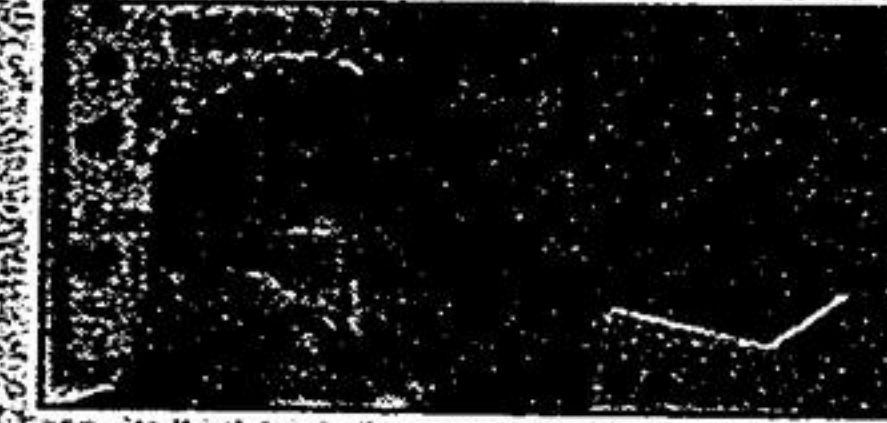


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YORK REGION HAS EYES FOR ABANDONED KIRKLAND LAKE MINE AGAIN

## Keep your trash: Northerners

BY PATRICK CASEY  
 Staff Writer

Northern Ontario opponents of a possible dump near Kirkland Lake will not sit quietly and watch plans to kick-start the Adams Mine proposal resurface.

Pierre Belanger, a spokesperson for a coalition representing Ontario and Quebec residents plus members of the Algonquin First Nation

tribe, insists his organization holds two important trump cards if Toronto and York Region politicians re-visit the controversial plan with Rail Cycle North Ltd.

The consortium had hoped to ink a 20-year, \$1-billion deal and dump waste from Greater Toronto into an abandoned iron ore mine before it was scrubbed last October.

But with renewed interest

shown in the project, Belanger said the federal government has the power to initiate a full environmental assessment on the abandoned iron ore mine since the deal involves interprovincial land issues.

And the organization continues to push for the EA, maintaining leachate from the garbage in the mine will contaminate drinking water and pollute Lake

Temiskaming, which straddles the Ontario-Quebec border.

"We are mystified by the actions over the last two weeks," Belanger said last week. "We are under attack by Queen's Park and commercial institutions."

"The federal government's environmental assessment is the ultimate way to stop this."

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## RANCH OWNER, GUIDE WILL STAND TRIAL

Charged in death of 10-year-old rider

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Two Musselman's Lake men will stand trial in connection with the death of a 10-year-old Aurora girl killed while riding a horse at a Ninth Line ranch.

At the end of two-hour presentation, Judge Vibert Lampkin committed James Coultice and Scott Tarpey to stand trial to begin March 29 in Newmarket. A publication ban was imposed on Thursday's court proceedings.

Following an investigation into the death of Elizabeth Hader, York Regional Police charged both the owner of Wagon Wheel Ranch and a ranch employee/guide with criminal negligence causing death.

