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On behalf of the government of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, I am pleased to welcome you to the 257th Hants County Exhibition.

I commend the Hants County Exhibition organizers for the modified events they hosted over the past two years, ensuring they maintain their status as North America's Oldest Agricultural Fair. Congratulations!

I am sure the community is looking forward to the return of a full slate of exhibition activities. Countless hours are spent each year by volunteers and organizers to plan a family fun event that showcases the best of the agriculture community.

Thank you to the organizers, exhibitors, and everyone who contributed to making this a successful event that will be memorable for many individuals and families in the province.

Sincerely,
Honourable Greg Morrow
Minister

West Hants
something inspiring awaits

Mayor Abraham Zebian
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On behalf of the Council and staff of the West Hants Regional Municipality, welcome to beautiful Windsor and North America's oldest agricultural fair, the Hants County Exhibition. This year's 257th Exhibition, rich in history and tradition, holds deep connections to the people of Nova Scotia.

At the Hants County Exhibition, there is SOMETHING INSPIRING for everyone; from horse shows and ox pulls, 4-H and school displays, to antique engine and tractor pulls, animal and craft displays, competitions and learning opportunities for the kids. Guaranteed family fun since 1765!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and staff for once again organizing the historic Hants County Exhibition. Your contribution is invaluable to our region and the Agricultural Society. We wish you another successful event!

Fall is a great time to explore the beautiful communities throughout West Hants with treasures in every nook and cranny: incredible shops, restaurants, wineries and breweries, wonderous museums, historic sites, and incredible trails. As you explore, you will feel our history which is woven with tales of hockey, giant pumpkins, tides, and shipbuilding.

We trust your visit to West Hants Regional Municipality will be an annual tradition that will keep you forever INSPIRED!"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Windsor Agricultural Society

On behalf of the Windsor Agricultural Society, I would like to welcome you to the Hants County Exhibition. For 257 years Hants County has been hosting the exhibition, making it the Oldest Agricultural Fair in North America. We are very happy to continue to provide an opportunity for our community members to exhibit and compete with people from neighbouring communities during our fair.

Events of this magnitude take countless hours of planning. We'd like to thank all of our staff for the extra effort they put into preparing for this event. A big thank you goes out to all of our volunteers, sponsors, and committees for the continued support of our fair.

We would also like to thank our Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Government partners for the support during the past number of years. Their commitment to our organization ensures families who otherwise might not have an opportunity, are brought a little closer to agriculture and a greater understanding of where their food comes from.

As all of our exhibitors have put a great deal of effort, time, and care into preparing for this exhibition, please be sure to take in as many events as you can. You won't be disappointed!

Hants County Exhibition bringing communities together since 1765.
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Sincerely,
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Halifax Lancers Musical Ride

Come enjoy the pageantry, sportsmanship, and art of the Musical Ride!

Sunday September 25 @ 2:00pm indoors at Exhibition Arena

The Musical Ride was the genesis of Halifax Lancers. The Musical Ride was started by Dick Zwicker in 1936 as Canada's first youth equestrian "drill team" performing precise choreographed shapes and figures to music. From both the 16 horses and junior riders, the Musical Ride requires great technical skill and ability but also patience, character, dedication, and determination. The Musical Ride scarlet uniforms are a defining feature and are unique to the Lancers.

The Musical Ride is a wonderful showcase of the horse's adaptability and skill, as it is only one of the many roles they play at Lancers. The Musical ride is put together each year with the help of many dedicated volunteers.

About the Halifax Lancers

Canada's only non-profit, urban riding school was established in 1936 to enable "city-children" to experience the benefits of riding horses. All 27 Horses of Halifax are owned and cared for by Halifax Lancers and have played an important role in the life of Halifax for over eight decades.

A description of the first fair - the 21st of May 1765 -

"...cattle, horses, sheep, and hogs; good samples of grain of all sorts; butter, cheese, homespun cloth, etc. There were premiums and prizes given to encourage industry and agriculture. Forty horses fit for saddle or drought were brought and offered for sale... " Thom Aylward, local farmer and historian

Since that time what would become the Windsor Agricultural Society has presented the Hants County Exhibition in various forms and locations throughout the area, including Fort Edward. The not for profit Society purchased the current location on Wentworth Road (a former WWII training camp) in 1949.

In addition to the Hants County Exhibition, the 35 acre facilty (with 4 acres under cover) is home to many horse show and livestock events, gatherings and reunions, and a Thursday Farmers Market. A serviced campground is available for facility users and tourists alike. The Society also offers winter vehicle storage and portable bleacher rentals for festivals and events. **Hantscountyex.com**

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The Windsor Agricultural Society & Hants County Federation of Agriculture present:

Future Farmers Friday **September 16**

An adventure in agriculture & learning

Future Farmers Friday is an opportunity for local school children to learn about the production of food, and the agricultural industry while celebrating our local harvest.

