

Successful Riceville Fair

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RICEVILLE -- This was one of the "most successful" fairs we have had, said Gregory Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Riceville Fair Board.

"The weather was a big contributing factor," he said. And, although the final figures are not in yet he estimated that approximately 2,000 people entered the gates at the Riceville fairgrounds last weekend, Aug. 23 to 25.

Along with the senior citizens activities were events for young people including the children's pet and friend show with Sparky the Clown. There was an educational goat display and antique car and machinery display which were well received, Ryan said. The Sunshine Branch Women's Institute was there as well serving up meals to hungry fairgoers.

The horse pull featured on Friday evening which is only in its second year drew six teams for the light horse class and nine teams for the heavy horse class from as far away as Gatineau, Que.



(photo by R. Constantineau)

Rhonda Kinnear of the Riceville Calf Club now only shows but owns her calf. Rhonda purchased Bonnie Burn Imperial Petunia as part of the herd she is building for herself -- Rhondale Jerseys. Her calf came in first in junior showmanship, Riceville Calf Club competition; took home the Prescott County junior showmanship championship and came in second in the conformation championship, Jersey. In addition to the plaudits she received at the Riceville Fair last weekend for her calf, Rhonda won reserve grand champion at the Avonmore Fair and grand champion calf at the Eastern Ontario-Western Quebec Jersey Rally.

(l-r) Diane Ryan-Shane presents Rhonda with the Junior Showmanship trophy.