

New attractions, more demo derby money at fair

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The 1996 Milton Fall Fair is just around the corner — and with a number of new attractions being added to an already jam-packed weekend, this year's event promises to be as entertaining as ever.

The 143rd annual Milton Fall Fair will kick off Friday morning with Youth Day, catering exclusively to students through various school tours, and conclude Sunday afternoon with the popular demolition derby.

Speaking of the derby, this exciting crowd favorite will be expanded to include a division for four-cylinder vehicles. This class of drivers will square off in competition on both Saturday night, starting at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon at

3 p.m. The regular derby class races will follow these smaller vehicles.

A dramatic increase in prize money — with each day's grand champion now winning \$545 and individual heat winners pocketing \$145 — should make the competition all the more intense. "The demolition derby has always been one of our main gate receipts, it's a prime attraction for the weekend," said Fall Fair president Richard Sovereign.

One new attraction fair visitors can catch all weekend is the agricultural demonstration/display barn situated at the south end of the Fair Grounds. The barn will house a wide range of farm animals and owners this weekend, all on hand to give the urban community a firsthand look at agricultural life.

Sheep shearing, cow milking, beef cattle, hors-

"We had about 20,000 visitors at last year's fair, and with the new additions we've made and all of the regular attractions, we're expecting even more this weekend."

FALL FAIR PRESIDENT RICHARD SOVEREIGN

es, a cheese maker and a blacksmith will be just some of the activities and attractions available to see inside the barn.

In keeping with its agriculture theme, the fair will also include a petting zoo and various horse shows throughout the weekend, including Saturday's Ontario Barrel Racing Horse Show and a new Challenger Series Hunter Show slated

for Sunday morning. "We will also have our annual youth beef show and youth dairy show on Saturday and Sunday respectively," Mr. Sovereign said.

Adding to the country feel this year will be free rides on an antique farm tractor and wagon and a Saturday afternoon chili cook-off. Fair visitors will be invited to sample a bowl of delicious chili once the competition has ended and to make a donation to the Milton District Hospital Foundation.

A number of new entertainment acts are scheduled throughout the weekend. Among them are Yvette and Friends, a children's ventriloquism act performing Saturday at 1:30 and 3 p.m., the Mark Lewis Magic Show, taking centre stage at 1 p.m. on Sunday, and the Jazz Rascals,

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Sights set on run at Mountsberg

Runners from more than a dozen communities across southern Ontario are setting their sights on the fourth annual 10 kilometer Mountsberg Trail Run to be held this Sunday (Sept. 29).

The first 200 people to register will receive free t-shirts bearing the distinctive falcon logo of the race.

The Mountsberg race includes three events: A 10 kilometre figure eight trail run through meadows and forests; a two kilometre Junior Fun Run through the maple sugar bush; and a one kilometre Waddle, Dawdle, Stroll walking event for seniors or other wishing to participate. All runners will receive free fresh fruit and drinks after the run, a distinctive conservation lapel pin and the opportunity to win several draw prizes.

About 300 people are expected to register for the event, which raises money for the expansion and improvement of the R. Ross Craig Interpretive Centre at Mountsberg.

The first male and female finishers in the 10 kilometre race will each receive \$100 from the Village Runner store in Burlington. The top finishers in each of six age categories will receive medals. The first 100 kids to finish the two kilometre fun run will also receive medallions.

The cost is \$20 for the longer and \$12 for the shorter races.

Registration forms are available at all branches of Canada Trust in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown. Forms are also available at the front desk of The Canadian Champion, Oakville Beaver and Burlington Post newspapers.

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