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The tragic death of Lukas Smith has left his family devastated, and a large community of friends to mourn his passing. (Photo supplied)

## Smith family surrounded by strong community of friends

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

Monday morning, after a week of constantly being surrounded by friends and family offering their love and support, Trish Smith and her children said goodbye to husband and father Lukas at an outdoor service at Cornerstone Community Church.

The outpouring of love “has been unbelievable,” says Trish.

“All that love he gave to others, we’re feeling it given back to us. It’s been amazing. We’ve had friends here around the clock. They loved him too, and they’re struggling the same as I am.”

Trish had difficulty putting the enormity of her gratitude into words, knowing she couldn’t have got through the past days without all the people who have supported her, especially with three children who are struggling with their own grief. Lukas’s friends, she says, “are wrapping their arms around my kids. They’re telling

stories about him, they’re making her kids laugh, and distracting them somewhat from all that’s going on around them.”

Trish describes the funeral, with a simple pine casket designed and hand-made with love by his friends.

Lukas and his two friends (Wes Wiens and Doug Hiebert) had promised each other in the past years that when the time came they would build a rough pine coffin for each other, and they had carried out his wishes.

“But they never thought they’d be doing it now. They thought they’d all be in their 70s and 80s, at least.”

They also had jerseys made for the funeral, so each of his friends had the name of Lukas’s construction company on one side, the real estate company he had just started working for on the other, and his friends’ names, along with the words, “Love people, live life,” says Trish. “That’s what he did.”

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## No word on where 150 Delater St. dogs have been taken

**Mike Balsom**  
**Special to The Local**

Residents in the Dock Area of Niagara-on-the-Lake continue to express shock following a raid at 115 Delater Street by officials from Provincial Animal Welfare Services last Wednesday.

A spokesperson from the Ministry of the Attorney General confirmed last Thursday that more than 150 dogs were removed from the house, which borders an empty lot on one side, and the

parking lot that was previously used by Niagara Jet Boats on the other.

The incident, which took an entire afternoon and involved at least six vans and the Lincoln County Humane Society mobile adoption trailer, has left many nearby homeowners fearful for their own safety.

The residents contacted by The Local preferred to remain anonymous, but some of them confirmed that with the number of dogs that were seized, they were afraid that

the alleged puppy mill being run out of the house may have connections to a larger crime organization.

Officials entered the house just before noon last Wednesday and shortly after began transferring a number of small dogs into the vehicles and the trailer.

Officials on hand would not answer questions during the proceedings. Later, Lincoln County Humane Society and Hamilton-Burlington SPCA officials referred to The Local to the Ministry for

any updates.

On Wednesday, the Ministry emailed The Local with this information: “The removal of a large number of animals generally involves a high degree of logistics and planning to organize appropriate shelter and veterinary care. When animals are removed during the course of an investigation, AWS leverages boarding facilities, shelters, humane societies, subject matter experts and



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Officials rescue small dogs taken from a rented home on Delater Street last Wednesday afternoon. (Mike Balsom)



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# Public opinion sought for gateway project

**Penny Coles**  
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Councillors have decided to move forward with the Queen and Mississauga bed project, including an opportunity for public input.

After much discussion about whether they were approving the design before them, which includes a stone wall and 25-foot obelisk, councillors were assured they were simply endorsing the Com-

munities in Bloom committee's recommendations, but not approving a final design.

The floral bed that we're all accustomed to seeing, with its seasonal changes and signage, was installed in the early 80s, councillors were told by parks and recreation manager Kevin Turcotte, who has been involved in discussions about the bed from the beginning.

Resident Gerry Kowalchuk has donated \$250,000 to create a new entrance to the Old

Town, wanting a legacy project that will leave a positive lasting impression of the town on all who see it.

Although he is financing it, his goal all along has been to rely on the professionals to create an appropriate, rejuvenated landscape design to be viewed and remembered by all those who drive by the intersection.

There will also be a pilot project with a three-way stop at the intersection, and a bump-out for traffic, but Turcotte as-

sured councillors it is a separate project from the bed, although they will work in tandem.

The chosen landscape firm for the project, Sefarian Design Group from Toronto, eventually created eight different conceptual drawings showing variations of designs. The options were narrowed down to the favoured concept by a Communities in Bloom working group, which includes two town councillors, along with Turcotte.

The Communities in Bloom committee has endorsed the chosen design, while the municipal heritage committee voted to move it forward, but listed about 20 different aspects of the design that require discussion.

The preferred concept in-

corporates a low, Queenston Quarry limestone wall, the town crest and town name both on it, with an obelisk structure of granite, representing the first lighthouse on the Great Lakes. The intention is for it to be easily seen coming into town, creating a striking first impression, and would include a strong, intricate lighting plan to make sure it's just as striking at night. Behind it will be all-season trees, with the two large, mature trees there now to be moved to the town's Lakeshore Road cemetery, Turcotte explained.

The project is only at the second of six steps, Turcotte said, with a concept design. A much more detailed design plan is the next step, he said, as-

suring councillors no decisions have been made at this stage.

The final stage, construction, is expected to begin early in 2022.

Although the new design will block the view to Fort Mississauga and the lake, a concern of some residents, it's been decades since the fort and lake could be seen from that point, explained Coun. John Wiens, although there are other nearby locations where that view is open, he added.

Councillors at Monday's committee of the whole meeting voted to allowing four weeks for public consultation, chiefly through the town's Join the Conversation online platform, before it comes back to council for approval.

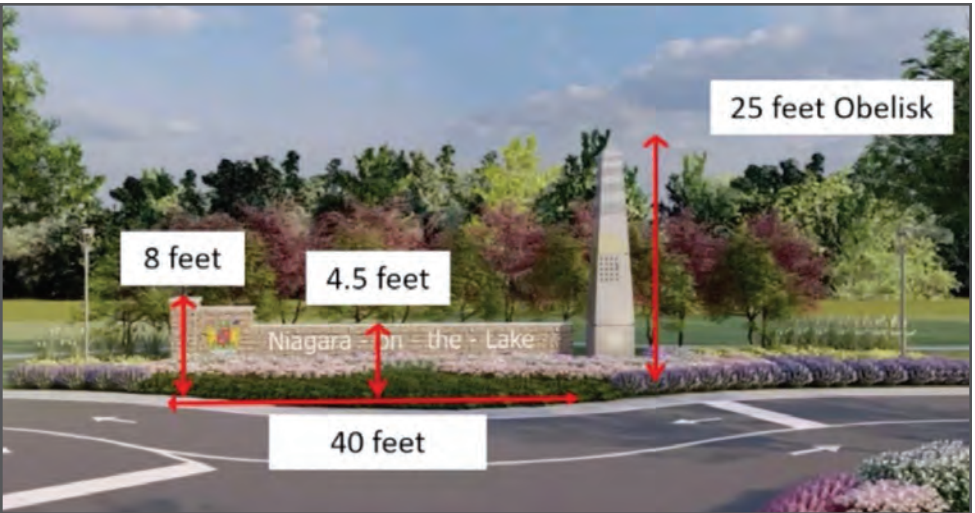
## Historic project completed (almost)



After an archaeologist (left) cleared the historic engine house site near Turntable Way to allow for a restoration project to proceed, the necessary rails were delivered and placed, looking great. The project took just three days, one for the dig, and two to complete the project, although there are still some spikes to drive — willing volunteers can contact Ron Simkus, who is behind the project. Ron, his wife Irene and other volunteers dug between the columns, cut the timber to size and laid the timber in place Monday. Tuesday they met PGM Rail Services on site and learned how to drive the spikes safely. (Photos by Mike Balsom)



The accompanying historical plaque, as well as a new one for the Turntable on the same street, are expected to arrive "I feel a sense of accomplishment," says Simkus. "It's a demonstration of the imagination and perseverance that our residents have. There are so many people here that want to contribute, and I hope the town can take advantage of that." Looking over their work are Jim Reynolds, Pat Hartman, and Simkus.



This is a screen shot of the design proposal for the Mississauga/Queen Street intersection. It is not as tall as what is there now, although the view of the lake and of Fort Mississauga will still be hidden.

## Getting on board



Tim Bala, owner of Paddle Niagara, is having a busy summer. This is his eight to 12-year old kids group learning to paddleboard at Queen's Royal Park. (Mike Balsom)



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# Lukas was an adventurous family man

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His two sons Bryden and Riley, his sister and best friend Wes led the processional on dirt bikes, wearing the jerseys, followed by Lukas' truck carrying the coffin, followed by another group of close friends on dirt bikes.

The service itself was outside, under a tent, chosen so they could safely accommodate more people. "It was beautiful, and great for my kids to hear what was said," says Trish.

They heard their dad described as "adventurous, relational, fun-loving and a passionate man of faith."

These were just a few of the words that described Lukas, shared Monday by friend Wes Wiens, at the service for the 41-year-old much-loved father, son, and friend, taken tragically when hit by a car while riding his bicycle along Irvine Road with his son last Sunday evening.

His life story, as presented at the Cornerstone Church funeral, was written in collaboration with his wife Trish, and his closest friends.

That Lukas was free-spirited and adventurous was evident early in his life — he began dirt biking at the age of 10 and never looked back, says Wiens, saying to buy his own dirt bike by the time he was 14.

His love for spending time on the water began with his family during summers on Manitoulin Island, where good friends were made. His love for the water developed into whitewater kayaking, windsurfing, motor-boating and more recently, having fun with Wes on a Hobie Cat catamaran. Together they dreamed of sailing the Hobie across Lake Ontario, and were just waiting for the right conditions. Another dream for Lukas was to participate in the Talisker whiskey challenge, "with partners in crime, Wes and Doug." This race involves a glorified row boat being pushed across 3,000 miles of the Atlantic, from the Canary Islands to Antigua. Lukas had done all the research, watched all the videos. All he needed was time and training, but that was a dream unfulfilled.

Near the end of high school, a more challenging season in life, Lukas moved in with Doug, his friend Matt, and a bunch of guys from Cornerstone Church. This was the beginning of their deep relationship, but also the start of Lukas finding a surrogate family in Cornerstone, says Wiens. "He often talked about how thankful he was for the church family that brought him in, welcomed him, loved him, and gave him the opportunity to hone his bass-playing skills. Like everything else he did, he played bass with passion and gusto."

It was at that time that Lukas met Trish Thiessen, the love of his life, at a retreat at Camp Crossroads. "Trish knew on their first date that he was the one — he had her at first sight,"

says Wiens.

He always knew how to make Trish feel special, and constantly did things to remind her she was number one in his life. Lukas married Trish, his soulmate, on July 4, 2003.

The Thiessen family, who had lost their son Gerald, welcomed him and loved him like their own. Lukas adored Trish, says Wiens, loved creating a beautiful family, home and life together with her, and "brought so much joy, laughter and excitement into Trish's life. He provided for her in every way, and sought to always meet her needs."

Their children, Bryden, Riley and Miaya, were born in the next years and they captivated Lukas' heart. "He loved them so much, always wanting to spend more time with them and have epic adventures with them."

Lukas loved sharing his passion for dirt biking with Bryden, and said many times in the last months that Bryden was on the cusp of outpacing him when riding. They shared many conversations while working on projects, and Bryden was able to learn and soak up much from his dad about life, work ethic and how to be a person of integrity. "He was so proud of who Bryden was becoming, and the character he displayed through work and friendships."

Lukas was proud of Riley's heart for others, his strong sense of justice and how he worked so hard to overcome challenges. Riley was always up for an adventure and Lukas loved to encourage him to be creative, fun and lively. Riley and Lukas shared many traits in how they cared for others — Riley loves hard, just like his dad did, says Wiens.

Miaya was Lukas' princess, and he was absolutely smitten, having a hard time saying no to her. They shared their love for water and spent hours together in the pool. "Miaya is exactly the curly-haired, bright-eyed and joy-filled daughter he had envisioned when he found out he was finally having a girl. He loved to hear her giggle, and to curl up and cuddle with her. He wanted her to know that she was always loved, and should never settle, that she deserved the best."

