

EVENTS ALONG THE ROCK

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▲ Sean James of Fern Ridge Landscaping was given an honour award in the landscaping category by the Perennial Plant Association on Aug. 2, for designing Oakville's Anderson Parkette Biodiversity Garden, right, which contains more than 50 native plant species. PHOTO SUBMITTED.



▲ Acton's annual Leathertown Festival was held on Aug. 14. PHOTO BY CHRIS MILLER.

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◀ Halton Hills' former mayor Kathy Gastle and current mayor Rick Bonnette cut the ribbon to open the Children's Garden of the Senses on Sept. 10 in Norval. The garden was inspired by the works of L.M. Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, who lived in Norval for more than a decade.

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▲ On Sept. 10 Mountsberg Conservation Area in Campbellville hosted the opening of a new barn for its farm animals and a new building of raptor enclosures, shown above. PHOTO COURTESY OF CONSERVATION HALTON.



▲ On Sept. 17 Communities in Bloom Ontario announced that Orangeville won a five-bloom rating, making it eligible to enter the national competition in 2017. Judge Sandy Barnes Cairns presented the award to Orangeville committee members Kathryn Macdonald, Ted Zarudny and Jane Blears. PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE.

▼ Georgetown Thai Cuisine celebrated its 10th anniversary on Sept. 11 with a parade, Thai dance performances, Thai massage, free lunch and more. Donations were encouraged to benefit Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills.



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▲ The Town Crier gave a welcome to Eden Mills Writers' Festival on Sept. 18.



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► Deborah Serravalle had many books to autograph at the launch of her first novel *How We Danced*. A party was held at The Spice Factory in Hamilton on Sept. 21.



► Heather's Bakery of Georgetown celebrated its 15th anniversary on Oct. 1 by giving away free pieces of, naturally, cake.



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▲ Isaiah Aguonie of Sheguindah, Manitoulin Island, was one of six Indigenous writers who won a James Bartelman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award. “Isaiah is a wonderful example of how sharing our stories can further our understanding of the varied perspectives and experience of Indigenous youth in Ontario,” stated Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin. The award was presented at Queen’s Park on Oct. 7. From left, Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Isaiah and James Bartelman. PHOTO COURTESY OF ONTARIO MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.



▲ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau included Picone’s Fine Foods in Dundas in his visit to Hamilton and Niagara on Oct. 21. Here he is surrounded by shop owners, employees and eager visitors.