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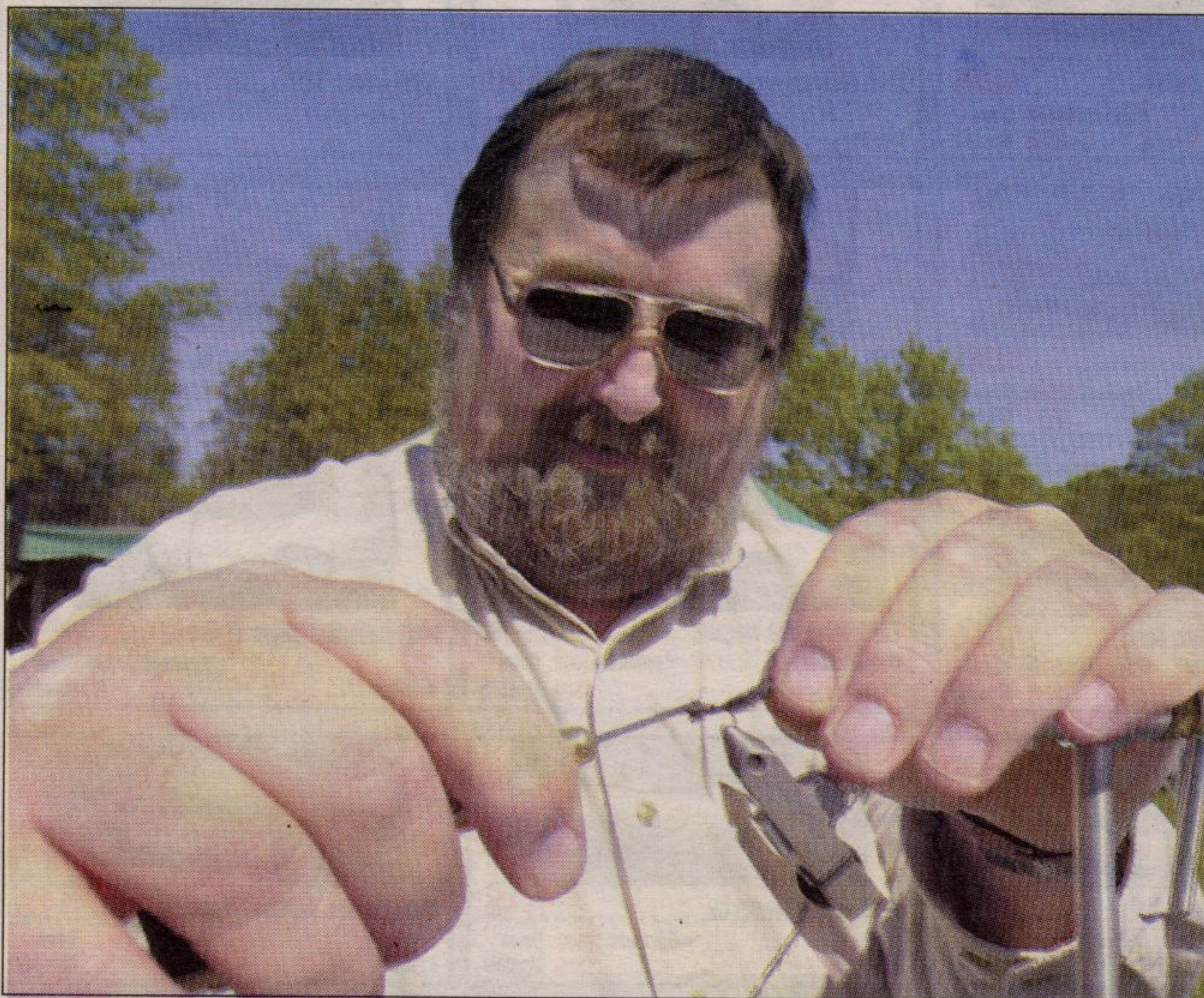
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## Riverfest 2002

One-year-old Jonah Brodersen was a bit apprehensive as mom Tammy fed llamas Applejack and Kramer at Canoe Country as the annual Riverfest celebration kicked off Saturday in Norval. Among the many activities visitors were able to see all sorts of outdoors and river related exhibits, including a demonstration on fly-tying by Georgetown's Mike Rowan, (right) of the Isaac Walton Fly Fishing Club. For more photos see page 3.

Photos by Ted Brown



## Deep cuts coming, says school board

Just how deep proposed cuts to the Halton District School Board's 2002-03 budget will be should be unveiled tonight (Wednesday).

The gathering of the board, which will deal with the budget issue only, should be a contentious one.

Administrators have warned of substantial reductions in some programs or services, and by extension possible job losses, due to what they maintain is an inadequate education funding formula implemented by the Ontario government.

Board staff led by business superintendent Carla Kisko and Education Director Dusty Papke have reiterated at previous budget meetings that the administration cannot legally endorse or present a deficit budget.

However, Kisko has noted several times recently that expected provincial revenues for Halton's public board of \$281.4 million, plus about \$4.5 million more in recently announced top-up money, still leaves the board several million dollars short when inflation and expected salary hikes are contemplated.

The majority of the board's employee contracts come up for renewal this August. Wages and benefits account for about 80 per cent of the school board's expenses.

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