For the first time, flooding conditions cancelled all Saturday events, with the parade rescheduled for Sunday afternoon. With city park flooded, the pudding was served on Lake Street at the parade's end, in a drizzle. A Quilt Fair, a concert by The Windows and Ky. Gov. Martha Layne Collins as keynote speaker for the annual Friday luncheon took place earlier in the festival week.

1985...Late into the festival year, in August, officials learned that Turner Dairies would no longer make the one ton banana pudding. With a little over a month to go, it looked as though the famous dessert would be a "no show." But, the pudding and local spirits rallied and Regency Creative Foods in Louisville, a maker of pie filling, asked

to help. Similar generous support was also offered and accepted from Nabisco, the cookie maker, and Dole, the banana supplier, and the pudding was whipped up by local volunteers. Jerry Reed was the headliner, a locally produced musical, Music, Music, Music was featured with twin city residents participating and The Great American Celebration was an integral part of the 23rd festival, from an idea developed by Johnny Jones, local business man.

1986...The first Banana Bowl football game between Fulton and South Fulton High Schools was played with SFHS Red Devils winning 26-0. Banjo player Mike Snider and humorist Grady Jim Robinson entertained the festival crowds.

1987...Banana Festival officials accepted a Guinness Book of World Records challenge in April from the Great Atlantic and Pacific Food Co. of Canada Ltd., A&P, which made a 3,000 pound pudding and served it to people attending a company sponsored food fair in Hamilton, Ontario.

With the festival's previous one-ton pudding not the world's largest, Festival President at the time, James O. Butts, announced that local pudding makers would add an extra ton to surpass A&P's pudding by 1000 pounds.

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PUDDING, PAST PRESIDENTS FORGE FESTIVAL'S PLACE IN HISTORY

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The container for the potential record holding banana pudding, expected to feed 20,000, weighed 640 pounds, was six feet long, three feet deep and three and one half feet wide.

PAST PRESIDENTS

In celebration of the silver anniversary of the famous yellow fruit, past Banana Festival presidents were rec-

ognized in the Sept. 21, 1987 edition of the Fulton Daily Leader.

They included Nathan Wade, 1963, 1964; Jo Westpheling, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1982; Sara Bushart, 1967, 1968, 1974, 1975, 1976; Paul Durbin, 1969; W.P. Burnette, 1970, 1971; Nelson Tripp, 1973; Gary Williamson, 1977; Elaine Forrester, 1978, 1979; Susan Cardwell, 1980, 1981; Wil-

liam Mitchell, 1983, 1984; Bud Byars, 1985, 1986; and James Butts, 1987.

FIRST PUDDING MAKERS

Pudding makers for the first one-ton banana pudding in 1963 included "the man with the idea", W.P. "Dub" Burnette, Mrs. Nathan Wade, Mrs. Robert Rudolph, Mrs. Hendon Wright and Mrs. George Brock.



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Makers



One-Ton Banana Pudding

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A Banana Reception will be held at The Meadows Hotel Sept. 9, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. with Top Banana individuals and couples receiving tickets and all Corporate Sponsors given the opportunity to purchase tickets at 50% off. Ticket sales will be open to the public pending availability for \$75 per person or \$100 a couple. Guests will be treated to a full meal, and music by a DJ. Doors open at 6 p.m., meal served at 6:30 p.m., DJ to start at 8 p.m. Attire is business casual, no jeans, please.

2022 BANANA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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Rebecca Holtzclaw

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Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities, Ken-Tenn

COMMUNITY MEAL

Tyson Foods

DOGGY PAGEANT

Darcy Linn

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sherry Cook-Pyatt

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

Ken-Tenn Ministers Alliance

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Melanie Gunn

FULTON'S GOT TALENT

Terry Hollenback

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Amelia Prater

SECOND ANNUAL PEACE, LOVE, AND FOLIAGE

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PISTOL SHOOT

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PUDDING PATH

Melanie Gunn

PHOTO CONTEST

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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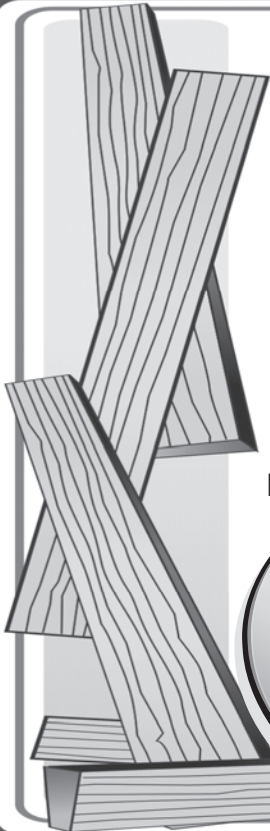
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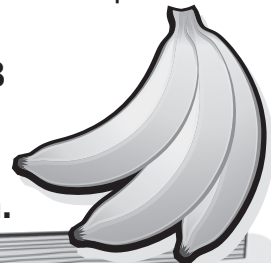
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Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m.

