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Town CAO Holly Dowd retires page 4

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How can you resist?

Six years ago Morgan, 11, and Spencer Mitchell, 6, had a babysitter who was a volunteer at Red Roof Retreat. She took Morgan there over the summer, and explained what happened there and why it was needed. She also told him Red Roof relied on donations to operate. Morgan wanted to help, says his dad Michael, and chose the day of the Peach Celebration to sell lemonade from the driveway of their Gate Street home. He and his brother have been doing it ever since, and three years ago asked their family friend, Kevan O'Connor, if they set up their stand outside his house on Queen Street. He and his wife Lynn have been strong Red Roof supporters, and since O'Connor passed away, Lynn has still graciously allowed them to come back every year, says Michael. Over the past six years, they have raised almost \$10,000. (Fred Mercnik)

Kaiser hopes to paint Niagara Falls riding red

Mike Balsom Special to The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake's councillor Joyce Morocco. Andrea Kaiser has won the Liberal Party in the Niagara federal election.

At a nomination meeting held Monday night at the Royal Canadian Legion in Niagara Falls, 361 registered party

members cast their vote. Kaiser came out the winner over into the race last month, she long-time Niagara Falls city

opportunity to represent the ara-on-the-Lake council from off Monday night. 2003 until 2014, was both elated name called after the two-hour Fort Erie, and Niagara Falls, voting session wrapped up. She Kaiser knew she would need admitted she felt the whole experience had been quite surreal up to that moment.

Since throwing her name says she has been working hard to gather support from Kaiser, who served on Niag- the community, and it paid

> With the riding end to mobilize her supporters in the party to get out and cast their vote for her.

there to show their support.

"I think they're excited, regardless of party, to see somebody that understands

And with a quick glance the industry, because when around the room, it was you are in Ottawa trying to clear that was the case. Many communicate the needs of prominent members of the the riding, you do have that Niagara-on-the-Lake com- experience and understandmunity could easily be recing, and I think that's why you ognized within the room. A may have seen some people Falls riding in the upcoming and overwhelmed to hear her passing Niagara-on-the-Lake, large contingent from the who may not have normally grape and wine industry were been Liberal, but who were happy to support that local voice," said Kaiser.

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Andrea Kaiser



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Ford comes to Niagara to talk infrastructure, amalgamation

Dave Burket Niagara Independent **Newspaper Association**

When Ontario Premier Doug Ford made a quick stop in Niagara last Thursday to talk about money for infrastructure, he couldn't escape without questions about amalgamation, calling the number of politicians in Niagara "almost comical."

Ford was at Beamer's Hardware Store in Fonthill to announce that Pelham is the recipient of a \$1.67 million provincial grant toward a nearly \$8 million reconstruction of Pelham Street, one of 24 transit projects totalling almost \$74 million planned for the Niagara Region, mainly in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland and Fort Erie.

Beamer's Hardware owners Lloyd Beamer and his wife, Shirley, longtime Conservatives, were pleased to host Ford at their store, saying that a call had come earlier in the week from Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, asking whether they were interested.

A few customers paid for items, seemingly oblivious to the growing number of television cameras being mounted on tripods, tucked behind a black velvet rope

on the far side of the cash register.

"We ask that you stay on this side of the rope," one of Ford's communications staff told reporters as they arrived.

Shortly before Ford's arrival, the front door was locked and a serious looking OPP plainclothes officer in suit and tie, standing near a stack of water softener salt, turned even more serious.

Entering from the back door, Ford, accompanied by Oosterhoff, strode past tubes of caulk, spray bottles of insecticide, and tiny tubes of Krazy Glue, to reach an acrylic lectern featuring a sign in Tory blue reading, "FOR THE PEOPLE."

According to a Ford spokesperson, Fonthill was one of five stops that the Premier made on his swing through Niagara, ending with a \$1000-dollar-a-plate Progressive Conservative fundraiser at a Beamsville winery, where he was greeted by protesters upset over the government's planned changes in funding for those with autism.

Two protesters were also in Fonthill, and a third arrived after Ford's departure. As the Premier spoke inside Beamer's, Katherine Hunt and Joe Serianni, whose three-year-old son is autis-



Niagara West Conservative MPP Sam Oosterhoff stands by Premier Doug Ford in Beamer's Hardware Store in Fonthill. Ford was there to announce funding for transit projects in Niagara Region, and also talked about amalgamation. (Dave Burket)

port from passing motor- scoffed.

four print reporters scribbled away. The event was time." closed to the public.

Asked by the Voice was still on the table. whether his recent flagging poll numbers had led him Housing Minister Steve people to us are the staketo rethink his government's

tic, stood on the sidewalk, proposal to bring some out any of those issues, and holding signs and earning form of municipal amalthe occasional toot of sup- gamation to Niagara, Ford taxpayers, and run a leaner to speak briefly with the pair

"Well, that's the Toronto ment." Inside, a handful of tele- Star's numbers," said Ford. vision crews recorded the "I don't believe the Toronproceedings, and three or to Star readership polls. I

"[Municipal Affairs and Clark] will be rolling that out over the next little while, and he'll be able to speak to that. But let me speak to the door-knocking and you tell people in the Niagara Region."

Oosterhoff to confirm the tax dollars are going—I've number of office holders for Niagara's 400,000-odd resipy about that." dents. Oosterhoff told him that it was 136.

for four hundred thousand news announced soon. people. Something's wrong. That's just wasting taxpay- Ford turned and headed ers' money. But I have all the back past the adhesives and confidence in the world in insect killers to depart the weekend," he said, heading

make sure we respect the of going out to the sidewalk and more efficient govern-

Asked whether he would have any input himself, Ford said that, "like any decision believe the ones at election we make," the matter would go to caucus, to local rep-Amalgamation, he said, resentatives, to the people, rolled out this year — not and to cabinet.

"The most important holders, the people. The people make the decision. I can assure you — you go the locals that they have a recommended to receive 10 hundred and thirty-six poli-Here Ford turned to ticians and that's where their heard it, they aren't too hap-

Also asked about funding for the Canada Summer "A hundred and thir- Games in 2021, being held ty-six," repeated Ford. "It's in Niagara, Ford wouldn't almost comical. A hundred reveal anything definite, but and thirty-six politicians said there would be good

With a concluding smile, Minister Clark to straighten way he had arrived.

Oosterhoff made a point of autism protesters who had remained throughout.

Serianni, who came from Welland to protest cuts for children with autism, said his major concern "is the current funding that was one family has received any funding that is on the wait list, and I do not understand why it takes so long for the government to release these funds they talk about."

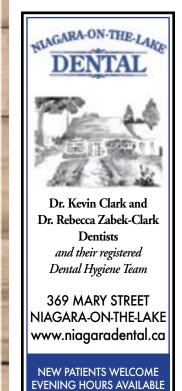
Serianni said his son was to 15 hours a week of therapy, while the family can only afford three hours out of pocket.

Inside, as the TV crews silently packed their gear, at the register, two sales were chalked up to security staff - one cellphone charger, and one jug of deck wash.

The previously serious looking OPP officer was now all smiles as he held up the deck wash.

"This is gonna be my out the front door.





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Konzelmann buys Harvest Barn, Rancourt Winery

Market to continue selling fruit and vegetables for locals

Penny Coles The Local

Harvest Barn and Rancourt Estate Winery are in new hands — but still local hands — with little expected to change at the popular fruit and vegetable market.

Erwin and Dorothy Wiens, with partners Stephanie and Fabian Reis, the grandson of Herbert Konzelmann, have sold both operations to Konzelmann Estate Winery, in a transaction that has been in the works for several weeks.

Erwin, a soon-to-be retired police officer with the Hamilton force and a grape-grower, will continue looking after Rancourt's 22 acres of grapes, as he had for years. It was his involvement with the winery that led to his interest in purchasing it that and the desire to keep it locally-owned.

