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funky eyewear at the school's
inaugural "Girls Night In" event on
April 11. For more, see page 7.

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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



A Dizzying Issue

I'm getting dizzy. In a few hundred words, you'll be, too.

One day - no one knows exactly when - school boards got into the transportation business. Busing students has therefore been a decades-long entanglement of criss-crossed issues that affect most families, unless they live within a few blocks of their children's schools.

Even then, if children cross a busy street, there needs to be crossing guards because of impatient drivers. The 30 seconds it takes to wait for kids to cross the road (why? To get to the other side, of course) will somehow ruin the commute, which is why the town hires guards at \$17.42 per hour to help drivers learn to count. By the way, Whitby's crossing guard rate is among the highest in the province. Waterloo pays only \$12.63/hr. The national average is \$13.71.

So when the Durham District School

Board (DDSB) released its report last month on changing school bell times in September, it drew the expected array of opinions about drop-off times, traffic, daycare issues, and the like. All legit; most warranted; also expected. Every parent would love to have the simplest, most efficient means of getting kids to school. Having that for the lowest possible cost would be wonderful, too. Right now, it costs the province over \$800 million annually for school busing, which our taxes pay for. It's a beast of an issue with no beauty of a solution.

This won't make certain parents happy, but the board will save over \$1.2 million by adjusting bell times. That money doesn't go to donuts for board meetings; it will be siphoned directly back into the system. As well, according to the March 20 DDSB staff report, just 38 of 171 schools will require bell time changes. Of those, only 11 will require changes of greater than 10

minutes. If you're one of the parents affected, you're unhappy. If not, you heave a sigh of relief but wonder if it may yet come to you.

Still, I wonder about some things. For instance, what would happen if Durham transit had a proper bus system that ran along key streets and thus able to transport students to school? Then again, who wants buses on their streets? And which streets? If this existed, and there were less school buses required, would our tax allotment to boards, roughly \$681 for a \$500,000 home, be reduced? That would be to cover the cost of a student bus pass which is currently an exorbitant \$93.50 per month or about \$935 annually for ten months of school. Would the figure drop because of greater usage?

Meanwhile, Brooklin's growth calls

for one more public board high school while the Catholic board, which has land at Thickson and Winchester, instead prefers a spot further north. The DDSB has also identified the need for 10 Brooklin elementary schools.

More homes - more kids - more schools - more busing - more complaints about busing. Dizzy yet?

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The first issue of *Buried Horror Magazine* will be published on May 10, 2017, on the full moon, naturally. Share this with friends and family who might be interested in submitting as well. You can dig in, at: buriedhorror-magazine.blogspot.ca



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Lathia and Tsiris’s involvement in the organization of the April 11 “Girls Night In” Event at BHS are a reflection of their skills and work. Co-presidents of the school’s DECA group, they finished first in Ontario



Payal Lathia (left) and Rima Tsiris (right) flank their teacher Saamah Jadoon at the “Girls Night In” event they planned.

at the February provincials and will travel to Anaheim April 24- May 1 for the annual International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

The two young ladies, who both plan to attend university in the fall to study business-related programs, did their projects in the Community Service category. In California, they will be one of seven Ontario teams competing.

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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*

Prodigy and Presentations



If you have a child in the early grades, you're probably already aware of the Prodigy game being used in schools. For those not familiar with it, the computer game is a math-based game that helps kids develop early math fundamentals in an engaging app. Children answer math problems and then are able to challenge each other for virtual prizes. The more questions you answer, the faster you go up a level. The game is highly addictive and sparks some friendly competition between classmates.

My daughter loves it and plays it often at home. She plans online meet-ups with her classmates and

is learning math concepts at her own pace. However, after discovering the free app only offers limited options, she recently decided she "needed" to be a member and has launched a campaign to become one. Meaning my credit card is now being challenged.