On Friday September 16, 2022, the Oldest Agricultural Fair in North America will open our gates to over 700 local grade P-3 students, their teachers and chaperones for the 6th year of this popular event

The event is free to the schools attending and would not be possible without the support and engagement of the Hants County Federation of Agriculture, Windsor Agricultural Society, community volunteers, Hants County 4-H, and the many others who give their time, and knowledge to help make this special event happen.

New in 2022: ***The Windsor Agricultural Society is proud to announce that along with free admission to Future Farmer Friday, participating students will be give a bracelet for free admission throughout the first weekend with a paying adult.***

Jim Ivey photos

Hants County 4-H weekend September 16-18

In 2022 there are five 4-H clubs in Hants County with a total enrollment of 136 members and cloverbuds, 59 generous and dedicated leaders and volunteers. Hants County members enroll in a wide variety of projects, with over 25 different livestock and life-skills projects completed in 2022.

4-H members are not only involved in their individual clubs but also their communities, as they complete community service in a variety of ways. 4-H members represent their clubs at Exhibition competing to attend the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. Members also participate within the county at various public speaking events throughout the year. Members have attended Camp Rankin on an annual basis as well as participating in woodsmen and tug-of-war competitions.

Exhibition allows 4-H members to showcase their skills and hard work and allows them to learn and grow as leaders. It also gives the youth in the community the opportunity to see what 4-H is about. For more information about 4-H in Nova Scotia please visit: **www.4hnovascotia.ca**

Tentative Weekend Schedule

Bovine Ring *Friday Sept 16*
6:00pm – Jr. Rabbit Showmanship
6:15pm – Sr. Rabbit Showmanship
6:30pm – Champion Rabbit Showmanship
6:45pm – Rabbit Conformation

Bovine Ring *Saturday Sept 17*
9:00am – Sr. Beef Showmanship
9:45am – Jr. Beef Showmanship
10:30am – Champion Beef Showmanship
12:00pm – Jr. Dairy Showmanship
12:15pm – Sr. Dairy Showmanship
12:30pm – Champion Dairy Showmanship
1:00pm – Angus Conformation Classes
1:15pm – Shorthorn Conformation Classes
1:30pm – Hereford Conformation Classes
1:45pm – Simmental Conformation Classes
2:00pm – Charolais Conformation Classes
2:15pm – Other Purebred Beef Breeds Conformation
2:30pm – Commercial Conformation Classes
2:45pm – Feeder Steer Conformation Classes
3:00pm – Champion Beef Class
3:30pm – Holstein Conformation Classes
3:45pm – Ayrshire Conformation Classes
4:00pm – Jersey Conformation Classes
4:15pm – Other Dairy Breeds Conformation
4:30pm – Champion Dairy Breeds Conformation
4:45pm – Group of Three Dairy
5:00pm – Cloverbud Livestock Classes
6:00pm – Jr. Draft Horse Showmanship
6:10pm – Sr. Draft Horse Showmanship
6:20pm – Champion Draft Horse Showmanship

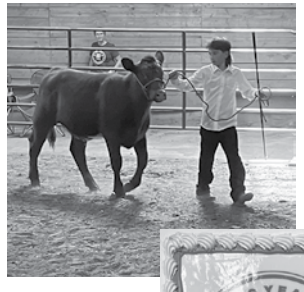
Bovine Ring *Sunday Sept 18*
8:30am – Sr. Sheep Showmanship
8:35am – Jr. Sheep Showmanship
8:40am – Champion Sheep Showmanship
8:50am – Sheep Conformation Classes
9:20am – Sr. Goat Showmanship
9:30am – Jr. Goat Showmanship
9:40am – Champion Goat Showmanship
9:50am – Goat Conformation Classes
10:30am – Tug-of-War – (Arena)
12:50pm – Beef Clipping Competition Showmanship
1:00pm – Dairy Clipping Competition Showmanship
1:10pm – Sheep Clipping Competition Showmanship

Harvest Stage (food court)
Saturday & Sunday
4-H life skills competitions at the until noon. (Food Prep, Crafts, Cake Decorating, Building Blocks, Woodworking)

Main Arena *Sunday Sept 18*
2:00pm – Grand Champion Livestock Showmanship

Bovine Ring *Sunday Sept 18*
3:15pm – Costume Contest
4:30 – Parade of Champions

*Light Horse / Mini Horse classes will take place in the Main Arena and the Dexter Construction Mary Henry Equi-Centre



Celebrating 100 years of 4-H in Canada!

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September 17 & 18 (Schedule page 27)

Magically spinning straw into gold at the Purple Puppet Wagon!

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Sept. 17 & 18 (Schedule page 27)

Halifax Circus

Halifax Circus is delighted to return to the Hants County Exhibition, where we'll be performing on the small stage, and interacting with the audience while doing circus skills such as sophisticated balance, juggling and other visual feasts.

Now in its 16th year, Halifax Circus is an artist-run non-profit devoted to the exploration, performing and teaching of circus arts. Our performers (halifaxcircus.com) have toured with Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Brothers, and have performed around the world. We train and perform at the highest levels, pass on those skills and experience through our school, and work with youth in difficulty through our free weekly outreach circus programs.
September 24 & 25 (Schedule page 33)

HCEx Light Horse Show

The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation Scotia Series light horse show features hunter/ jumper classes, as well as driving classes.