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After two years' absence, the Miss Banana Festival pageant returns to this year's festival, set for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at Fulton Independent High School, 700 Stephen Beale Drive in Fulton. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Categories include Baby Miss for ages birth to 12 months, at 9 a.m.; Mini Miss, for ages 13-23 months, at 9:30 a.m.; Tiny Miss, ages 2-3 years, at 10 a.m.; Little Miss, ages 4-6, 10:30 a.m.; Junior Miss, ages 7-9; 11 a.m. ; Pre-Teen Miss, ages 10-12, 12 p.m.; Teen Miss, ages 13-15, 12:45 p.m.; and Miss Banana Festival, ages 16-21 at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a brief intermission after the Junior Miss Division. On stage times may run behind due to

large contestant numbers. Start times only guarantees the group will not start before the on stage time listed.

Queens will be required to participate in the Banana Festival parade on Saturday, Sept. 17, which begins at 4 p.m., and will participate in serving the one-ton Banana Pudding following the parade.

Entry fee is \$25 for beauty, flair for fashion, \$5, admission at the door is \$5 and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Registration forms may be obtained by visiting the Banana Festival website at www.thebananafestival.com, contacting Fulton Tourism Commission at 270-472-9000 inside Fulton City Hall, or contacting Julie Sturgeon, event chair, at 270-627-3808, call or text.

PISTOL AND TURKEY SHOOT

At The Fulton Police Department Shooting Range

Saturday, September 10 starting at 8:00 a.m.

The Banana Festival 2022 Pistol and Turkey Shoot, coordinated by the Fulton Police Department, will be held this year on Sat., Sept. 10 at the Fulton Police Department Shooting Range, Park

Road, Fulton.

A \$20 registration fee is required and entrants are to provide their own weapon, ammunition, ear and eye protection, and holster. Two spare magazines or speed loaders are required. Hand loaded ammunition and alcohol are prohibited on site.

The novice class competition begins at 9 a.m. and the 22 class at 9:30 a.m. The expert class competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with masters class begins at 1 p.m. and the female class at 2 p.m.. The top gun class begins at 2:30 p.m. and the Turkey Shoot

at 3 p.m..

Registration forms and fees will be accepted up to one hour prior to shooting time. For more information, contact the Fulton Police Department or the Fulton Tourism Commission at 270-472-9000.



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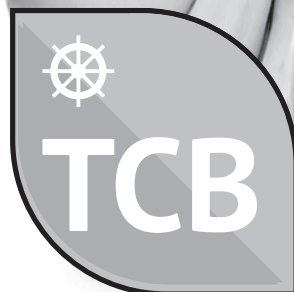


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2022

Entry fee:
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CONTEST

Displaying of 8 x 10 photo entries will be done by the Committee!

Attention: There will no mounting of photos this year

CATEGORIES

• Elements of Design (Patterns and forms/lines/textures/perspectives) • Digital Darkroom (Photoshop composites and creations/HDR) • People • My hometown, old buildings, landmarks, etc. • Go Bananas! • Animals • Flowers • Nature/Landscapes

AWARDS

Adult and Youth Categories First, Second and Third Place Ribbons; **Best of Show**, Ribbon and \$75, *Selected by judges*; **People's Choice Champion**, \$100, *voted via Facebook*; **Banana Festival Committee's Choice**, *Selected by committee*

1. Entries must be taken within a twelve-month period prior to the Banana Festival Photography Contest. (No photos taken before Sept. 16, 2021 will be accepted). Contest is open to all photographers. Cell phone photography is allowed. DSLR camera is preferred for learning purposes.

2. Entries must be submitted in either color or black and white **8"x10" print**. **NO PRINTING of WATERMARKS or TITLES** allowed on front or back of photos.

3. Enter as many as three (3) photographs for each category. This is a digital photo contest! All entries must include the original digital image on CD/DVD indicating date photo was taken. Archival/Banana Festival promotional use only.

4. Entries must be picked up on Sunday. (The CD with the original digital image will become property of the Banana Festival for archival use only. Any other use

that would be subject to monetary gains would go to photographer and must have said photographer's permission for any publication leading to any said gains other than to promoting the Twin Cities Banana Festival.)

ENTRIES ACCEPTED Sat., September 10 — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun., September 11 — 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Mon., September 12 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pontotoc Building, 112 East State Line, Fulton, KY; **PUBLIC VIEWING** Tues., September 13 — Fri., September 16, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., September 17 — 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; **JUDGING BEGINS**, Late Tuesday (September 13) afternoon; **WINNERS ANNOUNCED**, Wed., September 14 — 6 p.m., *Faith and Family Night, Main Stage*, "People's Choice" and "Committee Pick", Sat., September 17 — 6:30 p.m., *(After parade, Main Stage)*; **PICK UP**, Sat., September 17 — After 2 p.m., Sun., September 18 — 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: All photos will be uploaded to Facebook for People's Choice Award. Everyone is invited to vote using Facebook. The entry with the most "likes" will win \$100 cash! So share, share, share. Please follow our Facebook page for updates and instructions to how to vote. All other categories will be judged accordingly.

