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Niagara riding federal candidates face off

Mike Balsom **Special to The Local**

When the federal electhing is certain in the Ni- outcome. agara Falls riding — a new Commons to represent Ni-

tion is over on Oct. 21, one back in April guarantees that

representative will be tak- Nicholson's seat fielded quesing a seat in the House of tions about environmental issues, immigration and

agara-on-the-Lake, Niagara poverty last Wednesday at a the parties with seats in the O'Connor from the Chris- candidate Sandra O'Connor Falls and Fort Erie. The res- debate held at the YourTV House of Commons were in- tian Heritage Party were in- referred to the carbon tax ignation of current Conser- (formerly Cogeco) studios in vited to the television debate. stead offered pre-recorded as a "deflection," promising

candidates

vative MP Rob Nicholson Niagara Falls. That decision left one of three-minute segments that her party would simply tax Taking a cue from the the most high-profile candi- were played during a break the big polluters directly. The Leaders' Debates Commis- dates, current Niagara Falls in the live proceedings. Five of the hopefuls to fill sion struck by Democratic city councillor Mike Strange, Institutions Canada in Oc- running independently of with the carbon tax imple- of the tools they would use. tober of 2018, only the five any party, out of the promented by the current Liberrepresenting ceedings. Both he and Tricia al government. Green Party

The first question dealt

NDP's Brian Barker said the carbon tax would be just one

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Community safety zone celebrated in St. Davids

Penny Coles The Local

The new community safety zone in St. Davids was celebrated Thursday at the public school, where the designation is considered a positive step for student safety.

As drivers pass by St. Davids Public School along York Road, from Queenston Road to Concession 3, signs, which were up in time for doubled.

Carolyn Ryall, regional director of transportation services, told those gathered at the school the goal of community safety zones is to modify driver behaviour and improve safety within the Niagara region. The Region approved the designation for St. Davids this summer, and another area in the town of Lincoln.

In considering the need for a community safety zone, the Region looks at the number of safety and speeding complaints and violations at specific locations, collision history, and the number of students and families walking to school, Region. Everyone worked she said.

munity safety zone in St. the children who walk to

Davids goes back to July, 2017, when the previous council agreed to ask the Region to look at improving safety for pedestrians in the village.

York Road begins with an 80 kilometre-an-hour speed limit, which is reduced to 60 km/h as it approaches the village and then 40 km/h through the school zone.

The police have inthe start of the school year, creased their presence in the warn that fines for speeding area, first issuing warnings through the area could be from Sept. 3 to 15, Inspector James McCaffery told those gathered at the school for the announcement, and then issuing fines for speeding and other offences in the weeks since, in an effort to change driver behaviour.

He said most drivers on specific sections of roads have been supportive of the community safety zone although not all who were ticketed.

> The message, he said, is "drive safe, stay safe," and promised the police will continue their presence in the village.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero thanked all involved for helping to get the designation approved, once council sent the request to the together to ensure the safe-The request for the com- ty of the community, and



A group of partners from the Town, the Region, the school board and St. Davids Public School, including students, pose for a photo in front of one of the new Community Safety Zone signs on York Road. (Photos by Penny Coles)

school, she said.

Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa said the Region is committed to healthier living, and given the benefits of an active lifestyle, "students thrive."

The event also marked

October being International Walk to School Month, an the speed of drivers, the lack annual celebration of active transportation taking place around the world, he said.

The community safety zone initiative is a commitment to the safety of the section of Four Mile Creek community of St. Davids and Road and York Road, is also St. Davids School, he said.

The initiative is the rethe St. Davids Residents of the solution. Association, the Niagara Regional Police, the school vids can rest assured we're board and the Region working together.

In addition to addressing of sidewalks in the village for kids walking to school is another component of the problem, he said.

The traffic at the intera consideration, said Zalepa, with the future reopensult of the partnership of ing of Mewburn Road part

"The residents of St. Dalooking at safety measures for St. Davids."

School principal Tracey Leemet said there are about 60 to 75 students who live close enough to walk to school — the majority of students are from the rural area and the Glendale neighbourhood, and are bused. Even some who live in nearby subdivisions take the school bus, she said, because of the lack of sidewalks on their route, but for those who can walk, the community safety zone is a great initiative to help keep them safe.



A selection of students were invited to the St. Davids Public School gym to listen to the presentations about the community safety zone in the school area.



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Candidates debate affordable housing, carbon tax

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He added that the NDP's "New Deal" would also include the creation of 300,000 good green jobs, investing in clean energy projects through a climate bank, and getting more zero-emission vehicles on the roads.

Later, Barker went on to criticize the Stephen Harper Conservative government for pulling out of the Kyoto Accord in 2010, then said of the Liberals, "we can't be climate champions, and declare an emergency on one day, then turn around and buy a pipeline the next."

Liberal candidate Andrea Kaiser defended her party's policy. She called the carbon tax a price on pollution, describing it as a critical step toward reaching the targets for Canada as set out by the country's participation in the Paris Agreement, which took effect in 2016. She pointed to the success of Alberta's proas proof that a tax can work toward a cleaner country, while also helping to boost the economy.

Party Conservative candidate Tony Baldinelli, however, refuted Kaiser's claims for the need for a carbon tax, which he said his party would immediately repeal. "Unlike under the Liberal scheme, there will be no sweetheart deals for anyone," said Baldinelli. "Large industrial emitters tion question. will be forced to pay into clean up their emissions."

A question about supporting immigrants and their families revealed how the People's Party of Canada differs largely from the other four parties. Niagara Falls candidate Alex Taylor promised his party would reduce immigration to somewhere between 100,000 to 150,000 per year. "We believe that this (immigration) is pushing forward house prices,



Liberal Andrea Kaiser, NDP Brian Barker, Green candidate Sandra O'Connor, PPC representative Alex Taylor and Conservative Tony Baldinelli debate issues at the YourTV (formerly Cogeco) studios in Niagara Falls. (Jack Custers)

tential immigrants is very tackle poverty. important, and said the Peo-"birth tourism."

In contrast, the other four vincial Climate Change Act candidates in attendance all as a key part of their own dians. family backgrounds, and spoke out in favour of immigration as an economic driver of a strong future economy. As well, each of these candidates spoke of the importance of making it possible to reunite immigrants with their families once they have arrived in Canada. Taylor's response did not touch children out of poverty on this part of the immigra-

Diane Corkum, Execugreen technology funds to tive Director of Project Share risky. She pointed to the curin Niagara Falls, asked candidates to address the unavailability of affordable housing time home buyers incentive in that city.

The Conservative candidate promised to allow five candidates directly for a 30-year amortization brought forth a strategy that of mortgages, as well as an easing of the mortgage stress ability of affordable housing test for first time home buyers. Barker said his party would also increase the allowable amortization period, and added that an NDP govmaking it so expensive that ernment would implement wine industries. Taylor's reour people can't afford real both a universal child care sponse focused on bringing

to-face interviews with po- nutrition program to help

O'Connor recognized the ple's Party would also end need to support renters, with a rent supplement proposed by the Greens. Her party is also promising a guaranteed acknowledged immigration liveable income for all Cana-

> Taylor boiled down the housing crisis as a question of supply versus demand. The People's Party platform pushes a reduction in immigration as a method of curbing that demand.

Kaiser said the Liberals' Canada Child Benefit has lifted more than 300,000 across Canada. The Liberal candidate thinks the 30year mortgage strategy is too rent government's \$40 billion housing strategy and its firstas being better options.

In the end, none of the would guarantee better availin Niagara Falls.

The Local's Penny Coles wanted to know what the potential MPs would do to help local agriculture and

estate." He added that face- program and national school the cannery industry back Barker also wants to see Nito Niagara. O'Connor said the Green Party would better country. Kaiser said the Libprotect the Green Belt locallv, and help farmers continue er to trade between provincto earn their livelihood via their land. She also promised to look at the high taxes charged on Niagara wines, and to guarantee local wines Conservative government get better shelf space at the would look at investments

> Brian Barker lamented the lack of local foods in our in agriculture and tourism grocery stores, and echoed O'Connor's call for better shelf space in LCBO stores. swered questions about gun

agara's wines sold across the erals have removed the barries, and said it is actually the provinces themselves that be rebroadcast on YourTV haven't all come on board.

