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Fair focuses on agriculture

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It seems the agricultural fair has come full circle.

Years ago, many non-agricultural events were added to the typical fair to attract more visitors.

Today, the agricultural side of fairs is what keeps them alive.

Attending a conference on Agricultural Fairs earlier this year, Shawville fair board president Mavis Hanna discovered numerous fairs were struggling to stay alive because they no longer had an agriculture base to draw from.

With that in mind, the theme for this year's Shawville Fair is "the importance of agriculture in our fair, our community and our country."

Last year, 33,000 people walked through the gates of Shawville Fair.

The fair board is hoping to match that number for this year's exhibition which begins Aug. 28 and runs until Sept. 1.

"If we get the weather, we'll get the people," Hanna says.

Some of the highlights of this year's fair include a celebrity cow-milking contest Sunday, the Miss Shawville Fair reunion Thursday and the entertainment all weekend.

"For a rural, agriculture fair, we've had excellent entertainment," Hanna says.

This year's headliners are Jamie Warren, on Saturday night, and Prescott Brown, on Sunday.

Beauce Carnaval is back again as the midway operators, providing modern, new and well-lit rides for all ages.

For the last 10 years, attendance has been increasing steadily at Shawville Fair.

When it rises, spin-offs also increase, Hanna says.

"It's good for the whole community."

Theme
With fair board director Lynn Lang,

Hanna drafted the following statement of the Agricultural Society's purpose in choosing this year's theme, "the importance of agriculture in our fair, our community and our country":

"Agriculture has long been a vital part of Shawville Fair. Our fair was created to provide a forum for local farmers to display their year's accomplishments, while at the same time instilling a sense of pride.

"This was an opportunity the rural community to gather, visit and compare their successes of the harvest.

"Many discussions followed concerning new techniques, tried-and-true ways, and the latest in agricultural equipment.

"Today's farmer has the chance to engage the non-farming community in dialogue regarding the world's most important economic sector.

"The fair allows the community a chance to visit and learn about farming. Here, they can see exceptional displays of livestock and produce with the ability to use their senses to see, touch and smell, while having contact with actual farmers.

"Agriculture is important in our community, as it has always been the backbone of the Pontiac. Our heritage was based on forestry and agriculture.

"The founder of Shawville, James Shaw, was also a part-time farmer, and we are told this profession occupied much of his time.

"Today in the Pontiac, there are 361 farms, of which 318 are beef operators and 43 are dairy operators. These farmers employ a total of 950 people. Land use for ag-

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COMIN' ATCHA: The 142nd edition of the Shawville Fair kicks off Thursday, Aug. 28 and runs until Monday, Sept. 1. A superb midway, excellent entertainment, world-class cattle shows, unique handicrafts, and first-rate horse shows, like this unicorn-hitch shown here, all await you at the Shawville Fair!

What's old is what's new

Richard Willis, Equity Editor, Shawville

Now in its second year at the Fair, the antique machinery show put on by the Ottawa Valley Antique Association and others, is becoming a bigger attraction each year.

"We're expanding our scope," says Association Vice-President Dalton Hodgins. "We hope this will become a major part of the Fair."

The idea of including a show and demonstration of antique farm equipment had long been a goal of Fair organizers. Last year the Association was able to bring a half-dozen antique tractors, a binder, and Dr Grant Rogers' threshing mill.

"This year we'll have many more units out, more types of equipment," says Hodgins.

The tractors and threshing mill will be back; Rogers plans to have the mill running, but limited space makes it impossible to actually thresh grain on the Fairgrounds.

The Association also plans to include antique household appliances, such as a cream separator and a more unusual item, a milk cooler.

"At the auction where I bought it, the auctioneer didn't know what it was," says Hodgins, who, along with his wife, runs Joy's Antiques and Collectibles in Shawville.

Dalton says that, by including such items the club hopes to get the ladies in-

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Former Miss Shawville Fair winners reunite

Sylvia Bakker, Equity reporter, Shawville

It was Phyllis (Stewart) Wilson's cow-milking abilities that helped her win the very first EQUITY Rose Bowl in 1958.

Back then, 50 per cent of the judging for the Dairy Queen competition (which later became known as Miss Shawville Fair) was based on a contestant's "cowmanship," which included general milking procedures.

The 18-year-old Wilson milked her cow by hand for that competition, even though most contestants did it by machine.

"I chose to do it by hand, so I could show the judges how I got along with the cow," she says.

Of course, the other 50 per cent of the competition was just as important, and included an impromptu speech, during which the girls were judged on their posture, personality and appearance.

Wilson says what helped her win was that she "wasn't afraid to talk."

Nearly 40 years later, Wilson will have a chance to reminisce about those days when a reunion of former Miss Shawville Fair winners takes place at this year's exhibition.

At least 31 past winners of the EQUITY Rose Bowl will attend the fair for a reunion.

"We're just overwhelmed at the response we've received," says Cindy Smiley, who along with Kathy Howard is directing this year's Miss Shawville Fair.

Initially, they expected 20 former winners to attend the reunion. But two weeks before the fair, Smiley had 31 responses from past Miss Shawville Fair winners, saying they would come.

"We were really surprised," Smiley admits.



FIRST ROSE BOWL: Phyllis (Stewart) Wilson was the winner of the first-ever EQUITY Rose Bowl in 1958.

And they're coming from all over the country to attend. Valerie (Thompson) Williams, Miss Shawville Fair 1976, is travelling from British Columbia. Debbie (Morrison) Kemp, Miss Shawville Fair 1979, is coming from Alberta.

Many changes

Throughout the past 40 years, the competition has gone through many changes.

At one time, a talent show was part of the competition. Some years, Miss

Shawville Fair was chosen a week before the fair at a special dinner.

In the 70's, the winner wasn't known until after the fair, when all her points for exhibiting were calculated.

