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And they're off

Nikola Necakov-Waller, in front on a scooter, darts from the starting line of the 39th annual Terry Fox Run. He finished the five-kilometre route in 25 minutes. For more photos please see page 18. (Fred Mercnik)

Council resurrects 2018 cannabis bylaw

Move made out of concern for challenge to interim control bylaw

Penny Coles

effect until next summer, a warning during Official lenge to the interim control nabis production. The draft backs or tells people where

quirements.

meeting that councillors backs anywhere from 300 If Canopy Growth, should consider a draft by- metres to 1,500 metres. which owns Tweed Farm law presented to the previin St. Davids, wins the chal- ous council to control can- currently that restricts set-Lord Mayor Betty Disero Plan discussions, and from bylaw, she told councillors was shelved when a debate they can grow and can't offered councillors an alter- the Town's planning direc- last week, "we could lose about setbacks for such pro- grow" cannabis, Disero told With a challenge from native to the current bylaw tor Craig Larmour, that the it all. If we lose the inter- ductions from residential councillors last week. Canopy Growth to the to be approved, one they bylaw proposed in July by im control bylaw, we have areas and other sensitive locations couldn't be resolved. Instead, she suggested The discussion included

doesn't meet provincial re- at last week's committee recommendations for set-

"We don't have anything

The Local

Town's cannabis interim have decided to accept. control bylaw, which is in

Her concern comes from after extensive research,

a committee of councillors nothing in place."

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Public forum will discuss community wellness

Penny Coles The Local

What could be more important than living in a healthy community?

Members of the Town's Wellness Community Committee are determined to find out what a healthy community means to the residents of Niagaraon-the-Lake.

Chair Cindy Grant says culture." the committee is using

ily exlusive to good living community, what needs or 350. It's easy, and will munity vitality, which sustainable environment, they can offer in the way of she says. vital communities, an educated populace, balanced democratic participation, she says, "but we want to be held at the communiand access to and participation in leisure and wrong, but about any solu- Thursday, Sept 26 from for seniors.

But that is a broad

a definition of wellness scope, Grant says, and be- residents to take on Join solutions.

> tions residents may have." 2 to 4 p.m., and from There is a survey for 7 to 9 p.m.

Council approves estate winery, but imposes some conditions

Penny Coles The Local

Queenston Mile will get its estate winery designation, but with a couple of last-minute conditions imposed by council.

Monday night's council meeting saw more discussion opposing the rezoning, which seemed to gain traction with some councillors, but at the final hour, it was approved by a five to four vote.

Winemaker Martin Werner spoke to council tiently gone through." before they made their deto convince them Queenston Mile hasn't been opof a farm winery, and isn't equipped to produce wine onsite as would be required for an estate winery.

Restaurant owner Maria Mavridis also made one last plea to councillors, council approved, as preon Queen Street are disfor Queenston Mile. "This is not a winery," she said. "It is agricultural land purchased with the intention and events facility."

ing a small building on to hospitality space when cording to regulations as report and recommendaagricultural property into convenient. a wedding venue, adding that commercially-zoned points with neighbours restaurants on Queen has been the noise that Street can't compete with a would be disruptive during barn converted to a restau- events allowed in an estate the winery building to a rant that doesn't have to winery. pay commercial taxes.

Queenston Mile isn't being approving the rezoning, run as a farm winery at present, and by rezoning disappointed would be an it as an estate winery, "you understatement." are willing to give them the approval to skip some deferred until September, steps that others have pa-

cision, trying one last time the small winery on about standing was that there be 50 acres of vineyards will be that with estate winery of compromise. erating under the terms rezoning, it can hold special events in a hospitality answer from staff was that area and offer food. Both there was no leeway, nothrequire some or all of the ing to be done, and the onsite.

The conditions that changes. saying business owners sented by Clare Cameron, support approving the are that the much-debat- zoning is to impose condiappointed in the support ed commercial equipment tions," she said. which is being stored in the barn will not be in- liked even more stringent stalled, and that the site conditions than those applan for the winery clearly proved. She proposed the of opening a restaurant defines a permanent wine rezoning to estate winery production and processing not be considered until She warned of the con- space, rather than allowing October, 2021, when the they expect rules to be folsequences of raising the the flexibility of having the winery would have had lowed in the future.

cost of farmland by turn- production area converted two years to operate ac-

One of the sticking

Referring to the staff Mavridis also suggested report that recommended Cameron said, "to say I'm

A decision had been with some questions sent to staff for answers, and The main difference for Cameron said her underan effort to seek some kind

Instead, she said, the wine sold to be produced report as it was originally written stood with no Lord Mayor Betty Disero.

"The only way I can

Cameron would have

a farm winery. She failed that, as well as other conditions, including a feasibility study to relocate more appropriate site on the property, and another look at the septic system. She wanted an onsite system that could handle all wastewater from winery production, but planning manager Rick Wilson explained the Region okayed production wastewater being trucked offsite, and Cameron failed to get support from council for any further discussion with the Region.

Voting against the rezoning to an estate winery were Councillors Stuart McCormack, Gary Burroughs, Cameron, and Councillors Norm Arsenault, Allan Bisback, Wendy Cheropita, Erwin Wiens and John Wiens voted to approve it.

Councillors who approved the rezoning spoke last week of supporting it based on planning principles, with some warning winery

that includes the highest fore the committee goes the Conversation, which fined wellness to include of topics, some of the quality of life, "in its full further, members want to so far has about 140 re- eight different categories initiatives may overlap breadth of expression, fo- hear what residents think sponses. Grant would love within its framework: with other committees, cused on but not necessar- is working well in the to up that number to 300 healthy community; comstandards, robust health, a to be improved, and what take about five minutes, includes transportation; mittee is new to this term cultural and leisure; dem- of council, combining In addition, she is hop- ocratic engagement; envi- the previous age-friend-Grant can't necessar- ing for a good turnout to ronment; education; time ly committee and other time use, high levels of ily "promise to deliver," a public forum which will use; and living standards, which touches on the need hear not just about what's ty centre in two sessions, for affordable apartments

> overview of the work of the committee and its terms of discuss each of the topics.

The information gathered will be combined with the results from the and then made it a Niagarasurvey, Grant says, with a on-the-Lake-specific tions to go to council this to get majority support for fall, and work to start on the survey at https://www. carrying out recommendations in the new year. org/.

The committee has de- With such a broad range she says.

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The Wellness Comconsiderations relating to health.

"It's not just about health, although that's At the forum, partic- part of it. It's more about ipants will be given an anything that makes a community a good place to live, a well place to be," reference, before breaking says Grant. "We based it on up into small groups to similar initiatives, national and international, that describe what makes a town a good place to live, project."

It's not too late to take jointheconversationnotl.



representatives Cindy Grant, chair of the Town's Wellness Committee, spoke to council Monday about the work of the committee, and the goal of an upcoming public forum. (Penny Coles)

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Support sought for Refuse to Lose to PTSD

Penny Coles The Local

A former professional football player was at council Monday to ask for support for those who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder.

playing football for the CFL and NFL, he learned to give back to the community, inhospital.

ness studio in Thorold, in bridge. recent years Dan Giancola has helped to raise money proached her, while his wife road to recovery. for various causes, including a young girl with a rare disease and the Steve Ludzik that day, I remember stand-Foundation for Shaver Hos- ing two feet from her, when pital, with fundraiser galas.

He said during a decade wasn't sure what cause he said, life." wanted to support, but "right around this time," he bridge to jump, and with the and his wife and daughter help of two young women cluding visiting children in were going over the highway who were also there, they to Niagara Falls, when they lunged at her, grabbed her

He pulled over and apcalled 911.

she said, "what do I have to Last year, he said, he live for? I looked at her and

She leaned over the the women who stay at the Now the owner of a fit- saw a woman straddling the and pulled her over the rail-

"By the grace of God on ganized a gala for mental dryer. health, raising \$27,000 and giving money to Raft, the three months ago the womchildren's shelter, gave Path- an on the bridge who had stone three benches for an been saved, jumped again outdoor park and beds for and was hit by a train.

ing, and for the next year, Southridge shelter and the PTSD," said Giancola. she seemed fine and on the Canadian Mental Health

Unfortunately he said,

"I suffer now from 905-371-4213.

This year's gala is for Give Association needed a new the Boot to PTSD, Refuse to That year, Giancola or- commercial washer and Lose, honouring first responders. It will be held on Oct. 5 at Club Castropignano in Port Robinson. If anyone wants information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation, call Giancolo at

Current draft bylaw to undergo legal review

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"If we lose this challenge to the interim control bylaw, we don't have anything in effect to take its place."

Disero said she wanted councillors to know the interim control bylaw has been challenged, and thought they should talk about the best strategic way to move forward.

She suggested that if they could agree on a distance for setbacks for that 2018 bylaw, it could be passed quickly, and would give the Town a back-up plan, given the likelihood of dy Cheropita, who is part is where we've landed. It's the Province not accepting of the cannabis committee, not perfect, and I have resthe cannabis committee's made a motion to amend recommendations.

