

50,000 lbs. collected Food drive surpasses expectations

The 12th annual Scout/Guide Food Drive was a huge success on Saturday—bringing in substantially more food for both the Acton and Georgetown food banks than last year's drive.

"It was fabulous, we surpassed our expectations," said Georgetown food drive co-ordinator Darlene Moss. She estimates that more than 40,000 lbs. of food and approximately \$400 in donations were collected in Georgetown by the scouts, guides and Calvinist cadets Saturday. Last year's drive netted Georgetown Bread Basket 37,500 lbs. of food.

"We are overwhelmed and gladdened by the support of the community," said Susan Tupling, a director of Georgetown Bread Basket.

"I don't know if it's September 11, we just find people are so much more giving this past year," said Moss.

She said right now every room at Georgetown Bread Basket, including the office, is crammed full of food, and more food could be coming in as some residents have called to say their donation was not picked up.

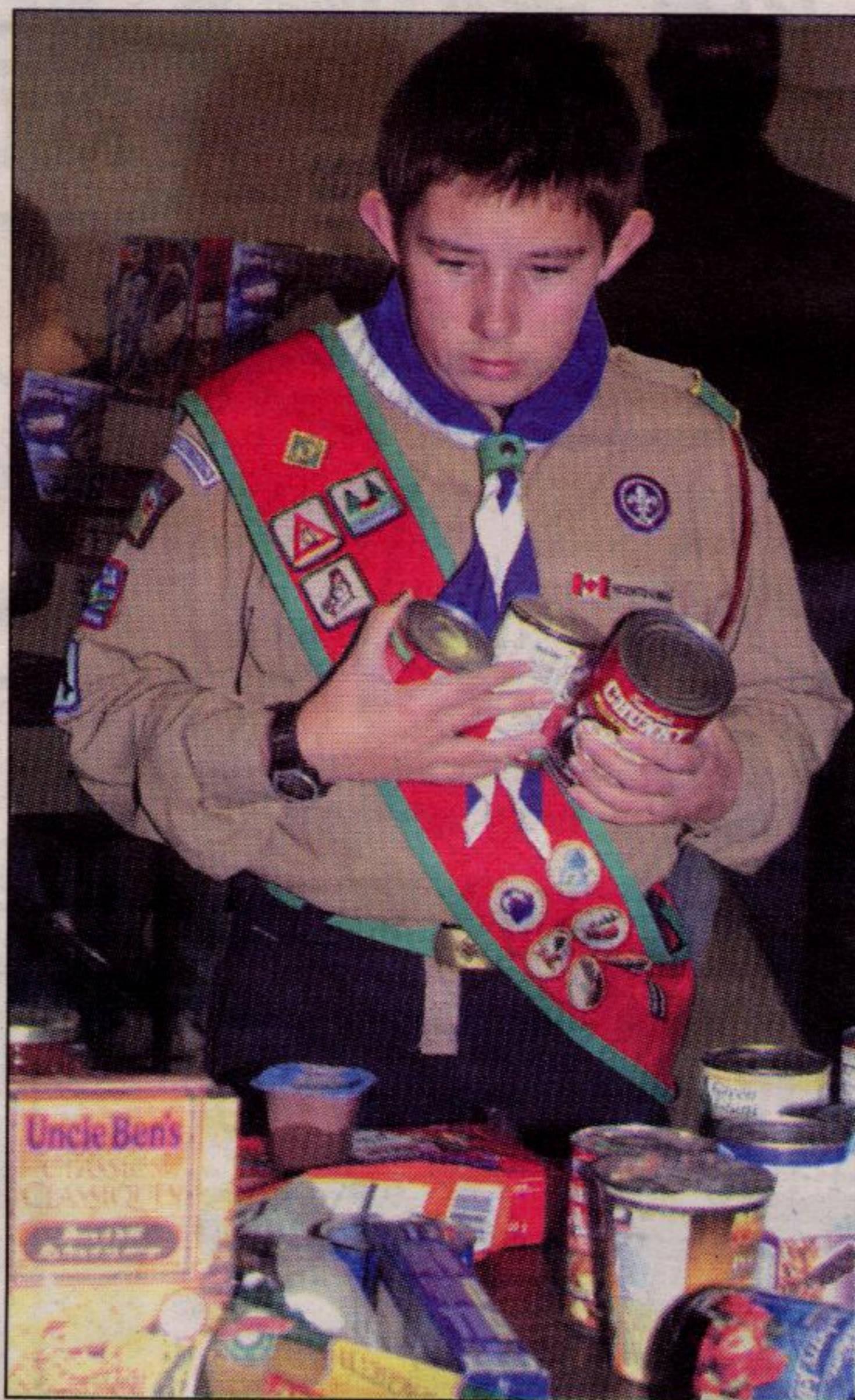
Those people who were missed in the drive are encouraged to drop their donations, still in the brown paper bag, into the food bank bins at area grocery stores or at the food bank located at 55 Sinclair Ave., Unit 12, Wednesday or Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Acton residents also gave very generously this year.

Eileen Dix, treasurer of Acton FoodShare, said more than 10,000 lbs. of food and \$500 in donations were collected by the scouts, guides and cadets. Last year's drive brought in about 7,000 lbs. of food.

"It's been amazing," said Dix. "We had more this year than we've had in quite some time." She added the youths who collected the food did a "wonderful job."

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Georgetown Scout Jordan Hoyle, 12, helps sort food during Saturday's Scout/Guide food drive at St. Andrew's Church. The drive saw 40,000 lbs. of food collected in Georgetown and 10,000 lbs. in Acton.

Photo by Trish England

Acton during the drive should drop their donations at the food bin at IGA or at Acton FoodShare, 153 Perth St., Tuesday between 9 a.m. and noon or call (519) 853-0457.

Georgetown Bread Basket serves more than 200 families, including more than 100 children, and Acton FoodShare serves approximately 70 adults and 60 children each month.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Halloween blaze destroys \$60,000 bus

Both Halton Regional Police and Halton Hills Fire Department are investigating a fire that destroyed a large bus on Armstrong Ave. Halloween night.

Halton Hills Fire Department reported at approximately 10 p.m. Thursday a resident of a high-rise building in Georgetown called 911 to report a large amount of smoke coming from the industrial area.

When firefighters arrived they found a large commercial bus that had been renovated and converted into an RV engulfed in flames in a locked compound at Riteway Auto Body.

Firefighters brought the fire under control very quickly and managed to stop the fire from spreading to several nearby autos stored in the compound.

Damage is estimated at \$60,000.



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