HCEx (novice) poles and barrel round out the show - a chance for young horses or inexperienced riders to get good competition experience

A number of special classes are featured on the schedule including the Hants County Jumper Challenge; Hooves, Paws & Boots Relay; as well as the Low Handy Hunter and Farmyard Stakes.

Special prizes will also be awarded to competitors for turn out and good sportsmanship.

The HCEx Light Horse Show is recognized as fun and entertaining for exhibitors and spectators alike.

September 23 - 25

The Windsor Agricultural Society is proud to have been awarded FCC AgriSpirit Funding in 2021 for bathroom upgrades in Hants County Exhibition Arena.

Unfortunately, we were not able to complete this project in 2022. Fairgoers and facility users can look forward to completion of this project for the 2023 season.

The FCC AgriSpirit Fund supports projects by charities, non-profit groups, First Nations bands and Metis settlements in communities of less than 150,000 people.

Thank you to Farm Credit Canada for their support.

Fresh new look!

The Hants County Exhibition Fairground's Main Vendor Hall and Industrial Building has received a fresh coat of paint, new windowsills and frames, and safety upgrades to the main entrance.

Thanks to support from the Government of Canada, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), this project has vastly improved the curb appeal of the Fairgrounds, and positively impacted all facility users. The Windsor Agricultural Society board members and staff have received many encouraging comments from the public regarding improvements to street appeal, as we continue to work on upgrades to this important community facility to ensure it is here for years to come.

We are thrilled to have this project complete to welcome the public back to a full 257th Hants County Exhibition in September, after more limited use throughout the pandemic.

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*On the Harvest Stage - in memory of **Mike Jamieson***

Ruth Manning & the Prospectors formed as a band in the fall of 2016 and have been playing dances, festivals, and various shows around the province ever since. Band members include Joel LeBreton (lead guitar/vocals), Graham Moorehead (bass/vocals), Scott Redden (drums) and Ruth headlining the band (vocals/acoustic guitar/piano). The group plays a variety of country, rock and 50s/60s music as well as many of Ruth's original songs. **Friday, September 16, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Campbell + Frauzel teamed up in 2021 performing original songs and reimagined cover songs. Strong vocals, great stories and fine playing are the hallmarks of this duo. Campbell has multiple awards as performer & songwriter including Int'l Singer-Songwriter Awards Vocal Duo 2018 & Album Of The Year 2019. Frauzel, a world class musician, has sung & played with numerous Canadian artists. **Saturday, September 17, 2:30pm**

The Jackson & Wirchenko Duo Jackson has been a mainstay in the Nova Scotia music scene for the past 30 years as a singer/songwriter, recording artist, saxophone player, guitarist, percussionist, music educator and band leader. The Jackson & Wirchenko Duo perform Jackson originals with son Jef on acoustic bass with a blend of traditional Blues, Roots, Folk and Country. **Saturday, September 17, 6:30 pm**

Whitehead & MacKay Duo Classic country singer Lucas Whitehead is 15 years old. This will be his 5th year singing at the Hank Snow Tribute is Liverpool. In 2019 he won both International Male Vocalist and Male Entertainer of the Year in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. "I met Lucas 8 years ago and was blown away by his young talents. His deep-rooted country sound blends nicely with the music I grew up playing. It is a pleasure to share the stage with this young man," BJ MacKay.
Sunday, September 18, 1:00pm

John Geddes Band have been performing in the Maritimes for over 20 years. John is well known for his guitar playing, having performed in top bands for over 40 years. They are the Hants County Christmas Angels TV show's house band and perform at festivals and events throughout Nova Scotia. Rounding out the trio are his wife Krista and bass player Wayne Swinamer. **Friday, September 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Andrew Hill is a 32 year veteran of the Southern Ontario music scene based between Toronto and Niagara his entire life, singing and playing guitar. Last year he relocating his family to the Annapolis Valley and is eager to establish himself into the Nova Scotia music scene. Andrew is a music teacher and an outstanding acoustic guitar soloist. When you watch Andrew sing and simultaneously play the guitar the way he does, it will leave you wondering how anyone can do that! **Saturday, September 24, 1:00pm**

Lisa Birt is a singer/songwriter from Prince Edward Island. She co-coordinated the Halifax Songwriters Group, a chapter of the Songwriters Association of Canada. Lisa's captivating on-stage performances are testimony to her years playing in Nashville and Austin, Texas. **Sat. Sept. 24, 4:00pm & 6:00pm**

The Richmond Line are Leona Burkey & Roger Stone - a meld of mutual influences, admiration & hometown harmony. Leona is an ECMA and MusicNS nominated songwriter with a singular open-heart voice and folk-rock style. Roger is a mainstay of maritime music, a multi-instrumentalist & gifted songwriter who brings a lifetime of craft to this duo…a double shot of Cape Breton troubadour charm. **Sunday, September 25, 1:00pm**