Baldinelli promised a in rural infrastructure and address the labour shortage industries.

The candidates also an-

control, the labour and skills shortages being experienced across the country, and the abilities and qualities of each of their party leaders.

The debate continues to and can be watched via their website at yourtv.tv.

Federal candidates were debating their platforms at an all-candidates meeting in St. Davids Tuesday evening, but after The Local had gone to press. That meeting will be reported in next week's edition of The Local.





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Staff to report on grinder pump recommendations

Penny Coles The Local

Councillors were given a crash course on grinder pumps at a workshop held Monday afternoon, along with some recommendations that since they are part of the low-pressure sewer system in St. Davids, the Town should take over responsibility for replacement and maintenance, leaving ownership of the pumps with the homeowner.

The committee also recommended the wastewater bylaw be updated, and that all residents on town sewer systems be charged \$12.50 extra a year to cover the Town cost of assuming responsibility for grinder pumps, as presented by committee vice-chair Michelle Adelstein.

She was asked by Coun. Allan Bisback, who was passing along a question he's heard from other residents, why all residents should shoulder the cost instead of just those who have grinder pumps. Adelstein explained all sewage works are paid for by all sewage users — if there are repairs to the sewage system in the Old Town, she said, as a St. Davids resident, she pays for it as well.

Everyone's grinder pumps at this point are functioning well, said Adelstein, "but this is an evolving process." She said homeowners and developers

have to be educated and Town tion, she said the committee staff better trained to assess future installations. The Town is not currently inspecting new installations, she said. "Quality of installation is imperative."

As subdivisions requiring new homes to have grinder pumps connect to the St. Davids sewer system, the committee recommends a high standard of grinder pump quality be clearly documented with the developer, a rigorous inspection and sign-off of the installation be implemented, and the developer be required to share some of the construction savings with the Town to defray the future cost of pump maintenance. A fee of \$10,000 per new home would pay the maintenance costs for an estimated 30 to 40 years, at a cost of \$3,000 for replacement pumps.

The low pressure system saves the developer a lot of money, given the cost of a traditional gravity system, and "it's fair to ask a developer" to pay a portion of the Town's ongoing costs, said Adelstein.

In preparing its report and recommendations, the committee researched sewage management systems and consulted with the Town's legal counsel, who confirmed that grinder pumps are part of the Town's communal, low-pressure sewer system, said Adelstein. "This determination was critical."

When asked for clarifica-

had a verbal discussion and agreement on that point with the Town lawyer.

The committee also consulted with the Town's insurance broker, the Town treasurer, operations and other staff, other communities with grinder pumps, and the public through an open house in September and comments on the Town's website, said Adelstein.

The decision by council in the early 2000's to approve the use of a low-pressure sewer system powered by grinder pumps in Bevan Heights and on Tanbark Road was a good one, the committee said. It estimated, with input from town staff, that "tens of millions of dollars" was saved by not installing a traditional sewer system in Bevan Heights, because of the underlying structure of the escarpment, Adelstein told councillors.

But some pump owners, maybe a handful, have had multiple replacements, she said, and she has had four grinder pumps.

Through its research, the committee also came to understand the importance of grinder pump installation quality, she said, that homeowners own and operate an active part of the Town's sewage system, and the ongoing capital costs of the system in comparison to a traditional gravity system.

The committee also heard from homeowners that they

were not educated about their grinder pump or their sewage system; that they still struggle to receive proper service and to deal with technicians "that are in no way familiar or trained on the system," and that they have concerns about what they or the Town can do during an extended power outage.

Adelstein was asked about insurance for homeowners with grinder pumps, and explained that the town had a contract with an insurance company, now expired, at a cost of \$70 a year. It only covers the pump itself, she said, and she has heard of one home owner being turned down for it. The cost will likely go up, she said — grinder pumps can't be replaced for \$70 a month — and there is no guarantee the insurance will continue to be available.



Michelle Adelstein, vice-chair of the grinder pump committee, answers a question from Coun. Gary Burroughs during a presentation to councillors Monday. (Penny Coles)

Lord Mayor Betty Disero thanked the committee for doing so much work on the issue, and suggested that given council was being asked to make such a significant decision, she would like a staff report.

