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Chiefland May Day 2021 provides chances for food and fun



Rodney Thomas of New Beginnings Entertainment plays music at the 2021 Chiefland May Day event.

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CHIEFLAND – The Chiefland May Day 2021 event was a resounding success.

Among the themes running through the day were that love conquers hate; it's time to celebrate and have a good time; and we are all family.

May Day is an annual event that has been happening in Chiefland at Eddie Buie Park for decades.

This year, it was ramped up a bit more than usual with the second dedication of the Ernest A. Haile Memorial Wall; the Chiefland Junior High School Reunion; the recognition of former CJHS principals, teachers and other staff; music, dancing, softball, the maypole, food trucks and food booths. There was also a booth by people selling Nike clothes. Dangelo Allen and Nakera Gent of Orlando were selling Nike wear.

Following are some pictures and captions about the fun and food, although there was far more than is seen here. A variety of food was available, including barbecue, seafood (especially crab dinners), smoked mullet, Italian ice, sno-cones deli sandwiches, and baked goods.

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Jackie Bradley (left) and her sister Alice Monyei strike a pose. Family was one of the thread themes running through the day of celebration. From a more global perspective beyond Chiefland, the family of humankind can be understood by some.



Heavy B's Bar-B-Que was among the almost 20 vendors at the event. Seen here are CEO Amelia Greenlee and Grillmaster Bruce Greenlee. Also helping Saturday was Assistant Cook Kevin Latham, not pictured.

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Delton Deli & Vittles provided food and drink for sale at the event. Seen here are Maggie Lambert (left) and her daughter Tonya Lambert.



This tent is Miss Johnnie's Corner, named for Johnnie Phillips. There were baked goods available for purchase there. Pictures from days of old (including some from 1946-1964) were able to be viewed as well.

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Zee Ammatullah holds one of the pieces of cake available for purchase at Miss Johnnie's Corner.



Local sports enthusiasts in a recently formed league enjoy the ceremony to honor educators and support staff from decades ago. They enjoyed the maypole and softball on Saturday at the park.

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Gussie Boatwright, chair of the Levy County Democratic Party, was among the dignitaries at the event. She is a fifth generation Levy Countian. She was a member of the first class of African-American students who were transferred to Williston High School to begin the process of integration. Boatwright is a 1973 WHS graduate.