Grant for new St. Davids swimming pool rejected

A federal/provincial grant that was anticipated to fund a new pool in St. Davids has been rejected.

If the Town is going to look at paying for it, it’s likely going to be through the 10-year capital budget, interim CAO Sheldon Randall told councillors at Monday night’s virtual planning meeting.

An Aug. 27 information report to council quotes the provincial rejection letter that says the intake of the funding stream “was highly competitive, and total demand reached upwards of $10 billion against total available joint funding (federal-provincial-applicant) of nearly $1 billion.”

A pool fundraising committee struck last winter of six residents, along with Couns. John Wiens and Gary Burroughs, has not met yet, nor has a goal been set, while the Town waited for news of the grant.

On the suggestion of Coun. Allan Boback Monday, councillors discussed dividing the funding target into two tracks, one for the fundraising committee, the other to continue looking for other grants.

The report to council also says town staff are anticipating opening the St. Davids Pool next summer, “pending any COVID constraints,” or major mechanical problems.

Randall cautioned council Monday that while the goal is to see it open in 2021, “our largest concern is a major failure” that would shut it down mid-season.

He also warned of “competing needs” in the community, including major fundraising campaigns, for the Shaw Festival, the Niagara Nursery School, and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum.

“Those are very, very difficult times to be raising funds,” he said.

Although Randall suggested the pool could be included in 2021 budget committee discussions, “I don’t think the municipality will be in a position to fund this from the capital budget in 2021,” suggesting they look at the 10-year plan.
Tony Baldinelli’s tourism expertise has been recognized by the new leader of the federal Conservative Party, and will be put to good use.

Baldinelli, MP for the Niagara Falls riding, which includes Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, has been named a member of the shadow cabinet and special advisor on tourism recovery by Erin O’Toole, the recently-elected leader of the federal Conservatives, replacing Andrew Scheer.

Baldinelli says he is “honoured and excited” to be presented with the opportunity to work toward rebuilding the tourism sector, devastated by the pandemic, not just in Niagara, but across the country.

He has had 18 years of experience in tourism with the Niagara Parks Commission, and recognizes its significance as an “economic driver,” he says. His party has been pushing for a recovery plan since March, and with Parliament returning Sept 23, he is anxious to “getting down to work,” which will include talking to stakeholders across the country and soliciting their ideas for rebuilding tourism.

He started working for the parks commission just months before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he says, so he has had experience with that recovery period, which led to 2019 being probably the best year ever for the Niagara tourism industry. It was a slow process, but it worked, he says.

Eduardo Lafforgue, president of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, says it is “fantastic” that the MP from Niagara will be working toward tourism recovery on a federal level. “We have representatives for the Town on both sides (Liberal and Conservative) keeping an eye on tourism in Niagara now. It can only be good.”

Lafforgue, who continues to stress the importance of collaboration for successful tourism recovery, adds, “one way or another, our voice should be heard.”

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Sweets & Swirls Cafe welcomes regulars

First thing Monday morning, a group of women who have been walking together for about 20 years, finished up at Sweets & Swirls in the community centre. The women said they have continued to enjoy their walk during COVID, but missed the socializing when they were finished. Charlotte Letkemann, Heather Hall, Marlene Bridgman, Marilyn Bardean, Joyce Luewen, Lori Kelly, Terry MacTaggert and Ruth de Laat get their drinks from Erinn Lockard, who was happy to be able to open the cafe and welcome back her regulars. (Penny Coles)
Students adjusting with supportive teachers, staff

Penny Coles  
**The Local**

Bella and Hannah Gilchrist were excited to get back to school to see their teachers and friends, a decision that did not come easily to their parents. “It was hard for me to watch them go,” says Megan, their mom. “I haven’t been that nervous since they started their first day of school.”

Hannah, entering Grade 8 at St. Davids Public School, was especially anxious to return to her last year at the school, to see her friends and be sure she could graduate with them, says Megan.

And Bella, in Grade 4, was finding online studying more difficult than Hannah last spring, so she is happy to be returning. Last spring, with their dad Chris working from home and the two girls also online at the same time, was a challenge, says Megan.