Membership cost

You see, to become a member costs about \$60 for the year. Okay, it isn't a huge amount for a learning game, but I also know my child. The Shopkins she avidly collected last year now sit in a plastic tub, untouched. And with the weather warming up, the thought of paying for an app that she would drop as soon as the options of bike riding, road hockey and swimming became regular activities

didn't make sense to me.

Every morning for a month, my husband I have had to listen to her sales pitch. "But everyone in my class is a member. They all have better stuff than me. I can't get stuff for my house and I can't even collect the points I win! It's so not fair!"

So one morning last week, as I was being pestered by her pleas, I challenged her. "Okay, I can see this is very important to you, but it costs money to be a member. I want you to write down all the reasons why being a member is important to you and also some suggestions on how we are going to pay for it. Then Daddy and I will consider it."

Her solution

So she grabbed a pencil and started writing. She must have worked on it all day at school because that evening, my husband and I had to sit on the couch and listen to 19 reasons

why she had to be a member. And as he and I inwardly giggled, we were also impressed. Not only did she come up with some very good reasons, she also had a way to pay for it. But what sold us was not so much her presentation itself, but the math and problem-solving skills she demonstrated.

Less allowance

She had figured out the cost of the membership and divided it over the year. Then she figured the monthly cost and made a recommendation. "I will pay for half of the membership, which is \$34 for the year. That comes to \$2.83 a month. Which is about half of one week allowance. So if you give me less allowance on the first week each month, then that pays for it." We told her we'd take her proposal under consideration and would discuss it.

There was nothing to discuss. She is a proud new member!

Community Calendar

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

Sat. April 22 - 9:00 - 11:00 am
Pitch In Brooklin. In all Brooklin Parks. Organized by Brooklin B.A.M. Lions Club. Pull on your rubber boots and pitch in. Meet new neighbours. Feel connected to the community. And make a difference!

Sat. April 22 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
At Grass Park: Colours and Cultures of Brooklin Block Party Music - Food - Activities

Fri., April 28 - 7:00 - 10:00 pm
St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 101 Winchester Rd. E, Brooklin To Haiti with Love: An Unforgettable Night of Haitian Culture Presented by Rotary Club of Whitby. To support the efforts of *Little Footprints Big Steps*. Features special guest Morgan Wienberg Tickets \$50 from rotarywhitby.org

Friday, April 28 - 4:00- 5:00 pm
(4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council at Brooklin Library
The Brooklin Branch of the Whitby Public Library is looking for members for its Teen Leadership Council. Participants will have the opportunity to share their ideas, suggest materials for purchasing, assist with special events and programs, and have a say about what goes on at the library. TLC members in grades 9-12 also earn community service hours for school. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to come to this month's meeting to see what it's all about! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

For more information, please email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

Sat., April 29
Beef dinner: Beethoven Odd Fellows and Kinoven Rebekahs lodge hall at 42 Bagot St., Brooklin (east of Cassels St. bridge). Lots of beef & potatoes, lots of pies! Tickets: \$17.50 Adults - \$7.00 Children 5:00 & 6:30 sittings - Advance tickets only please. Call **Harry 905-666-0814** or email: h.agar@sympatico.ca or **Ray 655-8025**

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Sunday, April 30 - 7:00 pm
"Gala of Music" at Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Rd. E. A musical evening featuring favourite show tunes and popular music, provided by the church choir, guest soloists and organ/piano duets as well. Followed by decadent desserts and fellowship. A portion of the proceeds will support "Bridge to a new home" Refugee Sponsorship program. Tickets \$20.00 - available by calling the church **905-655-4141**

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Mon., May 1 - 7:00 pm
Healing Strong's introductory lesson at Copper Branch, 66 Baldwin Street. Get to know each other and share. Meet the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. People can come as they wish. No commitment. It's free. HealingStrong is a group of volunteers who have used natural therapies to support ourselves or others while healing from cancer or any other disease. Our purpose is to share non-toxic strategies to heal strong and stay strong. RSVP Loretta Wilkins at healingstrongtoronto@gmail.com or (905) 550-4545. We also have a Facebook group page: **HealingStrong_Toronto**

