

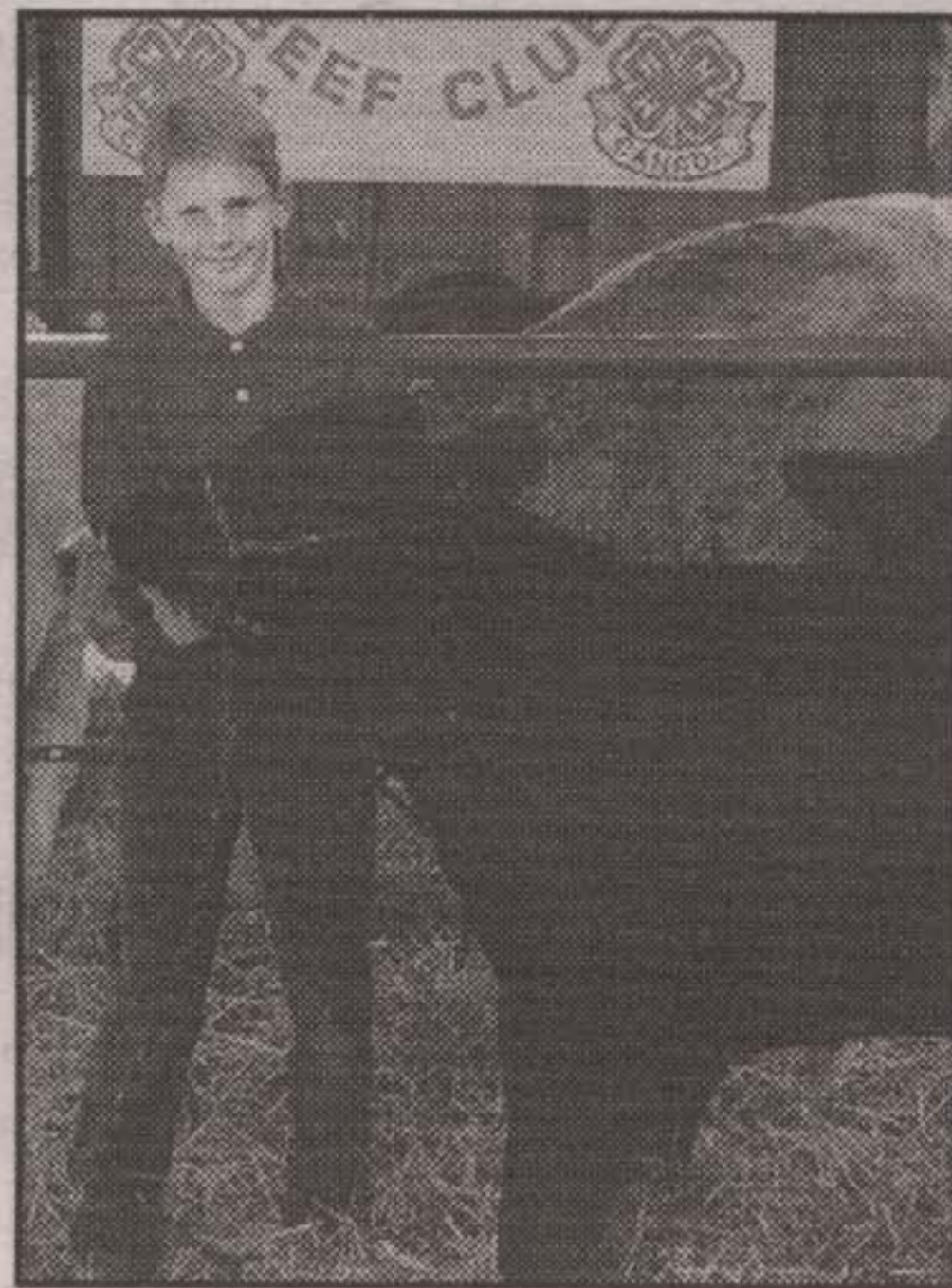
# Halton 4-H Achievers



