

Come celebrate Christmas in Campbellville

by Donna Danielli

The sleigh bells will be ringing and jingling for Christmas in Campbellville the weekend of December 15 and 16.

Stop in the many antique, art, unique giftware and housewares stores in Campbellville and sample the wide variety of hot ciders and baked goods local merchants will be providing.

The bows will be on the poles and the tree in the centre of the village will cheer even the most tired of hearts with its festive display.

Be sure to come out and enjoy the Santa Claus Parade at 1:30 p.m. on December 16. The parade will

begin on Reid Sideroad, continue down Crawford Crescent to Main Street where it will proceed to the Lion's Hall where children of all ages will be invited to spend a few minutes with jolly old Saint Nick and enjoy a few treats too.

Look for Campbellville's Honorary Mayor, Bert Walton, to be waving from his float during the parade.

"We're one of the smallest communities around to have a parade," says Honorary Mayor Walton. "And we're pretty proud of that."

Crawford Lake creating new Master Plan

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It's time for change. A public information session was held at Crawford Lake Conservation Area to unveil its new Master Plan on Tuesday, October 23.

The Ministry of Natural Resources requires that all of the parks within the Niagara Escarpment Plan have a Master Plan in place and a Master Plan also helps Conservation Halton develop capital budgets for the Park, to meet the needs of the visitors.

"If you're not moving forward, then you don't need a plan," explained Bob Burchett, Conservation Halton Director of Conservation Lands Services. "If you are moving forward, then you need a framework for implementation. There was a Master Plan done many years ago but it was out of date and out of touch. We started over and what we have is based on years of operating experience."

The Master Plan calls for the building of three more longhouses, at an estimated cost of \$300,000 each. The two longhouses currently

in use at Crawford Lake often create a bottleneck when more than one school group is going through the park.

To keep the longhouses accessible, admittance is carefully monitored and there is currently a three month waiting list for school groups wishing a tour of the reconstructed Indian village.

"By the time the plan's fully implemented," Mr. Burchett says, "there'll be at least one longhouse available for public view at all times."

There are also plans for a new Visitor's Centre to complement the existing one. A new entrance road and parking area are in the plan, as are a few group campsites for those interested in an overnight program. The main entrance road will be rerouted around the village to increase foot traffic safety and a bus drop off point will be available.

A copy of the Master Plan is available at www.conservationhalton.on.ca or by calling 905-336-1158, ext. 239.



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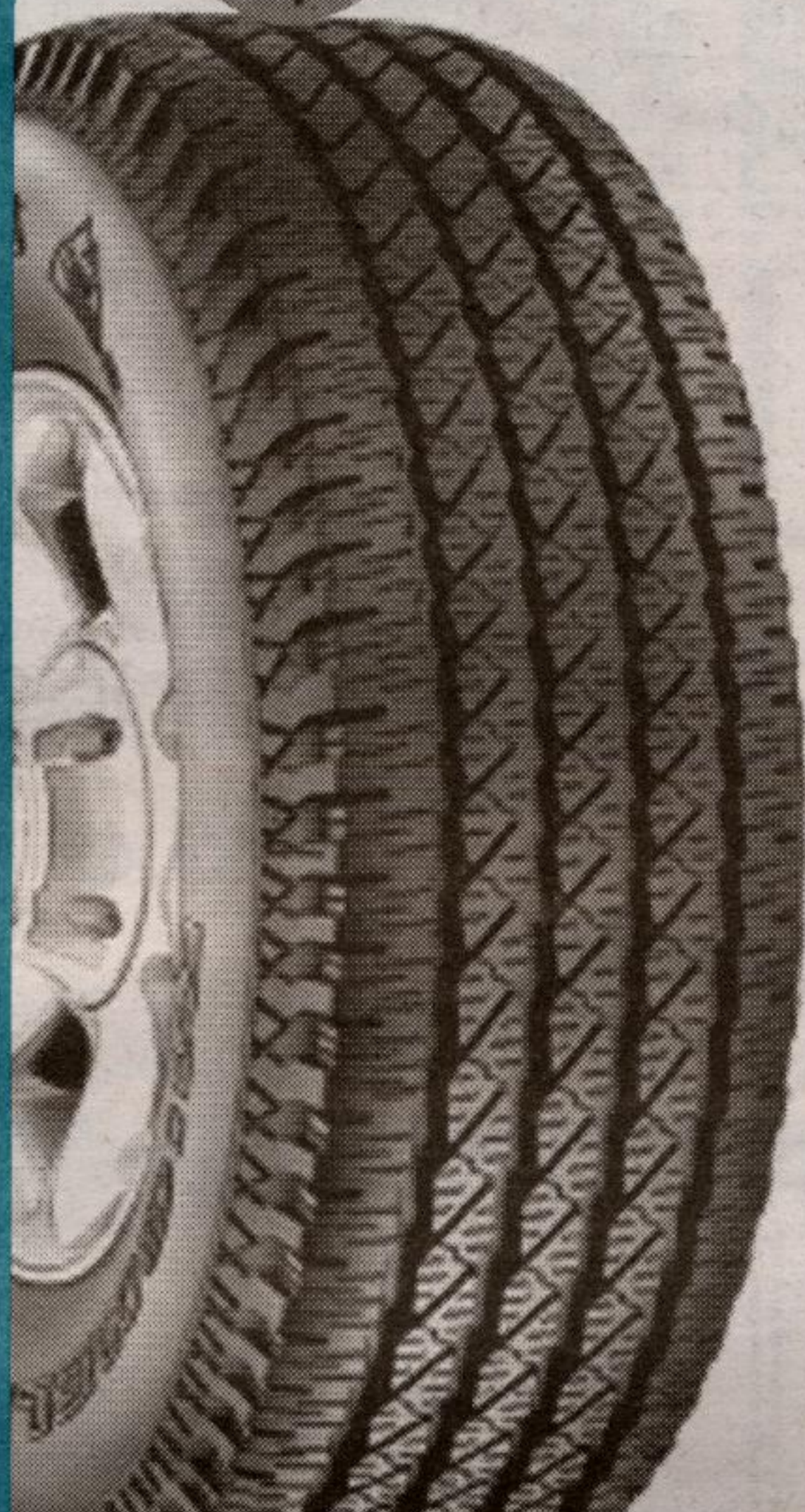
Tim Smith (right) and Wayne Pyke of Cyril Steven Interiors donated a beautiful 7 piece Christmas display to the United Way. Christy Babcock (centre) was said the raffle raised \$1,080 for the United Way.

