

Steam Era this weekend

Special to The Compass

Avoid the traffic this Labour Day weekend by skipping the cottage and heading to the Milton Fairgrounds to partake in the 41st annual Steam-Era. The weekend event promises to be a fun-filled, entertaining time for the entire family.

Tonight's (Friday) show will feature Milton-born singer/songwriter Jamie Hamilton performing songs from his two albums. This year the evening performance offers grandstand seating for just \$2.

"By opening Steam-Era with a headline performance on Friday evening, we are hoping to draw even more families and young couples into the show, to see all that Steam-Era has to offer in terms of displays, exhibits, demonstrations, food and entertainment," explains Steam-Era president Brad Clements. "We'll still have our traditional grand opening parade around the fairgrounds track on Saturday to kick off the show. The Jamie Hamilton concert just gives us a head start."

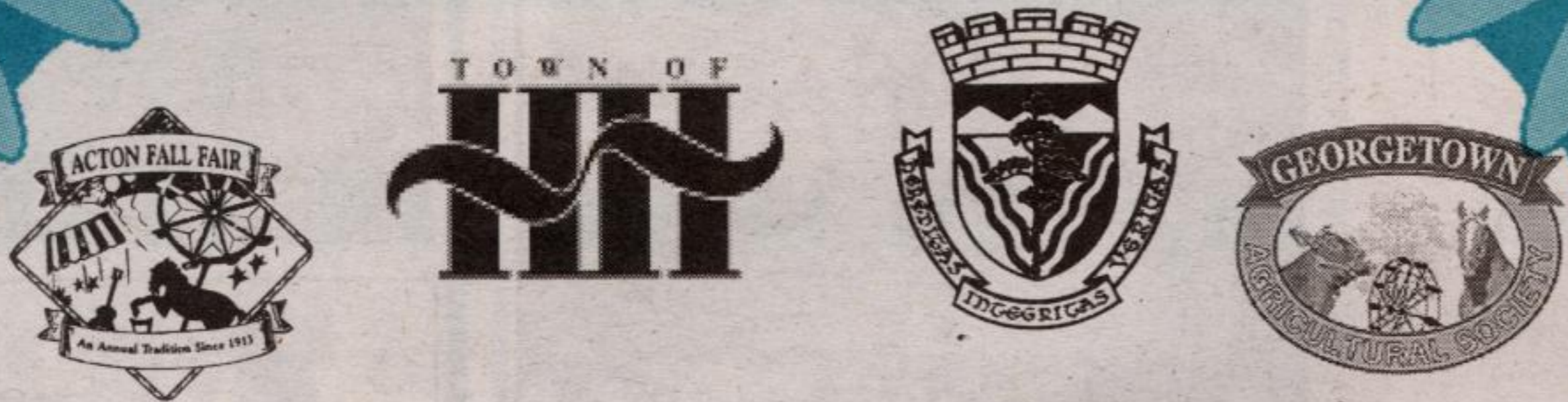
Additional evening entertainment will be provided on Saturday night with the 26th annual Country and Western Talent Contest and on Sunday night with a Variety Program. But the real stars of Steam-Era's daytime program are the hundreds of antique tractors and farm equipment that crowd the infield.

This year, Milton Fairgrounds

will turn "prairie gold" with the gold and red tractors of the featured Minneapolis Moline Power Company, formed in 1929. They were considered the technological leaders of their era with innovations that still stand the test of time. Minneapolis Moline takes centre stage in noon hour parades on Saturday, Sunday and Monday but they are just one of dozens of manufacturers on display and all will be proudly paraded in the daily Grand Parades at 4 p.m.

Heading the parade line as always will be the steam-powered giants of the early 1900s - tractors that are increasingly rare but still impressive with their noise, size and power. Other steam-powered demonstrations around the fairgrounds will include sawmills, shingle makers and threshers.

Tractors aren't the only entertainment on Steam-Era weekend. There are models and toys; working gas engines - full scale and model size; displays of century-old farm and household appliances. For the shopper, there are bargains at the Market Midway, the Flea Market, the Trading Post and the Arts and Crafts Building. The Second Stage offers a shady place to sit and enjoy dance, music, fashion shows and more and throughout the grounds, there are food concessions for everything from a snack to a full homestyle dinner.



*It's September and that means one thing
It's 2001 Fall Fair Season!*

Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle and members of Council wish the Georgetown Agricultural Society and the Acton Agricultural Society the best of luck with this year's fairs.

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable time.



**Come One, Come All to
Georgetown Fall Fair**

September 7,8,9, 2001 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Acton Fall Fair

September 14,15,16, 2001 at Prospect Park, Acton.

This year's fair features:

- **Horse Shows - English Hunter, Western, Heavy Horses (Clydesdales etc.)**
- **4-H shows • Dairy Cattle • Home crafts**
- **Antiques & Collectibles, Culinary Arts, Needlecrafts, etc.**
- **Pet Show and Kiddie Tractor Pull • Entertainment**
- **Demolition Derby • Truck & Tractor Pull**
- **Rides, Rides, Rides**
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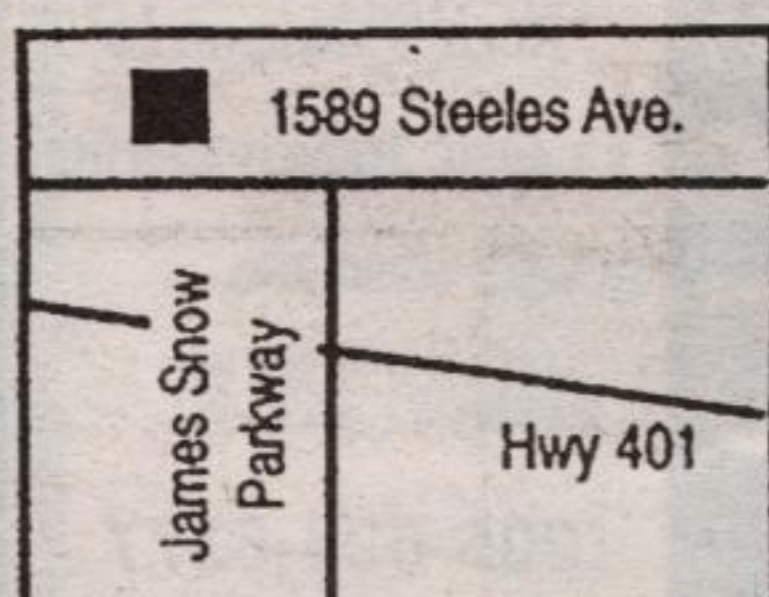
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