



2016 in focus

Champion photographers snapped thousands of photos in 2016. Here is a sampling of their published work. Clockwise, from left, Al Stupart takes a photo during a hike. Brianna Curtis digs in at Milton's Ribfest. Donna Hart swims. Callay, a Trillium Demonstration School student, helps set up an art installation. Sam Davis gets crafty at a paint-a-pot workshop. Amani Elkadri is all smiles at MyRec's MyFest.

Commemorating mayor's milestone

10 Facebook page.

The opportunity came up rather last minute and is an experience I won't soon forget. That's one of the things I love about journalism — you never know what a day on the job is going to bring.

This fall, local dignitaries and residents finally heard the words they've been waiting years to hear: "A university is coming to Milton!"

The announcement was cause for celebration at Town Hall, where staff and council have been working for more than a decade to bring a post-secondary institution to town.

The Province is expected to issue its decision on the successful university partner next fall.

And in recent weeks, I had the pleasure of commemorating Mayor Gord Krantz's milestone of becoming the longest-serving mayor of a major Canadian municipality. From writing stories and columns to pulling together "mayorisms" and ways to describe the mayor in one word, it was truly enjoyable to mark the occasion and celebrate the beloved head of Milton Council.

There has certainly been no shortage of stories to write, and I'm honoured to be among the team in the *Champion* newsroom delivering the news to local residents.

I can't wait to see what 2017 has in store for this amazing community.



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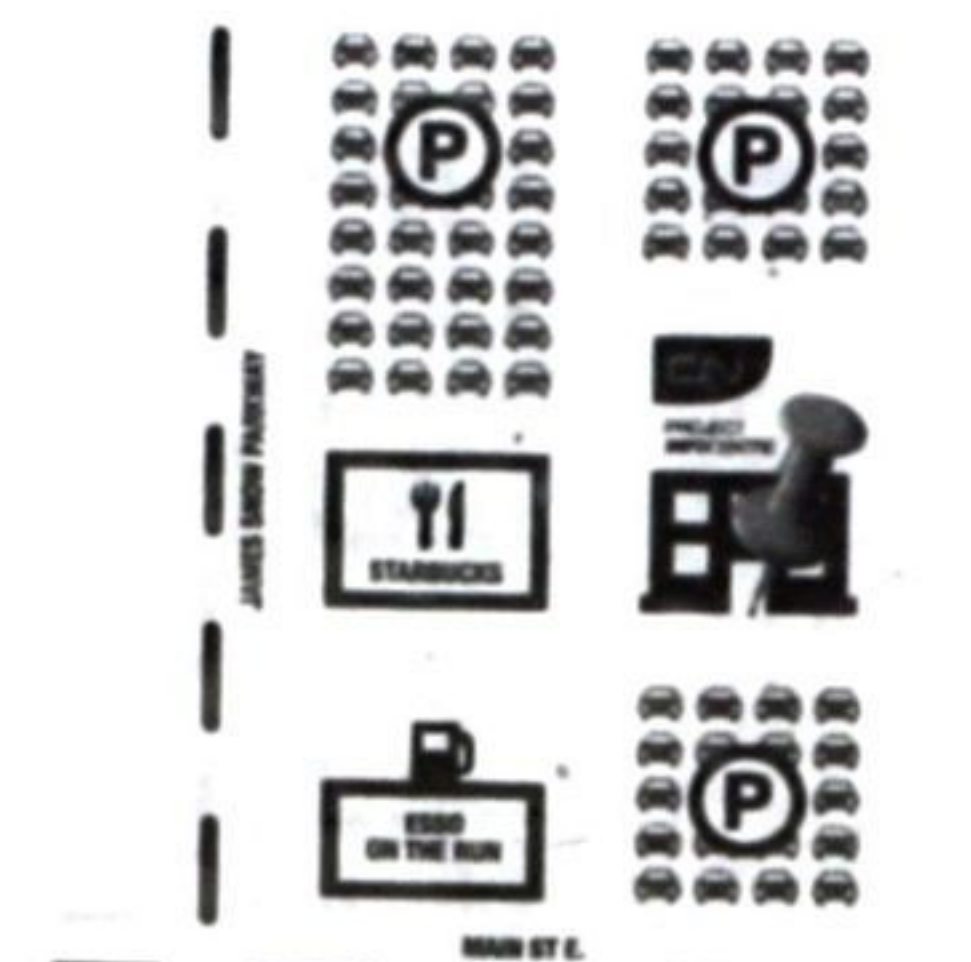
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