"Dorothy really loved what she was doing," says Erwin. She was there every day, and working with the staff was the best part of her job, he says. "That was the hardest part about selling it. She had a hard time telling the employees."

Although the sale has been in the works for awhile, they

were doing their best to keep it quiet for as long as they could — it was very important to them to be the ones who told the staff, rather than having them hear it from others, he says. "The staff are amazing. They are great workers, great business people."

He and Dorothy are so appreciative of the way the town and locals rallied around them when they purchased it,

That also made it hard to sell. "The locals and the staff were invested in it."

Erwin says it was something he really wanted to try, more than Dorothy, as much as she enjoyed it. "I love farming, and I loved the idea of doing this. I put my back into it."

But they both came to realize it was taking up a lot of time, and taking away from other priorities, especially family.

"I've got better days, more days behind me than in front of me," he says. "We had no time off. And being on council takes an incredible amount of time. Something had to give. It was not an easy decision."

He is still working as a police officer, although this is his last year, and through council

involved in a number of vol- continue to do so. unteer efforts and activities she enjoys, some of which she had to give up to make time for Harvest Barn.

Erwin is quick to say he is not complaining — they both feel very fortunate to have so much that is great in their lives, including just relaxing on the deck of the home they love and enjoying life, although they haven't had much time for that. He hasn't had a single swim in their backyard pool, in what has been a very hot summer, he says.

"We live an incredibly charmed life," he says, "and this is a very positive story."

The winery and the farm market will be in very good hands, and best of all, local.

"From the beginning we wanted it to stay local, and that's what we did. I still wanted to farm it, and I still will. I think it's great."

He goes on to say his wife has aways been "the backbone of our family. She's the social planner, the information gatherer. We were happy before. Now we're ecstatic."

Stephanie and Fabian, a wine-maker by trade with his own brand, will continue to manage the property and winemaking operations, says Jim Reschke, vice-president of Konzelmann Vineyards.

And Kevin and Carolyne

"We're definitely keeping it as a farm market," said Reschke, "and we're keeping it running as it has been for years. They will continue to run it, and they're going to do exactly what they've been doing. We really just want to focus on that — it is a staple in the community and we want it to stay that way."

At Rancourt, Fabian will continue with his brand, says Reschke.

There is still some Rancourt inventory at the winery, but Fabian's goal is to eventually build his Ferox brand, and the name of the winery will likely change in the future to Ferox, Reschke says.

"We will source grapes mann Estate Winery." from the property and focus on making premium wines."

"I am both honoured and privileged to be able to follow in my grandfather's footsteps, says Fabian in an announcement of the sale.

"Winemaking is in my blood. The acquisition of Rancourt allows me to step out on my own and create a product that I am proud to call my own."

His grandfather, Herbert Konzelmann, agrees. "Rancourt will share our similar values, culture and passion; and together we hope to leverage our resources and build on the strong legacy we have developed for Konzel-

Rancourt is already recognized as being an industry leader for "complex and robust red wines," and already offers on-site tastings and private winery experiences.

Konzelmann and the Concession 4 winery are expected to remain separate entities, Reschke adds, "supporting each other wherever we can."

And although it's early days, and there are no plans to change anything at this stage, "it's my personal belief that the wine industry is becoming more experience-based, and we could see new things happening at Rancourt. There is nothing definite yet but we know this is the way of the future."



is on a number of boards and Baum, who have managed Stephanie and Fabien Reis, at Rancourt Winery, will continue to manage the operation and committees. And Dorothy is Harvest Barn for decades, will make wine, supported by its new owner, Konzelmann Estate Winery. (Photo supplied)

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CAO retires after 37 years on municipal staff

Penny Coles The Local

After working for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake for 37 years, Holly Dowd is retiring.

June, and the announcement from the Town comes as no surprise.

Dowd sent an email to town staff Monday morning to advise them of her plans and thank them for their support, and a letter from Lord Mayor Betty Disero was released to the public, saying Dowd's retirement is effective Aug. 19.

An avid golfer, Dowd explains her retirement this way: "When I've been golfing recently, I find myself hitting the ball really hard. I've had so much on my mind, always thinking about work, always checking my phone and emails, people calling. I haven't been playing well. This week, when I was golfing, it felt great. I feel great. It was my rector of corporate services time to retire."

says, she's shot an 88 and 89, her best scores ever.

Although she looks forward to having more time to golf, she admits, "I'm a little 2016. nervous. I've always been a workaholic. I haven't quite figured out what I'm going to do, but I'm hoping to get on the board of the golf club (the St.

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Catharines Golf and Country Club), and I'll do some volunteering. I'll have more time to curl, and I just picked up a new bike. I'm getting on with the next stage of my life."

Dowd, 56, says her hus-She has been on leave since band Rob has been retired for two years from GM after a 37-year career there as well, and it was time for her to join him. They just celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary, and they both enjoy golfing, curling and biking and travelling. She will also have more time to spend with her family, including three adult children.

> Many residents will remember Dowd from her years in the clerk's office, where there were many opportunities for interaction with the public. She started there in 1982 as a secretary to the clerk, became an assistant, then deputy clerk and secretary to the committee of adjustment, and took the job of clerk in 2000.

From there, the title of diwas added to her job descrip-Her two last games, she tion, and then for a year she was director of corporate help out. I did what I was services and CAO, a job she agreed to take after Milena I worked well with council." Avramovic left abruptly in

It's unusual in this day and council on board," she says. age, she's been told, for someone to start at the bottom in

Dowd had worked closely of CAO was not helping. with town clerk Bob Howse, before he retired from his job with the municipality and successfully ran for a position on town council. Martin Yamich, then director of corporate services, added the title of clerk to his job after Howse left, until then-Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs said since Dowd was doing the work of the clerk, she should have the title.

Howse was a mentor, says Dowd, one she could joke with — she says she learned a lot from him, but liked to tell him she was learning how to do things differently. "He was old school from a different era," she says with fondness.

When the opportunity of taking on the job of CAO was offered to her, Dowd said she could have turned it down and retired on a full pension, but she was asked to help out. The previous council wanted her to look after filling some positions on town staff, and to bring up staff morale.

"I never wanted the job of CAO, but I thought I could asked to do," says Dowd, "and

After the election last fall, she stayed on to "get the new

She's been suffering from fibromyalgia for about 15 years, one department and work and it has been worse in recent their way to the top, as she did. months — the stress of the job

"The pressure is off my shoulders now. I had a really good night's sleep last night," she says, once the announcement was public. "I can go on the golf course and not have to think about the Town. I thought I would miss that, but now I realize I won't miss it at all. I'm going to miss the staff though. I loved the staff. The town does not have any idea how fortunate it is to have such great people, to have the dedicated staff they have. Right from the top on down, everyone has their heart in the right place. They take absolute pride in the town — and it's not because of the beautiful gardens, although J.B. (Hopkins) does a great job. It's Hans at the arena, the community centre gang, the faces you see at the front desk. They do everything they can to help and they take such pride in their jobs. It is a great place to work."

her 37 years, says Dowd. "It is where they have chosen to was certainly smaller. At election time, I could go down a family. They love it just as the voters list and I would recognize the names. I would know who had passed away and who had moved away. I couldn't do that any more."

For those who have lived in town for a long time, it's lost its small-town feel, yet for those who move here, that's male clerks in the region. I what attracts them, she says.

coming to town now are just many. Milena was the first fe-

Holly Dowd (Photo supplied)

The town has changed in as passionate about it. This male CAO in the region, and live, to retire or to bring up much."

> The other notable change in her time on town staff, says Dowd, was evident around the table when she met with other municipal CAOs from Niagara.

'I was one of the first fecan't say I was the first, but if "The people who are there were others there weren't

when I first sat at the CAO table I was still the only female."

There are a lot of women taking jobs that used to be considered only for the "old boys' club," she says. While she has worked with many great men who have been very supportive, she appreciates there is more equity for women in the municipal workplace. "It's good to see that change, to see women taking the top jobs and getting paid well for

Lord Mayor Betty Disero announces Dowd's retirement

Lord Mayor Betty Disero

It is with much regret that I write today to announce the retirement of our CAO Holly Dowd effective August 19, March 1, 1982.

