

Fall Fair weekend approaches rapidly

FALL FAIR PREVIEW

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The Acton Tanner

September is just around the corner and that means final preparations and talk around town of the 80th Acton Fall Fair are heating up.

The fair, which began in 1913,

is the biggest event of the year and is scheduled for Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at Prospect Park.

"Things are going along fine and I'm pleased with the way things are shaping up," said second-year fair president George Henderson recently.

Friday the 17th is the opening of the fair and the night a new Miss

Acton will be crowned.

To kick off the evening, the Acton Citizens' Band will march down Mill Street from the band hall to the arena and play at 7:30 pm, 30 minutes before Victor

Hanson, Edgar Thatcher and their band Men Without Hairs delight the Acton throng with a variety of different music styles at 8 pm.

Henderson said about 8 am Saturday there will be horse and cattle shows. There's also a beef show planned for Saturday followed by a dairy show on Sunday.

The annual parade, slated for noon Saturday, will run its usual route down Mill Street from McKenzie-Smith Middle School, up Main, around Knox Street and into Prospect Park.

Henderson mentioned that in the 10 years that he's been on the fair board, there hasn't been much of an overhaul to the program.

"The attendance has increased slightly," he said, "but there's always been good attractions. Last year it rained a lot on the Friday afternoon but it cleared by the entertainment in the evening.

"The place was damp on the outside, but the arena was almost full. The fair is kind of a homecoming for people; an excuse to come back to Acton for the fair. They like to see who's there and meet friends."

Geared toward local residents, the lawn garden tractor pull is Saturday evening. Tractors under 12 horsepower and ones 12 to 20 horsepower are the two categories. Later in the evening there will be a highway truck pull.

Henderson is hoping for 20 teams of horseshoe pitchers for the event that will offer prize money and trophies.

Sunday, there will be a 4x4 tractor pull in the afternoon. Also on the bill for Sunday is a kids' pet show, remote control cars, motorcycle stunts by Ospringe area's Tom Farr, a western horse show and a goat show that is new this year. A poultry shows runs through the weekend.

"I think the highlights of this year's fair will be the Education Day activities Friday afternoon, the arena program, the parade, the new goat show and the pet show," stated Henderson.

"I hope we can keep up the pace with last year (about 12,000 attendees)," he continued, adding the 1992 fair executive team of first vice-president Janis Fread, second vice and parade chair Jim Warrington and secretary-treasurer Daniel Varanelli remains intact.



FULL OF FUN: Victor Hanson and Edgar Thatcher are Men Without Hairs, who will play the Community Centre on Friday Sept. 17, to kick off the Acton Fall Fair. (Photo submitted)



RETFORD - ECKERICH

Catherine Retford and Randall Eckerich were joined in holy matrimony June 26, 1993 at Churchill Community Church, Acton. Reverend Emrys Jenkins officiated. The bride is the daughter of Don and Joan Retford of First Line, Erin. The groom is the son of Hugh and Agnes Eckerich of Macomb, Michigan. Karen Turner was the maid of honour. Bridesmaids were Debbie Bodkin-Ross, Inge Eckerich and Janet Kelly. David Turner was best man. Kevin Eckerich was head usher. Ushers were Andy Wyga and Jeff DeBruyn. The reception was held at Rockmosa Community Centre where Shane Ross was the master of ceremonies. After a honeymoon at Virginia Beach the couple will make their home in Acton.

