

There's Fun, Rewards For Area Folks At Fair

Observerland residents picked up the awards at the 119th Michigan State Fair and helped to make it one of the biggest and most exciting in history.

Area contestants took prizes almost as fast as they were handed out in almost every class.

In the Quarter Horse division, Rick and Jan Thompson, of Plymouth, received second place in the Either Sex class and the Mare and Foal class with their mare "Bandito Betty." Jim Kraft, of Farmington, won a red ribbon in the Youth Activity Pleasure Class on his horse "Hired Pistol."

Kim Sprengel, of Beck Road, Plymouth, won sixth place in the Junior Pleasure Class with his Morgan. Kim is a member of the Plymouth Bridle Club and is 17 years old.

Dave Earehart, of Northville, won a first in Junior English Pleasure and a third in Stock Seat Equitation on his father's mare "Pebbles."

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Russel Betz, of 1192 Hanlan, Westland, won first place and best of opposite sex in the Sandy Fleisch rabbit division. Betz has been breeding prize rabbits for almost 30 years.

Gene Kinrade, 16, of 9243 Rocker, Plymouth, won Best Young Fancy with his African Owl and Best Young Fowl in the pigeon division.

In the breed classes, Gary took first in the Young Oriental Frill Turbit or Owl Class and the Young Satiette African Owl Class.

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TWO LOCAL WOMEN were the top winners in the Community Arts judging. Mrs. Edwin M. Slesak Sr., of 33451 Rayburn, Livonia, won two third place ribbons for canning blueberries and white bread, along with two fourth places for potato bread and canned peaches.

OTHER AREA WINNERS are: Mrs. Omar Van Corp, of 20224 Melvin, Livonia, two third prizes in plain rolls and angel sponge cake; Cathy Glentke, of 16005 Mayfield, Livonia, second for a teenager's knit sweater and a third for handmade toys; Mrs. Frances A. Crawford, of 30560 Hinton, Livonia, fourth for an embroidered tablecloth.

Norman M. Fellander, of 19389 Antigo, Livonia, third for a hooked wool material, contemporary-design rug; Mrs. Geraldine Feldman, of 9042 Texas, Livonia, third for a boy or girl sweater; Mrs. Jo Ann Smith Sells, of 3650 Whity, Garden City, first for bead work and third for Christmas tree ornaments; and Marylou Seldon, of 30102 W. 10 Midland, Farmington, two blue ribbons for pickled beets and canned tart cherries.

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