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## Residents concerned over potential changes to First Line

by Donna Danielli

Public input is being sought by the Town of Milton into the proposed reconstruction of McNiven Road (also known as First Line) from Steeles Ave. to Campbellville Sideroad. This project is expected to provide improvements to road geometry, sight distance and safety with the lowering of several knolls.

Residents of McNiven Road have been informed that due to the substandard right of way width currently found on McNiven Road, construction will result in the removal of all trees and vegetation in order to provide the necessary road width. Eighteen McNiven Road residents gathered with local Councillors Ken Keates and Cindy Lunau, as well as Town of Milton Coordinator of Construction Rick Tipping, for an information session held August 9.

The majority of the residents voiced concerns and questioned the necessity of the proposed con-

struction, especially the removal of the trees that will be required.

"I moved to Campbellville for its beauty, its trees and its privacy," said Stan Yep. "Now it's becoming more suburban. This project is going to remove one hundred year old trees and I think one of the sad things is that it is being endorsed by the Town of Milton. They're spending \$400,000 on this and many of the residents are against it."

Neighbour Carolyn Charbonneau agreed with Mr. Yep saying "We moved here influenced by the character of the road and knowing that our children could ride their bikes on the road."

Mrs. Charbonneau went on to add "I feel our road is not currently a good choice for people trying to cut through from one area to another because of the design and I don't want the changes to encourage people to see it as an alternative."

Safety, especially that of the children who live on McNiven Road, is a prime concern for many residents.

"By upgrading First Line we will increase the use of the road and the speed in which it is travelled," predicts Pamela Buck. "A lot of our kids walk horses and dogs along the road and there is already an issue of speed and safety."

Pat Carey agreed with Mrs. Buck's statement.

"I don't see widening and flattening the road making it safer. If they're driving 60 kilometers an hour now, they'll be driving 80 or 90 after this construction. In my view of it, increasing the sight lines and taking the curbs out only increases the speeds. I'm not convinced it will make it safer."

Councillor Cindy Lunau understands the resident's concerns, but comments that "the engineering study showed that there were some deficiencies and safety

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## Grinning over garlic



Photo by Donna Danielli

Children and adults from near and far swarmed Country Heritage Park on August 18 and 19 to learn all the great attributes garlic has to offer. Country Heritage Park's Reg Cressman (right) poses with Cathy Bartolic and Gary Johnson - just two of the many garlic growers present for the weekend festivities.

## Inside this Month's Compass

### Shoebbox Memories

Thomas Storey left his Irish home in County Antrim, Randalstown in 1835. He settled in Nassagaweya with his wife Elizabeth Hannah and family at Lot 20, Conc. 7 in the 1830s.

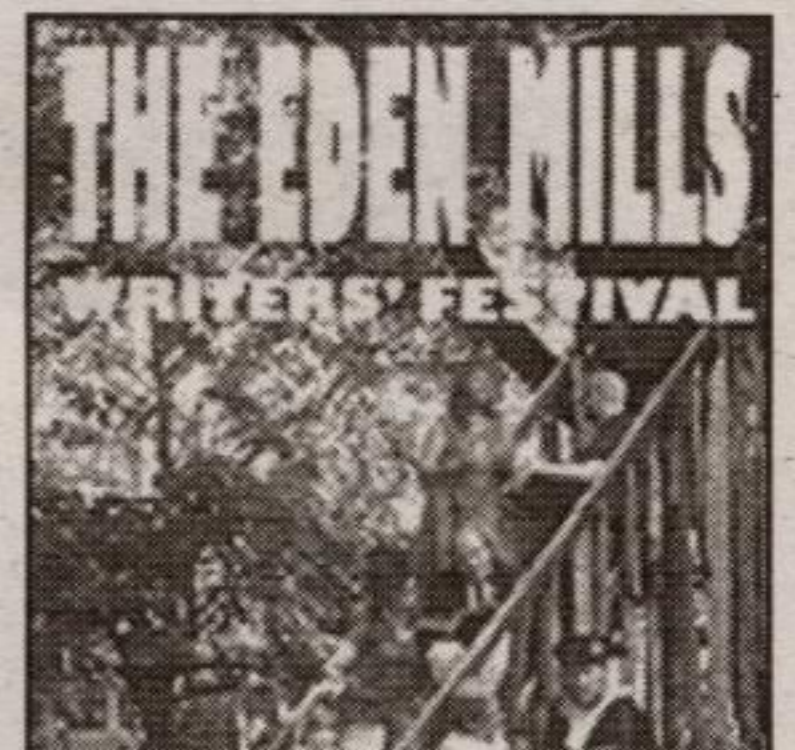
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### Idle Pursuits

The Eden Mills Writers' Festival is just around the corner. The annual event is always a great time for those young and old and this year promises to be just as delightful.