Today, Miss Shawville Fair is chosen based on a three-minute speech, which must focus on this year's theme of the fair: the importance of agriculture in our community.

Each contestant represents a division of the fair, and her speech must

demonstrate her knowledge of that division.

For the reunion, the former Miss Shawville Fairs will participate in Thursday's opening ceremonies.

A professional group photograph of the women will be taken and will later hang inside the Agricultural Hall.

Three former winners will judge this year's competition.

Contestants

The contestants for this year's Miss Shawville Fair competition are the following:

Kim Brown, 15, represents the entertainment division. The Shawville resident will be entering Grade 10 at Pontiac Protestant High School in the fall.

Krista Brown, 14, is the 4-H division hostess. Krista, who also lives in Shawville, will be in Grade 9 at PPHS this year.

Lisa Coles, 16, is the hostess for the Holstein show. The Shawville resident will be entering Grade 11 at PPHS.

Lisa Crawford, 16, is representing the demolition derby and truck pull this year. Lisa lives in Bristol Mines and will be going into Grade 11 at PPHS in September.

Holly Drummond, 14, is the hostess for the light horse show. The Clarendon resident will be entering Grade 9 at PPHS.

Sara Knox, 16, is representing the handicrafts and baking division. Sara lives in Shawville and will be starting Grade 11 at PPHS this year.

Amanda Lalonde, 17, is hosting the horse pull show. This Clarendon resident will be entering the secretarial course at PPHS in the fall.

Jackie McBane, 13, represents the heavy horse show. Jackie, who resides in Quyon, will be starting Grade

8 at PPHS.

Katie Taylor, 14, will be the hostess for the English horse division. This Shawville resident will be in Grade 9 at PPHS this fall.

Former winners

- 1958 - Phyllis (Stewart) Wilson
- 1959 - Mary Kilgour
- 1960 - Mary Kilgour
- 1961 - Charlene (Mulligan) Graham
- 1962 - Lucille Hodgins
- 1963 - Brenda Smith
- 1964 - Doreen (Stewart) Daley
- 1965 - Heather (Hodgins) Briggs
- 1966 - Sharon (Corrigan) Schock
- 1967 - Susan (Young) Tubman
- 1968 - Janice (Young) Heatlie
- 1969 - Joan (Lang) Rusenstrom
- 1970 - Susan (Ebert) Knox
- 1971 - Elma McDowell
- 1972 - Cathy (Crick) Lindy
- 1973 - Patricia (Hodgins) Carson
- 1974 - Bonnie (Cruikshank) Richardson
- 1975 - Rayma (Hayes) Hill
- 1976 - Valerie (Thompson) Williams
- 1977 - Cindy (Coles) Smiley
- 1978 - Nancy (Wilson) Kaye
- 1979 - Debbie (Morrison) Kemp
- 1980 - Shelley (Hodgins) Potvin
- 1981 - Janice (Murray) Ratte
- 1982 - Colleen (Stanley) Berry
- 1983 - Julie (Armstrong) Murray
- 1984 - Tammy (Plouffe) Stewart
- 1985 - Donna (Smith) Young
- 1986 - Jackie (Price) Gaudreau
- 1987 - Sherri Price
- 1988 - Lee Ann McMunn
- 1989 - Nancy Pirie
- 1990 - Andrea (Daye) Mohr
- 1991 - not presented
- 1992 - not presented
- 1993 - not presented
- 1994 - Erin Tracy
- 1995 - Melissa Nyveld
- 1996 - Louise Cowley



PONTIAC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: Front row, from left, Martha Hodgins, Jack Lang, Sherwin Greer, Mavis Hanna, Robert Howard and Lynn Lang. Second row, Eason Russell, Nancy Tubman, Cindy Smiley, Barry Drummond, Linda Horner, Joyce McCagg, Kathy Howard, Elwyn Lang and Mary Knox. Back row, Martha Hodgins, Evereff McDowell, Allan Hodgins, Ron Hodgins, George Coles, Hutton Woolsey, Barry Horner and Bob Younge.

President's message

Welcome to the 142 edition of the Shawville Fair. The 1997 Fair Board is once again pleased to offer an entertainment line-up to satisfy and/or delight everyone. The fair boasts the finest livestock and non-livestock shows in the area accompanied by live country entertainment, wheel-of-fortune, bingo, the CHEO bash tent, horticulture and handicrafts exhibits, Miss Shawville Fair, truck pull, demolition derby, beer tent and much more.

This year's theme "The importance of agriculture in our fair, our community and our country" is well incorporated at the 1997 Shawville Fair with new agricul-

tural demonstrations, agricultural bus tours, agribus, 4-H steer show and sale, petting farm, poultry and rabbit show, 4-H calf show, cattle and horse shows representing a large section of popular breeds. The fair remains proud of its ability to maintain the diversity of quality agricultural shows and will endeavour to preserve this high level of excellence.

I would like to thank the directors of the 1997 Pontiac Agricultural Society for their tremendous support and high work ethic. The community support which they portray and live speaks highly of their moral fiber. Sincere thanks to the

sponsors, volunteers and committee members whose continuing support is instrumental in the success of the fair. The Pontiac Agricultural Society appreciates your time, effort and willingness to make the Shawville Fair a successful agricultural community event.

New to enjoy this year is the celebrity cow-milking contest and milk stool auction which will be both entertaining and supportive of a worthy charity - CHEO. The entertainment line-up features Jamie Warren, Prescott Brown, Bobby Lalonde and more. The Pontiac Clergy Association is proudly sponsoring The Country Church Group.

"Puppets Inside and Out" will be on stage for the young and young-at-heart. The Ottawa Valley Antique Association displays for the first time this year, and a Miss Shawville Fair Reunion with 31 past Miss Shawville Fairs in attendance will be held as part of the official opening ceremonies. Lenny the Lynx will be on the grounds and the Merchant Window Display competition will be awarded.