She said she would also like ity for grinder pumps.

to hear from the town lawyer, to have either a written legal opinion or have him come to council, with his information on record before councillors have a discussion and make a decision about taking on the responsibil-

Councillors seek fair solution in noise, vibration dispute

Penny Coles The Local

A complaint from neighbours about the noise and vibration from a refrigeration a motion he felt would solve the unit in St. Davids resulted in a decision by councillors to give the business owner 60 days to move the equipment creating the disturbance.

The planning committee decision must be ratified by council at its next meeting, which is Oct. 21.

Cannery Park residents Angelo and Chiara Recine, living in a corner townhouse near St. David's Cold Storage, told councillors they and their neighbours continue to be disturbed by the noise and vibration from the unit, although the owner has tried to mitigate it.

While some councillors accused the owner of "bad behaviour" by installing equipment that was not shown on his site plan for the expansion of the cold storage warehouse, business owner, councillors

department should have noticed that it was not shown on the site plan.

Coun. Allan Bisback made problem for neighbours, who said they are dealing with constant noise, and another neighbour who says they can feel the vibration when sitting on their child's bed.

Bisback's motion asked that within 60 days the existing condensing unit be moved to the south side of the building, away from neighbours, or to the roof. He also included in his motion that any future units also be located on the south side or on the roof, and in both cases, that any recommendations for noise attenuating measures by Valcoustics, the company that has already suggested some mitigating solutions, be followed.

The recommendations already suggested by Valcoustics have been carried out by the

others suggested the planning heard, but no noise study has been undertaken since.

> Coun. Erwin Wiens said he wouldn't support a motion based on "anecdotal" evidence that could have serious repercussions for a local businessman who is trying to grow a business that provides an important service throughout the region. If moving the equipment proves not to be feasible, "how do we force him to do something that's not feasible," he said.

> Coun. Clare Cameron also was uncomfortable about imposing a solution on a business that might be technically impossible, while Lord Mayor Betty Disero suggested the owner would "probably do what any good neighbour would do, put the condensers up on the roof." She asked that the business operator be invited to council to discuss the situation.

> The motion by Bisback, and the amendment to the site plan as recommended by town staff, were carried six to three.

Chamber to receive advance for presence at winter fair

Penny Coles The Local

After a thorough discussion about funding the Chamber of Commerce presence at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, councillors agreed to help fund it, with conditions.

With total expenses for the 10-day booth promoting Niagara-on-the-Lake totalling about \$34,000, NOTL Chamber of Commerce president Eduardo Lafforgue asked that the Town contribute \$20,000 and the Chamber the remaining \$14,000.

Councillors had agreed in principle at its last meeting to give the Chamber an advance on next year's grant, but also asked Lafforgue to come to

council with more details.

His presentation set out the costs and also the value to the town of having a presence at the winter fair, which attracts the demographics the chamber hopes to attract to town, and would highlight the restaurants, chefs, experiences and winter events the town has to offer.

The decision to participate in the fair, which is in November, had to be made quickly, he said, with no opportunity to budget for the cost.

Asked about applying for funding through the Tourism Partnership of Niagara, Lafforgue said although there is money available from that agency, it is meant for marketing only, and the booth at the winter fair does not qualify for TPN funding.

Although initially the ask was presented in the form of an advance, Lafforgue said he was hoping for a grant, or "incremental funding."

Councillors approved a motion by Coun. Clare Cameron to advance the chamber \$15,000 — she objected to paying for hotel rooms in Toronto — with conditions of adding an agricultural component to the chamber's displays at the fair, and to ask the Grape King to attend to promote the local wine industry.

Councillors also agreed they should sit down in a workshop-style meeting with the chamber president and board to talk about their future roles and relationship.



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Council approves this term's strategic plan

Penny Coles The Local

Council has approved its strategic plan to take it to 2022, focusing on long-term planning and innovation, defining priorities and providing council with direction.

between this and former strategic plans, says Lord Mayor Betty Disero, is that it provides not only for tactics to reach its goals, but a timeline for achieving them high level of participation communications - ensure and a process for measuring council's progress at the end of 2020, '21 and '22.

This council decided to bring in a consultant to help with the strategic plan, says Disero, and the result "was a higher level of thinking," in terms of goals and participation.

