

Daffodil Festival

Children flock to rides on event's last day



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MERIDEN — Day two of the Daffodil Festival brought chilly temperatures again, but rides, crafts, magicians, face painting and other offerings attracted crowds to the park again.

At the Theater of Trees, magician Bill Hoagland was “wowing” children and making adults laugh with his jokes and tricks. During the show, he called 11-year-old Camden McMinn of Clinton to the stage to help him with a trick. Hoagland passed a bag of M&M candies to Camden and gave him a magic wand to hold. With the power of the magic wand, Hoagland told Camden he could change the bag to all red M&M’s.

“Camden, here’s what you’re going to do. You’re going to tap the bag three times saying the magic words, red, red, red,” said Hoagland. “Red, red, red,” said Camden as he tapped the wand to the bag.

Suddenly Camden dumped it out into a clear plastic cup, and revealed red candy. Camden’s mouth dropped open in awe.

Next to the theater, there was a line for face painting reached nearly 20 children.....

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