Over the years, Holly Holly instituted the Electronic Records System, modernizing the Town for the new millennium. Holly also instituted a vote tabulating system where ballots are counted by machines, overseeing almost a dozen municipal elections. Holly Dowd has been one of She has worked with many Lord Mayors and their respective Councils over the Work Plan together, so the past 37 years.

As part of the requirements from the Provincial Government, Holly refreshed has led staff and Council in pay equity in the Corporation bringing forward the Official and all job descriptions were Plan for adoption by Town

She also streamlined the criteria for Council confidential, in-camera sessions in an effort to be more transparent to the public.

Holly represented the Town as an active member of 2019. Holly has served the the Association of Municipal Corporation and the Town Managers, Clerks and Treaof Niagara-on-the-Lake since surers of Ontario (AMCTO), sitting on many Committees.

Last term, when Council worked her way up through was going through a tumul- thanks. the Corporation, taking tuous time, Holly Dowd was was promoted to Director of time, Holly negotiated the Corporate Services as well as staff collective agreement in continuing her role as Town an amicable way, raising staff Clerk. During this tenure, morale and bringing forward job retention measures. Holly was instrumental in bringing back stability at a time when the Town was losing employees at a fast rate.

As Lord Mayor, my own personal experience with mutual respect. Holly has assisted in putting the Council public knows what Council is working on, including target dates. Most recently, Holly reviewed and re-evaluated. Council on August 15th. The

preparation of the Official Plan has been a long and arduous task, and Holly's dedication has ensured that it will actually be completed.

Holly has had a long history of loyal and effective service to the Town and Council, as well as many years of leadership for the Town's staff. Holly has earned a well-deserved retirement and our

I would like to wish Holmany courses, and in 2000 offered and accepted the po- ly well in her retirement. became Town Clerk. Holly sition of Chief Administrative She will be missed at Town continued her success and Officer (CAO). During this Hall and by many residents and businesses in Niagara-on-the-Lake.



Lord Mayor Betty Disero



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6:00 p.m. -Collette on Europe Coach Tours (Feature: Croatia)

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EDITORIAL

Does NOTL need CCTV?

CCTV cameras are here to larger Canadian cities. stay, unless it is determined at some point that the benefits to security and safety are minor, compared with the possibility of them being misused to invade privacy.

in Niagara-on-the-Lake? It's a consideration, although not yet decided. The NRP are in favour of CCTV, money has been spent on an operation cept that's catching on.

CCTV is becoming more popular as a police it, and provide evidence to the UK, in major urban areas of the U.S., and now in have footage as evidence.

some of the British mysteries available on Netflix, and increasingly on American crime shows, could easily conclude CCTV helps solve crime and Is it time to adopt them send bad guys to jail. Statistics about preventing it are not so easy to interpret, since when criminal activity decreases, there can be several factors.

Do we need CCTV on the centre, and it seems it's a con- corner of Queen and King Streets? There is a lot of activity at that intersection, of both vehicles and pedestrians, but tool, to prevent crime, solve yet little crime, and few traffic collisions. However, if there is take to court, especially in a report of criminal activity in the area, it would be helpful to

Addressing the need to Anyone who is a fan of respect privacy, the NRP say they don't watch the video unless a crime is in the midst of occurring, or they are investigating a crime after the fact. We have to trust they would respect that policy.

In the balance, it would seem for the sake of safety at the busiest place in town, it is a good idea to proceed.

As unfortunate as it would be to have criminal activity in that very public place, it would be more so to believe CCTV might have prevented it, or helped bring to justice those involved, should the Town decide not to install it.

Penny Coles The Local

Congrats to federal candidates

until October, but the intervening months will go quickly.

And we have a lot of candidates who will be reaching out to us with their messages, hoping to win the right to represent the Niagara Falls riding.

We have been fortunate to have two strong representatives in past decades, Conservative MP Rob Nicholson and Liberal Gary Pillitteri, and we lor the new People's Party of The Local

The federal election isn't will have Conservative Tony Canada, and Niagara Falls city Baldinelli, director of communications for the Niagara Parks Commission, and Liberal Andrea Kaiser, well-known in the wine industry and as a former town councillor, hoping to win the local vote.

As well, Brian Barker will represent the NDP, NOTL resident Sandra O'Connor the Green Party, Alex J.C. Tay-

councillor and former Olympic boxer Mike Strange is running as an independent.

Hopefully voters will take the opportunity to get to know their candidates by Oct. 21.

We congratulate all who wish to work for us in Ottawa, and look forward to getting to know them.

Penny Coles

LOCAL FINDS



In memory JOHN SAVAGE Late colour sergeant* Regiment of Who departed..... 21 March 1870 Aged 79 years

*A colour sergeant is a non-commissioned title in infantry regiments of the British Army, ranking above sergeant and below warrant officer.

Savage monument restored

Donald Combe Special to The Local

This monument has recently been dug up and restored by Willowbank School of Restoration Arts. With the help of cemetery records we can read almost all of the inscription. John Savage built two houses on Johnson Street in Niagara-onthe-Lake. The first a modest cottage at 89, where I live, and a larger and more impressive house at 85.

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Garden of the week



The Town, the Communities in Bloom Committee and the NOTL Horticulture Society are running the Garden of the Week program over the summer months. This week's winner is 1994 York Street, Queenston, owned by Mary Kiss. A mature garden with a lovely mix of flowering shrubs and hydrangeas, there are lots of low spreading evergreens, said the judges. "A mix of deciduous trees and evergreens are centered with a lovely red maple. The garden is calm and has many textures. It has been lovingly cared for over the years." Residents are encouraged to submit nominations of phenomenal front gardens and winners will receive a lawn sign recognizing the home owners. Nomination forms are available on Join the Conversation.

The NOTL Local acknowledges the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous peoples.

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COMMENT

Club 27 concert to raise money for Special Olympics



Maria Mavridis Special to The Local

Everyone has a cause close to their heart, whether it is because they have been personally affected or it hits close to home.

Mine is our community: Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This community gave me so much at the most difficult times in my life that it is easy to want to do the same in return, so when Special Olympics Ontario asked for assistance to fundraise for a NOTL chapter, it was once again an easy "yes."

with ID (intellectual disabilities) to show their athleticism five. and compete in sport.

there are hundreds of kids and adults living with intellectual disabilities.

One of them is a close family member of mine.

For this article, I reached out to interview the future of this community — children who are close to me.

"I think it's very nice for everyone to be given the chance for sports. Especially for their families that get to watch them be happy," is Hope's opinion on Special Olympics. She is seven a glass of wine, with 100 per years old and my daughter.

"Umm, I think every-

Special Olympics is an or- body should have fun and be ganization that allows people important," was Hayden's re- it Jackson Triggs website, at on Facebook. sponse, my nephew — he is

What do you think makes Within our community a community, Hope?

> "Being kind and helping each other and having fun."

> And that is exactly what our first fundraiser for Special Olympics NOTL is all about.

> Club 27: A live rock concert experience at Jackson Triggs Amphitheatre, celebrates the music of Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain, Jim Morrison and Amy Winehouse, all who passed away at age 27.

> Tickets are \$45 and include cent of proceeds going to Special Olympics NOTL.

To get your tickets vis- on Special Olympics NOTL for their pop-up shop under www.greatestatesniagara.com.

The fundraising commit-For all details please follow tee is also collecting donations

the marquis tent that evening. To donate please contact Nancy.bailey@evrealtors.com.



Hayden and Hope, Maria Mavridis' nephew and daughter, say they want all kids to be able to play sports and have fun. (Maria Mavridis)

A Man Goes to the Movies

Donald Combe Special to The Local

Experiencing this film was the correct thing for me to do. It might not be for everybody. Just when I thought I understood it, I was certain I had not understood it, nor would I ever understand it, but I remain happy I sat there trying to understand it. This wild ride through Hollywood lasts two and a half hours. I could recommend that you see it, but I am not entirely sure I should.