Although it’s early days, both girls are adapting well to the school’s protocols. Following at school, she adds.

Bella was a little nervous as school opening approached. She had a negative COVID test in the spring, and she is fearful of getting sick.

“I have a aunt who is a scientific researcher working on the COVID, she says. The girls were also recently interviewed on CTV National News on Sunday night. It focused on the gender disparity for deceased donors, which can take up to a week to register. More information is available at www.UHN.ca.

Mike Peirce  
**Special to The Local**

Some of you may have been following Diane Peirce’s (my wife) liver transplant journey through The Local.

Receiving her transplant April 29, Diane was one of the first liver transplant recipients in Canada during COVID-19. I am pleased to write that she is doing extremely well and enjoying a near-normal life. Well, as normal as it can get during a pandemic and caring part-time for an energetic two-year-old granddaughter (we love it, of course). Despite a return trip to the hospital for three days to manage a localized infection (I believe this is common post-transplant), she continues to progress through her full recovery, which can take up to a year.

Sept. 14 to 18 is Living Donation Week, 2020, hosted by The Centre for Living Donation at the University Health Network in Toronto. UHN’s clinical program in liver disease is the largest and most comprehensive program of its kind in Canada. To bring national awareness to this important cause, The Centre for Living Donation is hosting a series of educational, interactive webinars this week. More information is available at www.UHN.ca.

Many transplant donors, recipients, and their caregivers, including Diane and I, will participate in the webinars.

Diane and her donor, Joy, were also recently interviewed by CTV’s award-winning medical correspondent Arvind Vajro. Their story was aired on CTV National News on Sunday night. It focused on the gender disparity for deceased liver donations. It turns out that most deceased donors are male, and their livers are typically too large for women. In addition, the biological score used to determine urgency of need favours men. I believe the test was developed with gender in mind. It seems it simply worked out that way, with the current biological measures available. A way to overcome the disparity is through living donations — donation of a liver to a recipient. The donor’s liver regenerates, and the recipient’s section also grows to a full size liver — remarkable!

I am so proud of Diane’s strength and her advocacy. Her story started in a seemingly small way made possible by The Local, which ultimately resulted in Joy becoming her donor. — an almost unimaginable gift of life. Their stories and living donation have now garnered national media attention. I believe CTV News is watched nightly by well over one million viewers. I can’t speak for Joy, but Diane is a very private person. All she has said in response is to surprise her at times. One thing I am sure of, is that both remarkable women hope their stories will help save many more lives.
Have you tried a Smile Cookie? Support Red Roof

Penny Coles
The Local

All four Tim Hortons locations in Niagara-on-the-Lake are giving this year’s Smile Cookie proceeds to Red Roof Retreat. The fundraiser will donate $1 for each Smile Cookie sold at the franchise locations on Mississauga Street, Niagara Stone Road, the Gateway Centre on York Road and the Outlet Collections of Niagara on Taylor Road.

The campaign began Monday, and will run until this Sunday, Sept. 20.

Last year, with just two locations participating, more than $8,000 was raised for Red Roof. Claire Ellsworth, special events coordinator with Red Roof Retreat, says the organization is grateful to have all four NOTL locations onboard, especially this year, with so many fundraising events cancelled.

The money will help with operations of Red Roof, which runs respite care and day programs for children and young adults at two locations in Niagara-on-the-Lake and one in St. Catharines.

Each year, charities have to apply to be recipients of the Smile Cookie campaign, and this is the second time Red Roof has been chosen.

St. Michael Catholic Elementary School welcomed back enthusiastic students last week, including Georgia and Peyton Leigh (top), Jodi Michener (middle) and Elliot Epp. (Photos supplied)
In 1947, United Empire Loyalist farmers Walt Caughill and his brother Roy had a broken-down truck and a dismal harvest ahead. Parts to repair the truck were difficult to find and costly. Walt found another farmer with a similar truck with a different mechanical issue, so he bought the truck and used it as a donor truck to repair his. Soon other farmers with a similar truck became interested in parts and pieces from Walt’s donor truck. Walt’s truck repair soon became profitable and Walt added a few more vehicles to his collection and continued to grow the business, adding needed revenue to the farming operations.