Come and enjoy all that the 1997 Shawville Fair has to offer.

Sincerely,
Mavis J Hanna
President, Pontiac Agricultural Society



MISS SHAWVILLE FAIR CANDIDATES: This year's Miss Shawville Fair contestants are (front row, from left) Kim Brown, Lisa Crawford and Krista Brown. Back row, Jackie McBane, Sara Knox, Katie Taylor, Amanda Lalonde and Lisa Coles.

President's trophy recognizes exhibitors' contribution to fair

The exhibitors who make a fair. With that in mind, a new trophy will honor these important people of the Shawville Fair.

The President's trophy will be awarded annually to a livestock exhibitor "who best represents agriculture and agricultural competi-

tions." "Because of this year's theme, the importance of agriculture, we thought it would be a good year to boost up the exhibitors' importance level in the fair," explains fair board president Mavis Hanna, who will sponsor this year's award.

The exhibitors "are the ones who keep the fair alive

and keep it an agricultural draw," she adds.

At an Ontario Agriculture Fair conference earlier this year, Hanna learned how many rural fairs are struggling because they no longer have an agriculture base that places like Shawville still enjoy.

Agriculture exhibitors "are what keep country fairs go-

ing," she says.

Fair-goers come to see competitive exhibits that make up the high quality of the fair.

The winner of this award will be chosen by his/her fellow exhibitors in the livestock division. The winner will be announced Sunday.

Agribus educates non-rural visitors

The Agribus will be back at the Shawville Fair, but this year, live demonstrations have been added to the mobile agriculture exhibit.

Actual animals will be used at times to explain

how much feed a cow needs and how much milk or beef it produces, for example.

Byproducts of cows - such as make-up and leather - will be touched on, as will environmental questions related to farming.

About half of the visitors to Shawville Fair are non-agricultural people, says Agribus director Lynn Lang.

"We're the only farmers these people may ever meet," she says. "Our responsibility - as good agri-

culture people - is to promote and explain our industry."

In its second year of operation, the Agribus has become a regular feature at many fairs, including Chapeau, Quyon, even the Ottawa Exhibition.

Board adopts mandate

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter
Shawville

For the first time in its 141-year history, the Shawville fair board has adopted a mandate.

"We felt we needed a definite description of what we are and where we should be focusing," says fair board president Hanna.

With a large group, such as the fair board, it's easier to maintain consistency and plan for the future with a mandate, she adds.

This past summer, the board came up with their mandate (see box below).

Part of the mandate is "to remain current to the times while focusing on maintaining traditional shows."

"To remain current is a struggle because if we don't

move forward we won't attract young people," Hanna says.

At the same time the traditional shows are needed to preserve the history of the fair and to teach young people.

Recognizing volunteers is important because "we have a tremendous wealth of volunteers," Hanna says. "They are all important, no matter what their job."

Developing exhibitors is also essential because "they are the reason why a lot of people pay their money to get in the gate," the president says.

Many fair-goers appreciate the skill involved in sophisticated handiwork, or the work that goes into raising

high-quality animals.

To maintain balance, a total entertainment package is needed so that no matter what age range walks through the gate, there is something for everyone.

For that reason new elements are added to the fair every year.

The mandate makes it clear that whatever decision is made, it is made to maintain and develop the fair.

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- To ensure value for money for the Public and Sponsors.
- To recognize Volunteers for the significant contributions.
- To preserve the history and traditions of our Fair.
- To develop Exhibitors and their support of the Fair while recognizing their value and compensating them appropriately.
- To maintain and balance a total Entertainment Package - something to satisfy and/or delight everyone.
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Celebrities will test cow-milking skills

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter Shawville

How would you like to see your Member of Parliament squeezing the teat of a Holstein, covering himself with milk while trying, in vain, to aim the creamy liquid into a tiny bottle?

Or perhaps you'd like to see your mayor or a councillor at the cow's udder? What about your favorite radio or television host?

Well, you can see them all trying to hand-milk a cow at this year's Shawville Fair.

The first-ever celebrity cow-milking contest will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. in the arena.

About 90 per cent of the participants have no prior milking experience, explains fair board director Bob Younge.

They will include MP Robert Bertrand, MNA Robert Middlemiss, mayors and/or councillors of Shawville, Clarendon, Bristol, Thorne and Bryson, representatives from Y105, and THE EQUITY (yours truly).

But the contest won't be based only on volume of milk produced. Participants must also have good aim.

"They'll have to aim the milk into a bottle with not too large of a neck," Younge says with a laugh. "They'll likely get milk all

over themselves." Participants don't need to worry about kicking cows. Specially-selected cows, "ones that are used to having their utters handled," and that have attended many exhibitions will be chosen, Younge says.

CHEO fund-raiser
After the cow-milking contest, there will be an auction of the milk stools used in the contest.

These stools have been specially crafted by Elwyn Brownlee with wood from Randy Gagnon.

Toll paintings done by local volunteers decorate the seat. Money raised from the

auction will go to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Also during the cow-milking contest, there will be a milk moustache contest. Again, all proceeds will go to CHEO.

Raising money for CHEO was the idea behind adding these events to the fair, Younge says.

The fair board was so appreciative of the CHEO bash tent (also known as the teddy bear picnic) at last year's fair, that organizers wanted to donate to the hospital this year.

This year's CHEO bash tent will take place on Sunday at 1 p.m.

At the bash tent, children bring their wounded or sick bears for repairs by local doctors and nurses.

"It allows doctors to meet their young patients in an atmosphere where the children are not sick or afraid," Younge says.

Nearly every family has been touched in some way by CHEO, Younge says.

Just as important to the community - but for different needs - is the Pontiac Community Hospital. The PCH foundation will have a booth set up at the fair, as well.

