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One Day, **Your Way: Terry Fox Run** this Sunday page 8

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## Grant for new St. Davids swimming pool rejected

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

has been rejected.

If the Town is going to look at paying for it, it's likely going to be through the 10year capital budget, interim CAO Sheldon Randall told

councillors at Monday night's nearly \$1 billion." virtual planning meeting.

federal/provincial report to council quotes the of six residents, along with grant that was anticipated to provincial rejection letter Couns. John Wiens and fund a new pool in St. Davids that says the intake of the Gary Burroughs, has not met funding stream "was high- yet, nor has a goal been set, says town staff are anticipat- peting needs" in the commuly competitive, and total while the Town waited for demand reached upwards of \$10 billion against total available joint funding (fed- Coun. Allan Bisback Moneral-provincial-applicant) of day, councillors discussed

A pool fundraising com-An Aug. 27 information mittee struck last winter news of the grant.

On the suggestion of

other grants.

any COVID constraints," or

Randall cautioned coun-

fundraising committee, the "our largest concern is a ma-said. other to continue looking for jor failure" that would shut it down mid-season.

ing opening the St. Davids nity, including major fund-Pool next summer, "pending raising campaigns, for the Shaw Festival, the Niagara major mechanical problems. Nursery School, and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum.

dividing the funding target cil Monday that while the "These are very, very difficult into two tracks, one for the goal is to see it open in 2021, times to be raising funds," he

Although Randall suggested the pool could be in-The report to council also He also warned of "com- cluded 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.



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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 Mactaggart 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)



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## MP special advisor on tourism recovery

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

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 preto 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.

the parks commission just plied)

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 sented with the opportunity to stress the importance of collaboration for successful tourism recovery, adds, "one way or another, our voice should be heard."



He started working for Tony Baldinelli (Photo sup-

### **Udder chaos at the dairy**





When cows from Beatrice Dairy decided it was time for ice cream, sauntering up to the Avondale Dairy Bar Sunday morning, Tracey Allen was also on the hunt for a treat. Allen captured the cows, social distancing, on video, available online at https://www.facebook.com/tracey.allen.589/ videos/10158487553048828

## 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 neighbourhood 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 protocols they're 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.

With an aunt who is a scientific researcher working on COVID, the girls are pretty well-informed about the coronavirus, says Megan, and have been very conscientious about washing their hands and wearing a mask, so that's not new to them.

Bella is a touch concerned lunch breaks. about her Grade 3/4 split, where Grade 4 students are required to wear masks, and Grade 3s are not. That's "a little nerve-wracking for us," says Megan, "but we trust she and the teacher are doing all they can" to stay safe.

"We're really happy with what the teachers and principal are doing. They've been communicating with us to give us as much information as they can, but ultimately, it's a parental decision."

The girls are in smaller classes, Bella with 20 students, and Hanna with 24. The District School Board of Niagara and the school staff "have worked really hard to make classes manageable," says Megan.

Across the board, a little more than 80 per cent of students were expected to be in class, the remaining learning online.

St. Davids had already planned, pre-COVID, to add a portable, and with some students studying virtually, there is room for kids to spread out a little more in their classrooms.

All unnecessary furniture has been moved, she says, so the desks can be further apart, and kids are spending more time outdoors. Parents were asked to send something for their kids to sit on outside. "It's a huge property," says Megan," and they're taking advantage of it. There is lots of room for kids to spread out."

Spaces on the field have been spray-painted for each class, and that's where the kids meet each morning before heading inside,

"The kids are still supposed to be social distancing, even when they're outside," says Megan.

"They aren't scrunched together at all. Hannah's in the same classroom as last year, but every bit of furniture they don't need has been removed. There are just desks and chairs now, to spread the kids out. We received a video from the school before their first day to see what it would look like, and that was really helpful."

The only downside, says Megan, is that though they made the decision based on what is best for their kids, they have decided not to see grandparents and other relatives.

Megan's mother and father are both 95, and she helps look after them. The other set of grandparents deal with health issues.

"That's hard on both the kids and the grandparents," she says, "but we felt the girls needed the structure, and a return to normalcy, for their mental health."

When they discussed the options as a family, Megan says she made it clear to the girls "what they wanted wouldn't necessarily be what would happen, but we would take it into consideration."

They were not thrilled with the online learning being offered by the school board, which would mean they would have teachers they don't know and kids from other schools in their virtual classroom.

"If this goes sideways, we'll

now, we've decided it's okay to send them back and see how it goes. It helps that with a small school, they know the other kids, and we know most of the families."

Friends of theirs from St. Davids have chosen a different option, with a decision that, in a bit of time when students their situation, was simple, says Lesley Giessler.

On Aug. 19, the Giessler family welcomed Evan, a little brother for Ava, in Grade 8 of virtual school, and Lea, in Grade 3.

The girls are delighted with their baby brother, says Lesley, and are happy to be studying online, understanding that sharing a classroom with their friends could put Evan's health and safety at risk. A doctor at the hospital when Evan was born, says Lesley, suggested the family consider online learning.

"It really wasn't a difficult decision," she says, especially when she has always liked the idea of homeschooling.

They needed to purchase a Chrome Book for Lea, in addition to the laptop Ava has, although the school would have supplied the equipment if necessary, she says.

While Lesley is having to learn the technology of online learning, she and her girls are finding both their teachers helpful, making it "quite easy" for them.

While it's early days for them as well, the girls are fine with online learning, says Lesley. They both have some friends from St. Davids in their virtual classrooms, and during staggered recess and pull them out of school. But for although there are students from

other schools with them. And although neither of them knew their teachers before joining their classroom online, they both really like them, she says.

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Attendance is taken twice a day, and although there is quite are expected to work on their own, in addition to group discussions, "the teacher is always there to help them."

