Syme Jago, organizer of the Community Food Drive for Newark Neighbours, had an overwhelmingly successful Saturday at Phil’s valu-mart, where shoppers dropped off food and money to help supply Thanksgiving dinner for locals in need. The drive was to continue Wednesday. For more see page 14.

Bonnie Bagnulo becomes animated and emotional as she talks with enthusiasm about her job of the last two years.

The executive director of Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care uses the word “joy” often as she describes the fulfillment she experiences while helping clients cope with life-limiting illnesses, end-of-life issues, death and bereavement.

Those are journeys nobody should have to travel alone, not the clients who are ill or their loved ones who are caring for them, she says, her eyes lighting up when she talks of walking beside them, providing compassionate care along each step of their illness.

“Palliative care is an approach of care, involving services which can be spiritual, social and physical,” she says.

She acknowledges hospice and palliative care can be awkward topics of discussion for some people, but Bagnulo welcomes every opportunity to share her conviction that helping people confront and manage those difficult stages of life — and death — is extremely gratifying.

In recent months, providing the services she so strongly believes in has been challenging, but she and the palliative care volunteers have found ways to overcome those challenges as best they can, realizing the need for help in the community is as great or greater than ever.

They can provide care to clients in long-term care homes with the use of iPads donated by the Niagara Community Foundation, although in some cases they have to rely on staff to help. They can communicate by phone, through window or porch visits, and now, with recent changes in regulations, during outdoor visits.

Each of the three homes in NOTL have different rules, so volunteers have learned to adapt, says Bagnulo.

Some of those clients have family living hours away, and few or no visitors, so even virtual visits become extremely important, she says.

Last year, the NOTL palliative care service, with about 40 volunteers, served more than 160 clients with nearly 1,800 visits.

While their client list in long-term care is down about 20 to 25 per cent, community visits have increased. The homes have not been accepting new residents for months, forcing clients to stay at home longer than they might have otherwise, while some families were able to care for their loved ones.

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Popular fish fries back at the Legion

Mike Balsom Special to The Local

A new drive-thru made its debut in Niagara-on-the-Lake last week, and it was so popular, it sold out 30 minutes early.

The long-awaited return of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 Thursday night fish fry saw scores of cars lined up on King Street waiting to pick up their dinner. Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, it marked the first time since mid-March that NOTL families were able to enjoy the regular tradition.

The pandemic also forced the Legion into a new way of doing things. Diners were limited to pickup orders only, and were asked to stay in their vehicles to be served.

It worked like a well-oiled machine. Visitors turned into the entrance, where they were greeted by a volunteer who took their order. Two order slips were prepared: one to be put under their windscreen wiper, another to be taken up to the kitchen by another volunteer who collected their payment.

A team of six volunteers was manning the deep fryers upstairs and packing the orders.

As the cars wound around the back of the building, another team of volunteers brought the orders to the back door near the exit. There, Richie Meyer removed the slip under the windshield in exchange for a yummy fish and chips dinner.

The building was filled with smiles as the caravans wound their way back to the entrance. Caroline and Bruce Cochrane, an armed forces veteran from Nova Scotia, were in line at 4:30 p.m. and among the first in line.

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Pickup-only dinners sold out before closing

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to be served. “We couldn’t wait,” said Caroline. “We were waiting to hear the announcement and then we wanted to get down here.” They certainly felt the 10 minutes or so it took to get their fish and chips was worth it, and they were happy to support the Legion.

Maggie Griffiths was another who was overjoyed with the return of the weekly tradition. She told The Local that she never misses a Thursday at the Legion. Though she admitted that since March she may have satisfied her hankering for fish and chips through other avenues, she said, “you have to support locals. If you don’t support locals, they won’t be there.”

With more than 30 cars in line at any one time, Legion first vice-president Maurice Pan was elated with the turnout.

“We were hoping to get this many,” he said. “As you know, a lot of Legions are suffering financially, and we’re fortunate to own our own building. A lot of Legions have to pay rent.”

He estimates that proceeds from the weekly fish fry contributes about 70 per cent to the organization’s yearly budget. With the long layoff due to COVID-19, it was beginning to look like it might become difficult to pay the bills. Though the patio was set up on the front lawn, guests were not able to sit down on site to enjoy their dinner.

“We can’t have people inside because of COVID,” he explained. “Even our members aren’t allowed to eat here. We decided it’s best to try this first. We’re going to have a meeting after this, and tweak it and see what we can do. We haven’t really heard any comments about eating here. We have heard that people are happy to be here, though.”

Legion member Cory Abt confirmed the sell-out the following day. With the cars backed up from their 410 King Street location almost all the way to the John Street intersection at times, the sell-out isn’t surprising.

It may not be able to boast about serving 99 billion like other drive-thrus, but judging by the turnout, it might not be long before the local branch of the Canadian Legion reaches its own significant milestone.

Legion members Gary Bradham, Rhys Beak, Chris Toye, Andre Boland and Barbara Cole had to work quickly to fill orders for the Legion takeout meals Thursday. (Photos by Mike Balsam)
Legion preparing for Decoration day, Remembrance ceremonies

Penny Coles  
The Local

In Niagara-on-the-Lake cemeteries, gravesites of veterans are being marked with a fresh Canadian flag, part of the Royal Canadian Legion tradition leading up to Remembrance Day.

