

# Fair makes profit despite rain

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The Georgetown Gemini Despite a driving rain which kept all but the really gung-ho away on the normally busiest day, the Georgetown Fall Fair was able to pay all its

bills and had a "little bit" left over following its 150th anniversary edition 10 days ago.

"We were surprised that we did as well as we did," explained Georgetown Agricultural Society president Jeff

Nurse on Friday.

"We had double the attendance on the Friday that we had a year ago - and that was a record - and then Sunday was quite a good day again," Nurse explained, attributing the crowds to the performances of the RCMP Musical Ride.

"Even with the show being rained out Saturday it was a surprise to see the end result turn out so good," Nurse said, noting that they had more sponsors involved this year and that helped defray expenses.

The Fair had an attendance of 13,000 people last year and Nurse said they expect that number to be down, but just slightly, this year.

During the rain on Saturday, Nurse said the agriculture tent and home craft buildings were crowded and on Saturday night the covered stands were full of people watching the mud flying in the demolition derby.

One of the big disappointments, according to Nurse, was the rain cancellation of the dairy cattle show, which had the largest number of entries ever.

"There were over 120 head entered for the show we had an awful lot of 4-H kids who

had hoped to show for the first time.

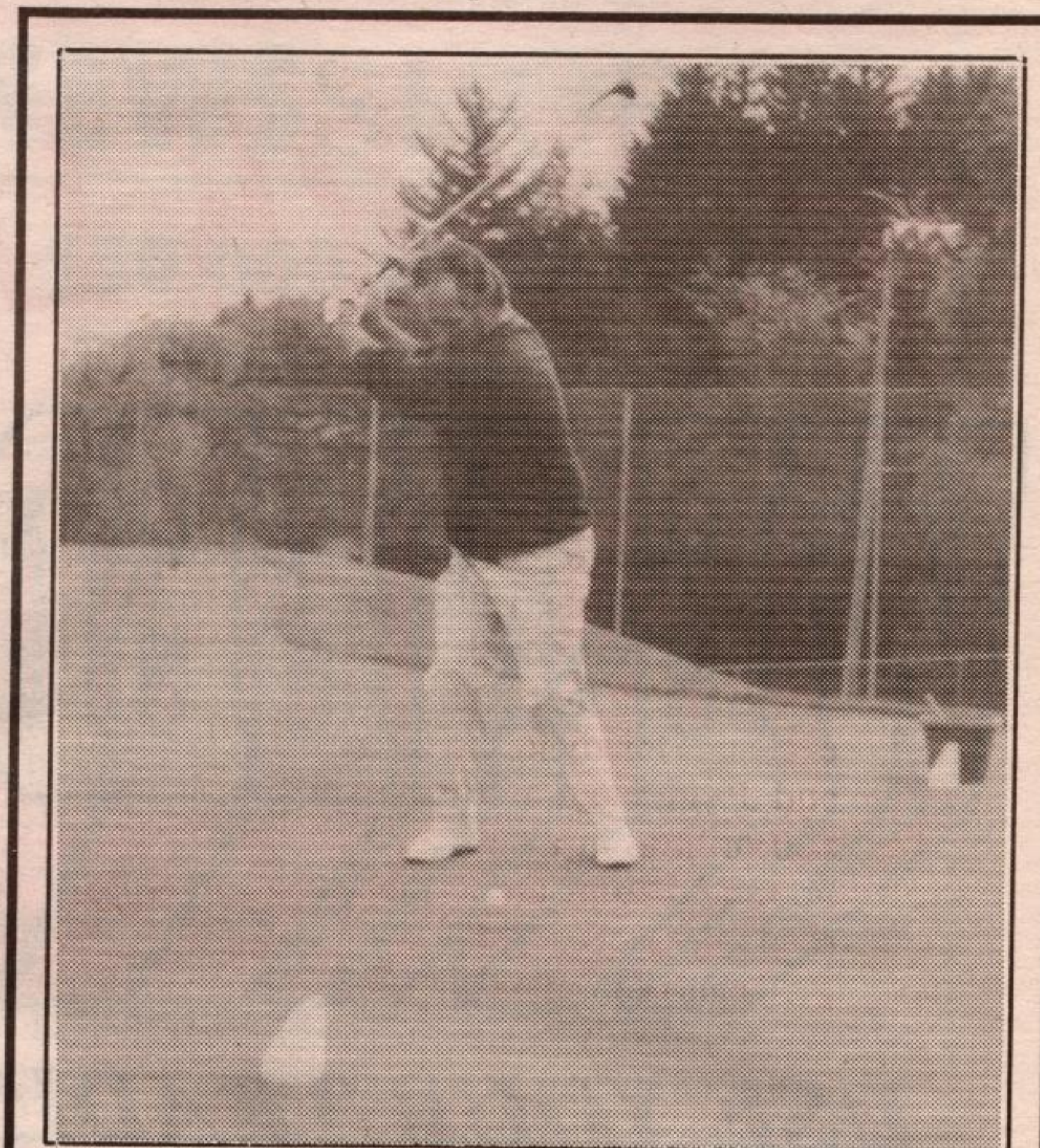
"The heavy horse and light horse shows also had to be cancelled," Nurse said.

The best part of the Fair for Nurse was seeing the rain stop on Sunday and the crowds return.

"One of the best things about it was the way that everybody worked together to make the best of a bad situation.

"We thought that if the main ring was a wash-out and that we were going to have to move all the bleachers to another location, the Musical Ride could go on, but we didn't have to and that was a relief," Nurse said.

Nurse said they haven't completed the tally for this year's event, but are already planning for next year's edition of the fair.



HERE'S THE WIND UP: North Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh hosted his charity golf tournament Monday at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Chudleigh and other local luminaries gathered to raise money for various local agencies. (Jamie Harrison photo)

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## Law development condos approved

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has given draft approval for Law Development Group's 45-unit townhouse condominium development on the south side of River Drive, west of Maple Avenue.

Town Planner Alan Binks said that along with the plan draft approval, OMB hearing officer Morley Rosenberg also approved Law's site-specific zoning bylaw to rezone the property to residential from industrial.

"That incorporates an open space zone for a park and a small hazard zone for the environmentally-sensitive area," Binks said Friday.

Although the Town supported the proposed development at the OMB, Halton

Region opposed it, arguing that the Law proposal was premature because there is no water available and Binks said that the draft approval by the OMB does not guarantee any water. The draft approval on the plan of condominium is subject to a long list of Town conditions and the zoning bylaw includes a holding provision for water that can't be lifted until water is secured. The plan of condominium includes conditions concerning water servicing and the region is not guaranteeing water.

"The Region is basically saying that there is an uncertainty about the availability of water and the Board chairman said that the intent is that water will be found, because

the Town is planning for a population of 40,000. If there isn't water then there's a holding provision that will mean it doesn't go forward if there's no water," Binks explained.

Binks said the OMB ruling puts Law in with a group of other developments which also have draft approval and are waiting for water through the Town's water allocation program.

"He (Rosenberg) did not put Law to the top of the draft approval group but he has included Law in that group."

In his decision Rosenberg said that there were enough safeguards in place so draft approval was not premature and that the development was in the public interest.

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