*Special thanks to HCEX Music Chair **Dennis Jones** for compiling this great line-up.*

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Hants County Exhibition Weekend One September 16-18

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Buildings open @10 - midway @ noon

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Exhibition Arena
9:45am - Mini Horse - Turnout
10:00am - Steer Pull
12:00noon - ***JES Mechanical*** Lt. Weight Ox Pull
2:00pm - Mini Horse – Working
2:30pm - Mini Horse - Reinsmanship
3:00pm - ***Rossy*** Medium Ox Pull
5:00pm - ***Payzant Home Hardware*** Horse Pull (Heavy)
7:30pm - Prepare area for western racing
7:50pm - HCEX Friday Night at the Races featuring:
MBRA ***Ram Rodeo Tour*** Open Barrels #1
& ***Nova International*** Open Poles #1

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
6:30pm - 8:30pm - Ruth Manning & Prospectors

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Exhibition Arena
8:00am - 4H Light Horse classes
9:00am - Prepare arena for pulls
9:30am - ***Payzant Home Hardware*** Heavy Ox Pull
11:45am - ***Valley Ford*** Medium & Light Horse Pull
2:15pm - Mini Horse Barrels
2:30pm - Prepare arena for western racing
3:00pm - 4-H Light Horse Western Barrels
3:20pm - HCEX Saturday at the Races featuring: ***Pothier Motors*** Little Dodge Challengers Barrels #1
MBRA ***Ram Rodeo Tour*** Open Barrels #2
5:30 pm - Mini Horse Roadster
6:00pm - ***Pothier Motors*** presents Little Dodge Challengers Poles #1
& ***Nova International*** Open Poles #2
8:00 pm - ***Ram Rodeo*** TOP TEN $1000 DASH 4 CASH
9:00pm - ***Sullivan Fuels*** Tandem Ox Pull

Wentworth Ox Pull Track
1:00pm - Consolation Ox Pull

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
1:30pm - Ventastic – Reimagining the Art of Ventriloquism
2:30pm - Campbell & Frauzel Duo, musicians
5:00pm - Ventastic – Reimagining the Art of Ventriloquism
6:30pm - Jackson & Wirchenko Duo, musicians

Purple Puppet Wagon
10:30am; 11:30am; 12:30pm; 1:00pm; 2:00pm; 3:00pm

HCEX Pull Track
1:00pm - Modified Truck & Tractor Pull
(Raindate Sept 18)

O'Brien Building
10:00am-5:00pm - Arm Wrestling Championships
9:00pm - midnight - Exhibitors Dance

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Exhibition Arena
7:15 am - 4H Light Horse classes
8:00am - Prepare arena for pulls
8:30am - ***Central Equipment*** Championship Ox Pull
10:30am - 4H Tug of War
11:30am - Prepare Ring
12:00 pm - HCEX Sunday at the Races featuring:
Pothier Motors Little Dodge Challengers Barrels #2
MBRA ***Ram Rodeo Tour*** Barrel Racing presents Open Barrels #3 Presentation
MBRA ***Ram Rodeo Tour*** High Point presentation
2:00pm - 4-H Grand Champion Livestock
3:00pm - ***Pothier Motors*** presents - Little Dodge Challengers Poles #2 & High Point presentation
Nova International Open Poles #3 & High Point presentation
5:00pm - ***Dexter Construction*** TOP TEN $1000 DASH 4 CASH

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
12:00 noon - Ventastic – Reimagining the Art of Ventriloquism
1:00pm - Whitehead & MacKay Duo, musicians
3:30pm - Ventastic – Reimagining the Art of Ventriloquism

Purple Puppet Wagon
10:00am; 11:00am; 12:30pm; 2:00pm; 3:00pm
Maritime Marionettes present Rumplestiltskin

Wentworth Ox Pull Track
1:00pm - Consolation Ox Pull

Main Courtyard
11:00am - ***Irving*** Woodsmen Competition

Dexter Construction Mary Henry Equi-Centre
10:00am- Mini Horse Obstacle
2:00pm- Mini Horse Poles

ALL WEEKEND
Cattle Barn - Hants County 4-H Show

Jim Ivey photo

Please note:
There are no advance carnival ticket sales in 2022

For your convenience while enjoying the HCEx

Parking lot shuttles

The Social Committee of The Crossing & Rafuse Golf Cars have teamed up again in 2022 to offer parking lot shuttles.

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We will be offering convenient locations around the fairgrounds to sit and charge your phones. **Please follow up on Facebook and Instagram for more information.**

Family Comfort Room

If you are looking for a quiet place to change and feed your baby or child, dressing room #7 in Hants Exhibition Arena will be set up for this purpose. It's not fancy but will be clean and offer a quiet break from the sights and sounds of exhibition.

