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In full swing

Tanya Colacci and Christopher Leo take Leo's son Quinn on a walk Saturday at the Mill Pond, where a number of other Miltonians turned out to enjoy the warm weather. For more photos from around town, please see page 15 or online at www.insidehalton.com.

Michele Weisz / Special to the Champion

Police investigate Milton, Oakville armed robberies

Halton police are searching for two "armed and dangerous" suspects in relation to bank robberies that took place in Milton and Oakville last Thursday (July 7).

At around 5:20 p.m., three suspects entered the Royal Bank of Canada branch at 1240 Steeles Ave. in Milton, where they approached a teller and produced a note demanding money. They indicated they had a weapon, but none was seen.

A sum of money was turned over before they escaped.

Approximately 30 minutes later, two of the three suspects allegedly entered the Royal Bank of Canada branch located at 309 Hays Blvd. in Oakville. Again, the suspects approached a teller and produced a note demanding money. During this robbery a weapon was indicated and observed by the teller. The suspects fled the area and were last

Sisters save dog left tied up at park in sweltering heat

By **Melanie Hennessey**
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A local family's efforts to save a dog that was tied to a fountain and abandoned in the blazing heat has left them with a larger concern about the availability and accessibility of after-hours services for animals in need.

Twin sisters Samantha and Rebecca Chaput, along with their mother Luann and friend Anisha Naik, began making frantic calls last Thursday evening (July 7) in an effort to save the dog, a brown boxer believed to be named Lenox that Naik discovered "hysterically barking" in Laurier Park just before 6 p.m.

"He was left with no food or water in 32-degree weather," claimed Rebecca. "We're unsure of how long he was out in the heat, since he had gone to the bathroom many times around the area and had become thin." Naik provided the dog with food and water. The Chaputs contacted Milton Animal Control, but the call led them to an after-hours answering machine. The women contacted the Oakville and Milton Humane Society (OMHS), but say they were told the matter is out of the organization's jurisdiction.

The Town of Milton assumed animal control services for domestic pets from the humane society in 2014. The humane society continues to provide services for sick and injured wildlife.

After a call to Halton Regional Police directed them back to the humane society, the women pushed the issue one step further by contacting PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in North Carolina for assistance.

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