

Musical Gold at North Hastings

Story and Photo By Dianne Winmill

Two of our music students earned Gold Medals in their respective disciplines during last season's Royal Conservatory of Music examinations.

This means that they received the highest marks in the province!

Ezra Schell, percussion, and Natalie Nicholson, French horn, grade 10 students at North Hastings High School in Bancroft, completed their examinations in June 2018, and have been invited to the Convocation Gold Medals Ceremony at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto in October.

Both students are continuing their studies in the music program at North Hastings High School, and will be completing their Level 4 exams this January.

Photo below: L-R: Natalie Nicholson with her French Horn and Ezra Schell with his Xylophone percussion dongers.



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Letter to the Editor:

I have followed with interest the energetic public discussion of issues in the run up to the municipal election in North Kawartha. Reasoned and well informed debate on issues that affect us all is a hallmark of democratic government at all levels. Those in the community that show an interest in the electoral process are to be commended for stepping up and making their views known.

I am, however, more than disappointed to see the negative campaign attack ad that Mark Wright ran in the September issue of the Apsley Voice. No matter who the candidate is, this type of ad strikes a new low in disparaging an individual's integrity in the interests of furthering the aims of an opponent. It smacks of cheap shots and desperation while it disrespects our community's ability and willingness to make our decisions based on reasoned and well informed debate (ads such as this are neither reasonable nor particularly well informed).

Mr. Wright obviously put significant effort into creating his attack ad. It's a shame that he hasn't directed that considerable energy and passion towards being a candidate for council. In doing so he may have been able to actively shape policy on the issues rather than attacking the character of those who do.

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