While visiting Campbellville be sure to stop by the Streetcar Museum and

Ride Streetcars with Santa

Evening light shows will be hosted on Dec. 8 & 15 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. for a cost of \$6. Santa's Christmas special will be held on Sun. Dec. 9. Visitors can ride a variety of restored streetcars through a winter wonderland decorated with colourful lighted displays; see Santa's workshop in the 1912 Grand Trunk Station; enjoy apple cider and have a bowl of "streetcar chilli" for lunch. The Streetcar Museum is located at 13629 Guelph Line, 15 km north of 401 exit 312 or 5 km south of Hwy 7 on Wellington Rd. 44. For more information call 519-856-9802.

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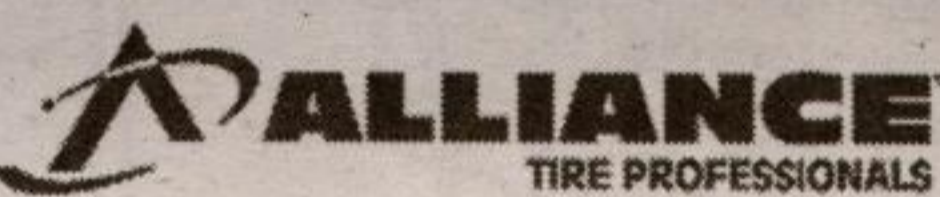
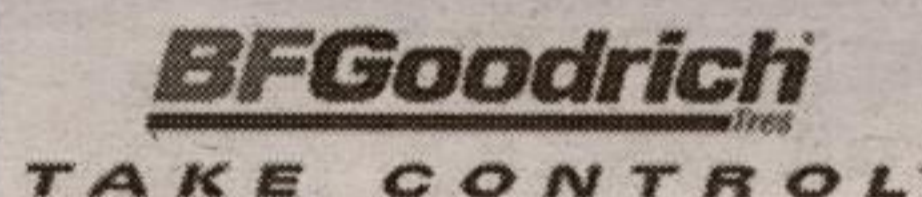


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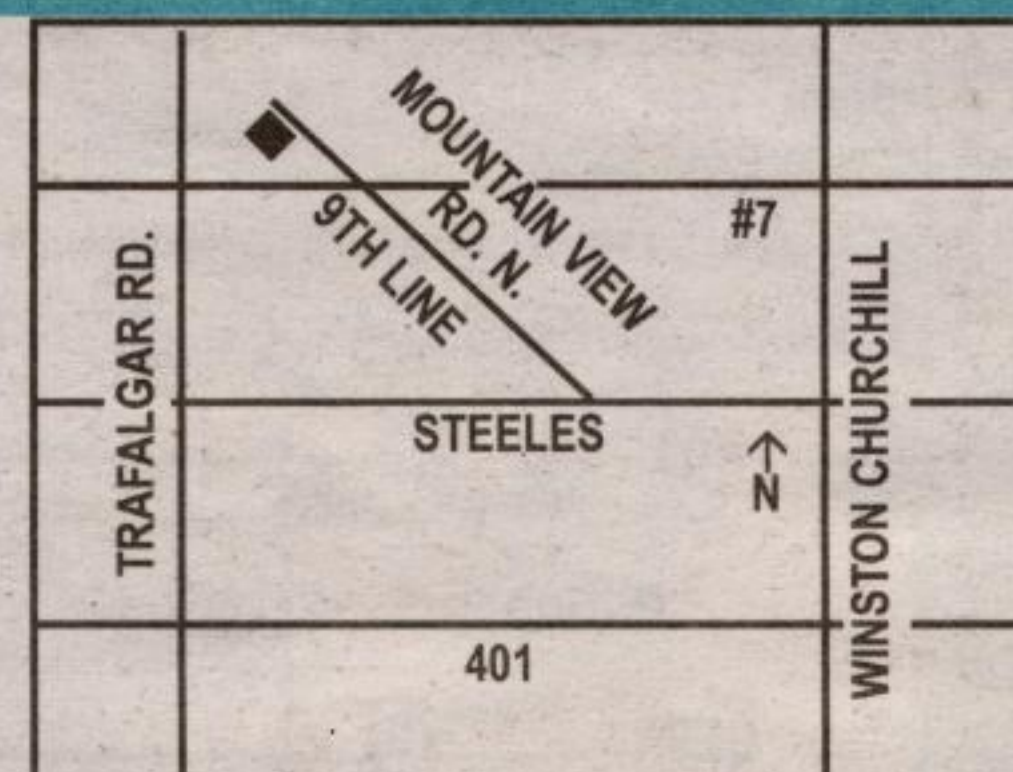


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