His passion and zest for life came through in his work as well. He began his work life with Chuck Wiens, and then was introduced to framing through Mike Hahn and Wilf Wiens. These men not only taught him the trade, but set an example to be the mentor that he aspired to be with his own crew and family.

Framing houses was such a good fit for Lukas, says Wiens. He loved the challenge each project presented, and made it a goal to not only efficiently complete the task, but live up to his own high standards of excellence in doing so. His guys and anyone who worked for him would agree that he only knew

one speed on the job site, and that was to go strong and hard.

It was a career that wasn't always easy on Lukas. He broke multiple bones, but that never seemed to keep him away from the job site. He worked almost a whole year with pain in his forearm before getting X-rays and discovering his wrist was actually broken, recounts Wiens. On two occasions he even worked on a rooftop while connected to an IV bag.

When he broke his back jumping logs on his dirt bike, it was all he could do to not put the tool belt back on and get back to work before his designated rehabilitation time. In the midst of his injuries, and his drive to get jobs done, Lukas continued to prioritize mentoring and speaking into the lives of his workers and other contractors he rubbed shoulders with.

However, breaking his back was the impetus for a big change, says Wiens.

"All this hard work and all his injuries had been taking its toll. Lukas felt incessantly tired. Along with this, he longed for more time with his family, and to pursue the things he so passionately loved to do. All this led Lukas to pursue a career change in the next season of his life."

In the midst of his full-time framing and constant weariness, says Wiens, Lukas began his real estate licensing process, accomplishing his goal of getting his accreditation just a few months ago.

"It seemed like such a God-send when, just days after getting his accreditation, a meeting with Ben Lockyer opened a door for Lukas to be part of Ben's real estate team. This provided the mentoring Lukas desired in starting this new career. Lukas was excited. More than that, he was so looking forward to using his, perhaps, greatest gift — that of relationship — in this new venture."

He wanted to help people sell, or purchase the home that they were searching for; but more than that, he saw a great opportunity to invest in and care for people, says Wiens.

"Lukas had this amazing passion and ability, to listen patiently, to not judge anyone, to accept everyone, and to truly and deeply care for people."

He also "lived out Jesus to people around him. As a result, many people would confide in him, often even those he had just met, and in some cases even some he had never met other than online. Lukas longed for people to know Jesus and experience the same freedom and hope for this life, and for eternity that he is now enjoying with his Father in heaven."

Faith was central to Lukas. "He longed to live a God-honouring life," says Wiens, and accepted that it was going to be a "lifelong work in progress." He made time to read the Bible, pray and surround himself with people who would sharpen his faith. "Lukas would be the first



Lukas Smith had recently taken up sailing with a friend. (Photo supplied)

to admit that he was not perfect, but he treated his failures and struggles the same way he would any daunting hill climb on his dirt bike, full on, full out, and if he fell he would dust off, get back on and give it another go. He never stayed down and refused to give in or give up."

Wiens describes a man who "longed to be used by God, to fulfill His purposes for his life."

Trish agrees, faith "has also been huge" for her and Lukas.

"I truly believe he is in a better place," she says. "I remind my kids of that. He's home now. This isn't our final home. And there will be a time when we're all together. That's definitely our belief, and what was instilled in our family. Faith, family and friends. That's what Lukas believed in, and how he lived his life."

And, she added, "it's what we have right now to help us through this. That, and all the prayers around us, will get us through this. We're so blessed to have this community, this circle of friends, who view life the same way."

Trish says she knows they will continue to be there for her. "They won't leave me alone, they won't leave my kids. I know that if we needed anything at all,

even during the night, they'd be here. And Lukas would have done the same for them. This is a really deep community of people we have to rely on."

Lukas lived for community, and lived for relationships, considered friends to be family — and it's the result of his love and caring for others that Trish and their children are experiencing today. She says she's not the type of person to ask for help, but adds, "I have to. This is not something you can do on your own."

Trish has also huge gratitude for the larger community — hockey coaches, her kids' teachers, school staff and others who have reached out to her.

"They're all reminding us we won't be alone. And I need that. I know I can't do it alone."

She adds that they've even had visitors from out of town,

"and they all say what an amazing community this is, how supportive it is. It's a small town, and it's pretty awesome."

Late Monday evening, exhausted after a long day, her backyard was still filled with friends and family, sharing stories with her kids and making them giggle about their dad. "I can't tell you how thankful I am for everyone. And I can't imagine not having them around."

As Wiens said earlier in the day, Lukas lived life to the full, "like he was invincible, never afraid to take risks in work, in play, and in his relationships. He had so many dreams that he still wanted to fulfill, but the God he trusted had other plans. Lukas will be so deeply missed; cherished husband, adored father, friend to so very many."

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# Hub for migrant workers opens in central location

Mike Balsom  
Special to The Local

With more than 100 Caribbean and Mexican farmworkers visiting a new hub designed just for them on its opening day, organizers declared the initiative a huge success.

Situated in a portable in the parking lot behind Cornerstone Community Church, the hub is full of clothing and household items, all generously donated by the community, mostly via the Buy Nothing NOTL Facebook group, administered by Julia Buxton-Cox.

“This has come about 100 per cent because of the generosity of this community,” Buxton-Cox told The Local. “We now have an actual space where, with COVID restrictions easing, we can welcome farmworkers in. Everything we receive is free, and everything we give is free.”

When The Local arrived, volunteers Buxton-Cox and Dianne Hughes were busy sorting through a sizeable donation of clothing from a Fonthill woman, Gina Blake. She owns Blake’s Mens & Formal Wear Shop in Welland, and had just dropped off about 50 long-sleeved shirts and other items. Blake heard about the hub through the Facebook group.

With almost 2,000 members currently, the Buy Nothing NOTL group is a local offshoot of a worldwide social movement operating in 44 countries. Essentially, it is a gift economy, where members offer and acquire items without exchanging cash. But as the project’s website explains, it also provides participants an opportunity to find new ways of giving back to their community.

“This is the Buy Nothing spirit living out right here,” enthuses Buxton-Cox. “It’s amazing how much can happen in a community without exchanging money. And it’s amazing how much people care. I think that is really the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake.”

The new farmworkers hub has come about through a grouping together of like-minded individuals and organizations dedicated to bettering the lives of Niagara’s migrant workers.



Julia Buxton-Cox fist-pumps the first arrivals to the farmworkers hub. The men, all employees of Froese Farms, asked that their names not be used. (Jane Andres)



Employees of Froese farms, visiting the hub on its opening day, study photos from past NOTL Public Library exhibits. (Jane Andres)



Dalfray Dennis carefully looks over some shorts before selecting some to take back to the farm. (Mike Balsom)



Jane Andres, Julia Buxton-Cox and Dianne Hughes prepare to open the doors of the farmworkers hub. (Mike Balsom)

“We’re actually a trio of organizations that have come under the umbrella of Niagara Community Partners,” Buxton-Cox explains, “Pastor Michelle Mercer of Gateway Community Church, Donna Brown of Caribbean Workers Outreach Project (CWOP), and Niagara Worker’s Welcome, with Jane Andres.”

She says they are currently supporting about 600 Caribbean workers, while another partner, Father Antonio Illas of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, supports about 450 Mexican workers through the Migrant Farmworkers Project.

Working together, the coalition was able to secure a COVID relief grant earlier this spring that allowed them to deliver food and hot meals to the workers at the farms where they are employed. The success of the alliance with that project bodes well for future grant applications to ensure the hub can remain viable.

The purpose of the hub, to make life better for the many living away from their families

while toiling on Niagara’s farms, is obvious upon entry. Lining one wall of the unit is an array of photographs. Snapped by Andres, many of the pictures show the seasonal workers at home in their own communities in Jamaica.

Involved with helping migrant workers for more than 16 years, Andres was thrilled to see the doors open.

“This is a dream come true,” she says. “With farmworkers being marginalized, they don’t have transportation, they work long days. This is the only way to make this happen. We are very grateful to Cornerstone Church. This is the ideal location.”

Andres says the efforts of the community to come together to help out through the new hub will assist the workers to do a better job on the farms. It will take pressure off the farm owners as well.

Dalfray Dennis was the first farmworker to visit the new space. He was greeted at the door by Andres, who pointed out the photos on the wall and urged him

to send her one from his home in St. Elizabeth in the future.

Buxton-Cox handed him a bag and showed him around the portable. He patiently sorted through some clothing, choosing a pair of jeans and some shorts to take back to the farm with him.

The portable previously housed the church’s youth group and was vacated when Cornerstone’s services were moved to the Orchard Park Church building on Hunter Road.

The Cornerstone location seems an ideal choice for the hub. Combined with other nearby services, it becomes part of a nerve centre of sorts for workers at local farms.

Renovations are currently underway on the front of the Cornerstone building to welcome Quest Community Health Care. At that location, the non-profit will be able to provide improved health care services to the migrant workers at one central site.

As well, Buxton-Cox says

opening the doors Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. deliberately coincides with the opening hours of the Bikes for Farmworkers program just around the corner at the old Virgil Public School. It also coincides with the usual trip to Virgil for many of the workers to shop for groceries and do some banking.

Volunteer Greg Wardle dropped in early Thursday to check out the space. Buxton-Cox says he was instrumental in helping her husband Dave spruce up the portable for the opening date, replacing ceiling tiles, adding screens to the windows and installing blinds.

A donated carpet covers the floor, while flags from the workers’ home countries decorate the walls in various spots. Clothing is sorted on racks in the centre of the floor, while some basic household items line shelves at the back.

Besides the clothing and household items, everything else inside the portable is also donated, including an air con-

ditioner, some fans, tables, coat racks, shelves and containers. It’s a welcoming, well-organized and well-stocked space.

Currently there are about 12 volunteers lined up to help with the hub, but the organizers welcome anyone who is interested in helping to sort clothes and assist during open hours. Buxton-Cox points out that they screen for COVID and require all volunteers to be double-vaccinated.

The farmworkers hub accepts donations on site during opening hours only, Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Items that are especially needed are men’s hoodies, long-sleeved button shirts, jeans and work pants sizes 32 to 38, rubber boots and winter lined boots sizes eight to 13, winter jackets, pots, fry pans and clock radios.

Outside of opening hours, clothing and small household items can be donated by contacting Buxton-Cox at 905-483-9717 or by email at jbxtoncox@bell.net.

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# EDITORIAL

## More information needed to understand Ryerson

A chiding letter to The Local this week suggests Egerton Ryerson does not deserve the bad press he's received following the discovery of buried children at residential schools.

Ryerson, we know, was instrumental in the formation of such schools. How involved he was in the way the children were abused and the schools run seems to be in question.

As our letter writer pointed out, most of what has been written about Ryerson in recent weeks is by journalists, not historians, and we can't be sure he deserves the way he is vilified. Some of you may read the article referred to in the letter, and feel the attacks on his character are undeserved. Or possibly, wonder who to believe.

As Sarah Kaufman pointed out, the only way to know for

sure is if we can find such information in archival material, and that's not so easy to search out.

One report she found, written by Ryerson regarding what he called industrial schools, clearly shows his intentions. They were to be residential schools, with a goal of teaching Indigenous children about agriculture. One might interpret his intentions as using them for manual labour, with days beginning at 5 a.m. Eight to 12 hours should be spent working in the fields, and two to four hours on education. In the winter, there would be fewer hours spent on manual labour and more on education. The children, he said, should be kept at the school for four to eight years, although he doesn't say how old they should be, or refer to how they will be recruited.

They should be paid for their work, a penny a day, but charged for their room, board, clothing and other expenses, his report suggests. Also, how much they were paid would depend on their discipline and conduct.

With "judicious management," the schools, once built and operational, might pay for themselves, he said.

