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## North Halton Happenings

### DECEMBER 6-9

**ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM** an outdoor Christmas Nativity Pageant, taking place at Country Heritage Park, 8560 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Country Heritage Park is off the 401, just west of Milton). With a "guide," visitors will walk the road to Bethlehem, interacting with Roman soldiers, shepherds, wise men and fellow travelers, to reveal the Christmas story. After their "journey," refreshments will be served, while a mass choir performs Christmas Carols. No admission charge. Free-will offering will be accepted. Production is a cooperative project of the Milton Christian Churches Working Together.

### DECEMBER 7

**CHRISTMAS FOLKLORE: EXPERIENCE THE ARBORETUM** at the U of Guelph through the stories of old, and join in on a great hike full of stories and activities. Meet at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre at 2 p.m. Bring binoculars if you wish. Sunday afternoon walks are free with a suggested donation of \$3 per person. For further info call 519-824-4120, ext. 2113.

### DECEMBER 7

**HOLLY TROLLEY RIDES** at Ontario's Operating Streetcar Museum (6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.). The Museum is located at 13629 Guelph Line.

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**RIDE STREETCARS WITH SANTA** at Ontario's Operating Streetcar Museum (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Museum located at 13629 Guelph Line.

### DECEMBER 8

**CATS ANONYMOUS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT SALE** Sunday, December 8, 2002 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. #063055 Dufferin Rd.# 3 - In Marsville (8km north of Hillsburgh). Call Tish 519-855-6850 for details. Join us to help celebrate the season... Visit with our furry friends and enjoy refreshments and hot cider. Browse our selection of scented candles, Christmas cakes and cookies, and presents for your pampered pussycat or pooch. Admission is 1 cat toy or treat!! Bring us your Canadian Tire Money, Used Stamps and Knechtel/A&P Tapes.

### DECEMBER 10

**NASAGIWEYA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Christmas Potluck Dinner.**

### DECEMBER 14

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### DECEMBER 15

**CHRISTMAS HIKE 'N' CRAFT AT THE ARBORETUM**, U of Guelph - it's a family program requesting your help to decorate our Christmas trees! Create outdoor ornaments for the wildlife and head outside to embellish the evergreens. Meet at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre at 2 p.m., and bring binoculars if you wish. Sunday afternoon walks are free with a suggested donation of \$3 per person. For further info call 519-824-4120, ext. 2113.

### DECEMBER 22

**CAROL SINGING ON THE GREEN**, St. John's Anglican Church, Main Street South, Rockwood. Drop by at 6:30 p.m. for hot chocolate and cookies, a warm fir, and lots of music under an evening sky.



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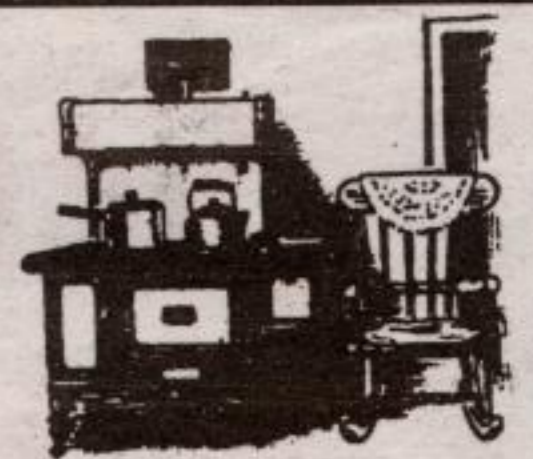
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# Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

by GLENDA BENTON



The snowfall last weekend sure made me think of Christmas. I had most of our outdoor decorations up during the nice weather and now it's baking time. This year I have decided to forgo the traditional Christmas Cake, opting for Fruit Cake Bars. My Mom used to make these a lot.

### FRUIT CAKE BARS

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
3/4 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/8 tsp. soda  
1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. cloves  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
(walnuts, pecans or almonds)  
1 cup chopped mixed candied fruit  
1/2 cup butter  
2 eggs  
1 small can sliced pineapple  
1/3 cup honey  
**Sugar Icing**  
1 tbsp. boiling water  
1 cup icing sugar  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Sift flour, baking powder, salt, soda and spices together.  
Combine chopped nuts and candied fruit and dredge with 1

tbsp. of the flour mixture. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and add sugar gradually, creaming thoroughly. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Drain pineapple reserving all syrup. Dice pineapple slices medium fine and stir into mixture. Pour syrup into measuring cup and add water to make 2/3 cups. Blend thoroughly with honey. Add flour mixture alternately with the liquid to the creamed mixture, blending until smooth. Fold in the floured nuts and fruit. Pour mixture into a well greased and floured 7 x 11 inch pan. Bake in preheated oven for 50 - 60 minutes or until done. Cool thoroughly. While still in pan, frost with a thin sugar icing. Cut into small fingers or bars.

How did you enjoy the peas and corn casserole with the beans? If I don't make more serious mistakes than that I guess I won't poison you. By the way, it is equally good with beans. You know we make these mistakes just to see if you are reading the paper. The odd time someone will call to tell me how much they have enjoyed a recipe or to request a recipe, but every time there is a mistake I get several calls. Will try to be more careful in 2003. Do enjoy this festive season and cherish those nearest and dearest to you.

*Wishing you all the warmth and love that is Christmas*



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## Is your chimney safe?

Wood burning systems must operate under a variety of conditions during each heating season. The slower burning needed in fall and spring, when heat demand is low, tends to result in more rapid creosote formation in the flue pipe and chimney. Chimney cleaning is usually needed more often in spring and fall.

One of the best ways to ensure that your wood heating system gets the maintenance it needs to be safe and effective is to hire a fully-trained professional chimney sweep. A professional sweep will clean the system top to bottom and report any problems to you.

Here are the most important maintenance tasks to consider as you check the condition of your wood heating system:

- Clean and inspect the chimney and flue pipes regularly.
- Check the condition of the chimney and flue pipes to determine if there has been any deterioration.
- Check the flue pipes for corrosion that can weaken the joints.
- When inspecting a masonry chimney, look for black or white stains on the outer bricks, and cracks or missing pieces in the chimney liner.

If you see any problems during cleaning and inspection, have the system thoroughly inspected by a qualified chimney sweep and repaired before continuing to use it.

*The directors and staff of Halwell Mutual wish all Halton a safe and happy Holiday Season !!!*

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