

# Bang-O-Rama

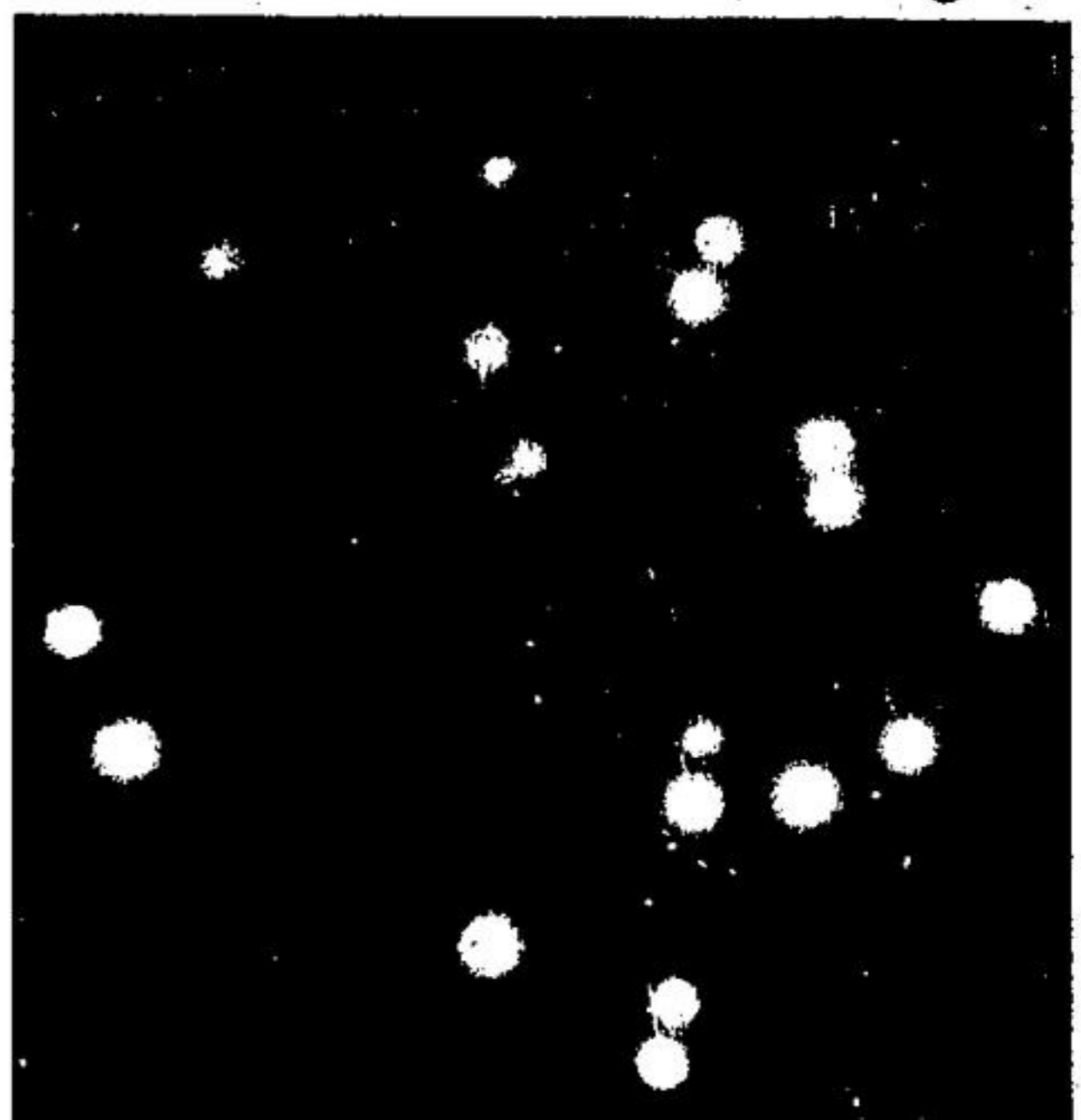
## Celebrating in style, Victoria's birthday



A spectacular light show highlighted an eventful day of exhibits, amusements and music at the Optimist-sponsored Bang-O-Rama, celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday.



Lighting the sky in an inferno of white streaks, the fireworks display Monday night had everyone's gaze fixed on the beauty above them.



They came in many shapes and sizes. The fireworks didn't disappoint anyone, filling the night sky in the kaleidoscope of light and color. The sonic booms only added to the thrills.



