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## State Auditor Julie Blaha unveils crop art entries

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. — State Auditor Julie Blaha submitted two crop art pieces into the 2022 Crop Art and Scarecrow competition at the Minnesota State Fair.

Blaha's submissions include the semisesquicentennial of "On a Stick," which honors the arrival of the Pronto Pups slogan "Banquet on a Stick" and spurred memes, jokes and deep fried wonders for three quarters of a century, and her second piece is "This Counter Knows Her Beans," which is her campaign logo, done in 11,625 beans (yes, she literally counted them.)

Several of Blaha's pieces in the past have been created to spur conversation and spread awareness about the Office of the State Auditor (OSA); for example, her 2018 piece "Bean Counter. Literally.," her 2019 piece "Be Audit You Can Be" and her 2021 piece "Guess the Number of Beans in the New OSA Logo."

"The State Fair is the perfect place to engage Minnesotans on the good work we can do together in local government and I'm excited that my crop art has been able to enable that conversation more during my time in office," Blaha said.

Blaha will be at the Minnesota State Fair on Thursday, August 26 for the opening and to greet fairgoers at the main gate. Throughout the duration of the fair, Blaha will be tabling at the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor booth.

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