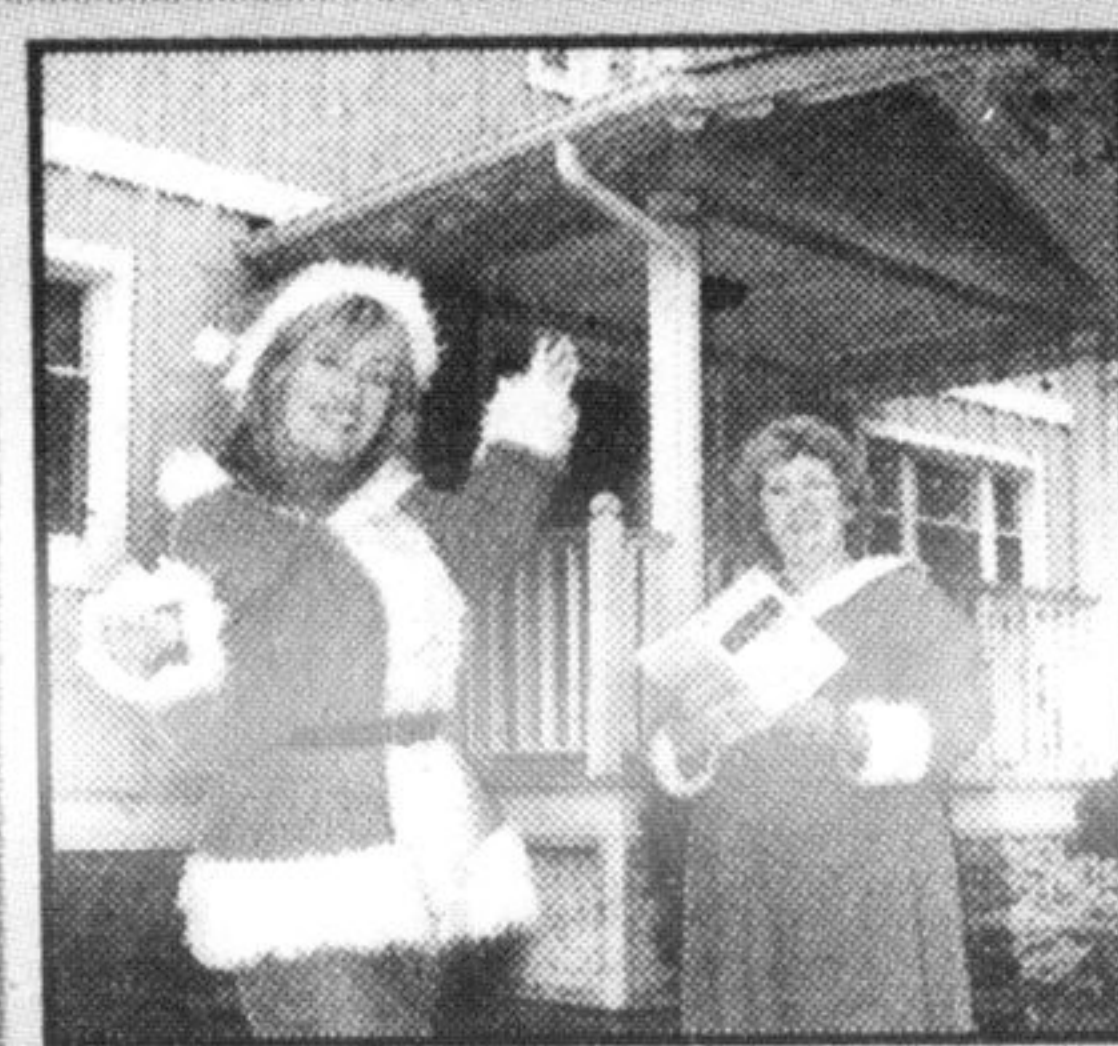


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Study taking look at transportation issues in Milton

By **FANNIE SUNSHINE**
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Milton should have a readily available public transportation system during the evening and weekends, residents told consultants during a public meeting last week.

Angela Iannuzziello and Dennis Fletcher from ENTRA Consultants said they were looking for suggestions on how to improve the transportation system in town and the connection to other municipalities.

Mr. Fletcher said the North Halton Transit Master Plan is a spin-off from an inter-regional study the consultants were hired to do by the Region.

"The Region is looking at ways they can take on a role in dealing with transportation, but they aren't looking at making transportation regional," he told the small group that gathered at Hugh Foster Hall October 21. "We came up with the idea to look in detail at north Halton, at the services within the towns of Milton and Halton Hills and the need for improvements."

Mr. Fletcher said the purpose of the meeting was to gather information on the means of transportation already in place for north Halton and what the municipalities are lacking.

"We don't have any answers tonight," he continued. "This is just an information gathering session."