Larmour agreed there is a risk to moving forward with eas. the committee's July recomlimiting all growth of can- residents and agricultural by November.

an enclosed building - re- move quickly, this seemed stricting it to the Glendale the best way to proceed. area — and prohibiting any outdoor growth. Those rec- amendment that would ommendations would re- require air quality control quire changes to the Official equipment for cannabis Plan, zoning bylaws and the production in rural areas, Municipal Act, Larmour that would by definition said, and it could take three eliminate the ability to grow to six months or longer to the crop outdoors. go through that process.

On Monday, after learncannabis committee that included planning department staff and Disero, council agreed to resurrect the 2018 bylaw.

A reluctant Coun. Wenthat draft bylaw, including Planning director Craig setbacks of 1500 metres to

nabis to industrial areas to land, and with the need to

She also asked for an

In the meantime, the current bylaw, the one which ing of two meetings of the limits cannabis growth to industrial areas, will be reviewed by legal counsel, councillors were told.

> Regarding making amendments to the 2018 bylaw, Cheropita said, "this ervations, but I don't think we have any other options."

Disero asked that the residential and sensitive ar- 2018 draft bylaw be amended in time for a public meet-She said the point of a ing in October, and hopemendations, which include cannabis bylaw is to protect fully be ready for approval







Howie Kudlats, hostess Dawn Barns and John Mather at the NOTL Rotary Club's Icewine Martini Party Saturday, which raised \$30,000 for the club's support of Hospice Niagara, and the Gift of Life program. (Fred Mercnik)

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September 19, 2019 THE NOTL LOCAL **commemorated 18 years later 11 Stil**

Penny Coles The Local

Eduardo Lafforgue, president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, continued a tradition started by former president Janice Thomson last week by hosting a solemn occasion, as he explained, "to take some time to reflect on the 18 years that have elapsed since the fateful events of September 11,2001."

Attended by representatives of the Niagara Regional Police, the local fire department and Niagara EMS, the service was held in part, said Lafforgue, to honour the efforts of the first responders "who were called out on a morning just like this one, to save the lives of innocent people, and face a situation no one could ever imagine."

Standing at the Court House steps and along Queen Street, Royal Oak Community School students and a smattering of residents and visitors looked on as Lord Mayor Betty Disero spoke at the Cenotaph of remembering and paying tribute to one of the most traumatic events of North America's history.

"September 11, 2001 is a day we'll never forget. Many of us still remember where we were or what we were doing the moment we heard about the horrific acts taking place in our neighbouring country," she said.

Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives that day, from 90 countries around the world, including 24 Canadians, "and

while the years have passed, the shock and horror will be forever etched in our minds. Our world changed forever following the attacks."

But what hasn't changed, she said, is the resolve to fight against the oppression of terror, "and our ability to comfort and aid those affected by these crimes against humanity. Today we continue to stand with our American neighbours, and open our community to them just as we did 18 years ago."

Disero spoke of honouring all the brave men and women who lost their lives that day, those who ran toward the tragic scene to save others, those who came to the rescue, to recover and clean up, and those who are now facing life-long health battles as a result. "Let us open our hearts and pray that their continuing suffering be eased and that they get the care they need," she said.

"This sombre occasion is a reminder of how incredibly blessed we are to live in a safe community, and how we wish the same for the rest of the world."

MP Rob Nicholson spoke of having always been "very grateful and very proud of Niagara-on-the-Lake," as it continues to commemorate a moment in history "that has affected all of us, and made us and our neighbour in the U.S. more determined than ever to resist terrorism and those who would break down our society."

senting Wayne Gates, had diffi-



At 8:45 a.m. on Sept. 11, the American and Canadian flags at the Queen Street Cenotaph were lowered for a moment of silence, then raised again for the singing of O Canada and the American national anthem.

culty controlling her emotions as she spoke, as did many in the small crowd. "Eighteen years ago today our world changed in the blink of an eye. We lost mothers, fathers, sons and daughters in a senseless act of violence, and the world turned its eyes in its sorrow towards New York."

By commemorating the events on the same morning Shannon Mitchell, repre- 18 years later, "you help show the importance of remember-

ing and honouring those who were lost. Being here, we tell the world we will not be put down by the forces of hate. We tell the world we will stand proudly with those who lost loved ones, so nobody forgets this tragedy. I'd like to thank the brave men and women of the Niagara Regional Police, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake firefighters, and Niagara Ems who are here today. The efforts of the first

Lord Mayor Betty Disero chatted with Royal Oak Community School students following the memorial service.

responders just like you saved thousands of innocent lives. It's a day to remember those who were lost, a day to look at those around us and be thankful for them, and a day none of us will soon forget."

With several school children and others wiping their eyes, the American and Canadian flags were lowered at 8:45 a.m., and after a moment's silence, raised again to the playing of O Canada, and the American national anthem.

As the crowd broke up after the short but emotional service, Disero stopped by the group of children and thanked them for coming. She repeated for them some of what had happened 18 years ago, and told them why it is so important it not be forgotten, so they may grow up in a country that continues to be safe for all.





First responders attending the memorial service were honoured for the protection they provide. (Photos by Penny Coles)

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LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: UPPER CANADA ANIMAL HOSP

quarter century of veteri- that these two principles ally improve and develop. nary medicine in town.

Canada Animal Hospital first opened the doors of its veterinary medical pracfelt fortunate and privileged to serve the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake and surrounding areas.

a relatively new client, or an care for pets from through- ly see second-generation established one, Dr. Turpel says he hopes everyone feels New York. The hospital has see how these once-young welcomed with open arms, also become an accredited children who entered our and assured that "every pet, and every person, will tal Association facility, with their parent's hand or even receive the best care, in all team members trained in their arms, have grown every situation."

success is quite simple, in its services have also been selves. Through the years, that it stems from two principles. The first is that of the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like to be treated. The second, find your passion, and if at all possible, OVMA Practice Manage- our clients family." develop your life around ment Award. Accomplishit. By following the Golden Rule we are able to look in the mirror each day and be proud of the individual looking back; and by finding the growth and change that our passion, life becomes so has occurred since our inrich and fulfilling we can't ception, I'm so proud and help but develop a deep, and thankful for the excepwell-rooted sense of grati- tional staff and clients that tude. I hope people sense, have been so instrumental

hospital has been built."

the Upper Canada Animal summed up pretty easily in tice, through to the present, Hospital has gone through one word: gratitude." Dr. Jim Turpel says he has a tremendous amount of growth. What began as a cle of life, says Dr. Turpel, small, three-staff facility has evolved into an 11-person and kitten, as well as owners, hospital with a surgical re- go through various stages Whether he is dealing with ferral service that provides of their lives. We frequentout Ontario and upstate owners and it amazes me to American Animal Hospiand certified in Fear Free into and become responsi-"I've always felt the key to practices. The hospital and ble, loving pet owners themshowcased by the Ontario we've developed friendships Veterinary Medical Asso- with clients that transcend ciation as an example of an the veterinarian-client relaexceptional veterinary hos- tionship, and we are proud pital, and it has received the to call each and every one of ments like this are a credit to each of the team members, says Dr. Turpel.

"When I look at all of

Reflecting on almost a when they enter our doors, in allowing us to continuhave been the rock upon When I think of my life as In 1996, when Upper which the foundation of our a veterinarian for the last quarter century in Niagara-Over the last 23 years, on-the-Lake, it can be

In that never-altering cir-"we have seen many a puppy doors, often-times holding





Jim Turpel, DVM

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EDITORIAL

Wellness Committee needs residents' input

'unique' used to describe the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake?

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As the saying goes, 'If I had a nickle for every time I heard that ...'

NOTL is unique, it is so very, very pretty, its history so important to the birth of our country, its heritage buildings among the oldest and most significant. The list of firsts that occurred right here in this town can beat any in Canada.

Yet still, there are complaints.

This small town, like all communities, has its growing pains. Yes, most residents feel very privileged to live here, but some are more privileged than others.

There is income disparity. There is a need for affordable housing. It's difficult (expensive) to provide public transit that really meets the needs

How often is the word decent jobs that will keep our a huge task, and an importyoung people in town, or at ant one. What could be more least bring them back when important? It encompasses they are ready to settle down.

> There are parking challenges and traffic congestions. We may not face the delays and gridlock of big cities, but plaints. try turning left onto Niagara Stone Road anywhere there the chance to think about, and isn't a traffic signal.

> There is so very much that is amazing about this than it is. What might stop town, for residents and visitors. So much to do, so many great restaurants, the theatre, the wineries, the recreational best views you'll ever find.

walk at night and not worry. If you've lived in a big city, or even certain areas of Niagara, you know how much that alone contributes to quality of life.

The of those who use it. We want Committee is undertaking yours.

everything that contributes to the great quality life NOTL residents enjoy.

Yet still, there are com-

Residents are being given share, what they believe could make this town even better some of the complaints. What might seem like possible solutions to ongoing problems.