Rather than looking at specifics, she says, the goal of the plan is to "move beyond day-to-day operation- into five tasks: al responsibilities," and look at "what kind of community we want, and how to get there. It also talks about measuring performance at tinctive and sustainable. the end of each year, to ensure council is accountable."

Accountability, she says, "has been a big thing for all members of council, even during the election."

by the end of 2020. By the mobility choices; a wellend of 2021, uncontrolled growth should "no longer be a prosperous and sustainon the list of top three things able agricultural sector; and cities value least," as mea- well-managed municipal fisured by a public survey, and nances. by the end of 2022, 50 per The biggest difference cent of the public, again by service experience. public survey, should "agree or strongly agree that the itive Town delivers smart, balanced growth decisions."

Disero says there was "a from the community" toincluding input from council, town staff, community stakeholders, and residents. Participation took place by way of interviews, focus groups, special meetings, and online engagement, and shows what can be accomsays Disero.

The plan is categorized

- Find innovative ways to protect heritage, agriculture, and other assets that ensure cannabis bylaw, a review of the community remains dis-
- Deliver smart, balanced growth that results and community wellness. in improved positioning as it relates to the eight strategic pillars of the community there." vision: a prosperous and di-For example, in the sec- verse economy; strong envition that calls for delivering ronmental stewardship; an term of council, future coun-

planned built environment; damental function of gov- strengths and experience, better outcome."

- Elevate the customer
- Excel in having a posworkplace culture where team and excellence abounds.
- Strengthen two-way information is timely, easy ward developing the plan, to find, and simple to understand.

Early in the term, when it became obvious it would take longer to do a good job of creating a strategic plan, council had a working plan to follow, says Disero. There have been some setplished by working together, backs, with some ambitious objectives taking a little longer than planned, she adds, such as the completion of a transportation master plan, a culture plan, approval of a the noise bylaw, short and long-term rentals, the economic development review

> All are proceeding, she "and we're getting

While the strategic plan puts in motion goals for this

smart, balanced growth, the inclusive, integrated, healthy cils "can take on this plan, ernment and setting it out she says, has been helpful. plan states council should town; a centre for culture, with minor adjustments. for the future." have an action plan approved heritage and recreation; It's really a template for any community, taking the fun- councillors with diverse worth it. In the end, we get a

Debates may sometimes Having a good mix of take a little longer, "but it's

Raising the flag for United Way

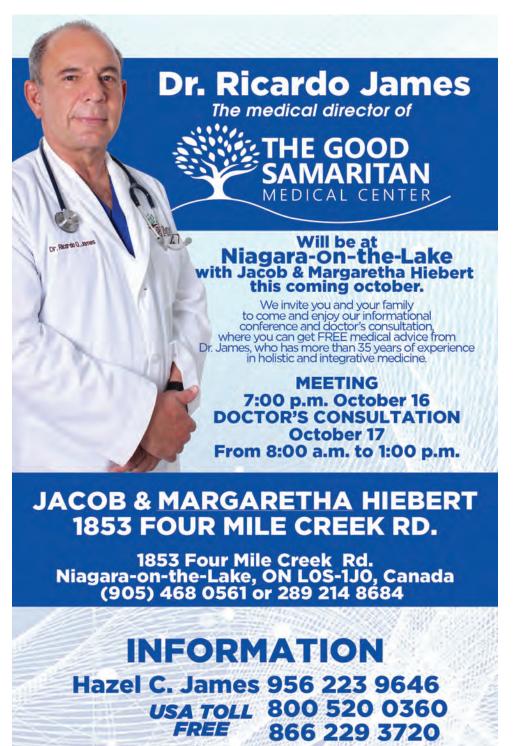


Staff of the Town of NOTL are part of an employee deduction plan for United Way, which started its 2019 campaign in September with a goal of \$5.25 million. Helping to raise the flag are Cassandra Maddaloni and Tanya Faulkner of the United Way, town clerk Peter Todd, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, and staff members Mark Leone, Sarah Stevens, Michelle Kallies, Janet Disher, Shaunna Arenburg, Ashlea Carter, and Anthony Cicchi. The municipal challenge for participation is on for the third year: former Lord Mayor Pat Darte initiated it and NOTL won it in 2017, Port Colborne won it last year, and this year, the mayor of Port Colborne has issued the challenge for the Mayor's Cup, and Disero has accepted it. The cup is awarded to the municipality with the highest percentage of employees on the payroll deduction plan. (Penny Coles)



Lord Mayor Betty Disero explains the importance of the strategic plan approved by council. (Penny Coles)





EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving a good time to choose gratitude over anger

and angry.

