

AG AveNEWS

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The 142nd Edition of the Fair Comes to a Close

By this time next week, the Frederick Fairgrounds will be packed up and put away in the physical sense for yet another year.

The thousands of exhibits that have been viewed by fairgoers in the Household, Farm and Garden and 4-H Buildings will be gone. The livestock barns won't have the sounds of moo's, baa's and oinks. The familiar fair smells and tastes of fried sausages, gyros and hot cinnamon rolls won't be lingering, and the feeling of anticipation of the nine-day event will have to wait for yet another year.

This year's 142nd event has been a successful one in so many ways. Our exhibitors have had the opportunity to exhibit and display some of the best livestock, farm and

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The Final Day

Today will be filled with yet another full schedule as activities get under way this morning with the livestock exhibitors' breakfast. Exhibitors involved in the 4-H and FFA livestock programs will be among the honorees recognized for their accomplishments at this week's fair. The antique tractor pull will be part of other morning events scheduled, including the stick horse contest at City Streets Country Roads. Free Scarecrow Making is also on

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Meet the Managers



Nancy N. Hendricks



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Nancy Hendricks cannot recall ever missing a fair. Even while in college, she always came home to attend the fair. She was very proud to inherit her grandfather's membership in the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1963. In 1989, Ms. Hendricks joined the Board of Managers and became the first female board member in the history of the fair and the agricultural society.

Ms. Hendricks served as president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 2000 and 2001. She is currently chairman of the Harness Racing/ Equine Events/ and Motorsports committee.

Ms. Hendricks' earliest memory of the fair is as an eight year old watching Ferdinand the Bull. During the show, volunteers were asked to come on stage. According to Ms. Hendricks, she was up on the stage before her mother realized she had left her seat!

Ms. Hendricks is retired from her job as an elementary school principal. She now spends her time raising and exhibiting Morgan horses. She is also past president of the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows.

Dr. James E. McClellan

As a practicing veterinarian, Dr. James McClellan was at the fair every year tending to a number of the animals on exhibit. He saw first-hand what the Frederick County Agricultural Society was doing to better the fair, and he liked what he saw. When a

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Fair Comes To a Close

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garden and household entries in the country. "We are so proud of what this fair brings to the community and what the community brings to the fair," said fair board President J.R. Ramsburg Jr.

"Whether you walk through the barns, or through the buildings, you can see the pride that everyone has in the exhibits that they have entered at the fair. Folks work hard all year long, whether to raise a calf, sew a quilt or grow a large pumpkin to enter (at the fair). We are especially proud of our youth in the 4-H and FFA programs."

All in all, some 16,000 competitive exhibits were on display at The Great Frederick Fair. Judges for the past nine days have been evaluating some of the best entries around.



This year's fair also featured several new programs and activities. Among them include the Spuddy Buddy and Let's Grow a Pizza Educational Programs; the new layout and design and presentation of exhibits in the Household and Farm and Garden Buildings; the Equine Showcase and Expo; the fair winners' photo boards; and the daily newsletter, *AG-AveNEWS*.

"We even took several category entries about a week early in the Household Building this year, and that worked out very well," Ramsburg said.

And so now it's on to the 2005 fair. One thing about, Ramsburg added...Betch'a can't wait til next year's Great Frederick Fair...September 16-24.

Final Day

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tap, and the Texas Longhorn Show is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The afternoon will bring about the kids peddle pull, and Sawyer Brown takes to the stage at the grandstand this evening.

4-H'er Uses Talent for Newsletter

Laura Gaver began drawing when she was a little girl. And today, she shares her artistic talent for positive programs and activities. The eight-year 4-H member has supplied the comic strips for this week's *AG AveNEWS*, the Great Frederick Fair's daily newsletter.

"I've been drawing my whole life," she said. "I used to sit on my bed, look out the window and draw whatever I saw," she said. "Then I had a great art teacher in high school and that made me take art more seriously."

The 18 year old based her fair cartoon creations on her experiences and the fair's traditions. "I focused on the activities and

my experiences at the fair," Laura said. "I tried to make it fun."

The Linganore High School senior plans to continue drawing, "I like to draw but it's more of a hobby – something I enjoy doing in my spare time."

