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Local youth wins military award

Matthew Culbert of 676 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Georgetown received the Mark Carrington Memorial Trophy, which is presented to the most deserving course cadet at the school of Pipes and Drums. Capt. Lynn Allison, mother of the late Mark Carrington, presented this award. Culbert spent six weeks at the Blackdown Cadet Training Centre practising with the band as well as performing in several local parades. The band also placed as the top band at the Orillia Scottish Festival. Blackdown is the largest Cadet Training Centre in Canada, taking in 3,300 cadets this summer alone, and is "home of Canada's finest," says Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Kelly. The cadet summer training program offers youth between the ages of 12-18 an opportunity to take up challenges, acquire new experiences while at the same time encouraging team spirit, mutual assistance, comradeship, and physical fitness in a safe and fulfilling climate.

Blackdown Cadet Training Centre photo



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