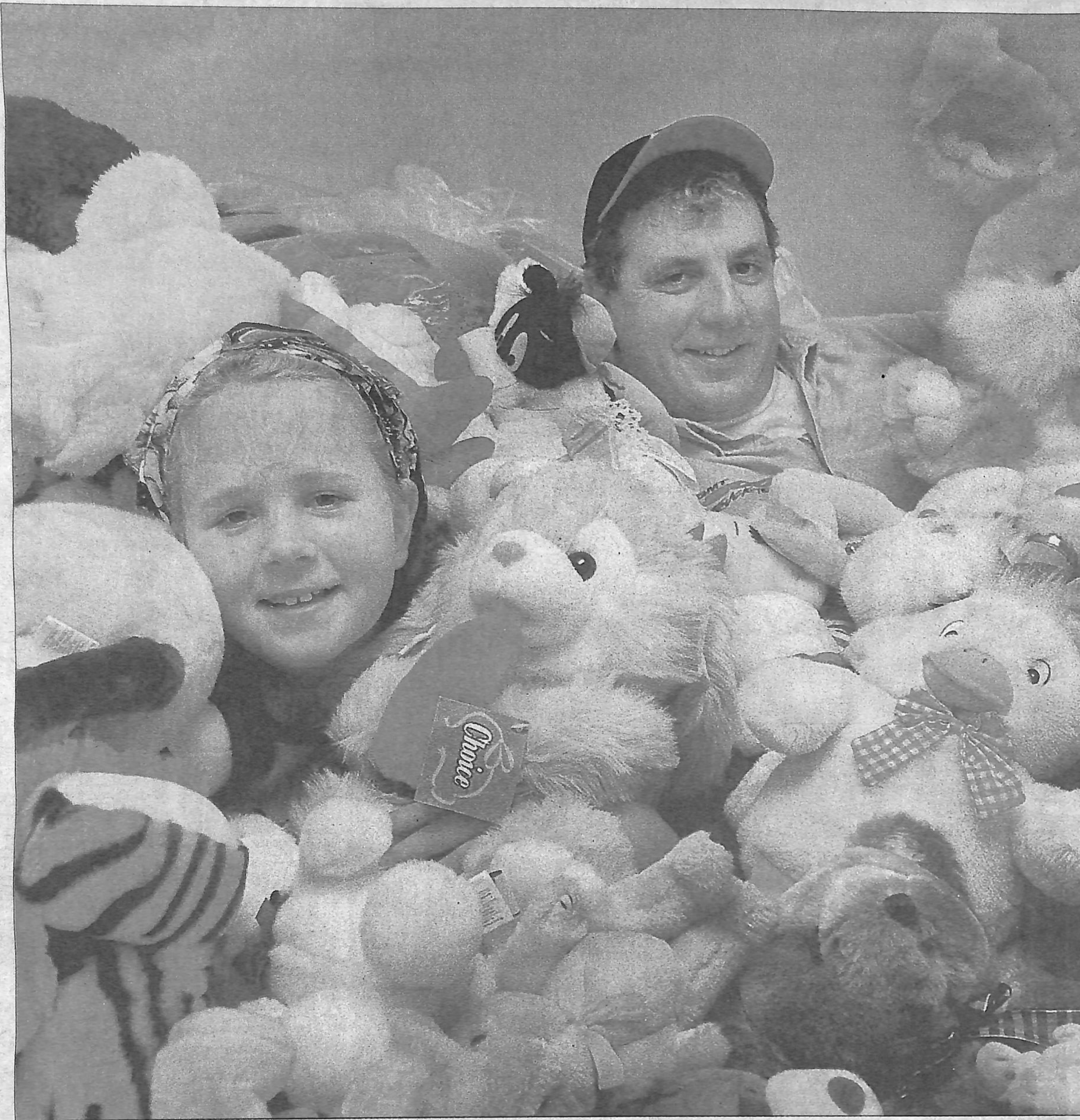


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Elysia Bleck, 10, stands almost buried by the avalanche of stuffed toys donated by Formet employees in St. Thomas. Brian Harris, right, head of Formet's Enhancement team, heard about Bleck's fundraising efforts for the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital's recently refurbished family unit. Harris's team sold Bleck's raffle tickets and raised more than \$2,000. With an additional \$1,000 from Formet Industries, Bleck reached her original goal of \$3,000. Now she hopes to increase that to more than \$4,000, including the proceeds of her toy sale, which will also feature an auction for a hockey stick signed by St. Thomas native and Boston Bruins captain Joe Thornton.