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### North Halton Happenings

#### FEBRUARY 9

NATURE IN THE WINTER- Get outdoors in winter and ask the guides those questions you've always wondered about. Meet at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre at 2 p.m. with binoculars if you have them. This walk is free with a suggested donation of \$3 a person. For more information please call the Arboretum at 519-824-4120, ext. 52113.

#### FEBRUARY 10

FIRST PLACE is a wellness weight-reduction program based on the Bible. If you are interested in bringing balance into your life in these four areas mental, physical, spiritual and emotional - you may want to explore this program. For further information call St. David's Church at 905-854-9800. This will be an informative orientation meeting starting at 7:00 pm. The full program will start February 17.

#### FEBRUARY 12\_

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MEETING at the Acton Legion, 7:15 p.m. Meet with other concerned citizens about the huge increases. For more information call Lou Bonnette 519-853-1816, or Mac Sprowl at 519-853-1195.

#### FEBRUARY 13-21

GEORGETOWN LITTLE THEATRE presents Out Of Sight...Out of Murder at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are \$15. Wed. & Thurs. evenings and \$18. Fri. & Sat. evenings. Tickets may be purchased at the theatre box office or by phone at 905-877-3700.

#### FEBRUARY 14

GRAND RIVER WATERSHED'S HERITAGE DAY WORKSHOP is at the Guelph Youth Music Centre along the banks of the Speed River in Guelph. The theme of the workshop is Grand Renewals: Adaptive Reuse and the Cultural Landscape. To register contact Cheryl Coutts or Vaille Laur at the City of Guelph at 519-837-5616.

#### FEBRUARY 16

VALENTINE'S HIKE 'N' CRAFT- Bring home a great Valentine you've created after a walk with someone you care about. Meet at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre at 2:00 pm with binoculars if you have them. This walk is free with a suggested donation of \$3 per person. For more information please call the Arboretum at 519-824-4120, ext. 52113.

#### FEBRUARY 17

THE MILTON AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY monthly meeting featuring Sean James on the topic of Water Gardens. This event takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion on Charles Street in Milton. Members and newcomers are encouraged to attend.

#### FEBRUARY 20\_

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY features a historical tour of Holy Rosary Church and the Rectory, 139 Main Street, Milton at 7:30 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY 22

Join Junior Achievement of Halton for its 2003 Hulabowl Bowlathon, an afternoon of fun, prizes and bowling games at Burlington Bowl, 4065 Harvester Rd. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The Hulabowling gets rolling at 1 p.m. Just get together a team of family, friends and/or colleagues, and call 905-637-7200 to register. All proceeds and pledges go towards expanding the impact of our business and life-skills programs on Halton students.

#### FEBRUARY 23

VOYAGE UNDER THE ICE! Discover who lives under the ice and snow and why they find it so cozy! Meet at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre at 2:00 p.m. with binoculars if you have them. This walk is free with a suggested donation of \$3 a person. For more information please call the Arboretum at 519-824-4120, ext. 52113.

#### FEBRUARY 24

00

THE HALTON HILLS QUILTERS GUILD will meet at the Moldmaster's Sports Complex (formerly the Gordon Alcott Arena) on Guelph Street, Georgetown, at 7:15 pm (library at 7 p.m.). For info call Sheila Barrington at 905-702-8623.



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## Glenda's Kitchen Kapers



Next week I will have two little girls (well not so little anymore) come flying in after school all excited because they need to bake something for Valentine's Day. Alyssa always wants to do cupcakes or doughnut muffins, and Kailie is a cookie baker. Of course chocolate chip cookies are her specialty but then they are hardly suitable for this occasion, and so it will likely be heart-shaped sugar cookies. I was asked for this recipe at our Christmas bake sale and so thought I'd share it now. It is certainly one that children will have successs with too.

#### Sugar Cookies

½ cup margarine

½ cup crisco

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1½ tsp. vanilla

Mix until smooth and add 23/4 cups all purpose flour

½ tsp. baking soda

3/4 tsp. salt

Cool for 1-3 hours.

Roll out and cut with cookie cutters. Bake at 375°F for 8-10 minutes.

Here is a quick dessert.

#### Lemon Blender Pudding

½ cup granulated sugar

2 tbsp. all purpose flour

3 eggs

1 cup milk

Finely grated rind of one lemon 5 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice

1-tbsp. butter (melted)

In a food processor whirl. Pour into a 9" ungreased pie plate. Place in centre of oven and bake 25-30 minutes.

(I made this with 5 tbsp. of REALE-MON juice and it was fine. Mind you, it is nicer with the rind and squeezed juice but we don't always have fresh lemons on hand.)

Before you put you foot down, be sure you have a leg to stand on.



## Brockville Bengals Beat

By PAULA GOMES

C tudents and staff at Brookville Public School would like to wish a fond farewell to Mr. Lee Bradshaw. After 31 years of teaching, Mr. Bradshaw is looking forward to his retirement at the end of January and a slower-paced and more relaxed life. Mr. Bradshaw commented, "I have enjoyed my 10 years at Brookville School and consider it an honour and privilege to have served in such an excellent school community." A "Closing Up the Classroom" celebration will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in the school library. Come and join the staff for cake and punch, and help Mr. Bradshaw celebrate his retirement. Best wishes to him as he begins this new phase in his life.

A special welcome is sent out to Mr. Sean O'Neill, who will be our new Grade 5 teacher starting February 3. Mr. O'Neill is originally from the Lowville area and taught in British Columbia for the past three years before relocating back to Ontario.

Brookville school has continued to be a busy place with the start of the new year. Auditions for the production of The Wizard of Oz were held in December and rehearsals began the first week back to school in January. As well, the set crew has started building all of the sets required for the play. Mark April 2nd and 3rd on your calendar for this exciting school presentation, under the direction of Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Crossfield, Miss Munro, Mrs. Kistner, Madame Froemmel and Mrs. Wheatley.

The Boys and Girls Grades 6-8 Basketball Teams began their season in January under the direction of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Nodwell. As well, the Grades 4-6 Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams have started their practice schedules to prepare for their upcoming season. These teams are coached by Madame Froemmel, Ms. Brox, Miss Munro, Mrs. Graham, Mlle. Domenech, Mrs. Kistner, Mrs. Boycott and Mrs. Keir. Thank you to all of the staff who are helping with these teams. We wish the best of luck

to all students in their games.

Practice is continuing for the Brookville Band and Primary Choir. Auditions will also be held for students wishing to join the Bengalos.

Kindergarten registration for September 2003 is being held at the school from Monday, January 27 to Thursday, January 30 from 8:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Children must turn five years of age by December 31, 2003 to be eligible for Senior Kindergarten and four years of age for Junior Kindergarten. If you are unable to attend the official registration please contact the school office at 905-854-2205 to arrange an alternate time.

Do you have a child 11 years of age or over who is interested in learning about babysitting? Plans are underway to bring a Red Cross babysitting course to Brookville Public School. Tentative plans are to hold four, two-hour sessions after school from 3:00 to 5:00 or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Nancy at 905-854-2713 for further information or to register.

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### Winter Driving Tips

- 1. Know the road conditions and current weather forecast prior to your departure.
- 2. Always leave a few minutes early to allow extra travel time to reach your destination.
- 3. Travel only when absolutely necessary if whiteouts, freezing rain or blizzards are occurring.
- 4. Beware of hazardous road conditions and always take extra care on icy roads. 5. Black ice usually occurs on lower sections of road, in shaded areas and on bridges. Slow down!
- 6. Always maintain a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front. It takes a far greater distance to stop on ice and snow.

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