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# Milton Fall Fair offering some extras in event line-up this year

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

The 148th Milton Fall Fair is set to take centre stage this week-end.

Fair-goers will be able to see their favourite events like the pet show, truck and tractor pulls, demolition derbies and the beef, poultry, sheep, fruit and vegetable and hay and grain competitions.

Crafts, art and photography will also be on display.

"Most of our musical entertainment is brand new to the fair," said Nancy Comber, secretary-treasurer of the Halton Agricultural Society, the organizer of the fair.

"We added an additional day for the demolition derby (Friday night) because it's been so successful in past years. An extra day for the Kid's Tractor Pull was also added (Saturday)."

Tater Vox, an urban electric folk rock band, will perform Friday at the Grandstand.

The pet show, a fall fair favourite, will take place Saturday and Sunday.

"We change the sections from year to year," Ms Comber said.

"One year we might have a Blackest Cat category or one year a Cat with the Longest Tail category. Also, the specific fruits and vegetables for the (fruits and vegetables) competition might change."

Because of the diversity in interest from fair visitors it's hard to pin point the most popular events, she said.

"Young kids love the midway. We always draw huge crowds for the demolition derby; it's always a favourite. Parents will take their kids through the 'Agricultural Awareness' barn to see the mini horses and the sheep shearer. Kids like to get close to the animals."

The theme for this year's fair is 'Bees', Ms Comber said.

"Last year's theme was Apples. We have different prize categories that have something to do with bees, like crafts with bees or dressing your pet to look like a bee. The fairgrounds will also be decorated with (constructed) bees."

## Region seeks input

The Region of Halton is looking for some direction from the public as it prepares a new strategic plan.

Once developed and approved, the strategic plan will outline the goals of regional council over the next two-and-a-half years.

A public meeting will be held tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre (1151 Bronte Rd, Oakville) to hear comments and concerns.

Major themes of the meeting include smart growth and livability, mobility and prosperity, services to people, accountable and responsible government and accessible government.

A draft strategic plan can be viewed on-line at [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca).

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