Donald Combe is a retired English teacher who loves to go to movies. His Facebook

reviews have become popular to share his opinions through with his friends and followers, and he has graciously agreed

"short and sweet" exclusives for The Local.



Pollution from bus exhaust not great for Queenston

I have to tell you of my open air recording at St. Saviour's Church in Queenston.

During that beautiful of service I saw and heard five why should they be allowed coaches pass by (this was to ruin our roads and deon a Sunday evening). $\bar{\text{W}}\text{hat}$ $\;$ village of Queenston? upset me most was the pollution from their exhaust that alternative solution if they wafted our way as they strug- must continue running gled to get up the hill from the these whirlpool jet boats Whirlpool Jet docking area.

What is the benefit of experience last Sunday at an tourism for this quaint historic village? When coaches are not allowed in the town Niagara-on-the-Lake, from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. stroy lives of residents in the

Surely they can find an from our side of the river.

I was only there for a couple of hours to enjoy a wonderful Sunday Church Evensong. I cannot imagine how the residents have had to cope with living there. They certainly have my sympathy now. All that carbon monoxide instead of fresh summer air — it is totally wrong to have allowed this business to move there.

Sylvia Angelkotter

The Local welcomes valu-mart



Tony Hendriks of Hendriks valu-mart on Queen Street and Phil Leboudec of Phil's valu-mart in Virgil have made the move to The Local to distribute their weekly flyers. We welcome them aboard. Don't forget to look for the flyers in the Aug. 22 edition of The Local.

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Time is right for Liberals to take back riding'

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One local wine industry veteran Kaiser was thrilled to see Monday was the last Liberal to win the riding, Gary Pillitteri. Kaiser said she had not had much contact with Pillitteri prior to the nomination meeting.

She said Pillitteri, as a retired MP, wanted to let the process unfold, "and let Joyce and I both work hard, and work independently. And at the end of the day I think he's just excited to support whoever would win, in this case, now, me, to win the riding back."

Both Kaiser and Morocco said they believe the time is ripe for the Liberals to take back the Niagara Falls riding.

In April, Conservative MP Rob Nicholson announced he

the riding. (Mike Balsom)

tion this year. The 67-year-old Nicholson was first elected to Parliament in 1984 and was has held the Niagara Falls riding since 2004.

Tony Baldinelli, the Director of Communications said she has been inspired by for the Niagara Parks Commission, will be trying to fill Nicholson's Conservative shoes this October, while teacher Brian Barker will represent the NDP. Other candidates include Sandra O'Connor for the Green Party, Alex J.C. Taylor representing the new People's Party of Canada, and Niagara Falls city councillor and former Olympic boxer Mike Strange running Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. as an independent.

Kaiser said though she stud-

never set out to become a politician. She said her decade on town council was inspired by re-elected six more times. He her community asking her to step up and serve with a strong and experienced local voice.

> This time, however, she three specific individuals.

"It was the strong and compassionate leadership of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, in the aftermath of a terrible tragedy (last May's mass shooting at two New Zealand mosques) that reaffirmed to me that we need to be bold and to step up and set an example for our youth," she said.

Her second inspiration is

Perhaps somewhat surprisingly, Kaiser credited her 21-year-old daughter, Madison Lepp, as being the third and main inspiration for running for the Liberal nomination. She said Lepp carries the warmth and compassion of Kaiser's mother, and her commitment to fighting climate change has inspired Kaiser to become a better person.

Madison seemed flabbergasted by her mother's comments, though she did say "we both have a lot of respect and support for each other, and I've always encouraged her to go big or go home, and always shoot for the stars, and

would not be seeking re-elec- ied politics at university, she we both mutually support each other like that."

> Kaiser went on to say the journey of her father, the late wine industry pioneer Karl Kaiser, led to her strong entrepreneurial spirit, and both of her parents' core liberal values taught her to care for her neighbours.

Having won the party's nomination, she was planning to meet with riding officials early Tuesday to discuss the party's strategy in the riding for the next two-and-ahalf months.

be "getting a local voice at respect for Morocco as a fellow Parliament, one that's really passionate about tourism and agriculture, and that is concerned about investments in our community. And I'm excited about the work that's been done by the Liberals on climate change, and I'm really excited about making sure that we have the investments for families, seniors and youth."

As the crowd filed out of the Legion, and Kaiser and her supporters headed out to celebrate

Kaiser said her focus will her victory, she talked about her Liberal Party member.

> With resumes that are very similar (both served on local councils, both have business and tourism backgrounds), it was expected that Monday night's vote would be close. The riding association did not comment on the actual breakdown of the vote, but Kaiser said she hopes she and Morocco can work together to paint the riding red for the first time since 2004.



Former Liberal MP Gary Pillitteri and Vance Badawey, Liberal MP for the Niagara Centre riding, with Andrea Kaiser, who hopes to win the Niagara Falls riding for the Liberals in the upcoming October federal election. (Mike Balsom)

CCTV could be coming to NOTL

Penny Coles The Local

in town could be the first in to catch and charge suspects in Niagara-on-the-Lake to be equipped with closed-circuit television cameras.

Town staff are currently exploring the installation of CCTV cameras at the intersection of King and Queen Street. Niagara Regional Police have recommended they may be warranted due to the volume of people in the area, and cite a robbery at Simpson's Pharmacy as another reason they could be helpful. He added surveillance would assist police in investigating crime or a traffic accident, stated an information report prepared by town staff.

Police Services board chair Ken Gansel, a Niagara-on-the-Lake resident, suggested at a July council meeting that the Town should consider vestigate a situation in an area intersection. Tracking the was at the meeting with Insp. James McCaffery to provide an update on the challenges presented by horse and carriage protesters and supporters.

A number of municipalities have chosen to install cameras and join the NRP system of surveillance for increased public and community safety, he told councillors, adding there are businesses which also share their video with the NRP system.

"This is a crime-prevention program," he said, and "an after-the-fact tool for police. It's a worthwhile project here in Niagara."

He said he had spoken to Lord Mayor Betty Disero about the cameras before that evening — he thinks they could be helpful in NOTL.

Falls and St. Catharines have installed cameras in some ar-The busiest intersection eas, and they have been used criminal acts, he said.

> The police install the cameras, and monitor them from a Real Time Operations Centre built as part of the new Niagara Falls headquarters, but the Town would have to pay the \$10,000 for the installation of the hardware.

> The cameras provide backup for officers on calls, he said. The centre is staffed 24/7, and allows for "real time analysis," but "it's not like George Orwell's 1984," said Gansel. Officers aren't watching the video feeds 24/7, but "if they hear something is going down, they can look at the video," and make decisions on what manpower should be dispatched.

If officers are called to inthe installation of CCTV. He covered by cameras, once they fill out a report the video can ful." The quality of video is be checked as part of the investigation, and taken to the crown attorney if a decision has to be made about laying charges, Gansel said.

> Sean Simpson of Simpson's Pharmacy said there was an armed robbery at the drugstore's King Street location last fall. A man approached the pharmacist and threatened with a knife, demanding drugs. The pharmacy captured some images of the assailant on video, as did cameras at the Irish Harp beside it, but they were too grainy to be of much use, and as far as he knows, nobody has been charged in the robbery. He couldn't say whether cameras at the intersection would act as a deterrent — in this situation, "this

Port Colborne, Niagara guy came in from the back. It would depend on the breadth of the program whether the cameras would help. I'm not opposed to the idea of having CCTV. We see lots of examples where it has helped."

> If it could provide some safety downtown and a level of deterrent, he said, it might be worth "that small invasion of privacy." Disero says "there are a couple of reasons" the town is looking at installing cameras at the corner of King and Queen Street. They were recommended by the NRP "for police purposes," and could also be beneficial to the town for traffic counting and checking weather conditions," she said.

