

# Celebrate A New Beginning!



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Staff at Headlines Hair Studio showed their true colours at the Cut-A-Thon for Luke Anderson (centre) on Sunday, Nov. 9. The salon was fully booked for the day and clients who couldn't get an appointment dropped by for some delicious refreshments, generously supplied by the Corner House.

## Bruce's Mill dates to 1829

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A waterwheel provided the initial source of power, to be replaced by a water turbine in 1904 and a steel overshot waterwheel in 1912, a feature which is still on display at the site. In 1929, hydro-electric power was added to supplement the demands of the operation and after 1954, when the dam and spillway were destroyed by Hurricane Hazel, the mill became fully electric. Amazingly the mill remained in operation until 1962 and was one of the last working mills in Ontario. The current millpond, constructed in

1963 to replace the dam destroyed in 1954, has more recently been used primarily for recreation purposes including swimming and fishing. The property, acquired in 1961 by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, was opened as a conservation area in 1965 with the Bruce Brothers' Mill as the focal point.

Bruce's Mill Conservation Area now hosts a number of annual events, including the SugarBush Maple Syrup Festival and the York Children's Water Festival, and is the future home of the Community Safety Village of York Region.

### Season's Greetings

*For the happiest of holiday seasons!*



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