

# Acton Fall Fair

## Weekend

### September 15-16-17

## Please, no dogs at the fair

I can't believe its fair time again. This year's edition, our 93rd annual starts tomorrow (Friday, September 15) and runs through to Sunday. Acton has welcomed many new residents the past few years and I especially encourage them to attend our fair. Then you will realize, as long time residents have known for years, that the Acton Fair has earned its reputation as "one of the best little fairs in Ontario."

Friday, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. is education day. This popular event gives our young school children an opportunity to see the exhibits, have lunch and a hayride while the park is closed to other attendees. I hasten to add that pre-school children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Seniors are welcome to attend Education Day also.

Education Day is a great opportunity for school children to get a sense of Acton's agricultural roots. The rides and midway games will not be open. There's lots to see and do though, and the children have a ball. Ken Jen's Petting Zoo should be in full operation.

At 4p.m. the gates open but please note the midway rides usually don't start until around 6p.m. Friday evening we have the heavy horse pull, all the exhibits and, of course, the Miss Acton Fall Fair Pageant.

During the Miss Acton Pageant you will be entertained, not only by the poise and talents of the

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contestants, but also by "The Essentials." This internationally known group sings A Capella.

Before we get too far into the jam packed schedule of events a word about parking. It's going to be in short supply this year. We will always have room for handicapped parking for those who have the appropriate identification on the car. We will try to accommodate any seniors with mobility problems if you speak to the nice people at the front gate. All others, please walk to the fair or

look for off-site parking.

The reason for the parking shortage this year is two-fold. Firstly, the construction for the Rotary bandshell has been started and hoarding will be around it. Secondly, the Acton Agricultural Society will have a display set up next to the tennis courts. More on that later in this column. Tyler Transport will be running its shuttle bus between the fairgrounds and the legion parking lot Saturday and Sunday. There are two free public parking lots just off Mill St., one block east of Main. From there it's just a short walk to the fairgrounds.

Saturday will be an action packed day. The midway will be roaring, beef cattle,

Jr. 4-H show, western horse show, and many other activities make for a busy morning. At noon the annual parade will start at McKenzie-Smith School and proceed down Mill St. to the fair.

Please note: There are huge lineups at the roundhouse immediately following the parade. Chaos would be an understatement. Children and infants are everywhere. For safety's sake, no vehicles will be allowed down Knox or along Park from Mill for about 45 mins. after the parade reaches the fair.

Regular fairgoers know that it's wise to purchase your entry ticket before the parade reaches the fairgrounds. Actually, the best deal for admissions is a three day pass. Each stub is good for one admission for one day. But, if for instance,

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