

North Halton Happenings

NOVEMBER 3

Country Christmas Bazaar at Boston Presbyterian Church, 3rd Line Halton Hills just north of 5 Sideroad, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Crafts, knitting, crocheter, Christmas decorations. Silent auction, baking and jams. Hot soup or chilli lunch.

NOVEMBER 6

The Peel/Halton Vaginal Birth After Cesarean-Cesarean Awareness Group (VBAC-CA) provides information, support and topical discussions at its meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. From choosing a caregiver to the moment of arrival, determine how to have the best birth for your baby. For telephone support, lending library or further information call Penny at 905-873-2779 or Lisa at 905-469-8599.

NOVEMBER 9

Euchre in the Eden Mills Community Hall at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Eden Mills Friendly Seniors. Admission \$3. Prizes and refreshments. All proceeds go to the Hall Accessibility Renovation Project (H.A.R.P.) "The Lift Project." All welcome. Please support this major undertaking.

NOVEMBER 11

The Wrapped Doll Workshop will be led by Jan Sherman at the Elm Tree Centre from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for a cost of \$35. Connect with your spirit as you go through the meditative process of wrapping to create a doll that will reflect you and your unique journey. Workshop participants are required to bring twigs or small branches, fabric that can be torn into strips for wrapping, coloured thread, sewing needles and scissors. Select one small object, that has special meaning to you, that can be incorporated into your spirit doll and bring it along too. All other materials are provided.

NOVEMBER 17

Spend an afternoon inside a cozy 19th century farmhouse creating a grapevine wreath, decorated with natural objects to take with you. Conservation Halton's Wreath Making Workshop will run from noon to 4 p.m. for a cost of \$30. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. All instructions, materials will be provided. Hot beverages and snacks. Call 905-854-2276 ext. 221.

NOVEMBER 21

The Rockwood Gardening Club invites you to join them for "Caring for Houseplants," presented by Daphne Dendrijver of Greenscape Nurseries. For more information contact Jan Osborne 519-856-4605 or Jean Martin 519-856-9001.

NOVEMBER 24

The Eden Mills Community Bazaar will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eden Mills Community Hall. Bazaar will feature penny draw table, money tree and other exciting draws, bake tables, white elephant, something for everyone. Light lunch and delicious sweets available in the tea room. Quality donations are needed for the penny table. Contact Diane at 519-856-2098 for more information.

Come celebrate the beauty of the Christmas season with the Milton Choristers. The Choristers will present "Britten's Ceremony of Carols" at 7:30 p.m. from St. Paul's United Church in Milton. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at Delacourt's on Main Street, Milton, at Peggy's in the Milton Mall, or by calling 905-876-2401 or 905-689-0646.

NOVEMBER 25

The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be hosting their regular meeting at the Chinguacousy Branch Library. Lower Level, 150 Central Park Drive, Bramalea at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be J. Brian Gilchrist on the topic "Records of the Dead". Visitors are welcome.

DECEMBER 13

Rockwood's Parade of Lights will begin at 7 p.m. in the village of Rockwood. Come out to see unique farm vehicles decorated for the Christmas season and paraded through town. Now in its ninth season, it's an event not to be missed.



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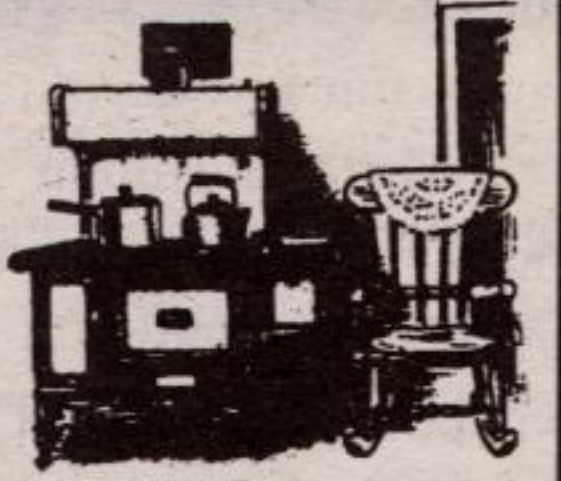
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Keeping the home fires burning

Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

by Glenda Benton



If you are like me you probably have certain recipes that you tend to make at certain times of the year. These two cake recipes are certainly two of my fall recipes. They both keep well but don't often get the chance to keep too long. As well, they both freeze well.