Although there isn't a lot of crime in NOTL, said Gansel, the cameras will record licence plates, and "there aren't many cars entering the Old Town without passing through that movement of cars can be helpvery good, he added.

The information report prepared for council said staff will be following up with the potential location of the cameras and if a heritage permit is required for the installation.

A Main Street Revitalization Fund grant can be used to pay for the hardware, the report said.

Staff will also visit the Real Time Operations Centre in Niagara Falls and will continue conversations with the Niagara Regional Police about the benefits and potential opportunities for this system, the report said.

"If proceeding, council will be further updated and a communications plan for notifying surrounding businesses will be



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After winning the Liberal nomination to represent the Niag-

ara Falls riding, Andrea Kaiser speaks with Joyce Morocco.

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Water levels down, but still higher than in 2017

Penny Coles The Local

The level of Lake Ontario has dropped again, says Dock Area resident Ron Simkus.

It was down 2-3/4 inches last week, and is now 11 inches below the record high of June, 2019. It is still five inches higher than the same date in 2017, says Simkus.

Unfortunately, thunderstorms late last week stalled the momentum, he says, and more rain can be expected.

He is also concerned about the lack of activity on the waterfront. The Town update from July 31 listed some work to be done this month, and said "construction on the site is ongoing," but there is no sign of it, he said.

As the announcement stated, bladders were removed, and fencing was moved to open up the park, but the shoreline protection work it said would take place this month, "the placement of the river stone works," hasn't begun.

"The huge pile of rocks and rubble still sits idle in the parkette even though we all know

that there is so much unfinished work to be completed," says Simkus, a retired mining engineer who keeps residents up-to-date on water levels.

"Construction security fences are still up even though absolutely no work has taken place for months."

There is a "massive headland" to construct at the parkette's east groyne, and anchor stones to install along the inland side.

The Town's announcement says the groyne will be worked on "if and when permits allow, and when the water level is substantially lower."

There is a small window to carry out some of the work under a provincial permit that closes Sept. 1, says Simkus, due to fish spawning, and then it will be November before the window opens again.

He fears budget talks could stall it in the fall, and then comes the ice, and by next spring, the waterfront could be going through what it did this year with no further work completed.

He says it has been almost two years since Dock Area residents were presented with a

solution to the shoreline, and time comes. they are still waiting for it.

He would at least feel reassured to know there is a plan in place to finish the work, with a timeline, and some indication that it's actually going to happen.

"I would like to see a plan, with dates on it, and then see them follow through."

If there is a plan, he says, "why isn't it being communicated to residents?"

He says he has asked the Town what they are going to do and when they are going to get it, but hasn't received a response.

He is also concerned about the likelihood of storms. The last major storm that tore up the shoreline with winds from the east was on May 28, and it would be unusual for there not to be another this season, however the later it comes, the lower the water will be.

"The water is still way up there for this time of year. We're not out of harm's way.

He says he wouldn't think about removing the sand bags along the shoreline until after the end of September, and it will be a huge job when the

"Those sand bags weighed 40 pounds when they were put in, when they're dry. They weigh 60 to 70 pounds wet. There were lots of offers to help when it seemed like an emergency. It will be a messy job to clean up. The enthusiasm just isn't there."

The Town has promised a further update this Thursday, Aug. 15, during the special council meeting called to discuss the Official Plan. It will begin at 4 p.m. at the community centre.



The huge pile of rocks and rubble still sits idle in the Dock Area Parkette, waiting to be moved, says Ron Simkus.

Time running out for Strategic Plan survey

Local Staff

Council members are in the process of developing their strategic plan for this term — what they hope to accomplish, and what they see as their priorities.

Council has retained a consulting company to help develop a strategic plan, and would

also like input from residents. Consultants have conducted one-on-one interviews with council members and the

Town's senior staff, focus groups the survey should take apand stakeholders, and presented a draft plan to council July 10.

To Join the Conversation, take the survey and have some input into what you would like to see in the way of services and programs in the community. the survey below to weigh in regarding council's Strategic Plan. The survey will close on Friday, Aug. 16, so there isn't much time.

There are 10 questions and

proximately five to 10 minutes to complete. It can be found at https://www.jointheconversationnotl.org/strategic-plan.

If you participated in a focus group, please take the other survey titled Strategic Plan Survey for Focus Group Participants.

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Car wash a community event to support Terry Fox Run

Penny Coles The Local

"I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try." - Terry Fox

When Joe Pillitteri speaks of Terry Fox and all he accomplished in his short time, before being forced by illness to end his Marathon of Hope run across Canada, this is one of his favourites.

week as he prepares for an event Saturday to raise money for Team Pillsy and the Terry at the Cornerstone Church Fox Foundation.

the contribution raised at this 4 p.m.

year's Terry Fox Run, and to do so, he and his cousin Mike Pillitteri have upped their goal.

Two years ago, Joe issued a friendly family challenge to his cousin in his efforts to raise money for the run, setting a goal of \$50,000. Last year, they decided they were in it together, and together hoped to raise \$60,000. They surpassed that, donating \$84,000 to the run, and plan to top that this year, aiming for a \$90,000 target.

As Team Pillsy did last It's the one he is using this year, they will be holding the second annual car wash, bake sale and touch-a-truck event building at 1517 Niagara Pillitteri has his dreams, Stone Road Aug 17, beginning one of which is to increase at noon and running until 3 or

The women of the congregation are busy making "the most amazing peach pies ever," to support the fundraiser, says Pillitteri.

"I don't know what they do to them but Seaway Farms is donating the peaches, and the church is supplying everything else."

made last week, with Dorothy Wiens and Carole Wiens in charge, and they will be baking this Thursday and Friday as well. Some of the pies will be sold fresh, some frozen, but there is no doubt they will sell out quickly, says Joe — he went to get one at the end of the event but they were sold out. His sister had one for dessert with the family, he said,

"and if I could have had five — this is a true community ment, for youngsters to have to eat by myself, I would have. event, says Joe. They are incredible."

and getting a first batch made and frozen," said Dorothy

"Pies will cost \$20 as it is The first batch of pies were a fundraiser for the Terry Fox a bake table. Foundation. We have all been another, and we are excited to help in this way. Our goal is to have 250 pies made for this fundraiser."

> The car wash is a family event, Joe jokes — since he and Mike were made to work on family farms when they were kids, they carry on the tradition with their kids. "It's like our childhood. If we had be kids from Niagara schools to work, so must our children." But it was evident last year the Holy Cross and Eden high kids had a blast, and they are schools, as well as Crossroads looking forward to helping and St. Michael elementary again this year.

> Penner Building Centre is supplying the hoses, buckets and everything else they and grape harvesters from his need in the way of equipment company, Lakeview Equip-

When he was planning "This past Wednesday and the first car wash last summer Thursday there were about and approached Pastor Peter Pillsy is an offer from Grape five of us making the pastry Bayne, he readily offered the Escape Wine Tours, whose Cornerstone parking lot, a perfect location for the event. But he went one step further — he said they would provide

It was so "wildly successtouched by cancer one way or ful," Joe says, this year it's more like the pie sale is the main event, with a car wash added on. "Come buy a pie, and wait for your car to get washed. Let help it can get in raising funds, the kids do it for you."

> He expects to top last year's fundraiser, which earned \$6,000 for the run, setting a goal for Saturday of \$7,500.

> Helping Team Pillsy will students from A.N. Myer, schools, will be on hand to wash cars.

photos taken on them for a donation.

New this year for Team owner Rich Mell has offered to donate \$25 from every team that uses their escape room until Sept 5.

"We will throw in a case of VQA wine to the team who participates with the lowest time during the donation period," says Joe.

Team Pillsy can use any he says, and is looking for volunteers to help out at Saturday's event as well.

Also coming up is his big fundraiser, a popular annual comedy night at the Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery, Thursday, Sept. 5. He will do what he is best at drawing a crowd for the entertainment, while raising money for a good cause.

