



Forecast:
Sunny Weekend

West Nile virus still a real concern

Four batches of mosquitoes collected last week in Halton Region have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV): two positive batches in Burlington and two positive batches in Oakville.

They are the first positive mosquitoes found in Oakville this year and the third and fourth positive batches in Burlington, bringing the total of positive

batches for Halton Region to eight.

"These four new positive batches of mosquitoes serve as reminders that the risk of West Nile virus is not yet over for this season," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health. "People still need to take precautions until the weather turns cold enough to have had several

hard frosts."

Mosquitoes can transmit WNV to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds carrying the virus.

Maps showing the locations of positive birds, as well as standing water sites that have had larvicide applied are available on the Health

Department's website at www.halton.ca/wnv.

To report a dead bird or standing water, or for more information about West Nile virus, please call Halton Region at 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), TTY 905-827-9833 or email wnv@halton.ca.

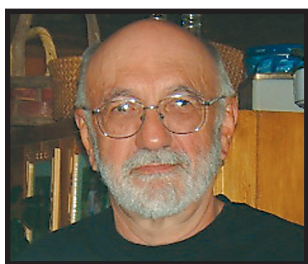
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Employment Centre celebrates 1st year



A 66-year-old rural Acton resident pedalled around Lake Erie, See story on Page 10



Lots of photos from Acton Fall Fair on Pages 16 and 17.



Mike's says election is ready, set and go! Page 17



PRIZE WINNERS: The baby Show at the Acton Fall Fair is always a popular event as it was again this year. Among the babies who won prizes in the seven to 12 month class were, left, Anthony Jimenez with his mother Chantel Cooper and Natalie Renaud with her mom Cathy Renaud. More baby photos will be published next week. - photo by Gord Dowling

Crime Stoppers, Hydro join forces

Halton Crime Stoppers and local hydro companies have joined forces to help combat illegal grow operations.

This year Halton Hills Hydro, Burlington Hydro, Oakville Hydro, and Milton

began distributing information brochures, which were attached to residents' hydro bills. These brochures, funded through donations by regional hydro companies, were produced to educate home owners

of the dangers associated with illegal grow operations as well as providing Halton Residents with tips on how to spot potential signs of an illegal grow house.

"Last year alone our unit

conducted 14 warrants on illegal grow operations with the seizure of 2155 plants. Said Staff Sgt Bob Waller of Halton Police Services Drug and Morality Bureau." This

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Assisted 600 clients getting employment

by Matthew Reid

It's been a job well done. Thursday September 27, 2007 (Today) marks the one-year anniversary of the Acton Employment Resource Centre located at 45 Mill Street East, right next to Off The Wall youth centre.

It's been a year of many clients and great opportunities for Acton residents who wanted to dive into that career or job they've always dreamed of. The resource centre has helped 600 clients in the last year get a new job, and have had around 3,000 visitors to the small red building in downtown Acton.

"We've been well supported," says Centre employee, Laura Demeester. "It's a great new endeavour, Acton has never had an employment office before."

Staff at the resource centre aren't the only ones who are celebrating. Clients who required their services are also rejoicing at the help that they have received on the way to a better career.

Mark Hall, 36, was self-employed for 13 years

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