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**Who Makes the Best Pie in the County?**  
**Janice Weaver of Santa Cruz Wins “Best of Show”!**  
**2021 1<sup>st</sup> Place Adult Division Winner’s Mother Won Contest**  
**in 1990, while pregnant with this year’s Winner!**

The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau’s 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Pie Baking Contest was held at the Santa Cruz County Fair last week. Winners were selected for each of the three divisions, Youth, Adult and Masters. Janice Weaver, of Santa Cruz took the top overall prize by winning “Best of Show”. The Apple Pie Contest Judges are different every year. The judges for this year’s contest were **Arnett Young, President**, Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau; and **Patricia Oliva Hagerty**, Community Volunteer, Farm Family. The winners from each division are listed below:

All the winners are...

**“BEST OF SHOW”**  
***Janice Weaver***  
 Santa Cruz

	<u><b>YOUTH DIVISION</b></u>	<u><b>ADULT DIVISION</b></u>	<u><b>MASTERS DIVISION</b></u>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Elijah Tomasini</b> Aromas	<b>Rita Hewitt</b> Watsonville	<b>Janice Weaver</b> Santa Cruz
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Cana Taylor</b> Aptos	<b>Curtis Maxwell</b> Capitola	<b>Keena Kasunich</b> Royal Oaks
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Claire Madsen</b> Santa Cruz	<b>Jennifer Alberti</b> Santa Cruz	<b>Cherice Titus</b> Aptos

One of the interesting stories of this year’s contest was that the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of the Adult Division, Rita Hewitt’s mother, Karen Allyn, won that same division when she was pregnant with Rita in 1990. (see attached photo)

The Pajaro Valley apple producers, growers and pie lovers sponsor the annual event in cooperation with the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau. **Laura Rider**, *Farm Bureau Member*, is Chair for this very popular opening day event.