

Baby animals, music, preserves and more at Markham Fair

WEEKENDER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1997

It's a place to meet people you haven't seen in a long time. A place to see friends sing, dance or play an instrument on stage. It's a place to see baby bunnies and goats and get a close look at cows, pigs and sheep. It's a place to listen to live music, to see the largest zucchini and the best-knit blanket. It's a tradition and one that most people don't want to miss. "For many it's the highlight of the year,"

said Chris Kirig, director of the 153rd annual Markham Fair.

Co-chair Cathy Lee agreed. "It's a traditional. If (people) have been there they will come back. They can't imagine not going to the fair. If it rains, they put on a rain coat, if it's cold they put on a sweater."

History of the Fair

In 1844, local farmers got together to par-

ticipate in friendly competitions and learn from each other. Today, the local farmers still get together to show their cattle and chickens, but there is also a large educational component.

"It's really important especially in the '90s. Children don't get the exposure (to the farm) as they use to," said Carrie Purcell, fair president.

"(The Markham Fair) is unique because it still involves the country and the city," said King.

People are encouraged to watch the 4-H beef club show their cattle and listen to the fiddle contest.

But if people want to see other things, they can look at the quilts, clothing, baked goods and preserves that people made. There is also a photography and watercolor contest.

"It's a great fair," said Lori Howard, fair queen for 1997. "There are things for everyone."

There is the monster midway, food booths, a marketplace where

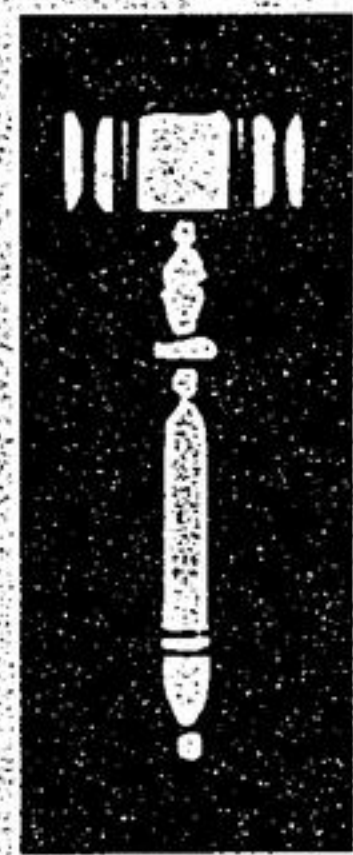
people can purchase crafts, face painting, lots of entertainment including Canadian country singer Joan Kennedy, a spelling bee, a baby contest, Old MacDonald's Farm and more.

"It's an excellent value," said Lee. "You can see a one and half hour movie for \$7, here you get a whole fair for \$7."

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Page 9: Baker's Secret Non-Stick Bakeware, #42-0822X. Does not include the pizza pan.

Page 15: Two-sided parts case, 58-1049-4. The illustration is incorrect.

Page 24: 8 gauge 12' light-duty booster cables, 11-1208-6. Does NOT include the storage bag.

Page 25: Runningboard, 41-4300x/4354x. Copy reads: Reg. 42.99 up, Sale 34.39 ea., up Should read: Reg. 149.99 up, Sale 119.99 pr., up.

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Did you know?:

- It took over 600 volunteers who contributed over 27,500 hours to make the fair a success.
- 75,000 people are expected to attend the fair.
- 1,200 first, second, third and fourth place ribbons will be handed out.
- 1,300 rosette ribbons will be given to the animals.
- There are 3,000 exhibitors entering a total of 14,000 exhibits including: 266 domestic science (baking and preserves) exhibitors and 1,000 items, **Pets and Poultry** (rabbits, pigeons) - 45 exhibitors and 750 exhibits, **Hogs** - eight exhibitors and eight hogs, **4-H Beef Show** - 30 exhibitors and 61 cows, **Sheep** - 25 exhibitors and 160 sheep, **Horses** - 125 exhibitors and 1,151 horses, • 100 beautiful babies and more.

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