There must be archives that would tell us whether he supported taking children from unwilling parents, or knew that was occurring, as well as how much he knew about their treatment after.

We have our historians connected with the museum, although Kaufman says there isn't much about Ryerson, other than the report she shared. And we have historians in NOTL

who may have a better handle on how to find such research.

There was a brief discussion at council about naming or re-naming roads, parks and other facilities, and the importance

of staff doing due diligence so there would be no surprises in the future. It's a sensitive issue, and discussion about Ryerson Park will be interesting, hopefully based on more facts than

seem available to us, and to council, now.

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

## Local VOICES: Time for Canada to do what is right

**Jordon Williams**  
Special to The Local

In a recent interview, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau mentioned COVID-19 has created an opportunity to create a Canada that may have otherwise not been possible, and barriers that otherwise may have gone unnoticed previously are now more evident. Niagara-on-the-Lake has that very opportunity, and taking a more proactive stance to diversity and inclusiveness will go a long way toward breaking these barriers, and by doing so, creating a more prosperous and inclusive community.

A new report put out by Deloitte, and Canada's LGBTQ+ Chamber illustrated the barriers, discrimination and under-representation in corporate and public supply chains. Challenges exist in funding, acquiring capital, and networking. Forty-six percent of the LGBTQ+ community are closeted in the workplace, creating a need for government and companies to create an environment that is welcoming and safe.

So where do we start, and why should we care? First, Canada's LGBTQ+ community generates more than \$22 billion a year in revenue, employs more than 100,000 Canadians, spends more than \$12 billion in travel and hospitality, and will be a crucial market in NOTL's post-pandemic recovery.

Government is the biggest procurement of goods, and although NOTL is a small slice, our representatives can lead by example and enact a diverse supplier network today, much like other municipalities. This allows minority-owned businesses a chance to break barriers and excel, where perhaps they never had a chance. This policy is proven to create savings and increase productivity

for the municipality. By leading, municipalities can show our employers what is possible. Economic diversity is good for all, as it leads to a more dynamic workforce, lifts under-served communities, and overall just makes good economic policy.

Second, NOTL should have a plan to attract LGBTQ+ and other minority groups to our town. LGBTQ+ tourism generates a staggering amount of revenue, and as a community, has been proven to be the first to travel and spend much-needed dollars in communities where they feel welcome. By working with outside organizations that have programs set, and have produced results for other tourist locations, we can immediately get started on recovery. I have been pleased and thankful for the support toward a progressive Pride crosswalk in NOTL, and although some may feel it's not necessary, or too expensive, I like to point out that for a minimum investment, much will be returned.

NOTL should not be behind the pack in relation to other communities. I have heard that symbols do not matter, but as a gay man, I will be first to say they do. When I moved to NOTL, I felt a need to be closeted as a young man. If we had a crosswalk I feel it would have sent a younger me a great message. It would say I count. Progressive Pride walks include Indigenous peoples, people of colour, LGBT, and other minorities we tend to overlook in our town. Having a Pride walk in the Old Town is important, as it celebrates the history of our first people, our history in relation to people of colour, and shows the world we are looking to a future in which we all matter. Having it in a location where thousands walk every day would have the most powerful impact, and maximum return on investment.

Lastly I am pleased to announce I am working with a talented team, including the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, local business people, and Queen's Park to bring Rainbow on the Lake, a NOTL Pride festival, to town next year. When I brought this idea forward to Eduardo Lafforgue of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, he said, "Tourism Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomes an inclusive Pride Festival, which will highlight the diversity of our cultural experiences as one of Ontario's most beautiful heritage towns."

Amanda Hansen, Manager of Queen 124, had this to say in regards to Rainbow on the Lake. "Promoting and celebrating the rights of LGBTQ+ communities through hosting a Niagara-on-the-Lake Pride festival would demonstrate and strengthen Niagara-on-the-Lake's commitment to equality and inclusion for all, while highlighting our destination as a safe and welcoming area for both LGBTQ+ travellers and those working and living in our community. The team at 124 on Queen Hotel and Spa would be thrilled to be a part of this celebration in 2022 and beyond."

Having partners like these who understand and do not fear progress, but embrace it and understand what symbols and projects like these can do for our community, makes me hopeful for what is possible. This will not only create much-needed revenue, but will be a great opportunity to show those who are in the shadows they matter in our town, and will amplify to the world that we celebrate our past, but look to the future. We intend to be inclusive to all. This will provide a fantastic opportunity to unveil the crosswalk and benches, and we look forward to working with the town to make sure we create a positive experience for all.

We have an opportunity to not only recover from COVID as a community economically, but imagine a community where perhaps the younger me would have felt more comfortable, and confident to live in. Diversity matters, and the benefit for little investment dictates we can't afford not to create a more inclusive and welcoming community.

## Local LETTERS

### More deaths than lives saved from lockdowns

You have been instructing your readerships and Ontarians, in general, to be good little, civic-minded people and just obey the provincial government's flow of science-lite lockdown directives, proclaiming stentoriously that to do so is to "save lives."

Interestingly, it appears that none of you has bothered independently to evaluate the results of those directives vis-a-vis actually saving lives. Rather irresponsible of you, no? Therefore, on what basis do you continue to maintain that your readers, or anyone else, should take your instructions at all seriously?

It requires little effort to

delve into the subject. Indeed, here's just one on-point and data-driven report on it: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/210712/dq210712b-eng.htm>

Note, specifically, that one significant take-away is that the lockdowns you have been championing throughout and their most vocal local advocate, to whom you have given generous and uncritical column-space, have contributed to five times more deaths than COVID. (I won't get into your absolute refusal to cover proven-effective and safe therapies out there which actually have

prevented COVID hospitalizations/deaths in the hundreds of thousands around the world-but which local officials such as your esteemed Dr. Hirji, are actively denying at-risk Ontarians. Journalists who truly believe in saving lives would never ignore such therapies.)

So, now that the consequences of your actions have become evident, what have you to say for yourselves; and how will you serve Ontarians with the honesty and integrity they deserve, going forward?

**Bruce Dickson**  
NOTL



## View from the couch

**Donald Combe**  
Special to The Local

Ken Russell's film, *The Rainbow* (Prime, 1988), is an outstanding adaptation of a D. H. Lawrence story of an En-

glish country girl emerging into womanhood. Trapped by the norms of society, she struggles to find her destiny while remaining true to herself.

*Donald Combe is a retired English teacher who*

*loves to go to movies. Until he resumes going to theatres, he has graciously agreed to share his opinions, through "short and sweet" exclusives, of Netflix series and movies for The Local.*

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### Many walking paths to choose

I am responding to a recent suggestion that all dogs should be leashed while walking on the (off-leash) dog-walking area on the Commons. This seems to be part of continuing efforts by a very determined group trying to shut down the off-leash area in NOTL.

For many years, the dog-walking area has been a great gift by Parks Canada to the literally hundreds of dog owners in NOTL, and has had few problems.

For almost 20 years I have been walking two different dogs there, unleashed, with

never a problem. I have never witnessed any aggression or threatening actions by any dog. They are all highly socialized with both humans and other dogs. Dogs like to play and just like children, that involves lots of running. They often run toward someone because they are curious and want to meet and greet them, even more so if they have a dog.

There is mention of the “growing dilemma” on the Commons. The dilemma may be in one person’s mind. All the dog owners I have ever met

there are exceedingly responsible, and would never think of bringing a dog there that was in any way a threat to anyone’s safety or could not be controlled. As well, the sign at the beginning of the walk has a sign that very clearly says Dogs Allowed.

If someone has a problem with dogs, perhaps it would be wise not to walk in that area. The Commons is a very large space, and has many other paths to walk.

**Douglas Kiefer**  
NOTL

### Proposed Old Town welcome entrance:

With due respect to the letter (Not everyone in NOTL wanted a clock tower cenotaph, The NOTL Local, July 14, 2021), we disagree with the analogy presented. Perhaps a better comparison would be if it were decided that very tall trees should be planted on the grass in front of the cenotaph with a big welcome sign so that this very monument, which pays respect to our First and Second World War veterans, were obstructed from the view of those on Queen Street. Our issue is that the proposed welcome sign blocks the view of Fort Mississauga – as do the trees which apparently have been planted on the golf course over the past few years. There is an easy solution: ensure that the view is not impeded by re-designing the entry and move those trees which block the view to enhance and create awareness of Fort Mississauga,

which is designated by Canada’s National Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

Our elected officials have the ability to make decisions and preserve what exists today for the greater good of all into the future. When the promised public meeting is scheduled, make your voice heard. The golf course site is owned by Parks Canada, and golfers have the privilege of playing on these historic lands. Parks Canada, the town and citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake are stewards of this property, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure it remains accessible and visible to residents and visitors alike. The town has created wonderful plantings, and this significant location should be treated with the same importance. The private donation by a local citizen to support this project is commended, and should frame Canada’s and Ni-

agara-on-the-Lake’s history.

In closing, the following could address many of the current development proposals including the gateway sign, the Rand property, Parliament Oak School and on the horizon, the hospital property on Wellington:

Circa 1764 – English Nursery Rhyme  
*They hang the man and flog the woman  
That steal the goose from the common,  
But let the greater villain loose  
That steals the common from the goose*

*The law demands that we atone  
When we take things we do not own,  
But leaves the lords and ladies fine  
Who take things that are yours and mine*

**Erika and Jim Alexander**  
NOTL

### First question: are you fully vaccinated?

It was great to get back in the gym at the Community Centre on Saturday morning. Finally, at least in this country, we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

To enter the facility I was required to answer a few COVID-related questions:

Have you been out of the country in the past 14 days? No.

Do you have any of the following symptoms...? No.

Are you living with or have you come in contact with anyone with COVID-19? No.

But wait, aren’t you going to ask me another question?

The most important of all?

Are you fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

With a mountain of irre-

futable evidence and as our governments justifiably exert immense energy and expense reminding us that getting vaccinated is the key to getting back to normal and saving lives, why on earth is this not the first question on every COVID questionnaire?

**Perry Hartwick**  
NOTL

### Jarvis name should stand

Writers want the Jarvis name removed from the Toronto street which ran through their property, because Samuel was a bad man, killing Ridout, owning a few slaves, and was a predatory “Indian” superintendent. His father, William, was a war vet from the U.S. Revolutionary War and was appointed secretary and registrar (deeds) by Lt. Governor Simcoe in the new Upper Canada of 1792. William loved his wife and children, but stole money and escaped being sued. He left his debts, house and property to Samuel when he died in 1817.

Disinherited, Hannah lived among her married daughters,

ending up at Willowbank estate in Queenston, supporting daughter Hannah Jarvis Hamilton and 10 children after Alexander died (also in debt). Hannah was reformed from being an elitist “family compact” shrew, to doing all the housework and farming (vegetables, fruits, chickens, pigs) aided by her daughter and granddaughters. Yes, they owned four slaves or so but many United Empire Loyalists did, including Capt. Joseph Brant, a (Tyendinaga) Mohawk war chief crucial to saving our area from the revolutionaries. Arguably, these ex-slaves (freed 1833-4) fared

better than the Afro-Americans who had to wait until 1864-5 to own themselves, when the U.S. Union army won the bloody civil war.

I met a racially mixed Afro-Canadian mover who collected my great-grandmother’s Waterloo county parlour suite to go to Doon Pioneer village. He was pleased to be granted Mohawk status and takes his son to pow wows. So, let’s keep the name to honour Hannah’s transformation and tell all the stories from our history.

**Elizabeth Oliver-Malone**  
NOTL

### Differing view of Egerton Ryerson

In a recent editorial (The Local, July 14) you refer to Egerton Ryerson as a “monster” because he “was instrumental in taking children away from their families” (he was not), because he was “trying to erase their culture” (he did not) and he “[allowed] them to be abused” (he absolutely did not).

