

There were winners aplenty at Arroyo Grande's Strawberry fest

■ Winners were chosen in categories for young and old

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Results are in from the Strawberry Cook-Off, Strawberry Blonde and Strawberry Prince/Princess contests held in conjunction with this year's annual Strawberry Festival in the Village of Arroyo Grande.

A total of fifty-three entries were received for the Strawberry Cook-Off.

The contest and Strawberry Cookbook, compiled by local resident Terry Kelly-Nixon and produced by the Arroyo Grande Village Improvement Association, benefit South County Historical Society.

The 2007 Strawberry Cook-Off judges were John Spencer, owner of Spencer's Fresh Markets; Arroyo Grande Fire Chief Mike Hubert; Arroyo Grande Police Chief Tony Aeilts; Village Improvement Association Director Vivian Krug; Arroyo Grande City Councilman Ed Arnold; and Adam Montiel, co-host and producer of the JugCountry Morning Show on KJUG radio.

Thirty-two contestants from the Five Cities area competed to become this year's Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess.

Winners received everything from ribbons, flowers and gift certificates from local businesses to cash prizes, compact discs and apparel.

Here are the winners, their affiliations and the names of their entries:

Junior Division

■ First — Tiffany Ketting-Olivier, Arroyo Grande



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Kimberly White, 6, of Branch Elementary School was named princess in the prince and princess contest at the Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival, which attracted large crowds for the food, kids activities, music and hundreds of booths featuring mostly art and craft work.

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High School, Strawberry Purses

■ Second — Rebecca Bowdey, Arroyo Grande High School, Baby Back Ribs with Strawberry BBQ Sauce

■ Third — Natalie Lam, Arroyo Grande High School, Strawberry Tiramisu

■ Honorable mentions — K.C. Hand, Arroyo Grande High School, Strawberry Margarita Squares; Hannah Glaser, sixth grade, Bishop's Peak Elementary School, Strawberry Vinaigrette Fruit Salad; Elizabeth Kell, fourth grade, Coastal Christian School, Grandmother's 3 Layer Strawberry Cake; Audrianna Alvarado, Arroyo Grande High School, Berries

■ Bits Pudding — Rachelle Armatis, Arroyo Grande High School, Strawberry Cream Pie

Senior Division

■ First — Sarah Johnson,

Oceano, Chocolate Strawberry Dirt

■ Second — Pam Milligan, Arroyo Grande, Strawberry Truffle Cake

■ Third — Joyce Kaplan, Pismo Beach, Easy Strawberry German Chocolate Cake.

■ Honorable Mentions — Jennifer Neetz, Arroyo Grande, Central Coast Italian Sausage with Central Coast Relish; Pam Milligan, Arroyo Grande, Strawberry-Jalapeño Sauce; Sandy Ferrio, Arroyo Grande, Tossed Greens with Strawberries; Linda Burket, Nipomo, Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble with Kentucky Bourbon Butter; Breda Louie, Arroyo Grande, Strawberry Jam

The Strawberry Blonde Contest, lets those with strawberry blonde hair compete for the best blonde-red-head hairdos. Winners received tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, gift cer-

tificates from Village businesses and other prizes.

Here are the results from that contest:

■ Ages 1 to 5 — Willow Epperly, Oceano

■ Ages 6 to 10 — Taylor Duffy, Manhattan Beach

■ Ages 22 to 30 — Erin McGrath, Templeton

■ Age 31 and older — Ashlea Boyer, Arroyo Grande; Tammy Picquette, Oceano

The Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess drew 32 contestants from the Five Cities Area. The results are:

■ Prince — Jeremiah Rodriguez, 6 years old

■ Princess — Kimberly White, 6 years old

■ Dukes — Brendan Anthony Nalbene, 8 years old; Duke Johnson, 8 years old

■ Duchesses — Taylor Shanks, 5 years old; Katelyn Ames, 6 years old

Information was supplied by Strawberry Festival organizers.