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Birth of a Nature Artist

Carson Visser of Burlington seems to be following in the footsteps of Robert Bateman, previously also of Burlington. From the age of 3 he wanted to make his own drawings instead of using colouring books. At age 12 he began painting seriously. “Last year close to my 15th birthday I started my art as a business,” he says. He paints wildlife, landscapes and old manmade structures, and sells his work, framed, for between \$250 and \$1,200.

Rare Fossil On Display

Giant’s Rib Discovery Centre (GDRC) has acquired a rare fossil of a 417 million-year-old giant sea scorpion, *Eurypterus remipes*, held here by GRDC president Chris Hamilton. The creature lived in the ancient seas near where the Niagara Escarpment was forming. The only other place on Earth where this fossil is found is eastern Europe. The specimen is on permanent display at GRDC in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area’s Trail Centre, Dundas.





Photo by Matthew Paget

Kids Get Chance to Play Soccer

Anita Bergsma of Georgetown has set up Chance to Play, an initiative to collect gently used soccer uniforms, balls, and cleats for children across Canada and developing countries, to help them play the universal sport of soccer. The first collection was donated to an orphanage in Tanzania. “Three years later,” says Bergsma, “I have been successful in expanding the donations from other soccer clubs such as Burlington, Rockwood, and Woolwich that have been distributed to The Philippines, two locations in the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua. I hope to bring awareness of the soccer program so that other clubs can get involved. As well, your readers that travel overseas may wish to take soccer gear on their vacation or help with volunteer opportunities.”

Hike, Bike or Snowshoe the Bruce Between B&Bs

Home to Home Bed & Breakfast Network lets you hike or snowshoe the Bruce Trail or bike the back roads of Bruce Peninsula, travelling from one B&B to another. Your luggage can be driven to the next home for each night or your car will be left for you at the end of each day’s journey. Breakfast will be served and a lunch packed each day, leaving you free to enjoy the travel.



Photo by Barbara Wynd



Cup Before Bedtime

Foodstuffs of Georgetown is always looking for ways to help people enjoy their coffee or get a better night's sleep. Now they can help them do both at once, with Counting Sheep Swiss Water Process decaffeinated coffee, "customer-tested and two thumbs up." Two of the versions include some valerian root. Foodstuffs adds "Now you can join your guests for an after-dinner coffee without pacing the floor later, wondering why you did!"

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Localicious Expands

Hamilton's Downtown Localicious Experience Culinary Festival, now in its seventh year will be a full three-week festival from Sept. 19 to Oct 12. The Launch Party on Tuesday, Sept. 16 has become so popular that it will now take place at a larger facility which will accommodate more displays and restaurants than ever before. The party will be cooking from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Many downtown restaurants will participate and there will be locally made food products and businesses in the Hamilton area as exhibitors. Local sommelier and author Louise Wilson will be mistress of ceremony and provide her views on local wine and pairings, interview local chefs and give her recommendations on wines based on downtown restaurant Localicious menus. She is the author of *Wine Lovers Colouring Book*.

Doors Open in Glen Williams

Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre will participate in Doors Open Halton Region on Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Mill is a restored 19th-century industrial complex of three main buildings and annexes. The Williams Mill, a three-storey heavy timber mortise and tenon frame structure from 1870, and Georgetown Electric Light Company Power Plant, a two-and-a-half storey stone building from 1898, now houses the working studios of more than 30 artists including glass blowers, jewellery makers, painters, sculptors, carvers, a caning master, photographer, canoe builder and a clothing designer. The Williams Mill is one of 16 mid-to late-1800s sites that will be open in Glen Williams on the Credit River, including residences, churches, halls, businesses and industrial buildings.