To be part of the solution, paths that offer some of the answer the online survey about community wellness And it feels safe. You can at www.jointheconversationnotl.org/. Then consider attending the public forum next Thursday to talk about a healthy community. The committee volunteers are putting a lot of time into this. They're Town's Wellness only asking for two hours of



LOCAL FINDS

Sacred to the memory of ROBERT D. WRIGHT Son of the late Charles Wright of Niagara who departed this life on the 9th June 1822 Aged 9 years and 7 months four line verse this stone was erected by David Thompson his Step father as a memorial of his many Eminent Virtues*

* Wording taken from monument

Memorial to a nine-year-old **Donald Combe Special to The Local**

We know nothing about Robert, except that he had an extraordinarily generous and thoughtful stepfather. The final line of the inscription is enigmatic. What were the "many Eminent Virtues of a nine-year-old? There is a stone nearby that bears the initials G.C.W. This could be Charles Wright, young Robert's father. There is no trace of David Thomson or of Mrs.Wright Thompson. Lots of questions.



Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

Thursday, Sept. 19, and only four days of summer left before autumn begins with the Vernal Equinox, and lively emotions disrupt which happens this year

and lazy.

The Third Quarter Moon in Gemini late on Saturday night portends a time of friction, where quick practical and no-nonsense

Or maybe just too laid back and forward progress is everywhere.

Tuesday the 24th of September sees the Moon move into Leo early in the morning and Mercury make a positive connection with Jupiter later in the day. Lots of over-the-top ideas are rooted in a kind of knowing that can spell success. And Wednesday the 25th may feel a bit aimless by comparison but Venus in Libra makes a Square to Saturn in Capricorn for a fight over a matter of long term security. Next week sees the New Moon in Libra on Saturday September 28th with good news to brighten the day. I'll be back next Thursday with another edition of Auchterlonie on Astrology right here in The Local. Check out my podcast on Facebook at Auchterlonie on Astrology or visit my website Looking up with Bill at https:// www.lookingupwithbill.com/. There you will find all this

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early morning. The other big astronomical event this coming week is the Third

Quarter Moon in Gemini moves into her home sign which is on Saturday night.

Thursday, the 19th, the Moon is in Taurus for most of the day and making a strong positive connection with the Sun this morning. It's all practicality and discrimination, making things better. Mars in Virgo makes a similar connection to Pluto later today. It's willpower grounded by sensibility.

Friday's Moon in Gemini harmonizes with Mercury in Libra, opening the potential for an intellectual and emotional connection and making conversation effect. It is a three-month

on Monday, Sept. 23 in the well-intentioned efforts. Too clever is likely and is likely also frustrating.

Sunday the Moon of Cancer just past midnight, setting up a day of sensitive ongoing challenges with stubborn thinking up against stubborn reality. This may take a few days to sort itself out.

Autumn comes to town with the Equinox Monday, Sept. 23 at 3:50 in the early morning. This is a very powerful Equinox with the Moon, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune all in signs they rule, and with Leo on the horizon in places where Eastern time is in breezy and spontaneous. period where clarity rules and more!

COMMENT

Fay and Fluffy's Drag Queen Story Time coming to NOTL

Program coordinator explains importance of showing diversity to children at the public library



Debbie Krause The NOTL Public Library

When I was young, growing up in this town, I assumed everyone lived a life like mine.

Nothing in my limited experience told me otherwise. My friends lived in houses similar to mine, they wore the same clothes, bought from the same stores, and 90 per cent had both a mother and a father — at least that is what I thought. Of course, I was only a child and my world was very small, but yet, I wonder how many times my assumptions continue to get in the way of true understanding and compassion.

I still live in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and although much has changed, we remain a very homoge-

many issues that our neigh- are is okay? bouring cities contend with. Last week, our staff attended Robertson are both early a workshop about how to childhood educators who deal with people experienc- travel around Southern Oning homelessness. As I sat tario providing amazing story and listened, my thoughts times focused on inclusion, were of gratitude: "I'm glad that this topic is not very relevant to our experience at the NOTL Public Library."

But should I be so arrogant as to think that no one in our community feels marginalized, judged? We are frontline workers. We are mandated to accept anyone who comes through our doors. We are to break down a giant hot pink wig and false barriers and welcome all regardless of sex, race, religion, and socio-economic status. How do we do this?

ognize that, despite appear- had the opportunity to teach ances, we are all different something society seems to es. In one such class, there accept at face value. However, was a little boy who routinely what if someone feels different and that difference makes centre and always dressed in them feel alone, marginalized, or unsafe? What if this the prince. I watched how his neous community - on the person is a child without the peers played with him withsurface at least. As a whole, vocabulary to express how out judgement. I heard the we are a town of privilege, they feel or the life experience remarks of other adults in

we do not struggle with the to understand that who they

JP Kane and Kaleb acceptance, and fun. They are also known as Fay and Fluffy and they are drag queens. Yes, there is much singing and laughter and more glitter than you can imagine, but their message is powerful no matter your race, your income, the structure of your family, or how you identify, you are loved, you are special. Even eyelashes are celebrated in this place.

I spent almost 10 years as an occasional teacher with The first step is to rec- the DSBN and at that time many Kindergarten classchose to play in the dress-up the princess costumes, never



Fay and Fluffy were well-received at the NOTL Public Library the last time they came for Drag Queen Story Time, which the kids loved. (Photo supplied)

the school, which were not love we all deserve.

always kind. And I wondered matter. I just hope he grew to lead with empathy and

At a time when the news if his parents knew, and if so, and internet are filled with how they reacted. Maybe so much ugliness and intolthis little boy was gay, maybe erance, I am proud to be part he just liked the silky feel of of an organization such as the pink satin skirt. It doesn't the public library, that aims up feeling the unconditional compassion. Fay and Fluffy notlpubliclibrary.org.

share these values. I am inviting you and your family to a celebration of diversity, to sing, dance and learn on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. See you at Fay and Fluffy's Drag Queen Story Time.

Please register online at

Why don't vegan protesters provide their names

Re: Vegan protesters move young children and anyone into NOTL, (The Local, Sept. 12) my question is why is it that these four sinister-looking mask-wearing characters are allowed to even wear masks? And why is it that their names aren't being revealed?

My opinion is that not only should their faces be revealed, their names should be revealed. If in fact they are true believers of their protested claim, they should be out in the open and not hidden behind masks promoting intimidation.

Being masked is reminiscent of dictatorship or terror-

vulnerable to fear, not eliminating of course the sick fear tactic of pig movies being shown.

Researching further, I came across the information that the mask seen at these protests is called a Guy Fawkes mask, named for a 17th century Briton who infamously attempted to bomb the House of Lords. He was planning to assassinate King James. Lovely ... now there's a mascot!

Plus I noticed that one protester in the photo seemed to be wearing leather shoes. This alone is a conflict of their mesists. Is that what this vegan sage. Even if he claimed they were not leather, it still gives the it, all of their shoes more than likely have horse glue holding

Why aren't they protesting the Budweiser wagon train? Just asking. Do they drink beer?

Further reading brought me to the goat movie event promotion for goat yoga. Am I confused in feeling that maybe if both the vegan activists and the horse and carriage protesters are all standing up for mute animals, would not they be better suited to protest goats being used at yoga?

Instead I understand they chose to protest a veterans' picnic, veterans who have dedicated their whole lives for other human life.

In my opinion, these pro-



Holly Dowd celebrates retirement with friends

Holly Dowd, former CAO of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, at her retirement party held last Friday at the Virgil Fire Station. Dowd said she is looking forward to spending time with her family, travelling, and especially playing more golf, and better golf. (Janice Thomson)

movement is to represent?

Plus the point of the choice same impression of leather, and of mask — I would think in I am sure if we really got into this immediate climate of Evil Clown movies this mask would traumatize and terrify them together.

tests are ridiculous and only reveals their misguided mentality for all to see.

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Icebreakers Comedy Festival to return with extra weekend

Maria Mavridis Special to The Local

Gemini award-winner Shaun Majumder, from early. This Hour Has 22 Minutes, breakers Comedy Festival.

The annual event, held in January during the local Ice- Resort and Spa. wine Festival, was started by local funny boy Jeff Paul with White Oaks, Tim Balasiuk, ception included for VIP a few childhood friends. It has grown over the years, from Paul himself headlining at Corks Restaurant to into a large venue space for to miss out on." a multi-venue production. In its seventh year, and with two weekends full of guaranteed laughter, this year's

Last year's festival had a wait jumder headlining. list, so organizers are urging everyone to purchase tickets on partnering with White

is headlining this year's Ice- Friday, Jan. 17, at Oast House laboration to bring in some Brewers, and continues Sat- great Canadian celebrity courday, Jan. 18 at White Oaks medians." says Balasiuk.

> one of the event organizers, tickets holders, making the says the tennis courts at the White Oaks Celebrity Gala hotel will be transformed an event that you don't want their Celebrity Gala. Returning to the festival as opening as a festival partner, with act for this show is K. Trevor Joe Pillitteri performing on Wilson, from CRAVE TV's Thursday, Jan. 23.