Once that work is completed, there is usually a small parade on Decoration Day, but that has been cancelled, says long-time Branch 124 member Marg Boldt.

As with all organizations, the local branch is having to make changes to the events it would customarily be holding this fall.

Boldt, this year’s poppy chair, says, “our branch of the Royal Canadian Legion usually salutes the great sacrifice and service of local military veterans. Starting today, says Boldt, this year’s poppy campaign will start Oct. 30, with boxes of poppies available at participating businesses.

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Heritage trail tree to come down by crane next week

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Instead, the Legion will provide an update of their ongoing memories project, in conjunction with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, says Boldt.

It will also introduce its new website.

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Residents have been angered by the number of trees that have had to come down to use a crane to remove one dead tree. (Tony Chisholm)
Virgil skate park officially open

Mike Balsom
Special to The Local

If you need proof that building a new skate park in Virgil was a great decision, look no further than the ribbon-cutting ceremony held Friday afternoon.

As politicians, town staff and local business owners celebrated the official opening of the facility, a group of more than 30 enthusiasts of all ages had a difficult time stepping off their boards, scooters and BMX bikes to let the officials do their thing, a testament to them finally being able to practise their sport on a top-notch track in town.

With the group of mostly young school-aged children quietly rolling along around and behind him, acting director of operations Kevin Turcotte stepped to the microphone. He gave thanks to town council, the Virgil Business Association, town staff, the construction team from Propour Concrete Services and the designers from Canadian Ramp Company for their contributions to the 5,400-square-foot facility.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero praised the skate park as just the latest addition to a bustling site. “Take a look around at this park; she urged.

“Not just what we’re here to celebrate today. If it was not for the generous contributions of the Virgil Business Association and the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake, we would not have this wonderful multi-generational park for many people to use.”

Indeed, the skate park joins the splash pad, arenas, walking path, soccer fields, softball diamonds and basketball and pickleball courts to make for a recreational facility that offers all residents the opportunity to stay active.

MPP Wayne Gates spoke of the importance of the community offering facilities such as the skate park. “If you want to attract young people to Niagara-on-the-Lake,” he said, “we’ve already attracted seniors, we know that, but we need to attract young families. They will look at the skate park and say ‘Niagara-on-the-Lake gets it, they understand the importance of having a place for my kids to go and get some exercise.’”

Niagara Falls MP Tony Baldinelli was in town to recognize the 60th anniversary of Van Noort Florists. When owner Sharon Van Noort mentioned she needed to get over to the park to attend the opening, Baldinelli changed his plans and followed her.

Richard Wall of the Virgil Business Association was invited up to present a ceremonial $150,000 cheque to represent the group’s contribution toward the $450,000 cost of the project.

Wall beamed as he looked around at the kids skating and riding, and reflected on more than a decade of planning that went into the skate park becoming a reality. He also made sure to mention former town councillor Dennis Dick, who passed away recently, as one of the visionaries involved since the start.

Wall dedicated the grand opening in memory of Dick.

“The entire park here is a vision that the VBA has always had,” Wall said. “The other vision of the VBA has always been family and all ages. I think we’ve really created an all-ages sports park that’s second to none in the area.”

Though this year’s Virgil Stampede was cancelled due to the novel coronavirus, Wall attributed the previous three years of the event, and the hundreds of volunteers involved in making it a success, as the reason the skate park finally came to fruition.

Wall was quick to state that there’s more to come in the evolution of the sports park in Virgil. “There’s talk of an addition of a pump track (for BMX riders) around this facility, that will be contemplative. We’re also looking at potentially enhancing the pavilion in the future, and beyond that, we are ususally looking for projects. We probably won’t have a definitive idea of that until some time next year about what the major project will be.”

The skate park itself is impressive. As one approaches from the parking lot, the height of the bowl is the first thing that might elicit surprise. “I didn’t realize the magnitude of the height, I was expecting it to be more ground level, and I didn’t think it would be this big. I’m proud of it even more so than I anticipated,” said Wall.

About the group of kids using the park, he said, “it’s fabulous, seeing them here today. And I was here last Saturday and the park was full. The biggest pride I got was seeing all the age groups. We weren’t intending this to be a teenage-only facility. We wanted it to appeal to a kindergarten right through to the university, adult demographic, and I think we succeed-ed. Hopefully one day my grandkids will get a chance to use it.”

And as the ceremony wound up, a group of university-aged adults pulled up in a car, fetched their decks from the hatch and headed toward the park to join the boys and girls and at least one 31-year-old, Chris Doucette of Niagara Falls, to test their skills on the ramps and rails.

Wall and the other dignitaries who spoke, all of whom admitted they were outside of the demographic for whom the park was built, wisely made the decision to get on a board, scooter or bike to test out the new track. Their ankles were likely thankful for their wise decision.
The Niagara Region is known for many things - quality wine, innovative culinary experiences and a quick retreat from the city. Each of these experiences that give Niagara its exceptional flair are nestled underneath a canopy of trees and natural wonders. The preservation of this magnificent urban forest is at the heart of what professional tree care company Safe Tree stands for. In their overarching approach to tree maintenance and plant health care, Safe Tree actively performs their services with both tree and property owner in mind.

