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## Close-up look

Springridge Farm will open for another season today. The farm will host Easter egg hunts, puppet shows and face painting this Easter weekend Friday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Another attraction will be the baby chicks and bunnies in the farm's barn area. Here, Farmer John (co-owner John Hughes) gives Jane Emmerton, 22 months, a close look at a baby chick.  
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# Government pledges billions of dollars for new infrastructure

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Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr hopes some of the billions of dollars slated in the federal budget to help improve roads, water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across Canada will go toward regional projects like expanding Britannia Road. He said the Region is looking at expanding the country road that runs from Mississauga to Tremaine Road to

a six-lane major arterial road like Dundas Street.

With a development just recently approved for the area near Tremaine, Carr said it would be timely, improving the roads before residents move into the area.

He added that in surveying Halton residents, transportation and getting around the communities was the number one issue.

Regional staff are busy identifying and preparing shovel-to-the-ground

## Have your say

As the Halton District School Board develops its 2013-14 budget, parents have a chance to have their say.

The board is asking parents, guardians and community members to provide input concerning its budget priorities for the upcoming school year.

The budget input deadline is Friday, Apr. 19. Input can be provided at the school board's website, [www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca).

A news release states the key objective of the budget is to align the board's financial resources with its multi-year plan.



## Taking on the world

Milton's Brandon Mallach will represent Canada at the World Deaf Hockey Championships in Finland. The tournament runs March 30 to April 7. See story in Sports on page 44.

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"Rupert" Hawkins

**Dear Pets:** This is a reminder for you pets (particularly for dogs), and echoing Dr. Debbie's (Mom) words, about the 'perils' of Easter for us pets. Rule 1. Do not steal or eat chocolate, even if offered by humans, as you can become very sick. Rule 2. Don't steal or eat the turkey. You could get the "runs" or the bones could hurt your insides. Humans often eat too much chocolate and turkey over Easter, but you, my furry four-legged friends, should not do so. Keep well and keep safe. Signed "Rupert"

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