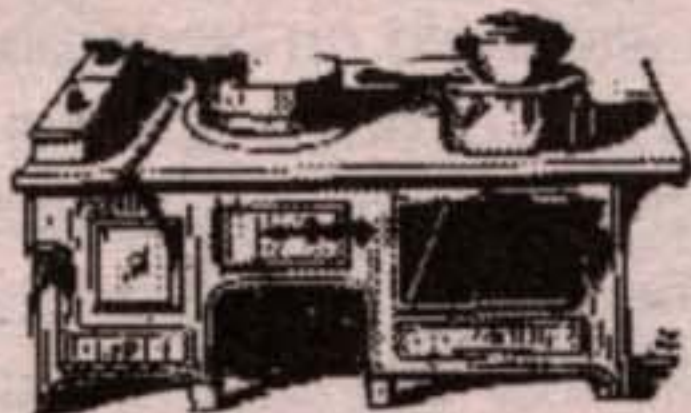


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Keeping the home fires burning

Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

BY GLENDA BENTON



By the time you read this your Christmas celebrations will be over and you'll be planning for 2000 with hope and anticipation. As the deadline for this article approached I was sick with flu. Bert was a good nursemaid and with his help finding my recipes and Tammie typing and e-mailing to the paper, we made it. Everyone seems to be planning something special for this New Year's Eve and so I thought I'd suggest a couple of my favorites.

PARTY CHEESE BALL

- 1 pkg (500 grams) softened cream cheese
- 3 cups (750 grams) finely shredded old Canadian cheddar cheese
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cream or milk
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste

Beat cream cheese; add cheddar cheese and the rest of the ingredients and beat until thoroughly combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until firm enough to roll into ball. Roll in chopped parsley and chopped nuts, such as walnuts. Store in refrigerator until 15 minutes before serving.

If you don't want to make a cheese ball this Cheese Spread is equally tasty.

CHEESE SPREAD

- 2 cups grated cheese
- 4 tablespoons chopped pimento

- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 2 hard boiled eggs (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
- 1/2 cup salad dressing

Blend all ingredients and mix well. Serve on crackers, bread, buns or with vegetable relishes. Makes 3 cups.

If you'd like to try an easy and tasty punch recipe:

FRUIT PUNCH

- 1 litre grapefruit juice
- 1 litre orange juice
- 1 litre cranberry juice
- 2 bottles of ginger ale (2 litre bottles)

Combine all ingredients in a large punch bowl and stir gently to mix. *Note: Because my bowl is not too large I make this half at a time.* For an extra touch, add maraschino cherries and/or strawberries frozen in ice cube trays, and of course you can never go wrong with orange slices for an added touch.

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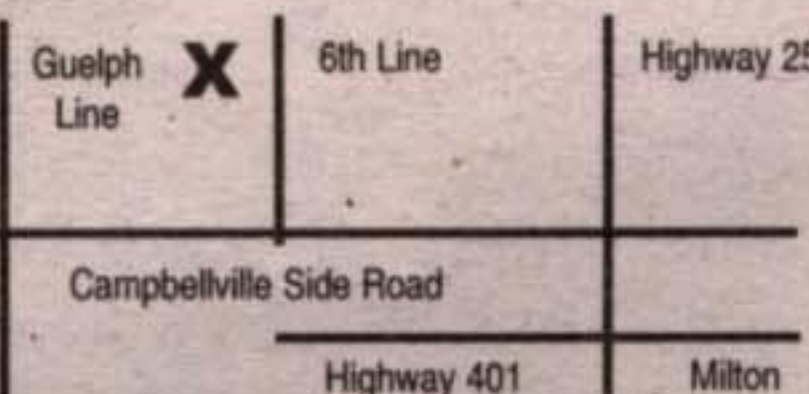


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Events for the new millennium



A new century, a new millennium and winter in North Halton - who could ask for anything more? I know, how about some great things for you and the kids to do during this snowy season?

Milton Community Resource Centre gears up for another round of successful programs this January. The **Leadership Program** for ages 6-12 promotes positive self-esteem and improves leadership skills. This runs Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. for 8 weeks beginning January 18; cost is \$45. The next **Teen Dance** at Milton Leisure Centre is January 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for \$5. Girls aged 10-13 might like **Monday Nite Out**, an 8 week program featuring baking, fashion, beauty care, nutrition, fitness and guest speakers. Cost is \$35 beginning Jan. 17. Are you aged nine or up and ready to be home alone? The **Home Alone Program** every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. teaches how to deal with strangers at the door or on the telephone, household safety, first aid and emergency procedures, and preparing basic foods or snacks. Fee of \$30 includes manual. Finally, if you're aged 11-12 and want to start baby sitting, the **Babysitter's Training Course** includes first aid, CPR, child development, home safety, infant care and games for children. Those completing this course will receive a certificate. Cost is \$45 including the manual. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m., January 18 to March 7. For information on any of these programs, please call Terri Claessens at 905-876-1244, ext. 18.