Tickets are expected to sell Pillitteri will bring tractors out, but there are some still available at jacksontriggsniagaraamphitheatre.



Joan King was busy on Queen Street Saturday, selling T-Shirts for the Terry Fox Foundation. King has been organizing the annual run for more than a decade. (Fred Mercnik)



Isolde Kroeker and Susan Muste are making pastry in the kitchen of the former Cornerstone Church building for the pies to be sold at \$20 each. (Photos by Dorothy Wiens)

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Therapy gone to the dogs

Furry friends are providing love to those who need it most

Jennifer Chornley **Special to The Local**

a Niagara-based non-profit organization whose therapy services have literally gone to the dogs.

It was founded by Tina Hill in 2010, to improve the lives of physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially-disadvantaged individuals, through regular visits and programs that use the expertise of caseworkers, co-ordinators, teachers, caregivers, and parents to enhance the effectiveness of canine therapy.

Hill's motto for Therapy Tails is "live with purpose." A lover of dogs, she believed that motto applied to dogs and not just people.

Therapy Tails Laura Gmaz has been volunteering with her seven-year old Black Labrador Retriever Bella for the past five years. She has seen their dogs provide therathe positive impact of canine peutic services for a vari- gram creates connections therapy, especially for kids ety of organizations and with children with autism,

Tales Reading program.

Therapy Tails Ontario is takes place in community locations, including schools, libraries and special-needs facilities, encouraging chilencouraging, non-judgmental environment to help them become more social and interactive.

> afraid of the dog at the beginning of the year, but by the end of the year they are cuddling with them, and at the same time have enhanced their literacy skills," says Gmaz.

away in 2015, her vision to nization's newest program, help enhance mental well-being through the love of a canine companion carries on ti-bullying program that uses a with the organization's 200 volunteers, some of whom those being bullied to speak have multiple dogs.

who participate in the Tell specialized healthcare facilities, including schools, The reading program long-term care homes, day programs, hospitals, libraries, mental health facilities and rehabilitation centres.

Therapy Tails teams can be dren to read to dogs in an found at regularly-scheduled times on a weekly basis, and at community events such as Sunday's Peach Festival at St. Vincent de Paul Church in "With kids, they'll be Niagara-on-the-Lake, to raise awareness on the importance of mental health, Gmaz said.

Other programs incorporated into the organization are Paws for Respect, visits for individuals with unique Even though Hill passed special needs, and the orga-Bereavement Recovery.

> Paws 4 Respect is an antherapy dog to help encourage up, and make adults aware of volunteers and the challenges they are facing.

The special needs pro-



Laura Gmaz and her labrador retriever Bella at the St. Vincent de Paul Peach Festival in NOTL Sunday.

Alzheimer patients, men- are a handful of volunteers in ic criteria is met, says Gmaz. tally-challenged als, stroke victims and other unique situations.

The Bereavement Recovery program works with people who have lost a loved one, especially children. Gmaz says the Therapy Tails members are trained to respond, respect and help anyone who is going through the difficulty of losing someone they were close to.

Gmaz says the organization's volunteers are spread throughout the Niagara Region and recently has begun to expand into

individu- the Hamilton area.

Since she began volunteering, she says, "I love being out in the community with Bella at the various locations. To see the impact she has on people, especially going into seniors' homes, is very rewarding. Anywhere I can take tion-based organization, with my dog, I'm all for it."

The organization is always looking for more volunteers. Therapy Tails holds evaluations four times a year with those who have expressed an interest.

Each potential volunteer the Grimsby area, adding there is evaluated to ensure specif-

For example, to be a therapy dog, it must have manners and be comfortable being around other dogs. "And most importantly, they must enjoy being petted. That is their job."

Therapy Tails is a donano paid staff. All donations received are invested in the organization's programming.

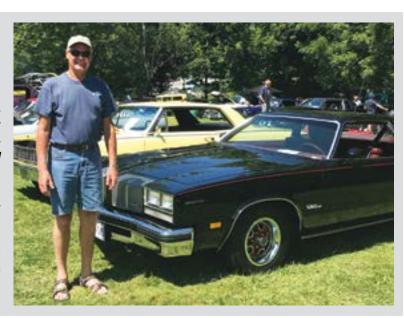
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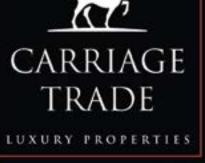
Local resident Tom Elltoft stands next to his vintage 1951 Chevy pickup truck at the NOTL Kinsmen car show held Sunday. (Fred

Dave Price bought his 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme in 1976, and restored it in '87. He's won some "awesome" trophies with it, and enjoys showing it when he gets the time. (Karen Skeoch)





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It's all about the peach





The Fort George Fife and Drum Corps parades along Queen Street to open the 29th annual Chamber of Commerce Peach Celebration. (Fred Mercnik)



a popular tradition on Queen Street. (Fred Mercnik)





Lepp Farms was on Queen Street with fresh peaches, sold by Paula Lepp, Mark Lepp and Michael Johnson. (Fred Mercnik)



Prince of Wales Chef Chris Smythe, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Chamber of Commerce President Eduardo Lafforgue, and Coun. Gary Burroughs take their job seriously as the pie contest judges at the Peach Celebration Saturday. Lida Kowal took first prize, second went to Sandy Piccolo and third was Norma Price. (Photo supplied)



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Peachy-keen volunteers stage Peach Festival

St. Vincent de Paul Church held its 32nd annual Peach Festival Sunday. Hundreds of people enjoyed a sunny day indulging in peachy delights and fresh peaches. Volunteers made 500 peach pies and almost 450 jars of peach jam. The day included a kids' corner and live entertainment.



Serving up peach pie slices are Helena Mercer, Flavia and Tony Medina and John Mercer.





Brett Pether, Sarah Bellamy and 13-month-old Madelyn Pether enjoy some peachy treats and a balloon animal. (Photos by Jennifer Chornley)



Bryson Carl, 3, and his brother Mason John, 5, do a little fishing in the Kids' Corner of the Peach Festival.



and Christina Sulpizio.



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Classic musicals, mystery and comedy in Shaw's 2020 season

Local Staff

Classic is the word for the Shaw Festival's 2020 season.

"This is a season of classics across the board: classic musicals, classic comedies, classic dramas," says artistic director have that role. Tim Carroll.

the brilliant writing which has always been at the centre of our mission, and for which we have assembled one of the world's great acting ensembles."

Festival Theatre is Gypsy, a musical the Shaw featured in 2005, in the main theatre and directed by former Shaw artistic director Jackie Maxwell. The play was first performed on Broadway in 1959, and remains a classic, with several revivals since then.

Inspired by the famous Lee, it tells the story of an obsessive mother who pushes her daughters into show biz, and cost.

The festival is focusing on just one Bernard Shaw play in 2020, also on the main stage. The Devil's Disciple, to be directed by Eda Holmes, promises an action-packed come-

so good at, and some sexual tension to heighten interest.

artistic director at the Shaw, is journey through the past. current artistic and executive

on the festival main stage, following on the heels of the successful production of The Hound of the Baskervilles last season. The Raven's Curse has and His Boy this season. At the top of the list for the the sleuth returning to his childhood home to investihis uncle, hopefully before when the four children hear the curse claims another victim. Written by R. Hamilton Wright, and based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, The Raven's Curse will be directed by Craig Hall.

A special commission striptease artist Gypsy Rose of Toronto's innovative Why Not Theatre's Mahabharata will round out the playbill at the festival theatre. Adaptbut with an unexpected result ed by Ravi Jain and Miriam Fernandes from the original concept developed with Jenny Koons, Jain will direct it for the Shaw. Mahabharata is considered a modern take Their friend Lord Fancourt on a Sanskrit epic more than Babberley takes on that role,

dy, with the dialogue Shaw is story of a family feud. It explores philosophical and spiritual ideas, and takes the au-Holmes, former associate dience on a visually stunning

Narnia is back on stage director at Centaur Theatre in at the Royal George for the Montreal — the first female to third straight year, this time with Prince Caspian, written Sherlock Holmes and his by C.S. Lewis, adapted by "Every single one features sidekick Watson will be back Damien Atkins and directed by Molly Atkinson. It follows The Magician's Nephew, which was produced in 2018 at the Shaw, and The Horse

> Prince Caspian takes place a year after The Lion, gate the mysterious death of the Witch and the Wardrobe, Narnia summoning them back to the magical land. This world premiere production will be accompanied by preshow workshops in which audience members will be prepared to take part in the performance.