Sat., May 6 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Doors Open Whitby & Brooklin (free admission) St. Thomas Church, 101 Winchester St. Brian Winter, author & former Whitby archivist. Tours, archival display, slideshow art display of St. Thomas Church. Slideshow of environmental award-winning construction of new church featuring new Ferguson stained glass window by Sue Obata. Refreshments and lunch (cash only)

Sat., May 13 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Group 74 announces tickets are now available to purchase for our 17th Annual Victorian Tea. We have exciting & fun new things planned to celebrate! A bake sale, special visit by a princess, children's prize table & more! Wear your favorite hat so you

can be apart of our Hat Parade! Here are online links to order tickets: whitby.snapd.com/#/events/view/1038936 group74.org/events/brooklin-victorian-tea facebook.com/Group74/

Sat., May 13 - 7:30 pm
Organ Recital: Dr. Giles Bryant will play an organ recital at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Brooklin. The recital will include a variety of organ compositions. Dr. Bryant is the former organist and choir master at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. Tickets are \$20.00 and \$15.00 for seniors and students.

Mondays: 6:30-7 pm:
French Family Storytime: Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join Madame Sue for our weekly French Family Storytime! Enjoy a half hour of stories and songs in French, with a dash of English too! Registration is not required. Just drop in! LOCATION: Central Library - Children's Program Room

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A Special BTC Feature

Digging up the past in a Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery

by Travis Fortnum

It's like something from a Stephen King novel, an old pioneer cemetery abandoned and forgotten in the corner of suburbia.

Where Church Street meets Albert Street, a kitty-corner from Brooklin Day Nursery, lies what used to be the Brooklin Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Cemetery.

"It's across the road from me," says Whitby mayor Don Mitchell, "I grew up in this house, but I don't remember thinking of it as a cemetery when I was young. It's got a long and unusual history."

Established with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1847, the same year the Village of Winchester was renamed Brooklin, the site served as the only burial place in Brooklin for nearly 40 years. It's not clear when the first body was buried in the cemetery, but in a 2011 historical report, retired Whitby archivist Brian Winter states it was likely around its establishment in 1847.

There were no burials on the land after the Methodist Church amalgamated with Bible Christian (now the Brooklin Community Centre) and Wesleyan Methodist in 1884 to form what is now the Brooklin United Church.

Headstones vandalized

In 1888, complaints were filed stating that school children cutting across the land were vandalizing some of the remaining stones. The students passed through on their way to and from a public school that sat just south of the land, facing Winchester Road.

The Brooklin Board of School Trustees voted in the summer of 1915 to take over the land and build a playground and athletic field on it. As spooky as it may sound, the board did in fact acquire the cemetery, but records don't reflect if it was converted into a playing field or not. Then the cemetery was officially closed in 1925.

But a year later, a man named Dr. Thomas Erlin Kaiser travelled around southern Ontario collecting stones from abandoned cemeteries hoping to give them a new home. Kaiser was a medical doctor who set up practice in Oshawa, served as its mayor from 1907-08 and was a local history buff.

Thanks to his efforts, some of the remaining stones at the Brooklin M.E. Cemetery found their way to Groveside in what is called the Pioneer Memorial section. Others were taken to be used as flag stones on private properties; some disappeared all together.

In June of 1990, Brooklin Resident Diane Rooney said that when she moved into the home she had just purchased, she found stones from the cemetery on her lawn.

Bodies still there

And what about the bodies below the ground? "It's full of remains," Mitchell says. "That's the weirdness of the story."

Mitchell says the land was owned by the township of Whitby and the government ordered the remains be removed and relocated when Groveside opened.