Classic Heritage Beef Show September 23-25

The Hants County Exhibition **Classic Heritage Beef Show** has brought back the tradition of encouraging communication and education within the beef farming community. It celebrates the efforts of a farmer's hard work and dedication to his/her livestock. The resurrection of the professional showing of beef cattle at the Hants County Exhibition does much to ensure the future of beef farming and agriculture in Atlantic Canada. This top quality beef show is back for it's fifth year in 2019, and over 250 head are expected from across Eastern Canada.

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Hants County Exhibition schedule:

Friday, Sept 23:
1:00pm - Angus Futurity
2:00pm - Hereford Futurity
4:30pm - Commercial
6:00pm - Charolais
7:00pm - Simmental

Saturday, Sept 24:
11:00am - Angus
12:30pm - Shorthorns
2:00pm - Herefords
6:00pm - Supreme Class

Classes offered
Heifer calves
Yearlings Heifers
Two year old cows with calves
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Yearling bulls
Two Year old bulls

Don't miss the Roast Beef Supper, Saturday September 24 @ O'Brien Bdlg!
Featuring local beef & vegetables

Spence Hall

A Spence Managed Forest project

Ribbon cutting & grand opening Friday Sept 16 @ 6pm

Spence Hall (formerly the milk house used during exhibition) is now the main pedestrian entrance to the Cattle Barn. The renovation features a lounge area to take a break or charge your phone, along with two upgraded washrooms.

THANK YOU! A willingness and interest in investing in the HCEx Fairgrounds, which has meant so much to so many families over the years, led the Spence family to reach out to the Windsor Agricultural Society to come up with a meaningful project to improve the experience of the next generations of users. The Board of Directors, staff and facility users alike, are all so grateful for this project.

WAS welcomes other families to get in touch to discuss small (or large) projects in memory of loved ones or good times had, that will make a difference to our beloved facility.

Norman Spence:
Nov. 3, 1911 - Aug.15, 2004

Norman Spence and his wife Rae were in the business of farming and forestry. They were saw mill owners, farmers and Hereford breeders. Norman served as President of the Windsor Agricultural Society from 1964-1981. He was an active showman at Hants County Exhibition with his two sons, Bruce and George. Together they showed their leading Hereford genetics at this fair as well at other provincial fairs and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. As mill owners, the family exported lumber after WW2 to rebuild England and Europe. Norman also served the riding of West Hants as MLA from 1963-1970. Later in their senior years, they formed a small family company called Spence Managed Forest. As a farmer, Norman put together a large beef farm in the area raising cattle with help from his sons. His son Bruce (1943- 2015) carried on with farming and continued to support the Hants County Exhibition.

A sneak peak of mural creation in progress

Murals showcasing agriculture and managed forestry

Local artist Natalie Rippey (BFA) has been engaged to paint two murals for Spence Hall. The first is meant to represent the agricultural landscape of Hants County, along with the Hereford breed so important to the Spence family. The second, portrays elements of good forestry management, something deeply valued by Spence Managed Forests.

Many thanks to Truro Agromart and Elmsdale Lumber for sponsoring the creation of the Spence Hall murals.

257th Hants County Exhibition presents:

Pets @ HCEx

Glooscap Hot Dogs

Glooscap Kennel Club is looking forward to seeing you at the 257th Hants County Exhibition. The dogs and handlers alike, are ready to entertain at the Glooscap Hot Dog Show Ring from 1pm-5pm on Saturday. They'll also have a special performance in Exhibition Arena at 12:55 on Sunday.

And don't miss the Glooscap Hot Dogs teaming up with riders on horseback, along with a runner on foot, for the always exciting and fast paced jumper class - **Hooves, Paws & Boots Relay** on Saturday evening at 6:00pm.

September 24 & 25

Hants County 4-H Petting Farm

Hants County 4-H members and family look forward to welcoming kids of all ages to come meet, and get to know our animals. The 4-H program is now in it's 100th year in Canada! **September 24 & 25**

Pet Parade

Children under 12 are invited to bring their pet (whatever their pet may be), dress up and join the parade! All participants will recieve at HCEx rosette ribbon awarded in various categories. Children with pets entering the Pet Parade are admitted free on Sunday. Please be at the Harvest Stage by 10:15am to register.
Friendly pets and children only please!

September 25, 10:30am

Hants County Exhibition Weekend Two September 23-25
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Buildings open @10 - midway @ noon

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
Exhibition Arena
HUNTERS: Start time TBD
18" Hunter #1 & #2
2' Hunter #1 & #2
2'3" Hunter #1 & #2;
Pony Hunter #1 & #2 (sm/med/lg)
12:30pm - Bean sprouts: Lead Line & Walk /Trot
1:00pm - ***Strum Insurance*** Low Handy Hunter Stake
2:00pm - Walk/Trot/Canter (Eq & Pleasure)
2:20pm - Under Saddles & Champion Pres.
2'3"; 2'; 18"; Pony Hunters
Presentation of ***Avon Equine*** Top Hunter over fences
Presentation of ***Leanne Myles*** Turnout Award
JUMPERS (3:00pm course set)
4:00pm - Welcome Classes
0.75m; 0.85m; 0.9m; 1.0m; 1.1m
6:00pm - Speed Classes
0.75m; 0.85m; 0.9m; 1.0m; 1.1m
8:30pm - ***GFL*** Hants County Jumper Challenge

