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## **Judging begins at the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show**

**October 1st, 2018 Simcoe**-The winners of the Norfolk Visual Arts Competition at the Norfolk County Fair have been announced with \$6,000 in prizes awarded.

The 2018 Norfolk Visual Arts Competition would like to congratulate Jake Peekstok of Waterford for placing First in the annual arts competition. First place comes with a prize of \$2,000 in cash.

The number of artists entering the 2018 competition has increased in comparison to last year with over 50 entries, and the quality of work submitted has also shown to be improving year after year.

Other artists earning top placing in the competition were:

2nd place – Pam Schneider, Port Dover

3rd place – Sherry Dresser, Simcoe

4th place – Brian Fettes, Simcoe

5th place – Charlotte Browne-Boerkamp, Waterford

Visitors to the exhibition are encouraged to vote on their favorite piece of artwork in the competition to help determine the "People's Choice" award. Voting ends Sunday night at 9:30pm and People's Choice will be awarded on Monday.

The winner of the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show's giant pumpkin competition was crowned Sunday. For the second consecutive year John Butler of St. Thomas took home first prize. Butler took home the James I. Moore Memorial Award along with the \$2,000 grand prize for growing the largest pumpkin weighing in at a whopping 1,609 lbs. which is 148 lbs. heavier than last year. Prize money for this competition is generously donated by Ontario West Insurance Brokers.

Gary Burke of LaSalette, was also a big winner this year. Gary won \$500 for the largest pumpkin grown in and by a resident of Norfolk County. This prize was generously donated by Tri-County Insurance Group. His pumpkin weighed in at 1502 lbs. This competition is open to all ages.

Arthur Johnston of St. Thomas took first place and \$500 in cash for the largest squash weighing in at 1170 lbs. This prize was generously donated by Woolley Farms.

In the Junior Division 12 years & under, Sadie Croft took home first place with her pumpkin weighing in at 904 lbs. In the 13-18-year-old category, Travis Croft took home first place for his pumpkin weighing in at 473 lbs.

*The Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show is celebrating 178 years, and is the fourth largest fair in Ontario and has an annual attendance in excess of 100,000 visitors. The Fair has earned a "Top 100" event designation through Festivals and Events of Ontario and is one of the top fairs in the country according to the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions. Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show is held in Simcoe, Ontario and runs October 2-8, 2018.*

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