CRANBERRY SPICE CAKE

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
1 3/4 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp salt
1 can (14 oz/398 ml) Ocean Spray jellied cranberry sauce (mashed)
Cream butter. Beat in sugar and egg. Stir in raisins and nuts. Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Stir in cranberry sauce. Pour into greased tube or bunt pan. Bake at 350 for one hour. Makes one cake. Cake is wonderful topped with vanilla custard sauce. For a simple topping sprinkle with icing sugar. N.B. Very moist and keeps well in fridge.

PUMPKIN CAKE

2 cups sifted all purpose flour
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp allspice
1/4 tsp ginger
1 cup All Bran or Bran Bud cereal or 1 1/2 cups Bran Flakes
1 - 6 oz package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped pecans
2 cup sugar
4 eggs
1 - 1lb can (4 cups) canned pumpkin
1 cup vegetable oil
Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, spices and sugar. Let stand. In a large mixing bowl beat eggs until foamy. Add pumpkin, oil and bran. Mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients, mixing only until combined. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Spread evenly in ungreased 10x4 inch tube pan. Bake in 350 degree oven about one hour and ten minutes or until tester near centre comes out clean. Cool completely before removing from pan. Drizzle with confectioners sugar glaze if desired.

**When there's work to be done,
turn up your sleeves - not your nose.**

Hamper program - the joy of giving

by Donna Danielli

Christmas is fast approaching and in the flurry of buying the perfect toys for the kids, and figuring out just what to get cranky Aunt Sarah this year, it's easy to forget that for some mothers, even decisions like this are unattainable.

Through the Holiday Hamper Program, women and their dependent children who have used the services of Halton Women's Place

in the past year will receive a hamper containing food and new gifts to help them with their first holiday season on their own.

"Christmas can be a traumatic time of the year for anyone because of the societal pressures," explains Sue Ellen Slater of Halton Women's Place. "For women in crisis, it can be even more traumatic. We make a commitment to the

women we serve to assist them with their holidays."

Halton Women's Place needs individuals, community groups and local businesses to sponsor the 115 families. Sponsors will anonymously adopt a family and receive a copy of their "Wish List", a list of items needed by the mother and her children. Sponsors are asked to provide gifts worth about \$100 per child and mother and to include food vouchers, gift wrap and tape so the mother can wrap the surprises to leave under the tree Christmas morning.

"We often run short of gifts for moms and teens," says Ms. Ellen. "Gift certificates for movies or music stores are great. Gift certificates are really invaluable. One mom last year was able to use gift certificates to take her kids to the movies, something they see other families doing but which they just couldn't afford to do otherwise."

If you can't make the financial commitment of a hamper, you can still help out. Donations are needed for women and children who will spend the holiday season in the shelter. Any help is appreciated and you can find out more by calling 905-332-1200, ext 221.

"Many women say that if it wasn't for this program, they wouldn't have Christmas," explains Ms. Ellen.

The deadline for donating to the Holiday Hamper Program is Dec. 14. Please try to help.

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3. All alarm systems should feature an auxiliary power source for non-stop protection in case of a power failure.
4. A photo-electric cell regulating light according to existing conditions is a good investment.
5. A barking dog . . . even one whose bark is worse than its bite . . . can discourage robbers who want no attention called to their presence. A well-trained guard dog will reject even the most appetizing bait. If nothing else, a sign reading "BEWARE: VICIOUS DOG" can also be quite useful.

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