BANANA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE'S CHOICE AWARD: This photo does not have to be the Best of Show, People's Choice, or even a ribbon winner. It will be solely selected by the committee, professionally framed and hung on display in Fulton City Hall for the duration of one (1) year.



Anthony Constant won first place in the Trains, Planes and Automobiles category, 2021 People's Choice Award, as well as he Banana Festival Committee Pick award.

KID'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Sept. 10 • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pontotoc Park and Unity Park



On Saturday, Sept. 10, there will be no down time for kids, with special activities from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at locations in Fulton's Pontotoc Park as well South Fulton's Unity Park.

Kids can make their way to designated stations throughout the parks' areas, and try their hand at the tie-dye station, with an original t-shirt design using the method which adorned t-shirts and other clothing items back when the festival itself began.

Then, to beat the heat and have fun at the same time, kids can go to the water gun station. A bubble station will make for some good clean fun, but the slime station could be the reason to return to the bubble station and water gun station for some clean-up.

More stations will be offered during those hours, and these events are free for children.

A hot dog lunch will be provided for the kids.

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- Hear floral arranging tips presented by University of Tennessee Gardens Ornamental Horticulturist Jason Reeves.
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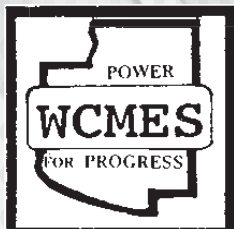


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BANANA FESTIVAL ART WINNERS - Fulton Independent students were glad the Banana Festival came back in 2021! Banana Festival Art Contest winners from Fulton's Carr Elementary are front row, left to right, A'Kaviah Copper, Madi Whitman, Kayden Shelton, Keleah Haynes, Zamariah Jackson; back row, Lexi Snider, Zayden Moyers, Logan Butler, JaKobe Tillman, and Robert Moore. (Photo submitted)



2021 SOUTH FULTON ELEMENTARY BANANA ART CONTEST WINNERS - Grade level winners in the 2021 Banana Festival Art Contest at South Fulton Elementary included, from left, Aiden Reason, 2nd grade; Samantha Mann, 5th grade; Paisley Trent, 1st grade; Anlynn Constant, Kindergarten; Rayne Sills, 3rd grade; and Destiny McGuire, 4th grade. (Photo submitted)

SCHOOL ART CONTEST

Children and youth who attend Fulton Independent and South Fulton Schools may submit entries for the 2022 Banana Festival Art Contest.

A sheet of white paper, 14 inches by 11 inches must be used by students for their submission.

Entry forms will be available at each school, South Fulton Elementary, South Fulton Middle and High School, Carr Elementary and Fulton Independent Middle and High School.

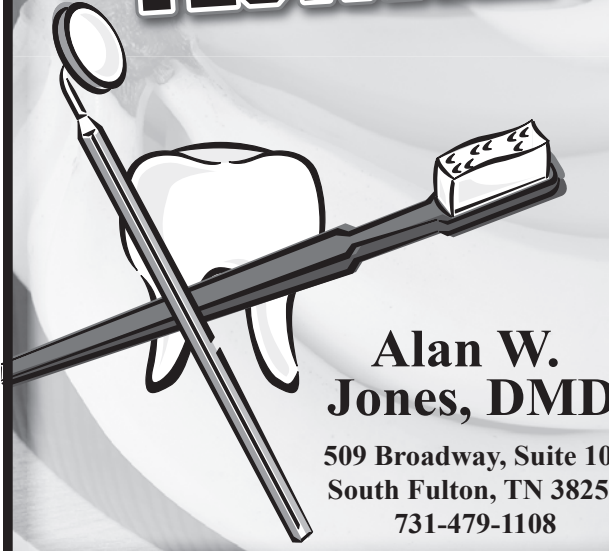
All entries should be submitted to each student's homeroom teacher by Friday, Sept. 9, to be considered for the contest.

For more information, contact event chair, Tracy Pulley at 270-472-1637 or Kristy Vincent at South Fulton Elementary, 731-479-2304.