> Also at the Royal George Theatre, Carroll will direct Charley's Aunt, by Brandon Thomas. Jack and Charley scramble to make sure their plans to woo Kitty and Amy aren't ruined, and need a chaperone to make it happen. 4,000 years old, based on the disguised as a rich Brazilian



charming ways soon become a distraction for the girls.

Flush is this year's lunchtime one-act production, based on the novella by Virginia Woolf, and adapted and directed by Carroll. Flush is Elizabeth Barrett's cocker The story is considered one of the most romantic of all time, of the cocker spaniel.

Assassins, directed by Meg Roe, is referred to as a relationship of hatred turn-"darkly comic" musical revue, presenting nine men and women who have attempted to kill an American president. A carnival of the macabre, this Booth to Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme on display.

At the Jackie Maxwell Sturect J.M. Synge's The Playboy Irish comedy takes place in a and power."

widow — but Babberley's small town where the only entertainment is gossip. Christy Mahon's arrival has everyone talking. On the run after the murder of his father, he finds himself a local celebrity, not so much condemned as admired, until Dad turns up.

Eugene O'Neill's Desire spaniel, her only companion. Under the Elms, directed by Selma Dimitrijevic, will be presented at the Royal told here from the perspective George, taking a Greek tragedy to an American farmstead, with a stepmother/stepson ing to desire in a "poetic tale of forbidden love hurtling towards disaster."

Philip Akin will direct Trouble in Mind, by Alice Royal George. ground-breaking musical puts Childress. Willetta Mayer is everyone from John Wilkes a black actress rehearsing a white play about black people being saved by white people — replete with compromises dio Theatre, Maxwell will di- and petty humiliations in a "painfully funny and truthof the Western World. This ful piece about race, privilege For more information visit

Desire Under the Elms and Trouble in Mind will also be performed in the intimate Maxwell studio theatre named for the former artistic director.

In a partnership between the Shaw Festival and Parks Canada, 30 minutes of The History of Niagara, created and performed by Mike Petersen and Alexandra Montagnese and commissioned for the Shaw Festival, will be directed by Tim Carroll and presented at Fort George.

Leading up to the holiday season, Shaw will present Carroll's adaption of Dickens' A Christmas Carol, directed by Molly Atkinson, at the

Me and My Girl, a fun and much-loved musical performed at the Shaw in 2017, will also be on offer.

Tickets go on sale to Friends of The Shaw Nov. 2 and to the public Dec. 7. shawfest.com.

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Artist Daniel Abadie to exhibit paintings at local winery

Donald Combe Special to The Local

Daniel Abadie has been both my barber and my friend for many years, during which time I have come to admire his many, talents.

did I discover how extraordinarily well he paints. An upcoming exhibition at a local winery will allow you painter.

something of early life. "I was born in Buenos Aires, an adult." Argentina in 1961. Early interest in the arts: music, drawing, painting, writing, mostly through being exposed to them at school," he said. "Before I completed primary school, I was asked to paint a mural in the school to honour Co-

there for years. It may even still be there."

About his early goals varied artistic skills and ambitions, Daniel said, "I wanted to study the Only recently, however, arts and I loved music and wanted to study piano, but because my parents held strict religious beliefs, I wasn't allowed to particitoo, to know his talent as a pate in any extra curricular activities, or studies. I did I asked Daniel to tell me not return to any involvement with the arts till I was

on I started showing an part of his life as it provided an escape from life's "crazy realities," he said.

"I grew up in an Argentina plagued by political unrest and military domination. During my high school years, I participated in a nation-wide art compe-very quickly. It was boring

lumbus's discovery of the tition and had the honour and there was nothing ar- ist, both in St. Catharines keeping him at home for ed only for the holidays, third prizes for my submis-just quit." but the principal was so sions. My early work was

I sat at home in front of empty canvases and painted whatever made me happy.

Daniel Abadie

been lost."

After high school, he said, his family did not permit him to continue any kind of post secondary studies, so he was made to find a sensible day job. "I became tired of office life

do now. All the art I cre- He told me, "A good friend ber of The Caravan Stage Art had always been ated in Argentina has sadly understood my problem Company, an experimenand introduced me to barbering, and within a year, I has performed worldwide had my own small shop in for more than 40 years. Buenos Aries. The business This company of over became very successful 100 performing artists and I expanded my ser- travelled the east coast of vices to include women's North America from port hair styling as well. I loved to port, on board a 100it because at last I had a foot Thames-style sailing chance to express myself barge. In the evenings, the artistically. I always con- barge was transformed sidered hair my medium. into a stage for perfor-Political unrest and the mances while the audigrowing instability of life ence enjoyed a circus-inin Argentina prompted me spired show from seats on to leave my homeland and the shore." try my luck making a life in a new country."

> arrived in Canada, where studies. Three years ago, he was able to build a suc- plans were put on hold cessful career as a hair styl- because of health issues, day from 4 to 6 p.m.

Americas. It was intend- to receive first, second and tistic about it. Eventually I and internationally. His long periods of time. This, I was curious as to how him to become "a platform pleased that it was kept very different from what I he became a hair stylist. artist," which took him "During this time, I was member of the Opera Ontario Company."

rience as an actor. "Five Niagara-on-the-Lake at years ago, I had the opportunity to spend a year as a performing memtal theatre company that

university to study music, At the age of 25, Daniel while still continuing vocal

work as a hair stylist led however, allowed him to go back to the interest of his youth, painting, as to the four corners of the there was nothing else to world and exposed him to do. "I sat at home in front all types of artistry, he said. of empty canvases and painted whatever made me able to resume university happy. I soon became very studies and to fulfill my colour-driven in my art, as performing interests as a colour continued to bring happiness."

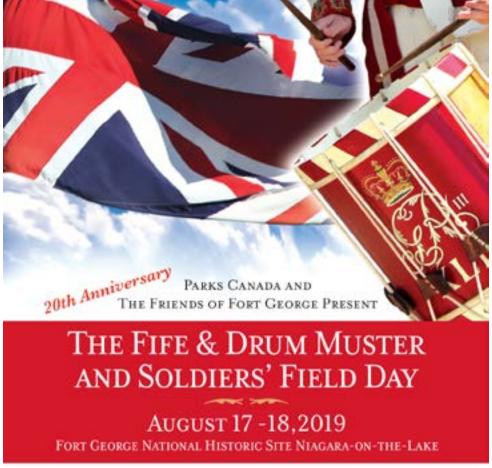
There is to be an ex-Daniel also had expe- hibition of Daniel's art in The Hare Wine Co., and he spoke with great happiness about the collection to be shown locally.

"I continue to be consumed with my interest and love of painting. My current work is the result of my passion for a style known as pointillism, a technique in which small, distinct dots of colour are applied to a canvas to form an image. The 20 pieces in this new exhibition are the result of my complete involvement with pointillism. My love of colour and joy for life are apparent as you experience my paintings."

The Art of Daniel Aba-Daniel went back to die is at the winery on 769 Niagara Stone Rd., Aug. 23, 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is an opportunity to meet the artist each



Daniel Abadie has been concentrating on pointillism and expressions of bold colour. Twenty of his paintings will be on display at The Hare Co. Winery Aug. 23, 24 and 25. (Photo supplied)



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Art for animal advocacy at RiverBrink

Jennifer Chornley Special to The Local

Art, animals, compassion and advocacy.