"Who knows what happened then," Mitchell says. "They probably just discovered how expensive it was and how many remains were there."

Since then, the cemetery has been all but forgotten. Nobody has an official number of how many people are buried in the cemetery as the burial records have vanished.

In the 90s, archeologists excavated sections of the land and dug up as many as 13 bodies. This included a coffin with a glass plate on top featuring a silver name plate, indicating it belonged to one Sarah Hartle, who died at 20 years-old in 1871. At the time, the archaeologists estimated that at least 100 bodies remain buried there.

Why don't they just dig up the bodies and move them? The straight answer is: there is no straight an-

swer. Cost, red tape and morality all factor into it a little bit.

The Ontario Cemeteries Act stipulates how an abandoned cemetery is handled, stating that once an application process is completed (which in this case, it was) the land becomes municipal property.

Vague rules

The rules about digging up remains in a situation like this are less clear. Factor in the historic aspect of what lies beyond the tall black fence that fronts the street and it becomes harder to see a way for the bodies to be disinterred or archived in some fashion.

To those who don't know the lot's history, the fence and sign labeling the land as municipal property seem relatively inconspicuous. Most parents whose children attend Brooklin Day Nursery don't even give it a second thought. When asked about the land, an employee said she didn't know anything about it.



In 2012, Winter's report to Whitby's Planning and Development committee suggested the land receive heritage designation, but there was never an official designation.

Now, however, Sara Ferencz, archivist at the Whitby Public Library, has prepared a plaque and interpretive panel expected to be mounted sometime this year.

But until this happens, the lot remains an impenetrable and eerie tangle of trees with a spooky and secret past.

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Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown

Spring Joy, Except For Pond Gunk



It's starting, the crazy wonderful season gardeners both love and hate. We love it because the sun is shining, the soil is warming and spring activities can finally begin. We hate it because, well, spring activities can finally begin. All of them, all at once. My rule: always begin by planting things which need to start growing. While they're getting started, I can attend to the non-growing activities.

Here's the worst job in my yard. I have three ponds, all a great delight. The fish provide a wonderful attraction for grandchildren who can't wait to feed them. Did you know goldfish can be trained to come to the edge of the pond when the grandkids arrive? The water lilies and other pond plants are starting to grow. However, every few years one of those ponds needs to be cleaned out.

The pond gunk

There's quite an accumulation of gunk at the bottom and plants have grown so large that there's insufficient room for them. I throw in the extra pump and start emptying the lower pond. One upside is I was able to use this fertile water to irrigate the grass seed I'd sown the previous day. Once the water level has sufficiently subsided, it's time to don rubber boots, climb in, attempt to catch the fish, then lift out and chop up the plants. The lilies must be chopped up to make them small enough to lift out and there are hunks of them to be dried and added to the compost.

When disturbed, the gunk releases a noxious gas which makes for a long and unpleasant afternoon. But the clear water and happy fish are almost worth it. One of the other ponds probably needs it, too, but it won't happen next year. It takes at least two years to forget how much "fun" it

was. I could just fill in the ponds and plant petunias, but what joy would that bring?

The asparagus is starting to grow, teasing me with the thought of that first meal from the garden. We've actually eaten our first salad from the container of mesclun mix planted a few weeks ago. It resides in the cold frame and is producing some delicious baby greens.

Planting time

A few more days till it's ideal planting time. The soil is drying out more rapidly than I thought since March was such a winter month. I'm watching for when the soil in the top garden is dry and friable enough to plant. It's so easy to be over anxious and plant in soggy soil. If I do it, the peas just lay there and rot. The little transplants of cool season vegetables such as pak choi, lettuce, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi and others are growing well under the lights and will move to the cold frame this week in anticipation of moving to the soil during the last week of April.

With many happy things going on, it's sad that we have to keep an eye on our emerging lilies. The dastardly red lily beetle emerges from the soil along with the lilies and I need to keep my needle-nose pliers handy to catch these little disasters. It's all part of spending many enjoyable hours in the garden as spring seduces us from our skis and fireplaces.