> festival will be a sure sell-out. Letterkenny, with Shaun Ma-

"We have been working Oaks for a few years now, The festival kicks off on and are excited with the col-

"There is a Jackson-Triggs Partnered this year with Niagara Estate Winery re-

Jackson-Triggs returns



Shaun Majumder will headline one of the Icebreakers Comedy Festival events. (Photo supplied)

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gional manager of visitor ex- shows, The Best of Yuk Yuk's periences at Jackson-Triggs, and The Meltdown, hosted on the festival website, www. says, "we are beyond thrilled" about the continued success of the partnership.

Stacey Mulholland, re- at Corks Restaurant with two corded live for CBC Radio. by Jeff Paul himself.

Friday, Jan. 24 the festival CBC LOL Gala at the Court on the festival's Facebook returns to where it all started House. This show will be re- page.

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Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 icebreakerscomedy.com. The festival closes in tra- The entire lineup will be andition with the Saturday night nounced in the next few days

The White Effect



Bobby and Kate McKeown from the Georgian Residence enjoy the spectacular fireworks show at the White Effect dinner at Queenston Heights, organized by the NOTL Chamber of Commerce. (Janice Thomson)

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Scouts take over Fort George for the weekend

The Scout Brigade of Fort George, an annual International Scout jamboree, was held at Fort George this weekend. It is considered a living history camp, focusing on the history of the War of 1812, with Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers from Ontario, and the U.S., with more than 1,000 youth registered each year. The event is sponsored by the Greater Toronto Council of Scouts Canada. Scout Brigade 25th Regiment practise their marching drills (left). The King's 8th Regiment practise their shooting skills at Fort George's Scout jamboree this weekend (below). The U.S. Boy Scout Troop 122 came to Fort George for the event from Rochester, NY (below left). (*Photos by Fred Mercnik*)





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Three years after being considered palliative, life is good

Bob Cheriton says he feels very fortunate to continue living 'a normal life'

Penny Coles The Local

Three years ago Bob Cheriton was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and told he had a 20 per cent chance of surviving a year.

Today, he is enjoying playing golf several times a week at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, and life remains much as it was before his diagnosis.

He is still on the NOTL Hydro board, remains a key organizer of the Santa Claus Parade, and continues to meet weekly with a group of friends at the community centre.

He was told in 2016 that the odds of living to see the summer of 2017 were not It's been an interesting experience to say the least."

Despite a diagnosis of a cancer that has no cure, Cheriton says he considers himself "a lucky guy. I'm really, really fortunate. Here we are in 2019, and I live a pretty normal life."

He does have to work around the cycle of chemotherapy treatments, which he out of four, 12 months of the and he can play golf with no

year. While they are not ex- pain — although he wishes he pected to get rid of the can- could play it better. cer, they should slow down time, he says.

tired than usual in the two or a chance. It isn't going to hapthree days following the treat- pen." ment, and then he has a couple of good days before start- without a cart. He's in the ing the cycle again, "but that's WOOF league and the men's okay. It's a lot better than the league at the NOTL Golf Club, alternative."

He remains strong, and through it all, he keeps active and displays an incredibly pos- 18 holes, "but I find that takes itive attitude.

"Attitude is one of those intangibles that's hard to measure. I believe attitude is 2016, when he was experienccritically important, and remaining active is also criticalgood, he says, "and here I am. ly important. I'm absolutely committed in my mind to remaining active."

> coming back, and at the age of almost 71, a patch of baldness chance of living a year, but he isn't so bad, he jokes.

weight, and is happy to be sidered palliative, but he wasn't close to his doctor's recommendation in that department. He finds there is less research, sought second and Germany who was using IRE has once a week, three weeks stress on his hips and knees,

"It gives me a sense of purits growth and buy him more pose, that never-ending pursuit of perfection in golf. But He finds himself more my friends say, "Cheriton, not

> He still plays nine holes and sometimes goes out as well with his wife.

He uses a cart if he's playing more energy than walking nine holes."

This path he is on began in ing some stomach discomfort, and after seeing his doctor and having some tests, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He learned that 90 per cent of He has lost his hair, but it's the time it's too late for surgery, and that he had a 20 per cent knows now he was lucky it He has also lost some was caught early. He was conabout to accept that too readily. He began doing his own third opinions.



Bob Cheriton plays in two NOTL Golf Club leagues, and sometimes gets out on the course with his wife. He still walks when he's playing nine holes. (Penny Coles)

for patients with inoperable called irreversible electroporation (IRE) which uses short, repetitive, high-energy pulses of electricity to destroy cancer same skepticism. cells.

perimental in Canada for treating liver cancer, because tumours on the pancreas are usually hidden, and difficult pulses.

on pancreatic tumours, in-He discovered an option volving surgery to reach them. journey."

When his Niagara doctors or difficult-to-reach tumours, were less than enthusiastic longer the treatments work, about the treatment, he went to the Mayo Clinic for a second opinion and received the advancements that combat the

While he began aggressive t was still considered ex- chemotherapy here at home, three more years to spend with he also decided to go to Germany for the treatment, which bought him more time.

That, and the ongoing to reach with the electrical im- chemotherapy, "is, I believe, the best hope to keep it under their lives, he says, is toward But he found a doctor in control. And with the support and advice of many incredible people, I've had a pretty special

He can only hope that the the more time he's given, the greater the chance of medical disease.

In the meantime, he's had his wife, two adult children and four grandchildren, while continuing to lead as normal a life as possible.

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"For me, I live in the now.

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In the moment, as some people say. But for my family, I live lenges. for the future, trying to make things as simple as possible. You never know when things are going to take a turn."

He and his wife Rosalie have sold their home, moved to a condo, "and got rid of a lot of stuff, although there is still more to get rid of. If we do it now, Rosalie won't have to do it alone." And they are down to one car.

He says he's seen too many cases of a husband dying, and leaving his wife "with some challenges to clean up - ownership of the house, and dealing with the banks, which can be really terrible. In addition to the trauma of someone's passing, the spouse is left having shouldn't happen."

doesn't want to put his family in the same situation.

about dealing with the reality of his mortality, he says, "we don't use the 'death' word very often, but we do talk simplification."

Although he says repeatedly how fortunate he feels to be where he is, he has one regret.

When he was in his 40s, he began to lose his hearing from a genetic condition, and now, even with hearing aids, he struggles.

He had hoped to have cochlear implants — he had seen a doctor at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, and was looking forward to the surgery.

But then he was diagnosed with cancer, and because of his weakened immune system from chemotherapy, it had to be put off.

"I was really looking forward to it," he says.

His mother had the surgery when it was still in its early stages. "It worked remarkably well," he says, and she considered she was helping to lead the way for her son when natives, and I'll tell you, there is his turn came.

can do a better job of convers- standard of care there is out

on the board."

He will again be one of the organizers of the Santa Claus Parade, but there will be chal-

The parade committee lost two of its strongest volunteers this past year, chair Bruce Pospiech, who lost a long battle with cancer, and John Fryer, who died suddenly.

They were also two of Cheriton's dearest friends, men he had known for decades. Pospiech was his best man - hed known him since 1966 — and he met Fryer in 1970.

"In the last few years, Bruce and I worked very closely on the parade. And John was a great organizer - he looked after the marshalling, with about 35 volunteers. I didn't expect to lose John. That came as a real shock."

The committee, he says, to deal with this chaos, which also faces the challenge of "finding a new ride for Santa. That weighs on him — he The current sleigh has served us for about 15 years."

They have had some de-When he talks to them signs submitted, "with some terrifically creative ideas, but now we have to figure out how to pay for it."

> Despite the challenges, he's looking forward to the planning of another great parade, he says.

As for what the future holds for him, "you don't ever know what's going to happen. I didn't expect to lose my friends John Fryer and Bruce Pospiech. I thought they would outlive me, and that didn't happen."

He says he's never been told his cancer has spread beyond the pancreas, which he has taken as good news.

He has tests coming up soon, including a CT scan, which will give him more information of how well the chemotherapy is working, and whether it can be scaled back.

He has nothing but praise for all his local doctors and for the Walker Cancer Centre.

"I've been to Germany, to the Mayo Clinic and to Princess Margaret Hospital in pursuit of various ideas and alternothing like the people at the He wants the surgery so he Walker Cancer Centre. The



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ing with his grandchildren. of this world. I can't say how The oldest is 11, and Cheriton says his hearing was good enough for them to talk and forge a relationship in the early years, but he fears he is not developing as strong a bond with his hearing problem.

in the grand scheme of things, I still feel I'm very, very fortunate," he says.

He still enjoys being on the hydro board. Last year, he had a transformer station named after him. Maybe not everyone's goal in life, but after years of being part of the role gives him "a connection to the community in a very tangible way, working with very dedicated people on staff and wake up is a special occasion."

much I appreciate the care and support they have given me. It's a tough job they do, but every single time they manage a smile and a few kind words."

He also has tremendous the younger boys, because of respect and admiration for his oncologist, but she has given "I'd love to get it done, but him one bit of advice he has had difficulty following.

"She recommended I give up alcohol," he says. "She's afraid of how it might interact with chemotherapy, and that it might damage my liver. But I like my wine, and told her I'm not ready to give it up."

So the doctor suggested a hydro board, he still finds the compromise — she asked him if he could maybe restrict it to special occasions.