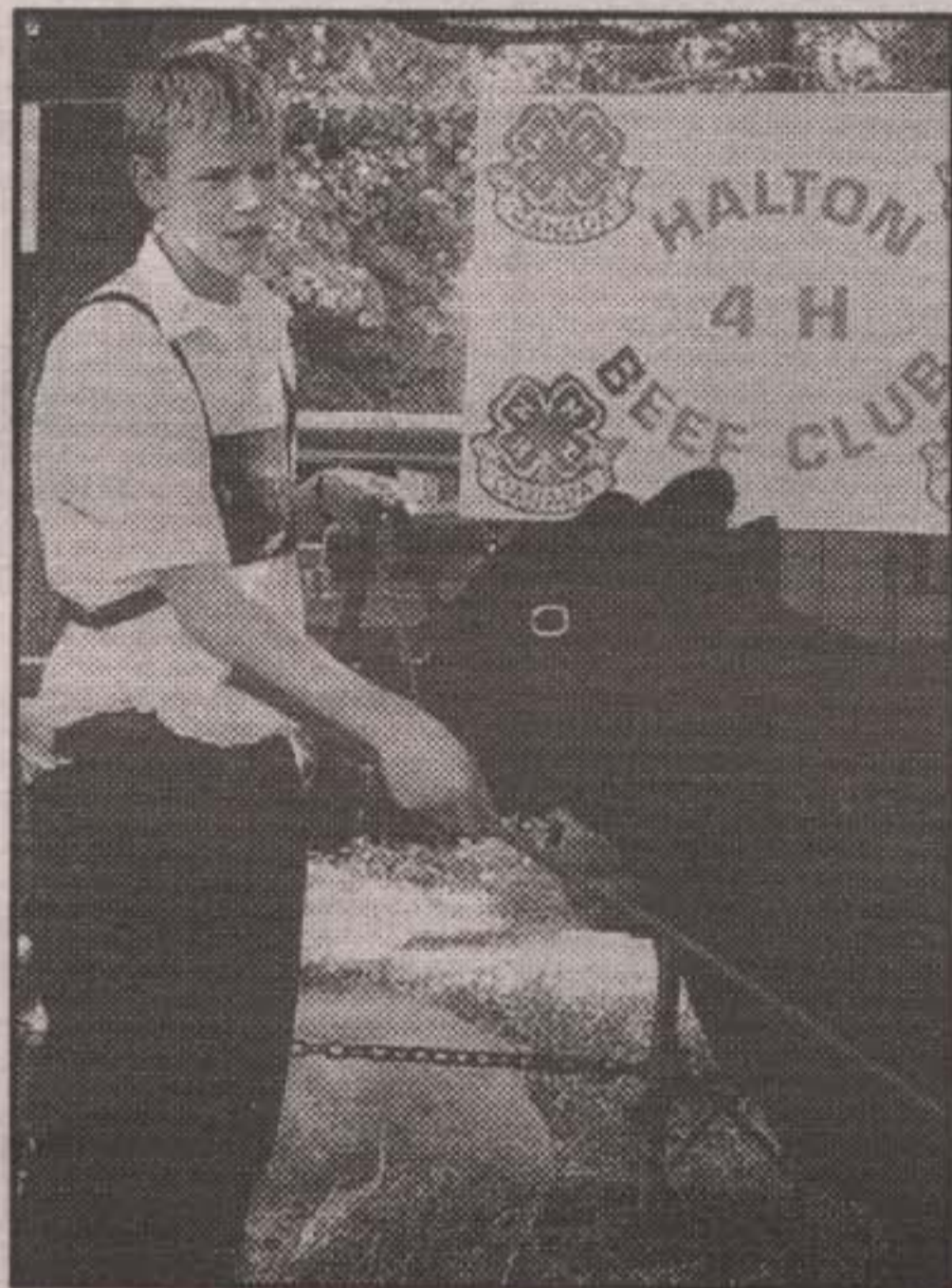
## Acton & Milton Fairs