NOTE:

Entering the horticulture classes at the Brooklin Spring Fair is a great opportunity to show your best gardening efforts. You must pre-register before April 27 by going to the Brooklin Spring Fair website (brooklinspringfair.com) and looking in the home craft section for the available classes.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson

What's Your Food Source?



In recent weeks, quite a few people have told me plant-based eating is too expensive. That's one of the myths about plant based eating along with a lot of misconceptions.

Absolutely, eating healthy is more expensive than eating highly processed packaged foods like soup and rice mixes. If you compare the price of a can of soup with one of Farm Boy's great store-made soups, the better quality food is far more expensive. But you get what you pay for. Canned condensed soups are laden with salt and monosodium glutamate and are basically nutritionally poor over-processed food.

Eating plant-based costs less if you stay away from processed "mock" meats and cheeses and expensive pre-made frozen vegan meals. These processed vegan foods will have your grocery bill soaring in no time.

To keep your costs down, buy items such as brown rice and quinoa in bulk. I buy mine at Costco for a much better price than at local stores. Organic vegetable co-ops are great if you like to buy organic. Dried legumes can cut down the price of canned ones. Just cook up a large batch and freeze them in smaller batches for chili, soups, and hummus.

Eat home-cooked foods as often as possible, buy in bulk, and enjoy seasonal fruits and veggies. Freeze whatever you can for soups, smoothies and vegetable broths. Not only will you save money but you will also have a better connection to your food. The whole farm-to-table movement is about knowing the source of your food and being grateful for it.

My favorite thing to freeze is over-ripe bananas. They make a great ice cream-like dessert and, when added to a smoothie or protein shake, make it thick and creamy.

Here's an amazing smoothie recipe that has hemp seeds in it. They're a great source of perfect protein and

contain a 3:1 balance of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids.

I like to make these types of smoothies for breakfast or for a post-workout snack and it's significantly less expensive than buying protein powders or heading into the local smoothie shop after a workout. I make them the night before and store them in mason jars for a fast breakfast or snack.

Hemp Seed Smoothie

- 1 frozen banana
 - 1 chopped orange
 - 3 tbsp hemp seeds
 - 5 raw (unsalted) almonds
 - ¾ cup water (or skip the 5 raw almonds and replace the water with ¾ almond milk)
 - Pinch of cinnamon
 - Dash of almond (or vanilla) extract
- Place all the ingredients in a high speed blender and blend until creamy

Sheree's Hack: Save all your vegetable ends and peels in the freezer for making vegetable broth one rainy day.

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A BHS “Girls Night In” Showcase



In order to show female high school students how important it is to just be themselves and proud of who they are, Brooklin High School English teacher Saamah Jadoon organized a Girls Night In event earlier this month. She was assisted by Payal Lathia and Rima Tsiris. (See their story on page 3). About 90 students, mostly from grades 9-11, participated along with 26 female staff members in an afternoon and evening of special activities.

Each student paid \$10 and those funds along with a \$4,000 Speak Up provincial grant and fundraising ventures allowed the event to go forward. Students were treated to a meal courtesy of the school’s culinary arts class and took part in a variety of activities that included manicures, key chain making, art therapy, tie dying, a photo booth, and karaoke. The leadership activity was perhaps the most intriguing. As seen in the photo to the left, girls were challenged to stand on a bench then rearrange themselves from largest to smallest shoe size, without saying a word or leaving the bench.



BTC’s First Annual Essay Contest



Grand prize:
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Essay Theme
- in honour of Canada’s 150th birthday:
“Canada is...”