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The newest addition to the Safe Tree team, Plant Healthcare Specialist Kaitlyn Simpson, believes in creating a stronger greener urban forest for our community. "In Southern Ontario, urban forests are not only crucial for wildlife, but also for us as humans. At Safe Tree, we are actively doing everything we can every day to protect and maintain the urban forest, that is important to me both personally and professionally."

As municipalities expand and the economy continues to grow, Safe Tree strives to maintain the beautiful green heritage of Niagara. Safe Tree is further fuelling their meaningful approach to tree maintenance through the addition of Simpson who is passionate about her new journey. "To me, Safe Tree hits every beneficial factor for the urban forest. From maintenance to plant health care to removal, we strategically look at the entire tree life cycle to ensure we are helping make the urban forest bigger and better and the future, much greener."

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Council meetings rack up hours — but are they too long?

Monday night, 61 people actually watched the livestreamed virtual meeting of the whole council.

Not sure what that small number means, but it could reflect the public's disinterest in the lengthy, important discussions that take place as council makes its decisions, and have to represent the town.

One of the lengthier debates Monday was about how to shorten council meetings. A new schedule needs to be set for 2021, and different options were being considered to make the meetings more efficient, eliminating the two committee meetings each month, where most discussions take place, and replacing them with two council meetings a month, which would cut the number of monthly meetings from three to two, and possibly reduce the length of the remaining meetings.

The staff report also suggested councillors could do their home work before meetings, and streamline their questions, to save time, and many town staff are getting paid overtime to attend the meetings, it was pointed out, so reducing the run time of meetings can save costs.

To indicate that possibly Niagara-on-the-Lake councillors spend only 145 hours since December, 2018, the start of this current term, NOTL councillors, and some staff, have spent almost 300 hours at council meetings. That may not seem like a lot to those who are neither on council nor the public, but in comparison, councillors for both larger and smaller municipalities spend half that amount of time, or 150 hours.

To chair Cheryl Morris both told councillors the 35-gv voluntiers enjoying talking to people, answering questions about where to eat, where to park, the location of washrooms, and directions to various places. They suggested a locals on the main street to supply such information might be something to consider for the future — visitors especially liked the map the NOTL Chamber supplied, which the volunteers distributed.

Ambassador program declared a success

Also discussed Monday was the Town's ambassador program, which relied on Shaw Guild volunteers to '''provide a friendly welcome to visitors during the pandemic.

Their goals included reminding people to wear masks — most did, or if not, once reminded, were happy to — and to talk about physical distancing.

Shaw Guild president Laura Harvey and communications director Donald Combe also discussed an ambassador program for walking and running.

This would be an extension of the trail that runs from Virgil to East and West Line, and Charlotte to East and West Line, and 'would want to have' a section of the trail that runs from Charlotte to East and West Line. I think that more local people would be encouraged to use that section of the trail for walking or running if the surface was similar to that installed on the portion of the trail completed earlier this summer.

I used to be confident in the future of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The region is blessed with natural beauty, outstanding hospitality, world-class theatre and a vibrant wine industry. This confidence led our company to invest over $5 million dollars in Niagara-on-the Lake. But my confidence has been shaken by the failing actions of Town Council.

I want to believe again in the Niagara Region for ten years. We operate CrookedE 2

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Bill Aucberlonie Special to The Local

The full week Sept. 24 to Sept. 30 of Auchterlonie on Astrology can be found on the Facebook page for The NOTL Local, and on the website https://www.auchterlonieastrology.com. In Part II of my podcast, thanks to AstroButterfly, we get the entire month of September. Also on Part II, we take a look at Mars retrograde in Aries — the heroic journey. Thursday, Sept. 24. Yesterday, first quarter Moon in Capricorn continues today with the added bonus of retrograde Mars oppo-

View from the couch

Donald Combe Special to The Local

In Love, in Friendship, from 2016, Lady Susan Vernon is a stunning, multifaceted woman. She is elegant in every way, and possesses impeccable man-

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Students look to nature for playground entertainment

Owen Bjorgan
Special to The Local

Here’s a wild one for you. As an outdoor guide for the District School Board of Niagara, I was deployed out of the woods, and into a Niagara Falls elementary school to assist with the pandemic reopening. I could write stories of articles about what I did, saw, and experienced during these past two weeks. I was on the front line of the very situation that we’ve all been talking and hearing about. I promised myself I would be there for the kids and teachers in the best capacity I could, during a transformed time.

Although I was no longer socializing with oaks and maples, I felt welcomed and comfortable within an instant at this school. The staff and students made the building feel like home, with a sense of familiarity. I feel both physically and professionally fulfilled by these two weeks.

I spent hours logged in the woods have stuck to me, and the woods follow me from time to time. I was curious to see how I could make the most of nature within an urban schoolyard, and hopefully leave a lasting impression on some kids during the two weeks I had there.