September 18th & 25th

### HALTON 4-H BEEF CLUB

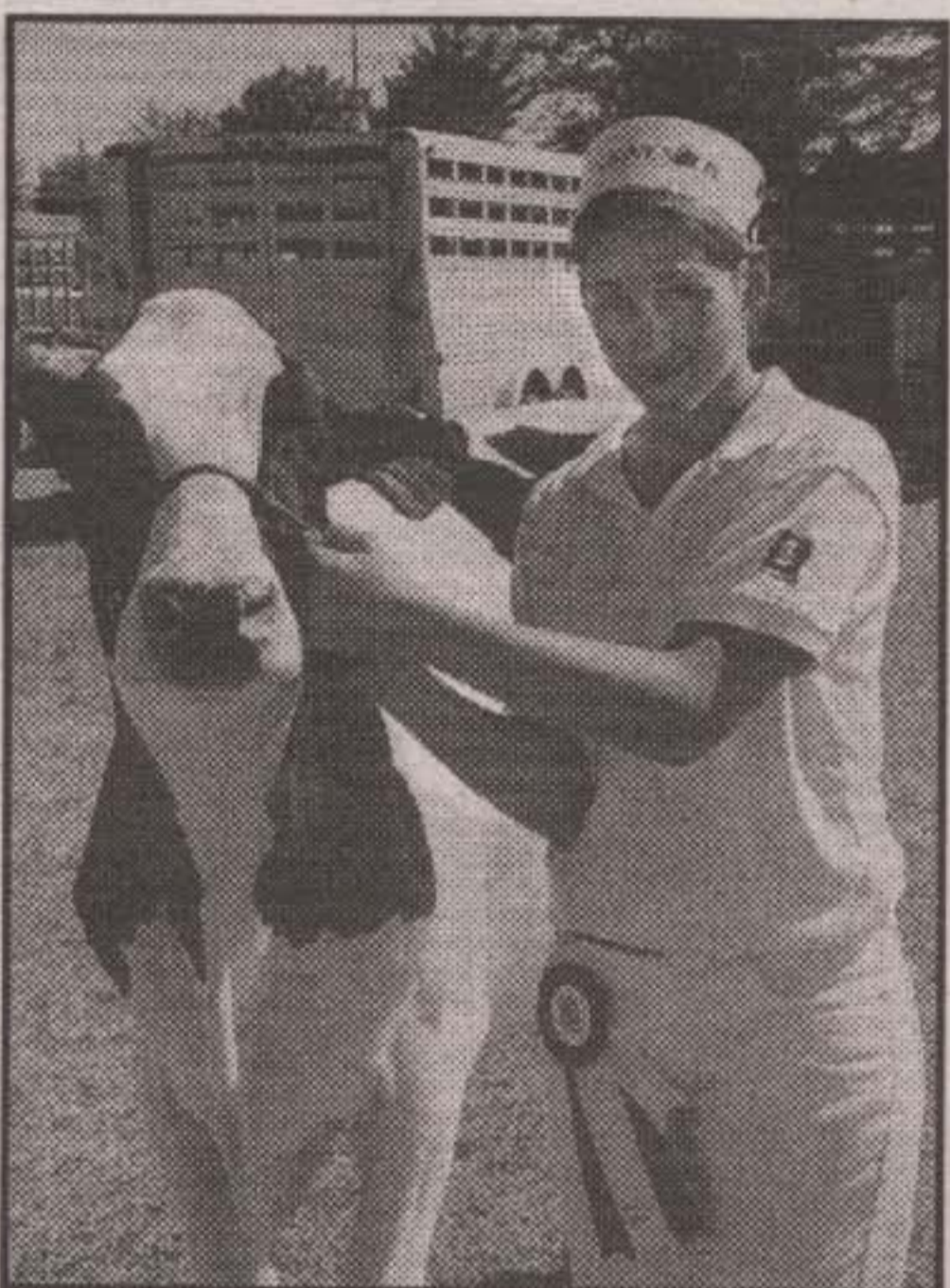
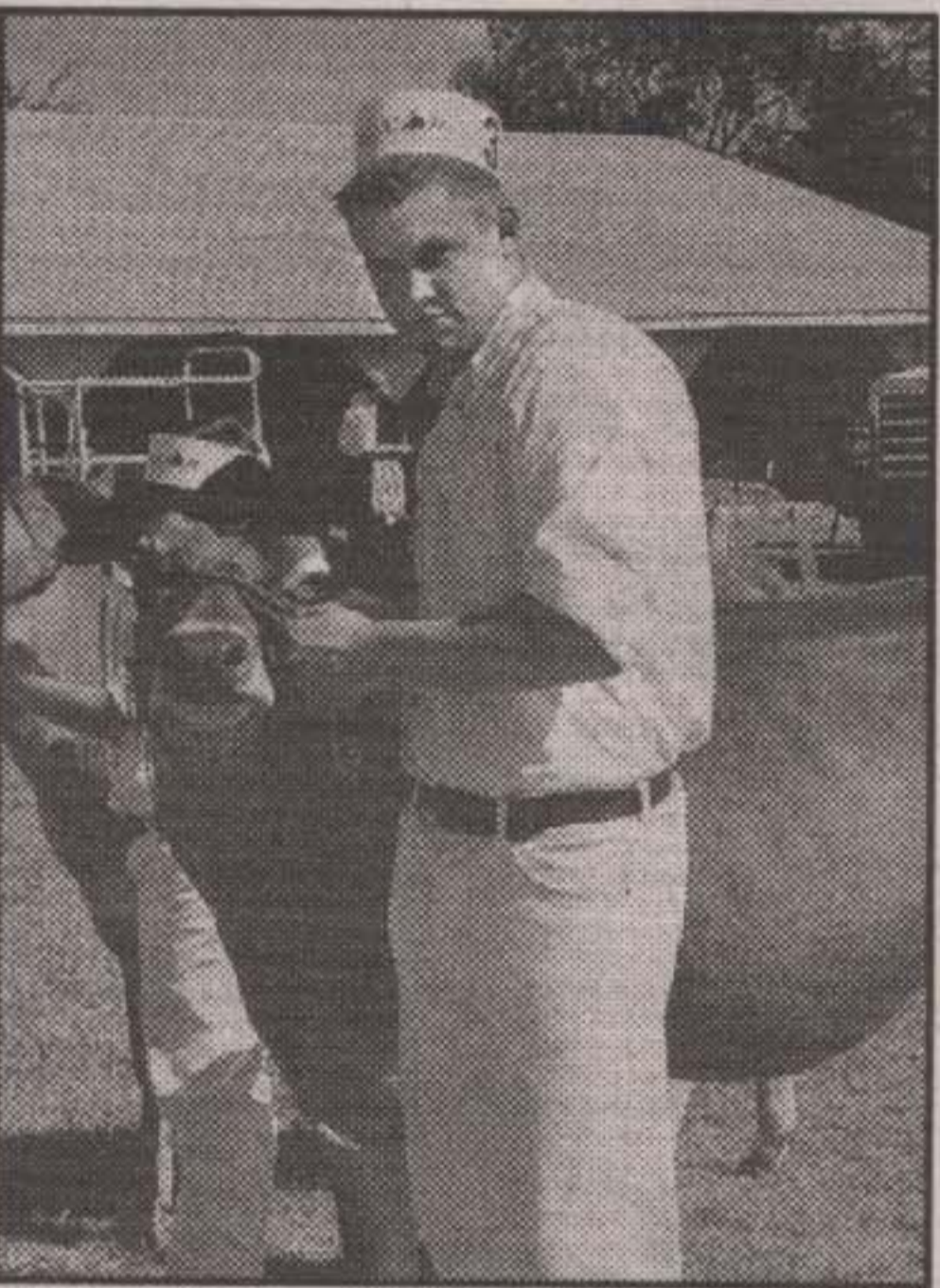


