

# Clearville Woman Accumulates Fair Ribbons

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**CLEARVILLE (Bedford Co.)**  
 — Georgia Lee Vore was a city gal when she first began visiting country fairs.

"I began looking at some of the baked products and the sewing and often said, 'I could do that,'" she remembers.

She married her second husband and moved to Bedford County in 1988.

This year, she brought home 13 ribbons from the Pennsylvania Farm Show to add to her rainbow collection of awards already hanging on the wall.

The other ribbons were won at county and agricultural fairs in Bedford, Huntingdon, Somerset, Fulton, Cambria, Claysburg, Williamsburg, Morrison's Cove, and Hollidaysburg.

In 1992, her first year at the Farm Show, Georgia took fewer items and still brought home two first and three thirds. Her chocolate cake for which the recipe follows, earned her a first both years.

Her Farm Show ribbons this year included a first for the chocolate cake and a first for a pair of shorts.

Second place ribbons were for a white cake, yellow cake, carrot cake, chocolate pound cake, apricot cookies, tomato sauce, and a velveteen skirt.

Third places were awarded for her sponge cake, tomato juice, needlepoint picture, and a tied comforter.

While Mrs. Vore used to make

all of her own clothes, she now sews mainly for competition. The finished products often go to her daughter who works in a nearby bank.

"I used to work in a fabric store," she explains. "And, I feel I have an eye for color and fabric. I usually get fair books far in advance, then I check out the categories and start sewing."

Baking for the Farm Show begins two days prior to the competition. The judging takes place the Friday before the fair.

"Judging," says Georgia, "is based on appearance in sewing. Judges examine a garment from every angle. It's always amazed me that I sometimes get written criticisms and still get a blue ribbon."

Cake judging is based on general appearance and moistness. "I sometimes don't quite understand why they choose the judges they do," Georgia admits. "I mean what does a radio DJ know about cakes?"

"Jelly," she explains, "is judged totally on taste."

"On the other hand, green beans and tomato sauce are judged only by appearance. No one ever tastes anything."

Georgia is happy to know that the baked goods are eaten after a representative sample is taken out. "At the Farm Show they are delivered to the 4-H kids who are working hard in the animal barns," she says.

"At other fairs, there are auc-

tions for various benefits. I particularly like the Bedford Fair where all of the baked goods are auctioned off for the 4-H building maintenance."

Georgia entered two chocolate cakes in the Hershey Cocoa Contest at the farm show. She didn't win that contest, but there were 59 entries. However, the same chocolate cake took home a blue ribbon in the individual baking competition.

Most of her recipes come from cookbooks she inherited from her mother and she thinks her great-grandmother's sponge cake recipe is the best. It won her a "Best of Show," in competition at Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, last summer.

Georgia and her husband, David, live on a 167-acre farm where they have a few young calves and make hay. They plan to add some sheep and beef cattle to the farm this year.

In addition to entering fair competitions, Georgia collects potato mashers. "I bought one at a yard sale several years ago," she remembers. "Then I decided to buy one for each of my daughters. Looking at them closely, I was amazed to see that each one was slightly different. Now, I find it fun traveling from yard sale to yard sale looking for different potato mashers."

David is a livestock technician for the Department of Agriculture and works in Altoona.



Georgia Lee Vore mixes one of her prize-winning chocolate cakes for guests to enjoy.

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## QUICK TAMALES PIE

6 servings

- 1 pound ground beef
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1½ cups prepared salsa
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 package (7.5 ounces) corn muffin mix
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium skillet, brown ground beef and onion; drain. Stir in salsa, tomato paste and cumin. Mix well. Press into buttered 9-inch baking dish. Prepare corn muffin mix according to package directions; stir in cheese. Spoon over meat mixture. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is cooked through and lightly browned.

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