Mr. Fletcher said the consultants are focusing their study on public transportation needs within town, along with connections to south Halton, Mississauga, Guelph, Brampton and Toronto.

"If people want to go to Georgetown, they have to take the train to Union (Station in Toronto) and then to Georgetown. If

there was service to Milton to Georgetown, the trip can be made easier. Milton would be a better place to live if you can travel where you want to."

Several residents noted that while the Dial-A-Bus service in town helps for getting around the community, the service isn't always available when requested.

"We can't get the bus after 3 p.m.," one resident said. "Sometimes there aren't enough seats or the driver just came from that particular area and can't come back. We can't plan in advance for appointments and such because we don't know if the bus will be full."

The majority of people in attendance said a regular bus service during the evenings and weekends is most important, followed by service to Oakville to Burlington.

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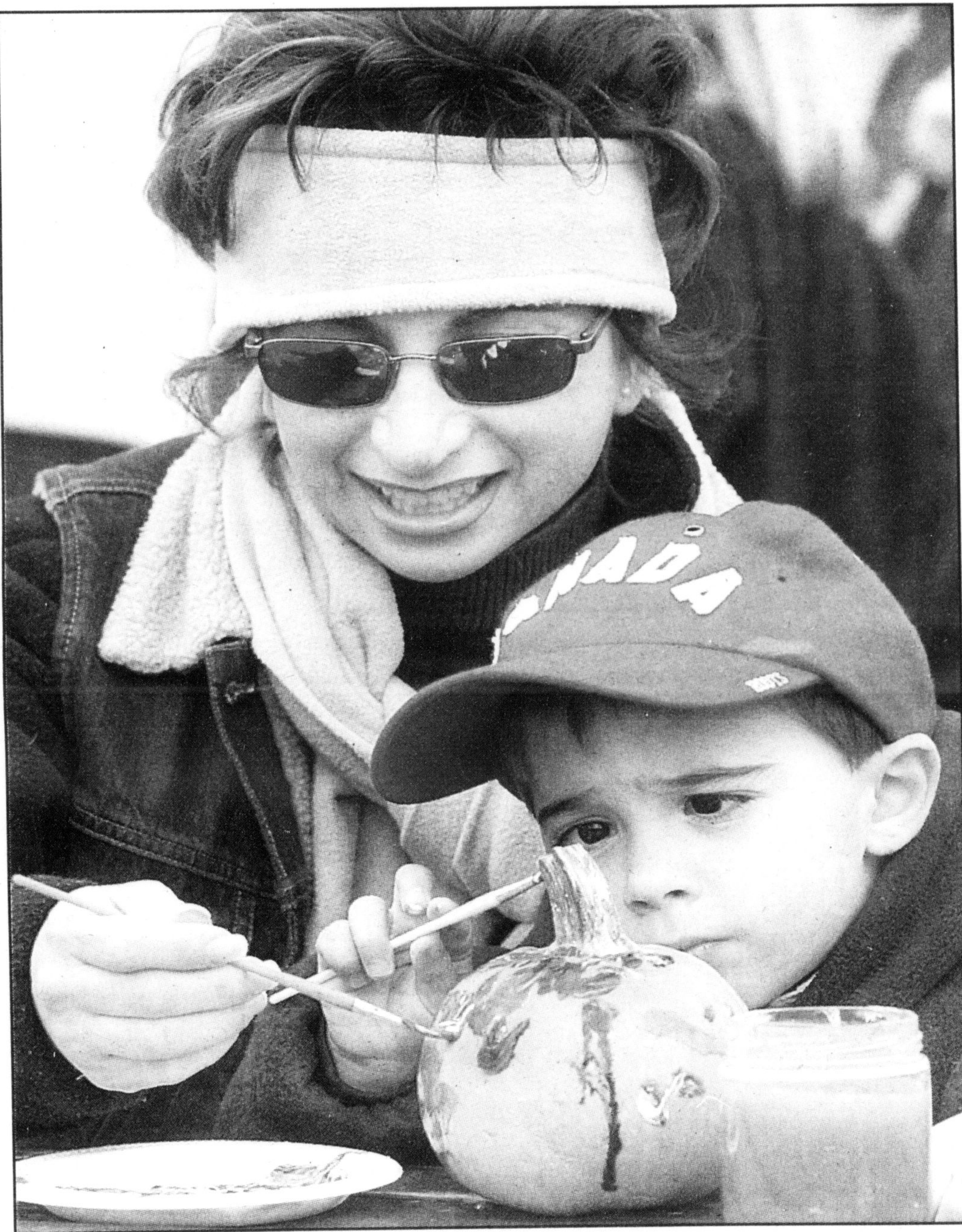


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✓ Pretty crafty

Maria Ellis gives a helping hand to her three-year-old son Tyler as the two take part in Halloween pumpkin painting on a cool rainy day Sunday at Springridge Farm.

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