As they say, necessity is the mother of invention and in late 1947 Caughill Auto Wreckers was born. In 1962, George Dingman, Walt’s grandson, became a partner in the business. George added equipment and buildings the following years. George bought his grandfather’s interest in the business in 1972 and continued to expand the types of vehicles purchased to supply the growing parts demand. In 1982, George’s son Wally joined the business and later in 1989, George’s other son Brad joined the business full time. As the business grew, it added a 7000 square foot shop and more infrastructure to dismantle and depollute the wide range of vehicles being processed. The business computerized in 1993, allowing more analysis of the needs and wants of the growing customer base.

The automobile has evolved in the past 20 years becoming much more complex, requiring specialized equipment to diagnose and repair. It became apparent that the do-it-yourself customer base was struggling to buy their parts and do the repairs at home as they had done for the past 70 years of business.

In 2013, Caughill Auto ventured into the tire and battery installation business for both the farm base and retail customers. This created a further opportunity to move into full auto service and repairs, joining the NAPA Auto Care Group in 2017.

Caughill has enjoyed a long rich history in Niagara. “We are so grateful to our loyal customers and friends for the continued support of our family business,” said Wally Dingman, owner and operator of Caughill Auto.

COVID-19 has impacted everyone these past months including the parts and repair business. We maintain physical distancing and front door service for our parts business and provide vehicle sanitizing after every completed repair job.

Caughill Auto - always adapting to serve our community.
There are so many good news stories this week, it's been a bit of a relief, as if a cloud has lifted.

We love that residents are lending a helping hand to Neighbour Volunteers, supplying the townies needy with what will surely be an outstanding Thanksgiving dinner. That's something to make us all feel thankful, that this is an overwhelmingly generous community that wraps its arms around those in need like a huge virtual hug.

And those Tim Hortons Smile Cookies — just selling them makes you want to smile, even more so when you think of the important work Red Roof Retreat does for our most vulnerable children and families around the region. There couldn't be a more deserving recipient of the fundraising, and we get to enjoy the tasty cookies within a flash of guth, only the feeling of doing something good that will help others.

Does everyone else feel as uplifted as we do to see young-sters cycling to school, walking with their parents, or gathering with their classmates as they wait for the bell to ring? It's very early days yet, but parents and chil-dren seem to be reporting good experiences with caring teachers who are going out of their way to help not only their students but their school families.

With the cancellation of the local shuttle system due to types of gear, only the feeling of doing something good that will help others.

The recent decision by the lord mayor and council to move the Horse and Carriage business without the abuse and omissions, of Netflix series and movies— the focus is understanding the richness of the series assures me that I will reengage with them again in the future. Donald Combe is a retired English teacher who lives to go to movies. Until he resumes going to theatres, he has grous-ly agreed to share his opinions, through “short and sweet” exclu-sions, of Netflix series and movies— for The Local.

So much good in NOTL for us to celebrate — watch social media for details. Coming up on this Sunday, the Terry Fox Run’s 40th anniversary will be celebrated, although not how anyone expected. Instead of lots of hoopla and a record turnout for the annual event, this year’s run is One Day, Your Way, when everyone can go out their front doors, or find a race, and run or walk five kilometres, thinking of Terry Fox and the legacy he has left in our hearts.

Flare live performances should be starting soon. Given the excitement over their outdoor musical reviews, tickets will go quickly, promising a treat for those lucky enough to get hold of them. At press time Tuesday still no news of when, but we should be hearing something this week.

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NOTL Rotary Club Estate Sale. Again, this community has shown its generosity with so many great donations to the sale, lots of rea-sonable items, at reasonable prices, and every dollar we spend will help children in Niagara.

Fall is coming, and it’s always been a great time of year to vis-it local stores and restaurants, some patios will have heaters, and the crowds are diminishing. Don’t forget the pickup option, which may seem more attractive once it cools off, but for now, as we keep doing what we’re told and follow all the guidelines, it’s good for our mental health to get out and enjoy this beautiful community. See you there!