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
6:30pm - 8:30pm - John Geddes Band

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24
Exhibition Arena
HUNTERS: Start time TBD
2'6" Hunter #1 & #2
2'9" Hunter #1 & #2
3' Hunter #1 & #2
12:00 noon - ***Central Equipment*** Farmyard Stake
3', 2'9" and 2'6"
1:30pm - Under Saddles & Champion Pres.
Presentation of ***OK Tire*** Top Hunter over fences
Presentation of ***Leanne Myles*** Turnout Award
3', 2'9", 2'6" Hunters
JUMPERS: (2:15pm course SET)
3:00pm - MINI PRIXS
0.75m; 0.85m; 0.9m; 1.0m; 1.1m
Presentation of ***R & G MacDonald Security*** Sportmanship Award
5:00pm ***Clarence Farm Services*** Championship Jumper
6:00pm - ***Tim Hortons*** Hooves, Paws, & Boots Relay
7:30pm - Open Arena Driving - Dressage
8: 30pm - **Lindsay Construction** HCEx Barrels #1
9:00pm - **Windsor Home Hardware** HCEx Poles #1

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
Noon - Halifax Circus stage presentation
1:00pm - Andrew Hill, musician
3:15pm - Halifax Circus stage presentation
4:00pm - Lisa Birt, musician
7:00pm - Lisa Birt, musician

Glooscap Hot Dog Show Ring
1:00pm – 5:00 pm Glooscap Hot Dogs

Halifax Circus performs throughout fairgrounds
1:00pm- 3:00 pm Halifax Circus

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 (continued)
Main Courtyard
9:00am - Firefighters Challenge

HCEX Pull Track
1:00pm - Demo Derby
(Raindate Sept 25)

Mad Science
12:30pm, 2:30pm & 4:30pm

O'Brien Building
4:00pm - 7:00pm (or until sold out)
Harvest Roast Beef Dinner

Hants County 4-H Petting Farm
All Day

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25
Exhibition Arena
9:00am - Halifax Lancers Musical Ride Rehearsal
10:00am - Open Arena Driving - Cones
11:00am - **Lindsay Construction** HCEx Barrels #2
11:45am - ***Windsor Home Hardware*** HCEx Poles #2
12:15pm - Open Arena Driving - Obstacle
12:55pm - Glooscap Hot Dogs
2.00pm - Halifax Lancers Musical Ride presented by ***West Hants Municipality***
2:30pm - HCEx Tug of War Championships
3:30pm - ***Ultramar*** Invitational Ox Pull

Atlantic Lotto Harvest Stage
10:30am - Pet Parade (around stage area)
11:30am - Halifax Circus stage presentation
1:00pm - The Richmond Line, musician
3:30pm - Halifax Circus stage presentation

Halifax Circus performs throughout fairgrounds
12:30pm - 2:30 pm Halifax Circus

Mad Science
Noon, 2:30pm & 4:00pm

Hants County 4-H Petting Farm
All Day

ALL WEEKEND
Cattle Barn - Beef Show

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The Hants County Pumper Duty Race

Saturday, September 24
9:00am

The Hants County Pumper Duty race is a fun opportunity for various fire departments to get together and showcase their skills.

Firefighters compete by completing 4 tasks in the shortest times; hooking to a hydrant, dressing in full PPE, readying the hose line and then using the hose knock over an object 75 feet away. Demerit times are given for missed steps in the process.

The competition not only showcases fire fighter's skills, but training for it keeps fire fighters ready at all times as these tactical skills are used on the fire ground.

The Pumper Duty Races are excited to be part of the line up at this year's Hants County Exhibition which will include various department apparatus, fire prevention, displays, and vendors.

Come see firefighters showcasing their skills!

or to register: karilynstewart@gmail.com

Woodsmen Competition

Sunday, September 18
11:00am - 2:00pm

The 2022 Hants County 4-H Woodsman Event will see 4-H members, both local and from other counties competing in five events, including sawing events (single pulp cut, double pulp cut and double cross cut); water boil; and a special event with a Hants County twist.
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Introducing our new caretaker

The Windsor Agricultural Society is pleased to introduce **Al MacDonald** as the new caretaker of the Hants County Exhibition Fairgrounds. Al was born and raised in Hantsport and spent a large portion of his younger years attending, helping out, and working at the annual Hants County Exhibition. Al brings to the job carpentry and painting skills, along with a positive attitude. "With fond memories of the past and a drive for the future, I'm pleased and excited to be returning home to Nova Scotia from the west to join the HCEx Team".

