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## Pack mentality

A pack of Cadet Women youth racers, led by Farleigh Creswicke (101), completes one of the three laps they had to make of the 8.68-kilometre course during Monday's Tour de Terra Cotta cycling race. Cyclists included (from left) Hannah Simms (104), Karen McFarland (109) and Amelia Bell (105). The annual road race drew hundreds of cyclists competing in a variety of age groups. For more see page 22 and for a photo gallery visit [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca) and click on 'photos'.

Photo by Andrea Lefebvre

## Alpaca dies from West Nile

Halton Hills has its first positive test for West Nile Virus (WNV) this year— but the victim wasn't human.

According to the Halton Region Health Department an alpaca tested positive for WNV recently. The animal died.

Although animals are not routinely tested as a part of Halton Region's comprehensive WNV monitoring program, the positive test was confirmed by the Office of the Chief Veterinarian for Ontario.

A batch of mosquitoes trapped last week in Burlington also tested positive for WNV. This is the first batch of WNV positive mosquitoes for Burlington this year and the third positive batch for Halton, including two batches previously found in Oakville.

Only Milton has avoided a positive WNV case so far.

"We now have confirmation that West Nile Virus is present in three of Halton's four local municipalities," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health.

"As past experience has shown, the risk for West Nile Virus human illness is highest in August and September."

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