Lea and Ava were involved in the discussion about whether to study online or attend their neighbourhood school, Lesley says, "and they are super-excited to be at home with their little brother. Ava is a second mother

As a mom who had already made the choice to stay home with her kids, Lesley says while she feels very fortunate the decision was an easy one for her, she understands it's been difficult for many parents. "I feel for parents who would have liked to have their kids stay home, but can't. I feel really lucky to be able to do this, as long as I can get my head around the technology," she says.

"I definitely give teachers credit for what they're doing. They really have the best interest of the kids at heart, and it shows."

Lesley says when November approaches, bringing with it an opportunity for the girls to transition to the classroom, Evan will be older, with a stronger immune system. If there have been no outbreaks locally and COVID numbers stay low, they may reconsider, along with decisions about outside school activities, which they are also putting off for now.

"I feel very blessed, that we were able to make this decision," says Lesley. "I'm really enjoying this time at home with the girls."



Bella and Hannah Gilchrist headed to school last week, well-prepared to adapt to pandemic protocols. (Photo supplied)

## St. Davids students Lea and Ava Giessler are studying online at nome for now, to help keep their baby broth-

## Save a life . . . learn about living donors

#### **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, pandemic and caring part-time for an energetic two-year-old to manage a localized infec- including Diane and I, will partion (I believe this is common ticipate in the webinars. post-transplant), she continues

to progress through her full re- were also recently interviewed regenerates, and the recipient's

nation 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 compre-North America. To bring na-

Diane and her donor, Joy, a recipient. The donor's liver more lives.

covery, which can take up to a by CTV's award-winning, medical correspondent Avis Sept. 14 to 18 is Living Do- Favaro. 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 hensive program of its kind in typically too large for women. In addition, the biological tional awareness to this import- score used to determine urant cause, The Centre for Living gency of need favours men. I as normal as it can get during a Donation is hosting a series of don't believe the test was denightly by well over one mileducational, interactive webi- veloped with gender in mind. lion viewers. I can't speak for nars this week. More informa- It seems it simply worked out 
Joy, but Diane is a very private granddaughter (we love it of tion is available at www.UHN. that way, with the current bi-person. All the attention seems course). Despite a return trip ca. Many transplant donors, ological measures available. A to surprise her at times. One to the hospital for three days recipients, and their caregivers, way to overcome the disparity thing I am sure of, is that both is through living donations — remarkable women hope their

section also grows to a full size liver . . . remarkable!

I am so proud of Diane, her 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 donation of a partial liver to efforts will help save many

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## 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 Mississagua Street, Niagara Stone Road, the Gateway Travel Centre on York Road and the

on Taylor Road.

The campaign began Monday, Sept. 20.

Last year, with just two loca-\$8,000 was raised for Red Roof.

Claire Ellsworth, special events coordinator with Red Roof Retreat, says the organi-NOTL locations onboard, especially this year, with so many

Outlet Collections of Niagara fundraising events cancelled.

The money will help with operations of Red Roof, day, and will run until this Sun- which runs respite care and day programs for children and young adults at tions participating, more than two locations in Niagaraon-the-Lake and one in St. Catharines.

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



Rajni Bala and Maninder Singh of Tim Hortons on Niagara Stone Road will be selling Smile Cookies for Red Roof Retreat until Sunday. With them is Red Roof's Claire Ellsworth. (Penny Coles)



#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE CONCESSION 6 ROAD (Niagara Stone Road to Line 2 Road)

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will be completing a Road Reconstruction Project on Concession 6 Road from Niagara Stone Road to Line 2 Road. The road closure is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020 until approximately October 30, 2020.

The section of road will be closed to all through traffic during the duration of the installation. Local residents will have access to their driveways during the closure. There may be times when access is granted at the discretion of the contractor.

A detour route will be provided around the site for traffic. This closure is necessary to allow for the road reconstruction, storm sewer and watermain installation. Emergency services will have access to the road during this closure.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to Rob Andrea, Engineering Technologist for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

#### Welcome back!







St. Michael Catholic Elementary School welcomed back enthusiastic students last week, including Georgia and Peyton Leigh (top), Jodi Mitchinson (middle) and Elliot Epp. (Photos supplied)



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## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: CAUGHILL AUTO

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 addhis collection and continued to grow the business, ty. George added equip- more infrastructure to



ed a few more vehicles to ment and buildings the following years. George bought his grandfather's adding needed revenue to interest in the business the farming operations. in 1972 and continued to As they say, necessity is expand the types of vehithe mother of invention cles purchased to supply and in late 1947 Caugh- the growing parts deill Auto Wreckers was mand. In 1982, George's born. In 1962, George son Wally joined the Dingman, Walt's grand- business and later in son, became a partner 1989, George's other son in the business. George Brad joined the business grew the footprint of the full time. As the business business to occupy five grew, it added a 7000 acres of the farm proper- square foot shop and



dismantle and depollute the wide range of vehibusiness computerized Auto. in 1993, allowing more analysis of the needs and wants of the growing past months including customer base.

The automobile has evolved in the past 20 ical distancing and front years becoming much more complex, requiring specialized equipment to hicle sanitizing after evdiagnose and repair. It ery completed repair job. became apparent that the do-it-yourself custom- adapting to serve our er base was struggling community.

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 cles being processed. The and operator of Caughill

> COVID-19 has impacted everyone these the parts and repair business. We maintain physdoor service for our parts business and provide ve-

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## So much good in NOTL for us to celebrate

EDITORIAL

bit of a relief, as if a cloud has lifted.

We love that residents are lending a helping hand to Newark Neighbours volunteers, supplying the town's 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 uplifted as we do to see younghuge virtual hug.

And those Tim Hortons Smile Cookies — just seeing them makes you want to smile,

There are so many good- even more so when you think news stories this week, it's been a of the important work Red Roof Retreat does for our most vulnerable children and families around the region. There help not only their students but couldn't be a more deserving recipient of the fundraising, and we get to enjoy the tasty cookies without a flash of guilt, only the feeling of doing something good that will help others.

