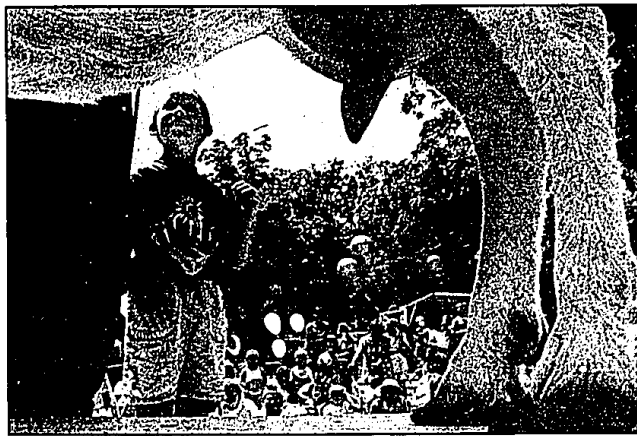




Putting it back: Stephanie Labomascus of Farmington Hills puts the wool back on her 15-year-old dog, Bucky. Earlier, Bucky won a trophy for being the second oldest dog.



A boy with some pull: Above, Andrew Stanis, 8, of Farmington Hills, was selected by farmer John Forshee to milk his goat, Goofy. At left, 5-year-old Amy Woody joins 4-year-old Adam Weeks to make music with pots and pans. The adults are Mark Young (left) and Colleen O'Shaughnessey. Below left, Dr. John Richardson (right with microphone), a local veterinarian, tries to find the dog with the waggiest tail.



## Kids live it up on their special day at festival

What the dogs say, 18A

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It was like a convention for kids, with animals from pets to trick pigs, carnival rides, goodies, fire trucks and hot air balloon rides — and some parents.

The 13th annual Kids Day, part of the Farmington Founders Festival, attracted about 800 youngsters and parents on a beautiful day (with temperatures in the low 80s) at Shawwassee Park in Farmington.

The kids were entertained by clowns, firefighting demonstrations, a special pet show, some unusual animals like "Buster" the pig and "Little Tex," a miniature horse.

The line for the pony rides was long while some kids nearby tried their skill at face painting.

Many parents said they make a point to come every year. But newcomers enjoyed the fun as well.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Patti Law of Farmington Hills, who came with her three children. "But it sure is a nice day for this."



Up in the air: Karen Lucas of Farmington Hills and her sons Michael and Bobby get a lift in the tethered hot-air balloon during Kids Day. The pilot is Art Hodge of Rochester Hills.



On the bubble: John Dunne, 17, works for the Farmington Community Library, which sponsored the bubble making and face painting.

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