FULTON INDEPENDENT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BANANA FESTIVAL ART WINNERS - Pictured, left to right, are Fulton Middle and High School students Aleena Johnson, 9th grade; Ash Randall, 11th grade; Lexie Nelson, 9th grade; Madison Acosta, 6th grade; and Shane Acosta, 7th grade, whose artwork earned awards for the 2021 Banana Festival Art Contest. (Photo submitted)


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BANANA BAKEOFF OVERALL WINNER - Kathryn Tynes was the overall winner, also placing first in banana bread and miscellaneous, banana cupcakes. Other winners included banana pudding, first, Susan Black, second, Lana Hannaman, third, Teri Hutcherson; Banana bread, first, Kathryn Tynes, second, Belinda Hill, third, Lana Hannaman; Banana cake, first, Lisa Hutchins, second, Valerie Combs, third, Jean Sublet; Banana miscellaneous, first, Kathryn Tynes, second, Barbara Bell, third, Jess Hutto; and Banana pie, first, Teresa Wright.



Tues., September 13
Starting at 9 a.m
at Fancy Fannie's Bakery

On Tues., Sept. 13, Fancy Fannie's Bakery, 422 Lake St. in Fulton is the site to drop off entries for this year's Banana Bake-off, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with judging to take place by 5 p.m. Categories for entries include Banana Pudding, Banana Pie, Banana Bread, Banana Cake and Miscellaneous. All entries have one required ingredient, the festival fruit, bananas! Entrants' names and registration information may be submitted with entries, and participants may enter one submission in each category. First, second and third place will be awarded in

each category, with the Grand Prize award winner earning \$100. For more information, or registration forms, visit www.thebananafestival.com, or call Fulton Tourism Commission, 270-472-9000.



AMAZING BANANA RACE SCAVENGER HUNT

Unity Stage and Pontotoc Park

Tuesday, September 13 starting at 5:30 p.m.



Tweens and teens will have the opportunity to show off their skills of deduction and creativity during a new event at this year's Banana Festival.

Held in the two downtown park areas of Fulton's Pontotoc Park and South Fulton's Unity Park. The Amazing Banana Race/Scavenger Hunt will feature teams solving riddles and hints and completing tasks to get clues to finish the event. Two, three, or four people will join together for the chance to win

cash prizes. Those who may feel they can finish The Amazing Banana Race/Scavenger Hunt without assistance can compete alone and keep the prize all for themselves if successful.

This event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, at the Unity Stage. Those between the ages of 12 – 18 may join in the fun to solve the clues and complete each task. The event will wind its way throughout Unity Park and Pontotoc Park before completing The Amazing Banana Race/Scavenger Hunt back at the Unity Stage.

The top team will win \$100 for first place, followed by \$50 for second, and a \$25 Sun & Swirl Gift Certificate for the group finishing in third place. In addition to dividing the funds amongst participants, the teams will earn bragging rights as the best sets of participants at the annual festival.

There is no cost to participate in The Amazing Banana Race/Scavenger Hunt. Teams are encouraged to arrive at the Unity Stage around 5:15 p.m. to get signed up and receive the all-important final instructions for the mission.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Sept. 14 • 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Pontotoc Community Center

A new event for this year's Banana Festival is focused on area senior citizens.

Slated for Wednesday, the Senior Soiree is being planned by Lynnitia Pierce, a South Fulton resident, and Banana Festival Committee Member.

The Senior Soiree will be held at the Pontotoc Community Center from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 14.

In addition to plenty of refreshments, the Senior Soiree will include various fun games. Some of the games are "Name That Tune," "The Price is Right," "Right/Left Game." "Year of In-

vention," and "Mirror Mirror."

Participants are urged to dress in fashions from the 1960s, the decade that brought the Banana Festival to the Twin Cities area. A costume contest will be held to honor those carrying out the 60s theme.

Also planned for the Senior Soiree is a photo booth with numerous props to use for pictures.

Throughout the entire event, music from the 1960s will be playing in the background. Anyone wishing to sing or dance along to the tunes will be welcome to do just that.



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Wednesday, September 14

Pontotoc Park and Unity Park



The Ken-Tenn Ministers Alliance will open with prayer at 3:30 p.m. at Pontotoc Park. Music will be played from the Pontotoc stage from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., by Faith Revived with kids' activities starting at 5:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m., featuring Face Painting, and Bump and Jump. At 7:00 p.m., a Community Worship Service will be held with a Community choir, then a message by local ministers on Unity Park Stage. Fans and water will be available.

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BANANA PUDDING COOKOFF FUNDRAISER

Pontotoc Community Center Wed., Sept. 14, 5:00 p.m.

There is no entry fee for the Banana Pudding Cook-Off Fundraiser, for the first 10 teams to participate in the cook off competition, each team representing the non-profit of their choice, with the winner awarded cash prizes for the non-profit.

To compete, the group must produce 15 quarts of banana pudding, to be served up in 2 ounce sample containers. Serving containers will be provided to all teams. The only required ingredients are bananas, and pudding in some form. Creativity is encouraged.

The public may sample each of the 10 team's banana pudding creations, for a donation of \$5 per person.

Each team will have a jug labeled with their team's name, on display, and those who attend may cast their vote for their favorite pudding sample, by placing a dollar into that particular team's jug.