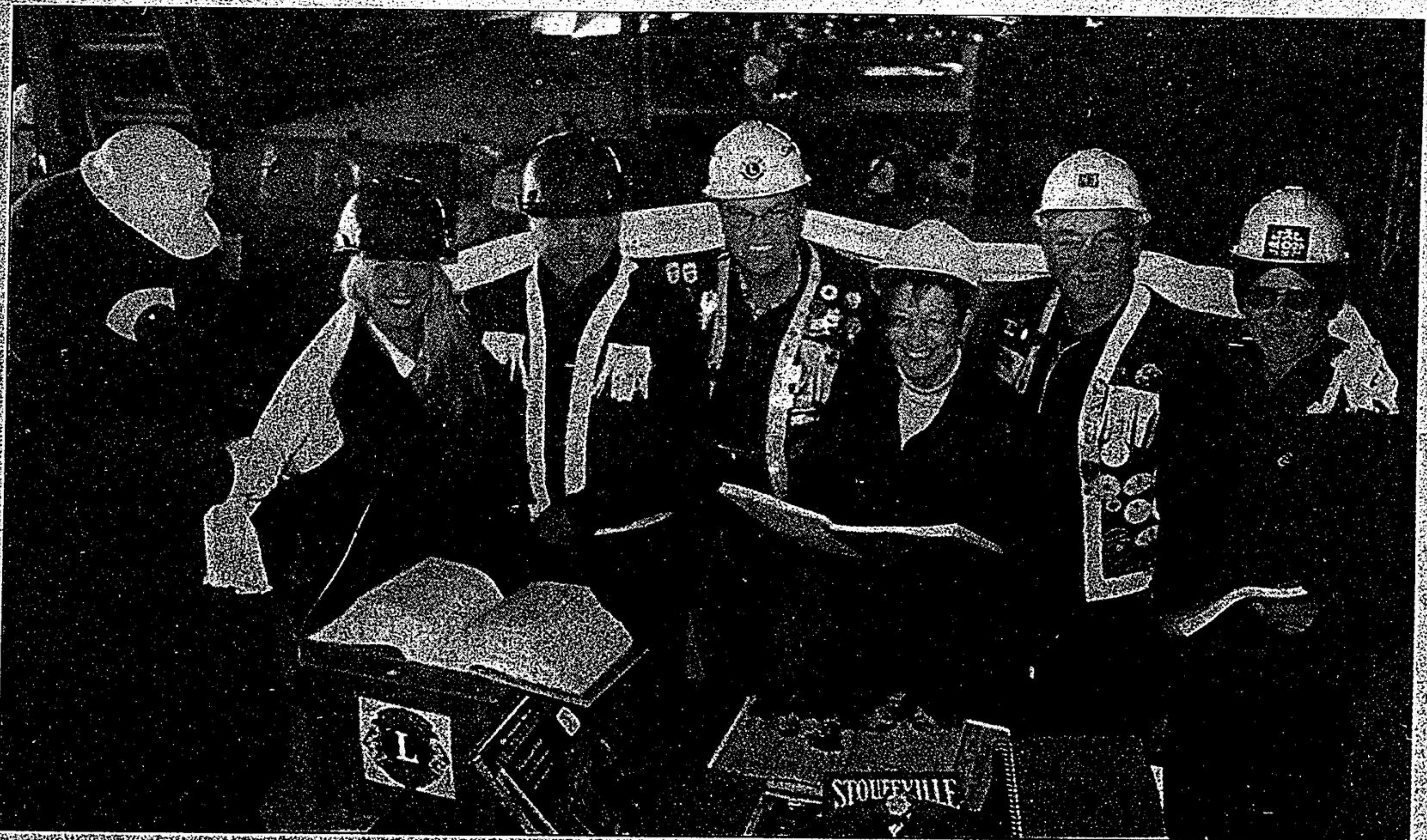
While on a family outing at Wagon Wheel Ranch, the child was dragged to her death after falling from a horse in April, 1999.

After the tragedy, Elizabeth Hader's parents launched a campaign lobbying three levels of governments to make it mandatory for helmets and foot gear to be worn by children while riding horses.

A private member's bill to be presented by Thornhill MPP Tina Molinari in March, calls for a helmet and boot law addressing children's safety while horse back riding.

The Haders, along with former Aurora town councillor

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## CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEW LIBRARY

Furbie, the new Whitchurch-Stouffville library mascot, catches these visitors with his shawl as the Stouffville Lions present money for the genealogy room at the library. From left: Furbie (Lion Tim Rochacewich), Loretta Lavell, chair of the library fundraising committee and Lions Ted Welter Brian Blenkhorn, Barb St. John, Russ Holder, and Ivan Harris. The library is to open in July.

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