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Mumps break-outs concern Halton medic

Four significant outbreaks of mumps in the past year – including one in Ontario – prompted Halton Health Department officials to partner with local doctors and Sheridan College to offer the mumps vaccine in community and on-campus clinics.

The campaign is aimed at 18 to 25 year olds – the Ontario outbreak, which resulted

in over 400 cases – was mainly among university and college student populations in the Oxford County area.

The province is offering a mumps-containing vaccine given as MMR – combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine – to all students attending post-secondary institutions. Students who have received only

one dose of MMR vaccine will be offered a second dose of the vaccine because they are the individuals who have an increased risk of mumps.

The mumps immunization catch-up campaign runs until March 2009. The province will provide \$5,000 for the campaign and reimburse Halton \$8.50 per dose.

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HAPPY HIKERS: It takes more than snow and cold to keep the Acton Seniors Centre's hiking group home. Sixteen hikers enjoyed the Bruce Trail section, north of Georgetown, recently and posed for the magic of delayed photography. Eileen Dix took the picture with her camera.

Tanner's Christmas issue published Tuesday

Due to the arrival of Christmas Day on Thursday, Dec 25 The New Tanner's Christmas edition will be published and distributed on Tuesday, Dec 22 next week.

Classified advertising and contributors must have their copy in to The

New Tanner offices by Friday, Dec 19 at noon in order to be included in the next edition. Staff are working extra hours to ensure the Tanner makes deadlines set by the printers.

The following week, publication of the New Year's edition will also

be published and delivered using the same schedule on Tuesday, Dec 30, 2008.

Every effort is being made to ensure copy and advertising makes the publication date but press schedules dictate when the paper can be published.

Local stores holding their own - BIA

By Frances Niblock

While the news is full of stories of plant closings, slumping stock markets and declining property values, locally, the economic picture doesn't appear to be so bad.

An informal survey of Acton businesses shows that for some, things have never been better.

"From the people that I've talked to, we seem to be holding our own, which is really nice," said Nancy Wilkes, chair of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) and owner of Acton Optical.

"I've been very fortunate – half way through November, I had already passed (the amount of business) I did a year ago November," Wilkes said, adding she expects her business will increase even more now that she has an eye doctor at her Mill Street location.

Wilkes said she thinks that BIA members will "win" because of the level of customer service they provide.

"When people are watching their money, they want to shop where they feel secure

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