

Bang-O-Rama fireworks set sky ablaze despite Mother Nature's downpour

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Rain apparently didn't dampen the spirits of those who were anxious to see some fireworks on Victoria Day.

At the Optimist Bang-O-Rama, the fireworks eventually got underway at about 9:30 p.m. after being delayed by the rain.

Chairman of the event Norm Guthrie estimates there were around 4,000 people watching the dis-

play from the Fairgrounds.

Although a number of the Bang-O-Rama events had to be cancelled or closed early because of the downpour in the afternoon and early evening, Mr. Guthrie was very happy with the support of the community.

The price of admission dropped from \$3 to \$2 when the early evening entertainment had to be cancelled. Other events

such as the tractor pull couldn't finish in the rain.

Mr. Guthrie estimates around 7,000 people showed up during the day and evening to participate in the number of activities.

The Optimist Club is working on implementing new ideas for the fair next year. If you have some suggestions, call Mr. Guthrie and he will be happy to talk. His number is 877-6268.



Around and around they go. These miniature motorcycle buffs seem to be enjoying themselves. Seen here are Lindsay McGill and Ryan Robb, both age three.



The Scout rope bridge proved to be a favorite with the children at Bang-O-Rama. It was carefully supervised by Scout leaders.



If you're a teenager, then the midway at Bang-O-Rama is the place to be for chills and thrills. These five young people are getting bumped around on a whirl 'n' whirl.



Without some balloons, would celebrating ever be the same? Happy with their lighter than air rubber spheres, the children here are (left to right)

Leigh McKinley, 9, Robin McKinley, 1 1/2, Jessie Banks, 4, Carly Banks, 2, and Tammy McKinley, 7. (Herald photo)



Lisa Ralph, 15, helps guide along the horse Chance, with cowboy Andrew Greggain, 4, calling out the commands. The pony ride is a favorite with many of the children who attend the Bang-O-Rama festivities every Victoria Day.



Adam Bennett strums a bass riff during Bang-O-Rama Monday at Georgetown Fairgrounds. A variety of musical groups entertained as well as the Halton Hills Jills and a local karate group. Playing with Adam in his rock group are Adam Broughton on drums, Sean Cotton on lead guitar and Shane Oldrieve, rhythm guitar.



High winds and a let-up temporarily in the air pressure didn't help the King of the Castle bouncing ride at the Bang-O-Rama midway. Kids seemed to

enjoy the added excitement as the walls and towers crumbled before them.

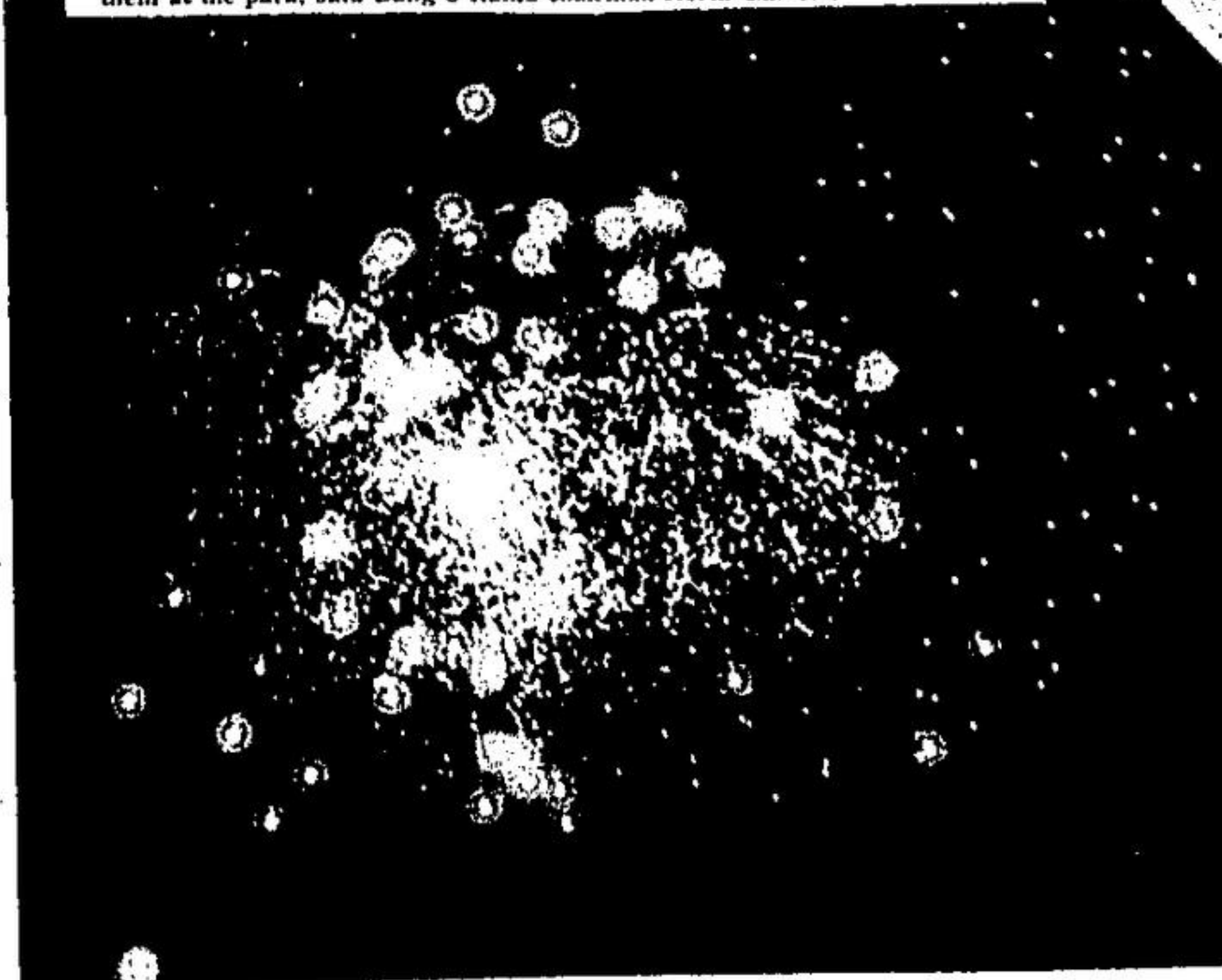


Crowds watched with awe as these mini-monster tractors pulled weights across the Fairgrounds Park field at the Bang-O-Rama celebration on Victoria Day. The rain later in the day didn't allow for the pull to be completed.



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Fireworks were still seen by many at Fairgrounds Park Monday, Victoria Day, although they were delayed by the rain late in the day and early evening. The display got underway about 9:30 p.m. and about 4,000 people witnessed them at the park, said Bang-O-Rama chairman Norm Guthrie.



Shelly Ferrara, 21, got a ride she probably wasn't expecting. She volunteered to show how the Halton Hills firefighters use a fireman's lift to carry people away from the dangers of a blaze. The obliging firefighter is Cal Wilson. (Herald photo)

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Everyone got a chance to climb the home-made Scout ladders and equipment. Best of all, it was free and the kids got lots of exercise. Here, one of the children scrambles up to the top.