The \$5 per person donation at the door proceeds will be distributed evenly to the participating non-profit teams, with each team to receive all funds collected through the public's vote, in their designated jug.

For more information, or to register for participation, contact Melanie Gunn, event chair, at 270-627-6244 or email melanie.gunn@live.com.



SECOND ANNUAL BANANA PUDDING COOKOFF - Fulton Dog Pound team received the most votes and earned \$68 for their pudding in the Second Annual Banana Pudding Cookoff, chaired by Melanie Gunn; Fulton County FFA placed second and earned \$67; with Fulton County Transit Authority team placing third and earning \$53. Six non-profits competed in the event held on Sept. 15 at Pontotoc Community Center (Photo submitted)



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6:00 p.m. - Top Banana Reception,
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Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. - Pistol and Turkey Shoot FPD
Shooting Range on Park Road (\$)

9:00 a.m. - Banana Festival Beauty
Pageant - Fulton City High School (\$)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Drop off Photography
Entries, Pontotoc Building (\$)

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Kids Activities at South
Fulton's Unity Park and Fulton's Pontotoc Park

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Drop off Photography
Entries, Pontotoc Building (\$)

Monday, Sept. 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Drop off Photography
Entries, Pontotoc Building (\$)

6:00 p.m. - Second Annual "Peace, Love, &
Foliage Event" - Pontotoc Park, Fulton (\$)

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022

up to 11:00 a.m. - Drop off Photography
Entries, Pontotoc Building (\$)

*(Viewing Entries Monday - Friday,
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)*

School Art Contest Judging
Photo Contest Judging completed

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Banana Bake-Off entry drop
off at Fancy Fannie's, 422 Lake St., Fulton, Ky.

5:00 p.m. - Bake-Off Judging

6:00 p.m. - Bake-Off Winners Announced

5:30 p.m. - The Amazing Banana Race/Scavenger
Hunt, ages 12-18, Pontotoc Park and Unity Park

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Senior Citizens
Activities, Pontotoc Building

3:30 p.m. - Faith and Family events, Unity Park
stage, by the Ken-Tenn Ministers Alliance

5:00 p.m. - Tyson Foods - Community
Meal - Pontotoc Park

5:00 p.m. - The Banana Pudding Path, sample
banana pudding recipes by local charitable
organizations - Pontotoc building (\$)

**Banana Cabana, located in the heart of the festival, inside Pontotoc Park
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Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - The Banana Cabana - Pontotoc building

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Chalk Art competition - Unity Park Walking Trail

6:00 p.m. - Banana Festival Kiddie Parade

7:00 p.m. - Faith & Family Night Entertainment, Unity Park stage

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Vendors, Downtown

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Banana Cabana - Pontotoc building

7:00 p.m. - Fulton's Got Talent

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Banana Festival Health Fair, sponsored by Fulton County Extension Office - First Baptist Church Family Life Center

9:00 a.m. - Vendors, Downtown

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Kids activities

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Banana Cabana open

6:00 p.m. - Entertainment starts at Unity Park

7:30 p.m. - Blackhawk - Unity Park, free concert

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Fulton Rotary Club Car Show, registration 7:30 p.m. - Lake Street (\$)

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. - Banana 5K/Fun Run Registration

8:00 a.m. - Banana 5K/Fun Run - Raise The Bar Gym, Walnut and Washington Streets, Fulton

9:00 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of the Twin

Cities Cornhole Tournament - the Keg Restaurant patio area (\$)

9:00 a.m. - Vendors, Downtown

10:00 a.m. - Banana Eating Contest - Lake Street Bandstand

11:00 a.m. - Banana Brawl - Pontotoc Park

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Banana Cabana - Pontotoc Building

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Kid's Activities

11:00 a.m. - Kayser's Dunking Booth to Benefit the Fulton Dog Pound - Pontotoc Park

2:00 p.m. - Doggy Pageant - Pontotoc Park Stage (\$)

4:00 p.m. - Fulton Lion's Club Grande Parade - Down Broadway in South Fulton to Fulton's Lake Street, ending with the One Ton Banana Pudding served at Pontotoc Park

6:00 p.m. - 2022 Fulton's Got Talent Winner - Unity Park

7:00 p.m. - Jordan Skoda and the Damwrights perform - Unity Park

8:30 p.m. - Chase Matthew, free concert

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CHALK ART CONTEST

Unity Park Walking Trail

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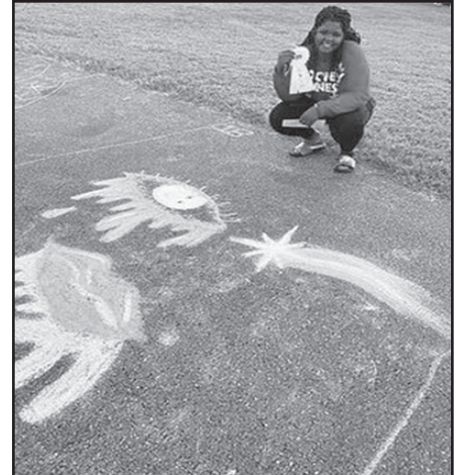
Artistic abilities and creativity will be displayed on the walking track of South Fulton's Unity Park during Faith and Family Night on Sept. 14, 2022, as participants draw their entries in the Banana Festival Chalk Art contest, chaired by Dave Puckett. Participants may 'Chalk it up' to creative fun, when the walking trail

through South Fulton's Unity Park becomes a blank canvas for artists of all ages. There is no entry fee to participate in the Chalk Art Extravaganza, set for Sept. 14, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ribbons will be awarded to the Top Chalk Art artists.

