

Mississippi's 2020 Neshoba Fair canceled because of virus

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The 2020 edition of "Mississippi's Giant Houseparty" is being canceled because of concern about the coronavirus pandemic. Directors of the Neshoba County Fair said in a statement Wednesday that they've been consulting with public health officials and determined it would not be possible to ensure that people "safely and effectively" follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. "For these reasons, the un-

fortunate decision has been made to cancel the Fair with no plans to reschedule it in 2020," the board said. The fair typically attracts tens of thousands of people to the red clay hills of east central Mississippi. Extended groups of families and friends live in cabins on the campgrounds for more than a week, and crowds are even larger on the two days that politicians speak under the main pavilion on the fairgrounds. The fair also has a midway,



Combine finances?

Dear Dave,
Is it okay to combine finances with someone and start working on a budget before you marry them? I just got engaged, and we've been talking about the idea of getting a head start on our finances together. _____ musical performances and horseracing. This year's fair was supposed to take place July 24-31. The fair dates back to the 1890s and has previously been canceled only during World War II.

Autumn

Dear Autumn,
First, congratulations! I hope you two will have long and happy lives together. Now comes the hard part. But you asked for my opinion, so here goes. No, it's not a good idea to combine finances with anyone you're not married to. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad you two are thinking about your finances and your future—and I'd never wish anything bad for you—but all kinds of things can happen before you become husband and wife. What if you spend

time paying off his debt, or vice versa, then the relationship doesn't work out? However, this doesn't mean you can't begin working together on budgets for the future, and planning and dreaming about the goals you have together. The thing to keep in mind is you'll both need to be operating in full transparency mode to make it happen. He should know all about your income and debts, and you should know all about his. Along the way, you two need to have serious, regular discussions about saving, spending, and debt to ensure you're completely on the same page with your finances before the big day. There you go. My advice is both of you should pay only your own bills until after you're married. And remember, once that happens there's no yours and his anymore—it all becomes ours.

term care policies. Can you reach a point financially where you can self-insure long-term care needs, and not buy a long-term care insurance policy? Paul
Dear Paul,
It's possible, mathematically speaking, if you have the resources available to pay for the care you'd receive in a nursing home or similar facility for about 20 years. Not many folks have that kind of money, though. I think it's a large enough bill that it makes sense to transfer the risk to a long-term care insurance policy. Keep in mind, too, if you're married you have to think about your spouse, and make sure they have enough to live on comfortably at the same time. That's a lot of money. And that's why I advise virtually everyone to put good, long-term care coverage in place at age 59 or 60. It can mean the difference between living with dignity, or having to depend on the government! Dave

ATTENTION ABSENTEE VOTERS for the June 23, 2020 Primary Election Run-off (Republican)

The Circuit Clerk's Office will have extended office hours for qualified Absentee Voters, to-wit:

Monday thru Friday from 8 A.M. until 7 P.M. Starting June 5, 2020 and

Monday thru Friday June 8 thru June 12 Monday thru Friday June 15 thru June 19

VOTING ON SATURDAY Saturday, June 13, 2020 and June 20, 2020 from 8 A.M. until 12 Noon

REMEMBER:

The Deadline for all qualified electors to cast an absentee ballot will be Saturday, June 20, 2020 @ 12 Noon

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Self-insure?
Dear Dave,
I've been researching long-



Another turkey season has come and gone. I spent the last several days chasing two gobblers that teased me every day until the season was officially over. They showed up each day within two hundred square yards of the previous day. Sometimes I would just sit in my truck waiting for them to come out into their strutting area. I would then plan my strategy that included both stalking and calling. Several times I decided on an ambush. Other days it was more of a traditional approach. And even though I did kill one there a few days earlier, these two were too smart for me. I couldn't believe I could know so much about these birds, hunt them for several days in a row, and yet come up empty handed. I noticed during a stretch of several days, I would constantly think about how to go about tagging one of those birds. It seemed it was always on my mind and even though I was confident in each new plan I devised, they always came up short. We are all good at making plans. They are always based upon what we know—or what we think we know. We especially do this when it comes to the things of God. Most people take the influences of family, friends, work, and the media, and form a plan for what they believe about

God, His ways, and even their hope for Heaven. They have formed their belief system on what someone else has told them and the only thing they have weighed its genuineness against, is if it sounds and feels right. That is a dangerous gamble. Each one of my plans to shoot a turkey sounded and felt right. They were based on the knowledge I had from what I saw and heard from those gobblers and from what I had learned from my hunting experiences and from other hunters as well. But each plan failed because none were guaranteed. In our spiritual life uncertainty does not have to rule our minds. The Scriptures give us the measure for everything we see, hear, and feel. They allow us to test if what we feel has backbone or is it just an untrustworthy emotion. They also allow us to lay what we see and hear alongside its pages to make sure our eyes and ears are not deceiving us. They give us the guarantee that we all want in life and in death. Don't wait for a pastor or priest to open the word of God for you. Open it for yourself. Learn from it. Know it. It will give you the surety you need for this life and the next; because life is a lot more fun when you don't have to wonder about the things that really matter. gary@outdoortruths.org