Being grateful comes easily to people who have chosen it as a way to consciously live a life. Others may have to work at it, but there are rewards for making the effort.

Thanksgiving is an annual reminder that we have much for which to be grateful, if we choose, and if we want to be better choice. Living and working in Niagara-on-the-Lake should make it an easy choice.

We are surrounded by so much that is beautiful, orchards and vineyards, precious mature trees in old neighbourhoods, streets lined with graceful historic buildings — and the people, the interesting, passionate people, so many of whom demonstrate they are living lives of kindness, compassion, and gratitude.

Yes, we hear complaints, but even they are for the most

For those who don't pay attention, we'd like to share an observation of this week's council meeting and the issues they dealt with, because municipal politicians can have a huge impact on our lives. They can set the tone for town staff and residents to follow.

Monday night we heard happier and healthier, that's the about grinder pumps. Refrigeration units. The cost and benefits of attending a winter fair. Tree protection. Some of the issues impact a small number of people, others affect every resident.

This council struggles to balance the needs of all involved. They so clearly demonstrate they remember, as one resident asked them to, why they chose to run for council. For their thoughtfulness in contemplating issues and striving for fairness, for their respect of varying opinions, for their con-

Experts tell us we can choose part from people who want to scientious attempts to balance to be grateful, or to be resentful make a great place to live even guarding taxpayers' dollars with making good decisions on behalf of all, residents of NOTL can choose gratitude.

> For each of us, in our own lives, with our families, friends, and neighbours, we can choose to be aware of all that's good, close to home and in the world around us. Even in adversity, in times of trouble, we can find something positive to take

> That we live in a democratic country which allows free speech and offers us choices every four years, is another great reason to give thanks.

> Gratitude is so much more powerful than anger. So much healthier. And so much more productive.

> Have a happy Thanksgiving. Choose to feel grateful, and spread it around. Just like kindness, it's contagious.

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Donald Combe Special to The Local

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Time for a coffee break



A fundraising coffee break for the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara was held in the council chamber at the town hall Thursday, with staff and the public invited. Coun. Erwin Wiens dropped in for a piece of cake, joining staff members Jeff Vyse and Ray Hunter. (Penny Coles)

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COMMENT

People are starting to wake up to climate change

The question is, what happens now?



Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

Since the young and impressively determined Greta Thunberg made her speech at the UN, there has been a wake of climate change protests, walk-outs, and events around the world. In terms of climate change awareness, I don't believe there's been an event like it yet in terms of how international and forthright it was. We even had a peaceful movement right in downtown NOTL. Amazing.

That some companies paid their employees to leave work and participate is a powerful sign there was a message to be sent, and people are just starting to really wake up to what that message is.

And we arrive to the classic question — now what?

The optimist views the glass as half full, and the pessimist sees the glass half empty. However, at the end of the day, only the realist is right. So I want to ask an honest question in this week's article.

Do we realistically think that the recent climate strikes are going to have a noticeable and meaningful result anytime soon?

perhaps in the form of major government or corporate announcements? Will a government boldly bust the status quo and create new laws or regulation that puts the climate in first?

Your house is your environment. Once we step out the front door, the world we live in becomes our environment. This is called the biosphere — the area of our planet, its sky, and its innards where life can actually live. That makes the biosphere our big environment, but it's not so big anymore when you consider how many humans saturate it, 7.5 billion of us, divided in pockets and clusters, chewing away at our natural resources on this marble called Earth. The marble is changing colour, as we can see from satellite images, or even a quick drive around Niagara.

Climate affects the health and function of our biosphere, which puts food on our plates and keeps us relatively safe from nature's more formidable forces.

Therefore, when we put climate first, we put society first.