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There is no entry fee to participate, with prize ribbons to be awarded in each category. Registration forms are required, which may be obtained on the festival website, www.thebananafestival.com, or at Fulton City Hall, and returned to Fulton Tourism, P.O. Box 1516, Fulton, Ky. 42041, or taken to Fulton City Hall, Tourism Commission office, at 101 Nelson Tripp Place in Fulton, during week-day business hours.



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Unity Park Amphitheater Thurs., September 15 7:00 p.m.

The best of the best will take to the stage at South Fulton's Unity Park on Sept. 15, beginning at 7 p.m. as Fulton's Got Talent will showcase vocalists, bands, acoustic performances and other talented individuals and groups from around the area. Contest rules are available on the Banana Festival website, www.thebananafestival.com, or on facebook, Banana Festival-Fulton's Got Talent. Registration

forms may also be accessed at those locations, as well as Fulton City Hall's Tourism office, 101 Nelson Tripp Place. Information needed for registration includes the contestant's name, address, parent's name if applicable, contact information including phone number, email, talent specified whether singing, performing acoustic, band, or other; CD, song title and track and whether instruments will

be used for the performance. Participants should arrive at the event 30 minutes before the set starting time, for line-up order. The winner of the Banana Festival's Fulton's Got Talent will be the opening act for the Sept. 16 headlining act's performance at the 2022 Banana Festival. For info contact Terry Hollenback, chair, at 731-613-3331 or email hollenbackt@bellsouth.net. Deadline to enter is Sept. 1.



2021 FULTON'S GOT TALENT WINNERS - The Lindell Street Blues Band was the first place winner for the 2021 Banana Festival "Fulton's Got Talent" event, held Sept. 16, chaired by Melissa Jackson. The group opened on Saturday evening for Banana Festival headliner, FireFall. Savannah Loren Gradner, left, earned second place from the judges, with Nicole Thompson, second from left, placing third in the competition.

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Sponsored by Fulton County Cooperative Extension Service, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, this year's Banana Festival Health Fair is a free event, scheduled for Fri., Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Fulton, at the corner of Second and Eddings Streets. Dozens of healthcare related businesses and in-

dustries will coordinate display booths and offer free information, screenings and merchandise. Screenings include BMI, Blood Pressure, Pulse Ox, Cholesterol, Pulmonary Function (with some tests requiring four hours of fasting); as well as educational information regarding diet, nutrition, diabetes, insurance, various cancers, smoking cessation and senior activities.



Unity Park Amphitheater Fri., September 16 7:30 p.m.

Blackhawk will take the Banana Festival stage on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at Unity Park for a free concert.

Blackhawk is an American country music group founded in 1992 by Henry Paul, Van Stephenson, and Dave Robbins.

In 1993, Blackhawk signed a record deal with Arista Nashville and their debut single, "Goodbye Says It All", was released that year and peaked at No. 11 on the Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks. Their first album was certified 2x Multi-Platinum by the RIAA.

"Down from the Mountain" was the band's sixth studio album and it was released in 2011.



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Sat., Sept. 17, *Beginning at 8:00 a.m.*



The Banana Festival 5K is set for Sept. 17, with registration beginning at 7 a.m. and the 5K to begin at 8 a.m., at Raise The Bar gym, 325 Walnut St. in Fulton. Registration fee is, \$20 per entrant and must register in advance to get a free t-shirt.. Age divisions: New Division 5th - 8th grade; 9th grade through 19 years old; age 20 - 29; age 30 - 39; age 40 - 49; age 50 - 59; and age 60 and older. Winners will be designated in each category, as well as an overall male and female winner named. Registration forms may be obtained by visiting the Banana Festival website, www.thebananafestival.com, or at the Fulton Tourism Commission, Fulton City Hall, 270-472-9000. Forms and registration fees may be mailed to Chair, Rebecca Holtzclaw, 206 West Paducah St., South Fulton, Tenn., with checks made to Fulton Tourism.