> Does everyone else feel as 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 children seem to be reporting good experiences with caring teachers who are going out of their way to their school families.

With the cancellation of the local shuttle system due to COVID, the Town supporting on-demand transit is a blessing. We know there are details to work out, and really, really wish the budget could cover all of Niagara-on-the-Lake, including Queenston and St. Davids. Let's hope it will before long, that residents use it and discover it solves

Great news from Mike and the recipient of a living liver dodonor who gave Diane back her life. It's Living Donation Week, and Mike and Diane are speaking publicly about their experience to raise awareness and hopefully help others as they wait for a liver or kidney transplant.

should be starting soon. Given the excitement over their outdoor musical revues, tickets will 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

Coming up this Sunday, the his wife Diane Peirce, who was Terry Fox Run's 40th anniversary will be celebrated, although not nation in April, thanks to Joy how anyone expected. Instead MaGarrey of St. Catharines, the of lots of hoopla and a record turnout for the annual event, this year's run is One Day, Your Way, when we can all go out our front doors, or find a nice path, and run or walk five kilometres, thinking of Terry Fox and the legacy he has left in our hearts. Shaw live performances Don't forget to go online and donate a few dollars — in different times, the 40th anniversary would be a banner year. We can go quickly, promising a treat for make it one, even during a pandemic, if we put our collective minds to it.

> We can also mark Oct. 3 and 4 on our calendars to support the **Penny Coles**

- watch social media for details. NOTL Rotary Club Estate Sale. Again, this community has shown its generosity with so many great donations to the sale, lots of really interesting items, at reasonable prices, and every dollar we spend will go to help children in Niagara.

> Fall is coming, and it's always been a great time of year to visit 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 long 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!

## **Auchterlonie on Astrology**

#### **Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local**

The full week Sept. 10 to 16 of Auchterlonie on Astrology can be found 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 AstroButterfly, 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-

fect trines with Jupiter, Saturn democracy. It has been copied and Pluto. It's time to look for new ways of doing things, constructive new ways of doing things. Time to make the most of subtle differences. A new Moon signals the start of a new month, astrologically, so on your part, thanks to good refresh yourself. And the most influential Constitution ever was signed in Philadelphia, on Sept. 17, 1787, 11 years after the Americans won their independence from Britain in the Revolutionary War. The treal Canadiens. Guy Lafleur American Constitution was turns 69 years old today. the first, designed to have three equal to the others. Some of it came from Indigenous ideas of

by countries around the globe.

Sunday, Sept. 20: Trying to lead today is a recipe for frustration. Later this afternoon and evening, good things come your way with very little effort knocks from Jupiter and Neptune. Family gets the best of what is here. He was the first player to score 50 goals and 100 points in six consecutive seasons. He did it with the Mon-

And that's the short version branches of government, each of Auchterlonie on Astrology for this week.

So, shine on!

## Letters! letters!

If you have a letter to the editor you'd like to see published, please send it to penny@notllocal. com. Please try to keep it to about 350 words. Sorry, but we won't publish letters. And please stick to the issue at hand, rather than attacking those involved. The deadline is Monday at

## We want

anonymous noon.

#### 9/11 remembered



Due to the pandemic, this year's 9/11 memorial service was a simple wreath-laying at the Queen Street Cenotaph Friday morning, with MPP Wayne Gates, NOTL Chamber of Commerce president Eduardo Lafforgue, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa, and Terry Flynn, Niagara EMS superintendent. (Penny Coles)

## **Carriage move to Byron Street**

The recent decision by the lord mayor and council to move the Horse and Carriage business is very disappointing. I feel this action will be seen by protesters as a short term victory towards their ultimate goal. For me, it's offered encouragement for them to carry on using the same abusive and aggressive tactics.

Most residents and visitors viewing the protests have been angered by the conduct of those involved. Some have expressed fears in respect of what they wit-

Existing laws exist and should be enforced. The Criminal Code defines and details a Breach of the Peace to be: "when a person reasonably believes harm will be caused, or is likely to be caused, to a person or in his/her presence to his/her property, or a person is in fear of being harmed through an assault, affray, riot, unlawful assembly, or some other form of disturbance."

Add the current pandemic and precautions we're all adhering to the mix, I feel the threshold of justifying an arrest on a charge of 'Breach' is something that can be applied.

The horse and carriage business has, like everyone else, every right to go about their lawful business without the abuse and intimidation witnessed to date.

> **Rob Craig** NOTL

## View from the couch

#### **Donald Combe** Special to The Local

War. The focus is understanding the farm of a large English es- that I will reengage with them for The Local.

tate during the Second World again in the future.

Donald Combe is a women and their struggles. The retired English teacher who loves In Land Girls, 15 episodes males assume lesser, two dimento go to movies. Until he resumes from 2009 to 2011 sympathet- sional roles. Everyone knows, going to theatres, he has graciousically examine the lives of four and is sympathetic with these by agreed to share his opinions, members of the the Women's women and their problems. The through "short and sweet" exclu-Land Army, who worked on richness of the series assures me sives, of Netflix series and movies-

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## GOMMEN

## **Community Wellness Committee welcomes on-demand transit**



**Cindy Grant** Special to The Local

The Community Wellness Committee, a committee of Niagara-on-the-Lake town counwholeheartedly supports the implementation of the On-Demand Transit Pilot Program in NOTL, as announced

by the Town on Sept. 3.

This new system will promany 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 Comrecommendations included in a report approved by council in January, 2020.

stands that, given the partvide a necessary service to nership with the Niagara Region and important implementation, 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 ex-

The committee under- Davids, Queenston and the for residents to take advantage nicipal transit options as early as possible in 2021.

ipally-provided program or service that is used by the public, it is important for as many residents as possible to use it in order for it to be sustainable over the long-term. As the old saying goes, "use it or lose it." For the new on-demand transit program to remain in town and be a valuable service, it pansion of this service to St. will be particularly important

rural areas, and to inter-mu- of it as soon as it is implement-

It is also important for As with any other munic- residents to know that there are alternative transportation solutions, such as:

- Niagara Specialized Transit for eligible residents who may have a disability (for more information, visit the Niagara Region website at https://www. niagararegion.ca/transit/ nst/default.aspx
- Community Transport

Group https://ctgcanada.

