

Annual Schomberg Fair opens its gates this weekend

This year, the Schomberg Agricultural Society celebrates its 167th annual spring fair which runs today (Thursday) through to Sunday.

Come out and enjoy all that they have to offer, starting tonight!

Thursday night, World's Finest Midway is offering the \$2 ride sale. Yes, that's right! All night toonie rides are back.

Homecraft exhibitors are invited to bring in their items to be judged tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. or from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) morning.

The Homecraft exhibit hall is returning to the community hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Enjoy a fresh sandwich or a delectable slice of homemade pie, made by Homecraft members and friends.

Friday night brings back the excitement of the demolition derby (drivers wanted), live music on the stage and of course, World's Finest Midway, and food and item vendors throughout the grounds.

Saturday morning brings back the annual tradition of the Schomberg fair parade. This is a "must see," beginning at 11 a.m. on Main Street. Avoid the rush and purchase a fair wristband at the gate, which opens at 9 a.m.

Immediately following the parade, take in the opening ceremonies and witness a live re-enactment in honour of showcase Canada's 150th birthday.

Saturday will see the first Draft Horse Clinic running in the show ring, DooDoo the clown, Aaron Matthews magician extraordinaire, exotic critters with The Keepers, World's Finest Midway and the greatest Agriculture Education Centre. Get up close and personal with the farm animals ??llamas, baby chicks, cows, goats, horses and sheep in the grand red and white tent.

Sunday always brings the tractor pull, horseshoe pitch, rabbits, guinea pigs and cavy show, mutt show, pet show, baby show, and of course, the family fun games for the youngsters.

For adults, visit the Bavarian garden ? this year with two sittings. The first Bavarian Garden runs from noon to 5 p.m. and the second begins again at 7 p.m. Look for the 30-foot inflatables and enjoy a cold one. Premium brands and coolers will be available, too.

Fan favorite Jack's Place will be selling hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs and cold drinks all weekend ??Friday at the derby and Saturday/Sunday outside the beer tent.

New for 2017, ATMs will be available on site.

Keep in mind this fair is the initiative of the Schomberg Agricultural Society. Their mandate is to educate the community and to stress the importance of agriculture in everyday lives.

There will be a "Bridge the Gap" fundraiser booth on site. The fundraiser is aiming to build a permanent bridge on the grounds that will last for years to come.

This year's theme "A Canadian A-FAIR" showcases Canada's 150th birthday. So come on out because this is the truly official start of spring in Schomberg. And to wear red and white, why? Because it's Canadian!

For more information, visit the website at www.schombergfair.com or phone 905-939-8283.