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Sat., September 17

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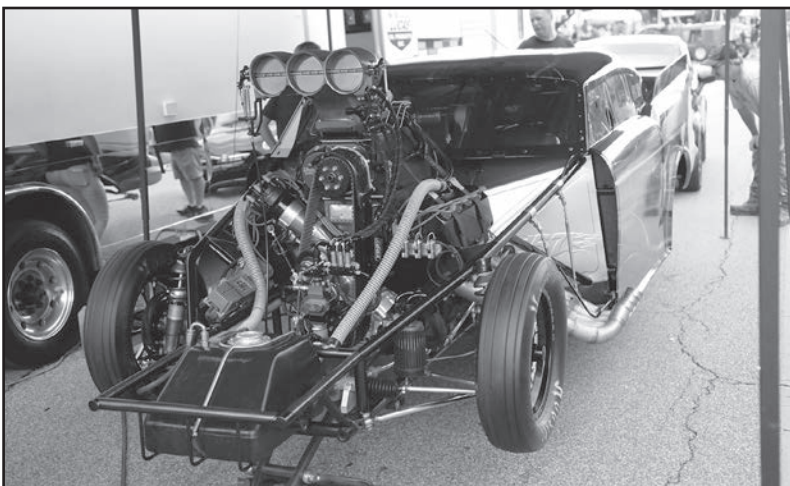
The Fulton Rotary Club will once again co-ordinate the Banana Festival Car, Truck, Bike and Tractor Show, set for Sat., Sept. 17, on Lake Street, downtown Fulton.

The show will include categories such as Best Under Carriage, Best Stock Production Car, Extreme 4 x 4 Mud Truck and Rock Crawler, Best Rat Rod, Best Bike Stock, Best Custom Bike, Best Tractor, Best Custom Car, Best of Show, Rotary Pick, Best Paint Job, Best Interior, Mayor's Pick and more.

Entry fee is \$30 per entry, with judging set to commence at 12 noon, and registration gates open at 8 a.m.

To register forward check made payable to Rotary Club of Fulton, P.O. Box 1065, Fulton, Ky., 42041, for \$30 per entry, and include name, address, phone number, email, year/make, body style, and color of each entry.

For more information, contact Fulton Rotarian Sam Miller at 270-627-2264.



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Patio area at the Keg Restaurant

Sat., September 17 • 9:00 a.m.

This year's Banana Festival Second Annual Cornhole Event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities, Ken-Tenn, will provide players with the chance to compete in an intense game of cornhole to see who is the best in the Twin Cities.

This year will have two divisions, one for the pros and one for the backyard players, with cash prizes going to the top three champs in each division.

The Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities sponsors this fundraising event. With the help of local businesses as sponsors, the money raised will help children in the Twin Cities. Past projects completed from money raised have been school supplies for local students, hygiene kits for Fulton and South Fulton schools, and scholarships given to seniors from our high schools.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 9 a.m. at The Keg.



2022 BANANA FESTIVAL T-SHIRT

This year's official "Peace, Love and Bananas" Banana Festival T-Shirt can be purchased at the Banana Cabana during the festival, inside the Pontotoc Community Center.



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BANANA EATING CONTEST

**Bandstand
Downtown Fulton**
Sat., September 17 • 10 a.m.



Got a minute? Like bananas? Test your skills at this year's Banana Festival Banana Eating contest, Sat., Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. in the bandstand area of Lake Street, downtown Fulton. Registration will take place the morning of the event, with competitors given one minute to consume as many bananas as possible. Prizes will be awarded. Last year's winners included Andy Emmert, consuming five and one half bananas within a one-minute time period, Gina Cook 2nd place, three and one half bananas, and a three way tie for third between Jacob Neill, Lynette LaRue and C.J. Bonds. LaRue was victorious in the Eat-off. For more information, contact the Fulton Tourism Commission at 270-472-9000 or visit the website at www.thebananafestival.com.



Pontotoc Park

Sat., September 17

11 a.m.



The Banana Brawl will once again match up the best wrestlers from the Midsouth Independent Wrestling world, in the Banana Festival's Banana Brawl Sept. 17. Wrestlers will hit the ring at 11 a.m. near Pontotoc Park, downtown Fulton and will include Derrick King, The Dawg Pound, Big Boy Leroy, Showtime Daniel Thomas, Sexy Sarge O'Riley and more.



DUNKING BOOTH

Pontotoc Stage

Sat., September 17 • 11 a.m. - 10 p.m

As part of the Banana Festival's full day of events to round out the week on Sept. 18, a special feature will be the official Banana Dunking Booth, located in downtown Fulton, with a number of local citizens and officials scheduled to volunteer for time inside the tank, and ready to take a plunge if necessary. Sponsored by Kayser, the dunking booth will allow a certain number of chances for a monetary contribution, to attempt nailing the target and providing the volunteer in the tank the opportunity to take a plunge, with all proceeds going to the Fulton Dog Pound.



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Pontotoc Stage

Sat., September 17 • 2:00 p.m.





