

Milton Fall Fair

Despite the very damp air, we still had our fair



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Despite poor weather and the cancellation of a number of classes at Milton's three-day Fall Fair, an estimated 8,000 people poured through the gates at the fairgrounds over the weekend.

Although there was a drop in attendance over previous years (approximately 2,000 less than last year) entries were noticeably up, according to Fall Fair secretary Marjorie Hall.

"We had good participation from entrants and the quality of exhibits were on par with any previous year," she said, noting in particular there were more entries in the baking and flower classes, as well as a number of livestock competitions.

The rain did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of a crowd of tractor buffs participating in a tractor pull at the fairgrounds Friday evening.

Fifty drivers turned out for the event, entertaining a small grandstand crowd of approximately 200 people.

The continuation of bad weather forced the cancellation of official opening ceremonies Saturday morning and a number of horse classes, but by mid-afternoon clearing skies resulted in a steady stream of visitors.

More than 3,000 people packed the grandstand Saturday evening to watch the popular demolition derby, won by an Oakville man.

The pet show, a big favorite with the young set, drew its usual number of eager competitors vying for prizes in more than a dozen categories.

The results are as follows: Most unusual Pet—a cocoon (first), worm (second) and a rat (third). Dog Most Resembling its Master—Laurie Anne Westwood, Best Trick Performance—Tammy Leworthy; Best Pair of Pets—Sharon Good and Kerry Bousfield.

Biggest Cat—Paul Ertly; Fluffiest Cat—Kim Clarke, Best Short-Haired Cat—Jessica Reid; Most Colorful—Paul Ertly; Best Dressed—Jennifer Livock.

Reserve Champion Cat—Lisa Long, Champion—Tammy Crewson.

In the dog category, Best Groomed—Kim Wilson; Best Dressed—Mandy Scraggy; Best Short-Haired—Janet Rosse; Best Long-Haired—Laurie Anne Westwood, Saddest looking—Scott Charlton.

Reserve champion—Janet Rosse; Grand Champion—Laurie Anne Westwood.

Kathie Bowler was crowned the Fall Fair 4-H Princess based on her work and participation with the local 4-H club.

Jim McPhail of RR 3, Georgetown won best bird in the poultry section.

The prize for best display of tinned varieties of vegetables went to R. Pelletier of Downsview. This winner also won first prize for the best display of fruit.

Top points in the domestic science competition went to E. Brownridge of Brampton.

Top junior exhibitor was Tracey Hunter of Mofatt.

Mrs. J. Van Bakel of Oakville won the championship quilt competition.

Twenty womens' groups competed in the best Women's Exhibit with the top prize going to the Scotch Block, WI.

In the children's bike decorating contest, Steven Cann won first prize in the eight years and under category and also was named grand champion for the competition.

Becky Stafford and Tina Falkenstein tied for first place in the nine years to 11 years category.

Carolyn Woodworth won first place in the 12 to 14 years division.

Gordon Hassall of Milton picked up first prize for his display of flowers and plants.

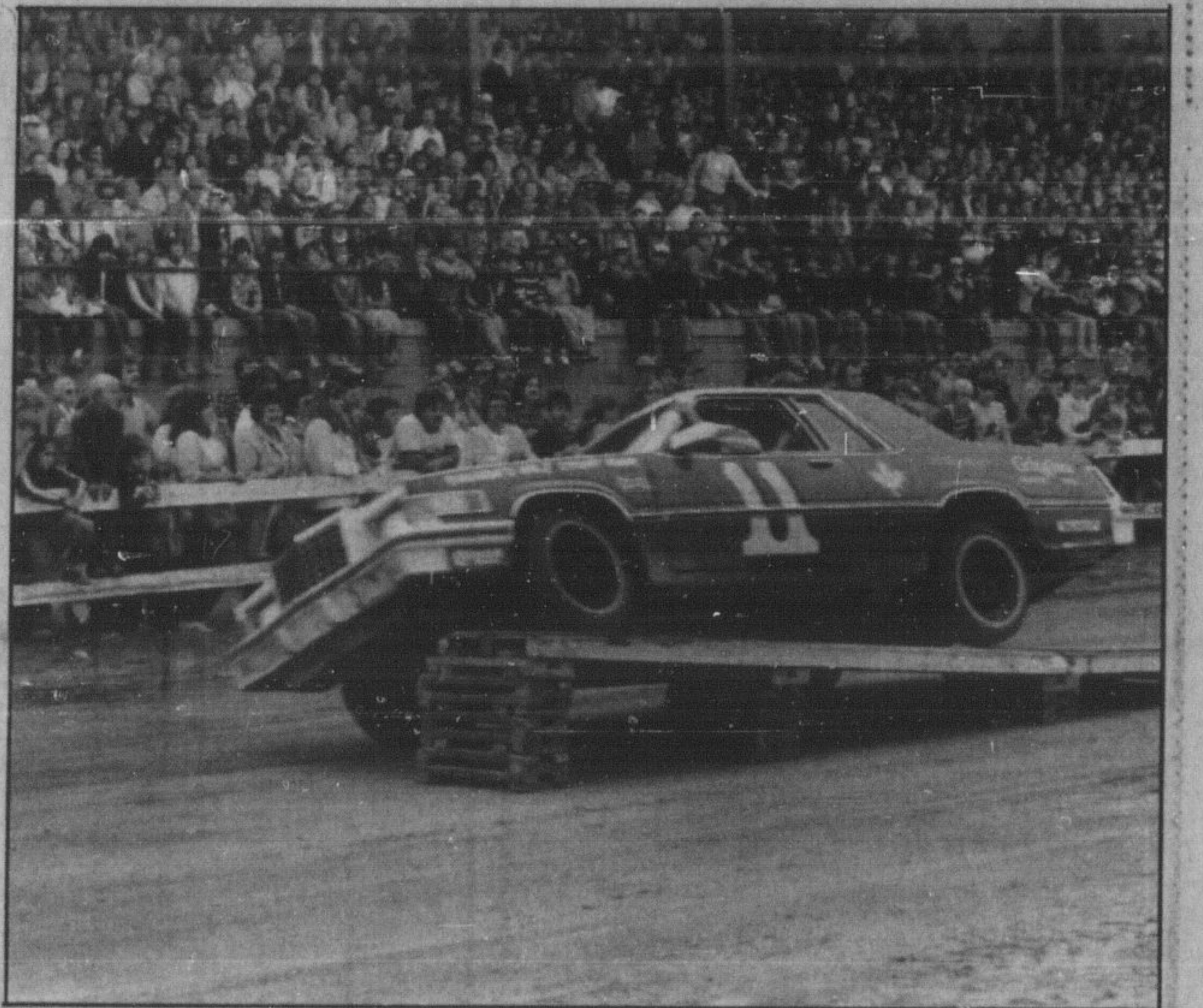
Best picture in the art class went to Marion Alexander of Oakville.

Norma Helder of Milton and Ross Wark of Oakville tied for first place in the arts, crafts and ceramics class.

Highest points in crafts went to Sandra Marling of Milton.

Mark Idenden of Milton won first prize for his entry in the junior level baking contest.

Top points went to Beth Sovereign of RR 2, Milton.



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