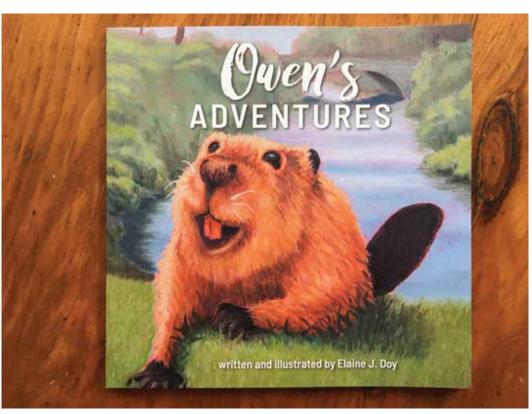


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> ► Recently published by The Ginger Press, Owen's Adventures is a picture book by Elaine J.Doy. It is based on the true story of a beaver who left Sydenham River and wandered in downtown Owen Sound until Public Works staff members guided it back to the river.



▶ During the Sugar Bush Season, members of Debajehmujig Storytellers were making maple syrup.
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▲ The Stan Mikita Exhibition Gallery opened in January in the St. Catharines Museum and highlights recreation and leisure in the Garden City and how these have contributed to the distinct character of St. Catharines over time. PHOTO PROVIDED.





► A replica of an 1889 Benz Patent Motorwagen was shown at the 2025 Canadian International AutoShow in February.





▲ Spotted at the Hamilton Adventure Expo on Jan. 25 was this group from Walk & Roll, a service that offers dogs hikes, group walks, off-leash play and a weekly dog camp.



▼ The Gallery Upstairs held an exhibition and sale of local artists' work at Holcim Gallery, FirstOntario Arts Centre in Milton, from March 18 to April 6.





▲ Volunteers helped to clean up the shoreline at Lakewood Conservation Area in Niagara Region at the beginning of March. This initiative is part of a coastal wetland habitat and shoreline restoration project. PHOTO PROVIDED BY NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.



In February, Niagara Peninsula Conservation **Authority hosted** an invasive species workshop with attendees from 38 different organizations from across the Niagara Peninsula watershed. PHOTO PROVIDED BY NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.



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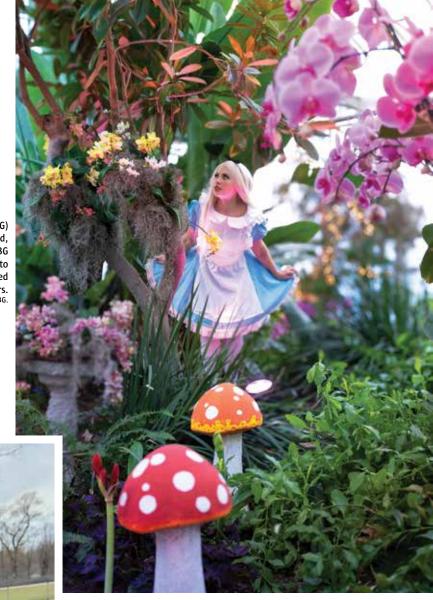
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► Royal Botanical Gardens' (RBG) Winter Showcase, Alice in Bloomland, ran from Feb. 1 to March 30 at the RBG Centre. RBG's most successful event to date, Alice in Bloomland was enjoyed by over 85,000 visitors.
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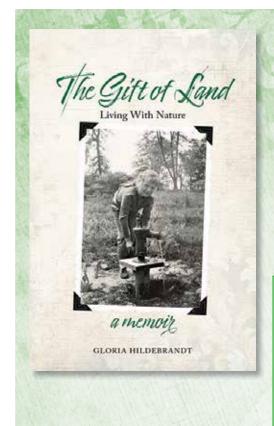
◄ On March 16 Tunde Otto, executive director of Willow Park Ecology Centre, led It's Maple Time, when members of the public learned about why the tree's sap flows in spring, and were able to taste the sugar water. PHOTO BY LUKE THOMAS.





◄ Julia's Garden Centre in Ballinafad held a grand opening on May 1. Some of the Lanzarotta family owners lined up, from left, Anna, Felicia, Natasha and Julianna.

▲ Holding fresh bread from Anna Jodelka of The Girl Next Dough, centre, are at left, Natasha Lanzarotta Vieira of Julia's Garden Centre, and at right, Gloria Hildebrandt of Niagara Escarpment Views.



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