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Last Year's Record Breaking Pumpkin "Smashed" by 225lbs!

October 5th, 2009 Simcoe - The winner of the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show's giant pumpkin competition was crowned yesterday. For the second consecutive win, Eric Sundin of Stoney Creek took home the James I. Memorial Trophy along with the \$2,000 grand prize for growing his record breaking 1,450 lb. Pumpkin! Prize money for this competition was generously donated by O'Grady & Associates. Eric's pumpkin has set the new record for largest pumpkin since the competition began in 1984, outweighing his own previous record set by 225lbs. Second place winner was Art Johnston & John Butler both from St. Thomas, their pumpkin weighed in at 1,328lbs and third place winner was Mark Pruyn from Port Colborne with his pumpkin weighing in at 1,176 lbs.

In the largest squash category, Eric Sundin of Stoney Creek claimed another first place with his squash weighing 1,036 lbs. outweighing last year's squash by a whopping 194 lbs.

In the Junior Garden Products category for the 12 years of age and under the first place winner Derek Toth of R.R. #2 Langton won the largest pumpkin weighing in at an incredible 791 lbs.

The largest Pumpkin or Squash in the 13-18 year olds was Victoria Jongeneel of Simcoe winning first place this year with her pumpkin weighing in at an amazing 958 lbs.

This year the giant pumpkin competition had a new twist. If you grew your pumpkin in Norfolk County, you had a chance to win a prize of \$500. This new category was open to all ages. George Lloyd of Simcoe weighed his pumpkin in at 1,030 lbs and was the first recipient to receive this prize which was generously donated by R.E Mann Brokers Ltd.

The Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show is in its 168th year, and is the fifth largest fair in Ontario, with over 120,000 visitors each year. This year's fair features agricultural displays, craft exhibits, food vendors, art demonstrations, talent competitions, midway rides and many special events. For more information on the fair and any of the scheduled events, please visit our website at www.norfolkcountyfair.com or by phone at (519) 426-7280

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