Penny Coles

View from the couch

Donald Combe Special to The Local

In Land Gift, 15 episodes from 2009 to 2011 sympathetic-examine the lives of four members of the the Women’s Land Arm, who worked on the farm of a large English es-tate during the Second World War. The focus is understanding women and their struggles. The males assume lesser, two dimen-sives, of Netflix series and movies— the focus is understanding the richness of the series assures me that I will reengage with them again in the future. Donald Combe is a retired English teacher who lives to go to movies. Until he resumes going to theatres, he has grous-ly agreed to share his opinions, through “short and sweet” exclu-sions, of Netflix series and movies— for The Local.

EDITORIAL

So much good in NOTL for us to celebrate

The full week Sept. 10 to 16 on the Facebook page for The NOTL Local, and on the website https://www.auchterlonieonastrology.ca. This week, we look at the new Moon in Virgo on Sept. 17, and the week of Thursday, Sept. 17 through Wednesday, Sept. 23. In Part II of my podcast, thanks to AstoButterfly, we get the entire month of September.

Thursday, Sept. 17: This is one of the most significant new Moons of the year because the Moon in Virgo makes per-
Smoke alarms expire – replacing them saves lives

I’m writing to you to express my utter disarray at the way the town council is dealing with the protesters. Because of their lack of concrete action with AWFAN (At War For Animals Niagara) they have created a three-ring circus at the corner of King and Queen Streets. For a second Saturday in a row, I have had to listen to the Sully Group (child abuse survivors) telling me, and anyone else standing within a two-block radius of the Prince of Wales, that they were going nowhere. On top of all the shouting, they have some type of attachment to their meeplogue that walks like a police sireen which they added to the mix.

My neighbours and I put up with that racket for over two hours. While their cause was 100 per cent, and I understand their right to protest, to quote a friend of mine, “the point is lost when the group becomes a nuisance.”

Where is our right to enjoy our property, for which we have paid several thousands of dollars in taxes? I’m pretty sure that very few, if any, of the protesters (both Sully Group and AWFAN) live and pay taxes in Niagara. Why do they have the right to mine?

To put a business spin on the problem, how does this improve a tourist’s experience? I think it’s safe to say that moving the Sentinel carriages to Byron Street has been an abysmal failure. It has just opened up the corner of King and Queen Streets to another group of protesters. I think the town council has to ensure that things are done properly, and that the right of every person is respected. It is unfair to those who do not wish to partake in such activities.

JAY PLATO

Cindy Grant
Special to The Local

The Community Wellness Committee, a committee of Niagara-on-the-Lake town council, wholeheartedly supports the implementation of the On Demand Transit Pilot Program in NOTL, as announced by the Town on Sept. 3.

This new system will provide a necessary service to many NOTL residents, allowing for greater flexibility in transportation and mobility options by permitting residents to select from pre-defined pickup and destination locations throughout the town. The development of this program was one of the Community Wellness Committee’s recommendations included in a report approved by council in January, 2020.

The committee understands that, given the partnership with the Niagara Region and important implemen-
tation, operational and financial considerations, this service will not begin operating until November, 2020, pending regional council’s amendment of their contract with the service provider, and that initially, it will only serve the residents of Old Town, Virgil and Glendale corridor. We eagerly anticipate the expansion of this service to St. Davids, Queenston and the rural areas, and to inter-municipal transit options as early as possible in 2021.

As with any other municipally-provided program or service that is used by the public, it is important for as many residents as possible to use it during the new implementation period, taking one step at a time. As the old saying goes, “use it or lose it.” Fire the new on-demand transit program to remain in a valuable service, it is not only our responsibility to check on your family’s and friends’ alarms, especially if you are one of the vulnerable members that may have difficulty checking them. Oct. 4 to 10 is Fire Prevention Week across North America in the years 1975, the Ontario Fire Code mandate for smoke detectors was introduced which required all new Ontario homes to have smoke alarms outside sleeping areas. In 1999, an American based National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard began requiring the replacement of all smoke detectors 10 years after they were manufactured. This requirement became adopted throughout North America in the years that followed. Lastly, 2006 saw the Ontario Fire Code mandate that smoke alarms be placed on all levels, and outside of bed-

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Display of past run photos at Simcoe Park Sunday

Penny Coles
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The weeks and months leading up to the run, she has been posting quotes and photos of Fox during his marathon-a-day, as he ran halfway across the country. She has included photos taken on Sept. 3, 1980, and in the following weeks, after he had seen in the cancer ward when he was being treated, kids whose faces he said he could never forget. Since then, more than $800 million has been raised in his name to date.