Focus on maple syrup and honey

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter Shawville

When you think of agriculture, honey and maple syrup production may not immediately come to mind.

New displays of these products may change your mind.

A maple syrup show, done by Leo Fortin, and one on honey, done by Jeff

Schultz, will be new features to this year's Shawville Fair.

"We wanted to bring lesser known agricultural products to light and educate the

consumer on them," explains fair board president Mavis Hanna.

Schultz and Fortin will hold information sessions on their respective products,

explaining the stages of production. Recipes using honey or maple syrup will be distributed.

Times and places of these information sessions will be posted at the fair gate.



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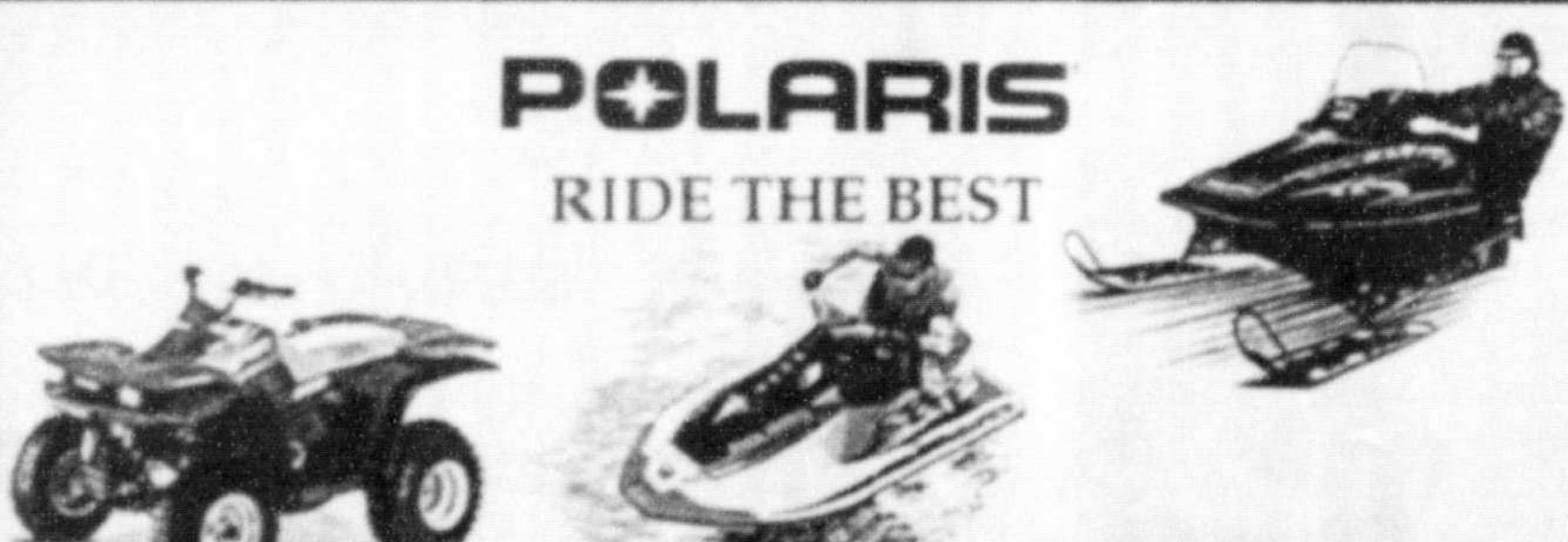
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Merchant's trophy brings fair into rest of community

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter Shawville

The new merchant's trophy is the fair board's way of "bringing the fair into the rest of the community," says fair board president Mavis Hanna.

Businesses were invited to decorate their window displays using the theme of the

Shawville Fair: the importance of agriculture.

"For many of us, the fair is more than five days," Hanna says. "We spend 12 months at it."

Five businesses took part in the competition - Country Treasures, McCauley Jewellers, W.A. Hodgins, House of Flowers, and Joy's

Antiques and Collectibles.

Displays were judged during the August long weekend; winners will be announced at Thursday's opening ceremonies. Hanna, and her panel of judges were impressed with the level of competition.

"They were all really good," Hanna says. "It's ob-

vious a lot of time and energy was spent on it. That shows people are genuinely interested."

The judges included Clarendon Mayor Carmen Wickens, Shawville Mayor Randy Beattie and a representative from THE EQUITY.

Merchants were judged on creativity, overall appear-

ance, and how they implemented their own goods, the fair theme and poster in the display.

As the fair grows and prospers, it is just as important to ensure it is a real community event, Hanna says. Events like these bring the fair into the rest of the community.

The merchant's trophy will be an annual award.

Puppet show a must for youngsters

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter Shawville

When the fair board books the entertainment for Shawville Fair, they usually look for a group which will appeal to most adults.

But what about the seven-year-olds or the two-year-olds?

This year, there's even a show designed just for them.

"Inside and Out," an Ottawa puppet group, will perform Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

"They're excellent," says fair board president Mavis Hanna. "They have quite a

lively show."

The bubbly, energetic puppeteers have a knack for getting children involved in their shows, which are aimed at two to 12-year-olds.

Using some lifesize puppets, owner Peggy Morris and her staff tell captivating

stories, all of which have a moral behind them.

"Inside and Out" performs regularly at Ottawa museums.

In the past, shows at Shawville Fair were usually aimed at adults and teenagers. "Inside and Out" gives the youngsters a show to

enjoy.

Saturday afternoon, in particular, will feature shows for nearly every taste, Hanna points out.

Along with "Inside and Out," the country-rock group The Spurs and the gospel ensemble Country Church will also be on stage that afternoon.

