

Fall Fair resounding success...

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then our total profit is staggering," Medland wrote.

She said under the guidance of general manager Mike O'Leary, the Dufferin Rural Heritage Community Centre is flourishing, showing a 30 per cent net increase in profit with revenues up 17 per cent, averaged on a per month basis, and expenses up just six per cent.

In his report to the Board, O'Leary said the Board continues to make payments to the Town on a \$1.6-million loan for the new building which is repayable over 13 years.

He said that the building continues to get rave reviews from user groups, spectators and the general public and that has translated into high bookings.

"Over the next 13-week schedule we have booked +/-62 hours per week. We are receiving new booking inquiries almost every day and are now trying to accommodate those with the times that are left," O'Leary said, adding they are busy from supper until closing each weekday, and on weekends they are fully booked from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

He said they continue to juggle the demands of the various groups that want to book time, and also reported that the one year inspection of the artificial turf showed it is in excellent shape with little evidence of wear.

With beer sales of \$42,900 and expenses of \$28,848, it was a record year for the Spot in the Park. Chairperson George Henderson said the warm, sunny weather

meant the beer tent was busy and showed a sizeable profit.

Henderson said that improvements to the serving areas and their own ice machine helped improve efficiency, and they had 12 additional servers who had completed the Smart Serve training program.

Miss Acton committee chair Natalie Tuitman reported that they had 10 contestants for the 45th edition of the pageant. She said the committee worked hard to solicit many donations of prizes that were awarded to Miss Acton Justine Martin and her two runners-up, Rachel Moore and Larissa Schaubreitner.

There were 70 babies entered in the Baby Show, down by three from the previous fair, and they had 73 sponsors who donated gifts and prizes for all contestants.

"The community has been very generous with donations - we are able to give something to each baby and that means a lot," Baby Show chair Caroline Bell said on Sunday, adding the event always draws a large crowd.

The 50th anniversary of Homecrafts included a special ceremony with the first Homecraft president, Erma McEnery and other past presidents in attendance.

The Western horse show was so well received that there are

proposed plans to expand it this year, and there were 140 pulls for the highway truck and garden tractor events.

Education Day chair Deb Mashinter reported that just over 1,000 school children and adults attended the popular event that featured indoor demonstrations and events and outdoor games and activities including a tractor show and a digging contest.

She said that the goals for this year's fair include continuing to develop new interactive displays, bringing in more machinery demonstrations, possible fundraising within the local schools and increasing the size of the committee, possibly including junior members.

Agricultural awareness director Kent Frost reported that the awareness tent was successful in its second season, featuring four types of draft horses, a cow milking display and a pig mobile.

They had three chicks hatch on Education Day and Frost reported that a turkey fundraiser brought in \$638.

Frank Hanes returns as President for another year and the other elected officials include John Miller as first vice-president and Russ Murray as second vice-president.

The 96th edition of the Acton Fall Fair is slated for September 18, 19 and 20.



2009 DIRECTORS ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: The officers and directors of the Agricultural Society were chosen at the Annual General Meeting at Knox Church hall, Saturday. Front, 1 - r, 2nd V.P. Russ Murray, 1st V.P. John Miller, Pres. Frank Hanes, Homecraft Pres. Judy Burtney, Sec-Tres, Jill Medland, Middle row: Natalie Tuitman, Mary Walsma, Susan Kuechler, Debbie Mashinter, Caroline Bell, Kathryn Brown, Kent Frost (with our newest Junior member), Back row: George Henderson, Brian Kuechler, Bill Lasby, Charlie Plouffe, Willy Tallon, Hank Wlsma. Absent: Stacey Hewitt, Jim Richmond and Dale Hewitt. - *George Henderson photo*



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