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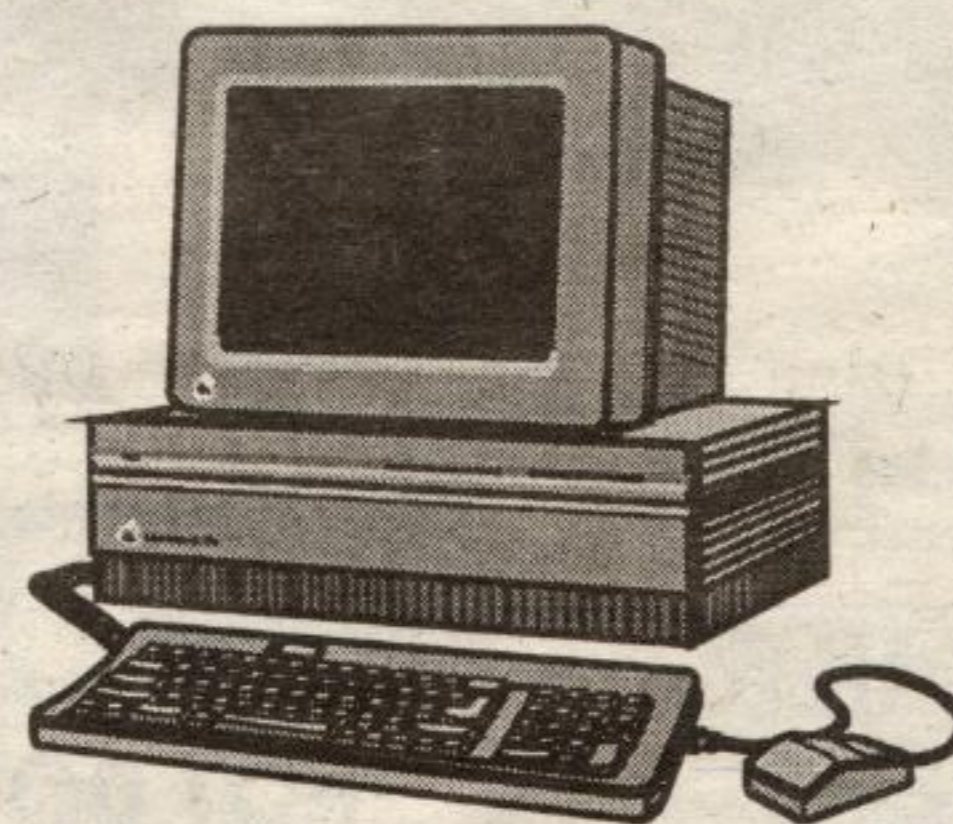
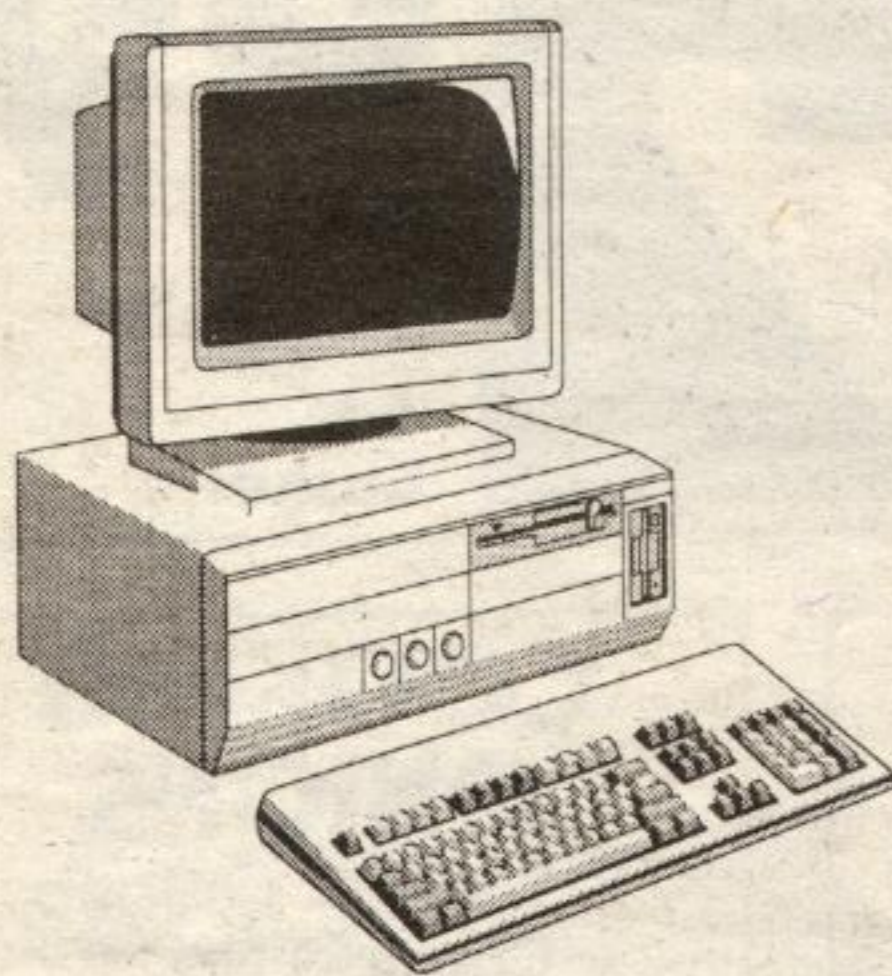
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