I liked Thunberg's direct blame approach at the UN assembly. It's not cynical campfire conversation to say that there's a top 1 per cent that essentially runs the world — she was standing in front of many of them. These are your government leaders, lobbyists, and humon-

Will there be effects that we gous corporations. These parties observe sooner rather than later, are intertwined and feed each other more than they feed the rest. It's no wonder our environment and climate change crisis has been neglected for so long.

> While we our paying our bills, feeding mouths, and working down at the ground level, we really do depend on those powers to make big changes. We're busy and make enough money to get by. This is what Thunberg was addressing on the world stage - all of those powerful adults had an opportunity to listen, but did they? Did they really listen? Did anyone listen to our protests in Niagara? Listening is one thing, but proof of listening comes with action.

> We've all been in a situation in life where we've heard someone else's perspective on an issue, and then we had the time and power to sit with that knowledge and do (or not do) something with it. My fear is that Thunberg's speech was so perfectly timed, it got such good coverage, on news and social media alike; it really couldn't have been bigger and better, so how will we ever get such a pivotal conversation on the world stage again?

> In our hectic world of information-sharing and pace of life, I fear this event will just be smothered by the next news story or mindless YouTube fad, or the politicians who even

half-listened to her just become too preoccupied again. I'm fired how Thunberg delivered a very up, and quite frankly, I've been frustrated by the general inaction of it all too. I've been in the guts of how government and money trump our climate right here in Niagara. That is an ugly arena to play in, because it's frustrating when everyone in the room knows what is wrong, and nothing gets done.

passionate, raw message. I teared up. I felt the pain of the bigger picture, as I do and think about every day I work in my field.

Here's a report from ground level in Niagara, from someone who is outdoors seven days a week and usually with kids: we're not doing nearly enough, and young people have no idea

I personally was a huge fan of what's coming in terms of the climate-related challenges they will have to face when we're done and gone.

> I suppose it is up to us and the Greta Thunbergs of the world to keep the pressure on the crew at the top, and to keep reminding them to listen. I think we're going to have to get edgier and a little more creative with what it takes to make them listen for real.



Auchterlonie on Astrology

Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

Welcome to Auchterlonie on Astrology for the second week of October. This is the week of the full Moon in Aries, which occurs on Sunday, Oct. 13. If you follow my podcasts on Facebook or my website, this full Moon is close to the kind of T-Square that was in place on July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia, and in September, 2008 with the collapse of Lehman Brothers. More on that, shortly.

Moon is in sensitive Pisces all day, the big astro event du jour is Venus making an inconjunct aspect to the planetoid Chiron (pronounced Ky-ron) late in the evening. Venus is in the early degrees of Scorpio and Chiron in the early degrees of Aries. This is peaceful, loving Venus meeting up in a potentially positive way with Chiron - the Wounded Warrior. This may begin as an argument, likely about how to fix something. It can end on a good note if we can change and grow. Former Green Bay Quarterback, Brett Favre, turns 50 and Pac-Man, the godfather of video games, is 40 years old today.

Friday, Oct. 11: This is a lazy kind of do-not-do-too-much Friday as the Moon makes no aspects to any other thing in the sky after 5:53 a.m. Enjoy a bit of a break. It was Oct. 11, 1975 that we first heard Don Pardo say the motivation and security. Singer/ famous eight words: "Live, from songwriter Paul Simon is 78 to-New York, it's Saturday Night!" day. The first cell phone network (As in SNL!). And top-ranked was powered up on Oct. 13, 1983 golfer Michelle Wie is 30 years in Chicago. old today.

midnight, the Moon moves into you up in the middle of the the sign of Aries, on her way to night. It's a helping hand idea the full moon tomorrow. It's a busy and impulsive, energetic keep you awake trying to change

Saturday with Mars connecting with Uranus and Venus with Jupiter to add some heft — first with early morning stress about long-term plans — and in the noon hour with stress about friendship and knowledge. Both these stresses are opportunities for growth. On Oct. 12, 1999, the world population reached six billion. Today it is nearly eight billion — an increase of 33 per cent in 20 years. And Mr. Versatility, Hugh Jackman turns 51 today.

