

# Town hands out awards to high achievers

Halton Hills Council recently presented Halton Hills Achievement Awards to several high achievers in town.

The first went to Helene Carle, 13, of Georgetown, who attained a Provincial Gold (Novice Level) at Skate Canada. She began her championship journey with a first place win right here at Mold-Masters SportsPlex, where she won the Central Ontario Championship. This in turn qualified Helene for her second consecutive National Championship at the Skate Canada Challenge elimination round in Pierrefonds, Quebec. With Helene's 14th place finish in Quebec she advanced to the Skate Canada championships in Kingston where she came home with a well-deserved 14th place finish.

The second recipient is Aidan McVeigh, the 2014 Canada East Na-

tional Wrestling Novice Champion. Aidan, 11, is a student at Holy Cross Catholic School and is in his second year of wrestling. He has won several gold medals in local and regional wrestling tournaments. For the second year in a row Aidan won gold at the Canada East National Wrestling Novice Championships held in St. Stephen, New Brunswick. He was undefeated once again this year, winning the kids division for Grades 5 & 6. The national level championships are the highest level of achievement for the novice age group with wrestlers representing Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Aidan won all three of his matches to capture the gold. His first round was close when he trailed 7-4 with only one minute remaining— but he was successful in



Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette congratulates three recipients of the Town's Achievement Awards (from left) Helene Carle, Aidan McVeigh and Michael Evans.

pinning his opponent for the win.

Michael Evans received the Town's Community Honour Award for being a Survivor Ambassador Award recipient and advocate. The Town's Com-

munity Honour Award is bestowed upon an individual who demonstrates exceptional qualities of leadership, dedication to the community, and personal achievement by overcoming

significant obstacles.

Michael, a 19-year-old Acton District High School grad, advocates for heart disease awareness by sharing his own personal story. Through the support of his teachers at Acton High School, Michael has set out to tell his story. He has addressed over 30 schools in the Halton and Peel Regions. Due to his continued dedication and advocacy, in 2013, Michael received the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Survivor Ambassador Award, presented to individuals who by sharing their own personal journey with heart disease, engage and inspire individuals and communities to support their vital mission and efforts to save and extend lives. Michael continues to share his message with students and community members of all ages.

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How do I protect myself when buying and selling my home?

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This question is a vague one and can lead to many different topics, but what I am referring to specifically is the scenario where you are selling your home and you plan on using the sale proceeds to buy the new home.

Ideally you will sell your home and buy another home and schedule both closings for the same day and enjoy a smooth transaction. But what can happen is you sign the paperwork on the purchase without having yet sold your existing home in the hopes of selling it sooner or later.

Every real estate deal can have conditions, and in order to avoid being on the hook for purchasing a home when you don't have the necessary funds because your existing house hasn't been sold yet, make sure that in your purchase deal you add the condition that the deal is conditional on the sale of your existing home. This simple addition can save a lot of stress and trouble. If you end up not selling your home in time for the purchase, then you can opt out of the deal and get your deposit back.


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