While I was spray-painting the lines that separate the cohorts of students out in the soccer field for recess, I noticed some dirt in the ground. Some of the younger kids had taken to digging into the grass. There are no trees, sports toys, or games of tag going on, so, to them, they go.

The little kids call me over to the chunk of soil and grass they’ve carved up. They pull it over. A few worms and a beetle larva (grub) lie exposed on the dirt. Their curiosity is ramped up for such a simple but creative discovery. It made me happy to see this moment unfold.

While they gaze upon the closed playground and gym just feet away from where they play, the kids get inventive with their environment. They’ve probably been a long time since kids dug up bugs in the soccer field and found it fascinating.

“Mr. B, why does this worm have… legs?” asks an excited student.

“Too oom a worm. It has those little legs and mouth parts because it’s actually a baby beetle, baby!”

A couple shrieks, a couple oooh and aw, and they learned something new.

As I wear a mask and walk back toward the building for indoor duties, and I see some kids looking at these “super giant mosquitoes” on the side of the school portals. We’ve all seen them without knowing what they are. They show up in show- ers, corners of the barn, and on the cottage docks. These are totally harmless crank flies.

I tell the kids, “Those flies aren’t even related to mosquitoes. They just look like huge mosquitoes, but they’re not, and they can’t hurt you people. Look at how tall and skinny they are, like a crane. Mosquitoes can’t even get this big, ever!”

If you Google cranefly, you’ll be surprised how many times you’ve seen this harmless “super giant mosquito” in your own house.

I go outside to my van in the parking lot, remove the mask and, up some coffee on my nose — the look of surprise and unsureness equally as pronounced. Within one second, he tried to reach out and grabbed me in an instant. The boy then proceeded to run a few laps within his area, laughing and shrieking about the wildness of that experience.

I’m surprised to see the visual of walking up the invisible hallways in the soccer field. I had helped spray paint these fields, and the whole energy of them.

I could make the most of nature within a schoolyard, and hopefully leave a lasting impression on some kids during the two weeks I had there.

As the bell rings at recess, I see a Grade 2 kid. He goes cross-eyed and bug-eyed at once — the classic story-telling grin.

“I like Spiderman gone wrong. I’m like Spiderman gone wrong. I’m like Spiderman gone wrong. I’m like Spiderman gone wrong...”

“Who are you?”

“I’m Peter Parker! Spiderman gone wrong!”

The symbology is at the heart of that experience.

As Owen Bjorgan relaxes against a tree near downtown NOTL, he thinks about today’s youth learning about nature as school playgrounds remain off limits to them. (Owen Bjorgan)

Region, mayors agree to join Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Ted Mouradian
Special to The Local

On Friday, Sept. 18, I was honoured to be a speaker at the signing ceremony when the Region and all 12 municipalities joined the Canadian Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. Dr. Liette Vasseur, a member of the Region and all 12 municipalities, along with the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

Dr. Liette Vasseur applaud- ed the move. “As president of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, I am thrilled that the Niagara Region has joined this network, which includes cities, regional governments, and smaller communities across the country,” said Vasseur. “Sadly, racism continues in cities, regional governments, and beyond.”

The Coalition is a non-profit organization that is committed to addressing equity for the whole community. The coalition demonstrates that Niagara Region recognizes the importance of inclusivity and is committed to addressing equity for the whole community.

Riley Zimak, director of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, also spoke at the event. “On behalf of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, we are very happy to see such recommendations to town council, a positive next step. Among the other speakers at the regional signing was Rashmi Biswas, a member of the Gender Equity Task Force of Niagara. “We cannot talk about inequity without examining intersecting. Not all women are mothers, married, heterosexual, or white,” she said. “The pandemic has highlighted the social and economic inequities facing women in general, and women of colour in particular.”

The opinions expressed in submitted commentary, and letters to the editor, are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of The Notl Local.
Annual run fundraiser essential ‘to keep momentum going’

Penny Coles
The Local

Stacey Ivanchuk was in Simcoe Park Sunday, as she has been for many years, to help Joan King celebrate the 40th annual Terry Fox Run, even though there were no crowds of people waiting to participate in the community event. There were, however, many people who stopped by before or after their One Day, One Way walk, run or cycle, which was the COVID celebration of the.runestone. Some dropped off pledge sheets and money, and others picked up their participation stickers for completing their run.

In 2007, King’s first year organizing the local event, Ivanchuk, a St. Davids native, was there to help. Like King, she had read about the need for volunteers on the front page of the local newspaper, and had showed up to see what she could do. That day, she became the official photographer of the annual event, and most of the photos on the posters displayed in the bandshell Sunday were hers.

During her university years, and then working in Toronto, she had volunteered in Toronto for the Canadian Cancer Society in various capacities. “Cancer hits you for me, and I really just wanted to stay involved and do my part to help keep research funded,” said Ivanchuk, who returned to NOTL for the run in 2007, she recalls King asking if anyone had a good camera. “I did, and became the de facto (completely amateur) photographer for event day.”

