



DANCIN': Dozens of future dancers showed up for the Dance Inn registration night last week. Kara Devaan waits anxiously for her mom to fill out the forms.-
Danielle McIsaac photo

Halton Farm Tour today focuses on local farm operators in Region

Elected representatives in Halton Region will take an opportunity to learn about Halton's agricultural industry and some of the challenges facing farm operators through the annual Halton Farm Tour today (Thursday, Sept. 12).

The theme of this year's tour, "Changing Times, Current Issues", focuses on local farm operators and the impacts they are experiencing as a result of changes in policy, legislation, the economy, taxation and land use.

This year's tour includes a visit to the Marshall Farm in Milton to see the area of the proposed CN Intermodal facility; Brandalea Farm in Halton Hills to discuss the impact that the Nutrient Management Act is likely to have on a conventional livestock operation; and Andrews Scenic Acres/Scotch Block Winery to hear about opportunities to promote agri-tourism in Halton.

Following the tour of farm locations, the group

will proceed to the Halton Region Museum for a dinner based on locally-grown farm products.

The Tour is geared to decision-makers rather than the general public. Federal, Provincial, Regional and Local elected representatives are invited to attend along with provincial and municipal staff, members of the school boards, Conservation Authorities, Committees of Adjustment, Advisory Committees and the media.

Farms are now eligible for fire inspections

Halton Hills council has given its fire department the green light to work on improving fire safety for area farms. Farms will now be eligible for fire inspections the same as other businesses and can ask for them as a means of finding ways to improve their operations. A bylaw will also be implemented requiring farms to have permits for open air burns.

It is sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) as the corner stone of its Information and Education program. Members of HAAC volunteer their knowledge and awareness of the agricultural industry, economy and community by advising Halton Region on proposals, policies and other concerns affecting this sector.

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