After he discovered his cancer had returned, he reminded the country, once again, says King, of the kind of person he is, quoting Fox a few days after he had been admitted to hospital for treatment for lung cancer. "I don’t feel that this (a second diagnosis) is unfair. That’s the thing about cancer. I’m not the only one, it happens all the time, to other people. I’m not special. This just intensifies what I did, it gives it more meaning, it’ll inspire more people.”

And it has, including King, who believes his self-sacrifice sets an example, and benefits people around the world.

To register to fundraise, visit terryfox.org.
To post photos and comments on Facebook, or to read the great posts that remind us why we still have an annual event 40 years later, go to NOTL Terry Fox Run.

Share memories, photos of run on Facebook

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Can also post their story, and what Terry Fox means to them,” King adds.

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Fall upgrades for home entertainment

Submitted by Thomas TV

As Autumn brings us cooler evenings, changing colours and shorter days, we transition to a new routine, one that brings us indoors. This pandemic put us there abruptly, and many found the interior spaces that worked for them before, do not function as well now. Perhaps you are working or learning from home, and you find what you used for entertainment is now rather limited. Many of our customers have used this opportunity to upgrade facets of their audio systems, such as a wireless audio system throughout the home, that sounds amazing when you want to dance in the kitchen or relax after dinner. The TV became a hub of information and a source for recreation, and customers opted for a smarter, larger screen experience. A popular choice is the Ambient Mode from Samsung, offering weather/time on your standby screen or a colour matched to your interior, meaning no black screen when it is off. Our customers too have come to us to upgrade their home Wi-Fi network for a stronger signal and broader range.

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Rotary Estate Sale has huge assortment of interesting items

Penny Coles
The Local

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club has organized a first-time fundraising event to support local children in need.

Like so many other organizations, the service club has had to cancel its traditional events, including the popular Holiday House Tour. But recognizing there is still need in the community, members have found a way to safely offer a fundraiser that will allow them to continue to help others, says Rotarian Lynne LeGallais.

Organizers have been busy filling 55 tables in a large barn on East and West Line with a huge assortment of items for their first Rotary Estate Sale, to be held over two days in October.

At first, says LeGallais, club members planned to hold the event in several different homes on the same day, to allow for physical distancing, but when Trish and Dave Spagnoletti stepped up to offer their chicken barn so the sale could be held in one location, it was an opportunity too good to pass up.

The Spagnoletti family has about 12,000 chickens in May, retiring from the 50 rows of tables, and lots of room for people to browse while maintaining their two-metre distance. Masks will be required, and a greeter will be offering touchless hand sanitizer at the door. Shoppers will be limited in number to keep the indoor space to 50 people, says LeGallais, but there is plenty of parking and lots of room outside if line-ups become necessary.

Traffic flow will be organized similar to grocery stores, up one aisle and down the next, she explains.

As for the sale items, “the community has responded with such tremendous support for Rotary, and what we’re doing. That includes other Rotary clubs, and friends of Rotary members. We have very interesting and kind donations, from 100-year-old antiques to modern decor.”

The items were donated, they were left to sit for several days for safety reasons, before volunteers began cleaning, sorting and grouping them for display.

On the walls behind the rows of tables is a large assortment of framed art work, including some original, some limited editions, and a number of pieces donated by Somerset House Bed and Breakfast in NOTL, formerly in their guest rooms until they redecorated.

There are antiques, car- pets, collectible plates and dishes, music boxes, silver pieces, and a large array of kitchen items, such as blenders and coffee makers.

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Legion fish fries are back!