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Musical pays tribute to St. Andrew's 225th

Local Staff

Barbara Worthy has done it again, this time with A Kirk, A Kilt and A Strawberry.

The creator of a musical history for the country's 150th anniversary two years ago has written a short performance for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which is celebrating 225 years of serving the community.

The congregation was established in June, 1792 with construction of the first church building beginning in November of the same year.

music, and with a bit of hu- housing the town's library. mour thrown in.

Berger, Edwin Conroy Jr., as not the only collector of Laurel Minnes and Dinah books, and the competition Van Egmond, the play was between the Anglicans and performed at St. Andrew's Presbyterians, with a rous-Friday. It mentions the occu- ing rendition of Don't Be So pying American army inten- Mean, sung to the tune of tionally burning the church Don't Fence Me In. The audown in August, 1813, and dience was encouraged to for the next 18 years the con- join in. gregation worshipped in the school house on the property. have supported the church

tory of the school house, and mentioned often) the Brad-

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Worthy tells the story of the the important role it played leys, Gerry Wooll, and the history of the church through in education, at one point Hunters with their strawber- formed again Wednesday, Andrew's Church. ries were singled out as members of the congregation.

The play will be per- Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at St. Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the NOTL Public Library, and

There is no charge for admission.



Barbara Worthy, Edwin Conroy Jr., Laurel Minnes and Aaron Berger perform in A Kirk, A Kilt and A Strawberry at St. Andrew's Church. (Penny Coles)



Barbara Worthy encourages the audience to sing along to familiar Scottish songs

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IT'S HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME! Humidity can affect your hardwood floor in winter

Submitted by **Imperial Hardwood** Flooring

Winter is right around the corner, and with winter comes snow and cold weather that will have you turning up the heat and enjoying nice evenings by the fire. Did you ever think about how these living conditions and changing humidity levels inside your home can affect your beautiful new hardwood floor?

Your hardwood floor is made of... wood! And wood is a natural material that reacts to changes in its environment even after it has been transformed into flooring. Yes, manufacturers have developed different types of hardwood floor constructions to "improve and control" the wood natural reaction to changes in humidity. But keeping humidity at the recommended level is still essential for keeping your hardwood floor looking great, as well as for a healthy home environment.

Proper humidity levels

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lists indoor air quality among its top environmental

health threats. There are three Your hardwood floor during shrinks, therefore thin gaps will close up again. key components to healthy air: it must be fresh, clean, and have the proper humidity level.

The ideal relative humidity for your health and comfort is about 40-50%.

During winter: It may need to be between 30-40% to prevent condensation on your windows and other surfaces. Gapping Relative humidity settings that are too low may cause respiratory infections, allergic rhinitis and asthma.

During summer: It can move up to 50-55%. Relative humidity that is too high may have health effects due to mold growth, dust mite infestations, as well as certain bacteria and viruses.

Proper humidity level for vour hardwood floor

The National Wood Floor Association (NWFA) states that normal relative humidity levels should range between 30%-65% to ensure successful long-term performance of your wood flooring.

Engineered wood flooring is more stable than solid wood flooring. One of the reasons for this is that the bottom layers are made of cross-sided layers that move on opposite sides.

the dry season

During the winter, when homes are heated and the air is dry, wood flooring loses some of its moisture and contracts or shrinks as a result.

Hardwood flooring dryness problems:

It is normal that when relative humidity is lower than recommended, wood plank

can appear between wood planks. Even if the right term to use is gaps, these small gaps spaces between wood planks by consumers. Having gaps should be prepared for it to occur. Once humidity levels rise again, the hardwood floor will expand and most gaps

Splits & Checks

When the wood is faced between the wood planks can with extreme conditions, it sometimes be called cracks or can be stressed beyond its . limitations. Therefore the wood weakens, making your between your wood planks hardwood floor more brittle is normal, and a homeowner and increasing the likelihood of damage or splintering. The boards themselves may split, check or crack in the centre or at the ends, or both, along the grain, damaging the finish. This damage is permanent, because your hardwood floor that none of the damage finish is cracked—your wood is no longer protected.

> Preventing dryness problems

- Maintain a proper humidity level in your home by using a humidifier during the winter months.
- Be aware that wood stoves and electric heat tend to create very dry conditions, so make sure to use your humidifier when these are on.
- If you are a "snowbird" and leave your home unoccupied for weeks at a time, make sure to always keep temperature and relative humidity at

recommended level. Avoid excessive exposure to water from tracking during periods of inclement weather.

- Clean your hardwood floor with a cloth lightly dampened with a recommended hardwood floor cleaning product.
- Choose a good quality engineered hardwood floor that will fit with your needs.

It is important to be aware caused by humidity variations is covered by any hardwood floor warranty. It is your responsibility to make sure you have a stable environment in your home, even when the home is unoccupied.

That is why all homeowners should own a hygrometer to measure the temperature and relative humidity (RH), and be sure to respect the guidelines above.

Always keep in mind that keeping the humidity and temperature level at the recommended level is not only essential for keeping your hardwood floor looking great, but also to provide you with a healthy home environment!





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Debbie Goch knows there is nothing more satisfying than seeing the smile on someone's face when they purchase a new hot tub. She

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Isaac Goertz was born and by providing services and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake on a local fruit farm. On the dards for quality, reliability, farm, Isaac learned the value durability, and value for their of hard work, and making money. We strive to be the sure the job was completed best in every aspect of our no matter how complex it was. Isaac and his wife Christure of trust, responsibility, tine have lived in the Niagara

high expectations and open Region for nearly their whole

With more than 19 years of experience working in the plumbing industry, Isaac has developed a core set of beliefs that flow through his business. Isaac has built his business with a focus on providing honest and reliable service. He enjoys nurturing his relationships with his customers to truly understand their needs and to provide the best service possible.

With a background in social services, Christine Goertz has developed strong customer service and problem-solving skills required to best serve their client family. For Christine, there is nothing more rewarding than finding the perfect solution for a customer, and hearing how happy they are with their service.







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IT'S HOME IMPROVEME It's time for beautiful bulbs

Submitted by **Mori Gardens**

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There is nothing more satisfying to a gardener than seeing those first early spring flower bulbs popping up from the cold ground. These little sprouts soon bloom into gorgeous blossoms, brightening up your garden for the start of a great growing year.

When choosing the right bulb use the following tips from Mori Gardens. Check to make sure bulbs are not bruised or marked up. Choose a larger size bulb when possible, the larger the bulb the larger the flowers will be and very small bulbs may not bloom until the second or third season. Make sure you choose bulbs with staggered bloom times to extend the length of colour in your spring garden. Consider the height that the bulbs will grow to be and the height of the surrounding plants.

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If you want to achieve a the air. Plant the bulbs wherever they landed. You could also try a Double-Decker Effect by planting smaller bulbs in a layer overtop larger bulbs. If you plant bulbs that flower at the same time, it creates an interesting two-tiered effect. If you plant bulbs that bloom at different times, it extends the period that you are getting colour out of that same space

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Potcakes make great pets, say NOTL dog-lovers

Penny Coles The Local

Visitors to the Caribbean islands see the strays - skinny, scruffy dogs that wander the streets scavenging for food.

They're called potcakes, named for the traditional rice and pea mixture that gets caked on the bottom of the pot when it's cooked. It's a staple in island homes, and gets scraped off to be fed to street dogs scrambling for scraps.

Although it might look as if nobody is caring for these homeless dogs, there are several charitable organizations which take them in, feed, spay and neuter as many as possible with limited funding, and provide health care and vaccinations. Once the dogs are healthy, these organizations provide adoptions for them, sending thousands every year to Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Some arrange adoptions directly, and others will ship dogs to shelters in cities far forever homes.

Charlie is one of the fortunate potcakes who found a loving home in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Adopted by Julia Buxton Cox and Dave Cox as a puppy almost two years ago, the three instantly became a family.

The couple have had other dogs in the past — loving, loyal shepherd/labs, also rescues, who have been great pets, says Julia. They waited almost two years after they lost their last dog to cancer, and then, when they were ready to start thinking about bringing another loved they are. dog into their home, began looking at rescue agencies from Niagara to Toronto, and even the U.S.

puppy, male, medium-sized, and one that didn't shed a lot, but didn't have any luck finding what they were looking for.

One day, driving home of the airport. along Niagara Stone Road, they Valu, and quickly turned around to see what was going on.

tection Society for adoption.

The one the local couple fell for, they discovered, had already been adopted, but that sent Julia looking for potcakes, and led her to HelpAWS, another St. Lucia organization but one that arranges adoptions directly.

an online application, she heard from Charlene Penney, the Canadian founder of the rescue organization, and look, with the short, smooth it wasn't long before she and Dave were ready to welcome Charlie into their home.

Julia has a video she loves to watch of her Charlie as a three-week old puppy, one of eight siblings being rescued. The puppies' mother had died of poisoning, and they were running around on a St. Lucia street, being fed by a woman who had found them and called Penney to rescue them. Six of the eight were found homes in Canada.

away, hoping they will find and Dave fell in love with him, up in it. quickly opening their hearts and their home. On the video he is tiny and adorable, as are his siblings. He's also active, playful, yet determined to get his share when there was food offered. And he has the deep, soulful eyes that are so common to potcakes, and so irresistible.

