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Letters

Stellar spellers support adult learning

Dear Editor,

Literacy North Halton held its 14th annual Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee at the Milton Centre for the Arts May 15.

The participants in this adult spelling bee had a fun — and educational — evening, with money raised for the benefit of adult literacy in our communities.

Literacy North Halton's Adult Learning Centre is a not-for-profit, charitable organization serving the communities of Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

Adults who choose our literacy programs are getting a second chance at education. We help our students improve their reading, writing, basic math and computer skills so they can secure employment, help children with homework and improve their health and community engagement.

We would like to thank our many sponsors for their significant support of this event. These include title sponsors Apple King Communications, Mattamy Homes, RBC Georgetown and Your Home Today Realty Inc. We also had support from many local businesses and organizations, including Brampton Real Estate Board, iPro Realty, Royal LePage Georgetown, Georgetown Wordsmiths, Acton Tire Shop, Milton Public Library, Rocking Horse Creative Services, Halton Regional Police, Cheryl Watkin Life Coach, Paul Armstrong Insurance Brokers Inc., Mohawk Inn and Conference Centre, and others.

In addition, thank you to the many silent auction contributors and to all of the individuals who volunteered to make this event a success.

Tricia Waters, board member
Literacy North Halton



Georgetown Woodsmiths (from left) Christine Albert, Nancy Kovacs and Amanda Terry proudly display the Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee trophy after beating out 13 teams to reign supreme at the May 15 fundraiser for Literacy North Halton. *Supplied photo*



'Who' tags have been popping up around town. Last week, police appealed to the public for help in identifying the vandal(s) responsible for the graffiti.



The story, posted to the *Champion's* Facebook page, had lots of people talking, including:

Heather Smith: These tags are everywhere, also along Louis St. Laurent Avenue on the other side of the storm water pond, on community mailboxes in that area, bus shelters and in the parks. It's infuriating. When they catch this person, they should be held accountable and be made to pay for the graffiti to be removed.

Contadino Quaresima: Just clean it up and move on.

Sandy De Abreau: I've noticed this around. Hope they catch the person.

Diana Vince-Evangelista: I remember seeing a few years ago the cost associated with graffiti removal. I hope they are caught and forced to remove it. I think my tax dollars are likely wasted enough in some avenues.

Key tag service donations help child amputees

Dear Editor,

Most of us don't realize how valuable our car keys are until we lose them. With remote starters and built-in unlock systems, keys are not as simple or cheap as they used to be, with many owners paying hundreds of dollars in replacement fees.

But for more than 70 years, The War Amps Key Tag Service has been helping Canadians avoid these costs.

Each key tag has a confidential number so if

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The Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, according to The War Amps, offers comprehensive services to child amputees and their families, including financial assistance. It serves children ages 18 and under who are born missing a limb or have lost a limb due to an accident or for medical reasons.

you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier at no cost.

Although it's a free service, donations provide child amputees, and amputees across the country, with vital programs and financial assistance for the cost of artificial limbs.

Growing up a left leg amputee myself, I can personally attest to the value of these programs.

If you did not receive a War Amps key tag, you can order them at waramps.ca.

Shannon Krasowski,
War Amps Regional Representative

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