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North Halton's Super September

A full month of steam, cotton candy and midway excitement

BY DONNA DANIELLI
 THE COMPASS

Many feel September in North Halton is the best month of the year.

Not only does it see the reaping of the year's harvest and the beauty of the changing leaves, but autumn seems to have more than its "fair" share of family oriented fun. September 1999 is no exception. Yes, it's Fall Fair season again and this year's calendar of events is packed full of great things to do.

First up is the 39th Annual Milton Steam Era on Labour Day weekend. The Steam Era's slogan of "The best of the past, preserved for the present, for the pleasure of the future" is an apt one.

Brad Clements, a director of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preserver's Association, says the Steam Era is a great opportunity "to share history with the thousands of visitors. For kids and families, it's a great way to make our Canadian farm history come alive; we see many grandparents reminiscing with family about the memories Steam Era awakens."

The tractors and farm equipment are the main draw for the Steam Era, but this year's event offers more entertainment and activities for young families. In addition to the twice daily parade of antique tractors and demonstrations of threshing, there is a Flea Market Midway, games, contest, fashion shows, musical performances and craft demonstrations. Saturday night will wind up with a foot-stomping Country and Western Talent Contest, and Sunday will conclude with a Variety Musical Program (both shows start at 7 p.m.).

Each day, visitors can examine hundreds of working antique tractors up to 90 years old, gas engines which were used for everything from washing clothes and pumping water to grinding grain, and dozens

of classic cars. Steam Era is held at Milton fairgrounds, which open at 8 a.m. daily Saturday, Sunday and Labour Day Monday, September 4 to 6. (There are limited activities and reduced admission on Friday.) Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information, contact Brad Clements at 905-878-6576.

Next is the 153rd Georgetown Fall Fair offers a wide range of activities on the weekend of September 10th, 11th and 12th. The midway will sport some new additions this year, and Friday evening at 7 p.m. (in front of the grandstand) there will be a C.O.P.T.A. truck/tractor pull. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Thrill Shows Productions will host the Demolition Derby.

The Agricultural Awareness Tent opens Friday at 4 p.m., with various demonstrations involving sheep shearing; milking, feed and the dairy cow; mature pig (sow) and piglets; a live hive of bees; and vermicomposting. The horse shows on Saturday and Sunday, and Junior Dairy Show on Saturday will draw participants from Wentworth, Dufferin, Peel and Halton Counties. Look for times and a schedule of these events.

"The future of the Georgetown fair," says Austin Carpenter, Secretary-Treasurer, "is the Youth Program. We are proud sponsors of 4-H Achievement Programs."

The Fair Ambassador Competition will be held in the Armory Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with a deadline for entries on September 7, 1999. Entry forms may be obtained by calling Kenda Nurse at 905-877-0537 or Pam McGillivray at 877-8798; many prizes from local sponsors will be awarded to all participating contestants.

Admission to the Georgetown Fair, located at the Fair Grounds

(old Armories Building) is \$5 Friday, \$6 Saturday and Sunday, or you can purchase a weekend pass for \$12. Children aged seven to 12 are \$3; children six and under are free. For more information call (905) 873-6157.

September 17, 18 and 19 brings the 86th Annual Acton Fall Fair. Fair President Ron White invites everyone to join him in a great weekend of fun and entertainment and says, "As always, we're hoping for good weather and good crowds. The Fall Fair Committee this year is continuing whole heartedly with fundraising as we are without the use of a solid building for this year's fair, and have gone in the direction of two large tents; one for home crafts and one for entertainment."

Highlights of this year's Fair include Friday night's Miss Acton Fall Fair Pageant, featuring the Halton Children's Choir, an English and Western Gymkhana and Games Show, a Midway, Baby Show, Crazy Canoe Races, horse shows, truck and tractor pulls, and the Northern Borders Flyball and Canine Performance Team. New this year are Saturday night's "Tribute to the King Show," featuring Canadian National Champ Chris Purtee, and Sunday's "Birds of Prey Show" presented by Mountsberg Conservation Area.

The Acton Fall Fair is located at Acton Fair Grounds and opens daily at 9 a.m. Admission costs are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students 13 to 17 and seniors with I.D. Children under five are free. For information call Ron White at 519-856-9117.