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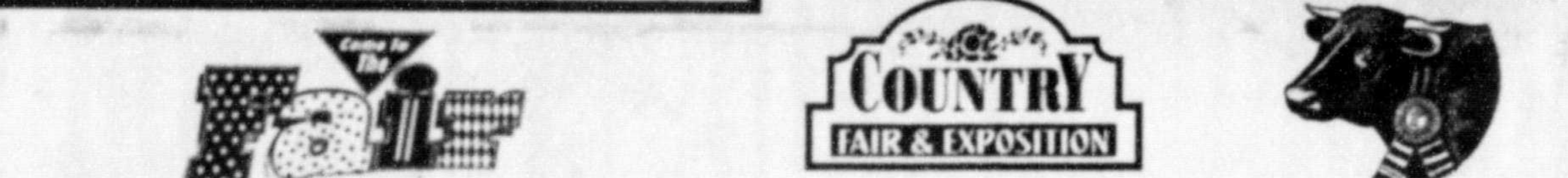
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Music never lets up at the Fair

Richard Wills
Equity Editor Shawville

Visitors to the 1997 Shawville Fair will see some fresh faces on the entertainment stage, as well as some familiar faces in a new setting.

Tracy Brown has been known to country music fans since she was a child singer with the Family Brown.

Five years ago, she formed a new band with her husband, Randall Prescott, formerly of the Prescott Brothers and an award-winning songwriter and eight-time producer-of-the-year.

Prescott-Brown takes up where the Family Brown left off, moving into the modern sounds of country music.

Their second album, released in 1994, contained six top-ten hits, including "There You Go," and "39 Days," and "Broken String of Pearls."

Prescott-Brown will perform Sunday night.

Jamie Warren
In the world of country music, Jamie Warren has been described as a "refreshing surprise in a sea of sound-alike, would-be cowboys."

Originally from a small town north of Toronto, Jamie grew up in a musical family and began performing at age 14.

After a stint in Memphis, Tennessee, Jamie returned to Canada, formed a band, and released his first single in

1983.

Since then he has compiled a list of top ten hits that includes: "Fallen Angel," "Ready to Run," "One Step Back," and "Watching Her Sleep."

This year he received nominations in the Canadian Country Music Awards.

Jamie describes his sound as being "not too different - just different enough to make it exciting."

Jamie Warren will be featured on Saturday evening at the Fair.

Lisa Cameron
Lisa Cameron's vocal and instrumental talents have won high praise from established veterans like South Mountain's Steve Pittico.

One of the few female performers in country music to feature her lead guitar picking as well as her singing, Lisa's show has been described as being "energetic and fun for all."

Growing up in a small town west of Ottawa, Lisa began performing at age 11, and has been performing all over Eastern Ontario for the past six years, including hosting an annual country jamboree in her home town.

Lisa Cameron will play on Friday evening.

Bobby Lalonde
The Bobby Lalonde Band is a familiar act to many country music fans in the Ottawa Valley.

The group has won three "Instrumentalist of the Year" awards, two "Band of the Year" awards and one "All-Star Band" award from

the Canadian Country Music Association.

The band has performed in front of 40,000 people on Parliament Hill, and to 30,000 people at the Gatineau Clog. Bobby co-hosted a TV series with Ronnie Prophet, and has appeared on the Tommy Hunter Show, The Rovers, and many other television programs.

They have a reputation for putting on a hot live show, featuring twin fiddles and five-part harmony.

They've shared a stage with the likes of Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Waylon Jennings, and Charlie Pride.

Lalonde and his band come to Shawville Fair fresh from a tour of central Europe. They will take the stage on Sunday.

The Spurs
The Spurs combines the talents of three seasoned musicians with the fiddle, keyboard, and vocal skills of Becky Childerose.

Becky has been a well-known prize-winner in the Ontario-Quebec fiddle and stepdancing circuit for 20 years.

She joined country-rock ensemble The Spurs in 1994, and has been getting rave reviews.

The Spurs will play on Saturday and Sunday at the Fair.

Horse 'n Around
Willie Webb, grandson of Mr and Mrs Gordon Webb of Clarendon, is a talented newcomer to the Valley mu-

sic scene.

He has been a solo performer at Oktoberfest Lady-smith as well as other events in the Pontiac.

He is now lead singer for Horse 'n Around a band led by bass player Jenn Dick, who take the stage at Shawville Fair Friday evening.

Horse 'n Around will be part of the Friday night show at the Fair.

Country Church
Shawville Anglican Church minister Roger Young heard gospel group Country Church at an event in Franktown not long ago, and thought they'd be perfect for Shawville Fair.

The six-piece group, which hails from Sharbot Lake, plays guitar, keyboards, fiddle, banjo, drums and vocals to perform a variety of bluegrass, country and old-time music with a gospel message.

"This will be a good opportunity for the people in Shawville to hear this style of music played by performers of this calibre," Young says.

Their appearance is sponsored by the Pontiac Clergy Association, and recordings of the band will be for sale when they perform on Saturday afternoon.

Langford Dancers
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Lenny the Lynx coming to the Fair

Richard Wills
Equity Editor Shawville

Ottawa Lynx fans of all ages will be able to meet Lenny the Lynx at the 1997 Shawville Fair.

The mascot for the Ottawa Lynx AAA baseball club will be on the fairgrounds Saturday between 1 and 3 pm, to sign autographs and pose for photos.

The team's regular season should be completed by Fair time, and the club is making an effort to get their mascot out into the communities around the Valley.

Through a connection at work, Fair Board member Mary Knox was able to contact club owner Howard Darwin and arrange for Lenny to come to the Fair for the first time.

"We're trying to do more for the kids this year," Knox explains.

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Eight seasons for Northern Truck Pullers at Shawville Fair

Gloria F. Tubman
Shawville

The Northern Truck Pullers have been competing at the Shawville Fair through their eight years of operation.

In the Fall of 1989, 12 truck pull enthusiasts from Renfrew, Pontiac and Gatineau Counties decided to form and invest in a club to sanction and regulate truck pulls.