Ivanchuk had been doing that every year since, also actively fundraising and separately doing the run so she could be at Simcoe Park Sunday, where her heart is every Terry Fox Run. Her goal, as for all who participate, continues to be to help raise money for cancer research.

Ivanchuk has first-hand knowledge of how important that funding is, and a passion for seeing it continue. As a 13-year-old, she lost her mother to glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer. Her mom, Bunny Ivanchuk, was just 30 years old when she died in 1984.

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From there she went to Denison Morris Catholic High School in St. Catharines before heading to Queen’s University.

“I grew up on fruit farm in St. Davids, and Niagara very much remains home to me, despite all my years in Toronto,” she says. She expected she would stay in Toronto to complete grad school and then return home, “but opportunities for work kept me here (in Toronto).”

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Changes are coming to garbage pickup, beginning Oct. 19, when a new regional contract takes effect.

That is the date that curbside garbage bag collection changes to every other week, with a two-bag or can limit. The green bin and blue and grey boxes will continue to be picked up weekly.

Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa says he's seen the beginnings of the regional education campaign, and expects it to ramp up in the next couple of weeks, hopefully avoiding any confusion residents might have.

"The message is getting out, but there will take some time," he says.

There will be a four-item limit for large household items per week, for single family homes and a single family home limit for large houses.

"We're still on Four Mile Creek Road, across from the town hall in Virgil. Yes, the building is for sale, but we have a lease and we're not planning on going anywhere."

To the concern that illegal dumping will increase due to the change in collection, regional research shows similar municipalities that have switched to every-other-week garbage collection haven’t seen an increase in dumping, as residents have properly sorted and recycled their waste.

The Region provides waste disposal options for many illegally dumped materials, including furniture and appliances containing CFCs, tires, electronics, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, appliances without CFCs, and residential leaf and yard waste (branches and leaves) are accepted free at drop-off depots.

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Mike Balsom
Special to The Local

You can tell a lot about a person by looking at their hair. In Ludwig van Beethoven’s case, it took 171 years for his hair to reveal some of the truths about, and to dispel some of the myths surrounding the man.

In 1827, as Beethoven lay dying, a young musician named Ferdinand Hiller came to pay his respects to the great composer. Hiller snipped a lock of Beethoven’s hair as a keepsake, as was customary at the time. Somehow over the years, the lock of hair found its way to Nazi-occupied Denmark, where it was given to a local doctor, Kay Flemming, who was involved in the effort to help save hundreds of Jews during the Second World War.

Flemming’s daughter eventually consigned it for sale at Sotheby’s, listed as lot 33 as auction, in a 10.5 x 9.5 centimeter oval frame. It was purchased in 1994, and a few years later the lock of hair underwent a series of complex forensic tests in the U.S., in the hope of finding the probable causes of the composer’s chronically bad health, his deafness, and his death.

This Sunday, Sept. 27, Music Niagara presents Beethoven’s Hair as part of the non-profit organisation’s 2020 At Home Concert Series. It weaves together music from Beethoven and other composers through the years, played by Elna Kelebeev on piano and Music Niagara artistic director Atis Bankas on violin, with readings based on the book Beethoven’s Hair: An Extraordinary Historical Odyssey and a Scientific Mystery Solved, by Russell Martin.

Old friends and colleagues Guy Bannerman and Jamie Mainprize jumped at the chance to work together on the project. Filmed at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, the two vastly experienced actors, dressed in period costume, take turns narrating the story with their dulcet tones.

Mainprize remembers Bankas first coming up with the idea more than 10 years ago. “He thought it would be good to shorten the book somehow,” he explains, “to provide a script, so that a reader could do it and some music could be done. He didn’t have the time, so he asked me to do it, and the script reading is my abridgment of the book.”

Both Bannerman’s wife, Marian, and Mainprize’s wife, Virginia, have been actively involved in Music Niagara as volunteers and board members. Both actors say that they love and respect the quality and importance of the festival here in NOTL, and have helped out whenever they could. But their association with Music Niagara is not the only thing that has brought them together.

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Both Bannerman and Mainprize were the most significant.”

Mainprize tells the story of a mongrel dog who appeared in a play there that year. The dog, whom the company named Happy, was borrowed from the pound. They both agree that Happy was a sweet, but homely mutt. When the production wrapped, the young Bannerman was afraid of what would happen to the dog if he were to be returned to the pound. Mainprize gave the dog to a friend in Youngstown who had a farm, and Bannerman sadly assumed that Happy would probably be put down. When the two reunited in NOTL, Mainprize gave Bannerman a sketch his friend had made of the dog, which he still has today, proving that his fears were unfounded.

Mainprize moved on to a career that focused mostly on movies, appearing in such films as How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, Cocktail and Shadowhunter. Along the way, he also became a teacher and ran an educational publishing business. Bannerman, meanwhile, has been a member of the Shaw Festival ensemble for about 30 years. He moved to town in 1993, a year after Mainprize.

Forty years after their first meeting, the two came together once again at the Shaw Festival as cast members of the 1999 production of Daphne du Maurier’s Rebecca, directed by Christopher Newton. Now, with another 21 years gone by, they have been enjoying their sessions collaborating on this week’s production, though they never appear on screen together for Beethoven’s Hair.