Many journalists today are trashing Ryerson’s reputation, without ever having read about him. They don’t know, for example, that he spent time living with the Mississaugas

when he was young, he spoke Ojibway, and wanted only to help them deal with the modern world. Journalists should know the facts before “jumping on the bandwagon”.

Here are three references you may find helpful before commenting further:

This is a well-written article which provides valuable background information: <https://www.dorchesterreview.ca/blogs/news/the-imbecile-attack-on-egerton-ryerson>

The National Post is the only

mainstream newspaper I’ve read that has presented a balanced view: <https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/the-many-canadians-who-thought-residential-schools-were-a-good-idea>.

You can read his five-page, 1847 report on page 70 of this document: [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/35/Egerton\\_Ryerson\\_on\\_Residential\\_Schools.pdf](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/35/Egerton_Ryerson_on_Residential_Schools.pdf)

**Ted Rumble**  
NOTL

### John St. East development not a simple issue

Re: Be careful what you wish for (letter in The Local, July 14): The issue of the Randwood Estate is a very complex one. On the one hand, it is regarded by the town and many of its residents as an iconic, cultural and historic site that needs to be protected. On the other, it is presently owned by a development company that, while claiming a similar viewpoint, wants to build a six-storey hotel and a high-density residential

housing development which, in the opinion of many, would destroy the historic value of this unique site forever. The record of this development company is well documented for those who may be interested.

To comment on this issue in any meaningful way requires a depth of knowledge and an understanding of its complexities that is sometimes not apparent. This often leads to the easy claim of NIMBY (i.e.

name-calling by some, usually from a safe distance) against those who are genuinely trying to prevent the historic destruction of Randwood. This does not mean resistance to any development at all, but it does mean to inappropriate development that disregards the unique character of Randwood.

**Derek Collins**  
NOTL

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# Hope gardens brighten three areas of NOTL



Vicky Downes, Marla Percy, and Tonde Wirth at McFarland House, show off its Garden of Hope. *(Photos supplied)*



McFarland House and the William Nassau Park bring hope with their bright yellow gardens. *(Photos supplied)*



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## Penny Coles

### The Local

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Communities in Bloom Committee is partnering with the Horticultural Society, the Niagara Pump House and the McFarland House for a new Hope Garden initiative.

Communities in Bloom has encouraged local committees and partners to cre-

ate bright yellow gardens across Canada for 2021, says local committee chair Vicky Downes.

There are many gardeners around town eager to volunteer in support of gardens, says Downes, and they've embraced this initiative with enthusiasm, creating magnificent gardens, with more yellow blooms to come — the intention is to create seas of yellow. Some seeds have just been planted, and will bloom yellow in weeks to come.

The National CIB has suggested planting flowers, fruits, vegetables or shrubs — anything with yellow, the international colour of hope, says Downes.

She refers to a quote from Desmond Tutu, included in the request from CIB to plant seeds of hope in 2021: *“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness. Hope whispers that things will get better.”*

The campaign represents “hope for us, and hope for the world in 2021. So many people are turning to gardening, and learning how to create and grow their own food supply.”

The surge in gardening during the pandemic has spurred The National Communities In Bloom to invite local committees to join in planting seeds of hope, she says.

If there are others in town who want to join the campaign, she adds, "we would welcome their contact."

 Congratulations  
Class of 2021



# Lucas Andres

*Congratulations Lucas on your grade 8 graduation!  
You persevered this year and we are so proud of you!*

*Love Dad, Mom, Isaac and Benjamin*



# Getting your garden ready for the winter



**Joanne Young**  
Garden Coach/Designer

There are many chores that need to be done in the fall before you put your garden to bed for the winter. But first and foremost, there are many things you can do to prepare your lawn.

### Dethatch

Thatch is the layer of slowly decomposing grass stems, dead roots and debris that accumulates above the soil and below the grass blades. Thatch becomes a problem if it is thicker than a quarter-inch, because it stops nutrients and moisture from penetrating to the roots. Use a thatching rake to pull out some of the brown decomposing material.

### Aerate

Aerating is a process whereby small cores of soil are removed from the turf to breakdown hard soils and get

in more oxygen, which is required by the roots.

If you have a sandy soil, you will not need to aerate as often as you do with clay soils. If it has been a very dry summer, aerate your lawn in the fall so the soil will be better able to absorb winter precipitation.

Aerating is done with a special machine (usually by lawn care companies), but

you can also get aerating sandals or hand tools.

### Overseed

Over time your lawn becomes thinner, depending on the amount of sunlight and moisture it receives. Early to mid-fall is a great time to overseed your lawn as a way of thickening it up. The thicker the lawn is the fewer weeds you will have. Also, the thick-

er the lawn is, the less the sun will be directly hitting the soil and drying it out, thus, lower amounts of water needed.

Before overseeding, mow your lawn as short as you can and rake over the area with a stiff toothed rake to loosen up the soil. Spread the seed on top of the raked soil. Keep seed evenly moist. After two weeks you should be seeing

the grass seed germinating.

### Fertilize

The final application of fertilizer should be applied about one month before the ground freezes, usually just after the last time you mow your lawn for the season. To help strengthen the lawn's root system for next spring, fertilize with an organic fertilizer that is low in nitrogen and higher

in potassium (e.g. 4-3-9).

*This is the ninth in a 10-week gardening column series, organized by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Communities in Bloom Committee. It is also the first part of two — see next week's Local for tips from Joanne Young about how to prune, plant and other gardening tasks to consider for the fall.*



Aerating your lawn in the fall is especially good with clay soils. (Photo supplied)



Fertilizing in the fall strengthens root systems. (Photo supplied)



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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is developing a Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP will serve as a long-range strategic plan for the Town that addresses existing challenges and opportunities, supports growth, and recommends policies to that support an efficient, multi-modal transportation network including vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit mobility. The study will provide an assessment of the Town's transportation improvement needs to the 2031 horizon and will provide recommendations for operational, design, and transportation policies that the Town uses to manage its transportation infrastructure.




**What is this?**  
  
We are hosting the second round of Virtual Public Consultation Meetings to share our progress on the Master Plan and to receive your feedback on our evaluation of the transportation network and recommended solutions. The Public Consultation Meeting will be hosted online using the Microsoft Teams platform and will include a presentation by the project team followed by a live Question and Answer Session.



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You are invited to attend these meetings electronically to gather information and provide input regarding this matter.  
  
If you wish to participate and make an oral presentation or ask questions at the Electronic Public Meeting, you must register in advance with Town Staff as noted below. Following registration, you will be provided with instructions to connect to the Public Meeting on your computer, tablet or telephone.  
  
Public Meeting –Bobbie-Jo Talarico, Administrative Assistant, Operations(bobbiejo.talarico@notl.com or 905-468-3266 ext. 302)  
(register as soon as possible but prior to 12 noon on Monday, July 26, 2021)  
  
Written comments are encouraged and must be submitted to Bobbie-Jo Talarico, Administrative Assistant bobbiejo.talarico@notl.com, at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0 or via email at referencing the above file number. Unless indicated otherwise, all submissions, including personal information, will become part of the public record.



**For more information:**  
  
The presentation, along with a summary of the Question and Answers will be posted on the project webpage following the meeting:  
[www.jointheconversationnotl.org/TransportationMasterPlan](http://www.jointheconversationnotl.org/TransportationMasterPlan)  
  
On the project webpage you will also find information on the study, key dates and events, and further opportunities to submit input to the project team.  
  
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Brian Putre, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd. at 437-991-7213 or via email at [Brian.Putre@stantec.com](mailto:Brian.Putre@stantec.com)



If you wish to be notified of the future decision with respect to the Transportation Master Plan, you must Register on the Join the Conversation page.

# NNS expansion could use injection of fundraising

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Construction on the new premises for the Niagara Nursery School remain on budget, and on schedule to open in September.

Adam Stewart, chair of the expansion committee, credits the collaboration between the town, which will own the building, the region, which is overseeing the project, and the nursery school.

Stewart took a tour of the interior recently, and is greatly impressed by what he saw.

"I really think the building is amazing. It seemed like an insurmountable amount of work to get to that point, but it is on budget and on schedule. We've

been told it could be completed by the end of July, or early August," he says. "It's been a great execution."

He says walking through it, seeing all the little toilets and sinks, was inspiring.

"I just had a moment when I was really blown away, thinking some day my kid will be able to use those."

It's been "a monumental task, but we're so close to getting it done."

His three oldest children have all benefited from attending Niagara Nursery School, he says.

Now they're at Crossroads Public School, and he's had the advantage of dropping them off and seeing how confident and happy they are as they wave goodbye, while witnessing

other children's distress at being separated from their parents. He credits the nursery school with doing a great job of preparing kids for school. His youngest, Andie, is just a year old, but she will reap the benefit of the expansion, he adds.

Getting the project finished will be a benefit to the town, which will then be able to start renting out the current nursery school space for other programs, likely for seniors, he says.

The only lag in the project has been meeting its fundraising goal. The board expected it to be an easy feat, says Stewart, but that was before COVID. With local businesses and restaurants struggling, the board

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Work is proceeding inside the expansion, with little sinks and toilets, and lots of cupboard space. (Photos supplied)



Friends from NNS watch the landscaping project begin on the new expansion.



# Donating for future generations

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didn't want to create added pressure asking for donations, so fundraising has been difficult.

There have been some generous donations, but the campaign has not reached its target. The nursery school committed to raising \$100,000 to go toward paying off a debenture for the building, and still hopes to surpass its goal, which would also allow for the purchase of more equipment for the kids, and more programming.

"We thought it would be

easy to raise \$100,000, but local businesses are having a tough time. We're still looking for funding. The more we have, the more we can offer the kids, with more flexibility to move forward with equipment.

The NNS has purchased some furnishings and play equipment, and by being careful and searching out good deals, some as a result of COVID, they've done well.

The expansion will help with the more than 100 kids on the waiting list, and will also be one of the first local facilities to have spaces for infants, says Stewart. But it

is about so much more than that, he adds.

"It's not just a building or a school. This offers a foundation for the town, which is changing and growing — one more geared to young families. It's also a foundation for the community, one that addresses the changing demographics, and offers the next generation of our kids a deep connection and roots to NOTL."

Donating funds to the expansion, he says, is donating to "the next pillars of NOTL, the children."

To make a donation, visit <https://niagaranurseryschool.ca>.



NNS is running its summer program this year, with kids spending as much time outdoors as possible, including Eleanor Colvin, Noah Werner and Weston Stewart cooling off with some water play. (Photos supplied)



Adam Stewart and Jennifer Zabek Stewart have three children who have benefited from NNS, Emmersyn, Georgia (front), and Weston, and Andie will go in the fall.



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# Celebrating eight years on Queen Street

Submitted by  
OLiV Tasting Room

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# Re-opening, re-imagining NOTL Museum

Submitted by  
NOTL Museum

Everyone has been waiting. Everyone has been patient. And now The NOTL Museum can safely say, the doors are open.

The NOTL Museum welcomes you back, with a warm, history hug, as they dust off the cobwebs, shake out the new, and open the doors again to members, visitors and tourists.

Opening hours are Thursday to Mondays from 10am to 5pm.

And August is already shaping up to be a busy, fun month.

To celebrate community spirit the Museum is hosting a Treasures Sale and Pig Roast on Monday August 2, from 11am – 2pm, at the Museum, 43 Castlereagh Street. This ‘treasures sale’ includes classic antique pieces, exquisite hidden gems, books, and household décor donated by community members. Donations are still being accepted, so check

out those hidden boxes.

Plus, the Museum’s portable ‘Tiny Museum’ will be open to explore for the first time. And fans of a ‘pig roast’ can enjoy the enormously popular pork on a bun from PigOut Catering!

Keeping with the tradition of community, safety and fun, the Museum is bringing back one of its other hugely popular events, The 5 and Dime Outdoor Film Series. Get ready to laugh out loud at two silent film classics, Charlie Chaplin’s *City Lights*, Thursday August 19, and Buster Keaton’s *The Cameraman*, Thursday August 26. Showtime is dusk, outside the Museum, 43 Castlereagh Street.

