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2018 BIG EATS AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Each year Big E food vendors submit new, inventive and tasty menu items for the Big Eats Awards. 15 vendors joined the 2018 competition, with dishes from upside-down banana split and blueberry shortcake to loaded tater tots and deep-fried Kool-Aid, vying for the top spot in categories for Best Tasting, Most Creative and New Food.

Judging for The Big Eats Awards took place on Wednesday, Sept. 19. This year's judges were West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt, Hartford Courant Food Editor Leeanne Griffin, and Executive Chef Emily Meunier from Theodore's Blues, Booze, and BBQ in Springfield, Mass. The trio taste-tested 18 different dishes and picked the following as best in their categories:

Best Tasting - The Donut Family's Cinna-Roll Mini Donuts
New Food – Wurst Haus' Messy Magnus
Most Creative – Scirrotta's Cinnamon City's Pulled Pork Stuffed Corn Cakes

A fourth category was decided via social media, through a platform that collected votes from Sept. 14 to Sept. 29. Visitors to the fair overwhelmingly picked The Donut Family's Cinna-Roll Mini Donuts as their choice for 2018's Fairgoer Favorite.

Congratulations to all who entered the contest: Barbie's Ice Cream, Chompers, V-One Craft Cocktail Bar, Giant Corn Dog Factory, The Hofbrauhaus, Marion's Fried Dough, Rudy's Pizza and Slush, Scirrotta's Cinnamon City, The Donut Family, Tots-A-Lot, Ultimate BBQ, Veggie Patch Smoothies, West Springfield Lions Club, and The Wurst Haus.

The Big E had a successful run Sept. 14-30, and reached six single day attendance records, including an all-time single day highest attendance on Saturday, Sept. 22, and an all-time high fair attendance of 1,543,470.

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