

Independent Shorts

- With the NHL season over three-quarters complete, Greg Marston of Guelph is leading the Biliztik Sports hockey pool, followed by Brad Coates of Exeter and a handful from St. Marys: Cody King, Michelle Clark, Hans Borgjink, Rylee Nethercott and Larry McLellan. For complete standings, download the Biliztik Sports App on your mobile device.

- Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece issued the following statement about the election of Doug Ford as the Leader of the Ontario PC Party:

"Over the weekend, we learned that PC members elected Doug Ford as the new Leader of our party. I accept the result, and would like to congratulate Doug and the other candidates – Christine Elliott, Caroline Mulroney, and Tanya Granic Allen – on a hard-fought campaign.

"With our new Leader in place, we must now turn our attention to a single, necessary goal: replacing Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals on June 7th. Ontario urgently needs to get rid of the self-serving Liberal government.

"I am fully confident that, with Doug Ford at the helm, we can bring much-needed change to Ontario. We will work tirelessly to make life more affordable for Ontario families; restore accountability and respect for taxpayers; and put the interests of hardworking Ontarians first".

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Business of the Week

Joel Drinkwalter Plumbing

By Stewart Grant

Our Business of the Week is Joel Drinkwalter Plumbing. The Drinkwalter name has been known locally in the industry for decades. Joel followed his Uncle Doug who was an Electrician and Carpenter into the trades business when he took his first plumbing job with Cullitons of Stratford back in 1985. Nowadays, Joel's son Colton has become a second-generation Drinkwalter in the plumbing business, having joined his parents Joel and Patty in the family operation.

After gaining experience with Cullitons, Joel started his own company in 2010. While on his own, Joel has managed to earn a steady living thanks to positive word-of-mouth advertising. However, now that son Colton has joined the business the Drinkwalters have capacity to take on additional projects. Colton, who is in the apprenticeship program at Fanshawe College, is working towards the 9,000 hours necessary to gain his license.

Drinkwalter Plumbing offers a variety of plumbing-related services, which range from general repairs such as changing faucets and fixing leaks, to home improvement services such as bathroom renovations and water treatment installation.

The Stonetown is known for having hard water, therefore a common project for the Drinkwalters in St. Marys is the installation or repair of water softeners. Meanwhile, iron filters are commonly requested in the rural areas to get rid of the orange-color stains that can appear in tubs and



sinks. Reverse osmosis units are also offered, with this process purifying the water that is used for drinking or cooking.

Home renovation work has also kept the company busy. In the 'Town Worth Living In', people are not moving out of their homes but instead are making improvements to their dwellings through activities such as kitchen and bathroom renovations.

If you need a plumber for any reason, give Joel Drinkwalter Plumbing a call at their office line 519-284-4217 or through Joel's cell phone at 226-880-0501.



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