2021 BEST OF SHOW
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Precious pups, canine cuties and magnificent mutts will walk the Pontotoc stage in downtown Fulton on Sept. 17 for the Banana Festival Doggy Pageant, with check-in for entries at 1:30 p.m., and the event set to begin at 2:00 p.m. Categories include Beauty, Talent and Attire, with first, second and third place ribbons awarded in each category. Best of Show will receive a Ribbon and Crown with all entries presented a participation ribbon as well as a chance to be entered in a drawing for a huge pet-friendly gift basket. A \$10



entry fee is required, as well as a registration form, available at www.thebananafestival.com or at Fulton City Hall. Deadline to enter is Sept. 16, with forms and fees, checks made to Fulton Tourism Commission, to be turned in at Fulton City Hall, 101 Nelson Tripp Place, or mailed to Fulton Tourism Commission, P.O. Box 1516, Fulton, Ky. 42041.

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GRAND PARADE

Saturday, September 17 • 4:00 p.m.



The Fulton Lions Club will continue a long-standing tradition on Sept. 17 in facilitating the 2022 Banana Festival Grand Parade, to get underway at 4 p.m. Spectators may line the streets of Broadway, onto Commercial and Lake Streets in the Twin Cities of Fulton, Ky. and South Fulton, Tenn. to view parade entries which will include Large Floats, Mini Floats, School Spirit (sports teams), Kiddie Floats/Walkers, Vehicles/ATVs and Diversified, which will include all entries not falling within the designated categories. There is no set theme for this year's Grand Parade. Trophies, money and ribbons will be presented in the Large Float, Mini Float, Kiddie Float/Walkers and School Spirit categories. Category line-up will be assigned according to order of arrival, at designated areas, which may be viewed on the Parade Route map. Entry forms may be obtained at the festival website, www.thebananafestival.com, or at the Fulton Tourism office inside Fulton City Hall, at 101 Nelson Tripp Place. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Fulton Tourism Commission office, or mailed to Fulton Tourism Commission, P.O. Box 1516, Fulton, Ky. 42041. For more information, contact Anna McCoy, Lions Club President, 270-210-6641.



BANANA FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE 2022 GRAND MARSHAL SHARYE HENDRIX TWIN CITIES CHAMBER 2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Nominees for Citizen of the Year, often find a passion, and use that passion to help others.

They may use their skills learned or talents fine-tuned, in a specific area, or to benefit a specific demographic.

The 2021 Citizen of the Year has spread her skills, talents, and joy for life, first among the very young, then among the young at heart, and in-between, has been able to instill an aspect of personal safety into the young and old alike.

Her kindness and generosity have been freely given to

young children in her day care facility, Park Terrace Village residents and those who enjoy the Smiles On Seniors organization, as well as countless swimmers who owe their life-saving abilities to her patience and expertise.

She knows how to organize, how to delegate, how to recruit helpers, and how to encourage others.

The 2021 Citizen of the Year and founder of Smiles On Seniors, S.O.S., Sharye Hendrix, is the 2022 Banana Festival Parade Grand Marshal.

ONE-TON BANANA PUDDING Sat., September 17 *Served after the parade*

While there are dozens of entries in the Banana Festival Grand Parade, there is one entry which holds true the old adage of “saving the best for last...”

The world famous Banana Pudding has long been a mainstay of the Twin Cities claim to fame, with the “secret” recipe including thousands of vanilla wafers, hundreds of stalks of bananas and who knows how many gallons of custard. Once a full one ton, the luscious layers of cookies, pudding and bananas were clearly visible as the huge cylinder traveled the parade route through the city, coming to a stop right downtown Lake Street, and dished out to thousands by the pretty pageant royalty.

It’s a pretty tall order to gather, open, mix, stir, cut and layer the prized pudding, and it’s all hands on deck the evening before the parade when the pudding is put together at the Kingdom Harvest Family Life gym, on Forestdale in South Fulton. Watch for it at the end of this year’s Grand Parade on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The public is invited to assist with pudding preparation Friday, Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Kingdom Harvest Family Life Center on Forrestdale Street, in South Fulton, Tenn.





FREE CONCERT

**Amphitheater, Unity Park
Sat., Sept. 17, 8:30 P.M.**



Chase Matthew

Chase Matthew will take to the stage at South Fulton's Unity Park Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m. for the free performance.

From Music City's Broadway scene to the Tennessee Hills you've most likely heard the name Chase Matthew. Chase, currently Co-Signed by Ryan Upchurch, has garnered an astounding 70 Million streams in a short four months with his project "County Line".

This God fearing artist is known for never turning down an opportunity to meet a fan, his friendly smile, and remaining grateful for every twist life throws his way. Currently Chase has preparing his new album "Born For This" dropped February 2022 which includes him hitting the road and playing venues across the nation.

"It is certain there have been people who have said plenty about Chase Matthew since the beginning of his journey, but one thing he's shown us is true... He was born for this," according to a press release.

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