

NOTHING LIKE A GOOD STATE FAIR TO WIND DOWN SUMMER

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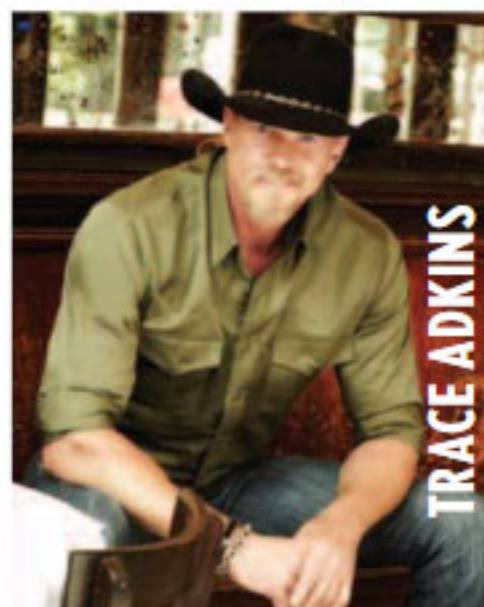
School is in, the days are starting to get just a little shorter, and thankfully the cooler temperatures are in sight. For most of us, spending time with friends and family are the highlights of summer and in September there are several events to make the most of what remains of our longer days.

A trip to the fair has become a tradition at my house, and the **North Georgia State Fair** is being held Sept. 21 through Oct. 1 at Jim R. Miller Park just across I-75 in Marietta. As the largest fair in metro Atlanta, it attracts nearly 300,000 people every year. The



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fair features live music, free attractions and shows, farm animals, flower shows, blue ribbon competitions, local entertainment, and delicious fair foods. There are also games and rides on a carnival midway featuring the Wildcat Rollercoaster, Georgia Mountain Lift, and debuting this year the Mega Slide.

I mean it's Mega, so we have to go... at least that's my son's logic. The fair has some big time entertainment as well. A covered arena guarantees concerts rain or shine, including appearances by Colton Dixon on Friday, Sept. 22; Lauren Alaina on Sat., Sept. 23; Trace Adkins on Wed.,

Sept. 27; Colt Ford on Thur., Sept. 28; Chris Janson on Fri., Sept. 29; Zach Seabaugh on Sat., Sept. 29. The concerts are included with fair admission. Let's not forget this is a state fair, so there are, of course, the oddball events that are always interesting *continues on page 12*

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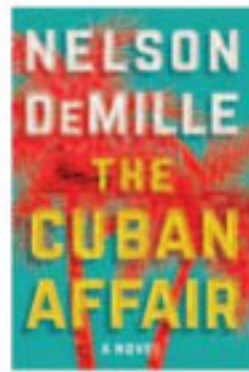
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at a minimum. Some highlights are the Firemen High Dive Show, and the Kachunga and the Alligator Show, wherein someone wrestles an alligator. You have to imagine the gator wins at least every once in awhile. Beyond the sideshows they have shows featuring animal acts, a petting zoo, and even a puppet show.

The new Mega Slide stands 50-feet high and will be one of the most iconic structures at the North Georgia State Fair. It is grooved to keep riders going straight and waxed periodically to keep riders from slowing down. This instant classic will be fun for the whole family, at least mine. There is a gate admission and rides cost extra. They offer numerous ways to save on tickets so: www.northgeorgiastatefair.com.

The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta is having a special conversation with *NY Times* Bestselling Author Nelson DeMille, presenting his new book *The Cuban Affair* on Sept. 26 at the MJCCA and the event is open to the public.

Appearing in conversation with DeMille is special guest Alan P. Gross, a former Cuban Hostage and Economic Development & Community Engagement Advisor. DeMille's new novel, *The Cuban Affair*, features an exciting new character—US Army combat veteran Daniel “Mac” McCormick, now a charter boat captain, who is about to set sail on his most dangerous cruise. It's brilliantly written, with his signature humor, fascinating authenticity from his re-



search trip to Cuba, and heart-pounding pace, Nelson DeMille is a true master of the genre. This is a prologue to the **MJCCA Book Festival** events that will help kick off the 26th edition scheduled for Nov. 4–20. For times and info visit www.atlantajcc.org.

I'm ending with another family favorite that hits me right in the gut every year. It's the **Atlanta Greek Festival** and I love me some Greek food. For nearly 50 years, the Greek Orthodox Christian community has opened its doors to host the festival in what is a highlight of cultural experiences. I mean the Greeks invented the wine and food festival concept so who am I to argue? This “Taste of Greece” will provide you a rich menu prepared by volunteers who cook to share their heritage. They always have traditional favorites like moussaka and spanakopita or street food like souvlaki and gyros. Don't get me started on the various wines, cheeses, and yes—desserts.

Beyond the culinary delights the festival is also a host to concerts and dancing. There is also shopping to be done with a wide array of handcrafted pottery, jewelry, apparel, and art from Greece. This event is fun and delicious for the whole family. The festival runs Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral located at 2500 Clairmont Road in Atlanta. www.atlantagreekfestival.org.

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