Individual taxi and Uber services

The Community Well-Committee supports town council and staff in their implementation of as many of our recommendations as possible, as outlined in our Report of Recommendations, approved by council in January. For more information about our report, please visit notl.org/content/ council-business.

## Smoke alarms expire — replacing them saves lives



Jay Plato **Special to The Local** 

Within the first eight months of 2020, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire and Emergency Services (NOTLFES) attended 50 NOTL homes in response to homeowners reporting a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm activation.

In over 85 per cent of these responses, the NOTLFES discovered the main cause for the response to be alarms chirping from dead batteries or expired alarms. Yes, you read that correctly. Smoke alarms expire. Of these calls, almost all of them are within homes roughly 10 years old. For most manufacturers, the expiry date is 10 years from manufacture date. No matter how many times fire departments across the province continually push the message that smoke alarms expire, there are always members of the public who say they did not know. Most people know that electronic devices don't last forever. Retailers will tell you that you're lucky if you get 10 years out of a newer kitchen appliance. It is likely you're not still using the same cellphone from 10 years ago. So why is it that most people don't consider that their smoke alarms are, after all, an electronic device with the sole purpose to help save your and your loved ones' lives in the event of a fire.

so did the design and construction of the fire detection devices. In the early 1900s, detectors were primarily used within commercial and industrial facilities, mainly due to their cost. Variations of the residential detection devices that we know today were not developed until the mid-1950s. Roughly 10 years later, in the mid-1960s, the first low-cost, battery-operated, replaceable detectors were developed. It was around this time also that studies began to show that smoke detecting devices responded faster than heat or fire detectors. In 1975, the Ontario Building Code 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 alarms 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 bedrooms, in every Ontario home. The Ontario Building Code also followed suit shortly after, ultimately taking it one step further, tion? When it expires? What the requiring new homes to have different beeps or chirps mean? smoke alarms within all bedevery level of a home, and that becoming familiar with the dethey become hardwired.

The Ontario Building Code has made incredible strides event of a fire. The first electric forms of ensuring smoke alarms are in-

fire detecting devices were pat-stalled in every new home. The Risk Reduction Division would ented in 1890. As technology Ontario Fire Code has also done like to remind everyone to: advanced through the decades, a great job ensuring all older homes have smoke alarms. These safety measures, however, are only good if smoke alarms are then tested, maintained, and replaced as required. NOTL has seen substantial growth over the last 10 years, growing in population by approximately 3,000 people with approximately 1,800 new dwelling units built. All of these homes would have required smoke alarms to be installed prior to the occupants moving in, however this has now created a scenario where the Town is experiencing a wave of smoke alarms approaching expiry. With homeowners not replacing these alarms prior to expiry, our residents are not only putting their lives at risk, but every person that enters their

residential alarm responses being caused by expired alarms or dead batteries, NOTLFES is discovering a significant portion of our community is at risk. Every homeowner learns how to operate their thermostat, furnace and air conditioner. Every homeowner also learns how to operate their TV, computer, stove and washing machine. So why do so many homeowners have no idea how their smoke alarms func-One of the most important vice you install on your ceiling that can help save your life in the

The NOTLFES Community

- confirm your alarms are not expired and are operational
- change your batteries at least
- most hardwired alarms still have battery backups that need to be checked so they can continue to protect you during a power outage
- test your alarms monthly
- ensure your alarms are not dirty so they function properly
- understand the beeps or chirps by reading the user manual or back of the device The NOTLFES Community Risk Reduction Division

also encourages every citizen to check on your family and friends' alarms, especially if you may have vulnerable members that may have difficulty checking them.

Oct. 4 to 10 is Fire Prevention Week across North America. During this week NOTLFES will be providing messaging through different media platforms, ensuring your alarms are up-to-date and in good working order. For more information regarding fire safety, please do not hesitate to contact the NOT-LFES Community Risk Reduction Division.

#### Deputy Fire Chief -**Community Risk Reduction**

The NOTLFES is happy to announce a new partnership with The NOTL Local, The NOTLFES will be writing a regular column with The Local related to all things fire. Expect to see articles related to fire safety, training, fire department initiatives or developments within the department. The NOTLFES understands our community, and recognize one of the best ways to ensure we reach every member of the community is through using all media platforms available. Thank you for reading, and looking forward to the articles that we produce.

### New group of protesters a noisy bunch

With over 85 per cent of my utter dismay at the way the friend of mine, "the point is lost town council is dealing with the

> 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 within a two-block radius of the Prince of Wales, that they were a tourist's experience? going nowhere. On top of all the attachment to their megaphone they added to the mix.

up with that racket for over two Pretty soon Niagara-on-the Lake hours. While I support their cause won't be the prettiest town, it will 100 per cent, and I understand be protester central.

I'm writing to you to express their right to protest, to quote a when the group becomes a nui-

> 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 their rights override mine?

> To put a business spin on the problem, how does this improve

I think it is safe to say that Byron Street has been an abysmal corner of King and Queen Streets My neighbours and I put to another group of protesters.

My proposed solutions: one, at the very least, ban the use of megaphones. And two, have a designated protest area, for all protesters. I would suggest the corner of Queens Parade/Picton and Wellington, on the old hospital property. Since the protesters typically show up on a Saturday and/or a Sunday afternoon, the school and the medical facilities should not be affected. The property is owned by the Town so they can set the rules of engagement. Plus, it is on one of the main roads into town, and under norshouting, they have some type of moving the Sentineal carriages to mal circumstances, all the people walking back to their buses and will require replacement? They rooms, outside bedrooms, on parts of being a homeowner is that wails like a police siren which failure. It has just opened up the all the Shaw patrons will give the protesters the audience they seem to crave so much.

