My chapter as Georgetown Independent reporter ends

Reporter Kathryn Boyle writes about her new career endevour

After two years, this week will mark my last week with the Independent & Free Press.

Throughout my time here, I have grown as both an individual and a professional. As they say, all good things come to an end, and so it is time for me to move on and pursue a career where I can invest my heart and soul.

I take many skills with me, but as I move on I also bring with me countless relationships made possible by my position as a reporter. Through this position, I was able to meet some wonderful people in this community who are real advocates for change, who are passionate about things in town, and who inspire me



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to do as much as I can, if not

I have loved my time here at the Independent. I have made lifelong friends in my coworkers, and although I am sad to leave them, I know they are proud of me for following the direction my life is headed.

I cannot say this enough: there are people

living in this town who have truly changed my life for the better. For all of those people whom I've emailed on a regular basis, seen at meetings, taken pictures of or had a quick comment of hello while on a story, thank you for being so kind, generous and forthcoming with informa-

Thank you for calling me when I asked about a story, and thank you for being patient when it came to publishing them. Although my life as a journalist has come to an end, there are many people whom I will never forget, and many of you live in this town. I wish every single one of you the very best, and know you will not soon be forgotten.

NEWS

Crime Stoppers holding open house and theme launch Jan. 22

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Volunteers, local media outlets and various businesses that help fund Crime Stoppers of Halton will be recognized at an open house this month.

Also at the event, Crime Stoppers will be celebrating 30 years. The open house and theme launch will take place on Jan. 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre.

"Crime Stoppers of Halton has earned the respect of residents in the region

through the efforts of the program to help Halton Regional Police solve crime and keep our neighbourhoods safe and secure," said Cal Millar, chair of Crime Stoppers of Halton.

This year, Crime Stoppers of Halton has added to its theme: "See something? Hear something? Know something? Contact Crime Stoppers." According to a press release, the theme is designed to encourage people to contact Crime Stoppers by calling, texting or submitting a tip through the web if they become aware of any information that will assist police to solve or stop crime.

There will also be a cheque presentation by Rocco Neglia, a vice-president at Economical Insurance, which has contributed \$100,000 over the years to Crime Stoppers of Halton, as well as an estimated \$500,000 to various Crime Stoppers programs across Canada, to promote the crime solving program and create awareness of crime concerns to high school students.



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