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Downtown getting set for festival

The Milton Street Festival will take over downtown Milton this Saturday.

Running from noon to about 11 p.m. along downtown Main Street, the annual summer kick-off extravaganza promises to delight Miltonians of all ages— and of all musical tastes.

Continuing its strong focus on area acts, the festival will feature a number of local musicians, who'll play everything from country and blues to classic rock on four stages.

Headlining this year's event will be established Aerosmith cover band Mama Kin, which will close out the musical lineup at around 10 p.m.

But that's not nearly all of the entertainment offered throughout the day.

Along with an expanded Milton Community Resource Centre's Fun Fair — which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Town Hall's Victoria Park — the event will welcome back Reptile Rob and his slithery friends, while the addition of pirates will bring some swash-buckling delight to young and old Miltonians alike.

Other crowd-pleasers will include a stilt-walker, clown and magician.

The street party will also feature dozens of vendors as well as plenty of food to savour.

For a schedule of events and shuttle service times, visit www.downtownmilton.com.



Let the gardening begin

The Victoria Day long weekend is the traditional kick-off to gardening and patio season, and this year was no exception. Many headed out to area garden centres — including Taylor Nursery on Fifth Line — to select their favourite hanging baskets and bedding plants and browse garden furniture. At left, Linda Webster looks over some colourful Adirondack deck chairs made in Ontario of recycled plastic. Inset, Rhysa Harry-Paul, 6, beams as she shows her mom a flower she found.

Photos by Graham Paine