Laura is currently serving as the Frederick County and Alternate Maryland Dairy Princess and is vice president of the Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Club. She is the past president of the Green Valley 4-H Club and has been a 4-H Princess as well. She is president of the Linganore FFA Chapter and is active at New Market United Methodist Church.

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

Open Class Poultry Show

Best Bantam Female and Male - Argu Arbaugh
Best Large Male - Nancy Carlisle
Best Large Female - Roland Virts

4-H Poultry Show

Overall Best Female - Lindsay Cromwell
Overall Champion Large Fowl - Lindsay Cromwell

4-H Rabbit Show

Best of Show - Ryan Evans

Open Class Beef Show

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Grand Champion Female - Tracy Sykes, Muddy Boots Farm, Taneytown
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Brenda and Earl Griffith, Anvil Acres, Boonsboro
Grand Champion Bull - Brenda and Earl Griffith, Anvil Acres, Boonsboro
Reserve Grand Champion Bull - Brenda and Earl Griffith, Anvil Acres, Boonsboro

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Grand Champion Female - Ruth Biser, Keymar
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Ruth Biser, Keymar
Grand Champion Bull - Ruth Biser, Keymar
Reserve Grand Champion Bull Grand Champion - Ruth Biser, Keymar

4-H Dairy Cattle Honors

Lester Dudrow Memorial Judging Award - Laura Gaver
Scott Murphy Memorial Award - Davey Sentelle
Lester Dudrow Memorial Sportsmanship Award - Stephanie Eagle
Outstanding Last Year Member Award - Heather Hines

LegendDAIRY Supreme Champions

4-H Supreme Junior Champion - Allison Eader, Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club, Ayrshire
4-H Supreme Senior Champion - Stephanie Kepler, Middletown Valley 4-H Dairy Club
Open Class Supreme Champion Junior Champion - Dool-Leigh Farm, Union Bridge, Holstein
Open Class Supreme Champion Senior Champion - OCS Dairy, Jefferson, Guernsey



Correction

In Thursday's edition of AG AveNews, Bradley Seiss's name was inadvertently omitted as the owner of the Reserve Grand Champion Steer.





Spuddy Buddy Winners

Results from the week-long Spuddy Buddy People's Choice Award were announced Friday afternoon in front of a full house. There were 765 votes cast for winners in three age categories.

Capturing the adult division was Shirley White with her couch potato creation. A special creation caught the eye of judges, making Daniel Samick the winner of the 11 to 13 year old class. And topping the 5 to 10 year old category was Carly Thomas with her "hula spuddy."

Hundreds of fairgoers participated in the "make it and take it" program this week, going through 250 pounds of potatoes. Volunteers in the Farm and Garden Building's Potatoland assisted young and old alike in decorating their spuds.

All of the hands-on activities were an extension of the fair's new educational program geared for pre-schoolers. Spuddy Buddy was created to encourage all fairgoers to use their senses to see, touch, hear, smell and taste all that the fair has to offer.

Meet the Managers

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membership became available in 1957, Dr. McClellan decided to join. He was elected to the Board of Managers in July 1966.

Dr. McClellan served as president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1977 and 1978. He is currently chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

The Great Frederick Fair is a tradition for Dr. McClellan. He remembers his father purchasing a season ticket to the grandstand, and he and his family visited the fair every year.

Dr. McClellan has remained active in Maryland politics. In 1973 he became a Frederick City Alderman, which he followed with joining the Maryland House of Delegates. He remained in the House for 16 years. Dr. McClellan has also lobbied for the Maryland State Veterinarian Medicine Association, Allegheny Power, and the Frederick Surgical Center. He is currently a commissioner with the Frederick County Liquor Commission.

Today's Schedule

- 7:30 am Livestock Exhibitors' Breakfast - Equine Show Arena
- 9:30 am Antique Tractor Pull - Grandstand
- 10 am Carnival Midway Opens
Open Class Alpaca Show - Bldg. 32
- 11 am Stick Horse Contest - City Streets, Country Roads
Scarecrow Making -- Bldg. 28
- Noon Northeast Texas Longhorn Regional Show Bldg. 18
- 3:30 pm Kid's Peddle Pull - Machinery Row
- 7:30 pm Sawyer Brown Concert

What are some of the things
you can HEAR while visiting
The Great Frederick Fair?

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