Bring your own chair and snacks.

And don’t forget to check out the NOTL Museum Community Courtyard – open for chats, picnics, and shelter from the rain, or the sun.

The Museum’s current temporary exhibit ‘Making

Her Mark – The Women of Niagara-on-the-Lake’ will remain open until October 24, 2021 and is complemented by a newly published book of the same name, with chapters written by 27 local authors. The book launch will be held on August 9th but interested readers can buy an advance copy at our gift shop which also opened on July 16th!

As the economy of the town re-builds, the Museum will continue to fulfil its role of championing the diversity, heritage, and richness that is Niagara-on-the-Lake’s history, and proudly contribute to the Town’s cultural economy. It welcomes back the community at large, and encourages visitors, tourists and businesses alike to join with them in employing awareness and sensitivity to the stewardship that is in our hands, in these new and challenging times.

For more information upcoming programs: [www.NOTLMuseum.ca](http://www.NOTLMuseum.ca) or call 905 468 3912.

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# Thinking of downsizing but want to stay in the best town in Canada?

Submitted by  
**ReMax Greg Sykes**

Downsizing is a big deal and Greg Sykes is experienced in helping people just like you through the often seemingly daunting process. Here are eight reasons why Greg & The Sykes Team is set up to walk you step by step through the biggest move of your life!

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Dome bookings are limited to four people, to ensure the best guest experience. (Kim Wade)

# Konzelmann dome offers great guest experience

**Kim Wade  
Special to The Local**

It's all about the experience. "I think all of us, including us here at Konzelmann, are really focusing on that guest experience," says Andrew Niven, director of marketing and hospitality at Konzelmann Estate Winery, rather than concentrating on volume sales.

"I think something that COVID has taught us and I think the industry as well, is that we really have gotten away from that very volume-based model, where it was always about the buses and the large groups of people," he adds. Now the winery is focusing instead on building a more substantial relationship with their customers.

It's important, not only for the short term, to not only

attract guests to the property but to also ensure they take a great experience with them when they leave, he explains. "I really feel that by providing this high-end experience, they are really immersing themselves in the brand, in wine country, and everything that we offer here."

"For sure," he says, "we want to sell bottles at the retail outlet as well, especially after the guests come off a great experience, but for me it's more about the long-term, and developing a relationship with that customer. Something like the dome, which is very unique and very memorable, really helps to build that relationship with the customer, so I think it's really important."

The dome Niven is referring to is a temperature controlled, multi-seasonal structure that sits on a raised

platform facing Lake Ontario. The fully-furnished dome includes greenery, and seating for up to eight people. However, due to current provincial regulations, the winery is only allowing up to four guests at a time for the experience. As the province opens up there is potential for larger groups.

The pillow-like covering provides shelter from the elements while a large and fully removable window provides beautiful views of the vineyard. On a clear day, Niven notes, guests have a spectacular view of the Toronto skyline.

He loves to see guests' responses when they enter the dome. "I just like to watch their reaction. They are wowed. That kind of moment makes it all worth it. That is what COVID has taught us. I know we've all struggled

with finances and a lot of the negativity around it but we've really tried to remain positive around here. To be quite honest, the most important thing is to have our staff back and guests back in the winery, smiling. That means the most to us. That is what we have looked forward to for so long. It has been really great to see in the past few weeks."

The hour-long private structured tasting in the luxurious dome features the winery's Family Reserve Series wines, and is accompanied by locally sourced charcuterie and breads. A wine consultant will walk the guests through the tasting, then leave for the last 15 minutes to allow guests to enjoy the ambiance. Guests also receive a branded charcuterie board as a reminder of this exclusive experience, all at a cost of \$50 per person.

"We really wanted to give the guests the best of what we offer here," notes Niven.

Even though the purchasing and installation of the structure was costly, the dome has been a good investment for the winery. Part of the total amount was supplemented by a federal development grant awarded to the winery. The success of this exclusive wine tasting experience is evident by the fact that they are currently booking into the beginning of September.

If you are interested in coming to the winery but do not want to wait until September for the dome, Niven highlights the Summer Sips tasting experience on the enclosed patio. This 45-minute tasting experience features a seasonal summer flight including the popular Peach Wine Sangria paired again

with locally sourced charcuterie. Guests are also given a branded stemless wine glass and complementary branded sunglasses to take home.

If something more informal is your style, Niven invites people to drop by the winery for a casual 25-minute tasting featuring the Lake Front Series of wines, or simply enjoy wine by the glass, or the new frozen Peach Wine Sangria on the patio.

Niven says the winery has a few more ideas for experiences coming up within the next few months, and he encourages people to check on the winery website for more information. Booking one of the currently offered experiences can be done at <https://www.konzelmann.ca/> or contact the winery directly at (905) 935-2866.



Windows on the dome provide beautiful views of vineyards and Lake Ontario. (Andrew Niven)



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# What are we missing? Family, friends, and eating out

**Mike Balsom**  
Special to The Local

As locals in Niagara-on-the-Lake begin to see a light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, it's clear what they have missed the most during the pandemic were those moments spent with family and friends.

The Local spent Monday afternoon chatting up residents and business owners about what they missed, and what they most look forward to as restrictions begin to ease and a return to normalcy seems within reach.

Michaela Overweg, Abbie Martin and Ashley Rowe, all three of whom just completed Grade 11 at Laura Secord Secondary School, were enjoying a chance to get together on Queen Street after 16 months kept apart.

"I missed being around my friends a lot," Overweg said, "and I missed social events and stuff. I think I really look forward to things getting back to normal. I miss everyone and everything."

Martin also said it was hard not seeing her friends during months of social distancing. She is sincerely hoping that the Virgil Stampede returns in 2022, after it was cancelled for two straight years.

"I missed my family," said Rowe, "and I'm a big swimmer, so I missed all of that too. I'm ready to see all my family again and to get back to normalcy."

Family was also the answer from local resident William Mockler.

"I have four grandkids," he said, "and I hardly saw them for a year and a half. The first thing I did when we were finally able to get together under Step 3 was I hugged them. We're double-vaccinated, and it felt safe, but we did maintain social distance."

Mockler's grandchildren live in Haliburton and Toronto. This past weekend they all got together at a family home in Alliston for a much-anticipated reunion.

Besides being able to spend more time with his family, Mockler said now that restrictions have eased, he is looking forward to inviting people over for dinner.

Getting back to entertaining is also on the agenda for Pippa de Leonardis. "Socializing with other people, having friends over, having dinners, and going to visit other people and really just socializing face to face," she said.

De Leonardis is a British expat, whose husband grew up in Italy. Before moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake they ran an organic farm in Bali. So it's no surprise that she also looks forward to travelling once again in the near future.

"We had a couple of trips that had to be cancelled over the last 16 months," she explained. "One of them was for my husband's mother's 90th birthday in Italy. We're really hoping that we can get there some time this year."

At the Sandtrap Pub & Grill that afternoon, patio tables were full of diners, but it was the first in many, many Mondays that tables and booths inside the restaurant were occupied.

"I really missed the interaction with our guests," said co-owner Paul Dietsch. "They supported us all along through takeout, keeping us alive and going, but there's nothing like finally getting to actually talk to them and see how everyone is doing. It's just nice to see our friends and regulars again in the flesh."

Dietsch was happy to be able to call most of his staff back for the first week-end of reopening, and looks forward to a time when the Sandtrap can be back to full capacity.

Ron Ferguson, recipient of the 2007 NOTL Volunteer of the Year Award, was another who missed one-on-one contact with family.

"We did some Facebook encounters, telephone calls and conversations, but it was restricted to that," he told The Local. "These give us the opportunity to keep in touch, and visually, and that's great, but there's no substitute for face-to-face."

Ferguson waxed philosophical about the effect the pandemic has had on his life.

"Our lives have not been unravelled, so to speak, as a result of it," Ferguson explained. "Really, we have been very blessed that we have not physically or otherwise been disturbed, upset or hurt by the pandemic. We've been inconvenienced, that's all I can say."

"We have a group of very close friends with whom we've been meeting each month for over 60 years," he continued, "and that has gone by the wayside. We are now in conversation to re-establish that on a monthly basis, so we are looking forward to that."

Douglas Mantegna wished that he had been able to travel, and to eat in restaurants over the past 16 months.

"I look forward to the border to the States opening up, so I can go down and see relatives," he added. "I wish everybody would get those darn vaccinations, so we can stop carrying these masks around. I hope we can get the vaccine out to everybody who really doesn't want it."

Tony Hendriks of Hendriksvalu-mart also missed eating at restaurants during the pandemic.

"I look forward to re-connecting with family and



William Mockler missed his grandchildren most of all. (Photos by Mike Balsom)



Guy Bannerman is anxious to have his mother over for a backyard visit.



Ron Ferguson missed contact with family and regular meetings with friends.



Tony Hendriks can't wait to go out for dinner — for the social aspect of it.

friends," said Hendriks, "and maybe I shouldn't be saying this because I own a grocery store, but going out to dinner. It's more for the social aspect of it than anything."

Long-time Shaw Festi-

val actor Guy Bannerman explained a recent weird experience that put things into perspective for him.

"I heard some noise coming from across the street," said the skilled storyteller. "I



Douglas Mantegna can't wait to make up for lost time, travelling and dining out.



Pippa de Leonardis is looking forward to travelling and socializing.



Friends Michaela Overweg, Abbie Martin and Ashley Rowe were happy to meet up on Queen Street, after a long time apart.



Paul Dietsch missed the interaction with diners, and is glad to have them back in the Sandtrap Pub & Grill.

wondered what was strange about it, and then I realized it was the sound of three or four friends sitting in a backyard and talking. Isn't that pitiful?"

As for what his plans are now that Ontario is in Step 3

of reopening, family again is the theme.

"My mom is 102, and she's at Pleasant Manor," said Bannerman. "I would very much like to get her out, and to get her over to my backyard."



# Restaurants have had a rough road, but future looks bright

**Nicolas Frendo**  
Special to The Local

Over the past couple of years, we have seen the damages of COVID-19 in many different industries, some more than others, and are still seeing the severe effects of this pandemic. One of these industries is the restaurant business, specifically the locally owned restaurants, of which Niagara-on-the-Lake has many.

On Friday, the province moved to Step 3 of recovery, which allows for indoor dining, with no limits on the number of patrons per table. Physical distancing and other restrictions will remain in effect. The decision comes in response to the number of vaccinations that have been administered, and continuing improvements in the number of daily cases, hospitalizations and intensive care admissions.

In the past 17 months, the pandemic has caused regulations that have, in some stages, seen restaurants unable to invite customers inside, or on outdoor patios, restricted to takeout only.

At times restaurants were restricted from taking certain customers, such as groups that were not fami-

lies, and only being able to use particular parts of their business, as they continued to pay rent on their premises. Nevertheless, this is only some of the damage restaurants have had to suffer throughout COVID-19.

Businesses such as these, especially in Niagara-on-the-Lake, have been forced to pay high rents, with little or no income, notwithstanding some landlords who have been generous throughout the pandemic. But when your business has no income, it is difficult to maintain a healthy financial situation.

At the beginning of 2020, we were all surprised at how great an impact a new disease by the name of Coronavirus had on our everyday lives. The government began to place and enforce new restrictions on when we could go outside and where we could go.

That is not to say these restrictions were not necessary, as many people were beginning to suffer from the effects of COVID-19. And some businesses are still suffering. Around March 2020, as case numbers began to increase, so did restrictions, as the government feared that their hospital capacity would not be able to handle the high number of cases.

Provincial governments began to target businesses that were not essential, and could be an outbreak risk. This involved shutting down all restaurants and restricting any forms of gatherings. Without gatherings, this gave people less of a reason to order takeout from restaurants too. Although following this, things began to calm down and cases began to decrease last summer and we saw the provincial government minimize some of their restrictions on restaurants.