They would receive more videos and photos of Charlie before they were able to pick him up at Pearson Airport in Toronto, all showing evidence of the deep commitment of Penney toward her puppies, and how well-cared for and

Charlie was originally called Nacho — Julia jokes that when they saw him they told him, "nocho name any They knew they wanted a more," and he has been Charlie ever since. He was shipped in a crate with his brother Taco, where the Coxes were able to pick him up in the cargo area

"It was Remembrance Day, saw a dog adoption event at Pet and a day we'll never forget," says Julia.

"I cried when I saw him.

by the St. Lucia Animal Pro- nection. I'd say it was a perfect match."

There are characteristics of potcakes, evolved from generations of street dogs, that make them unlike other breeds, says Dave. They have an extra wariness of other animals and strangers, but once they're comfortable, they are loving, Two days after filling out friendly, loyal and lots of fun, he says - they have big personalities for medium-sized dogs.

> They also have a distinct coat, pointed nose, slim bodies often curved like a whippet, and long, thin legs.

> In the winter, Charlie needs a thick, winter coat to wear outside, one Julia had to sew to make it snug enough to keep him warm. He doesn't like the cold, and loves to snuggle in front of a fire, she says.

Potcakes love to play, with people and other dogs, but they will always choose sticks over other toys. And they love dirt — they like nothing better It's easy to see why Julia than to scratch a hole and curl

> When the Coxes were having their backyard pool installed this summer, Charlie was in heaven playing in the dirt, says Dave.

Another distinctive characteristic they have noticed is the affection potcakes show when meeting other dogs with the same background. There are other potcakes in their neighbourhood, and they recognize each other when out for a walk, Dave says. "They roll around on the ground and play with each other, differently than they would play with other dogs. They're more tentative with other dogs."

On a Facebook page for those who have adopted potcakes, with thousands of photos, others have also noted similarities, including the way potcakes use their paws almost as hands, reinforcing that while not officially recognized as a breed, they are a breed unto themselves.

Those adopted from HelpAWS are beautifully socialized, even house-trained, There, they learned about And we felt such an instant when they arrive in Canada, potcakes, brought to Niagara recognition, an instant con- says Julia. "Charlene has such



Julia Buxton Cox and David Cox have opened their hearts and their home to Charlie, a potcake from St. Lucia. (Penny Coles)

a big heart. She really cares about her dogs. I don't think you could find a better organization than hers."

When Penney first visited the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, she loved everything about it - except the huge number of stray dogs she saw, underfed, unloved, and crying out for a great deal of care. Her husband is from St. Lucia, and she first visited the island with him in 2010.

of animals on the street. I saw them getting hit by cars, and dying on the street," she says. An animal lover by nature, it broke her heart to see them roaming the street, with nobody to care about their safety or welfare.

Determined to do something to help, when she returned to Canada, she went back to school to earn a post-graduate business degree in non-profit management, and also took courses in animal welfare, working in a veterinarian clinic for four years.

Her plan was to get back to the island to live, and to save as many of the strays as she could. It took her four years, but she did it.

and somehow, they found me. I didn't have to go looking for them," said Penney, who founded HelpAWS (Help An-

are St. Lucia locals, two of whom spend their days cooking for the rescued puppies, cleaning and caring for them, and two who look after, cook for and feed the street dogs.

Penney turned the house she was living in into a makeshift shelter where she could care for the dogs, restore them to health, have them spayed or neutered, and find homes for them.

The numbers continued to "I saw the sheer number overwhelm her, and she says she feels no matter how many puppies she coaxes back to health and finds homes for, it is never enough.

> Eventually she moved out to make room for more dogs it has become a safe haven for up to 100 puppies at a time in her care.

> She tried adopting them out to locals on the island, but too many, after having so much loving care and money invested in their health, ended up dying because the level of care she was providing didn't continue. They would be allowed on the street and be hit by cars, or their medications and vaccinations would lapse and they'd be re-infected.

"They are my babies. I "I started to rescue them, want to make sure they're taken care of. I can't send them to shelters - I'm super controlling, and I want to know where they're going. I want to imal Welfare St. Lucia), which be able to follow up on them, has become an international if there are any issues. I need

Four of the staff members was to find safe, permanent homes for them in other countries, where healthy puppies are valued and readily adopted.

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She is now raising money for a permanent, purpose-built shelter in St. Lucia, she says. She has raised \$72,000 toward a goal of \$125,000, and is hoping to have a pre-fabricated building up and finished as a suitable shelter by next year.

The word is out in Canada, and in Niagara-on-the-Lake, that potcakes make great pets, but the problem is getting them here.

Penney says she sends the puppies on Air Canada flights, but in the summer, with fewer tourists travelling to the warm Caribbean islands, the airline cuts back its flights to about half the winter schedule, and the number of dogs at HelpAWS increases. It will continue until the number of flights increases in the fall, she said.

She has been able to send out about 200 to 250 puppies a year, and she's now at 175 for this year, she says. But with the growing attention on potcakes and their popularity, once Air Canada increases its flights, she expects to triple that number.

There in no shortage of testimonials on Penney's website from those who have adopted her beloved potcakes, praising the organization, staff and volunteers, and for the dogs themselves, who become loyal,



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Regular trail user racks up kilometres

Penny Coles The Local

Those who drive along Niagara Stone Road from Virgil to the Old Town regularly will know how well-used the Bob Howse Trail has become in the decade or so since it opened.

Many may also have noted one of the most regular and committed users of the trail, a woman who is seen almost daily, usually speed-walking, through every season.

Her name is Angela Medici, and she, among all those who enjoy the trail, is likely the one who has accumulated the most kilometres on it.

It's officially named the Bob Howse Trail, after a former town clerk who, after retirement, became a town councillor until his passing in August of 2008. He was the driving force on council behind the trail that connects Virgil at Line 2 to the community centre, meeting up with sidewalks on both ends.

When construction began on the trail in 2008, Medici said to herself, "one day I will walk that trail, and I did."

First, she cycled it, but realized she wasn't getting enough exercise for the rest of her body, "so I started walking. And I haven't stopped."

She gets out on the path about four times a week, she says, and when she's on vacation, which she takes in the winter from her job at the Queenston-Lewiston Duty Free Shop, she might walk five or six days a week.

She has a regular route she follows that takes her about three hours, starting from the Village Green Plaza in Virgil where she parks and sets off on foot.

Medici lives on one of the rural lines, and she decided early on they are too dangerous to walk — she feels much more comfortable on a combination of sidewalks and the path. "People driving on the rural roads are crazy. There are so many collisions," she says.

And although many drivers and pedestrians on the trail are aware of her route from Virgil to the Old Town, that's not where it ends.

Medici keeps walking, past the library and community centre on Anderson Lane, on a route that takes her down to the waterfront, along to the gazebo at Queen's Royal Park, and back home to Virgil. She's never mea-

must be 30 kilometres or more. "It's a beautiful route, sum-

mer and winter," she says. The path isn't always plowed

in the winter, but she pushes through the snow. "I just put on more layers, and off I go," she says.

Medici, who is 58 — a very fit-looking 58, not surprisingly — grew up on a peach farm. Her maiden name is Benevento. She is accustomed to hard work and being outdoors from her years picking peaches, she says. She's also walked other long-distance routes, including the Niagara Falls International Marathon, which takes place every fall - she's finished that three times.

When she first started walking on the trail through town, she says she wore ear buds and listened to music, but soon realized, after a couple of close calls, that not being able to hear traffic presented a danger.

what's happening around you to be safe. I feel like drivers don't see me, probably because I power walk. I'm very, very careful. I've had some scary incidents."

The driveways along the trail are marked, and Medici pays attention to the traffic, out of self-preservation.

There was some opposition to the trail in its planning stages, mostly out of concern for the safety of those using it, because of the number of driveways that cross it, including several busy commercial entrances.

But signs were posted from the beginning, and those who use the trail have to be aware of the danger, says Medici.

"There is so much more traffic, so much more development, even in the last 10 years. It's really important to pay attention. In the beginning the path wasn't that well-used, but now it is, with bikes have no complaints. But someand scooters. I really appreciate



sured the distance, but believes it it when cyclists use their bell as a warning," says Medici, who has never encountered an accident involving anyone on the trail.

> She has experienced curiosity from others about her regular use of it, she says.

> "I get asked how often I walk, and people also ask how far I walk. I don't come across a lot of other regulars, but then I walk at different times, according to my work schedule. I'm not walking the same time every day."

> For a stretch of time, she carried three-pound weights as she walked, but then she realized they were hurting her wrists, and gave them up.

Her motivation for walking, she says, is that she feels she is taking the path to good health - mentally, emotionally, and physically.

It feels good to do something she knows is good for her, she explains.

"It is like a freeing time "You have to be aware of for me," she says, and she also hopes, as she gets older, her prolonged bouts of exercise will mean "I won't have to take any kind of medications."