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Saturdays - September 17 & 24

One randomly selected family will be chosen **"Nova Scotia Power Fair Family of the Day"** at the main entrance gate on both Saturdays of the HCEx. The lucky family will receive free admission to the HCEx for the day, midway tickets, a free pizza, and drinks (up to $200 estimated value)**.**

***a photo release form will be required to be signed by an adult, so a photo can be taken with the "NOVA SCOTIA POWER Fair Family of the Day" banner - to share on social media.*

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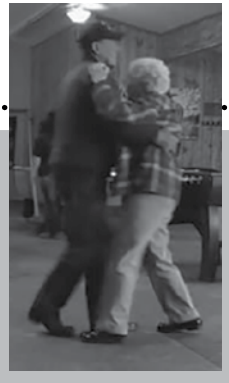
Nova Scotia Arm Wrestling Association Competition

Is it strength or technique? Come watch and decide for yourself! The weigh-ins for the competition will be 10am -11am. The competition will commence shortly after the end of the weigh-ins starting with Junior competition. Amateur and Elite competition will follow at noon and 2:30pm. Presented by the Nova Scotia Arm Wrestling Association. For further information, please contact: **ns.armwrestling@gmail.com**

Saturday, September 17,
10:00am-5:00pm
(or when finished)



DANCE! Like the old days at Hants County Exhibition!
Come dance to the tunes of "The Square Bale Trio"
Cover charge at the door.
Saturday, September 17,
9:00pm - 12:30am

Loyal HCEx goers and Cape Bretoners Vic and Shirley Jenkins enjoy a trip around the dance floor. (Paige Angevine photo/MBRA FB)

Homecooked Beef Supper!

O'Brien kitchen Saturday, Sept 24

Food Fantastique will be preparing a beautiful roast beef dinner at the Pioneer Seeds kitchen - featuring local beef and local roasted vegetables, along with yorkshire pudding and mushroom gravy. Eat in or take away. Served from **4:00pm - 7:00pm** (or until sold out)
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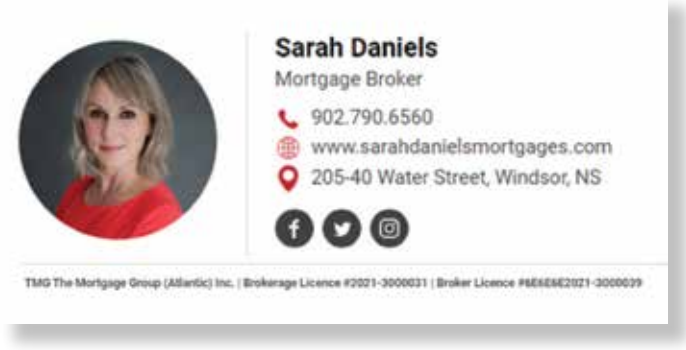

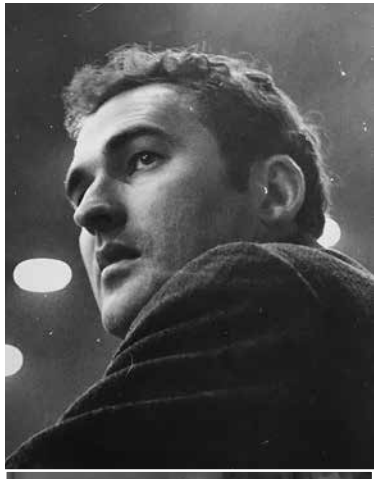

HCEx Champion

In memory of David Coombes

David started his career at Hants County Exhibition in 1965. Through much of it, he also managed Atlantic Winter Fair and Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. He passed away in 2018 in his 53rd year as Manager of North America's Oldest Agricultural Fair. His passion, commitment, and belief in the importance of agricultural fairs was second to none. In 2019 he was posthumously inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Since 2018 David's family have honoured his memory by presenting the David Coombes Exhibition Champion Award recognizing long term service and dedication to Hants County Exhibition.

This year's recipient will be announced during the final Sunday of the 257th Hants County Exhibition.

Long time HCEx security provider Ron MacDonald was the first recipient of the award in 2018. He is shown here with David's wife Frances and daughter Lisa.

Windsor Agricultural Society $1000 Agricultural Scholarship

Andrew Manning is shown accepting the 2018 WAS Scholarship from long time Society member John Wilson. Dean Manning, Andrew's dad (of Manning Greenhouses in Falmouth) was the first recipient of the scholarship over 30 years ago.

Windsor Agricultural Society has offered the scholarship for over 30 years, supporting Hants County students working towards a career in agriculture. The successful student must be accepted or presently enrolled in a field of study relating to agriculture (College, University or Community College) with aspirations of working in the Agricultural Industry.

The Society is very proud of past scholarship winners, many of whom are successful throughout many different sectors of the industry.

The Scholarship will be awarded during the final Sunday of the 257th Hants County Exhibition.

