

# LOCAL FAIRS



(Top left) Only the best of the best at the local 4-H club level competed with their carefully groomed and much practiced calf at the East Central 4-H Championship Show held recently at the Lindsay Central Exhibition. Evan Stanley of the Peterborough Club shows his calf in the Intermediate Showmanship class. (Top right) Kevin Shier of the Kawartha Lake-Haliburton Club competes with full concentration in the huge Intermediate Showmanship class at Lindsay Central Exhibition. (At right) Murray Matchett of Peterborough has been showing his dairy goats in this area for close to 40 years beginning as a small boy. Murray won best in show at Kinmount Fair and is shown with his prize winning champion goat, "Gingerbread Kaylee." Shown also is Canadian Goat Society director, retired dairy goat classifier and longtime judge, Kathy Steele of Barrie. (Bottom right) Kelly Thompson and her grandson Nick Thompson from Sunderland took part in the Poultry Show at the Uxbridge Fall Fair and won Reserve Champion with a Buff Brahma Hen. (Bottom left) Kate Johnson, the Uxbridge Fall Fair Ambassador, and three-year-old Leah Busato, take a spin on the carousel on Sept. 8 at Elgin Park. See Angelique's column on the fair page 11.

Photos by Cathy Hamill-Hill and Angelique Fawns





# Uxbridge Fall Fair thrills all ages

## Even bigger plans for next year's massive anniversary

The Uxbridge Fall Fair ran this year from Friday, Sept. 5 to Sunday, Sept. 8 and though the festivities saw a rainy start, this certainly did not dampen enthusiasm or attendance!



### Fawns' Foibles

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brand new event took place that day. The Cowboy Obstacle competition proved to be very popular. More than 45 horse and rider teams

tackled the challenging course.

Larry Bonehill and his wife Kathy Bonehill organized the event, and Larry Bonehill says "It looks like the sport is in demand. I think people want to have fun with their horses."

Another new adrenaline-laced event introduced this year was the "Battle of the Badges". This is a demolition derby class where emergency workers (firefighters, police, and EMS workers) battle it out.

Kevin Alcock, Uxbridge Fall Fair President says, "The Cruise-In Car Show was bigger than ever, bringing out the hottest street rides from all over. Uxbridge has an incredible amount of musical talent showcased in the bandshell as well."

Next year will be a very exciting year for the Uxbridge Fall Fair because it is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014.

Alcock says the board is already making quite a few preparations, including expanding the park's layout to bring increased visibility, a huge new vendor's tent, and some new competitions. There will be chainsaw carving demonstrations, more interactive displays, improvements to the crafts and vegetable buildings, and something special in the Midway.

"The heart of our fair is the volunteers that build it -- people from all walks of life from Uxbridge work together to create an annual celebration of what our community is all about it."

According to Kevin Alcock, Uxbridge Fall Fair President, over 10,000 people attended the Fair this year.

Alcock says, "We have the greatest vegetable show. The best homecraft building. The wildest tractor pull. There's just too much greatness to be seen and experienced at our fair to list here."

When my daughter and I drove into Elgin Park on Sunday, Sept. 8 there were throngs of smiling fair goers checking out the entertainment. However, the fair did not feel too crowded. There was plenty of room to explore, and lineups for food and rides were reasonable.

Sunday was toonie day, so every ride cost only \$2 in the Midway. Kids big and small were having lots of fun on the carnival rides.

After wandering past some exceptionally groomed cattle and fantastic specimens of poultry, Faith Fawns and I saw a big crowd milling by the outdoor riding pen. Dogs of all sizes and breeds were pulling their handlers about while cowboys and cowgirls walked around on western ponies.

The Canine Equine Challenge was taking place and raising money for a new animal shelter for Uxbridge-Scugog. First a dog and his person negotiate a fun course, and then a horse and rider tackle a combination of barrels, poles and a jump. The best combined time wins.

When the dogs and horses were done, a



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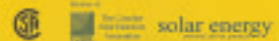
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**Annual Meeting** - Durham East & West Regions  
Desserts: 7:30 p.m. Meeting: 8:00 p.m.  
Annual reports of activities, finances & to consider  
recommendation to incorporate DRFA  
Elections for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Councillors  
& local delegates to the OFA AGM

**November 19th - 8:00 p.m.**

Speaker: Matt Setzkorn, Acting Executive Director,  
Ontario Farmland Trust

All meetings at

**Nestleton Community Centre**  
3971 Hwy # 7A Nestleton

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