Thunderbird Twin Zip Line Now Open

Scenic Caves Nature Adventures now offers one of the longest zip lines in Canada, the Thunderbird Twin Zip Line for two riders at a time. You can control your speed as you leave the 50-foot tower atop the Niagara Escarpment and shoot along the line with a panoramic view of Georgian Bay, Collingwood and Blue Mountains. Thunderbird is open in the autumn on weekends to the end of October. See our Winter issue for a Publishers' Diary experience of this ride. sceniccaves.com 705 446 0256 ext 227. PHOTO: MIKE DAVIS

Downtown Hamilton's Localicious Festival

Downtown Localicious Experience Culinary Festival features 12 Hamilton restaurants offering locally grown food prepared in flavourful new ways. The festival takes place Sept. 21 to Oct. 14. The festival starts with a launch party at the beautiful Art Gallery of Hamilton on Sept. 18. Several food stations offer samples prepared by Downtown chefs. Music plays, local wine and beer are available and the Food Jammers will give a cooking demonstration. They are "three backyard mechanics who make homebrew cooking equipment using junkyard parts, found objects, and locally sourced ingredients. Cooking is an excuse for them to build things." downtownlocalicious.org 905.523.1646. FOOD JAMMERS PHOTO COURTESY DOWNTOWN HAMILTON BIA

Griffin House National Historic Site Receives Plaque

Griffin House in Ancaster received a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorative plaque in August. The pre-Confederation house and 50 acres were bought in 1834 by Enerals Griffin, a Black settler who fled slavery in the U.S. by the Underground Railroad. The four-room house remained owned by the family until 1988, when it was bought by Hamilton Conservation Authority. The plaque recognizes the house as associated with the diversity of Black settler experience, as it was not situated in an organized refugee community, and was more elaborate than most homes of Blacks of the time. PHOTO OF DESCENDANTS OF ENERALS GRIFFIN COURTESY HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY