

2013...in the news

- Local livestock producers will receive financial assistance from the provincial and federal governments after a dry summer of 2012 caused severe forage shortages.

- The expanded Halton Hills Library & Cultural Centre is a hit with residents before it even officially opens its doors. Library staff tweeted that more than 5,600 items had already been checked out.

- Mold-Masters Ltd. of Georgetown is sold to Cincinnati, Ohio-based Milacron for \$975 million.

- The newly amalgamated Halton Hills Minor Hockey Association holds a contest to come up with a nickname for the organization and the winning entry of "Hitmen" is changed to "Thunder" after a storm of negative reaction.

- After being closed for almost two years due to the expansion of the Library and upgrades to the Cultural Centre, the John Elliott Theatre confirms performance dates for shows open to the public.

- Public skating is held for the last time at one of the oldest indoor rinks in Canada as the ice is taken out of the soon-to-be-demolished Memorial Arena.



Hat off to Riley Lalach at a PD day at St. George's Church



Norah Wickett, 3, and mom Lindsay see eye-to-eye in a yoga class



Emma Barns of GDHS (bottom) came out the worst on this rugby play



Riding in style. GDHS student Jordan Kirby takes girlfriend Tanner Tardie to his prom in Mississauga via tractor



A different kind of door crusher special at the Winners/HomeSense store

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- Georgetown native Mary Lynn Machado earns an Oscar award for film animation in the critically acclaimed *Life of Pi*, but lost her job just a few days before the Academy Awards after the company she worked for, Rhythm & Hues, declared bankruptcy.

- Grade 12 Christ the King student Ryan Muil wins the high school category and \$2,500 for his Muil-E's Hot Sauce entry in the region-wide Pythons' Pit entrepreneur contest.

- The Railway Exchange Hotel in Georgetown, built in the 1850s, gets a reprieve from the wrecking ball after Heritage Halton Hills requests that part of the building should be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

- Toronto Premium Outlets opens its mall at the intersection of Trafalgar Rd. and Steeles Ave., drawing thousands of shoppers while causing traffic chaos.

- Local firm Ecosolutions FT wins \$5.28-million contract to replace all of the street lights in Mississauga and is working on similar contracts with several other Canadian municipalities.

- Sheridan Nurseries celebrates its 100th anniversary with a party that includes a musical performance by Canadian great Gordon Lightfoot.

From the publisher

I've reached the unenviable stage of my life when 40 years doesn't seem that great a span of time. I have a very comfortable, albeit somewhat snug, leather jacket of that vintage, despite my wife's frequent, usually clandestine, attempts to purge our closet of 'junk' (her word, not mine). So perhaps what impresses me most as I contemplate the 40th anniversary of *The Independent* (and later *Independent & Free Press*) is not the longevity of our enter-

prise, but the legacy of storytelling. Communities are defined by many things, but none does so more powerfully than our shared memory. For five decades, our team at *The Independent & Free Press* has been committed to chronicling the public life of our community, capturing our shared memory. A veritable river of ink has been expended in recounting moments of great joy, instances of tragedy and the broad swath of 'normal life' that flows between

those two shores. There is much that has changed in 40 years; some of you, for example, are reading these words online, but much more that has remained the same. Our commitment to telling the story of our community counts among the latter. So, to all of our readers and advertisers, thank you for 40 memorable years. We've been proud to serve you, and we look forward to the next 40.



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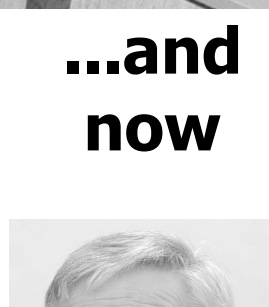
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