Arden McLean, 4 reaches out from her rocketship, perhaps to touch a star or just to wave to mom. The rides at Bang-O-Rama were filled with pleasure-seeking youngsters and despite the rain, their spirits were high. There were also a number of games of chance available for the people who felt lucky.



The bandshell entertained guests with a variety of music in the afternoon. In this case, the music was mostly country, sung by a group of musicians brought together by the legendary Stompin' Tom Connors.

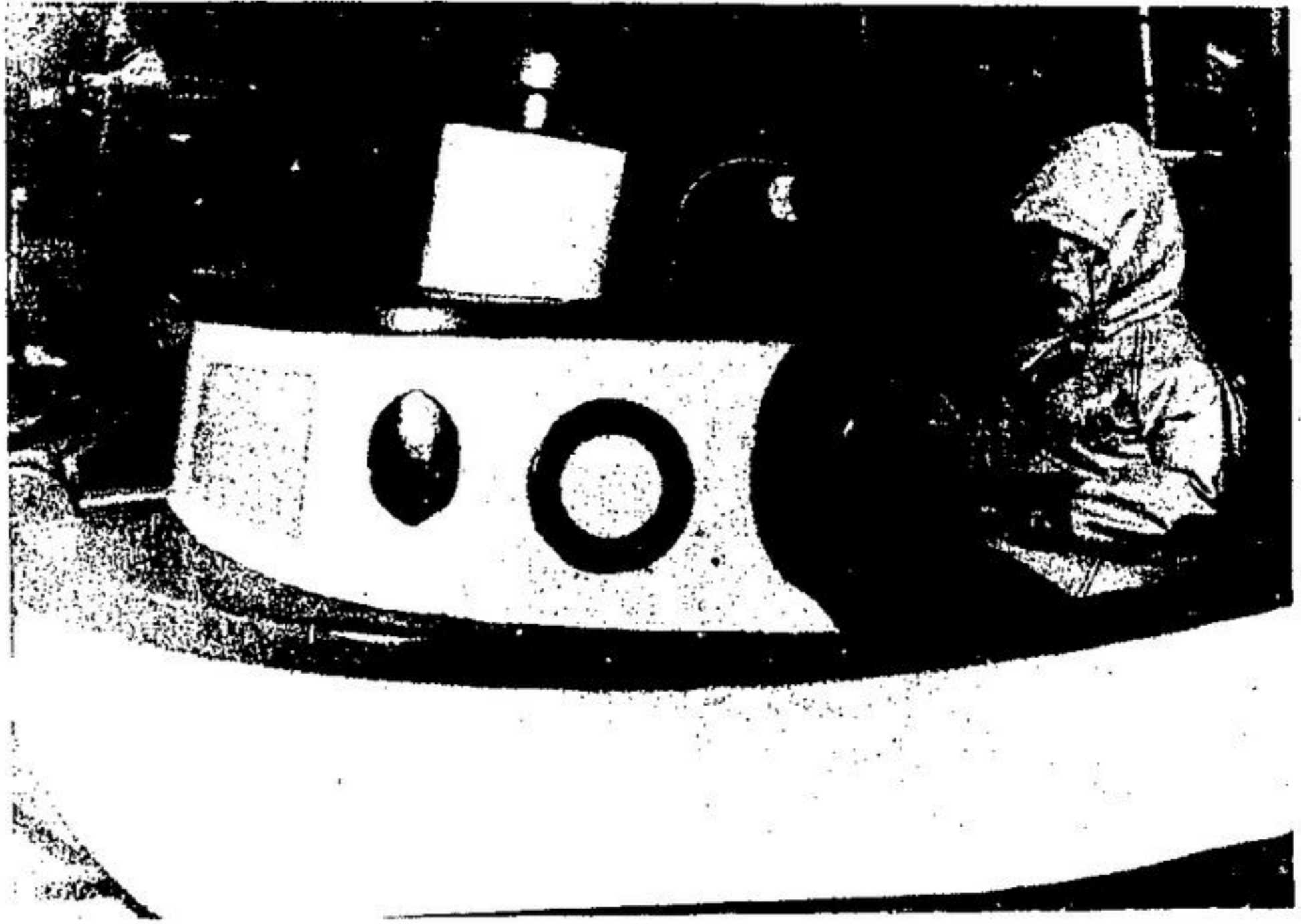


Huddling under an umbrella proved to be a popular pastime for many who attended Monday's Optimist Bang-O-Rama. This group from Hamilton bravely watched the Tractor Pull through the damp afternoon.