Nonetheless, during the second and third waves, the restrictions were right back in place, and restaurants again had to shut down.

Although we move into Step 3 of the reopening process Friday, restaurant owners say it will be hard to recover from the pandemic results. Employees especially will be hard to replace. John Eymann, co-owner of Bricks & Barley in Virgil, says he has lost at least 25 percent of his staff since the restaurant has re-opened, mostly because people took other jobs during the shutdowns in order to pay their bills. He says one of the significant factors for Bricks & Barley surviving through-

out this pandemic was a pre-built patio.

However, many smaller restaurants did not have that advantage going into the pandemic and have suffered because of this. "We are all in this together," says Eymann, meaning we need to be understanding and supportive through a challenging period in their industry.

"The restaurant kept the core staff employed as they continued to give the staff full hours even if not busy. As they want their staff to remain on the payroll."

As Step 3 approached, the staff at Bricks & Barley were working hard getting the dining room ready to greet locals once again and see some familiar faces, adds Eymann.

"We thank our locals for their support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please go to our website to reserve your table either inside our dining room or on our beautiful, covered patio," he says.

"We are a well-loved local spot, and we encourage locals to continue to support businesses the best they can."

Paul Dietsch, co-owner of the Sandtrap Pub & Grill, says going into Step 3 "gives us more occupancy. Many locals know patios

are already busy, due to limited seating, and may be hesitant to come out due to waiting times. However, now that inside is opening, this gives us a lot of new seats, meaning short wait times if at all."

The restaurant owners feel a lot more at ease knowing that the provincial cases are going down, and a large number of people are vaccinated, says Dietsch. "Additionally, the restaurant will still be following all protocols in place by the province, with tables six feet apart, plexiglass in place and all staff are being screened when coming in. It's time to come out and enjoy time with friends and see people they have not seen in a while. Let's continue to move forward".

Supporting local restaurants is vital for helping our economy return to normal, the most obvious way would be giving them our business, whether eating on their patio or ordering takeout, as we were able to during Step 2, and now, if we're comfortable, dining indoors.

Jeremy Harb, food and beverage manager of the Prince of Wales restaurants, says not having indoor dining has directly impacted them while try-

ing to accommodate all guests. Patio dining is subject to weather conditions. Guests have been very empathetic throughout this pandemic as they realize the struggles restaurants have experienced, he says. However, the adaptability of the Prince of Wales has been a crucial factor to accommodating all guests, as their company encourages out-of-the-box thinking.

Harb also points out exactly how important local support is. Locals are essential to their business, he says, a vital component of their restaurant — with new and familiar promotions offered, local support has been an enormous help.

As restaurants reopen, physical distancing will still be required, and circumstances are not ideal. However, this situation is not going to get any better if we do not recognize who is struggling, and attempt to assist them.

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The patio at the Sandtrap wasn't busy on a Monday afternoon, but restaurant owners are looking up as the province moves into Step 3 of reopening. (Nicolas Frendo)



# Local artist hosts garden show and sale

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Artist Magdalena Titian has always loved outdoor art shows.

She's been part of them at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre from its earliest days, even before its restoration — she was the first art instructor.

"It was nice in the building, with old, cracked windows, and it still had the pump in the front room," she says. "But most of the shows at that time were outdoors."

And she loves to paint en plein art, outdoors, she says.

"It's where I get my inspiration, and my energy, from nature."

At the moment, she's excited about a show she is planning in her own garden beside her Gate Street home, which she discovered more than 40 years ago when she came to NOTL. Since then, she's painted many gardens, and in many gardens — her signature beautiful vibrant watercolours for which she has become known.

The idea for this show came to her as a result of the loss of trees that bordered her home, when a new neighbour removed a row of mature cedars to

build a fence, and she created a garden to fill the empty space.

She and the previous neighbour had planted the trees together years ago, she says, and it broke her heart to see them go.

But she has been creative, moving plants around on her large property to fill what she is calling her fantasy garden. After adding soil and loads of mulch, she has also brought out some of the clay figures she has collected on her travels around the world, places like Mexico and Guatemala, one almost five feet tall.

"It's been a lot of work. This property is a lot of work, 210 feet deep with a woodlot at the back." And a row of eight to 12 oaks that have to come down, she says.

While she finds it a lot to take care of at this stage in her life, she hasn't found any alternatives that would entice her to leave her historic home that drew her from Toronto, on a street that allows her to walk to the grocery store or pharmacy, the post office and coffee shops.

"These are all the reasons I came here," she says.

She can't envision where she would go, if she left her

1840 cottage, built by an escaped slave, a cobbler, who worked in a barn in the back and lived in the house with his six daughters.

In decades past, as well as being an art instructor, and painting local landscapes, she has also travelled to many countries, sometimes leading tours with groups of students, painting a wide variety of landscapes.

She's painted her way across Canada in an RV, from Nova Scotia to B.C. and down through California, and although travelling has been off the table for a while, if and when it's possible, she'd love to visit Italy again to paint its beautiful gardens.

But it is mostly local landscapes and gardens she will be putting outside for her upcoming show. Most of her paintings are large — typically she paints 28 inches by 36 inches — but she will also bring out a portfolio of smaller works.

She's hoping for good weather July 31 and Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but if not, she has a rain date of Aug. 6 and 7 for the following weekend, same times, at 429 Gate St.

For a look at her gallery, visit <https://magdalenatitian.wordpress.com>.



Magdalena Titian is looking forward to welcoming visitors to her garden art show and sale next weekend. (Photos by David Gilchrist)



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A fantasy garden is a perfect place for an artist to show her work, especially when most of it is outdoors, and of gardens.



# Neighbours say all is quiet at raided house

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veterinarians to provide appropriate shelter and care. It would be inappropriate to provide a specific location for the animals for safety and security reasons."

At one point during last week's raid a woman dressed in scrubs and wearing a stethoscope, presumably a veterinarian, came to the front door to speak with the inspectors. It's assumed she was there to check on the health of each dog before bringing them out of the house.

Dogs were being removed from the home two to five at a time in various sized cages and crates. Some of them were loaded into the vans, others were brought to the mobile unit, where the dogs were removed from the cages to be placed into the kennels. The cages were then brought back to the house for another load.

One local resident had been suspicious of the activity there since the new tenants moved in just over a month ago.

"We noticed coming and going during the night," the resident told The Local, "unusual traffic, cars and trucks, usually men delivering things. It was strange and creepy. And we heard lots of barking. It didn't seem to make sense. There was never anybody outside the house, never any dogs outside."

During the raid on the house, one man arrived in a grey sedan and went inside. He was seen returning to his car at one point and then re-entering the home. Neighbours confirmed that he had been one of the people arriving late at night on a semi-regular basis.

Onlookers could hear distressed cries and barks coming from the air conditioned vans as animal welfare officials continued until about 3:30 p.m. to bring dogs out of the house. Each time the door opened a pungent odour filled the Delater Street area.

Following the raid, The Local was able to contact the owner of the house, Arthur Scauzillo, a lawyer from Toronto. Scauzillo said he leased the house to Christina Grein and Anthony Biondi back in April. He was shocked to learn of the activity on his property.

"I called their previous landlord (in Brampton) and I got a very good recommendation for them," he said. "Supposedly she (Grein) had been living in the house she was moving from for a number of years and she sold antiques from the house. There was never any mention of dogs at all."

Scauzillo also confirmed that the couple had an excellent Equifax credit report. Most of his communication

with the lessees was via email and text.

When Scauzillo was informed that neighbours had seen two women who they assumed were living in the home, he confirmed that only Grein's and Biondi's names were on the lease.

About seven weeks ago, Scauzillo visited the property. He knocked on the door but no one answered. Assuming no one was home at the time, he proceeded to do some maintenance work in the two out-buildings at the back of the property.

During the conversation with Scauzillo, he informed The Local that he would most likely be making a trip to NOTL late last week. Attempts to contact him for an update were unsuccessful.

Prior to the raid, some residents observed large boxes and bins being moved back and forth, and said there had been increased activity over the past few evenings, with people arriving at the house in the middle of the night and leaving in their cars with dogs.

Some who live nearby reported an odour coming from the house that seemed to get worse during recent hotter days. They also reported many garbage bags being put out at number 115 each week and an infestation of flies along the street. Some said their own dogs seemed distressed and often began to bark in the middle of the night.

A number of residents on Delater Street began to report their observations to the Ontario SPCA, and that culminated in the activity last Wednesday.

Neighbours say that since the incident last week they have noticed no activity around the house whatsoever.

In such a quiet neighbourhood, residents remain perplexed as to how this could have been occurring right under their noses. To

the best of their knowledge, the tenants of the house, with no air conditioning and windows covered by thick drapes, blankets and towels, are still living there.

Besides the fear they are living with, the general consensus in the Dock Area neighbourhood is that they are anxious to hear about any charges being laid against the residents of the house, and

they would love to know the fate of the dogs that were removed.

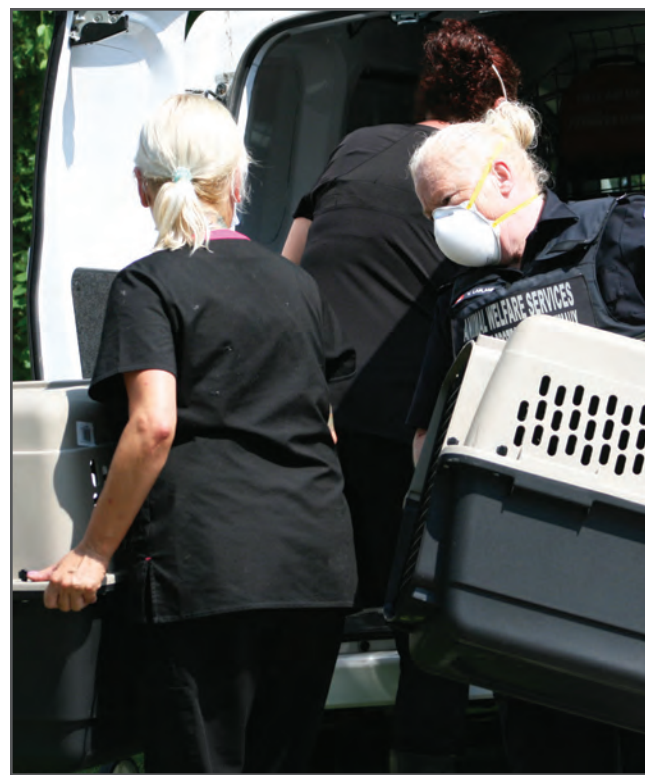
At press time there continued to be no word on any charges laid in the incident.

One woman from a suburb of Montreal called The Local this week, saying she had read about the raid, and was looking for a contact to see if she might find her dogs, which were stolen from her

fenced yard two years ago. As unlikely as it seems that they would be found after such an interval, she has made almost a full-time job of searching for her two male purebred brussel griffons after learning dogs are often stolen for puppy mills, and transportation of the dogs from Quebec to Ontario is common. She spoke of the huge organized rings and money to be made,

and the many dogs that are stolen on an annual basis.

A representative of the Lincoln County Humane Society said they have received similar requests from people who have had their dogs stolen, and referred The Local to the Ministry that would provide such information about stolen dogs, although by press time no answer had been received.



Several officials removed the dogs, apparently after they were checked out by a veterinarian. (Photos by Mike Balsom)

## Free pony rides for kids



The St. Davids Lions will be offering something a little special with their burger drive-through this Friday, July 23, on the Lions hall grounds on York Road. Pony Paradise, the company that has traditionally offered pony rides at the St. Davids Lions Carnival, will have some ponies onsite for free rides for kids, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be free gifts for the kids, another way to give back to the community and make up for two years of cancelled carnivals.