The club would organize pulls for modified (non-road) trucks and 4x4 stock (half and three-quarter ton licensed for road use). Members wished to have modified trucks that would not be as costly to build as those competing in the Quebec or NPTA (National Tractor Pullers Association) circuits. Club rules were based on the rules of the NPTA.

At the end of each season, all drivers benefit from the points fund based on their placings at each pull. Trophies are awarded to the modified truck with the most points in each class over the pulling season.

Only three trucks have been awarded the trophy in both classes: Just For Fun, driven by Dan Langton and John Boyd; Bankers Nightmare, driven by Tom Orr and Rick Cummings; and The Locomotive, driven by Aime Fleury.

The Northern Truck Pullers Association has had three presidents during its eight seasons. Neil Woodman, owner of Blue Thunder, was president for the first three years. Rick Cummings, co-owner of the Blue Mule, spent one year as president. The president for the past four years has been Al Davis, a non-owner who has worked hard to keep the club operating for the members.

Over the years the Northern Truck Pullers have given back to the community through their donations to the Pontiac Community Hospital and other charities. Cheer on your favorite driver of the stock and modified trucks at the Shawville Fair on Thursday, August 28 at 7:30 pm.

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Stewart to receive special trophy

Richard Willis
Equity Editor Shawville

Auctioneer Revel T Stewart will receive a special trophy for his years of service to Shawville Fair.

For the past quarter-century Stewart, who lives in Cobden, has been volunteering his time to carry out the Friday night steer auction at Shawville Fair.

"He shows at the Fair, too," says Fair Board Director Jack Lang. Stewart shows horses, as well as helping out as an announcer from some events.

"He's well-known all over the county, as well as in Renfrew County," Lang says.

Decades ago the original sale was discontinued as a Fair event. For years there was no sale at Shawville Fair, cattle were taken to Sherbrooke to be sold.

Since the sale was reinstated 25 years ago, Stewart has been a regular at the microphone.

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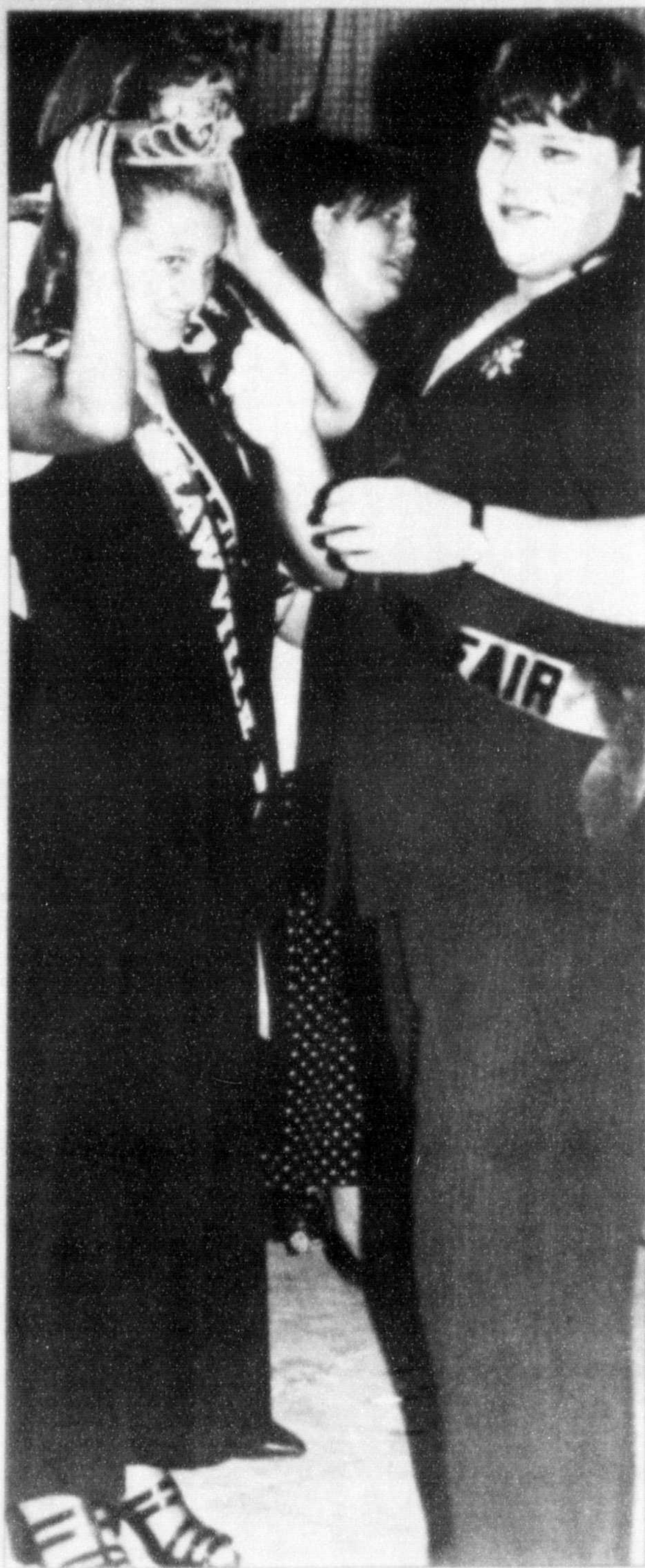
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Miss Shawville Fair 1995 Melissa Nyveld (right) crowns Miss Shawville Fair 1996 Louise Cowley.

Bus tours a chance to visit actual farms

Sylvia Bakker
Equity reporter Shawville

Beef, dairy, sheep and even ostriches will be the focus of this year's agricultural bus tours during the Shawville Fair.

The tour begins Saturday at 3 p.m. when the buses leave the fairgrounds headed for Jack Clark's beef farm in Quyon. Clark has been operating his 350-acre farm since 1967. Simmentals make up most of his 90-head herd. The remainder are cross-Hereford and Red Angus.

