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Food drive needs your help next weekend

Area residents are encouraged to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store for the 12th annual Scout/Guide Food Drive set for Saturday, November 2.

Georgetown residents are asked to fill with food the paper bags that are included in today's edition of *The Independent & Free Press*. A total of 11,500 are being distributed in the urban Georgetown area.

Acton residents are asked to fill one of their own bags, and residents of both communities should set the bags on their front step next Saturday by approximately 8:30 a.m. so area scouts, guides and Calvinist cadets can pick them up.

The food collected in Acton will go to Acton FoodShare and Georgetown's food will go to the Georgetown Bread Basket.

Georgetown's Bread Basket serves more than 200 families, including more than 100 children and Acton's food bank serves approximately 70 adults and 60 children each month.

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In search of the great pumpkin

Since pumpkins are now in season, Halloween can't be far away, as Jamey Allison (left) and Alex Weststeyn, both 8, were comparing some of the good 'uns at Allison's Farm Market to carve for their jack-o'-lantern next week.

Photo by Ted Brown

Full birthing services back at hospital

Pregnant area women will no longer have to go out of town to have their babies now that birthing services are back in full operation at Georgetown Hospital.

Birthing services were temporarily redirected from the Georgetown Campus of William Osler Health Centre in August to the Brampton Memorial Hospital campus due to a nursing shortage, but were back in operation again as of Monday.

William Osler president and CEO Robert Bell said in a letter addressed to the community of Halton Hills dated today (Friday) and sent to *The Independent & Free Press*, that, thanks to a dedicated team effort, the hospital was able to return the maternal/newborn program to full service within three months.

"Thanks to the commitment and collaboration of nursing staff, physicians and management we have been able to fill vacant nursing positions; introduce a flexible scheduling system that ensures 24-hour staffing of the maternal/newborn unit; and recruit a new patient care manager who is responsible for the day-to-day operation, staffing and leadership of the maternal/newborn unit in Georgetown," said Bell in the letter.

Approximately 300 babies are delivered at the Georgetown Hospital campus annually and that number is increasing.

In 1997 the obstetrics unit was closed at the hospital temporarily while recruitment for an obstetrician was under way.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Turn clocks back

Residents are reminded to set their clocks back this weekend as we revert to standard time.

Clocks should be turned back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office also recommends changing the batteries in your smoke detectors.



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