

\$219,052 richer

# Acton family hits jackpot in Lotto 6/49 draw

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An Acton resident struck it big in the Lotto 6/49 draw Wednesday, July 6.

Mark Jones, a production specialist at the Chrysler plant in Brampton, won the second place prize, worth a whopping \$219,052.10, for correctly having five numbers and the bonus.

According to his wife, Louise, the 41-year-old Jones checked the lottery results in the newspaper early Thursday morning and found out he had won.

He then immediately phoned his wife who had already left for her job as an assembler at the Varian plant in Georgetown.

"It was unbelievable," Louise Jones says of her initial reaction. "I was so nervous. That's the only way I can describe it — nervousness."

The winning ticket was purchased at the Acton Smoke Shop using the "Quick Pick."

Later on Thursday, the couple and their two children, a 17-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter, drove to the Ontario Lottery Corporation headquarters in Toronto to pick up their big prize.

At this point they are unsure of what they will do with their winnings.

"We'll just put it in the bank for now," Louise says.

She adds that she and her husband have been playing Lotto 6/49 for approximately 10 years.

"The most we've ever won before is a free ticket or \$10," she says.

About 15 years ago, the couple did win \$5,000 playing a different game.



Acton's Mark Jones is \$219,052 richer following Wednesday's Lotto 6/49 draw. Jones had five numbers and the bonus digit right to earn the second prize cash.

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## News Digest

**Abandoned house call**  
Halton Hills Fire Department was called to the scene of a reported fire in an abandoned house on Churchill Rd. in Acton at about 3:50 p.m. Monday.

When firefighters arrived they discovered the fire was actually garbage burning beside an abandoned shed. They extinguished the fire, and there was no damage to the shed.

**Fax theft**  
Halton police are investigating the theft of a fax machine from an investment company on Guelph St. which occurred sometime between June 30 and July 4.

Police say at the time of the break-in the owners of the investment company didn't think anything was stolen but have since discovered the Sharp fax machine, valued at \$1,600, is missing.

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School's in

Summer's here and summer activities are cropping up all over town. The Vacation Bible School, held this past week at Acton Christian Reformed Church, was a joint effort of the Christian Reformed Church and Acton Evangel Pentecostal Church. It provided activities for 125 kids between the ages of 5 to 12. Among those taking part in the fun were (from left) Jonathan LeBlanc, Leah Wyght, Yvonne Nap, Jordan LaRose and Hayley Lopes.

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## Work to begin on new park

By LISA TALLYN  
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Georgetown south residents can expect one new neighborhood park and an addition to an existing park to be completed in their area later this year.

Construction of phase one of Maple Creek Neighborhood Park, east of Mountainview Rd. off Watson Rd., and the addition to Eaton Neighborhood Park, is to begin by the end of the summer.

Janet Ginter, parks technician with the Town of Halton Hills, said she is hopeful both parks will be operational by fall.

The town hosted an open house focusing in both parks Wednesday.

The first phase of Maple Creek park, which will encompass 2.9 acres, will cost \$109,700.

Ginter said the park will include two playground areas with equipment to serve kids aged two to five, and kids aged five to 13 years-old.

"The equipment will be similar to the equipment in the Barber Dr. park, which many from this (Maple Creek) area are using now," said Ginter. Equipment for the older kids will likely include a spiral slide, wave slide, horizontal ladder, steering wheel and deck.

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