

Sylvia Jones MMP ? Several fun fall agricultural fairs are coming to the area

The fall fair is coming to town!

It's an annual event that I look forward to every year. I believe we are fortunate in Dufferin-Caledon because we don't have to travel very far to find a fair.

Throughout our region the fall fair stands as a festival that celebrates the contributions of our agricultural community and showcases the year's harvest.

In Dufferin-Caledon we are blessed with an abundance of farmland and agribusiness surrounding our towns, villages and hamlets. One advantage to living within an agricultural community is appreciating the variety of seasonal locally grown food that is readily available. Across the province, the agri-food industry contributes more than \$33 billion to the Ontario economy and agriculture in Dufferin-Caledon is an important contributor.

The fair is a perfect place to enjoy the last moments of summer, watch some of the competitions, take part in the exhibitions, catch a ride on the midway and stroll through the assortment of displays. Some of the highlights include the crowning of the fair ambassador, exhibits of farm equipment, demonstrations by local 4-H members and farmers, the demolition derby, tractors on parade, as well as the ever-popular midway. For a full listing of events and details, visit the local fairs' websites.

The fairs are organized by our various local agricultural societies, non-profit volunteer organizations and it is a tremendous effort on their part to put together this event every year. I'd like to recognize and say thank you to all the Agricultural Society Board members and all the volunteers who work so hard all year long to ensure the fall fair is fun and exciting.

The Orangeville Agricultural Society kicks things off on the Labour Day long weekend, Shelburne's Fall Fair runs Sept. 13 until 15, Bolton is set with their fair Sept. 19 to 22, Grand Valley Sept. 19 to 22 and the Region of Peel Agricultural Society hosts its fall fair from Sept. 12 to 15 at the Brampton Fairgrounds in Caledon.

Come out and see what's in store and see you at the Fair

