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Family ride

The annual Milton Terry Fox Run was held Sunday morning at the E.C. Drury complex. Here, the Janjevich family — including (from left) five-year-old Alex, two-year-old Zack, Melissa and Jamie — head out on the course for a ride. Organizers say nearly \$27,000 was raised at the Milton event, about the same as last year's total. *Stacey Newman / Special to the Champion*

Almost 100 tickets a day handed out

Halton police issued an average of nearly 100 tickets a day for speeding in school or community safety zones during their recent road safety campaign.

In Project Safe Start, which ran from September 2 to 13 coinciding with the beginning of the school year, officers handed out 1,908 tickets in just the designated zones across Halton.

The majority of tickets, 1,152, were for speeding, followed by 142 for seatbelt infractions, 158 for stop sign violations and 456 for other offences including distracted driving.

Sgt. Paul Davies of Traffic Services said the number of tickets issued for stop sign violations was particularly alarming. "As a collision reconstructionist, that concerns me." The fines for such offences as set out in the Highway Traffic Act are increased in community safety zones.

Police say several drivers with suspended licences were stopped, two commercial vehicles were taken out of service for severe mechanical defects and at least one person was charged with stunt driving — going more than 50 km/h over the speed limit.

Marijuana plants with street value of close to \$1M seized in Halton

Halton Regional Police (HRP) seized close to \$1 million worth of marijuana at 14 different outdoor grow operations last week, including three locations in Milton.

Det. Paul Foley said his team of some 20 officers, including members of HRP's Integrated Drug, Gun and Gang Unit, removed more than 300 mature marijuana plants in Milton, ranging in size from 6 to 8 feet tall, what he considers ready for harvest.

The locations were on Tremaine Road, north of Hwy. 407, Lower Base Line and First Line in Nassagaweya. A handful of locations were on the border of Burlington farmlands in the area of Walker's Line and No. 1 Side Road.

Officers had to trudge through rough terrain in sweltering conditions for up to three kilometres to reach some of the plants, said Foley.

"It was incredibly hot, at one point the thermometer on my car read 36 C,"


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ASK RUPERT

 Dear Rupert, I went missing a few weeks ago! But I was very lucky, my family had me micro chipped. My neighbours found me and were able to connect me with my family because I was micro chipped. Lucky me!
- Signed: Tom (Ginger Tabby)

Dear Tom, Microchipping a pet can be a life saver and bring about pet and owner being reunited. So, do not assume that if a pet is not wearing a collar that they are dumped. A found pet should be taken to a Vet to check for a microchip. Please, let's get more happy endings. We need them!
- Signed "Rupert"

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