It is clear both Bannerman and Mainprize have learned much while delving into the route taken by this very personal historical ar-tifact. Speaking of its link to the Second World War, Mainprize says “it’s really a more a study of incredible heroism in the face of terri-ble persecution, than it is a study of Beethoven’s music or life.”

“The book goes into considerable medical detail,” adds Mainprize, “to examine the cause of his death, among other things. I just expunged (the medical information), as it doesn’t fit in with a musical, dramatic presentation.”

But Bannerman adds that the secrets upon which that lock of hair shed light are revealed. “There are three important facts that are revealed in one paragraph by the writer,” he says, “and they are the most significant.”

Beethoven’s Hair will premiere on musicniagara.ca this Sunday at 4 p.m. Go to the WATCH LIVE section of their website to see it.

The opening of the Virgil skate park was a good indication it is attracting a variety of ages, skills levels and ways to have fun. (Photos by Mike Balsom)
Pedal Pushers ride for Healing Cycle

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If you are interested in forming a cycling team, in donating to the Pedal Pushers or in providing sponsorship, visit www.notlpc.com or email notlpc@bellnet.ca. Cheques can be mailed to NOTL Community Palliative Care Service, P.O. BOX 130, NOTL L0S 1J0.

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The NOTL group has formed a team they call the Pedal Pushers, which is pledging to ride 10 kilometres along the Niagara Parkway Recreation Trail, “allowing for social distancing, and keeping our team and community safe,” says Bagmulo.

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You’ll Fall Head Over Heels For These Autumn Trends

Submit by Creek Road Paints

Autumn is a season that brings about cozier colours, inspiration from nature in our decorating, and a bounty of change — which is exactly what seems to be trending this fall season.

We are seeing more of Vintage, salute to the 70’s era of Flair finding its way into a lot of newly designed spaces. With a more refined aesthetic, which coincides with the season, more eclectic mixtures of textured fabrics, organic materials and exotic woods.

Inspiration from nature, with deeper, moodier colours for those comforting spaces are dominant this season — infusing organic elements throughout your décor — like wood, stone, greenery etc. Even style your planter boxes with vegetables and herbs, like cabbages, gourds and more, for a slightly modern take on a classic seasonal arrangement.

More and more this season we are seeing people updating their bathrooms, creating fabulous spaces, without them looking too fussy. Stone tiles with metallic elements are a current trend, and are giving a bit of subtle glam to those updated spaces.

Brass is also making a comeback this year, as we are seeing a more industrial, tarnished take on the element, giving a less polished look. Brass and matte black bathroom fixtures are becoming increasingly popular as we move away from the previously popularized nickel finishes, which gave a more polished look, as opposed to a more refined, industrial look.

For Moore colour tips and trends for this coming season, visit the Colour Experts at Creek Road Paints in Virgil, for all your design and decor needs.

Always something Moore from Creek Road Paints, Benjamin Moore #StaySafeNOTL.

Bonnie Bagmulo will be one of the Pedal Pushers trying to raise $10,000 for palliative care. (Penny Coles)
Golf tournament supports local children

Royal Oak is once again hosting its annual golf tournament at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club on Oct. 7, albeit a modified version to be COVID-friendly this year.

Individuals or groups can sign up to play with tee times, the same great prizes to be won and complimentary refreshments. In addition, this year players will receive a goody bag with lots of extra treats from the school’s generous sponsors.

This fundraiser is more important than ever this year, as the school is growing quickly to accept many more children in our community who benefit from a small school and classroom environment.

Many families are finding that new challenges have emerged with their existing schools, as children with learning or behavioural differences are slipping further through the cracks.

Royal Oak has doubled its specialty teaching resources this year, and is always committed to small class sizes at all grades. The largest class having 14 children this year and always capped at 15.

This allows us to provide additional support to the children who need it – including any social or behavioural support. It also allows for individualized learning programs to ensure kids who are excelling continue to be challenged and deeply engaged, and extra support for those who require additional one-on-one teaching guidance.

The school continues to be dedicated to ensuring all children in the community can access the school, independent of their financial background, offering full and partial bursaries to families which help support students. (Photos supplied)

Teachers take learning outside

Royal Oak’s staff and parent volunteers spent the summer preparing the new expanded space on the second floor of the old hospital site.

They have created a learning environment that both supports collaborative and progressive learning methods, as well as the safest, healthiest environment during the COVID era.

Indoors, desks have been framed with plexiglass barriers to allow students to safely continue to work together in groups.

In addition, Royal Oak is taking advantage of the beautiful weather we’ve been blessed with this month to have as much learning outdoors as possible.

Thanks to the generosity of the Hawley family, picnic tables have been set up for each classroom to use for outdoor learning.

Combined in-class and virtual learning

Royal Oak launched the school year two weeks ago with synchronous in-class and at-home virtual learning, so that all families can choose which learning delivery method works best for them this year.

Five children are choosing to start the school with exclusively virtual, at-home learning, where they are able to participate real-time in the in-person classroom, thanks to the great digital technology installed this summer.