> Her husband of 37 years has walked with her on her route just once, says Medici.

"He said he had new-found new respect for me, but he didn't want to do it again. My daughter also came with me — once. She has promised she will walk with me again, but she has two little girls, two years old and six, and she's busy. I'm sure she will come again. But my son has no interest in it at all, although I will try to convince him."

Is she a little obsessive about walking?

"Maybe," she laughs. "Some days, when I'm working, I want to be here on the path, and I feel guilty thinking that. I love my job - I've been there 30 years, and I times I'd just rather be walking."



Corvino says adopting



Angela Medici relaxes on a bench by the Bob Howse Trail to talk about why she loves to walk. (Penny Coles)

Potcakes arrive in good health

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loving, healthy, low-shedding cherished family members.

Julia says she was a little nervous about e-transfering a sizeable amount of money so far away, but she had a really good feeling after several conversations with Penney, er knew where his next meal and now she can't say enough about the organization.

The cost of adoption is \$600, and transportation about \$300. The puppies arrive vaccinated, neutered and healthy - her NOTL vet was impressed with Charlie's health, and the records that were sent of his vaccinations, says Julia, adding she trusts HelpAWS completely.

Lauren Crickmore is another local with a potcake from HelpAWs. She says she is thankful to Penney and her team at HelpAWS for rescuing Bandit, the four-month-old puppy she and her husband Daniel Corvino adopted. Originally named Noah, Bandit, Lauren says in her online testimonial, "has made our lives so much better, and the entire process with HelpAWS was wonderful. They clearly care so much about all of the animals that they are helping. We wish we could bring many more of the animals that they rescue into our home."

eir puppy from St. Lucia "was one of the best decisions we've ever made."

portunity to help was something we really wanted to do," he says.

"The first day Bandit came into our home he was nothing but a ball of love, immediately crawling into our laps, and he has grown into an oversized lap dog."

As a street dog who nevwas coming from, he was very "food-focused," says Corvino, "but over time he's learned that meals are steady and no longer devours his dinner in less than 30 seconds."

Knowing the street life that could have been Bandit's destiny, and the loving puppy he has become, says Corvino, "adds an extra level to the relationship we have with our dog."

Carol Thibault, owner of Pet Valu in Virgil, has helped with local adoptions of potcakes carried out here in Niagara. She has worked with the St. Lucia Animal Protection Society (S.L.A.P.S.), which brings dogs to Canada for adoption.

Thibault says she's helped find homes for puppies and young adults, and has found them to be very sweet-tempered, and a little shy at first.

"They're not boisterous, and they all have a certain way of looking at you. You see things in their eyes, and you know you are saving their lives."

Before they're ready for adoption, they must be vaccinated, healthy, and spayed or neutered, she says.

"We have worked with Vanessa (Deline) and her group (S.L.A.P.S.), and you can see they are people who love dogs, and who want to find them good homes."

For more information, visit helpaws.com or Helpaws on Facebook.

Or visit The St. Lucia Animal Protection Society at www.stluciaanimals.org.





to the path before she heads Angela Medici walks more than 30 kilometres several times a week on the Bob Howse Trail. (Penny Coles)

Having recently returned from travelling,"we saw first-

many dogs live in, and the op-

hand the desperate conditions Daniel Corvino and Lauren Crickmore love Bandit, "oversized lap dog" from St. Lucia. (Photo supplied)









Terry Fox Run

June's Team (top left), the Niagara Tennis Team (top right, people walking, running and using a wheelchair to complete the five-kilometre route, the Lepp Family team, those anxious to get off to a good start, Team Pillsy, Liam Ainslie who completed the five-kilometre run first in 19 minutes, and families with kids all enjoyed a perfect Sunday morning for the 39th annual Terry Fox Run. There were 250 people registered, including 75 from the Vineridge Academy, says organizer Joan King. The run collected \$50,000 with donations still coming in online, says King, as well as donations from local businesses that were supporting the cause. In addition, Joe Pillitteri of Team Pillsy plans to reach his goal of \$100,000, although he's not quite there yet. (Photos by Stacey Ivanchuk and Fred Mercnik)







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Local woman reaches out to support sufferers of TN

Brenda Clark Special to The Local

Every single person who has experienced trigeminal neuralgia knows exactly when the pain started. It's like you always remember where you were when the President was shot, or what you were doing when the Twin Towers were hit. It's that profound. It's when your life changes forever.

For me, I was a 25-yearold stay-at-home mom, just doing some household chores one morning. Then out of the blue, I felt a searing pain in the right side of my face. It came on without warning, but almost knocked me to the ground. It left as quickly as it had come. I thought, "wow...I'd better get to a dentist, I must have an exposed nerve or something." But I let it go until a week later when it happened again. This time there were more lightning shots, each one a few minutes apart.

That was the start of a fiveyear hell where I was consumed with pain, and ultimately medicated so strongly I could barely function.

I'm 62 now, and have been relatively pain-free on and off for more than 30 years, but it's been a long journey getting to this stage. I still have flares or attacks occasionally, but they are not as painful as the original attacks, and I am able to manage them much better.

What I've learned about the disease: trigeminal neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal or fifth

widely distributed nerves in the head. The typical or "classic" form of the disorder causes extreme, sporadic, sudden burning or shock-like facial pain that lasts anywhere from a few seconds to as long as two minutes per episode. Eventually, the pain just keeps striking with little or no relief in between. The intensity of pain can be physically and mentally incapacitating, and TN is commonly referred to as the suicide disease, for reasons you can just imagine.

Getting diagnosed was not an easy task. Dental X-rays confirmed that there was no problem with my teeth. The ear, nose and throat specialist operated on my sinuses, thinking there was a problem there. In those days (early '80s), it was thought that TN only affected the elderly, and as a young woman in my 20s, I didn't fit the profile. However, trigeminal neuralgia was eventually suspected and I started down a five-year drug-induced path of anti-convulsants and narcotics.

My family doctor referred me to a neurosurgeon, in Toronto who confirmed the diagnosis. When the attacks started coming more frequently, I was offered a destructive procedure where a large needle is inserted into the face and through the nerve, and glycerol is injected. This is an alcohol like substance which is corrosive to nerve fibres and can mildly injure the nerve enough to potentially hinder the pain signals. It was an extremely painful procedure

cranial nerve, one of the most was left with severe numbress happy to be relieved of the buron the right side of my face, but the pain remained.

> I learned there were some triggers for me. If a light breeze brushed across my cheek, either from an open window or air conditioner, or the outside wind, it would inevitably set the pains firing. Sometimes I would just roll over in bed, and the sheet brushing my face would set it off. I would get up and go downstairs so the rest of the family couldn't hear me sobbing in agony.

> I wondered how long I could possibly endure this painful existence. Early on, there had been small remissions, sometimes days, sometimes weeks and even months, glorious pain-free days where there was no sign of this invisible, insidious disorder.

> Then one day, the pains started firing every few seconds, and there was no reprieve in between. I lay writhing on the floor, screaming and sobbing. My husband (at the time) couldn't handle it anymore, and drove me to the hospital emergency room and left me there. There wasn't anything they could do for me there either but watch me rock back and forth on my bed with my head buried in a pillow so as not to disturb others with my screams.

This was probably the lowest point for me, when I decided I just couldn't go on living like that anymore. I tried to figure out what the best way would be for me to end my life. How much medication could I take to finally end the pain once and for all? for me, and ultimately failed. I I was sure my family would be

den of my illness.

But instead, I called the neurosurgeon again, sobbing on the phone. He told me there was a relatively new procedure, called MVD (microvascular decompression), which is brain surgery, and he would be willing to operate on me. I was scheduled for surgery on Friday the 13th in June of 1986, and I wondered if that was going to be unlucky.

During the surgery, the surgeon found a blood vessel had looped off and had been pressing on the trigeminal nerve. It had gone on for so long that there was a deep groove in the nerve. He was able to separate the two and insert a Teflon pad in between them to prevent further contact.

Recovery was slow. I spent a few days in ICU with extreme nausea and head and neck pain. I temporarily lost my hearing. My dear mother didn't want me to feel self-conscious about my shaved head, so she went to the hairdresser and had her hair shaved off too.

Exactly two weeks later, that old familiar pain suddenly hit me again. I was devastated. Thinking I was back at square one, I went back on the medication. But the surgery had been deemed a success, and healing just took several months longer than I had anticipated. The pain gradually receded, and after about one year, I could say I was finally pain-free.

I was then weaned off the drugs slowly and slowly started to live my life again. A national support group had been started



Brenda Clark, with Dixie, says she would be happy to help other sufferers of TN. (Photo supplied)

up in the U.S, and I became a member. There were biannual conferences where neurosurgeons and TN patients from around the world gathered to learn from each other.

After moving to Niagara, I started up a local support group. Whereas there had been no one I could talk to at the time back before internet and social media, we now had an opportunity to come together and support each other.

There are still thousands of TN patients suffering today. It frustrates me that there have been no real advances in the past three decades that come anywhere close to a cure for this disorder.