Last but certainly not least in Super September is the 146th Annual Milton Fall Fair, held September 24, 25, and 26th at

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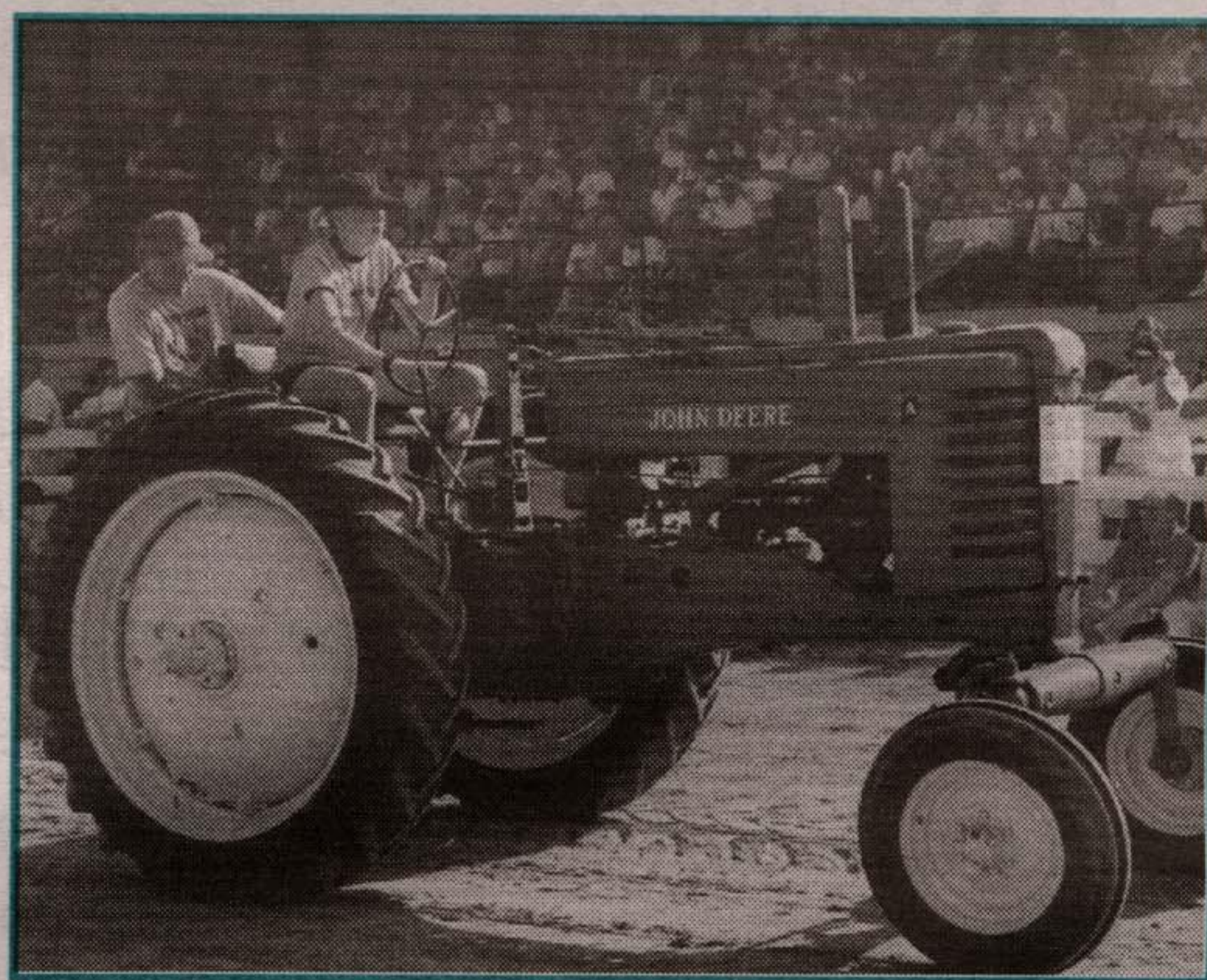


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GREEN POWER - Canadian farm history comes alive at the Milton fairgrounds as the Steam Era kicks off a super September in North Halton. John Deere tractors are featured at the is year's Steam Era on the Labour Day weekend. The Georgetown, Acton and Milton fairs also ensure there's lots to see and do for the whole family the entire month.

Inside This Month's Compass

G-town Fair Ambassador

1999 will always hold special memories for Sheena Butler not only as the end of the millennium, but because she won the title of the 1998/99 Georgetown Fall Fair Ambassador.

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A Special place...

Rose Cherry's Home provides pediatric hospice and respite services to families in Ontario who are coping with the stress of caring for a child with a life limiting illness, 24 hours a day.

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Shoebbox Memories

The Allison's originated from Barnard Castle, Auckland St. Helen's, Durham Co., and Yorkshire England and came to Canada circa 1830. Parker Allison's father John settled in Nassagaweya Township in 1831.

