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## Guelph Line unsafe; changes planned

by Donna Danielli

Guelph Line has been under close watch.

The Region of Halton has completed several road studies to assess the conditions of existing roads and structures. One of the recent studies recommends Guelph Line, from Cameron Drive to 20 Side Road, be completely reconstructed to address drainage deficiencies and structural inadequacies.

This study also indicates there is an immediate need for this reconstruction. The Region of Halton, in response to this study, has initiated an Environmental Assessment Study for this section of the Guelph Line and a meeting to provide public input was held December 4, 2001, at Brookville Hall.

"This project has been earmarked as a deficient road for quite some time," explained Regional Councillor Barry Lee. "This is being done to bring the road up to a level to handle the volume that's on it. This road's being

reconstructed to bring it up to safety standards. It's dangerous the way it is."

The road study, done by the Region, highlights several areas of concern for this section of Guelph Line. It describes the existing pavement structure as deficient with alligator cracking, asphalt bleeding and general deterioration as well as substandard drainage. There is limited visibility at a number of driveways, resulting in poor driving conditions when vehicles enter or exit the roadway at these locations.

The study also shows that travel speeds are an issue (as vehicles travel at higher than the posted speeds) and illustrated concerns about the proximity of the school bus loading zones at Brookville Public School to the traffic on Guelph Line.

As well, the study indicates with the growth in residential areas, the lack of sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians wishing to travel to and from the Brookville Market, Brookville Public School,

Brookville Park, or Community Centre will become a larger issue.

Brookville residents present at the meeting were given the opportunity to voice their concerns. One concern that was re-iterated continually, was the current traffic speeds and volume.

"I've seen an increase in highway speed with people from Rockwood travelling through at excess speeds," stated Churchill Estates resident Mr. Rutledge. "The abuse of speed limits is intolerable."

Mr. Jim Horton, of iTRANS Consulting, who was leading the presentation on behalf of the Region, assured those gathered that "we will be looking at specific measures to control speed in the next step of the process. We'll be looking at what we can do about the speed issues, about defining the community, deal with school bus safety and noise issues."

