

Thursday, Oct. 14

Blood donor clinic: Canadian Blood Services holds a blood donor clinic, 4-8 p.m. at the Acton Legion hall. For an appointment, call 1-888-2-DONATE.

Ballinafad euchre: Ballinafad Hall Board hosts euchre at the Ballinafad Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 per player. Light lunch, coffee and tea served.

Halton Hands In Motion: Knitting and Crocheting Guild meets 7-9 p.m. at the Georgetown Seniors' Centre, 318 Guelph St. (rear entrance). Members will lead a Mosaic Knitting workshop. Bring two colours of yarn and needles. Membership, \$25/season; first visit is free. Info: Diane, 905-877-1521.

Emotions Anonymous: Is your life becoming unmanageable? Emotions Anonymous can help! No cost, no commitment and no appointment necessary. The group meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. sharp at Norval Presbyterian Church, rear entrance. Info: Angela or David, 905-873-2852.

Prenatal program: Halton Region Health Department's Healthiest Babies Possible prenatal program is accepting registrations for its free six-week series, 7-9 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Georgetown. Sessions include Off To a

Great Start, Getting Ready, Your Baby's Birth, Breastfeeding, The First Year After Birth, and Caring For Your Baby. Info: 1-866-442-5866 ext. 7899.

Speed networking: Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce hosts a speed networking breakfast at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Info: 905-877-7119.

Friday, Oct. 15

Literacy volunteers: Literacy North Halton urgently needs volunteers for its Read*Spell*Write program. No experience necessary; training provided. Register until Oct. 15. Info: 905-873-2200.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Pumpkin Fest: will be held noon to 4 p.m. (rain or shine), 324 Guelph St. (between Swiss Chalet and Tim Hortons). Proceeds to the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation in support of women shelters in Halton Hills. Pumpkin sale, barbecue, 50-50 draw and face painting. Info: Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty, 905-877-8262.

School bazaar: Georgetown District Christian School hosts its first Harvest Festival bazaar, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enjoy shopping at the farmers' market, flowers, crafts, baking and vendor displays. Lots of games, activities and candy for the kids. Breakfast at 8 a.m. and lunch at 11 a.m. Auction to follow at 1 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bottle drive: Twisters Bantam C team holds a fundraising bottle drive, beginning at 9 a.m. Leave bottles on your porch or driveway.

Gospel Quartet Night: at Maple Ave. Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m., featuring the church's own New Covenant Quartet with special guests Middle Cross Quartet from Burlington and Sure Foundation from Windsor. Tickets are not required but a love offering will be taken.

Good concert: Hear Linnea Good and her band Good Company at St. Andrew's United Church, 7:30 p.m. Good has been called the "contemporary musical voice of the United Church of Canada". Tickets are \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. Order tickets at: www.stjohnsuc.ca/faith

Halton Hills Outdoor Club: Looking for others to paddle, trip, hike, cycle or ski with? We are a free networking club set up to hook you up with other enthusiasts. Saturday's outing is paddling on the Grand River. Info: Laura 905-877-9927 or laura@aztec-net.com.

Falling Leaves Festival: Willow Park Ecology Centre

invites residents and visitors to drop in on Sat and Sun., October 16th and 17th for its 2nd annual Falling Leaves Festival, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. The centre is located in Norval just off Mary St., just east of Georgetown on Hwy 7. Pumpkin Carving, rock painting, Toad House building and much more. Volunteers to put centre to bed for winter needed. Info: co-ordinator Ruth Kuchinad, 905-702-9055 or ruth@willowparkecolgy.com.

Holy Cross CWL bazaar: at Holy Cross Church Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas crafts, draws, home baking and deli table, silent auction, books, loonie table, children activities and more.

Euchre: is held every Saturday night at the Hornby Co-operative Nursery School on Steeles Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Overeaters Anonymous-Rockwood: meets Saturdays 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockwood. Info: Elisabeth, 519-856-1428.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Trinity anniversary: Rev. Mark Curtis is the guest speaker at Trinity United Church's anniversary service, 10 a.m. Come and hear what this fascinating man has to say.

Bruce Trail hike: a 10 km hike to Devil's Punch Bowl. Depart at 9 a.m. from the tall

light standard between Zellers and the Sinclair Medical Building, Georgetown Market Place. The terrain has few hills and some rocky sections. Bring water and a lunch. Leader Laura. leenhout@stn.net

Faith Matters: United Churches of Georgetown hold a joint service at Georgetown High School at 10 a.m. Guest speaker: Cleo LaRue. Guest musician: Linnea Good. Portion of program includes dynamic children's program. Info: St. John's Church office 905-877-2531.

Sign up for a library card

October is Library Card Sign Up Month at Halton Hills Public Library. Children registering for their first HHPL library card (accompanied by a parent or guardian) will get a free surprise.

With a library card, kids have access to comic books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMs and more. The library has material to help with school projects, and of course, great books for leisure reading. It's the most important card they'll ever own, and it's free.

For more information, call 905-873-2681 ext. 2520 or 519-853-0301.



Better Health Care for Canadians: A 10-year plan

Working together, the Prime Minister, Premiers and Territorial leaders have signed a 10-year plan, supported by \$41 billion in new federal funding, that will lead to better health care for Canadians.

Better Health Care

- Reduce waiting times**
 - Improve access so that Canadians don't wait as long for key tests, treatments and surgeries
- More Doctors, Nurses and other Health Professionals**
 - Plans to train and hire more health professionals while also developing faster accreditation for foreign-trained health professionals
- Expand home care**
 - Provide better support for people being cared for or recovering at home
- Improve access to family and community care**
 - Increase 24/7 access to doctors, nurses and other health professionals
- Better Access to Needed Medicines**
 - A commitment to manage drug costs and ensure that no family is forced to choose between needed medicines and financial ruin
- Improved Aboriginal Health**
 - New investments and better planning to close the gap between Aboriginals and other Canadians in terms of health

Shorter Waiting Times

The federal, provincial and territorial governments have committed to report clearly on the progress we are making in health care and, for the first time will report on progress in reducing waiting times.

- Comparable indicators ... so we can measure**
 - Federal, provincial and territorial governments will use comparable information to report their progress in improving access to doctors, and to diagnostic and treatment procedures
- Benchmarks ... so we know what we are striving for**
 - Federal, provincial and territorial governments will set medically acceptable waiting times – based on advice from medical experts – starting with cancer, heart disease, diagnostic imaging, joint replacement, and sight restoration
- Targets ... to drive change**
 - Provincial and territorial governments will set their own targets and report annually to citizens on progress in reducing waiting times

Canadians will see for themselves where their health care money is going and how it is making a difference.

To obtain a copy of "The 2004 Health Care 10-Year Action Plan at a Glance", call 1-800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232) or, to see it on the web, click www.canada.gc.ca/healthplan.