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In a town known for its pioneer in the Canadian wine industry, Joseph Pohorly was a legend. He passed away peacefully Sept. 12, at the age of 88.

Known most recently locally as the founder of Joseph’s Estate Wines on Niagara Stone Road, Pohorly had been in the wine industry since 1979, when he started Newark Wines, which he sold in 1983 to Hillebrand Estate Wines. It was there he made Hillebrand’s first icewine.

After Hillebrand (now Titus) he went into partnership to start the Colonel Butler Inn, which he ran for 10 years, and then sold to go back to his real passion of wine making, opening Joseph’s Estate Wines in 1996, which he has since sold.

He also established Joseph’s Natural Products after receiving his PhD in environmental engineering in 2002. He was the recipient of several awards for his work, including the Christopher Newton Award for Extraordinary Vision in Business, and the Niagara Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award for his many achievements in 2018.

Those who knew him speak to his intelligence, his perseverance, and dedication to excellence.

Kathy Reid, the winemaker at Joseph’s, has been working at the winery since the day it opened, and knew him even before that, when she worked in a lab at another winery. When he opened his own winery, he hired her as the assistant winemaker.

“He loved to socialize, to meet people. And he was great to work for. We were a team, and we worked hard. We all got along well and worked well together. He always loved to be challenged,” she says, mentioning his study of grapeseed oil, which led to the opening of Joseph’s Natural Products.

“He had an engineer’s mind. The more complicated a project was, the more pleasure he got out of it. Although he accomplished so much in his life, he was first and foremost an engineer and a winemaker.”

Known as an outstanding member of St. Davids Lions, he had been helping out at the Penny Coles service club for years, before he finally decided to join in 2014, says St. Davids Lion Al Snider.

Even before becoming a member, he worked on various community projects, such as the Centennial Pavilion at the Lions Park, which he designed and funded.

He also helped by applying for grants to fund projects for the Lions, including renovating and expanding the club hall, and was generous with donations himself.

“When we did expand, it...Continued on page 14
Pohorly great Lions supporter

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was his drawings and design we followed, and he was always there, overseeing the work. He wanted to make sure it was done right,” says Snider. “He was very knowledgeable, and he had a lot of common sense. He came to every board meeting. He was very dedicated to the Lions and to the community.”

He was also “a good guy,” says Snider. “He was very personable, liked to joke around, and he was generous, with his time, and with wine for special events. Any fundraiser in the region, any Lions event, even for other clubs, he was always willing to help out. If you asked Joe for a donation, you always got more than you asked for.”

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial donation to the St. Davids Lions Club. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE LION BURGER RETURNS

Friday, September 25th

We will sell Lion Burger Combos (burger, fries & bottle of water) for $10

Time is 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

St. Davids Lions Park Pavilion

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 Zoom link.

MINECRAFT CLUB MINI GAMES

September 25 & 29 @ 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Here’s how to join our new REALM! 1. Send your Minecraft Username to notllibrary@gmail.com & we will invite you to join our realm. 2. To accept the invite, choose Minecraft Realms at the title screen. 3. Click the flashing envelope at the top next to the Minecraft Realms title. 4. Click Accept! We will be leaving the realm open as a creative world 24/7! Please note: there will NOT be a Library Moderator present online at all times. Mini Games will take place twice a week.

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

September 30 @ 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.

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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Saturday’s food drive, which was to continue with pickups throughout the community Wednesday, Sept. 23, should supply Newark Neighbours with enough food to fill Thanksgiving dinner baskets, maybe with some left over for Christmas. Nine tables were piled with food collected at Phil’s valu-mart Saturday, and dropped off at Cornerstone Church, where volunteers Suzanne Vaillant, Ellen Williams, Cindy Grant, Ingrid Regier, and Pat Hicks sorted it. John Wiens of the NOTL Golf Club (centre) also took part in the collection, having members drop off food at the club house. Williams and Hicks helped Armando Pena, who spent the day driving between the two locations, unload.

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Sunday, September 27th

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP GATHERING

Speaker: Kevin Bayne

Music: Help!

Please be advised that with the current state of COVID-19, your safety is of utmost importance to us. We will have to be streaming our services at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, there will be no in-person church service.
GALLOWAY, DAVE—Passed away unexpectedly at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the age of 70. Beloved husband of Alison Hepburn for 21 years. Much loved son of Betty Galloway. Dearly loved dad of Emma (Matt) Brejik, Katie Galloway, Megan (Tro) Zeitlian and Dave Seymour. Cherished GP of Talisker, Clementine, Miles, Jonathan and Penelope. Loving brother of Lore (Lambert) Wybenga and Dan (Wendy) Galloway. Brother-in-law of Suzanne (Don) Hepburn. Cherished son-in-law of David and Diane Hepburn. Dave will be remembered by his students and colleagues at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Dave’s Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON. In memory of Dave, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by his family. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