Halton Hills Recreation and Parks offer **Leadership 2000** for youth 13-16 years of age, a four day program of training and workshops by experienced leaders. It includes guest speakers, a manual, and, upon completion of an interview process, a T-shirt and placement in summer programs, as well as a graduate certificate. Program fee is \$75 and deadline for registration is March 1 but space is limited. Applications for **summer program leaders, aquatic staff and park staff** for the 2000 program season are being accepted and can be picked up at the Recreation and Parks Dept., Civic Centre. Deadline January 31. Halton Hills also offers its **Tot Learn to Skate Program**, preschool instruction for 3 to 5 year olds Thursdays, January 6 to March 9, 9:30 a.m., at Memorial Arena and Fridays January 7 to March 10 at the Acton Arena. Cost is \$50 for ten weeks. For more information about any of the above, call 905-873-2601, extension 2262.

Dance Elite preschool program in Milton runs Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. Call Miss Marnie at 905-878-5736. **Milton Leisure Services** offers new programs beginning in January, ranging from Sportball to Creative Cameras. They cover a variety of ages from 18 months to 17 years of age. Call 878-7211, ext. 188 to find out more.

May the year 2000 bring your family good health and fortune and may it continue to bring me your faxes (905-876-1034) and e-mails (ddanielli@interhop.net) about upcoming events!

Grand opening for Illusions



Jeanette Dodson, left, with Kelly Bussell

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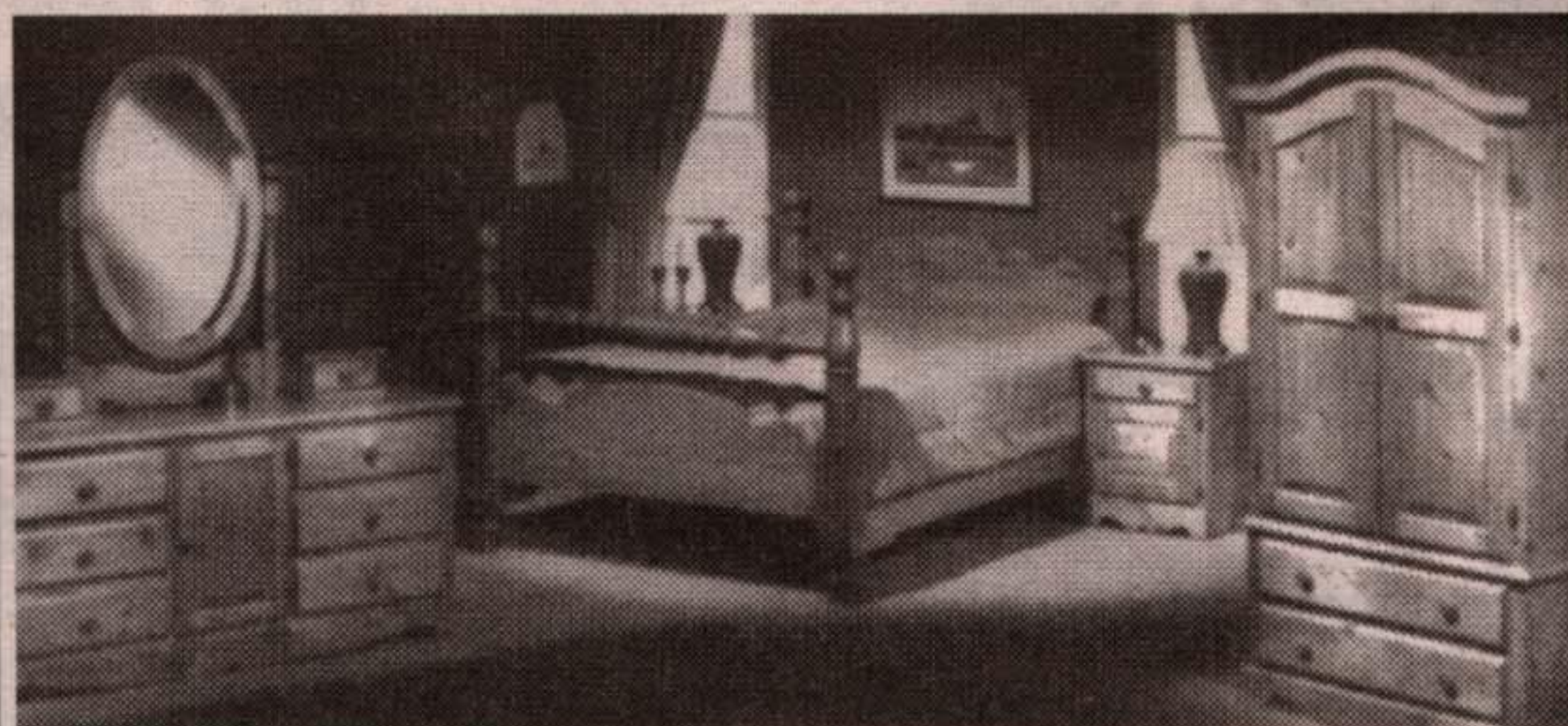
Jeanette Dodson, owner of Illusions in Georgetown, recently opened her newest location at 30 Main Street North in Campbellville. Redolent with the fragrant scents of candles, the shop offers antiques, wreaths, holiday decorations, gifts and gift baskets, and home and garden accents. The quaint white building is a cosy haven of treasures for those looking for something a little more unusual.

Dodson, an interior designer, creates silk floral designs with the customers' specifications to match their colour scheme and decorate indoors and out. Illusions is open weekends in Campbellville and through the week in Georgetown.

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