## Tallest ride ever to showcase state fair carnival midway



Carnival riders at the 2025 Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair will have more thrills

this year - seven new rides and attractions. Reithoffer Shows, the fair's carni-

val partner will present a total of 63 rides to delight riders of all ages—including kiddie, adult and the ultimate thrill seeker

Richard Reithoffer, President, Reithof-

fer Shows, says the show will present the highest quality and newest attractions the company has ever staged at the fair. "We're going all out to provide the fair customers the best midway we can build. Tennessee fairgoers love carnival rides and we want to give them the most thrills possible," he says.

Prepare for a thrilling experience with the Lightning ride, which soars 131 feet into the air, featuring rotating arms reminiscent of a windmill. Crafted by Fabbri in Italy, this exciting attraction is making its debut at this year's fair. Accommodating eight riders, it is classified as a Super Spectacular ride, appealing to the most daring thrill-seekers who will want to ride it again and again.

The Sky Ride, which was unable to open in 2024 due to construction and permitting delays, is now ready for the Fair. Spanning 1,050 feet long and reaching a height of 40 feet at its tallest point, this ride features 70 chairs that can seat two people each, allowing a total of 140 riders

The ride will connect the Fair's Green Gate to the agricultural area, offering breathtaking views of the entire fairgrounds and enabling patrons to board from either location. Designed for guests of all ages, children must be at least 48 inches tall to participate. A fun fact is this ride was constructed by Sky Ride manufacturer Bergathon in Chattanooga, TN.

For adults, The Joker ride offers a musical experience with 16 cars that can accommodate two passengers each, totaling 32 riders. This engaging ride features four arms, each with four cars, arranged on a circular disc that tilts while the arms ing experience.

New kiddie rides include the Samba Balloon, which consists of four hot air balloon cars that gently rise and fall in a circular motion while "floating" through the air. The Red Baron allows little pilots to soar in airplanes that fly around and up and down. The Star Jet features adorable space jets for the little ones to zoom around in, while Treasure Island presents an exciting walk-through obstacle course, guiding kids on an adventure over a bridge walkway that leads to a fun slide at the end.

Ride ticket and fair admission pricing and special days can be found on the fair's website:

www.wilsoncountytnstatefair.com Reithoffer Shows is the longest continuous operating amusement company in America. Now in their 128th year of operation, the show operates about 50 events in 16 states. Reithoffer Shows is known for their creative management ideas for bringing events the newest and most unique rides for the public to enjoy. The Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair will run August 14-23 at the James Ward Agriculture Center just north of I-40 Exit 239 on Rt. 70/East Baddour

Parkway, Lebanon, TN. The fair is considered the fastest growing fair in North America and expected to draw about 650,000 patrons during the 10-day run. The Fair's theme is "Goin Hog Wild and Bacon Memories at the Fair", and will once again highlight exhibits from all 95 Tennessee counties.

# Rock City unveils first visual rebrand in 26 year

#### Resident gnomes step into the spotlight

A new era begins for the beloved mountaintop attraction, Rock City, as it debuts a visual rebranding with longtime resident gnomes front and center. The new logo, color palette and typography will further distinguish the historic attraction from its parent company,

Rock City Enterprises, formerly See Rock City Inc.
"This visual rebrand represents our next chapter," said Doug Chapin, owner and CEO. "It brings new Life to the wonder that's always been here, updating our look while inviting old friends, like our gnomes, to finally

These updates will be seen on signage throughout the gardens, employee uniforms, marketing materials and a redesigned website. Playful gnome statuary and reimagined Gnome Quest introduce previously untold stories

of Rock City's longtime residents to create a more engaging experience for visitors, bringing gnomes into the spotlight for the first time in the company's history.

For nearly 25 years, the historic attraction shared a logo with its parent company which also owns Chanti-



cleer Inn, Grandview, Battles for Chattanooga, GOOD DOG and Clumpies Ice Cream Co. The new branding helps clarify its identity and embrace a new era.

While Rock City is thoughtfully innovating to meet the expectations of today's guests, its mission remains the same: "To create memories worth repeating for its guests and partners (employees).'

Visitors can still expect the unique experience of meandering the Enchanted Trail, taking in the sweeping views from Lover's Leap, and the bewilderment of Fairyland Caverns, just as generations before have.

The iconic birdhouse and barn designs will remain a cherished part of the brand, continuing to inspire travelers from across the South and around the world to "See

Rock Čity is a unique outdoor attraction where woodland paths wind through 14 acres of natural forest with over 500 species of nurtured plants, between ancient rock formations, over stone and suspended bridges, past creative installations out to the legendary Seven States

Known for its iconic features such as Lover's Leap, the Swing-A-Long Bridge, and Fairyland Caverns, Rock City is a memorable experience for any visitor.

### LEGALS & PUBLIC NOTICES

#### **Town of Woodbury Garbage Route Schedule**

The Town's garbage route scheduled for Thursday, August 14th, will run on Friday, August 15th. The route will be back to normal schedule Thursday, August 21st.

#### **AGENDA FOR THE** WOODBURY MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

August 19, 2025 at 6:00PM

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

B. Reading and Approval of the Previous Planning Commission Minutes

C. Public Comment Period – Local Citizens

D. Old Business

1. Consideration of Updated/New By-Laws

E. New Business

1.Review and Discussion of Accessary Building at 215

2. Consider recommendation for rezoning request for 902 W Main St from R1 to C3

F. Adjournment

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: September 16, 2025

**Additional Legal Ads on Page B7** 

The Cannon County Board of Commissioners will have a public hearing on Thursday, 9/4/2025 for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the following:

A request to rezone 719 Hoover Mill Rd. (parcel 8045 075.00 and adjacent parcel 8045 076.00) from A-1 Agricultural to I-1 Industrial for the purpose of building a shop for equipment repair, a shop for welding and metal fabrication, and a warehouse for parts/components.

The proposed item can be reviewed at the office of the Cannon County Planning Department, 200 W Main Street, Woodbury TN, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The public hearing will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. All citizens are invited to attend; in addition to the above public hearing, a period for public comment on matters germane to other items on the agenda shall be provided. Any questions or comments can be addressed to Cannon County Planner Tommy Lee by phone: 931-979-2170 or email: tlee@ucdd.org

Greg Mitchell

Chairman

Cannon County Board of Commissioners

#### **Public Notice**

The Town of Woodbury Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at 5:30 p.m. has been cancelled. The meeting of the Woodbury Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 19th at 6 p.m. is still scheduled.

Bill Jennings, Chairman

#### **Monthly Meeting Advertisement**

**Cannon County Highway Commission will be** meeting at the office of Mr. Wayne Hancock, Road Superintendent, 900 Old McMinnville Road, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190 on August 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Local Time

Cannon County Highway Department Mr. Wayne Hancock, Road Superintendent