

AG AveNEWS

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It's All About NEW in the Household Building



Brenda Bell, Household Superintendent

Draped with colorful quilts, decorated with creative artwork and packed with plates of baked goods, the Household Building opened to the delight of hundreds on Saturday. Judging was completed and silky ribbons were attached to winning entries on newly designed displays.

There were 3,468 entries in the building according to new superintendent Brenda Bell. "It's been a great year," she said. "It's been a great experience – a lot of work and a lot of details, but I've taken many notes and heard many opinions."

The Frederick native has been volunteering in the Household Building for 17 years. "I had a friend ask me to help her in the Children's Department and I've been here ever since," she said. "The most fun part of the job is working with the kids. I had a little boy who entered his models this year and he told me exactly how he wanted them displayed. It was adorable."

Mrs. Bell said her biggest challenge as a first-time leader was organizing judges for each of the departments. "We only use certified judges and many of them come from quite a distance," she said. "Scheduling so many people and

working with their time constraints was a challenge."

The building's new lay-out and display areas give a new look to the building which is nearly a century old. "We are very excited about the changes in the Household Building," said Joseph C. Free, Fair Board member and Household Committee chairman. "Changes were made in anticipation of renovations we may be making in the future in that building. It's a different look, a different

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Meet the Managers

James Grimes had a life-long dream to become a member of the Frederick County Agricultural Society and The Great Frederick Fair, Board of Mangers, a dream that came true in 1983. He served as President of the Board of Managers in 1992 and 1993.



*James S. Grimes
Vice President*

As a youngster, Mr. Grimes looked up to the members of the Frederick County Agricultural Society. In the 1960s he became a member himself. An avid fairgoer all his life, Mr. Grimes joined the society to ensure that the objective to always strive to improve the fair was fulfilled.

He wanted to be sure that every fairgoer got what they came for at the fair – education about Frederick County agriculture and to have a good time.

Mr. Grimes currently serves as vice president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society, and is chairman of the Safety, Parking, and Security Committee, and the Property and Maintenance Committee.

Winner of 43 national awards

Take an Ag-Venture with the Passport Educational Program

The nationally recognized Ag-Venture Passport Educational Program once again returns to The Great Frederick Fair. This outstanding educational program will be available for school children who visit the 142nd fair and booklets are available at the fair office and any of the visitor's centers.

The innovative program was developed by fair officials and Frederick County Board of Education officials to expand agriculture amongst students. The program, which was first developed for the 1999 fair, consists of hands-on activities around the fairgrounds.

"We are very proud of what the Ag-Venture Passport Program has become since its introduction in 1999," said fair board President J.R. Ramsburg, Jr. "The program encourages people to get around the fairgrounds and makes them aware of how the agriculture industry affects their daily lives.

The fair will again be distributing 25,000 copies of the Ag-Venture Passport Educational Programs which will feature 10 stations throughout the grounds. A map inside the passport assists fair goers where to find the stations. The passports have informa-

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Wagon Parade involves Youngsters in the Fair

It was wonderment on wheels at the Decorated Wagon Parade on Saturday. The Central Maryland Equipment Dealers Association sponsored the annual contest that featured two categories and an overall award.

Capturing the top Director's Award was Brandon Christy of Ijamsville. Brandon was also the first-place winner in the fair theme division for 7 to 8 year olds. The winner's entry featured a wagon full of potatoes with two younger children dressed in potato costumes chasing the wagon.

Other first place winners were Will Anderson, Originality for 1 to 4 year olds; Chloe Miller, Originality for 5 and 6 year olds; and Rose Balser, Fair theme for 1 to 4 year olds. Taking second place ribbons were Sara Aberts, Originality for 5 to 6 year olds; Madison Spurrier, Fair theme for 1 to 4 year olds; and Meghan Pugliese, Fair theme for 7 to 8 year olds.

Ag-Venture Passport Program

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tion to answer questions at each of the stations and stickers are included in the passport to paste on the correct corresponding page.

A self-inking stamp will be located at each station to validate the passport and prove that the station was visited. Once the validation page is stamped from each of the 10 stations, the participant is to drop off that page, with the completed information, at the City Streets, Country Roads Exhibit by 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. A drawing of special prizes will be conducted at 7 p.m. from the exhibit.

