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Festival declares winners in Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 8, 2020) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winner of its Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest that took place on Saturday, February 29 on the festival grounds.

In the stemming contest, competitors are separated into four categories: kindergarten, first and second graders, third and fourth graders and fifth and sixth graders. The competitor who removes the stems from 20 strawberries most quickly is declared the winner.

Alexys Schleeter, from McRae Elementary School, won the fifth and sixth grade category; Jill Burklew, from Meadowbrook Elementary School, won the third and fourth grade category; Callaway Burklew, from Meadowbrook Elementary School, won the first and second grade category, and Chase Brinton, from Lanier Elementary School, won the kindergarten category.

The Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, sponsored by Mavric's Chocolate Barn, is one of nine food contests held at the festival annually. The Super Mega Corn Dog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Deep-Fried Strawberry Pie on a Stick Eating Contest, Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, Fanta Strawberry Soda Throwdown and Amish Donut Eating Contest all take place during the 11-day event in the Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Tent.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the Festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2020 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held Feb. 27 through March 8 in Plant City, Fla. and it will be "Our Perfect Vision!" For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest20).

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