At 5 p.m., also on Saturday, the tour will visit the unique Campbell's Bay farms of George Black. On his two farms, which total 440 acres, Black raises 250 sheep, 12 beef cows, and

seven adult ostriches with 25 chicks.

On Sunday at 3 p.m., the tour will stop at the beef farm of Erwin Mohr and Kathy Armitage in Quyon. This 500-acre farm, which was purchased in '69, is home to 200 cattle, mostly Red and Black Angus.

Later that day, at 5 p.m., the tour will visit Clarendon's Bretley Farms. Owners Ralph Bretzlaff and Dorothy Haley take care of 60 Holsteins, 25 of which they milk, on their 132-acre farm. The couple have been operating the farm since '78.

The tours are free with admission to the fair. Each tour lasts about an hour and a half. Buses will leave the main gate of the fairgrounds at the scheduled time.

Steer barn fixed up inside

Richard Wills
Equity Editor Shawville

Visitors to the steer barn at the north side of the Shawville Fairgrounds will notice a lot of improvements since last year.

The new building was up and landscaped in time for last year's fair. This year the interior has been sheathed in wood and a concrete floor poured.

"This is really for the enjoyment of the public as well as the exhibitors," says Fair Board President Mavis Hanna. "The building is very nice now, and it will be easier for small kids to view the animals."

The steer barn, home to the steer show and beef cattle during the fair, is only one of many upgrading projects the board is busy with as fair time approaches.

"There are a lot of things going on," says Board Director Randy Hodgins.

In addition to finishing the steer barn, board members recently poured a new foundation under one side of the dairy barn (which celebrates its 25 birthday next week) and repaired the demolition derby ring.

It's all in keeping with the board's five-year plan for continued improvements to the grounds, Hodgins says.

"The board wants to preserve the buildings for future use," Hanna says.

Materials for these improvements have been purchased with the help of contributions from local businesses and exhibitors, but all the work being done with donated labor.