> Alison Hepburn **NOTL**



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## Display of past run photos at Simcoe Park Sunday

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

It was 2006 when Joan event, was empty. King arrived at Simcoe Park the day of the annual Terry Fox run, prepared to do her five kilometres.

of activity the day of the pandemic.

But when she got there ipants or crowds of peo- of volunteers doing it for help her. the park, usually a bustle ple, this time, due to the years, who felt it was time

In 2006, she discov-This year, the 40th an- ered, there was no schedniversary of the Marathon uled run in town due to a on, and did, starting slow-

else. King decided then

King has learned a lot to hand it over to someone since then, the run has grown, and the amount and there she would take it of money raised from a small town, population of Hope, she will be there lack of organizers — there ly the next year, with little about 18,000, is phenomonce again without partic- had been a terrific team experience and no team to enal, she says — \$937,436

in 1991.

Every year, she tries to add something a little different to increase the total amount of money raised, but this year has been a challenge, with the actual run through the streets of the Old Town, and in other towns across Canada, cancelled. In its place is a One Day, Your Way run, with participants keeping the Marathon of Hope alive by running, walking or biking on their own, around their neighbourhood, or anywhere they choose.

King will be at Simcoe Park again this Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with no scheduled run, no crowds of people chatting and stretching as they wait for the official start. She has plans to set up in the bandshell, with the photos she has collected over

the years, and will also be on hand to accept pledge sheets and donations. The big banner of Terry Fox will be there for anyone who wants a photo, and she will be handing out participation seals and since the first NOTL event certificates and stickers that say 'I am running for

> King is looking forward to displaying a quilt that usually hangs on a wall in her Queenston home, made of Terry Fox Run T-shirts she has collected over the years. It was made by her "extremely talented" friend Leigh Bishop, who went to a lot of time and trouble to produce a beautiful keepsake that will always remind King of why Fox, and the run, is so important to her.

> King is asking participants to go to the NOTL Terry Fox Facebook page to share a little video clip or some photos of their runs, since she won't have photos from Simcoe Park.

> "Anyone who has a memory from 40 years ago

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Joan King has posters of photos going back to 2007, and some with photos of the summer Terry Fox stopped in town and was given a reception at the Prince of Wales Hotel. She will have them on display at Simcoe Park this Sunday, after finishing her own five-kilometre walk. (Penny Coles)

## **Local man long-time Terry Fox Run fundraiser**

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

Richard Guay has missed only four of the Terry Fox runs since the first Marathon

"I started in year one," he says. "I was a runner, and I remember watching this guy on TV, when nobody really knew who he was or what he was doing. He said he was going to run a marathon a day. I was a 10-kilometre runner, and I thought I was in pretty good shape, so it made me think, 'I better kick my butt and get going.' Terry Fox motivated me to run more, to work harder."

He realized then that what

"This was a legacy," says Guay. "My mother and father walked, my wife started walking, then she started to jog. And I started to ride, instead of running."

In the intervening years, Guay says, "he changed my outlook as to what is possible. I ended up doing four marathons."

As the years went on, for who come back every year." each Terry Fox Run, he was able to raise more money.

At first, he would just show up to the event, and hand in a donation, but then, he says, "people started giving me cheques."

In recent years, he has

he has already raised \$3,500, \$200 more than last year.

"I have great friends. And I'm like a bad debt — I don't go away," he jokes. "People are really nice, and very generous. This is more money than I've ever raised, in a year that is difficult, that's a solo race. A big thank you to teammates

Guay, 66, says he will "ride like crazy" this Sunday, probably doing about 50 kilometres — he's cycled more than 4,000 kilometres this summer — and then he will run five kilometres for Terry Fox.

the young man was doing, been posting his fundraiser worked in many different this young guy who died, and inspiring people across the on the Terry Fox Run website, places over the last 40 years. the legacy he left. Whenever

made it easier for supporters ed in a run, he lived in Lethink about Terry, and what he registrant/mobile/ to donate, he says. This year vis, Quebec, where he was did. A marathon a day, to help mobile Personal Page. born and raised. He has since others. He is a national hero." lived in Vancouver, Montreal, ies, and in the U.S.

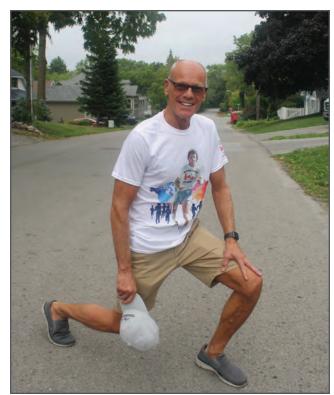
> Five years ago, he moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, "absolutely the best place to live when you retire."

> As much as he loves the weather here in the summer, he heads to Whistler, B.C., in the winter, the best place to ski, he says.

During his moving around, he has participated in 36 runs, in many different locations. "Forty years later, Terry still has an impact on me, Guay has lived and and on others. I think about country, was more than a which has really taken off and The first time he participat- you think the going is tough,

Oakville, other Canadian cit- https://secure.terryfox.ca/ direct%2fnone

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Richard Guay is a runner and a cyclist. He will do both this Sunday to honour Terry Fox and raise money for the Marathon of Hope. (Penny Coles)

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## Share memories, photos of run on Facebook

After he discovered his

again, says King, of the

kind of person he is, quot-

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can also post their story, to them," King adds.

In 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 half-

"

had to stop in Thunder raised in his name to date. Bay. It was a time when the country, who just cancer had returned, he remonths earlier had never minded the country, once and what Terry Fox means heard of the young man, was suddenly in a state of shock to hear he wasn't ing Fox a few days after he what he started.

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what I did, it gives it

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going to be able to finish had been admitted to hospital for treatment for lung King reminds people cancer. "I don't feel that that he only ever asked this (a second diagnosis) is unfair. That's the thing way across the country, dian, to help the kids he about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time, to other people. I'm not special. This just inten-This just intensifies sifies what I did, it gives it more meaning, it'll inspire

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

more people."

