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**Tuesday, March 13**

**Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club:** invites the public to hear Meagan Hazell talk about the reintroduction of elk into Ontario, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown.

**Midday worship:** at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St., Georgetown. Join us at noon in the sanctuary for a brief time of readings, prayers, songs and stillness. Worship at 12:10 p.m. sharp and ends by 12:30 p.m. Info: 905-877-2531.

**Foot care clinic:** Acclaim Health is offering a foot care clinic, 1-4 p.m. at St. John's Church, 11 Guelph St. Appointment necessary: 905-827-8800 ext. 2110.

**Free tax clinic:** Income tax returns will be done free of charge for low-income taxpayers at the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library on March 13 or March 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Register in person at the Georgetown branch or call 905-873-2681 ext. 2511.

**Magic at the Library:** Halton Hills Library has drop-in crafts every afternoon at both branches, March 13-16. Kids can drop in anytime 2-4 p.m. to make a fun

## Community Calendar

magical craft. Free.

**RWTO social lunch:** Peel North branch of Retired Women Teachers of Ontario meets 11:45 a.m. at the Mandarin Restaurant, 238 Biscayne Cres. in Brampton. All retired women teachers are welcome. RSVP: Karin, 905-796-2146.

**TOPS-Georgetown:** If you want to lose weight sensibly and keep it off, join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at St. Andrew's United Church, Tuesdays; weigh-in 6:30 p.m.; get together, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 14

**Esquising Historical Society:** Dave Smallwood and Neil Cotton will give a short presentation on the activities planned for Homecoming Weekend. Dawn Livingstone will follow up with a slide presentation, Remember When. All welcome, free, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Church, Main St. S., Georgetown.

**Curling for Grades 6-12:** Join us at the North Halton Golf and Country Club,

1:30-4 p.m. for curling. Licensed instruction for the newcomers, experienced curlers your age as helpers, prizes, pop and popcorn. This is our Third Annual Georgetown Christian Fellowship Youth Curling Bonspiel. Cost is \$5. E-mail: aysan@att.com or just show up. Info: Pastor Kevin, 905-873-9652

**Euchre and Games Night:** 7:30 p.m. at Huttonville United Church. A fun night of games and refreshments. Admission \$4.

**Candlelight Evensong and Concert:** 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Mill St., Acton. It will feature St. Paul's United Church Choir, Milton, under the direction of Judy Hunter with accompanist Dawn Brodie and Flautist Nicollette Parant. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Foot care clinic:** hosted by Acclaim Health, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Georgetown Seniors Centre, 318 Guelph St. Appointment necessary. Call: 905-877-6444.

**Acton/Georgetown La Leche League:** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Early Explorers room at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Guelph St., Georgetown for mothers and babies who are breastfeeding or plan to. Info: Samantha, 905-702-0768.

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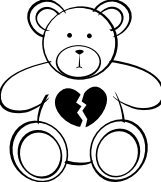
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### SECOND HAND SMOKE INCREASES EAR INFECTIONS IN CHILDREN

Ear infections are the Number One reason young children visit their doctors and take antibiotics. A new study finds many of those infections could be avoided if parents who smoke would make one important change.

A recent study in the archives of pediatric and adolescent medicine is giving parents another reason to quit. It finds exposure to cigarette smoke in the home increases children's risk of middle ear infections. The smoke inflames the tissues of the middle ear so that viruses and bacteria can invade more easily and cause infection.

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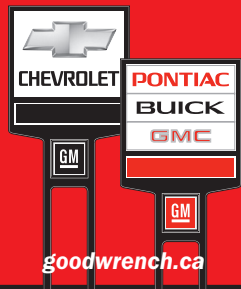
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