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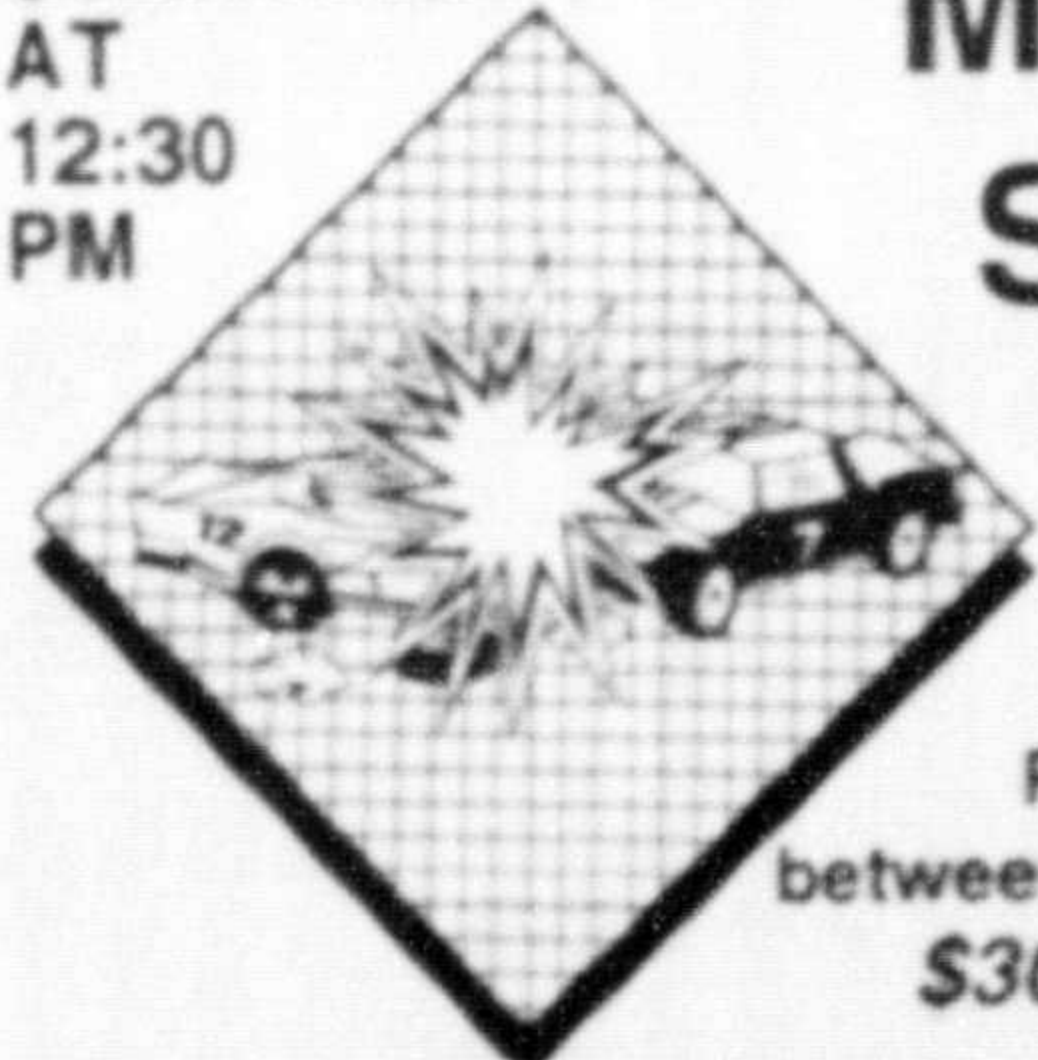
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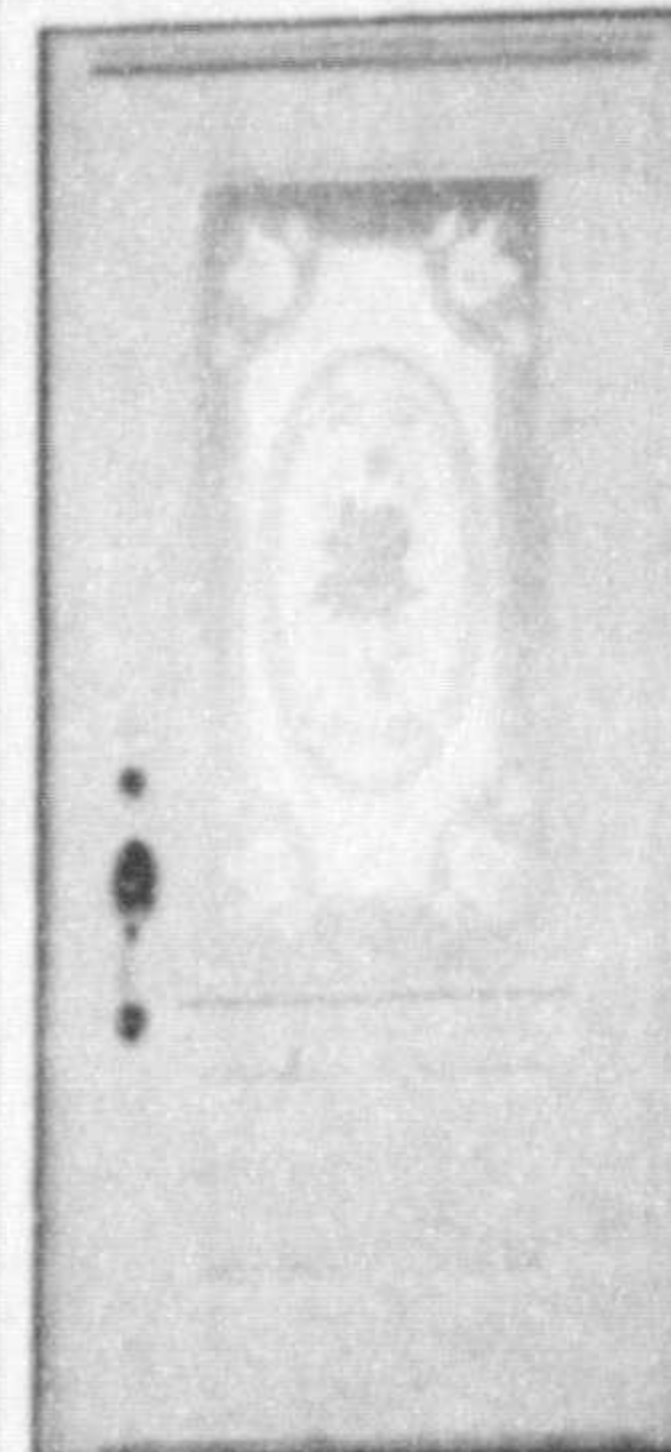
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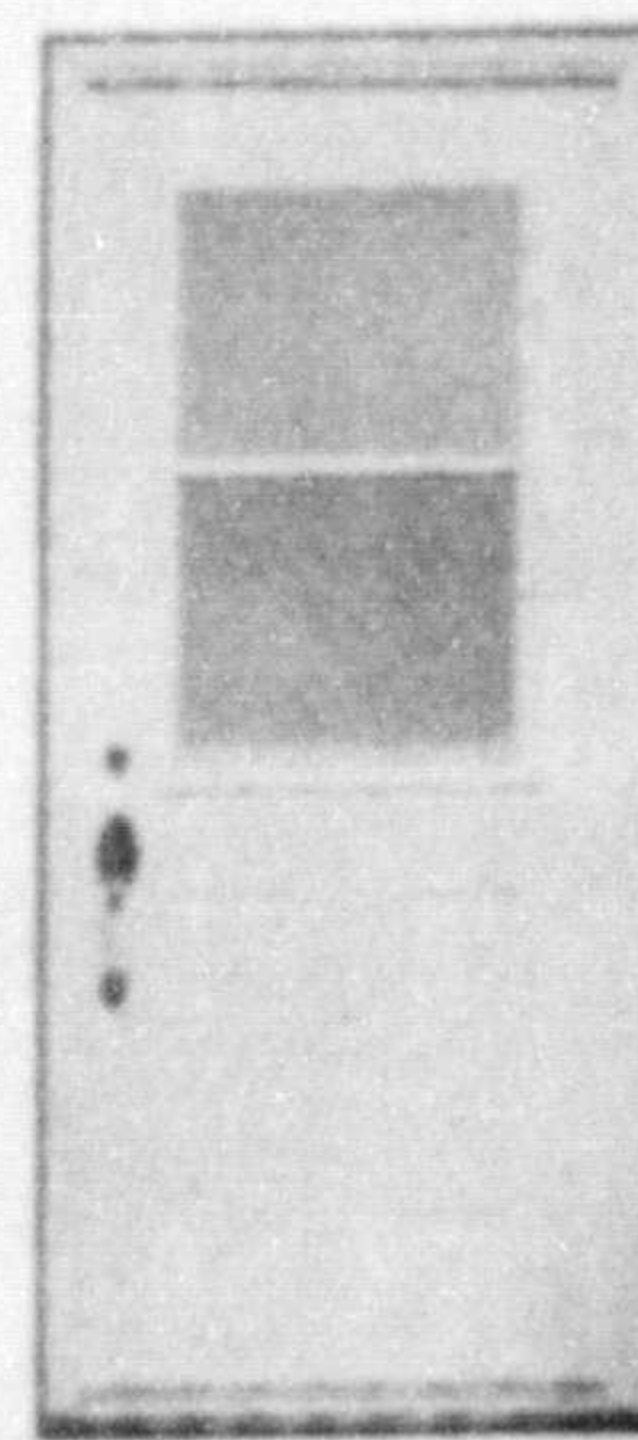
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