

Outlets job fair a big draw

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such as Banana Republic, Bench, Eddie Bauer, Michael Kors and Lucy Brand Jeans. It will be home to the first outlet stores in Canada for Cole Haan, Columbia Sportswear, Icebreaker, Kate Spade New York, Polo Ralph Lauren, Restoration Hardware and Ted Baker London.

Kendra McCutcheon, 20, of Georgetown was at the fair looking for a part-time job.

"There are some lineups," said McCutcheon, who is hoping to work at a sports store. "The popular stores are getting huge lineups."

Kathryn Chandler, 28, also of Georgetown, was at the fair hoping to secure a full-time position.

"I'm looking at anything at the moment," said Chandler, a single mom. "So far, so good."

Rabbi Kazi, 19, of Milton was waiting in line to apply for a position at American Eagle Outfitters and 17-year-old Georgetown residents Carlos Preza and Kieran Smerdon were hoping to find part-time work at Nike, adidas or Bose.

Johnson said job seekers came to the fair from all over. She said there was even a job hunter from Port Colborne.

"We had no idea what to expect," said Johnson of the turnout. "There's something wonderful about just going into it and hoping for the best and having it come together."

Jean Guinup, vice-president, Marketing-Northeast Region for Premium Outlets, said the job fair was "as least as good or better" than similar job fairs they had hosted in the U.S.

The Halton Hills centre is the first Premium Outlets to open in Canada.

Shelley Edwards, district manager for Skechers in Canada said the job fair and

turnout had been "fantastic."

"It's been a really good format," she said.

Kim Smith, director of Human Resources with Columbia Sportswear for Canada, also called the fair "fantastic." She said in the first three hours they had interviewed 65 people for approximately 40 sales associate jobs. Candidates they were interested in went through two interviews right at the fair, and if they made it to a third interview, that was planned for the next day said Smith.

Liz Bauman, vice-president with HBC Outlets, which is opening its first outlet in Toronto Premium Outlets, said the fair was going "extremely well." She estimated in the first three hours they had met with approximately 100 candidates for 40 full and part-time positions.

The Bay outlet will be the centre's largest at approximately 25,000 sq. ft. offering men's, women's, children's fashion and accessories.

She said it will feature "familiar brand names that HBC customers have come to know and love," and offer the same in-store service they find in Bay stores.

Construction on the centre is on track for the August 1 opening. Thursday afternoon the centre was busy with construction activity. The buildings are up, some of the final exterior paint finishes are complete and work continues on the store interiors. The food court is enclosed and will feature both indoor seating and a patio. The racetrack design is open-air with a covering over portions of the walkway.



Kim Smith, director of HR Columbia Sportswear, Canada at the Toronto Premium Outlets Job Fair.

Photo by Ted Brown



(Above) Shelley Edwards, District Manager for Skechers at Thursday's Toronto Premium Outlets job fair, which drew approximately 2,000 job-seekers. (Inset) Work is progressing at the Outlets, located at Trafalgar Rd. and Steeles Ave., in anticipation of its August 1 opening.



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Police blotter: Jogger assaulted

Halton Police are investigating an assault on a jogger in Acton Friday night.

About 8:10 p.m. a 45-year-old man was jogging in the area of Wallace St. and McDonald Blvd. when he was approached by a man asking for change. The jogger indicated he didn't have any and continued on his way.

A short time later he was grabbed from behind and punched in the face. He suffered a bruised eye but didn't require medical attention.

The suspect is described as white, aged 19 to 21, approximately 6 ft. tall, with a thin build. He was wearing dark clothing—possibly jeans and a sweatshirt—and a dark baseball cap. Police did not have a description of a second suspect.

A Georgetown man is facing an assault charge after an altercation at Capina Family Eatery on Main St. S. involving two male employees.

Police say there was a verbal dispute that resulted in one man punching the other in the face. The victim, a 24-year-old Georgetown man, fell backwards hitting his head. He suffered bumps, cuts and a bloody nose, but declined medical attention.

Charged with assault is Douglas McNiven, 65.

A \$700 cell phone and cash were taken from an unlocked vehicle at a Hornby Rd. residence sometime late Saturday or early Sunday.

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