Newly diagnosed patients are still prescribed the same medication that I was more than 30 years ago. And there have been no new surgical procedures that could offer any further hope. Not everyone is a candidate for the surgeries, and the current meds are proving to

be inadequate.

Awareness is needed. Research is needed.

I live in St. Davids now, and have recently begun volunteering for the Facial Pain Research Foundation as their volunteer fundraising coordinator. Everyone can do something, no matter how small, to help bring awareness to trigeminal neuralgia, the patients, the treatments, and the new research that is happening today dedicated to finding a cure.

Anyone who is experiencing facial pain, or has been diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia is encouraged to reach out to me for support at brenda@facingfacialpain.org or 289-929-6395.

Oct. 7 is known as Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day, and we have almost 200 landmarks, bridges or buildings around the world (many right here in the Niagara region) which are being lit up in teal this year to help raise awareness.



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Snowbirds air show amazing, as always

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big factor in the success of the a DC3 war plane, which cap-Niagara District Airport last and old, said Morris. Wednesday, says volunteer Cheryl Morris.

storms, which cast doubt on Friends of Fort George, Niagabirds could perform at all. Parks Canada, Royal Canadiwarmth, which contributed to performers wore the Canadia big sigh of relief from the or- an red & white colours as they ganizers, and the ticket holders descended with red smoke as well."



Food and souvenir vendors, as well as information The forecast had been for booths from the Niagara Hisrain and scattered thunder- torical Society and Museum, the chances that the Snow- ra-on-the-Lake Public Library, "But the morning dawned an Air Cadets, were kept busy. with clear skies and summer The Geronimo! Skydiving personify it," said Morris.

trails from high up in the sky.

And then the Snowbirds crowd close to the runway.

"The show began with formations well-known to all. People were awed by the intricate precision, especially when two aircraft, one upside down, one right side up, became one entity, as they flew what seemed to be just inches apart from each other. 'Amazing' is just a word; the Snowbirds

After their performance, the pilots signed autographs for the audience, always a big thrill for everyone, Snowbirds included.

"The team loves the social aspect of what they do, and hope to act as inspiration for young people." The Snowbirds also visited the VIP section, posing for photos, signing autographs and talking with many of the guests and their children, said Morris. The event's organizing committee, headed by Mona Babin, was formed in late 2018. "The target was to raise funds for the Niagara Historical Society and Museum, to help with their expansion and renovation plans. They are very pleased with the results, and while the final figures are not calculated yet, they are much closer to their goal, with some help from the weather," said Morris.



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This summer, more than house league and travel programs at the Virgil soccer fields and Memorial soccer season. Park. Beginning with the U16 Interlock program, the season wrapped up for follows:

house league players with a festival on Aug. 24.

The Club's "rep", or trav- Joe Pagnotta The books are closed el teams, most of whom play in the Niagara Soccer - boys born in 2011 - Coach tially playing out of NOTL, League, offered opportu- Adriano Giordano nities for boys and girls to hardly time to rest for the compete at a higher level - boys born in 2010 - Coach also not yet finalized. organizers and some of the against clubs across the Ni- Alison Waller agara region.

This weekend, 400 youth, aged three to 19, NOTL Soccer Club's boys Coaches Howie Taylor and take place at the Meridiparticipated in the club's travel teams will hold the first of three weekends of open tryouts for the 2020 should show up, should

Timbits program, for the Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5 at report directly to the proper youngest players, up to the the Virgil sports park. The coaches. schedule each day is as

10 a.m. U8

11 a.m. U9

12 p.m. U10

1 p.m. U12 the - boys born in 2008 -Steve Szewczyk

bring a ball, their soccer The tryouts take place cleats and shin pads, and

offer a U11 boys travel team, on the board.

but tryout dates have yet to - boys born in 2012 - Coach be scheduled for that team. As well, there will be another girls travel team potenthough details on that team and its tryout schedule are

Also coming up for the soccer club is its annual general meeting. That will an Credit Union arena in Boys wishing to try out the Mary Snider Room. on Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. The general public is invited to this meeting and welcomes newcomers to put their names forward for posi-The club is also hoping to tions that may be opening

Supporting Special Olympics



Pratima Bhatt of Special Olympics Ontario, Nancy Bailey and Peter Fisher of Engel & Volkers, Andrea Bartal, a Special Olympics athlete, and Carmela D'Amico of Engel & Volkers, pose at a cheque presentation to the Special Olympics chapter formed in NOTL by Bailey. The presentation was made at an event to celebrate the official opening of the Mary Street office, with Bailey (below, centre) and D'Amico cutting the ribbon surrounded by agents and supporters. (Photos supplied)



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Sunday, September 22

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Required for grape & tender fruit farm. Must be available full time April to October 2020. Exp. with pruning and general farm labour preferred but not req'd. No education req'd. Must have own transportation, be fit and willing to work long hours as req'd. Duties to include pruning, thinning, hoeing and suckering. **\$14.00 per hour.**

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LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU ANSWERS

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Pats, 5 Nude, 9 Rough, 14 Curt, 15 Envy, 16 Annie, 17 Broadside, 19 Leave, 20 Saddest, 21 Related, 23 Ibis, 24 Litt, 25 Future, 28 Rage, 30 A Rubs, 37 Rosen, 38 Whig, 39 Gal, 40 Fewer, 41 Piece, 42 Ole, 43 Rant, 44 Femer, 41 Piece, 42 Ole, 43 Rant, 44

SUDOKU PUZZLE



- **15** "... --- slayeth the silly one" (Book of Job)
- 16 Crackshot Oakley
- **17** Speech of violent denunciation
- 19 Bequeath

9 Sea state 5

14 Brusque

- 20 Least happy
- 21 Linked
- 23 Egyptian sacred bird
- 24 Jaunty rhythm
- 25 What's coming down the pike
- 28 Conniption
- 30 Winter time in Halifax
- **33** Turned Samoa upside down to find a terrorist
- 34 Not very enthusiastic
- 35 Cost-of-living indicator
- 36 Hindrances
- **37** Al ---, baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"
- 38 Zachary Taylor was one
- **39** Cowpoke's sweetheart
- 40 Not so many
- 41 Chessman
- 42 Shout to a matador
- 43 Foam at the mouth

55 Idiots
56 State with a pelican flag
58 Be relaxed
59 Fine, black or liberal, maybe
60 Federal anti-discrimination agency

51 Under close scrutiny

48 Signs up

- 61 Deathly pale
- 62 Synchronize
- 63 Compos mentis

Down:

- 1 Mount for electronic components
- 2 Experienced by migraine sufferers
- 3 Stepped
- 4 Play grounds
- 5 Scottish legend
- 6 Single things
- 7 Movie medium8 Onlooker
- 9 Came from behind
- **10** "Paper Moon" Oscar winner
- 11 Loose
- 12 "Out with it!"
- 13 Observe

- 26 Customary
- 27 Crumb catcher
- **28** Put back to zero, for example
- 29 Impressionist
- 31 Extra interest
- **32** Possessor of "fearful symmetry" (Blake)
- **34** Hall, crier, car or house, perhaps
- 37 Give feedback
- **38** Erie wins scramble for beverage producers
- 40 Shiver of excitement
- 41 Raw hides
- **44** Polish off, or polish?
- 46 Depend
- 47 Talks up
- 48 Scat queen
- 49 Those opposed
- 50 Taking all the tricks
- 52 UN body promoting
- peaceful nuclear power
- 53 In a little while
- 54 Spike
- 57 Such as cinnabar

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Golf tourney raises money for St. Davids pool

Penny Coles The Local

The Town's 21st annual Golf Classic was held last Thursday at the Royal Niagara Golf Course.

raised was \$30,000, says parks and recreation manager Kevin Turcotte, and will go toward the St. Davids pool fund.

the tournament has raised more than \$450,000 to support local community proj-

ects, including the NOTL the golfers received at the pool renovations, the Me- tournament, Turcotte says. ridian Credit Union Arena, the public library, the of their sponsors, many community centre, the Vir- of whom have been huge gil Sports Park Splash Pad supporters of this event for and Exercise Trail, the St. many years, as well as some The estimated revenue Davids Park and Pavilion, new ones, so please support and many more worthwhile them whenever possible. recreation projects in town, And they wish to express says Turcotte.

sor, the St. Davids Ratepay- because of everyone, this In the past 21 years, ers Association, sat on the tournament was a tremencommittee and is largely responsible for the golfer recognition prize packages even in the rain, says Turcotte.

"The Town thanks all their many thanks to every-This year's major spon- one who came out to golf, dous success."

There were 204 golfers,



Alfred Dyck presents a prize for the best team score to Mark Hicks, Neil and Alex Wachs, and Joanne Hicks.



Kevin Turcotte presents a prize to Christine Merza, Petra Browning, Theresa Dyck ad Angela Redekopp, the ladies foursome with the highest score.



Willy Janzen, Phil Bergen, Monty Slingerland and Rod Konik, members of the NOTL Kinsmen, were bartending at the community centre following the Golf Classic. The club was presented with an award for its long-standing volunteer work at the tournament dinner. (Photos by Penny Coles)



Kevin Turcotte presents Holly Dowd with a prize for the longest drive by a female golfer.

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