

Come to the FAIR!



Gail Collins gives this contestant cow a big kiss prior to competition at last year's Uxbridge Fair. The fair has a variety of competitions for live stock, and runs from Sept. 10-12 at Elgin Park.

Baby contest among events at Uxbridge Fair

While it may be every mother and grandmother's dream to have their baby or grandchild picked first in a baby contest, the organizers of the Uxbridge Fall Fair's annual Baby Show are quick to point out that their event is just for fun.

The show, which is set to go Sunday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m., has always been popular with parents of babies from three months all the way up to 15 months. It was originally open to babies up to 18 months of age, but an increasing number of entries forced organizers to put the cap on things at the 15 month mark.

"We had 80 babies the first time we had the show," said committee chair Anna Risebrough. "But it was just too many for the judges, so we cut it back."

The show consists of five categories; 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-15 months, and twins from 3-15 months. There are different categories for boy and girl babies, and only the first six entries in each category are allowed to enter.

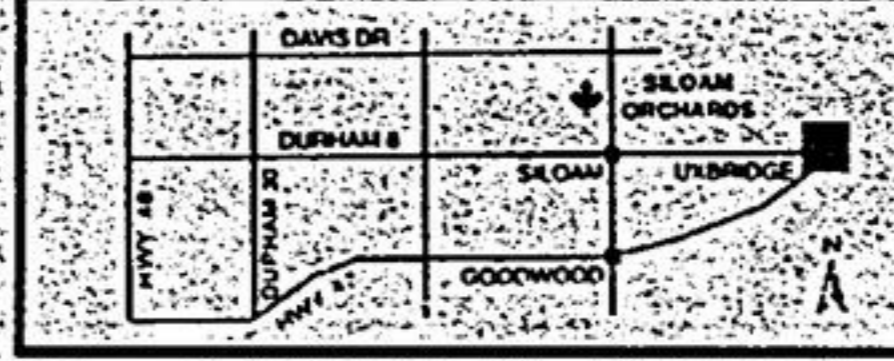
Risebrough said it was important to remember that the event is a show, not a contest. "If everyone takes it the way it's supposed to be taken - as a show only - then it's a good time. It's just a fun thing. I think most of them take it in the right vein."

Risebrough said that when it comes to judging the tots, it's personality, looks, and performance that are looked for, not designer baby togs. "They are not judged on what they are wearing," she said, adding that in years past, the babies were stripped down to their diapers to facilitate a more fair means of judging.

Babies picked first in each category receive a trophy, while all participants go home with a goody bag full of baby supplies.

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