To register to fundraise, visit terryfox.org.

To post photos and



Joan King displays a treasured guilt a friend made for her, of T-shirts from past runs. (Penny Coles)

leg, not realizing his can-

often in great pain, on one had seen in the cancer comments on Facebook, ward when he was being or to read the great posts cer had returned. She has treated, kids whose faces that remind us why we included photos taken on he said he could never for- still have an annual event Sept. 3, 1980, and in the get. Since then, more than 40 years later, go to NOTL following weeks, after he \$800 million has been Terry Fox Run.

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## **Fall upgrades for home entertainment**



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#### **Submitted by Thomas TV**

As Autumn brings us cooler nights, 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 custom-

ers 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

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## **Community food drive for Newark Neighbours**

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

A small group of friends is reaching out to a larger group of residents and businesses to ensure the needy of Niagara-on-the-Lake have a good Thanksgiving dinner.

It's the second community food drive in a few months, organized by Syme Jago, her husband, and three other couples. Last June, they turned a discussion about Newark Neighbours into the first food drive, wanting to help those in need during the pandemic. With participation from their wider circle of friends, it turned out to be hugely successful, but that wasn't going to be the end of it.

They came to the conclusion that there is a much greater need to meet, especially with Thanksgiving coming up. They decided this time they would again call on their network of friends, but also reach out on a larger scale, including local businesses.

The day they've chosen for the drive is Sept. 23, when they are asking for food items to be dropped off at Cornerstone Church on Niagara 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

They are also more than happy to accept a cheque son's Pharmacy has also ofmade out to Newark Neighbours, says Jago.

When COVID hit, al-

open on a limited basis, shop, which generates cash spring, they forged a partnership with Cornerstone, for food. using some of the church's donations. Cindy Grant, who has temporarily taken charge of the food bank, says that partnership with Cornercollected during the community drive will be stored amazing." and sorted there, before being transported to the John helping those in need, it's Street barn to fill Thanksgiv-

Jago says if contacted bours, she adds. by email, at sjfooddrive@ gmail.com, she can also arrange for volunteers to make front-porch pickups. "If you that happen."

ing dinner baskets.

Phil Leboudec of Phil's valu-mart is also on board, providing his parking lot this Saturday, Sept. 19, for food dropoffs.

Volunteers will have their vehicles in the parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., ready to load up donations and Stone Road in Virgil, from transport them to Cornerstone, says Jago.

> Sean Simpson of Simpfered to help, by donating dental supplies and hair and

though the food bank stayed to the Thanksgiving baskets.

Kathy Brown, manager Newark Neighbours volun- of the Virgil Avondale, has a teers had to close their thrift collection jar on the counter for cash donations, that to support the charity. In the Newark can use to purchase extra supplies or gift cards

The NOTL Golf Club is large basement area to store taking donations, says Jago, and on streets throughout town, neighbours are being encouraged to get involved. "This is taking on a life of stone continues, and food its own," she says. "The outreach of this community is

In addition to residents also an opportunity for them to get to know their neigh-

Grant says Newark Neighbours has a list of food items needed to fill Thanksgiving dinner baskets, and if let us know, we can make the food drive is as successful as she anticipates, it may Leading up to that day, help to fill food bank shelves through to Christmas.

"I think this is great. We've provided a list of what we need for Thanksgiving, and this will help get the supply organized."

Newark has about 45 people on their books who use the food bank, including singles, couples and families. Not all come every two weeks, but as they begin registering clients for Thanksgiving dinners, she expects the 30 bi-weekly regulars will body wash products to add sign up, as well as a few oth-



Newark Neighbours volunteer Cindy Grant is grateful for all those involved in the upcoming community food drive, which will provide Thanksgiving dinners for those in need, and help fill shelves at the food bank. (Penny Coles)

ers who qualify for help.

She says Newark volunteers are pleased with in town, she adds, "but there the relationship they have struck up with Cornerstone Church, which makes sorting and transporting items easier. And, of course they're thankful for the food drive.

group for what they're doing. This is phenomenal."

It also helps to raise awareness that there are people in need in NOTL, she as they choose.

involved with Newark, they are often surprised to learn Their thrift store is now of the number of people we

enough need for a food bank is, for sure."

Newark Neighbours accepts most non-perishable items, and has a specific list for Thanksgiving. They will also receive turkey and fruit "We're so grateful to this pies from community suppliers, and can use cash donations to purchase gift cards so food bank clients can buy meat, dairy and fresh items,

"When friends hear I'm Newark Neighbours can be reached at 905-468-3519. open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and their food It can be difficult for bank Tuesday and Thursday,

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people to imagine there is from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 310 John St. E. — turn into the Riverbend Inn driveway and then right at the sign for Newark Neighbours barn.

Items needed Thanksgiving food baskets: canned ham; boxed stuffing mix; canned cranberry sauce, canned peas, canned green beans and canned pineapple; bottles of cranberry and apple juice; and crackers and cookies.

Needed for general food For more information, bank supplies: pasta sauces, cake mixes, jello, rice, canned salmon, Chunky beef or chicken soup, paper towels, and toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, and body lotion.



## 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 stores, up one aisle and down LeGallais.

Organizers have been barn on East and West Line with a huge assortment of donated items for their first over two days in October.

At first, says LeGallais, club members planned to hold the event in several different homes on the same day, modern decor." to allow for physical distancing, but when Trish and Dave ed, they were left to sit for Spagnol stepped up to offer their chicken barn so the sale could be held in one location, it was an opportunity too ing them for display. good to pass up.

May, retiring from the 50-Trish, leaving a large, empty a number of pieces donated here for everyone."

space — the barn is 132 feet by 40 feet — ideal for three long 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 the next, she explains.

