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Back to basics



Back to school meant back to work as students across Halton Hills headed to the classroom Tuesday morning. Ten-year-old Taylor Farkas showed her new teacher, Debbie Rauch, that she kept her math skills sharp over the summer as she started her first day of Grade 5 at Harrison Public School.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Georgetown Fall Fair brings back old-time events

Some old-time favourites, including a pie-eating contest and tug-of-war competition, will be revived at the 158th Annual Georgetown Fall Fair this weekend.

The fair, set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (September 10, 11, 12) at Georgetown Fairgrounds will also feature several activities for youth, including a Georgetown Idol competition, said fair advertising co-ordinator Betty Stenning.

"We're trying to get the youth more involved," she said.

"The agricultural awareness tent is big on Friday," she said.

The midway opens at 4:30 p.m. Friday and the Georgetown Fair ambassador competition begins at 6 p.m. fol-

lowed by youth bands at 7 and 9 p.m.

Kinsmen Girls Softball is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, followed at 9 a.m. by the English horse show and Halton 4-H rabbit club achievement show.

The midway opens at 10 a.m., and the junior dairy show is at 11 a.m.

Providing the entertainment Saturday at 6 p.m. will be local musician Jennalynn Fleisch. The demolition derby will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. followed by teenage bands.

The poultry show will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. At 10 a.m. the midway opens and the pony mounted games show and heavy horse show will be held.

Stenning said the popular children's pet show will be held at 10:30 a.m. fol-

lowed by the kiddie tractor pull at noon.

Also on Sunday high school cosmetologists will give makeup demonstrations on their friends and the finales of the tug-of-war, Junior Idol and pie-eating contests will be held.

"I think it's going to be an excellent fair this year," said Stenning. "We want to encourage all new families to the area to be a part of the Georgetown Fair and start your own tradition. Bring your families and friends."

She added area residents should consider volunteering at next year's fair.

In light of the riot at the fair last year the Agricultural Society has worked with Halton Regional Police Service to improve security.

This year police will set up a command post by the entrance of the fair to assist with security issues and double fencing around the property will allow police and volunteers to easily identify trespassers.

Gate staff will be inspecting backpacks and other bags for alcohol and weapons and unsealed beverages won't be allowed in the park.

The fair is open Friday from 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for a weekend pass, \$7 for adults Friday and Saturday (\$5 on Sunday), and children 7 to 12 \$3. Children under 6 get in free.

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—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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