

STILL HAVE SOME SHOPPING TO DO? DO IT LOCALLY

Are you ready for the holidays?

It's a common question posed at this time of the year. Hopefully you have already shopped locally or plan to if you've still got some people remaining on your list.

We, as a local community voice, are encouraging residents who are spending money this holiday season to make sure their dollars stay close to home.

If you celebrate Christmas, there are still six shopping days left until the big day.

Then there will be all kinds of Boxing Day deals to be had on Dec. 26.

Local retailers, car dealers, specialty shops, services and restaurants, to name but a few, are counting on consumers to open their wallets right here.

Local retailers are placing their hopes on a good holiday season to carry them through to the new year.

We can't let them down. You can take in old-fashioned Christmas displays and appreciate store owners who are proud of the goods they sell and who spend the necessary time intelligently answering customers' questions.

There are so many unique gift ideas hidden in local stores and galleries.

By spending your hard-earned dollars here you are helping to keep the municipality running smoothly.

When you shop local twice the cash stays in the community.

The spin-off effects are tremendous.

After you are done your shopping, stop at a local restaurant to relax and have a bite to eat.

And don't forget the local charities that need assistance.

Set aside some extra dollars and give generously to all the groups and organizations that work so hard to ensure everyone has a happy holiday.

We would like to thank those who donated to our holiday drive for Halton Women's Place.

Happy holidays!

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GEORGETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESIDENTS ARE THE BEST

On Sept. 10, our family had a major house fire that started in the garage and quickly spread to the rest of our house.

We want to say thank you to the Georgetown fire department, which acted quickly to get the fire under control and extinguished.

We're so thankful for your hard work and compassion in saving many of our valuable items.

To our neighbours - you are the best!

You opened your homes to us and have continued to be there for us, for which we are eternal-thankful.

To the rest of Georgetown and beyond, thank you.

The outpouring of support has been, to say the

least, overwhelming.

Thank you, each and everyone of you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all that you have given and done for us.

LINDA, TOM AND
DEREK PIDZAMECKY
GEORGETOWN

GRANDCHILDREN DESERVE SAME LEVEL OF EDUCATION

A copy of this letter to Ted Arnott, MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills, was sent to The Independent and Free Press for publication.

I am sure that I am not alone in supporting the public school secondary teachers in their job action intended to highlight their dispute with the Ministry of Education. As a parent of three and grandparent of five, I want my grandchildren to have the same educational opportunity as that of my three children,

all successful in their chosen careers.

Increasing average class sizes with no reasonable caps and mandating an experiment in e-learning are a step backward in delivering good-quality education. With respect to the latter measure, I suggest you reflect on the absence of available high-speed internet access in many rural homes in your constituency.

If the Ontario government is not sufficiently persuaded by the objective views of educational professionals and researchers to reverse its position on these issues, then I suggest the completion of the following exercise: have someone in the premier's office, possessing the requisite mathematical skills, total up the number of parents and grandparents in the province and assess the potential effect they may have on the outcome of the next Ontario election.

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GEORGETOWN

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