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Elvis seen in Inglis



Cote Deonath, the 2017 Tupelo Elvis Festival Grand Champion, is seen performing in his keynote role in Inglis on Saturday.



Story, Photos and Video

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INGLIS – Elvis was seen in Inglis on Saturday (Oct. 28) as part of the Withlacoochee Gulf Area Chamber (Inglis-Yankeetown) of Commerce's "Follow That

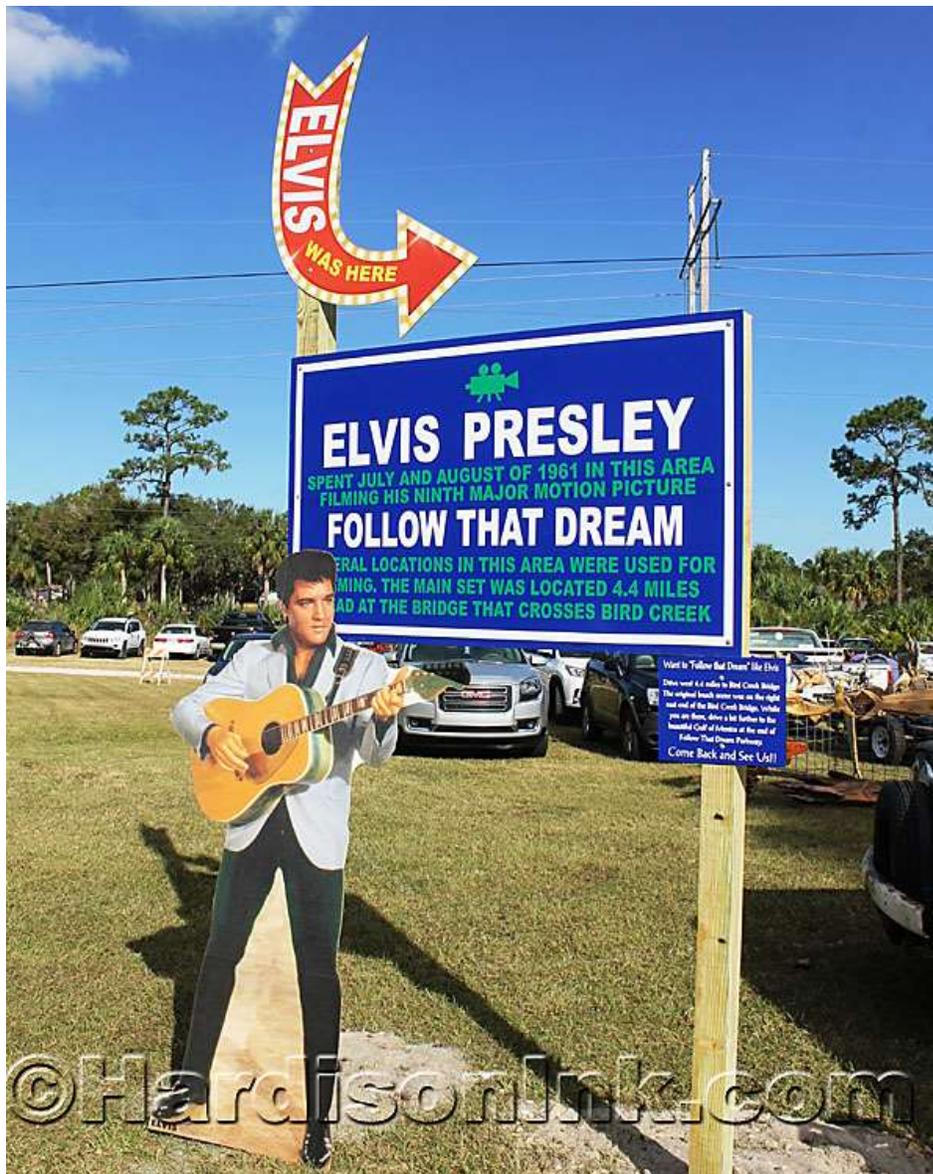
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Dream" Elvis Visitors Attraction.

It was actually Cote Deonath, the 2017 Tupelo Elvis Festival Grand Champion, who was performing. Deonath absolutely captured the hearts of many members of the audience. He sang *Don't Be Cruel (To A Heart That's True)* just before the unveiling of what is said to be the very same guardrail Elvis Presley sat on in the movie "Follow That Dream."

<https://youtu.be/6TvIpCIzRDs>

This video captures Cote Deonath as he begins a set of songs and portrays Elvis Presley. Here Deonath sings *Don't Be Cruel*, and then he is seen during the unveiling of the guardrail.



An opportunity to pose with a picture of Elvis Presley is seen in Inglis.

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The Southern Levy Marketplace shows people browsing along the vendors' booths. This was the second anniversary of the monthly event in Inglis.

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Art 'The Shrimp Man' Aho looks as Levy County Tourist Development Director Carol McQueen shows him the Big Bend Shellfish Trail Map.



Art Aho stands with Levy County Tourist Development Director Carol McQueen in front of his truck. This 1988 (front) and 1985 (back) Dodge Ram truck has registered 764,000 miles (and growing) on its odometer, Aho said. He likes his very-decorated truck. He sells fresh shrimp.

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Cote Deonath strikes a pose as Elvis on the guardrail.



Cote Deonath lets Levy County Tourist Development Director Carol McQueen pose with him. He posed with plenty of people that day.

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Janet Streeter (left) and Withlacoochee Gulf Area Chamber of Commerce President Marilyn Ladner are seen working under the Chamber tent at the marketplace event. This Chamber is striving to increase business in southern Levy County.



The Jeep that Cote Deonath sang from as he opened the process leading to the unveiling of the guardrail.

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The guardrail, as best as could be determined by relatively extensive research, Helen Ciallella said, is the authentic piece. Ciallella is a business owner in the area who is a Chamber member, and she is extremely well-versed in public relations and marketing.

Follow That Dream is a 1962 American musical film starring Elvis Presley made by Mirisch Productions. The movie was based on the 1959 novel *Pioneer, Go Home!* by Richard P. Powell. The movie finished at number 33 on the year-end list of the top-grossing movies of 1962.

A good part of the movie was filmed in the Inglis and Yankeetown area. Follow That Dream Parkway is another name for a section of Levy County Road 40, which is the westward extension of State Road 40 out of Marion County.

Withlacoochee Gulf Area Chamber of Commerce President Marilyn Ladner, Dick and Janet Streeter and several other leaders of Levy County's southernmost Chamber were among the very big crowd in Inglis on Saturday.

It was a full day of fun that went into the evening in southern Levy County. Saturday heralded the second anniversary of the South Levy Marketplace, a monthly event hosted by the Chamber. Local artisan crafts, various plants, organic produce and food vendors are regularly found at the South Levy Marketplace.

Four members of the Sea Cadets helped motorists park their vehicle so the visitors could attend the events in a field a bit west of Inglis Town Hall. Those cadets were Clay Pickard, Marty Pickard, Jason Jansen and Nathaniel Jansen.

There is often fresh shrimp being sold and the Inverness Animal Control folks help people who want to adopt animals. At least two cats found new forever homes on Saturday.

Another big event in Inglis on Saturday was the Annual Chili Cook-Off by the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club.