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### Sudoku

Sudoku solution from September 17, 2020

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### OBITUARY

**GALLOWAY, DAVID (DAVE)** — Passed away unexpectedly at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the age of 70. Beloved husband of Alison Hepburn for 21 years. Much loved son of Betty Galloway. Dearly loved dad of Emma (Matt) Brejik, Katie Galloway, Megan (Tro) Zeitlian and Dave Seymour. Cherished GP of Talisker, Clementine, Miles, Jonathan and Penelope. Loving brother of Lore (Lambert) Wybenga and Dan (Wendy) Galloway. Brother-in-law of Suzanne (Don) Hepburn. Cherished son-in-law of David and Diane Hepburn. Dave will be remembered by his students and colleagues at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Dave’s Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON. In memory of Dave, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by his family. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

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NOTLer Chris Weier drafted to Toronto Rock of NLL

Mike Balsom
Special to The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake native Chris Weier has been selected by the Toronto Rock in the fourth round of last week’s National Lacrosse League draft. When training camp is eventually allowed to start, the Brock University sports management student will be one of six new defencemen who will be vying for a spot on the 2020-2021 Rock roster.

Weier says he had been talking to a couple of other teams ahead of the draft, including Halifax, Rochester and Colorado. He is elated to have been selected by the Rock, though, a team that plays its home games just down the QEW from his NOTL home.

Choosing Weier was a no-brainer for the Rock. In 2019, after his hometown Niagara Thunderhawks were eliminated from the Junior B playoffs, Weier was asked to join the Orangeville Northmen of the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League (OJALL) for their playoff run. Weier became a key member of the Northmen defence as they rolled on to win the 2019 Minto Cup last August over the Victoria Shamrocks.

The head coach of that Canadian championship team was Bruce Codd, who also happens to be an assistant coach for the Toronto Rock. Weier says that gives him a bit more of a comfort level when he eventually gets the chance to try his way onto the team.

“There are other reasons why Toronto is right for Weier,” says Codd. “I know the coaches, there is a couple guys from St. Catharines, and it’s nice this year with everything going on, with COVID,” he says, “if anything happens, it will be nice to be close to home, and not have to travel much.”

Toronto head coach Matt Sawyer, like Codd an Orangeville native, says the organization was excited to have the opportunity to draft Weier. In an email, Sawyer calls Chris “a smart defender with high upside who makes the right decisions in transition. We really like the fact that Chris has shown an ability to improve each year of his junior career and we expect that to continue at the next level.”

That ability to improve and to be coachable was a key trait for his former Thunderhawks coach Randy Chrysler.

“Give me 25 Chris Weiers,” says Chrysler. “I’ve never seen a young man at his age so humble, so willing to work. He does what he’s told, he’s always like a sponge. He doesn’t say much, but he leads with his actions on the floor.”

Chrysler, for one, thinks Weier won’t have any problem cracking the pro team’s line-up. “He better be a starter, or I’m going to go there and yell at them,” he jokes. “Their style, their transition, that’s right up his alley. The kid is not your 215-pound, 6-foot-3 kid, but his lacrosse IQ is like a cagey veteran. He reads the plays before they happen.”

Other than his stint with Orangeville, Weier has played all of his lacrosse, both field and box, here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. He credits his parents, Rob and Kathy, for their support in helping him get to the point where he is able to pursue his professional lacrosse dream. He also gives a nod to his past NOTL coaches Kevin Buis and Andy Boldt for their help in his development.

The Crossroads Public School graduate also represented Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in three trips to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations lacrosse championships, helping the team to second, third and fourth place finishes.

Holy Cross coach Corey Quinn shares Chrysler’s sentiments. “I always knew (Chris) had the talent, just often I didn’t see other people seeing his talent” says Quinn. “He was always a quiet leader on the team. You could call him the stone-faced assassin. Never showed any emotion. You told him to do something, he’ll just go do it.”

“Stone-faced” is an accurate assessment, as Weier rarely changed his tone of voice or got too excited during a telephone interview for The Local. Every question was answered with an even keel, in a no-nonsense manner. The only emotion he showed was a bit of a chuckle upon hearing what some of his past coaches have said about him.

While studying at Brock, Weier has also been an important member of the Brock women’s soccer team. Brock coach Tim Laszcz credits the “6-foot-2, 185 pound shutdown defender” as a huge factor in the team, posting the lowest goals against total in the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association last season.

“Chris is a defensive stalwart who just doesn’t make mistakes,” says Laszcz. “He’s so consistent and makes very smart decisions. He’s the type of player a casual fan may not notice, but if you just watched him for just 10 minutes, you’d be impressed.”

Weier knows it won’t be easy to earn a spot on Toronto’s roster. The Rock traded away future draft picks to acquire super-defenders Jason Noble and Mitch de Snoo, and also drafted three other defencemen, one ahead of Weier.

“With the acquisitions they had,” says Weier, “I’ll be tough for anybody coming in as a first-year player. But you never know throughout the summer, working hard, getting your stick in your hands, who knows? Injuries or something, who knows what could happen.”

While waiting to hear whether or not Toronto Rock will be allowed to hold a training camp later this year, Weier says he will continue trying to put on a bit more muscle, while concentrating on his studies at Brock. And if the Badgers are allowed to have a truncated sports season later this school year, that should give him a chance to get that stick in his hands to prepare for his move to the pro ranks.