The Royal Canadian Legion fish fries are starting up this Thursday, Sept. 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It’s takeout only, says office manager Elizabeth Richards. Drive in, place your order and it will be delivered to your vehicle. The Legion is happy to get back to safe fundraising, she says, with some of the volunteers upstairs moving from the kitchen to the hall for physical distancing. In this photo taken last fall, Gary Bradham (left), Chris Toye, Stan Harrington, Rick Cairnes, Lanny James and Linda Carson prepare fish and chip dinners for the popular fish fry. (Penny Coles/file photo)
Ludwig in Vienna — Three Pearls, this Sunday

Richard Baker
Music Niagara Board Chair
Special to The Local

Any survey of western classical music over the past three centuries would undoubtably place Bach, Mozart and Brahms among the giants. But for sheer renown, and universal recognition, as the embodiment of classical music itself, the highest niche in the temple of fame must be that of Ludwig van Beethoven. How else to explain his appeal to people than to recall that on Nov. 26, 1951, Charlie Brown placed Beethoven’s bust on Schroeder’s piano. Indeed, Beethoven’s birthday was a perennial Pan Macmillan event acknowledged in 27 of the 49 years that Schroeder hammered away at his little comic strip piano. As to the enduring nature of his appeal, consider that when Beethoven delivered one of his late piano sonatas to his publisher in 1819, the notoriously difficult Hammerkavier Sonata (Op. 106), he is believed to have said, “Now you will have a sonata that will keep the pianists busy when it is played 50 years from now.” He was right, but was insufficiently self-admiring to imagine or predict that his music would keep mankind busy, and enthrall, for another 200 years after that. It is that miracle, and gift of his music, that we now celebrate.

Beethoven’s life (1770-1827) spanned the transition from the classical period of Haydn and Mozart to the romantic era of Brahms. By the cruellest of ironies, as a composer whose destiny was the world of sound, he had to face gradual onset of deafness from about 1798, developing into complete deafness by 1817. As recounted in Tom Allen’s The Missing Pages, which Music Niagara presented recently, when Beethoven was no longer able to communicate with his visitors, he began to use conversation books for them to write down their questions and remarks. Despite such affliction, he persisted to the end, composing from inside his mind and soul.

Were it not for a relentless pandemic dominating our consciousness, a far greater awareness would now prevail about the musical significance of 2020, highlighted by an abundance of international festivals and concerts in honour of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven’s birth. Sadly, however, most of these have been cancelled or postponed. Nonetheless, celebrating him was a priority for Music Niagara this year, as evidenced in The Missing Pages and in this week’s Ludwig in Vienna – Three Pearls, which will be followed by Beethoven’s Hair on Sept. 27.

Beethoven lived in Vienna most of his adult life, hence the title of our program. This Sunday, Atis Bankas and Victoria Kogan will perform three sonatas for piano and violin, each to some extent representative of his musical development. Opus 12, No. 1 (1799) is elegantly classical, but is distinctly his voice. Op. 30 No. 6 (1801-2) has the maturity, melody and grace that we associate with his other well-known sonatas for these two instruments, the Kreutzer and the Spring, both composed about the same time. The third work, Opus 96, No. 10 (1812), has a warmth and depth, and sadness, not evident in the earlier works, foreshadowing in parts the deeper and darker reaches of his later music.

This program will be aired on the Music Niagara website, or on Music Niagara’s YouTube Channel on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Before leaving this tribute to Beethoven, I wish to pay my fond last respects to Ted Walden, who died in Niagara-on-the-Lake last July. A retired lawyer, he lived here for some time and, most significantly, was an accomplished Beethoven scholar who published My Immortal Beloved, a book investigating the identity, yet to be settled, of a woman Beethoven cherished, to whom he wrote the famous letter of the books title.