# Local musician offers top quality production services

**Mike Balsom**  
**Special to The Local**

Instruments line every wall in every room in Niagara-on-the-Lake native Jay Baty's basement studio. Acoustic and electric guitars, drum kits, various electric bass guitars, ukuleles, even something dubbed the Frankenslyde (more on that instrument later).

It all sets the scene for what Baty hopes becomes the go-to studio for local musicians and those from outside of Niagara to get the professional sound quality they are looking for on their recordings and live-stream sessions.

For now, Freshly Squeezed Studios sits in the Niagara Falls basement Baty shares with his partner Tami Rigg. She runs a holistic hypnotherapy business on the main floor, while Jay plies his musical trade below. He hopes to one day move his equipment to an off-site location.

Since his days playing in bands while attending Niagara District Secondary School, Baty has always known he wanted a career in the music business. The guitar player's high school bands included Pan's Progress (a Grateful Dead-styled group that featured horns and two drummers/percussionists playing extended jams) and later a band called Anglo Saxon.

Following high school, it was Mrs. Johnson, formed with childhood neighbour,

close friend and fellow Trojan alum Danny Lamb. Today he plays guitar in Theatre Crisp, a funk/rock/hip-hop collective of seven that includes horns, a DJ and percussion from professional tap dancer Dave Cox.

But all through that, Baty realized that if he wanted to make a living in the music industry, he would have to explore ways other than just performance to do so.

He enrolled in Mississauga's Metalworks Institute to study production and music business management. His goal was to grow his talent in all aspects, especially with regards to live and in-studio production.

After graduating from the two-year program in 2011, he caught on with Niagara A/V Systems, doing live sound at various venues across the region and beyond, including Toronto's Harbourfront and in Niagara Falls at the Queen Street Theatre and Fallsview Casino. Now called Production Service Industries (PSI), he hopes to be back with them when live music returns.

He also connected with legendary Niagara musician Rick Rose, and helped him build his Tangerine Studio in Niagara Falls. That facility was located first in Rose's Niagara Institute of Music school, then moved to a stand-alone location in an industrial plaza near Morrison Street in Niagara Falls.

During that time, Baty



The local musician loves performing best, but also enjoys helping others realize their dreams. (Photos by Mike Balsom)

had been piecing together his own recording equipment, a hobby he said began 12 years ago, when he laid a guitar on top of some square microphones, setting up a rudimentary single-track recorder wired to his Windows 95 computer.

When Tangerine closed, Baty went full-speed-ahead to upgrade the equipment he had been amassing to a fully digital set-up.

To date, he estimates he's sunk at least \$60,000 into Freshly Squeezed Studios. He offers full production services out of a number of rooms in his basement.

"I've got all the bells and whistles to make beats," he says, "and all the wonderful plug-ins, Auto-Tune, Vo-

cAlign, all the things artists are using these days. To compete with the corporates, I had to upgrade. Doing live sound helped me with the transition, because live sound jumped into digital quicker."

Baty claims that the warm sound musicians often say analog recording gives them can easily be replicated digitally at Freshly Squeezed. With a push of a button, he can return to any pre-programmed setting on the 48-track console.

He uses a number of professional microphones to record, and has an array of equalizers, compressors and effects at his disposal to punch up the sound to a client's liking.

He refers to his sound board as a live desk, one he can easily remove from the studio to use at live gigs. It's customizable, imported from the U.K., and connected to all the other rooms in his studio (a vocal booth, a drum booth, and a live jamming room).

The walls in the spacious control room are lined with soundproof panels Baty created himself. He seized an opportunity to acquire yards of fabric for free through his connection with Rose. He cut the fabric to size and set about wrapping the sections to 2-by-2 foot frames of Roxul insulation. He estimates the fabric would have cost him close to \$10,000.

Baty says his inventiveness is something he inherited from his father, an instrumentation technologist at General Motors. Jay learned how to solder at 12 years old, and that skill came in handy when running the cables himself from room to room and back to the console.

"I was one of those kids who loved taking things apart," Baty remembers. "I would unscrew an old VCR and check out the parts. I would never put anything together back then, though."

He remembers getting his first guitar at age 10. He grabbed his father's video-camera, headed to the basement, and danced around to music from Rob Zombie and California band No Doubt.

It took three years before he finally decided to sign up for lessons from Jeff Bond of Niagara Falls, who he calls to-day his "favourite human."

First and foremost a musician, Baty says performing is where he derives the most joy, but he also gets a great amount of pleasure helping others realize their musical dreams.

He describes two artists he's worked with recently, one a refugee of sorts from Ukraine, and another from Trinidad and Tobago. He talks of helping each find the best way to use their vocal range and limitations, suggesting ways for them to bring their musical visions to fruition.

At times he has to be a bit of a psychologist, convincing clients to get beyond their fears of taking their music to the next level.

The Freshly Squeezed website (freshlysqueezedstudios.ca) lists some of his past productions, including Mrs. Johnson, Rita Carrey and local band The Broken Lyre. He has also worked with Canadian rapper Classified and Vancouver pop punk band Living with Lions.

Baty and bandmate Kyle Petch produced and engineered *It's an Obligation*, the most recent release, by his current band, Theatre Crisp. The nine tracks on the recording are sonically punchy. Baty weaves the scratching and cutting from DJ K-Flip

seamlessly into the mix with guitars, bass and drums, punctuated by blasts of horn, while frontman Petch raps and sings through each track. The production would stand up to anything you might hear on pop or rock radio in 2021.

Earlier this week, he released his latest production, a music video for a song called *Good Day* by bandmate Petch under his alias humbleHAB. The track was produced, recorded and mixed by Baty.

And about that Frankenslyde mentioned earlier.

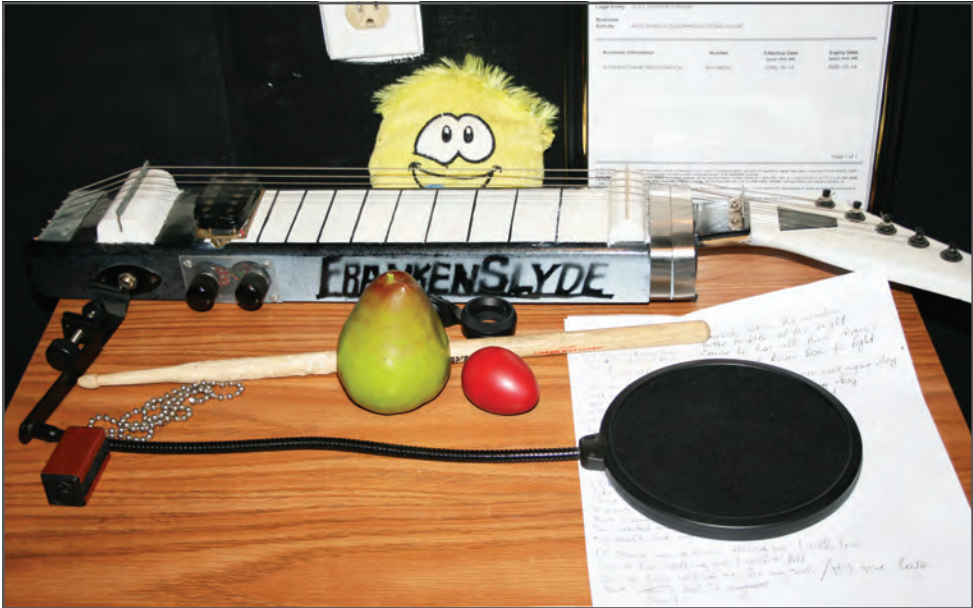
"It was a school project for Metalworks institute," Baty exclaims. "I built it out of parts laying around the house, with the head of an old guitar stuffed into a 2x4. It was supposed to be an acoustic instrument but I just wanted to build it so bad that I went with the electric slide guitar. I still got 96 per cent on the project!"

The Frankenslyde found its way into a recording by Milton-based singer-songwriter Michael Banks. At about the two-minute mark of Cardigans, Baty can be heard sliding up and down the fretboard, providing an eerie, pedal steel-like punctuation to the final minute of the track.

It's a perfect example of how a good producer can quietly put his own personal stamp on a recording, while maintaining the integrity of the song.



Jay Baty relaxes in his home recording studio, with "all the bells and whistles."



Jay Baty is proud of a school project for Metalworks Institute, made of parts lying around the house.



Freshly Squeezed Studios offers full production services out of a number of rooms in Jay Baty's basement.



# Making connections enriches a community

**Jane Andres**  
Special to The Local

It's a Tuesday night and I'm pulling up to the Serlucca farm on Concession 2, the car loaded with groceries. Dan, the farm owner, greets me with a big smile and waves me in towards the bunkhouse. A young man is sitting on the steps, engrossed in his phone messages.

I greet him in Jamaican patois from my car and he looks up, startled. I don't recognize him and assume he's new to the farm. Some of his coworkers amble out of the kitchen and onto the porch to check out the visitor, their faces lighting up in recognition. The tantalizing aroma of pimento, garlic, and jerk spices are wafting out of the open door. It's been over a year since we've seen each other because of COVID restrictions, and the joy of this unexpected visit is mutual.

There have been no hugs or handshakes the past 16 months, but their smiles radiate warmth even at 20 feet away.

I ask the young man his name and where he's from. The men laugh when Kemar says "Jamaica," and look at each other knowingly. They understand where this conversation is going.

When I enquire about his hometown, the conversation goes back and forth, and he is emphatic I would have never heard of his small hometown.

"Maybe I've been there. Maybe I've even driven by your house."

He laughs, rolling his eyes. "I don't think so. Long Bough is just a likkle town, wet out inna bush."

When I inform him that I had indeed stayed in the town of Long Bough, his eyebrows shoot up, the other men laughing at how I play the "connection" game.

I tell him I went to Long Bough in February, 2020, to stay at the home of Delroy and Joan Castella. Delroy had been coming to work in my neighbourhood for 35 years, and in 2019 suffered a stroke during harvest. I spoke of the many people who connected with Delroy over the months he stayed with us during his recovery, which resulted in him being the guest of honour at the Candlelight Stroll in December before he returned home. I describe how he lit the first candle that night, passing the flame to the lord mayor, who in turn passed it on to others, growing exponentially until the whole street was filled with the warm glow of thousands of flickering candles.

Kemar shakes his head



Denzil Reid and Gary Salmon, Thwaites Farms employees, run into neighbours Marco Bubnic and his son Eddie. The Bubnics drop in regularly to say hi on their evening walks and enjoy having their Jamaican friends over for a barbecue or a cold drink on a hot day. (Photos by Jane Andres)

incredulously. He explains that he lives just down the road from Delroy and Joan, and that his mom attends the same church.

Finding ways to connect in conversation whether at the grocery store, in the bank or on the roadside is an exercise in joy! It amazes me how quickly a relationship can progress from being a stranger to a neighbour who feels welcome and appreciated.

When I started volunteering 16 years ago, I observed that migrant workers employed on local farms were not welcome by many in our community, despite the fact that our agricultural industry is totally dependent on them to survive.

After our first trip to Jamaica in 2007, I returned home with a new appreciation of the sacrifices required by these men and women and their families. Providing a warm welcome to our neighbours on the farms creates an opportunity to connect, but also means a lot to their families, who are keenly aware of their loved ones' experiences on the farms and in the community.

That year some friends and I began making soup and sandwiches to greet the workers arriving at farms in our neighbourhood, many who go almost 24 hours without a decent meal during their travels.

Soon after we put together welcome bags containing essentials to help them get through the first few days after arrival.

This idea has taken root and expanded in ways we

could not have imagined, as more locals contribute to show support.

More than 575 Caribbean workers received welcome kits in 2021, and we're not finished yet, with more emerging from mandatory quarantine in the next week. We have also delivered boxes of gloves, socks, neck buffs, toques, and essentials for some employers to distribute to their staff.

This year we created activity booklets for use during quarantine, which include two maps and practical information, such as biking distances from Virgil to Walmart, etc.