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Gone, but not forgotten

HCEx lost a number of important people over the past few years, including:

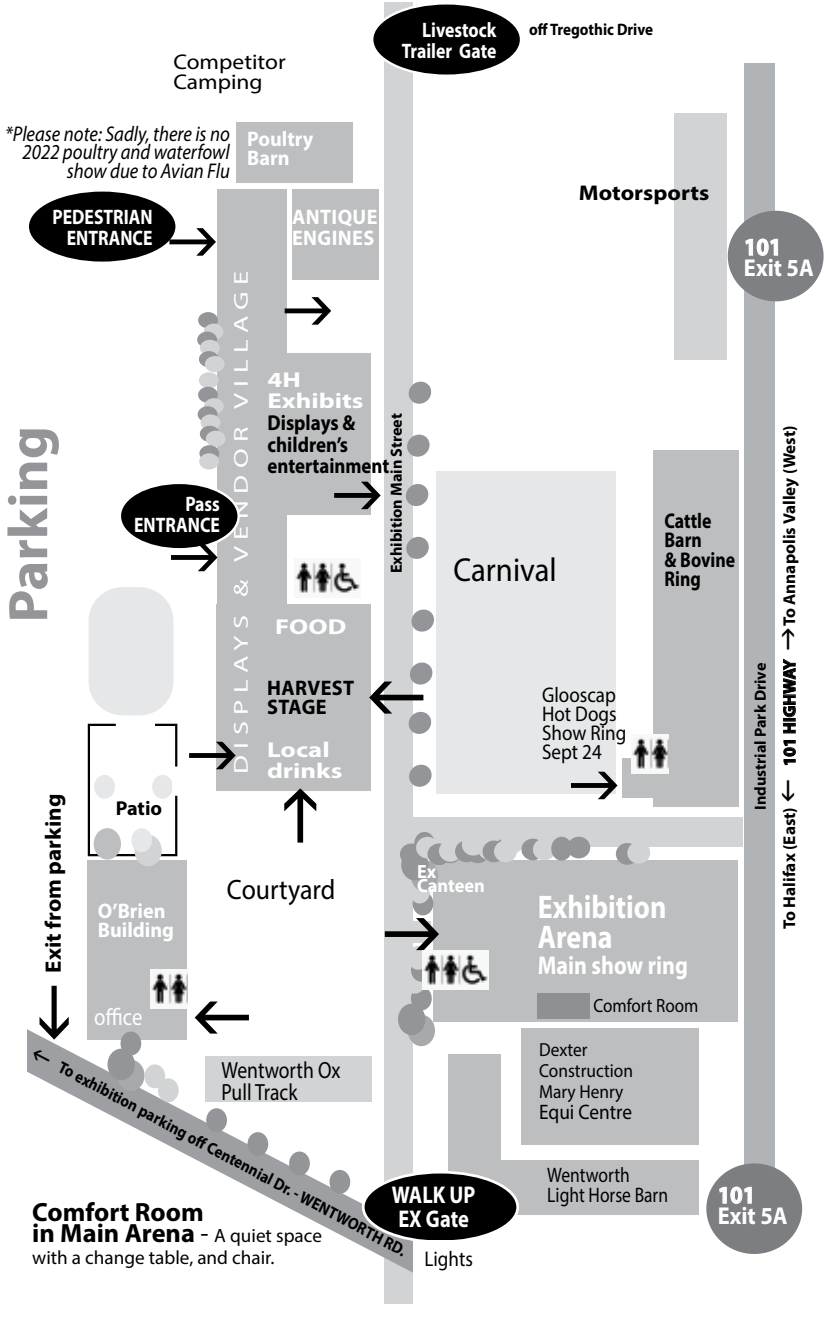
Tracey & Eldon Spencer were both long time employees at the HCEx. In 2018 they took over as on-site caretakers. Eldon was a pro at parking storage, and Tracey was an efficient and thorough cleaner, who took pride in her job. They were popular with the seasonal campers who returned each year, sometimes just to visit with Eldon and Tracey. The couple passed away this summer within months of each other. They're sadly missed by staff and facility users alike.

Michael Jamieson took over as HCEx sound technician in the early 1990's. No matter what type of event was happening at the Fairgrounds, Mike could always be counted on to have sound requirements in place and sounding great - and to be wearing a smile with a funny story at the ready. Mike passed away suddenly in May 2022. He was an important part of the HCEx team and is greatly missed.

Freeman Swinamer dedicated many years to the HCEx ox pull committee. Freeman was the voice of the HCEx ox pulls for much of it. If he wasn't working the microphone, he was there supporting family members with their teams. Freeman passed away in 2021. He is sadly missed on the ox pulling committee and will be especially missed at this year's HCEx. His wife Frances, shown here, remains an important part of the HCEx family.

Ben Swinamer was a long time member of the grounds and maintenance crew. He was also a avid supporter of ox pulls. Ben was a devoted Hants County Exhibition goer even as his mobility decreased, never missing one. He was here enjoying the ox pulls at the modified HCEx in 2021 on his scooter. His smile, kindness and sense of humour (and crooked cap) will always be remembered.

Roger Sanford was a dedicated worker for many years during the Hants County Exhibition on the barn crew. He passed away this spring. The Hants County Exhibition relies on many local people who come on to work the exhibition year after year. They are greatly valued and sorely missed when they are gone.



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