The Beef Club achieved on September 18th. Grand Champion 4-H Animal went to Becky Parker, left; Calum McGaffin, centre, received Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Animal; and Elaine Coles, right, was Grand Champion Showperson.

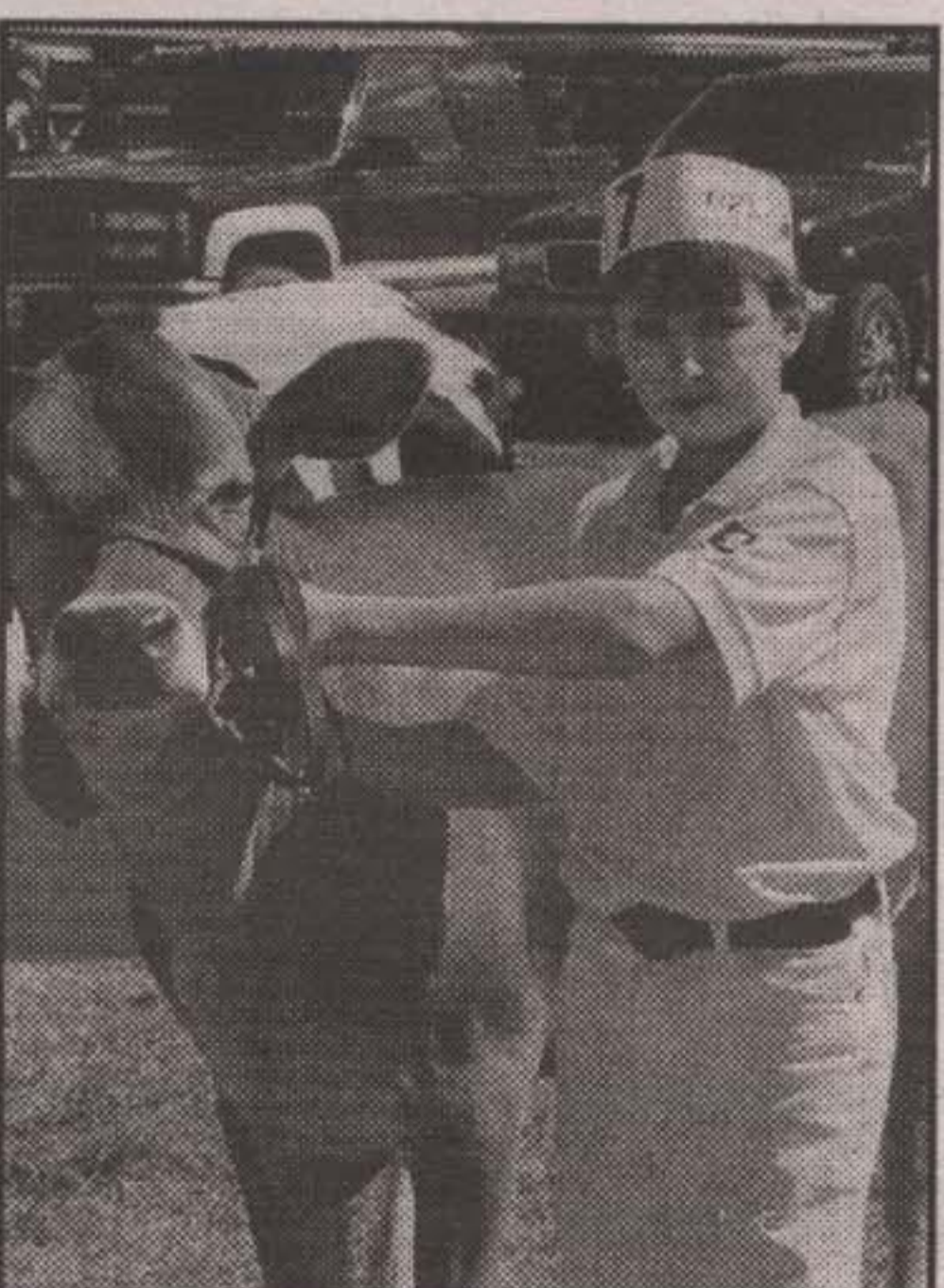
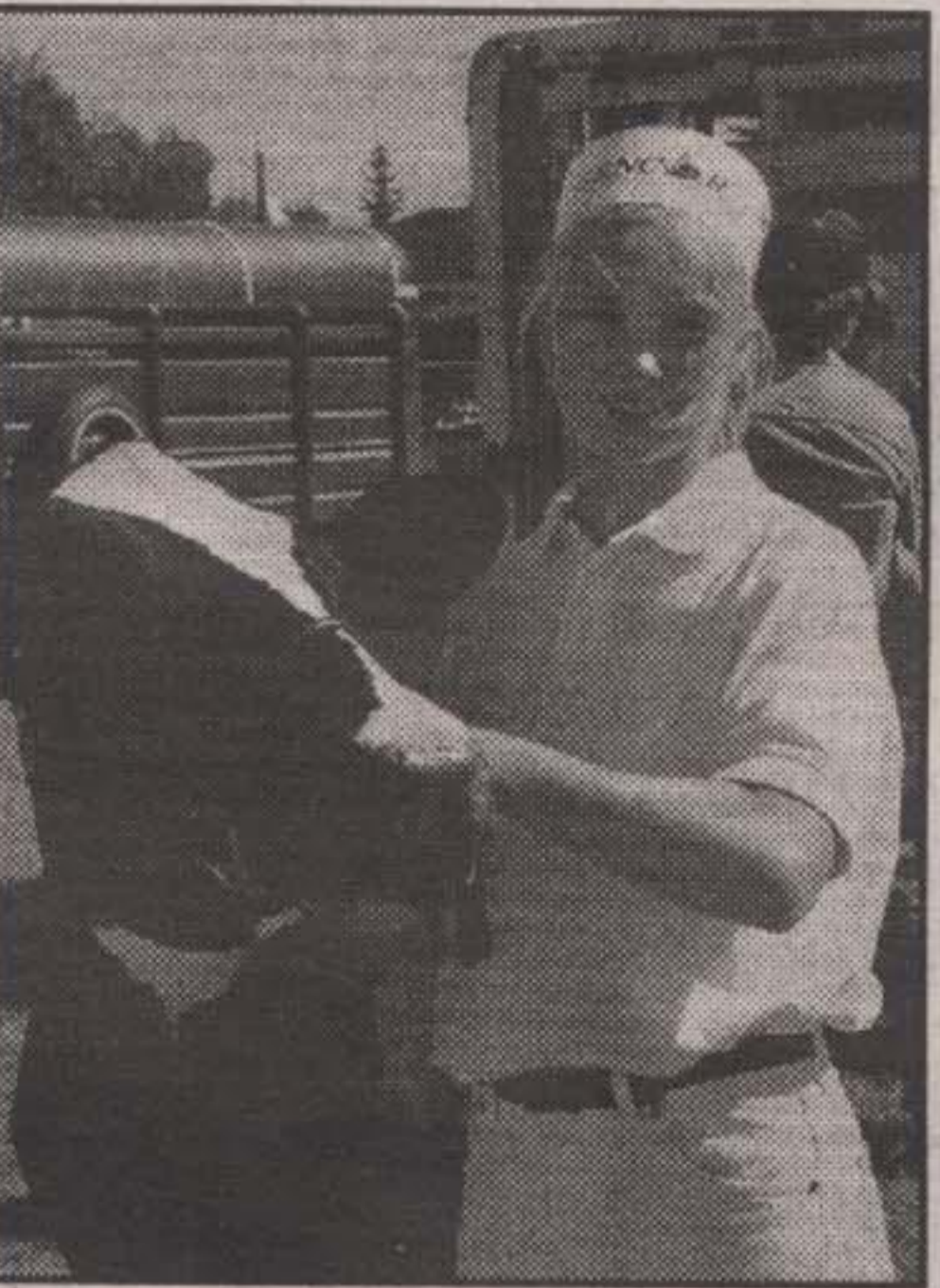


