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Spuddy Buddy takes center stage in Farm and Garden Building

There were crabs, witches, pigs, babies and hula girls in the Farm and Garden Building here at The Great Frederick Fair on Sunday. These were just a few of the 26 entries in the first-ever Spuddy Buddy contest held at the 142nd fair.

Young and old alike entered their decorated potatoes in the competition that coincided with the fair's theme, "Ag-Sensuate Your Senses." By attaching eyes, ears, noses, mouths and hands decoratively to their potatoes, participants creatively carried out the idea of seeing, hearing, tasting, touching and smelling.

"We were thrilled with 26 entries for this inaugural contest," said Connie Palmer, Farm and Garden Building Superintendent. "The entries were cute and original and the crowd watching the judging was very responsive and excited. It was a lot of fun."

Seven-year-old Julianne Redmond of Frederick won the most original award for those 5 to 10 years old. "I made my potato into a witch because it was almost Halloween," the Parkway Elementary second grader said. "I put a black hat on it with a green nose, googly eyes and a crescent for a mouth.

"I stood it on cardboard – that was my favorite part," Julianne said.

There were two categories – all-natural and multi-medium. "The all-natural group had to use only fresh fruits, vegetables or natural materials," Mrs. Palmer said. "The multi-medium classes could use a variety of items."

Potatoes of all varieties came with all types of decor. There were red, white, yellow and sweet potatoes, dressed up with carrots, pasta, pipe cleaners, socks, rose petals, hydrangeas, berries, string beans, squash, cabbage, leaves, chestnuts and grapes.

The artistic entries will be displayed the rest of the fair in "Potato Land," a special area designated in the Farm and Garden Building.

To open the Spuddy Buddy competition to all fairgoers, Mrs. Palmer and her building volunteers invite everyone to create their own Spuddy Buddy during special workshops this week. Come to "Potato Land" between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday and make your own unique spud. A People's Choice Award will be announced this Friday at 2 p.m. at the Farm and Garden Building.

The Spuddy Buddy contest is tied to one of the fair's newest agricultural education programs. "This particular program is geared for pre-schoolers to teach them to use their five major senses," said Becky Brashear, the fair's executive assistant. "We have distrib-

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Meet the Managers



*Robert W. Frank
Secretary*

Membership in the Frederick County Agricultural Society runs in Robert Frank's family. He became a member in 1970 and joined the Board of Managers in 1989. Mr. Frank served as president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1996 and 1997. He currently serves as the chairman of the Employment and 4-H committees.

As a child, Mr. Frank visited the fair every year. He has always enjoyed the animal exhibits at the fair, but the

Farm and Garden is his favorite spot during the fair.

Mr. Frank uses his experiences and knowledge as a small business owner to help the Board of Managers achieve its goals in improving and preserving the fair and its traditions. During those rare "free" moments, he enjoys going fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Farm and Garden Building Schedule Announced

From wreaths and flower arrangements to container gardening, The Great Frederick Fair Farm and Garden Department has something to interest every fair visitor.

The Farm and Garden demonstrations will continue today featuring "Silk Fall Arrangements," throughout the day. From 10 a.m. to noon is "Growing Herbs." Agriculture education students involved in the FFA program will present demonstrations Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday's demonstrations continue with "Fresh Fall Arrangements" throughout the day, followed from 1 to 4 p.m. with "Growing Bonsai."

Wednesday gets started at 10 a.m. with "Herb Garden to Kitchen Gourmet," followed by demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. featuring "Garden Fresh Vegetables." From 2-4 p.m. is "Growing Mums." Throughout the day volunteers will be showing how to have a "Victorian Christmas."

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Spuddy Buddy

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fairgrounds.

"Visitors of all ages can explore the fair with Spuddy Buddy and learn how their senses allow them to enjoy the fair even more," she said. The activity card leads you around the fairgrounds but also includes a sticker activity and gameboard. The program is sponsored by the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, The Noland Company and Jennifer Hankey of HDI Coporation.

Visiting the Farm and Garden will enliven several senses. This year's displays feature old-time tools used in gardening and farming in years past. "We have a lot of good help in organizing and decorating the building," said Mrs. Palmer. "Jenny Hankey was the brains and power behind our creative displays this year. This is a "must see" building.

"We have had a lot of good help and teamwork from all of our helpers," she said.

"Camie Howard handled the honey display, Evelyn Wilcom took care of the Farm Bureau part, the Grange displays were amazing and the FFA chapter did a terrific job with their landscape display.

"Tammy's Garden has the professional display outside of our building and it was originally her idea to go with the old-fashioned theme," Mrs. Palmer explained.

In her sixth year as superintendent of the Farm and Garden Building, Mrs. Palmer said it was her best leadership experience ever. "The building's entries were up - 1,737 - and that's the most I have had during my time as a superintendent. We have wonderful stuff like large watermelons and huge pumpkins - just a great year for everything," she said.