Seen here are: Linda and Michael Manns, Don and Janice Gray, Jason and Kristen Gray, Steve Hillebrandt and Linda and Glen Verrier.



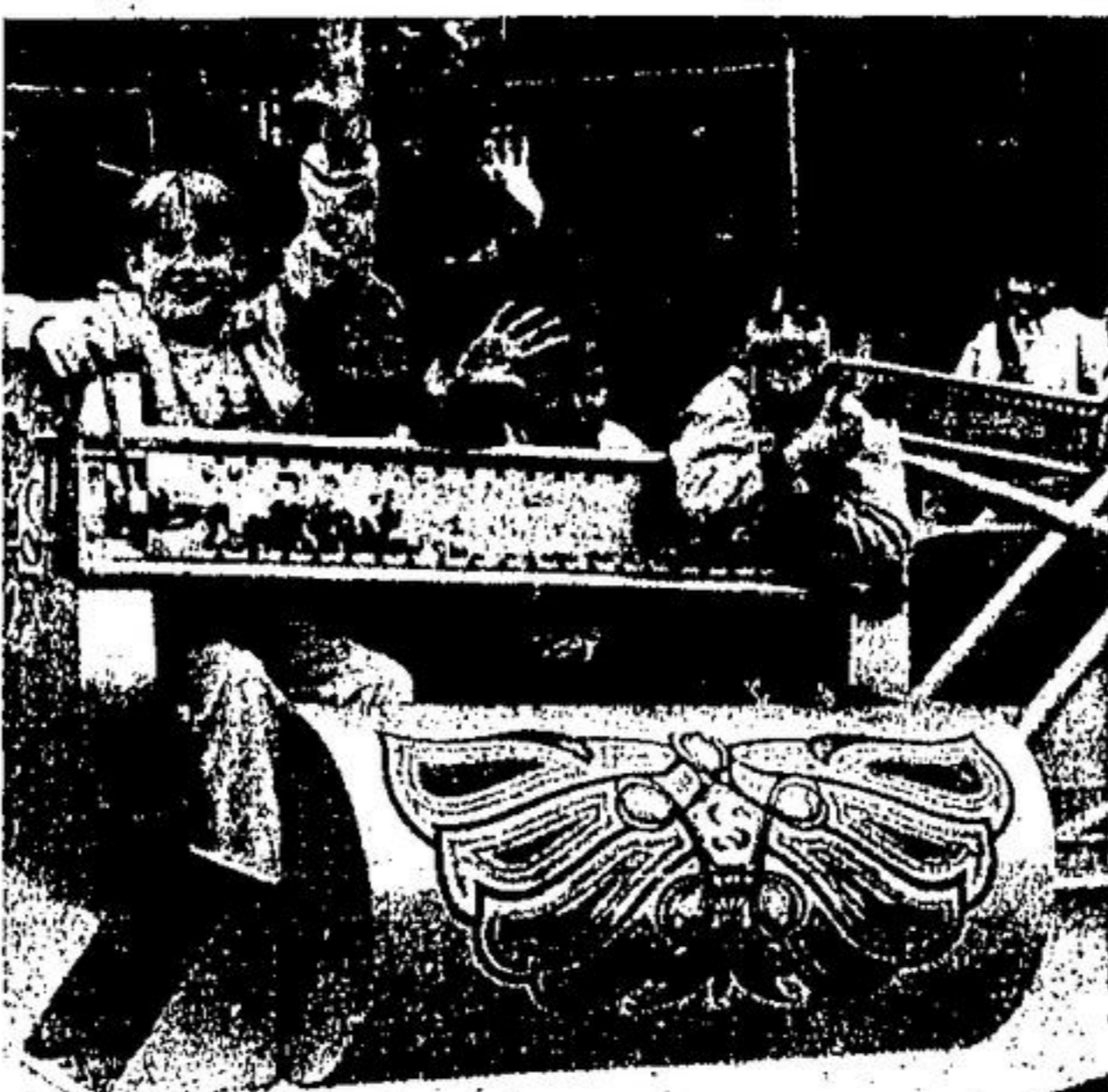
Mike Leuenberger is smiling proudly after winning the Best Vintage Car category at the Optimist Bang-O-Rama Car Show Monday. The car is a 1970 Challenger Special Edition 440.



