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Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair thrills crowds

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MILDMAY – “Back in Action” was the theme of this year’s Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair, and the event certainly lived up to it.

After two years of COVID-19 cancellations, people were looking forward to the 157th fall fair, as much to celebrate the opportunity to get together again as it was for the traditional displays and activities.

The Hon. Rob Black, Senator and chair of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry committee, officially opened the 157th Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair during the ambassador competition Friday, Sept. 9.

He paid tribute to the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the fair, and commented that he

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Pauline Kerr Photo

RIDING IN STYLE – Newly crowned Mildmay-Carrick Fair Ambassador Emma Lorentz rides in style during Saturday’s parade. See additional photos on page 10.

Concrete barriers create temporary confusion in St. Teresa of Calcutta school parking lot

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BROCKTON – The sharing of facilities by the Brockton Child Care Centre and St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School has had many benefits for both the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board that owns the property, and municipality. However, the parking lot has long been a sore point for everyone.

A report prepared by John Strader, acting director of operations, and presented at the Sept. 6 meeting of council

focused on the parking situation – or, to be more exact, the most recent attempt to correct it.

Concrete barriers were erected to separate school and daycare traffic, and the result was a flurry of text messages from confused parents dropping off children. No signage had been erected to direct traffic in the parking lot.

Municipal staff had met with school board officials to come up with a temporary fix for the parking lot situation, and to try and identify a long-term solution. As a short-term solution, the board agreed to install temporary jersey barriers (concrete barriers) to divide the parking lot between the daycare centre and the school.

The permanent fix proposed by municipal staff was to create a second, one-way entrance to the east of the existing entrance. Parking would be added with a drop-off area for the daycare centre. Strader said in his report that the school board “will be considering this in their 2023 budget.” Further discussion will be needed between the board and municipality to determine costs needed for the project.

Coun. Steve Adams spoke of getting a text from a “bewildered parent” about where to park and how to get around – they have a pickup truck. Adams noted that SUVs have problems in the crowded parking lot, which was identified during previous discussions.

Adams forwarded the texts to the clerk’s office. “Signage was the main thing,” he said, adding there were “very confused people ... this needs to be looked at.”

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Local officials offer condolences in wake of death of Queen Elizabeth II

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MIDWESTERN ONTARIO – Local officials are offering their condolences to the Royal Family following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen died on Sept. 8 at Balmoral Castle, her summer residence in Scotland, after 70 years on the throne. She was 96.

In a statement, Prince Charles, who automatically becomes king (a coronation will be held at a later date), said the death of

his mother, is “a moment of the greatest sadness” for him and his family.

“I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world,” Charles stated.

“During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which The Queen was so widely held.”

Condolences poured in locally

and from across the world not long after the death of Britain’s longest-reigning monarch and Canada’s head of state was announced by the Royal Family.

“Today, a page has not only been turned, but a chapter in our shared history has drawn to a close,” states a press release from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

“I know Her Majesty’s service to Canada and Canadians will forever remain an important part of our country’s history.”

Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb stat-

ed on Twitter, “People across the country will mourn the loss of the only monarch many of us have ever had. Let us take a moment to honour Her Majesty’s memory.”

The impact of the loss of Elizabeth, who served as queen since Feb. 6, 1952, will undoubtedly be profound in Britain and the Commonwealth, though it’s unclear what affect it will have on the monarchy itself.

Over seven decades, Queen Elizabeth brought stability to the monarchy, did not shy from mod-

ernization and helped oversee many periods of change and more than a few familial scandals.

Though she was less visible in recent years, she remained in control of the monarchy and in June was at the centre of celebrations in Britain for her Platinum Jubilee.

Born on April 21, 1926, the queen was married for more than 73 years to Prince Philip, who died last year at age 99.

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hadn't been expecting such a large crowd at the community centre.

Black spoke about the original purpose of fall fairs, to improve agriculture. Now they've become a family tradition, he said, and provide an opportunity for people to reconnect.

In closing, he commented on the need for government to support fairs and events like the one in Mildmay.

The ambassador competition was made possible by the contributions of 135 sponsors, as well as the nine eloquent and confident young women who vied for the title of 2022 ambassador of the fair.

After formal speeches, entertainment and impromptu questions, judges went behind closed doors to make their decision. The length of time they took indicated the decision was a difficult one.

However, Lauren Dillon, who served as fair ambassador for the past three years during COVID,

finally crowned her successor, 17-year-old Emma Lorentz, a Sacred Heart French Immersion student who aspires to a career in the Canadian Armed Forces.

First runner-up, who will wear the crown if, for some reason, Emma is unable to complete her year as ambassador, was Camryn Borth. Second runner-up was Gracie Metcalfe. Brooke Lorentz received the congeniality award.

All nine competitors participated in the many activities on Saturday and Sunday, handing out ribbons, riding in the parade and assisting wherever possible.

While this year's fair didn't have a demolition derby, it did feature a thrilling display by local firefighters.

Always popular were the 4-H competitions, displays on the arena floor, fall fair parade, the Saturday night dance, Sunday evening chicken barbecue, auction and card games. Sunday also had wood carving and a horseshoe competition.



Pauline Kerr photos

(Photos above presented in no particular order)

The Hon. Rob Black, Senator and chair of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry committee, officially opens the 157th Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair.

Entertainment at the ambassador of the fair competition Sept. 9 included a performance by Avery and Madalynn McGregor.

Emma Lorentz, centre, is the 2022 ambassador of the Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair. Here, she poses for a photo with fellow competitors (not in order) Gracie Metcalfe, Rylie Wise, Jana Kreager, Camryn Borth, Nicole Borth, Brooke Lorentz, Michaela Durrer, and Hannah Metcalfe.

Emma Lorentz is 2022 ambassador of the Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair.

Saturday's 4-H competitions gave young showmen the chance to show their calves and compete for top honours.

The Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair parade is always a crowd favourite.

This year's fair parade got a bit political, with candidates participating.

Among the more colourful floats was this entry.

Cyclists pop wheelies during the parade.

Enjoying the displays at the arena are Cohen Campbell, Jace Durrer and Evelyn Ehrlich.

Entries of all kinds were on display for the Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair.

Balloon flowers, animals and hats were among the attractions at the arena Saturday in Mildmay.

A thrilling demonstration by the fire department drew a huge crowd at the Mildmay-Carrick Fall Fair.