As for the sale items, "the busy filling 55 tables in a large community has responded with such tremendous support for Rotary, and what we're doing. That includes Rotary Estate Sale, to be held other Rotary clubs, and friends of Rotary members. We have very interesting and kind donations, from by Somerset House Bed and 100-year-old antiques to Breakfast in NOTL, former-

As the items were donatseveral days for safety reasons, before volunteers began dishes, music boxes, silver cleaning, sorting and group-

The Spagnols sold off rows of tables is a large as-



NOTL Rotary Club members Lynne LeGallais, Jeannie Manning, Lorna Penman and Trish Spagnol show off some of the donated home decor items ready for the club's October estate sale. (Photos by Penny Coles)

ly in their guest rooms until they redecorated.

There are antiques, carpets, collectible plates and pieces, and a large array of kitchen items, such as On the walls behind the blenders and coffee makers. "I think we've got enough about 12,000 chickens in sortment of framed art work, coffee makers for everyone including some original, in NOTL," jokes LeGallais. year family business, explains some limited editions, and "There is truly something

be helpful for young people two softcovers for \$1. setting up their first home on a small budget, she says, and the prices are being kept low. Amish, hand-made, twin-size "A lot of people have had their sleigh bed. income affected by COVID. This could help them out."

There are briefcases, baskets galore, and lamps, both classic and modern. There is a about," says LeGallais. "And corner for Christmas decorations, and another for sports and fitness equipment, a table of electronics and a table of

Many of the items would books, \$1 for hardcover, or a long list of charities it sup-

There is also a selection of furniture, including an

"This is really an opportunity for us to raise funds so we can continue to help others. That's what Rotary is all we're doing everything we can to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for everyone."

The local Rotary Club has

ports, from international to local, including several that help children and families, such as Gillian's Place, Red Roof Retreat, and The Raft. This fundraiser is specifically for organizations which help children in need.

The Rotary Estate Sale is at 949 East and West Line, across from the high school property, Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.



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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)





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## 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 undoubtedly place Bach, Mozart and

Brahms among the giants.

But for sheer renown, and embodiment of classical music itself, the highest niche in the temple of fame must be that of Ludwig van Beethoven.

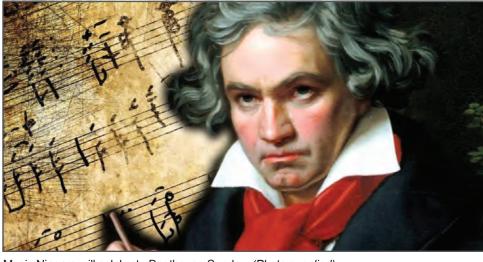
How else to explain his

appeal to people than to recall that on Nov. 26, 1951, Charlie universal recognition, as the Brown placed Beethoven's bust on Schroeder's piano. Indeed, Beethoven's birthday was a perennial Peanuts 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 Hammerklavier 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

> He was right, but was insufficiently self-admiring to imagine or predict that his music would keep mankind busy, and entranced, for another 200 years after that. It is that miracle, and gift of his music, that we now celebrate.

from now."

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,



Music Niagara will celebrate Beethoven Sunday. (Photo supplied)

when Beethoven was no lon- es and in this week's Ludwig in sadness, not evident in the his visitors, he began to use will be followed by Beethoven's conversation books for them Hair on Sept. 27. to write down their questions affliction, he persisted to the the title of our program. This end, composing from inside Sunday, Atis Bankas and Vichis mind and soul.

pandemic dominating our consciousness, a far greater awareness would now prevail about ment. Opus 12, No. 1 (1798) the musical significance of 2020, kindled by an abundance distinctly his voice. Op. 30 of international festivals and No. 6 (1801-2) has the matuconcerts in honour of the 250th rity, melody and grace that we anniversary of Beethoven's birth. Sadly, however, most of these have been cancelled or instruments, the Kreutzer and postponed. Nonetheless, celebrating him was a priority for Music Niagara this year, as evidenced in The Missing Pag-

ger able to communicate with Vienna - Three Pearls, which

Beethoven lived in Vienna toria Kogan will perform three Were it not for a relentless sonatas for piano and violin, tative of his musical developis elegantly classical, but is associate with his other wellknown sonatas for these two the Spring, both composed about the same time. The third work, Opus 96, No. 10 (1812), has a warmth and depth, and

earlier works, foreshadowing in parts the deeper and darker reaches of his later music.

This program will be aired and remarks. Despite such most of his adult life, hence on the Music Niagara website, or on Music Niagara's YouTube Channel on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m.

Before leaving this tribute each to some extent represent 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 book's title.

## OCAL HAPPENINGS



#### TD NIAGARA JAZZ FESTIVAL

September 20 @ 2 - 3 p.m. Love. World. Series #7 with Badie

October 3 @ 5 - 10 p.m. **Hungry 4 Hammond Series** featuring JV's Boogaloo Squad The Joint Chiefs of Soul ft. Lance Anderson

> **Events livestreamed at** niagarajazzfestival.com

## VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE LORD MAYOR

September 22 @ 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coffee with the Lord Mayor is moving to a Facebook live format. Visit the Town of NOTL Facebook page and click the link at the scheduled time to participate.

## A SIX-WEEK ZOOM LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. BILL BROWN

September 23 @ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Presented with the NOTL Public Library, Dr. Bill Brown will be focusing on the period in Physics between 1900 and 1930, otherwise known as the Camelot Years in Physics. #DrBrown #NOTLPL #Physics #Science #physicslovers #universe

#### ANDY WARHOL – A RIVERBRINK ART **MUSEUM VIRTUAL DISCUSSION**

September 24 @ 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us for a virtual discussion via Zoom of Art critic Blake Gopnik's biography of one of the most influential artists: Andy Warhol. Please visit: www.riverbrink.org/events for more information. Email manager@riverbrink.org for the

## VIRTUAL WAR OF 1812 TRIVIA NIGHT

October 6 @ 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Join us for a virtual War of 1812 Trivia Night on (Brock's Birthday)! All participants will be sent a Zoom link for the evening, which will include 4 rounds of Trivia, prizes and more! Hosted by Friends of Fort George

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### **Supporting McMaster Children's Hospital**



Ava Serluca, recovering from ear surgery to improve her hearing, was at McMas-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)

### **LOCAL WORSHIP**



Speaker: **Kevin Bayne** Message:

**Breakthrough** 

Please be advised that with the urrent state of COVID-19, your safety is of utmost importance to us. We will now be live streaming our service at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. There will be no in-person church service.