Supporting McMaster Children’s Hospital

Ava Serluka, recovering from ear surgery to improve her hearing, was at McMaster Children’s Hospital last week for a post-surgery checkup, which went well, says her mom Jayne. While at the hospital, Ava presented a cheque for $2,400, raised at a fresh fruit and bake sale held on the family farm, with help from family and friends. The sale was organized by Ava and her brother Matteo, who both had successful outcomes from surgeries at the hospital. Matteo when he was a baby. (Photo supplied)
Crossword and Sudoku

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Across:
1. Urban air pollution problem
2. That’s in Paris
3. Director/producer --- Stone
4. Kind of rummy
5. Small seedless raisin
6. Foe
7. Drinks slowly
8. Corner consoles?
9. Operation mementos
10. Decide with a coin
11. Pure
12. Plan sponsor
13. Family guy
14. Formerly French Sudan
15. E.g. Rice, Harvard (Abbr.)
16. Formerly French Sudan
17. Not dissimilar
18. Salespeople
19. Syrian dynasty
20. Padré (Abbr.)
21. Prevents war
22. Roughly speaking
23. Traditional voting day
25. West Atlantic international grp.
26. Snake vulnerable to the mongoose
27. Not dissimilar
28. Salespeople
29. Syri
30. Parking area
31. Doozie
32. Undersides
33. 2,000 lbs
34. Foundation
35. Tear
36. 2,000 lbs
37. Shorthand inventor John Robert ---
38. --- calling!
39. Maturity
40. --- calling!
41. Stiff sentence
42. Missions (Abbr.)
43. Stiff sentence
44. Missions (Abbr.)
45. Goad
46. Needle
47. Comet finder --- Halley
48. Neglect
49. Banned insecticide
50. Distract message
51. Chivvied
52. Comedians
53. Drugs (Abbr.)
54. Throat to fighters
55. Alan Ladd gunfighter role
56.Loopy
57. “Time --- My Side” (The Rolling Stones)
58. Actor --- Carré
59. Actor --- Carré
60. Main artery
61. Piece for two
62. Fear
63. Awese
64. Stack
65. Fix

Down:
1. Mental ability
2. Bury the hatchet
3. Dirk --- Stone
4. Kind of rummy
5. Small seedless raisin
6. Fix
7. Or so
8. Tuesday
9. O.A.S
10. L.C.D
11. Loins
12. Painted by Sen. William Roth
13. German philosopher
14. Cosmopolitan (Abbr.)
15. Second-largest Hawaiian island
16. Nor"dic airline
17. By what means?
18. National economic indicator
19. Actor --- Carré
20. Arms
21. Adios
22. Oats
23. Sabine
24. Oomph
25. Clog
26. Dung
27. Traps
28. Bald
29. Avid
30. Software
31. Goers
32. On a date
33. Moos
34. Disuse
35. Lean on
36. Edmond
37. Steal
38. Hegel
39. Int’l
40. Maui
41. Aorta
42. Is on
43. Swell
44. Pile
45. Mend.
46. Gaga
47. Juno
48. Shane
49. DDT
50. S.O.S
51. Harried
52. Wits
53. Meds
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Sudoku solution from September 10, 2020

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Rev. Dorothy Hewlett of Christ Church McNab, benefactors David and Liz Murray, Lord Mayor Betty Disero and David Hemmings, Niagara Historical Society president, were on hand to celebrate the history of the church. (Photos supplied)

McNab, considered the sixth village of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is being recognized with a new historic plaque in the churchyard at Christ Church McNab.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Niagara Historical Society president David Hemmings, Rev. Dorothy Hewlett, and benefactors David and Liz Murray were at the church recently for the formal installation of a plaque in the churchyard. At the unveiling, Disero reminded those attending that NOTL’s fame is based in part upon the town being comprised of six small villages, bound together by orchards and vineyards, to form a larger cohesive community. McNab is now the smallest of the remaining villages, including Virgil, Glendale, Queenston, St. Davids and Old Town. The core of the village of Homer essentially disappeared with the construction of the Garden City Skyway on the Queen Elizabeth Way in the 1960s.

Hemmings noted this is one of several plaques sponsored by the Niagara Historical Society erected to celebrate the story of each of the village communities. The Murrays said the plaque encapsulates the history of McNab from its founding by the McNab family from Scotland in 1800, and is part of their ongoing commitment to fostering the appreciation of local history throughout the community.

For more information on the museum and its special events, visit www.nhsm.ca or call 905-468-3912. The museum is located at 43 Castlereagh Street, and has temporary COVID hours of 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.