

# Kid's KOrner

## Zany Day Of Rhubarb Fun

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**INTERCOURSE** (Lancaster Co.) — While many kids turn up their noses at the taste of rhubarb, they certainly had big smiles when they attended the 11th annual Rhubarb Festival on May 21 at Kitchen Kettle.

There, they found all kinds of delightful wonders of which rhubarb is capable.

For instance, there was The Rhubarb Race Car Derby, which featured miniature dragsters built from rhubarb stalks and raced toward the finish line.

Some snazzy dragsters sported florescent blue, pink, and green paints. Hot pink wheels completed the look and enabled the dragsters to race down the runway.

The Straley sisters, Meagan, 8, and Kristen, 9, entered the derby for the first time. They placed third.

Fred Homsher, Paradise, captured the first time with his work of art that had a driver carved from rhubarb.

Thirteen-year-old Allyson Ladley of Leola used puffy paints to catch the eye of the judges, who awarded her second place.

John Bratton, a former school teacher and now owner of Brat-

ton's Woodcrafts, said that the contest was only open to employees and their families. Crowds gather to watch, the cars placed on the racetrack.

First prize in the speed category went to Jeremiah Sensenig of Intercourse; second prize went to Ricky Miller, and third to Dave Hoy.

All the kid's could enjoy the Rhubarb Arcade. There, such games as rhubarb pick up sticks, rhubarb bulls-eye toss, and Rhubarb Regatta were played. Those games and many more were played throughout the day. Face painting and cookie decorating were also available to visitors.

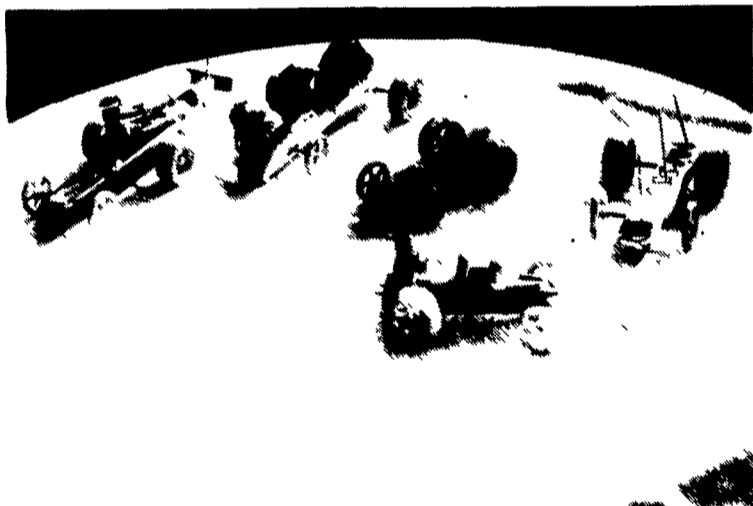
Yummie the Gingerbread Person mingled with the kids while Rupert Rhubarb handed out balloons.

A rhubarb pie throw was held for those who wanted to throw a pie in the face of Brother Weims from WIOV 105. Fourteen gallons of rhubarb sauce pies splattered Weims.

The pie throwing the the pie sales were not just for fun — although it was — but to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year \$614 was raised for the Association.



Yummie the Gingerbread Person gives a guest a welcoming hug.



Entries in the Rhubarb Derby show how classy race cars can be designed from a plain stalk of rhubarb.



Winners in the design category of the Rhubarb Race Car Derby are from left, Meagan and Kristen Straley, Fred Homshre, and Allyson Ladley.



Lisa Reiff, left, president of the Lancaster County 4-H Woolles Club and known for showing top market lambs at every Lancaster County Fair, does more than raise sheep. Here she helps prepare chicken kabobs marinated in rhubarb sauce for Festival visitors.



John Bratton, right, explains the rules for the Rhubarb Race Car Derby, a contest in which miniature dragsters are built from rhubarb stalks and raced toward the finish line.