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Joseph Gibbons Grade 1 teacher Janet Mueller got in full swing as she led students and co-workers through a conga line Tuesday. The school took part in the Active Healthy Kids Conga Across Canada Challenge, in which schools across Canada, including three in Halton Hills, took part, running a conga line for 10 minutes or more, promoting physical activity in schools. Photo by Ted Brown

Man facing kidnapping charge

A Georgetown man is facing charges after a Toronto man was abducted from a Rexway Dr. home Tuesday morning.

Halton Police report at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday a 53-year-old man visited a Rexway Dr. home in Georgetown to speak to a man who lives there. After some discussion, the resident of the home jumped the man from behind, bound him and placed him in the trunk of a car and traveled to the man's home in Toronto.

Once at the Toronto home there was another confrontation in the house between the Georgetown man and the two adult children who live there. One of the children managed to call Toronto Police, who responded to the house, arrested the man, and contacted Halton Police. All victims in the incidents weren't seriously injured.

Charged with kidnapping and forcible confinement is John Francis Trainor, 52 of



Police tape still surrounds a Rexway Dr. house, the scene of an incident Tuesday.

Rexway Dr.

Halton Police report although charges have been laid in the incident the investigation is still in the preliminary stages and no other details were available at press time.

Larviciding program to begin today

Halton will be larviciding today (Friday) two pools, one in Georgetown, of stagnant water—the first municipality in Ontario to do so—in an effort to combat the potential spread of West Nile virus this summer.

Tests of a stagnant pool of water at the storm water retention pond at Maple Ave. and River Rd. and at Burlington's popular LaSalle Park show the presence of the *Aedes vexans* species, known adult carriers of West Nile.

Health officials determined the water couldn't be removed without pooling again and needed to be larvicided. Approximately 150 sites have been dipped so far and only two have tested positive for *Aedes*.

Public notices were sent out to media 48 hours in advance of today's larviciding, which is required under Halton's West Nile protection program. Large mandatory signs will be set up showing the water has been larvicided and will stay there for 48 hours.

There are several storm water retention ponds throughout Halton Region and Maurice Dickhout of Halton's Health Department said they are not all breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

"They're not all problems if they are properly constructed and maintained," he said.

He said if the ponds become overgrown, or the slopes are too steep, the wind can't get at the water. He said region staff will discuss with town staff remediation measures for the Maple Ave. pond.

Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health, made the larviciding announcement at Wednesday's regional council meeting.

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