

Markham Fair highlights



Brent McIntosh, 12, a Grade 7 student at Franklin St. Public School, won this large smurf after paying \$1 for two turns at a midway game during last weekend's Markham Fair.



Amanda Topham of Unionville finds something to chew on while awaiting the judges' decision during Saturday's baby contest.



Markham Mayor Carole Bell (left) and her partner Margaret Pratt took second prize in the Celebrity Cake Decorating contest.



Delicious aromas emanated from the Agri-food Tent at the Markham Fair. Here, economist Margaret Taylor prepares scrambled eggs.



Kim Little, 16, of R.R. 1 Markham, had the Grand Champion calf in the Markham 4H Dairy Club competition held Thursday at the Markham Fair.



It isn't hard to see why this father and son duo won the Chip Off the Old Block contest at Markham Fair. They are father Bob McLaren and his son Ian, 12 of Milliken.



Unionville's Steven Lewis, who took top honors in the heavy horse show at Markham Fair, grooms one of his award-winning Clydesdales.

Heavy horses are impressive

Hailing from breeding stock that stems back to central and western Europe, the draft or heavy horse has come a long way since its traditional function as a beast of burden. These breeds, the Clydesdale, the Percheron, the Belgian and the Commercial, have now become popular showing stock.

Some of Ontario's finest heavy horses competed last week at the Markham Fair, drawing large crowds who braved below-normal September weather.

The overall champion exhibitors were: in the Percheron class, Reg Black of Moorefield, Ontario; in the Belgian category, Doug Palmer of Schomberg; in the Clydesdale division, the Gordon Lewis family of Unionville; and UK bridge, and in the Commercial category, there was a tie between Mrs. Ruby Cochrane of Blackstock and Jim McKay of Dobbinton.

Judges Tony Castagna and Dan Cray, both from Michigan, said the horses were judged on how they moved, their conformation and size and appearance.

Winner outbakes all comers at '84 Markham Fair

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Joyce Lapp virtually outbaked all comers at this year's Markham Fair.

Her culinary creations succeeded in netting her six firsts, as well as six seconds. Her Butterscotch Pie with topping and a Chiffon Cake also earned her the Grand Champion ribbons for the Refrigerated and Cake Sections.

She has entered the fair consistently for the last 10 years, so results like this have come with the effort of time and practice.

Mrs. Lapp's talents also continue into the garden. She garnered two firsts and a second for her flowering plants.

Myrtle Hamill's flowers also had a very successful year. She won three categories in the divisions for Snap butterflies, Snaps, and Petunias.

In honor of Ontario's Bicentennial, a new division was added this year to some of the General Exhibit classes. Exhibitors were required to create something that represented life as it was 200 years ago.

This special category brought Rob Saley a third for his talented art work. He also claimed a first, four seconds and another third in the intermediate category.

Rob has had an interesting history of competition at the fair. As a junior he created a minor controversy by entering, and winning, both the junior and intermediate divisions.

One of the most consistent entrants into the crafts category at the fair are the residents of Unionville. This year, one of the special pieces of needlepoint will go to the Markham Fair's annual meeting. A cross-stitch picture frame by Margaret Collins won a first and a special recognition ribbon.

Unionville scored three other firsts, four seconds, three thirds and two fourths. Two of the firsts were created by Muriel Lehman for her cross-stitch pillow and stuffed toy. The final first was won by Mrs. McLeod for her Afghan.

The student craft classes are often the most competitive in the General Exhibits Building. While they fell behind Withchurch Highlands Public School for best all-around school, Roy H. Crosby students produced four firsts, one of which was accomplished by Marilyn Gordon's grade 3 and 4 class, who produced the best self-supporting scarecrow of this year's fair.

The scarecrow, christened Hermie by the 27 member class, started from the children's sketches and then progressed as each member of the class added finishing touches. Drawing, constructing and stuffing Hermie took the better part of two days to complete, said Mrs. Gordon.

The class was notified of their winning scarecrow last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Gordon chose a couple of kids to go and receive the plaque the next day at lunch. What was really great was that a dozen of the other kids in the class showed up at that time also.

"I've had classes enter this for the last few years. I guess persistence pays off," she said.

Bryan Armstrong, president of the 1984 Markham Fair, pronounced the fair a success. He noted that the weather held up well during the weekend making for the usual large crowds on Saturday and Sunday.

Disaster very nearly struck on the Tuesday night when high winds blew over one of the large tents. The damage was repaired quickly on Wednesday in time for the opening that evening.



Kim Jones of Markham hula hoops up a storm during the contest at Markham Fair on Saturday.

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