Local artist and owner of the Brookville Gallery Albert Casson,

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## A perfect Christmas Gift

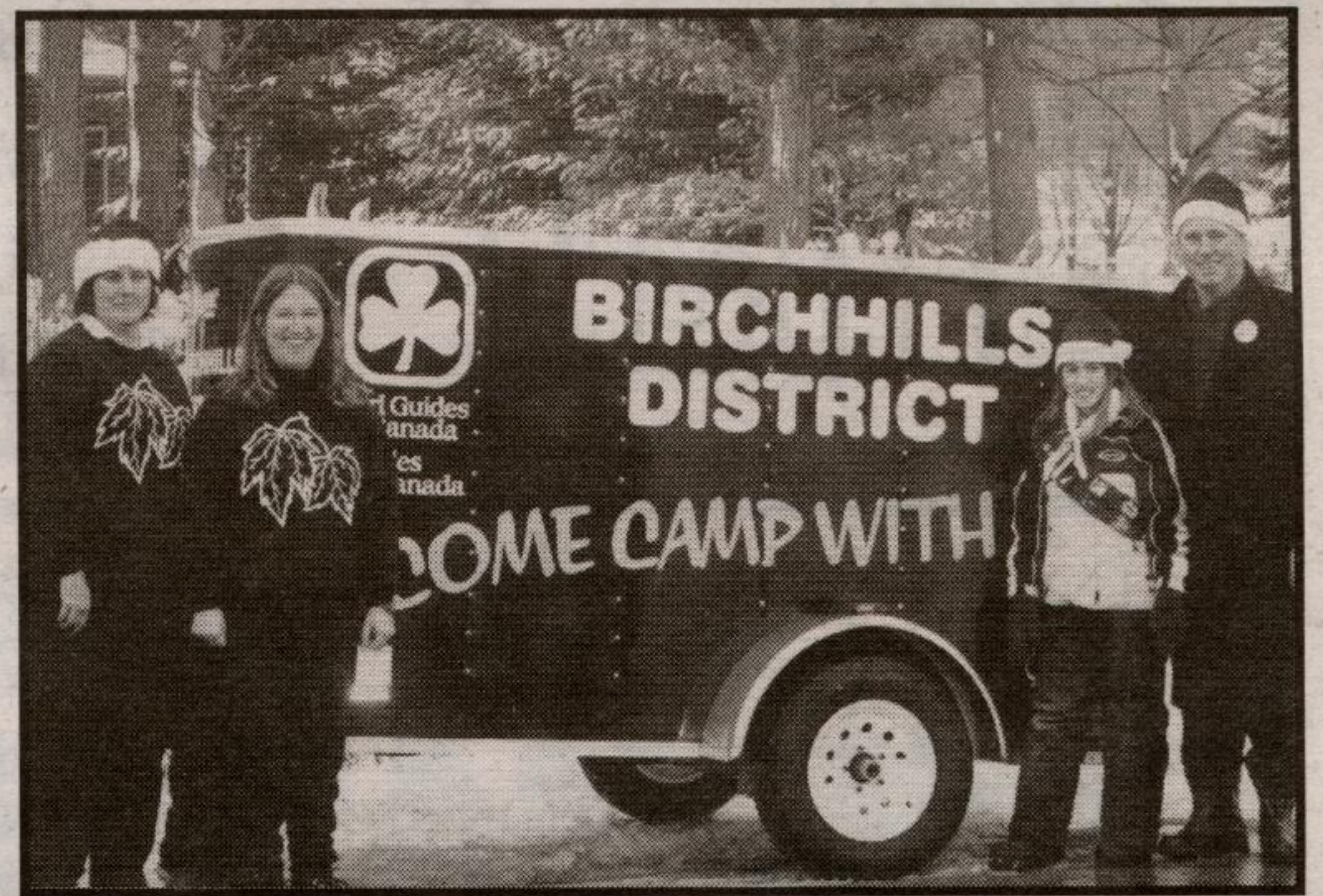


Photo by Donna Danielli

The Birchhills District Girl Guides were recently granted funding from the Milton Community Fund enabling them to buy themselves the trailer shown above. The Girl Guides trailer is used to assist the group in carrying equipment when camping.

From left to right: Sharon Richardson, Paula Gomes, Esther Gomes and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz.

## Inside this Month's Compass

### Shoebbox Memories

Elmer Coxe was the grandson of William and Mary Coxe who settled on Lot 14, Conc. 7, Nassagaweya Township in the mid-1800s and were a prominent family in the community.

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### Idle Pursuits

Who would have thought a dead man would have a ghost of a chance of winning his wife back? Yet that's exactly what happens in the theatrical performance Ghost of A Chance, reviewed by The Compass.

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### Community Cornerstone

Without the many community volunteers the Campbellville Santa Claus Parade would not be possible. Local resident Glen Goldstraw is one such volunteer who exerted a tremendous amount of time and energy.

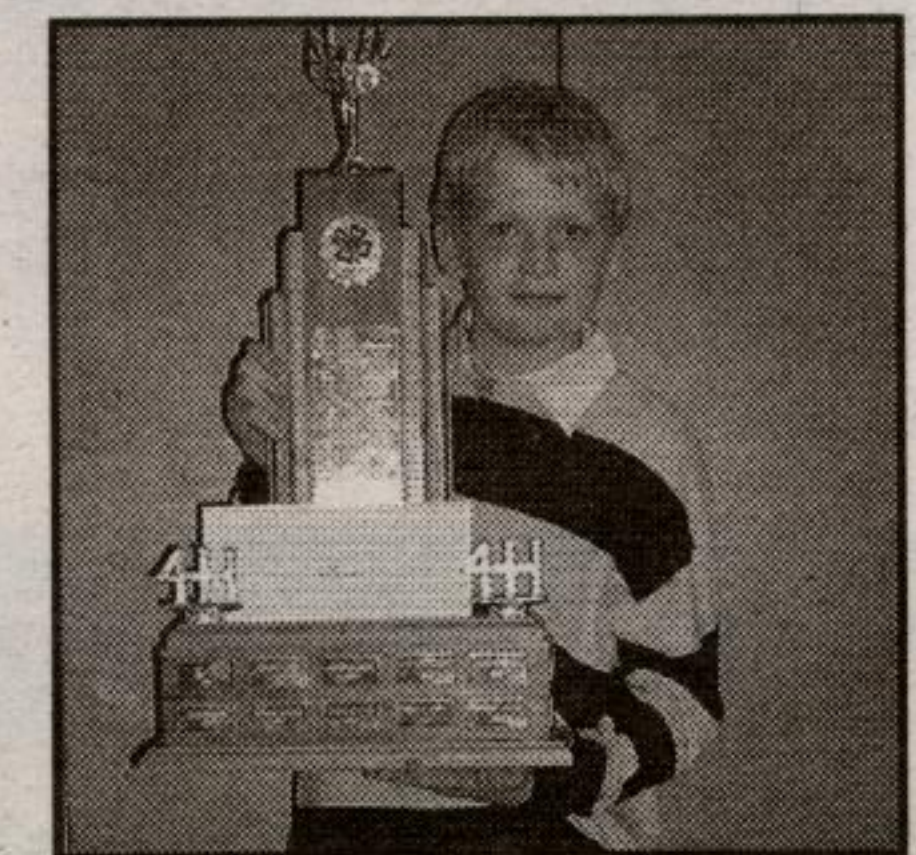
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### Halton 4-H

As the year drew to a close, the Halton 4-H Association held its annual Awards Night to honour all the hard work of the 4-H members. Congratulations to all participants and keep up the good work.

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