Keri Cronin, art historian and associate dean at Brock University, spoke of how these are connected at the Arts for Animals discussion held Saturday at the RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston.

Last year, she published Art for Animals: Visual Culture and Animal Advocacy, 1870-1914.

Her work ties in with one of the museum's current exhibitions, entitled Menagerie, which is a representation of animals in art history. The collection includes depictions of minds and attitudes. animals and birds by various artists, with assemsculptures highlighting the complex relationships humans have with the natural world.

Cronin says she has great interest in animal rights, animal welfare and how people can make the "fashionable cropworld a better place for animals.

She says co-existence with animals, wild or domestic, is important, especially with those who want to be activists for environmental issues, which she sees in university students.

Art for Animals focused on pieces used for animal advocacy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Though the book focuses on research described as being "historically grounded," she says many of the issues are as relevant today as they have ever been.

In her presentation, Cronin shows and explains why a variety of advertising paintings, campaigns and print articles depicted the role of art as "significant and crucial to getting their point across," and in changing

The animals she focused were dogs and bled prints, paintings and horses — dogs because of their loyal companionship to people, and horses because of how they symbolize social status.

One example Cronin provided was animal welfare advocates protesting ping" of a non-working horse's tail. The croppedtail horses were featured in many paintings by British artist George Stubbs.

"Occasionally,



Keri Cronin is pictured with her book Art for Animals: Visual Culture and Animal Advocacy, 1870–1914 in front of Frederick Arthur Verner's Mastiff oil painting completed in 1891. Cronin's Art for Animals discussion was recently held at the River-Brink Art Museum.

tually hurt the horses by the says. "But more often they

defend his or herself from it, she says. cutting into the bone," she things like flies and so it was very annoying, some- pieces and pictures can says.

> Cronin says because artist's original context. paintings depicted the "fashionable," advocates saw this as suffering.

spective and how the ad- meaning, she adds. vocates viewed it.

Print campaigns came in the form of publications, one of which was called the Band of Mercy Advocate. This magazine focused on humane education and was a formal program, directed mostly to children, to be kind to animals. Adults were also educated through formal programs talking about how a cart horse should not be left out at night without a blanket when it's cold and that dogs should have enough food and water.

These helped people see animals azine, for instance, will not just as tools for transportation or work, but with it." as living, sensing beings "that get hungry, cold and scared," she says.

on art to get their message some viewers are traumaacross. They spent a lot of tized to the point where money and, in some cases, they don't know what to a lot of money they didn't think or do. have."

painters had their work important that they are history, when they were following up with a pos- kericronin.com.

extreme, and it would acfact that the horse couldn't not around to approve of itive story, such as a res-

In addition, many art and were taken out of the

"Once the original concropped tail as a status text is put into a different symbol, it became more context, new meanings however, can be made, which is a good reminder that meanings of images aren't stat-It may have not been ic." Cronin says. There's no one of the "worst forms of universal way of reading York City and Toronto. animal cruelty," she says, a picture — the viewer but is more about per- and the context shape the piqued Cronin's inter-

cue, or figuring out a way to become involved," she

Cronin's research took her to Britain where a majority of the research was conducted at the British Library in London, and also to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Boston, New

The thought that est was "how activists in

They can have a place in activism, however, it's important that they are used carefully.

Keri Cronin

"Moving an image out the past have used art, campaigns in a newspaper or magchange the way we engage

graphic images being used in social media to raise "Activists really drew awareness, Cronin says

A lot of very famous in activism, however, it's

of a gallery and putting it to tell stories about animals and to try and make the world a kinder, gentler place for them."

Cronin hopes readers In current times, with of her book and discussion participants think differently about how they portray animals and the overall relationships with the people they share the planet with, no matter what en-"They can have a place vironment – wild or domesticated.

To learn more about brought into these cam- used carefully. Then, by Cronin's research and paigns, sometimes later in taking it one step further, writing initiatives, visit





The Toronto All Star Big Band, of young musicians, played in the vineyards at Ravine Vineyards Estate Winery. (Cosmo

Music Niagara wraps up great 21st festival

Nancy Smith Special to The Local

Music Niagara Festival, culturally rich and relevant, appeals to a broad range of up this weekend, after presenting international and Canadian but its roots are in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

I attended 19 of the 29 concerts this year and every single performance I vourites.

I'll never forget the sound of Timothy Chooi and extraordinary.

brick and her quintet lit up Estate Winery, they sang later.

the stage at Pondview Estate Winery with an infectious performance that energized everyone at the show. The band enjoyed themselves as much as the audience, and musical tastes. It wrapped it was a night everyone will remember.

Last Night of the Proms performers, was wonderful. Audience members turned up waving or wearing various forms of British flags, and sang along to their favourite British patriotic tunes. Presentsaw was superb. Below are ing sponsor Elaine Mayo highlights of a few of my fa- put everyone in the mood dressed as Britannia.

The Toronto All Star Big Band featured young singplaying a rare Stradivarius ers and musicians playing violin with pianist Ben- songs made popular in the jamin Smith. The perfor- 1930s, 40s and 50s, long bemance was intimate, simple fore any of them were born.



Young violinist Reed Trudel poses with Timothy Chooi at his Music Niagara Festival. (Nancy Smith)

popular tunes made famous Surrounded by local vine- audiences and musicians with Cuban French/Span-Jazz great Heather Bam- yards at Ravine Vineyard are discovering generations

Hilario Duran introby The Andrews Singers duced concert goers to Afand Frank Sinatra, as well as ro-Cuban music, a complex wartime-era songs that new combination of Latino Jazz

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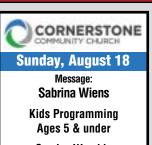
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Expect Beethoven and contemporaries in 2020

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ish/African influences. The audience was mesmerized by his extraordinary skill as a pianist and composer, and accompanying him, including sultry vocalist Adis Rodriguez.

The season finale, All Beethoven, was spectacular. The audience clapped throughout the program and gave the performers a roaring standing ovation. I asked Artistic Director Atis special:

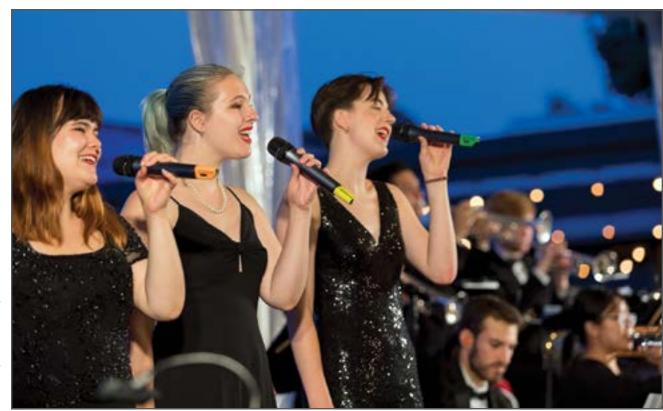
"What makes musicians urge to applaud as an expression of great satisfac- this season's concerts." tion with music and per-Niagara Festival's 21st seathe 2020 season celebrating Christmas Concert.

Ludwig's 250th anniversary, I'm looking forward to many more concerts with the same enthusiasm and appreciation from our ever growing audiences."

During Beethoven's enjoyed the great quartet lifetime, Bankas said, audiences were expressing their appreciation, support and enthusiasm by clapping between movements. If the applause continued, the performers would repeat the same movement again, before continuing with the remaining movements.

"This is my official per-Bankas (who played in the mission to do so for works of concert) what made it so Beethoven and his contemporaries in the upcoming 22nd season of the Music most happy is to see the Niagara Festival. On behalf concert hall fully occupied, of all the musicians, I want sensing audience's listening to thank all the audiences intensity, and the collective for their support and enthusiasm that have attended

Music Niagara's sigformance," Bankas said. "All nature concert series has these things were present at ended, but stay tuned for the final concert of Music news on upcoming performances, including the Dec. son. Since we are entering 8 Toronto All Star Big Band



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