

Fall Fair

Want more in livestock show

Edward Bird hopes to see more 4-H Club members and their calves at Georgetown Fall Fair this year. Edward, who is the Livestock Committee Chairman, has made major changes to the show to encourage more 4-H members to exhibit their calves at this year's Fair.

Edward is not a stranger to 4-H. A former member and now a leader, he recognizes the benefits of showing at a fair like Georgetown. Because this show is a week before Acton and two weeks before Milton Fair, it is a good opportunity for them to familiarize their calves with showing and also to evaluate the competition.

To attract exhibitors, the livestock committee has raised the prize money for this show. Now the prize is \$16 for first place, \$14 for second place, \$12 for third place, and \$10 to the remainder of the class.

The 4-H showmanship class is also an important class. The individuals themselves are judged on the presentation of their animal, rather than the animal itself. The top winners in the Junior and Senior classes become eligible to win gold watches, compliments of John Boughton Jewellers and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Main Street Branch.

The dairy classes are open to Jersey and Holstein breeds, while the beef classes are mainly Angus and Hereford. Edward is quick to add that there is always room for more entries in the livestock show.

This is the first year that Georgetown Fair will operate under a Class "B" status and the overall prize money has been increased to compete with other Class "B" Fairs in the area. The prize list is also set up to pay for up to ten placings, making the cattle show very attractive to exhibitors.



Livestock such as this class of beef cattle at last year's Fall Fair are an attraction again as they have been through the Fair's long history.

The sheep show at Georgetown is a well established event with a great turnout. It is not rare for all classes to be filled in this section. The fact that the Fair board paid out \$2,200 in prize money to the sheep show last year is a good indication of its size.

The livestock show will be run on Saturday, September 8 starting with the 4-H classes at 11.30 a.m. The dairy and beef classes will be at 12.30 p.m. Those wishing more details about the show are asked to contact the Livestock Chairman, Edward Bird at 877-0388.

Out to get your goat

Georgetown Fair is out to get your goat! At least Dave Shrubsole, chairman of the goat show committee, hopes they do.

The show has been a success the past two years. Last year, over 90 goats were exhibited at the fair, with all five breeds, (Toggenburg, Saanen, Nubian, La Mancha and Alpine) being represented. The show also features grade classes.

Dave has exhibitors coming from Wellington, Peel and Halton because there are not many good shows in the area. In this show, Dave tries to encourage both large and small breeders to exhibit to provide spectators with an informative show.

The judge this year will be Ted Whitworth of Orangeville. He operates a commercial milk herd of goats, called Whit Lee Dairy Goats. Whitworth is a capable judge and judges at many local shows, as well as being active in his local goat association and working with 4-H clubs.

4-H Goat Clubs are becoming popular, so Shrubsole has taken steps to encourage 4-H members to show in the open classes as well as in the 4-H showmanship class. This class is by far the largest of the section and has junior and senior divisions. In showmanship classes the young people are judged, rather than their goats. The judge scores them on their showing technique.

Although Georgetown is not part of the Achievement Day events of 4-H, most of the exhibitors in these classes are members of 4-H Goat Clubs in other counties.

The goat show at Georgetown Fair is on Sunday, September 9 starting at 11.30 a.m. Prior to the show, the goats must undergo a veterinarian check from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information about the show, contact Dave Shrubsole at 877-7737.

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