Welcome kits are a simple, inexpensive idea for locals of all ages who want to connect and express appreciation. News seems to be spreading about the great community spirit in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and people elsewhere in Ontario are contacting us, wanting to know how to provide support to farm workers in their own rural areas.

We primarily reach out to the Caribbean men and women. Rev. Antonio Illas and his wife Cela are the energetic duo who head up the Migrant Farmworker Project run by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara to care for the Spanish speaking farm workers. We share resources and work together to see how we can best meet the practical needs of all farm workers.

Regardless of where we are from, there is one thing that we all agree on: there is no substitute for personal connection, that Zoom can in no way replace a hug



Kemar Bailey, from Long Bough, Clarendon, is spending his first year on the farm work program, employed at the farm of Dan and Jayne Serlucca. Arriving during a pandemic has been an experience everyone will long remember, but a warm welcome has eased some of his initial trepidation.

or heartfelt conversation. This past year, many of us have gained a better understanding of the hardship of long-distance family relationships as experienced by farm workers, who for the duration of their eight-month to two-year contracts have only a tiny screen, and very limited data on their phone, to keep those threads of relation-

ships intact.

Our fresh appreciation for human connection and face-to-face conversation has resulted in a growing number of cross-cultural friendships in our little corner of Niagara. Moving to Steps 2 and 3, I hear the sounds of children playing and backyard conversations, a mix of Jamaican patois and laughter floating

over the fence as families invite their Jamaican neighbours over for a Red Stripe and a time to relax, enjoying life together.

Recounting the story of Delroy to Kemar and his coworkers reminded me of how connecting with those who have traditionally been marginalized can transform a community, enriching all of us in the process.



# What's good for your heart is good for your brain

Larry Chambers  
Madeleine Smith  
Special to The Local

Heart disease occurs when the blood vessels that supply blood to the heart become narrowed. A similar mechanism occurs in strokes and vascular dementia, where narrowing of the blood vessels reduces blood flow to the brain causing disease.

These diseases are extremely common. Every five minutes, heart disease, stroke and related conditions take a life in Canada. However, eighty percent of premature heart disease and stroke is preventable. Physical activity (the miracle cure), not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight and a Mediterranean diet are main lifestyles that prevent heart disease. These interventions also prevent brain disease by keeping the oxygen supply to your brain plentiful.

Maintenance of healthy blood pressure is important, especially in the blood vessels transporting blood to the brain. There are as many as 400 miles of blood vessels in the brain, and they cover a surface area the size of a tennis court. While the brain comprises only about two-and-a-half percent of the body's weight, it receives almost 15 percent of the blood flow from the heart, and uses as much as a quarter of the body's total oxygen consumption. Any reduction or interruption of this flow can

cause strokes or mini strokes, which damage brain tissue and contribute to dementia.

Just as the pipes of the hot water system get furred up, so too do our arteries. The medical term is atherosclerosis. Blockage of a large artery results in stroke with noticeable muscular weakness, but blockage of smaller blood vessels can lead to many tiny strokes, causing the death of tiny bits of brain tissue. If enough of these smaller strokes occur, vascular dementia can result.

There are five preventable and treatable health conditions that impede oxygen reaching your brain. Healthy arteries are flexible, strong, and elastic. Their inner lining is smooth so that blood flows freely, supplying vital organs and tissues with adequate nutrients and oxygen. However, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, atrial fibrillation and mini-strokes all damage blood vessels, thus impeding the flow of blood to the brain.

If you have high blood pressure, the increased pressure of blood flowing through your arteries gradually can cause a variety of problems, including damage to the cells of your arteries' inner lining. That predisposes a series of events that make artery walls thick and stiff, a disease called arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Fats from your diet enter your bloodstream, pass through the damaged cells, and collect in clumps on the

vessel walls, that is, atherosclerosis. The only way to know whether you have high blood pressure is to have it measured. Anyone over the age of 40 should have it checked regularly, at the very least every couple of years. Once high blood pressure is diagnosed, it can be treated with life-style modifications as well as using drugs.

Type 2 diabetes (non-insulin dependent) is completely different from type 1 diabetes (insulin dependent) which is a disease of unknown cause. Type 2 diabetes can be prevented and very effectively managed. It may directly damage the brain, but its main negative impact is increasing the risk of atherosclerosis, the porridge-like material that builds up in the walls of arteries. Atherosclerosis blocks blood supply to the brain either slowly or quickly when a clot forms. Preventing and managing type 2 diabetes is an important way of preventing this. Medications are effective, but increasing physical activity and decreasing energy intake are even more important. These lifestyle interventions can help control and even cure type 2 diabetes. The modern environment can make it difficult to implement these interventions, therefore awareness is needed of the dangers of the modern environment, for example those that lurk beside every checkout where calorie rich food packages are stacked high.

Although cholesterol is essential for all body tissues to function properly, it is also a key component in fatty deposits and plaque that build up in arteries. Total blood cholesterol levels greater or equal to 5.2 mmol/L are considered a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Cholesterol levels are lowered by taking statins, which also reduce the risk of atherosclerosis and therefore the risk of stroke, heart attacks and other cardiovascular diseases.

Atrial fibrillation is a condition where the heart beats irregularly, allowing small clots to form, which can then break off and be carried in



Dr. Larry Chambers (Photo supplied)

the blood stream toward the brain, potentially resulting in strokes. It is the result of a variety of causes, including high blood pressure and damage to the heart through arteriosclerosis or hardening of the arteries. Check your own pulse regularly. Atrial fibrillation tends to occur more frequently when we grow older and have high blood pressure.

Some medical conditions also increase your chances of developing it, including heart problems such as coronary heart disease, or disease of your heart's valves. It can also be caused by other conditions, including an overactive thyroid gland, lung infections like pneumonia, or a blood clot in the lung (pulmonary embolism). Drinking too much alcohol or caffeine, taking illegal drugs, such as cocaine or amphetamines, or smoking can also trigger atrial fibrillation, which usually requires treatment to control the

condition, as well as treatment to reduce your risk of stroke. This may involve taking drugs called anti-arrhythmics, which act by treating your heart rhythm, making it more regular as well as slowing your heart rate. It is likely you will also be given other drugs, called anticoagulants, to reduce the chances of developing small clots.

Silent strokes are small strokes that affect parts of the brain that often go unnoticed. Mini strokes or transient ischaemic attacks (TIAs) occur when there is a temporary drop in the blood supply to the brain, leading to temporary stroke-like symptoms. Most of them are caused by clots blocking the blood vessels (ischemic strokes) and in other cases, the damaged blood vessel walls leak and cause a bleed in the brain (hemorrhagic strokes). As with the previously mentioned health conditions, TIAs can be prevented by physical activity,

not smoking, not being overweight and a Mediterranean diet.

It's never too late. Studies show that physical activity (the miracle cure), not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight and a Mediterranean diet can have a positive effect on your health, no matter when you start.

*This article is an adapted extract from Increase your Brainability—and Reduce your Risk of Dementia eBook: Alessi, Charles, Chambers, Larry W., Gray, Muir: Amazon.ca: Kindle Store*

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- Across:

1 Scorch  
5 Constructor  
10 Antarctic sea  
14 Trusted assistant  
15 Handy  
16 Very dark  
17 Please answer  
18 Civil wrongs  
19 On-screen Bean  
20 Tire inflation measure  
21 Close  
22 Ready to entertain  
24 Brace  
26 Circumspect  
27 Closer  
29 Prickly seed vessel  
30 Musical collections  
31 Type of lamp  
32 Campus house, maybe  
36 Troubles  
37 Inordinate  
39 Make over  
40 Sediment  
41 Short dog with a flat muzzle  
42 Taken in  
44 Surrender  
45 Not allee  
46 Close to the coast
- 50 Held fast  
51 People found in the Horn of Africa  
52 Puts on  
53 Global currency body  
56 Fine  
57 Yellow-green color  
59 Hard up  
60 Sack  
61 Enthuses wildly  
62 Toothpaste container  
63 Minnesota ---, pool player  
64 Moves back and forth  
65 Aide (Abbr.)

Down:

1 Complain  
2 Convicted spy Alger ---  
3 Recommended  
4 Agent  
5 Convent heads  
6 Entangled  
7 "Slaughterhouse Five" author --- Vonnegut  
8 Time in Boston  
9 Ability  
10 Vertical pipe  
11 Upright  
12 Edible ray
- 13 Ecclesiastical council  
21 Appear  
23 Average golf score  
25 Tie up  
26 Recognized leader  
27 Pin down  
28 Fashion magazine  
29 Emblem  
32 Scowl  
33 Spiritual  
34 Yemeni port  
35 Sweeney ---  
38 Uncovered  
43 Literary work  
44 Mountain pass  
46 Has gone  
47 Cell maker  
48 Well turned out  
49 Ira ---, Iwo Jima flagraiser  
50 Small flock  
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OBITUARY



**SMITH, LUKAS**—It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our dear husband, father, son, and friend, Lukas Smith on Sunday, July 11, 2021. Lukas is survived by his beloved wife Trish and precious children Bryden, Riley and Miaya. His parents Andrew Smith and Rosemary Beech, his siblings Amanda Smith, Melissa Smith and his niece and nephew, Noah and Abby. His parents-in-law Peter and Arlene Thiessen, his sister-in-law Karen Thiessen and predeceased by his brother-in-law Gerald. Lukas will be so deeply missed; cherished husband, adored father and son, friend and mentor to so many.

The Smiths will receive friends and family for public visitation on Saturday, July 17th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm & 6:00 - 8:00 pm and again on Sunday, July 18th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Cornerstone Community Church Orchard Campus (434 Hunter Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0). Pre-registration is required, please go to [www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca) to sign up for visitation. An outdoor funeral service to remember Lukas will take place on Monday July, 19th at 10:30 am at Cornerstone Community Church Orchard Campus (434 Hunter Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0).



**JOHNSON, MARJORIE**—We regret to announce the passing of Marjorie on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Tufford Manor, St. Catharines, ON, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Fred Johnson (1986). Loving mother of Doug (Phyllis) and Sharron Johnson (Jim Gore). Predeceased by her parents George and Edith Perryman, her sister Dorothy Dawson and her brother Ron Perryman.

Cremation has taken place, with a private burial at Pinehill Cemetery in Toronto.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Sudoku solution from July 14, 2021

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2	6	8	5	9	4	7	3	1
9	3	4	1	2	7	6	5	8
3	2	9	8	7	6	4	1	5
5	4	6	9	1	2	8	7	3
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8	9	3	7	6	1	5	4	2
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Across: 1 Char, 5 Maker, 10 Ross, 14 Aide, 15 Of use, 16 Inky, 17 R S V P, 18 Torts, 19 Sean, 20 P s i, 21 Shut, 22 Open to, 24 Steel, 26 Guarded, 27 Nearest, 29 Burr, 30 Albums, 31 Arc, 32 Frat, 36 Ills, 37 Undue, 39 Redo, 40 Lees, 41 Pug, 42 Fooled, 44 Cede, 45 Upwind, 46 Inshore, 50 Clung, 51 Somali, 52 Dons, 53 I M F, 56 Okay, 57 Olive, 59 Poor, 60 Fire, 61 Ravas, 62 Tube, 63 Fats, 64 Sways, 65 Asst. Down: 1 Carp, 2 Hiss, 3 Advisable, 4 Rep, 5 Mother superiors, 6 Afoul, 7 Kurt, 8 E S T, 9 Resourcefulness, 10 Riser, 11 On end, 12 Skate, 13 Synod, 21 Seem, 23 Par, 25 Truss, 26 Gurn, 27 Nail, 28 Elle, 29 Badge, 32 Frown, 33 Religious, 34 Aden, 35 Todd, 38 Nude, 43 Opus, 44 Col, 46 is off, 47 Nokia, 48 Smart, 49 Hayes, 50 Covey, 52 Diva, 54 Mobs, 55 Fret, 58 Law, 59 P T A.

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