

Winners

Business Excellence Awards



Agri-Business Award

L.F Mattice Farm & Trucking Inc. started with one truck and trailer in 1989 and has grown to 42 trucks, 60 trailers and over 54 staff. In 2011 the business expanded with the construction of Railview Investments, a grain facility with a capacity of over 1.4 million bushels - the largest grain facility in Haldimand. In 2015 the business reinstated train access to the town of Hagersville; providing rail access to North American markets.



Business Award (10 employees and under)

Progressive Music Studio in Cayuga has grown from less than 20 students in 2010 – to an active enrolment of 100 families weekly. With a focus on providing a great experience for students, and policies emphasizing the importance of communication the studio has maintained constant growth, and a high retention rate for both staff and clients.



Business Award (Over 10 employees)

Kim Richardson Transportation Specialist Inc. is a nationally accredited, educational facility in the transportation industry, working with hundreds of trucking companies. As leaders in their industry they hold a seat on the Private Motor Truck Council Board of Directors, act as Chair of the Truck Training Schools Association of Ontario and hold a seat on the membership committee of the Professional Truck Driver Institute. Suffering a devastating business fire in 2015 they have come back even stronger with a current complement of 12 employees.



Tourism Business Award

Mohawk Marina & Hippo's Restaurant on the north shore of Lake Erie in Lowbanks, has been a vacation destination for tourist and locals alike for over 33 years. In the early years the business started as a place for anglers and boaters to access the lake and purchase supplies for their sports. While boating and fishing are still a key part of the business, in their own words "it is Hippo's that is responsible for making our mark".



Not For Profit Award

True Experience Supportive Housing & Community Work Program, is a non-profit organization in Dunnville, which works diligently to assist those who need a hand up in Haldimand County when mental illness impacts their lives. To further enhance programming in the community the organization has raised over \$155,000 in fundraising in two years to expand beyond its core programming.



Youth Entrepreneur Award (2 awards presented)

The Haldimand Press is a locally owned, growing and dynamic weekly newspaper. This past year was a year of change for the paper welcoming new owners as well as launching its online edition, giving subscribers the news they want right at their fingertips. The roots of the paper date back to 1868, and this year The Press celebrates its 150th birthday.

Second Chance Records

Second Chance Records stock's over 7000 previously enjoyed vinyl records as well as new vinyl, cd's, and music-related items. Opening their 500 square-foot storefront in 2016, Second Chance Records expanded to 2000 square-feet of retail space in less than one year. Turning a passion into a thriving business, they draw customers from as far away as Sarnia to shop in Caledonia's downtown.