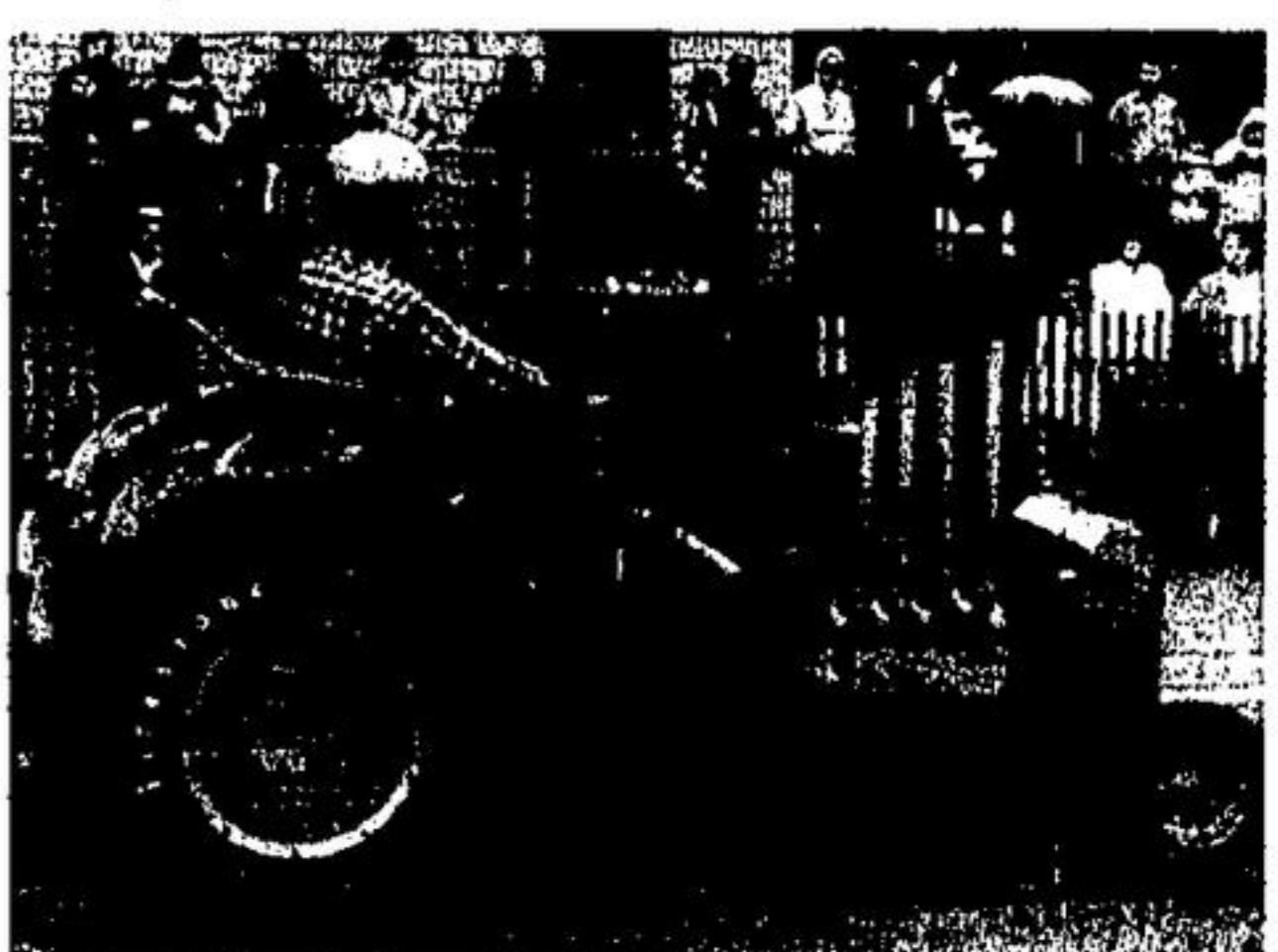
Battling the waves and holding on for dear life is captain of the SS Minnow, Darrel Vidler, 2. Darrell and many other children enjoyed the number of different rides available to them at Bang-O-Rama Monday. Although the weather wasn't the best, there was still a good turnout of families at the day-long event.



Standing tall against Drug Abuse are these two children seen here with the Optimist Service Club Chicken, a mascot used for the Chicken Club which discourages drug use among young children. Doug Dutchburn, 8 and his sister Heather-ann, 12 were at the fair with their parents Monday.



These young boys are ready to be scrambled. The midway rides provided ample chances for people to be thrilled and scared. Just don't eat a big meal before going on this particular ride!



The tractor pull Monday at the Optimist Bang-O-Rama was a popular event for families to watch. These amazing small machines were fine-tuned for pulling big weights down the track at Fairgrounds Park.