How to submit:

- Essay is to be in the body of an email to: editorofbtc@gmail.com with the subject line: **essay contest submission**
- **No attachments, please. They will not be opened**
- At the beginning of the email, provide: **Writer’s name + Brooklin address + phone number + short bio of under 100 words** (Submissions without these will be rejected)

Contest Rules:

- Must be a resident of Brooklin (or student whose home address is in Brooklin).
- Deadline: Midnight, May 19, 2017
- Non-fiction essay (no poetry) of under **800 words** on the theme “Canada is...”
- Minimum age of writer is 16 years old as of May 19, 2017. BTC columnists and their families are ineligible.
- Essay must be previously unpublished non-fiction (school or post-secondary institution papers will be accepted). Essays with any plagiarized material will be rejected. Please

- Pseudonyms are not allowed.
- If submitting two essays, one should follow the other **in the same email**
- Winners agree to allow their names and photos to be used in the BTC
- After publication in the BTC, writer retains full copyright and ownership.
- Only winners will be contacted by early June
- Winners to be published in summer issues beginning June 9.

be sure to attributes quotes where necessary and to check facts.

- Writer must provide a title. The theme is NOT necessarily the title.
- No gratuitous violence, sex, racist or similarly hate-inducing commentary
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The pellet and/or briquette formulation of the larvicide methoprene (Altosid - Registration No. 21809 and No. 27694 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), or the water soluble pouch formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus sphaericus* (VectoLex WSP - Registration No. 28009 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), will be placed into catch basins of storm drains in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

The liquid and granular formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis* (Vectobac 1200L - Registration No. 21062 and Vectobac 200G - Registration No.18158 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*) will be placed in temporary pools of standing water, ditches, and storm water retention ponds in areas throughout the Regional Municipality of Durham.

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All larvicides will be applied by Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change licensed applicators or trained technicians.

For more information on the locations and dates of treatment on:

Regional and Municipal property - contact the Durham Region Health Department at 1-888-777-9613 or visit durham.ca for additional information about West Nile virus

Ontario Ministry of Transportation property - contact Ontario Ministry of Transportation at 1-416-235-5462 (collect calls accepted) or email westnileinfo@ontario.ca for additional information





Meet Your Local Merchant

Oxford Learning's Trisha Dosaj Makarov Featured by Canadian Franchise Association

Trisha Dosaj Makarov, franchise owner of Brooklin's **Oxford Learning**, was recently acknowledged by The Canadian Franchise Association (CFA) in a March article highlighting her as a successful millennial in franchising.

Two years ago, Dosaj Makarov was offered the opportunity to take over the **Oxford Learning** franchise. The CFA feature highlights some of the reasons her entrepreneurship has found success.

With a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's in Psychology and a teaching degree, Dosaj Makarov's education background makes her well

suited to run the franchise. Having worked at the Richmond Hill franchise since 2007, she knew the benefits of **Oxford Learning** and by the end of 2015 was the new "millennial" owner of **Brooklin Oxford Learning**.

Dosaj Makarov attributes the Brooklin franchise's success to three key factors:

- *Overcoming the age barrier* was at first a challenge, but once people began to understand she'd been with **Oxford** since 2007, the doubters became believers.

- *Being present in the business* turned out to be a big asset. "Especially when you're starting it," she says. "You need to be hands on and part of everything."

- *Being an active participant in the community* has meant building

trust. A member of the Rotary Club, a ladies networking group, and a volunteer with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Dosaj Makarov says, "I love doing that, and by getting out in the community, you make your business known. Maybe somebody doesn't need you today, but maybe next week they do or their cousin does. And because they know you, they'll trust you." More recently, she's added the Whitby Chamber of Commerce and the Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals Committee to the list.

The CFA article expands on the programming available at **Oxford** and how she has expanded it. Today, children from pre-school to post-secondary can reach their goals through **Oxford's** various options.

When asked why she decided to buy into Oxford, she states, "I love what I do; I'm



very passionate. I wouldn't have bought my own franchise had I not believed in **Oxford Learning** and what we do on a daily basis."



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