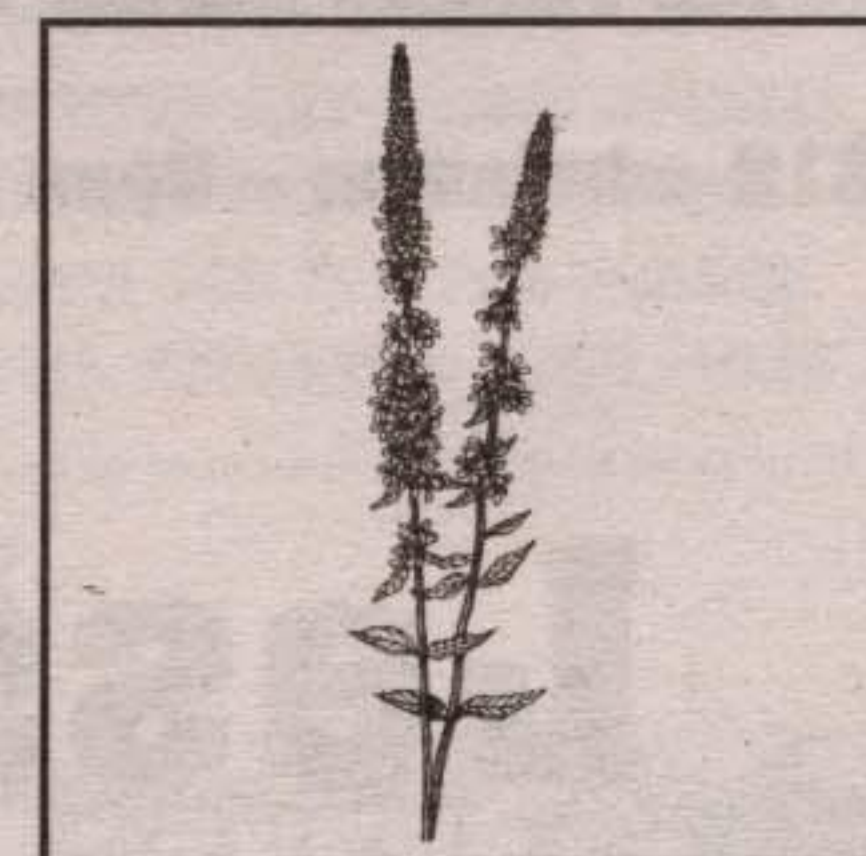
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The purple menace

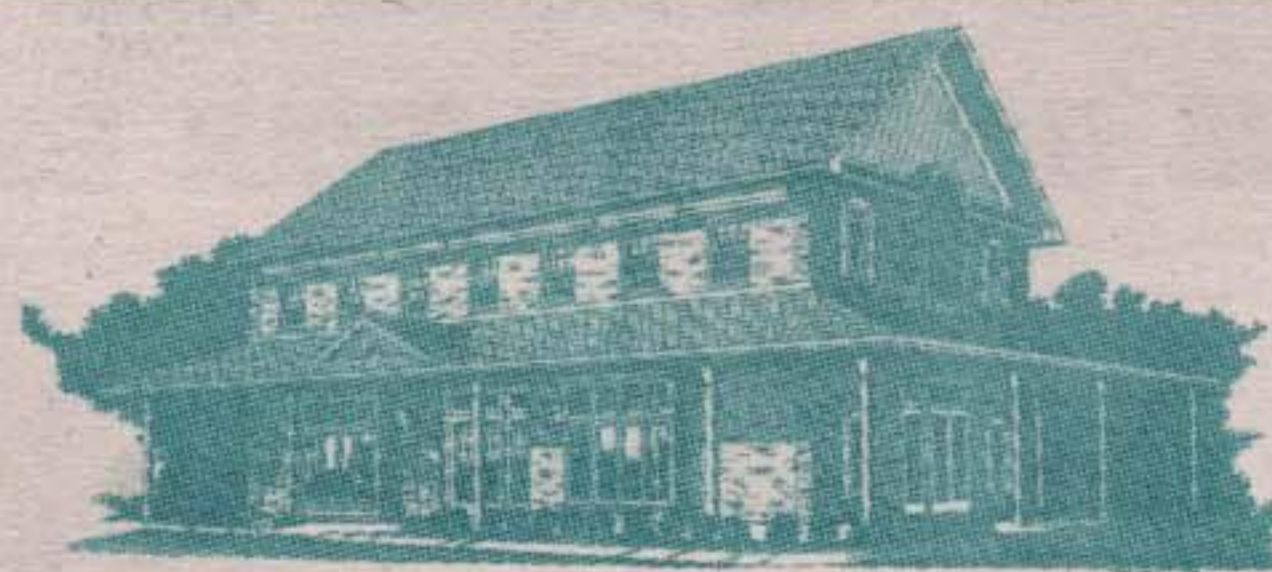
Purple loosestrife (Lythrum Salicaria), a hardy pink perennial, can rapidly degrade wetlands and contribute to the loss of fish and wildlife habitat.

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