

## Montgomery Christmas



Montgomery Country Christmas is an annual celebration in the village of Norval, and of one of its former famous residents— Lucy Maud Montgomery.

The author of *Anne of Green Gables* lived in the small village, east of Georgetown from 1926 to 1935 with her husband, Rev. Ewan Macdonald, the minister of Norval Presbyterian Church. During this time, the famed author wrote five of her popular novels: *Emily's Quest*, *Magic for Marigold*, *A Tangled Web*, *Pat of Silverbush* and *Mistress Pat*.

Montgomery loved Norval and its people and wrote about them in her journals that in recent years have been published to popular and critical acclaim.

Residents can get a taste of Norval's yesteryears when the village celebrates their famous citizen's birthday annually in November. This year, on its 10th anniversary, Montgomery Country Christmas celebrates on the actual day of Lucy Maud's birthday, Nov. 30.

Each year, the three churches, United, Presbyterian and Anglican outdo themselves to present wonderful bazaars packed with tasty goodies and homemade treasures— just in time for the holiday season. As well there are wandering minstrels, carriage rides, special teas, book readings and more.

If you love Lucy Maud Montgomery's books, small town Canada and Christmas, be sure to drop by Montgomery Christmas on Nov. 30.

## Welcome to the Place to Be

Approximately 48,000 people call Halton Hills home and within four years that number is expected to climb to nearly 55,000.

So, what makes our town so special that others are now flocking to it?

Well, despite the recent housing development boom, Halton Hills (which is made up of 284.7 sq. km. of land encompassing Georgetown, Acton and rural areas) has managed to maintain its small-town appeal.

While Halton Hills is growing, it is not expanding at such a rate that its past is being left behind.

Inside this edition we have highlighted a number of the major events held here each year. These stories and photos are to inform newer residents— and remind older ones— that Halton Hills is definitely....the place to be.

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