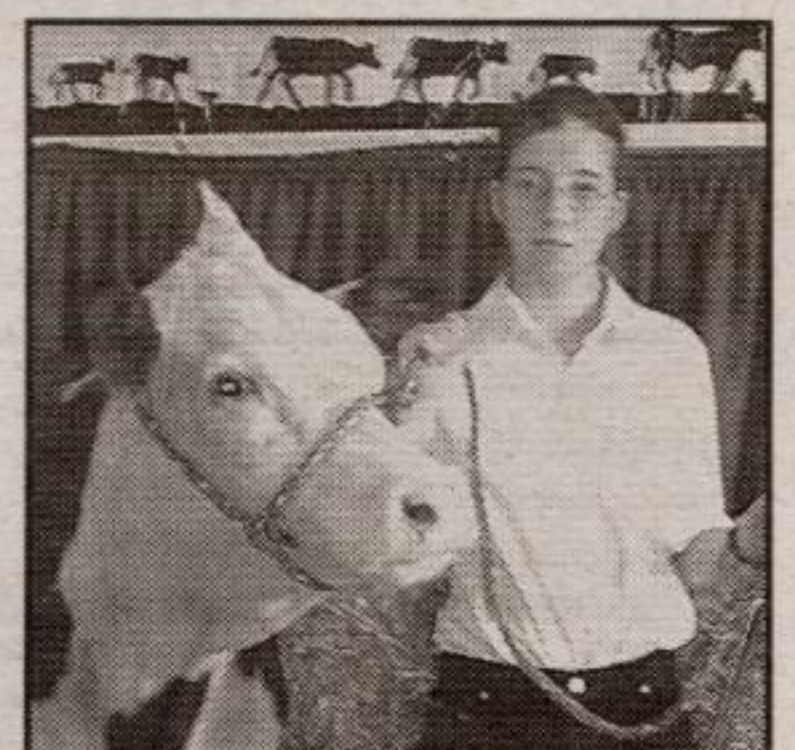
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### Halton 4-H

Members of the Halton 4-H Beef Club achieved at Molinaro Farm outside of Acton on August 12 with a day of clippin' and showin' their cattle beasts.

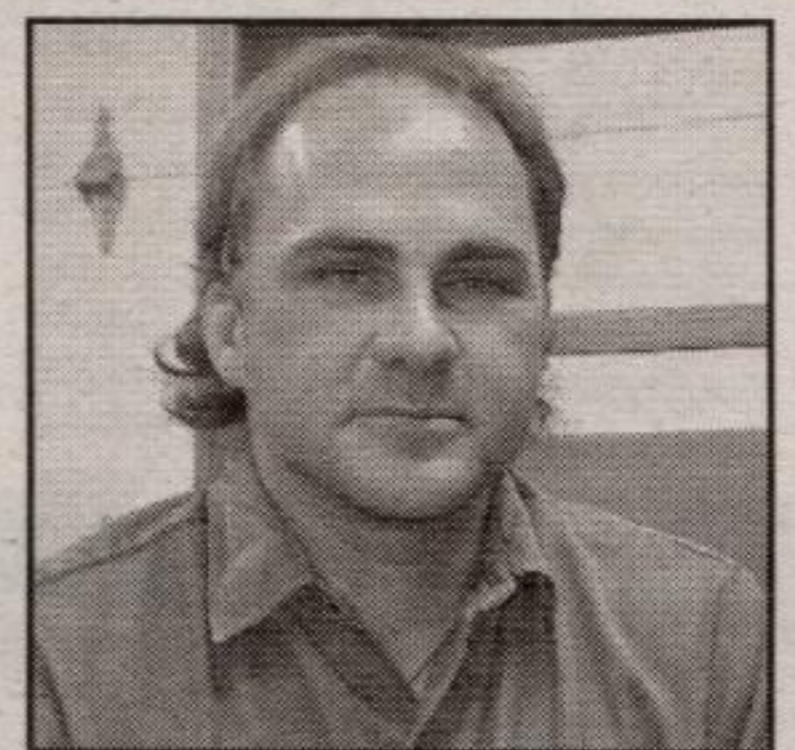
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### Community Cornerstone

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