



Fall's officially here on Saturday

New job centre opens September 26

The daunting and stressful task of finding a job will be easier for local unemployed residents when the Acton Employment Resource Centre opens at 45 Mill St. East on September 26.

No longer will job searchers be forced to travel to Georgetown, Milton or Guelph – often by public transit – to get to a Federal job centre, now that Service Canada, the employment ser-



vice delivery arm of Human Resources Development Canada, has contracted Links2Care – formerly Halton Hills Community Support and Information

– to open and run the centre for two years, with a budget of \$548,701.

A recent study pegged the Acton unemployment rate at 5.6 per cent, and the Halton rate was 4 per cent.

As the staff of two employment specialists and a receptionist hooked up computers, set up desks and organized the office last week, team leader Kathy

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Ethel Gardiner will not seek re-election

Public school trustee Ethel Gardiner announced this week that she will not be seeking a fifth term on Halton District School Board. She has served 11 years of her 50 years in education on the board, six as the chair, and 39 as an educator some as an Acton teacher.

"The decision was a difficult one," she said in a terse press release. "Several factors, primarily health issues, makes this the only choice at this time."

Gardiner says she will be supporting Mike Parkhill, a Georgetown candidate for trustee, in the election on Monday, November 13.

It's a pivotal year for Halton Hills with two trustees to be elected from the previous one.



REIGN BEGINS: The newly crowned Miss Acton, Sarah O'Hearn, poses with her court, first runner-up Cheri Holmes (left) and second runner-up Brittany Rukaszewski following the pageant on Friday at the Acton Fall Fair. – Frances Niblock photo

Friday's Fair sets new gate record

By Frances Niblock

The slogan "Something to Crow About" is the theme for next year's Acton Fall Fair when a brand new building will thrill one and all, but it also works well for the weekend's 93rd edition of the fair, which set a new record for attendance and parking.

Profits from the Spot in the Park beer tent, one of the other two main revenue sources, should also top last year, and by all accounts, revenue from the midway will at least equal last year, making the fair a tremendous success.

Revenue from the gate and parking totalled \$66,500, the first time it's topped the \$60,000 mark since 2001. Friday's gate of \$12,500 set a new record, and both Saturday (\$38,500) and Sunday (\$15,500) were close, according to tired but elated fair board officials on Sunday.

"It was a great weekend – everyone put a lot of work into it and it turned out really well," said Fair Board president Dale Hewitt as crews began transforming the fairgrounds back into

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Bar owner charged with power theft

A Mill Street bar owner was charged with theft of electricity following a brief investigation by Halton police, instigated by Halton Hills Hydro, on Friday afternoon.

Police said hydro officials, concerned that the hydro connection to the bar had

been tampered with, called them to Manny's Roadhouse at 3 p.m.

"We had concerns for safety because of the tampering," said Halton Detective Sergeant Peter Hodgson, adding the business owner was arrested about an hour later at the Acton office of

Halton Hills Hydro.

Charged with theft of electricity, an uncommon charge except in grow op cases, police said, is Nicholas Protopapas of Rosemary Road.

He appears in Milton court on October 6.

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