"This program has developed and strengthened partnerships within the community between the fair, educators, business and industry," Mr. Ramsburg said. "The public school system has again embraced this program so much that the curriculum specialists have written pre and post lesson plans for fourth through seventh grade students in the public school system. We are so excited and pleased."

The Ag-Venture Educational Passport Program has received support from the Schools-to-Careers Program and the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. Financial sponsors for the program are BB&T, Tourism Council of Frederick County and The Great Frederick Fair.

"The passports are really sharp and they will really get the public's attention. We believe that young and old alike will continue to take part in this program," Mr. Ramsburg added. The passports were distributed to students in the county's public schools fourth through sixth grades in September.



2004 4-H Alpaca exhibitors at The Great Frederick Fair



Best of Show winners were selected in the Farm and Garden and Household Buildings during judging on Saturday. Below is a listing of top honorees in their respective departments.

Pomona Grange Display - Middletown Valley	Home Brew - Calvin Perilloux
Corn - Brian Clabaugh	Single Rose - Bob Shell
Hay - Shirley Zimmerman	Cut Flowers - Michael Lind
Straw - Kenneth Zimmerman	Arrangements - Roxanne Lambert
Collection of Vegetables - Roxanne Gunne	Potted Flowers/Plants - Leara Fink
Honey - Jeff Bradshaw	Gourds - Dan Herr
Apples - Randy Lawson	Herbs - Roxanne Lambert
Pears - Mark Pettijohn	Junior Horticulture - RayAnn Eaves
Grapes - Pat Runkles	Candy - Terri Baxdalos
Peaches - Pat Runkles	Cakes - Carol Brust and Kristyn Shumaker
Nuts - Robert Grove	Decorated Cakes - Caroline Tierney
Berries - Bill Runkles	Cookies - Kathie Tucker
Homemade Wines - Jeff Braun	Loaf Bread - Emma Humphrey
Hard Cider - Susan Wilson	Pies - Mary Jo Crolley
Wine - Jeff Braun	

Partnerships Bring Special Programs, Events

Numerous area businesses, organizations and individuals have joined The Great Frederick Fair's partnership program by sponsoring events and programs at this year's 142nd annual event.

"We've been very fortunate over the years to get wonderful support from businesses, individuals, corporations and organizations," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., fair board president.

Sponsors for 2004 include:

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Sponsors

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LET'S GROW A PIZZA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Pizza Hut
Frederick County Farm Bureau
MD Agriculture Council Inc.

SPUDDY BUDDY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

MD Agriculture Fair Board
Noland Company
HDI Corporation

AG EDUCATION TRAILER

Frederick County Farm Bureau
Frederick County Farm Bureau Women

Today's Schedule

9 am Draft Horse and Mule Show - Infield
Open Class Dairy Cattle Show - Bldg. 32
Noon Carnival Midway Opens
2 pm 4-H Sheep Fitting and Showing - Bldg. 28
Open Class Dairy Cattle Show - Bldg. 32
4-H Swine Fitting and Showing - Bldg. 25
3:30 pm Potato Sack Races - City Streets, Country Roads
6 pm 4-H Cake Auction - Bldg. 18
7 pm Trick Pony Concert
All Day Bunny Burkett Race Car Display

Household Building

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approach."

Mrs. Bell said the new lay-out is "fairgoer friendly."

"The islands of displays provide a unique view of all of the exhibits," she said. "You can walk around them and get a closer look. Much of the focus on photographs has helped liven up the displays and we displayed both the baked goods and needlepoint differently this year. We wanted a change – and we love the change."

Displays were not the only new things in the Household Building this year. Mrs. Bell said two new categories allowed more opportunities for entries. "We added 11 new classes for skeins which are spun from raw wool or fiber," she explained. "And then we added a new department for multi media. This includes entries for web design, videos, power points, news writing and news photography. This category is limited to middle and high school students but it's very popular."

It takes many volunteers to manage entries in the large white building. Mrs. Bell said she has between 15 and 20 volunteers that have been working and will continue to work throughout the week.

"It's been a really neat experience," Mrs. Bell said of her new position. "I really like seeing the fair come to life and I like working with the people. It's a fun week."

Can you find the names of the varieties of potatoes you can enter at the fair?

IRISH COBBLER
KENNEBEC
RED BLISS

RED PONTIAC
SWEET RED
YUKON GOLD

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