Suzanne Thibodeau, left, was Reserve Grand Champion Showperson; Steven Stokes, centre, and Andrew Lambrick achieved and will be attending the Royal Winter Fair in November with Elaine Coles and David White to compete in the Knob Hill National Junior Beef Heifer Show. Club leaders were Patty Lasby and Holly McGaffin. Thank you to the Beef Club sponsors P.L. Cattle Co., Heather Wood and the Acton Fair.

### HALTON 4-H DAIRY CLUB



The Dairy Club achieved on September 25th. Danny DeGroot, left, placed second in Champion Calf; Paige Gregson, centre, was first with Champion Calf, second in Junior Showmanship, first in Intermediate Heifer; and Bonnie Sparling was second in Champion Dairy Showman and Senior Showmanship.



Katie Campbell was First Year Dairy Showman; Jodey Nurse was first in Junior Showmanship, second in Intermediate Heifer, and Grand Champion Livestock Showman; Adam Dolson was first with Senior Heifer.

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### COMING EVENTS

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- October 29- Farm Fresh Poultry Co-op ANNUAL Meeting, OMAFRA, Georgetown, Noon
- November 1&2- 2nd Annual Ontario Rural Council Development Conference, Blue Mountain Inn, Collingwood "Pioneering the Future" - Call 519-787-7764
- November 3- Peel Federation of Agriculture Directors Mtg., Brampton Fairgrounds, 8:00 p.m.
- November 4 to 13- Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, The Coliseum, Toronto (416) 263-3400
- November 8- Caledon Agricultural Society Board Meeting, Caledon Village Place, 8:00 p.m.
- November 9- Halton Agricultural Society General Meeting, Milton Fairgrounds, 8:00 p.m.
- November 18- Peel 4-H Awards Night, Bolton Community Centre 7:30 p.m.
- November 18- Halton Federation of Agriculture Directors Mtg., OMAFRA, Georgetown, 8:00 p.m.
- November 20- Peel Federation of Agriculture "Farm Family of the Year" Banquet, Caledon East Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 22 & 29- Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshop, Georgetown OMAFRA - Call the office to Register or Jonathan Watchurst at 519-942-1181, 7:00 p.m.
- November 23- Halton Plowmen's Association ANNUAL Mtg., OMAFRA, Georgetown, 8:00 p.m.

### WEEKLY CROP REPORT

by Bob Hamilton, Soil & Crop Specialist

**WEATHER** - Snow fell in some parts of Wellington County over the past weekend. The snow and rain has slowed down harvest. As reported last week, the summer growing season is finished.

#### CROPS:

**WINTER WHEAT** - Over half of the acres are planted except in fields where soybeans still need to be harvested. Early planted fields look good.

**CORN** - High moisture corn is nearing completion. Grain corn is now being harvested due to the wet conditions for soybean harvest. Moisture levels are low and fields should be checked for mold.

**SOYBEANS** - The combines have stopped and are waiting for fields to dry up and the sun to shine before harvest can resume.

### MARKETING YOUR BEEF CALVES

by Bill Olan, OMAFRA, Lindsay

Many people think that to sell your beef calves each fall, you simply load them in a truck and take them to the local sales barn and collect your cheque at the end of the process. Marketing of calves has evolved in the last few years and although the local sales barns are still very much involved in the process, much more involvement of the calf producer is required in order to get top dollar from the transaction.

The marketing of calves involves providing the buyer with the type of product that is wanted. This process begins with the breeding program. It requires that the breed selection meet the needs of the buyer. No longer is appearance of the calf the main consideration in the breeding program. Although colour seems to be important to many, it is actually the breed traits that go along with some of the colours that are really important. Growthiness, health status, marbling, tenderness and lean meat yield are some of the qualities that the buyers of calves feel are economically important for which they are willing to pay extra.

Buyers want uniform calves to purchase in sizable lots. This means the cow calf producer needs to plan the breeding program to ensure calves are born in a relatively short time period so they are then ready to sell at the same time.

After the calves are born, it is important to raise them to a marketable weight as quickly as possible and in a healthy condition. Supplementation of selenium, Vitamins A D & E at birth is an important step to ensure a healthy start. Proper dehorning & castration methods need to be employed at an early age to ensure no undue stress on the calves. A preventative program for disease includes proper vaccination at the appropriate time before the calves are sold. All of these measures ensure that calves will be more desirable to the purchaser.

### GEORGETOWN'S FALL FOOD DRIVE on NOVEMBER 6TH

The Georgetown Bread Basket has been operating for about three years. It is run completely by volunteers and is an accredited member of the Ontario Association of Food Banks. The organization has assisted with the basic food and daily nutritional needs of more than 285 qualified registered families in the area; that includes 1,878 children. More than 75 families, most with children, are regular, bi-monthly users of the services.

Please help out with the Fall Food Drive being held on Saturday, November 6th, 1999. Collections will be made by Scouts and Guides door to door. Watch for your free food bag in the local newspaper one week before the drive. The Food terminal is at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road.

Whats needed: Cereal, juices, canned - pastas, meats, stews, vegetables, fruit and staples such as coffee, tea, sugar and salt.

The Board, volunteers and recipients Thank You. The organization needs new directors and volunteers. The Georgetown Bread Basket, 55 Sinclair Avenue, Unit 12, Georgetown, or call (905) 873-3368.

The OMAFRA Web Site is current, full of information, easy to access and may be reached at [www.gov.on.ca/omafra](http://www.gov.on.ca/omafra).  
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