Before taking on the head job, Mrs. Palmer worked in the City Streets, Country Roads agricultural education exhibit. "I really love meeting the people and I like the challenge of bringing the building together. I love the fair - not the rides - but the agricultural, farming and gardening parts.

"I lived with my grandparents and we had a big garden as I was growing up," she explained. "They did truck farming and we worked. I worked on a farm all through high school and that's how I made my money."

That type of dedication still exists in Mrs. Palmer as she has lead the popular fair site into the modern and diverse agricultural industry. "This has been my best year here at the fair," she said happily. "I've loved it - really loved it."



Tradition of Bike a Night Giveaway Returns

The wheels of tradition keep turning at The Great Frederick Fair, and five lucky fair visitors under the age of 18 will ride away on free bicycles this year. One grand prize winner will receive a Yamaha PW50 dirt bike.

"For many years, a bike was given away each year at the fair to one lucky child," said J.R. Ramsburg, fair board president. "It was an annual tradition that was always a highlight of the fair. We brought this tradition back to the fair in 2003, and with its great success, it's back for 2004! We are grateful to our sponsors for allowing us to continue this wonderful fair tradition."

Each school-age child 18 years old and under visiting the fair with a paying adult will be given a special ticket at the gate of admission. To enter in the nightly drawing, the tickets are dropped off at the WFRE booth in Building 9 or at any one of the three Visitors Center on the fairgrounds. One name will be drawn each evening from all entries received.

One children's bicycle, donated by Murray Financial Group, will be given away each evening, Monday through Friday, at 9:15 p.m. Winners do not have to be present to win.

A Yamaha PW50 single- speed, automatic dirt bike, donated by Fredericktowne Yamaha, will be presented Saturday evening, Sept. 25, at 9:15 p.m. in the Dairy Show Ring, Building 32. One name will be drawn from all entries received during the week. The winner must be present at time of drawing to claim this prize.

Champions were selected in several departments at the Great Frederick Fair on Sunday. Below is a listing of top honorees in their respective departments.

Ayrshire Dairy Cattle

Senior and Grand Champion - Vales-Pride Farm
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Vales-Pride Farm
Junior Champion - Vales-Pride Farm
Reserve Junior Champion - Vales-Pride Farm

Guernsey Dairy Cattle

Senior and Grand Champion - OCS Dairy
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Erin Spurrier
Junior Champion - OCS Dairy
Reserve Junior Champion - OCS Dairy

Holstein Dairy Cattle

Senior and Grand Champion - Dool-leigh Farm
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Knob-View Holsteins
Junior Champion - Dool-leigh Farm
Reserve Junior Champion - OCS Dairy

4-H Sheep Fitting and Showing

First-year - Elizabeth Shriver
Junior - Kaitlyn Fuss
Senior - Tommy Taylor
Intermediate and Master - Corrine Ranson

4-H Swine Fitting and Showing

First-year - Kayla Neff
Junior, Overall and Master - Konnar Miller
Intermediate - Carrie Wivell
Senior - Dennis Albaugh

4-H Swine Carcass Contest

Champion Barrow on Hoof - Zac Fritz
Reserve Barrow on Hoof - Bridget Bittner

4-H Building Champions

Computers - Jake Thompson and Ashley Stevens

Decorated Textiles - Kristan Nonemaker, Lindsey Murphy, Carrie Hightman, Corey Roberson, Carrie Holter and Kanisha Jackson

Art - Amanda Anzalone, Karyn Casper, Jennifer Metz, Susan Summers, Hannah Hood, Connor Fogle, Kelsey Fogle, Rachel Boyd, Ethan Hood and William Lane

Home Furnishings and Family Life - Corey Roberson, Ikea Fredericks, Kristan Nonemaker, Edie Kershner, Maria Stevens, Ashley Nonemaker, Casey Roberson, Jackie Ahalt, Carrie Holter, Kelsey Fogle, Susan Summers, Corinne Ransom, Mary Ahalt, BreAnn Fields, Adam Holter, Jennifer Nonemaker, Jesanna Herrod, Jinnan Kershner, Jennifer Metz, Shanikqua Jackson, Aquavia Jackson, Kristen Black, Elizabeth Miller and Cathleen Doody

Entomology - Jonathan Stevens, Andrew Taverner, Jennifer Metz, Ashley Stevens and Caroline Shedd