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- 15 E.g. Rice, Harvard (Abbr.)
- 16 Snake vulnerable to the mongoose
- 17 Not dissimilar
- 18 Salespeople
- 19 Syrian dynasty
- 20 Padre (Abbr.) 21 Prepares for war
- 22 Roughly speaking
- 23 Traditional voting day 25 West Atlantic international
- 26 Flat panel TV type
- 29 Ankle injury
- 30 Parking area 31 Doozie
- 32 Undersides
- 34 2,000 lbs
- 35 Foundation
- 38 Tear 39 Shorthand inventor John
- Robert ---
- 40 --- calling!

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- 41 Maturity
- 43 Stiff sentence
- 44 Missions (Abbr.)

- 45 Goad
- 49 Banned insecticide
- 50 Distress message
- 51 Chivvied
- 52 Comedians
- 54 Drugs (Abbr.)
- 55 Threat to fighters 56 Alan Ladd gunfighter role
- 58 Loopy
- 59 D-Day beach
- 60 Main artery
- 61 Piece for two
- 62 "Time --- My Side" (The Rolling Stones)
- 63 Awesome
- 64 Stack
- 65 Fix

#### Down:

- Mental ability
- Bury the hatchet
- 3 Director/producer --- Stone
- Kind of rummy
- 5 Small seedless raisin
- 6 Foe
- Drinks slowly
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- 22 Stable food
- 24 Californian pine
- 25 Vavavoom
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- 31 Pantry
- 33 Ensnares
- 35 Hairless
- 36 Keen
- 37 Computer code
- 39 Attendees
- 41 Low sounds?
- 42 Out with a potential partner
- 46 Neglect 47 Pressurize
- 48 Comet finder --- Halley
- 50 Bargain
- 51 German philosopher
- 53 Cosmopolitan (Abbr.)
- 54 Second-largest Hawaiian island
- 56 Nordic airline

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- 57 By what means?
- 58 National economic indicator

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59 Actor --- Carrey



#### YARD SALES

#### VINTAGE YARD SALE

Sat. Sept. 19th 7 - 12 Rain date Sun. Sept. 20th 17 Samuel St. NOTL, in the Village.

Vintage quilts, china, glass, antiques, linens, lace, lamps, purses and racks of clothing.

Sale in private laneway. Please park on the street. COVID PROTOCOL APPLIES. MASK REQUIRED.



#### **IN MEMORIAM**



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#### Sudoku solution from **September 10, 2020**

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#### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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Duet, 62 Is on, 63 Swell, 64 Pile, 65 Mend. 54 Meds, 55 S A M, 56 Shane, 58 Gaga, 59 Juno, 60 Aorta, 61Life, 44 Ops, 45 Needle, 49 DDT, 50 S O S, 51 Hamed, 52 Wits,

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## **PLEASE RECYCLE** THIS NEWSPAPER



## Reopening schools safely matters to everyone

That's why the government of Ontario has worked with health officials. school boards and educators to develop a comprehensive plan to keep kids and staff safe.

- · Physical distancing measures will be implemented such as desk separation, signs, floor markings and one-way hallways.
- · Face coverings will be required for staff and students in Grades 4-12.
- · Hand hygiene will be enabled with hand sanitizer and hand washing.
- More nurses will be in schools.
- School cleaning will be enhanced.



## **Celebrating history at Christ Church McNab**



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)

#### **Local Staff**

McNab, the sixth village of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is being form a larger cohesive comrecognized with a new historic plaque in the churchyard at Christ Church Mc- smallest of the remaining Nab.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Niagara Historical Davids and Old Town. The Society president David Hemmings, Rev. Dorothy mer essentially disappeared Hewlett, and benefactors with the construction of the David and Liz Murray were Garden City Skyway on the at the church recently for the formal installation of a 1960s. plaque in the churchyard. At the unveiling, Disero is one of several plaques reminded those attending sponsored by the Niagara that NOTL's fame is based

in part upon the town being comprised of six small considered villages, bound together by orchards and vineyards, to munity.

> villages, including Virgil, Glendale, Queenston, St. core of the village of Ho-Queen Elizabeth Way in the 3912. The museum is locat-

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 McNab is now the 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 905-468ed at 43 Castlereagh Street, Hemmings noted this and has temporary COVID hours of 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

#### THE COUNTRY VILLAGE OF McNAB

This rich agricultural community with longstanding families was originally in Grantham Township. Its village hub was for over 30 years from 1900 situated at the crossroads of Lakeshore and McNab Roads with a post office and store, a blacksmith shop, a tavern, two schools and an inter-urban streetcar link. The village was named by postmistress Gussie Bogardus after the first settlers, John and Colin McNabb, who arrived in the 1780s. In the early 1800s the village tavern on Eight Mile Creek was a popular hangout for Great Lakes smugglers. The first school was built by 1840 and Christ Church followed in 1853. Both the back of the Christ Church graveyard and that on a high bluff overlooking the creek are the last resting places for those enslaved in McNab. Until 1932 when the horse & carriage shed was removed, farming families would all come by horse to church services every Sunday. The parish hall, originally built in 1912, was reoriented in 1934 for community gatherings by donations from Alexander Teefy Servos.

Erected in 2019 by the Niagara Historical Society and Museum with the support of Elizabeth Surtees and David Murray and the collaboration of the Christ Church Warden and Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.