Household Building Best of Show

Tatting - Janet Kennedy

Animals & Dolls - Carol Putman

Crocheted Home Items - Elaine Marshall and Joyce Geisler

Needlework on Plastic - Elaine Junker

Needlepoint - Mary Strong

Counted Thread & Stamped Design - Helga Rodgers

Jellies/Jams/Butter/Marmalade - Pam Saylor

Pie - Melissa Roberson

Cake - Cassie Dougherty & John Klinger

Decorated Cake - Kristen Ecker

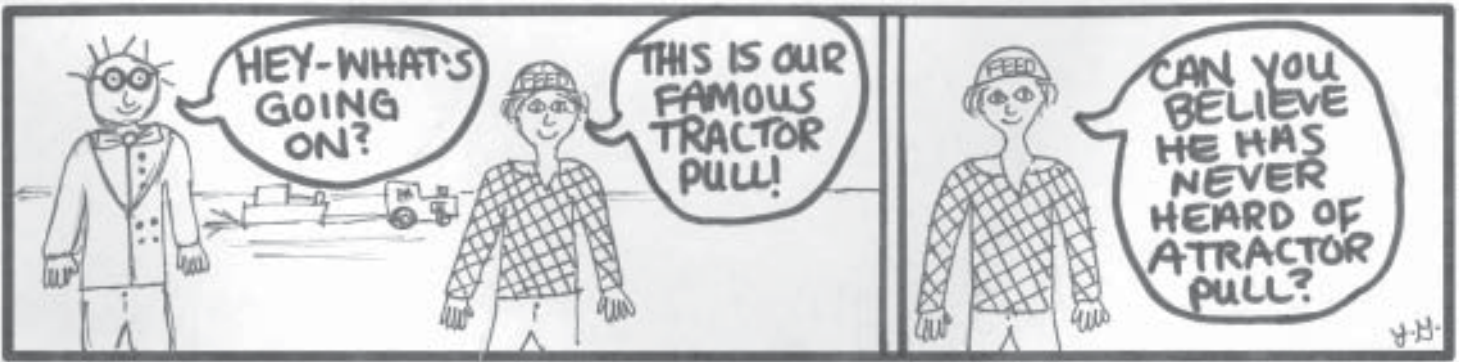
Syrup - Tom Deater



Going, going, gone!

Sarah McGuirk of Middletown sold her 4-H grand champion cake on Sunday evening for \$2,300 to R.F. Kline Inc.





Hoppin' Potatoes!

Several young fairgoers enjoyed the fair's first-ever potato sack race at the City Streets, Country Roads exhibit on Sunday afternoon.

Farm and Garden Schedule

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Thursday's demonstration begin at 1p.m. with "Container Gardening with Unique Containers." Throughout the day you can see how to make "Fresh Everyday Arrangements."

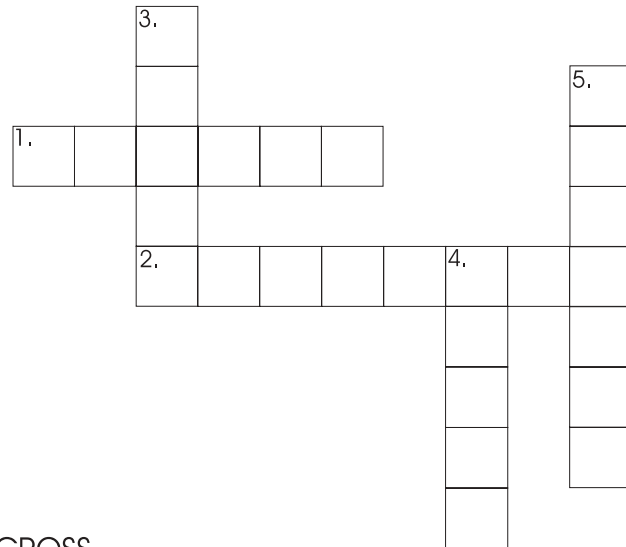
Friday's demonstrations will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with "Butterfly Tagging and Release," followed at 10 a.m. to noon with "Rosemary and Lavender Herbs" and "Growing Scented Geraniums." Throughout day is "Christmas Wreaths and Arrangements."

Rounding out the week, on Saturday the 25th, numerous demonstrations involving bees and honey will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Topics will include "Rolled Candles," "Hand Dipped Candles," "Wax Figurines" and "Best Honey Dressing."



Today's Schedule	
9 am	4-H Beef Fitting & Showing - Bldg. 18
	4-H Dog Show - Bldg. 32
2 pm	Carnival Midway Opens
	4-H Sheep Breeding Show - Bldg. 28
6:30 pm	Tractor Pull
7 pm	4-H Market Goat Show - Bldg. 28

How do you grow a pizza? Using ingredients found at The Great Frederick Fair!



ACROSS

- 1. Mozzarella is the most commonly used variety of this on pizza.
- 2. These vegetables are used to make pizza sauce.

DOWN

- 3. Pizza crust is made using this grain.
- 4. This pizza topping tastes so good, it will make you cry.
- 5. This meat comes from pigs and tastes delicious on pizza.