Sunday, Oct. 13: The full Thursday, Oct. 10: While the Moon is at 5:07 p.m. with the Moon at 20 degrees of Aries. This is an especially hard full Moon, for a few different reasons. First, the sun is in Libra and the Moon is in Aries - both cardinal signs in astrology. In Latin cardinal means important. In astrology, it connotes active, self-motivated, insightful and ambitious. So which way do we go? With the Libran Sun or with the Aries Moon? Do we make peace or make something brand new? Or can we manage both? In addition, this full Moon closely resembles the T-Square I've mentioned on my podcasts, the T-Square of July 4, 1776 and the T-Square of the Sept. 15, 2008 with the collapse of Lehman Brothers. This time it's Saturn and Pluto together at the bottom of the T, suggesting a need for changes in matters relating to motivation and occupation or

Saturday, Oct. 12: Just past nore a clever idea that may wake worthy of remembering. It may

an attitude that is stubborn. A surprise this morning from the Moon and Uranus in Taurus is also worthy of note. Dr. Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace Prize on this day in 1964. And singer/songwriter Usher was born Oct. 14, 1964.

Tuesday, Oct. 15: It's an imaginative Tuesday with Mercury making a positive connection to Neptune, opening the doors to memories lost in time and to dreams that need to be heard. On Oct. 15, 1989, 28-year-old Los Angeles King Wayne Gretzky breaks Gordie Howe's points record (1,850) in the final period of a game against the Edmonton Oilers. Gretzky's record-setting goal tied the game; in overtime, he scored another, and the Kings won

Wednesday, Oct. 16: The Moon moves on from Taurus into Gemini late this evening, after spending most of the day without making contact to anything in the sky. Hopefully it's a break. We need it. It was Oct. 16, 1923 that The Walt Disney Company was incorporated. Disney had been a major player in the Chicago World's Fair years

The podcast version of Auchterlonie on Astrology contains more information than the version which appears here in The Local. This week I am explaining the uncanny astronomical parallels between 1776 and 2008, the American Revolution, the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the rise of Donald Trump.

So, please check out my pod-Monday, Oct. 14: Don't ig- cast on Facebook at Auchterlonie on Astrology or visit my website Looking up with Bill at https:// www.lookingupwithbill.com/.

> And remember, we are all stardust. So shine on!



This group of kids enjoyed a guided walk with Owen Bjorgan though the Paradise Grove forest in NOTL. Kids need to be fuelled with careful optimism about the climate change crisis, says Bjorgan, and adults with power need to start acting on it. (Owen Bjorgan)



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Youth Advisory Council begins a new year



Alexcia Cofell The Local Community **Advisory Council**

A new year means a plethora of new and exciting events for the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

The LMYAC has a great group this year, consisting of nine youth members. The

Kruitbosch, community engagement coordinator for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The LMYAC held their first meeting last month, a very successful meeting of brainstorming ideas for this school year as well as preparing to create new sub-committees, which include advocacy, outreach and well-

meeting consisted of introducing new members through group-engaging activities.

Every year the youth coun-

and Wellness Conference, a day when students in Grade 8 from elementary schools in NOTL gather at the community centre for seminars, workshops and keynote speakers discussing mental health. The council is very eager to see what this year has in store for the annual con-

Additionally, the first chair Bethany Potl to ask her some questions.

> third year for the LMYAC, I am excited to say that our five

and we are welcoming four new members. It is fantastic that we continue to grow," says Potl.

"Our LMYAC is composed of really motivated and forward-thinking individuals. Each of us has a number of interests. Establishing sub-committees such as advocacy, out-I sat down with LMYAC reach and wellness, lets each of my third year as chair, so I us put our talents to use, gain leadership experience and "As we are heading into our meet more of the needs of our community." says Potl.

The sub-committees are

with us since our beginning, much looking forward to, with a number of skills and interest within the council. The council is also passionate about reaching out to others. Potl is hoping the council can be even more involved in community events and have a bigger presence at bittersweet for the LMYAC,

> "For me personally, it is am looking forward to mentoring younger members in great ideas and discussions at our first meeting where we

staff representative is Lauren cil hosts a Youth Mental Health returning members have been a new idea the council is very are looking at establishing sub-committees, continuing with our Youth Mental Health and Wellness Conference and we are looking to become even more involved in our commu-

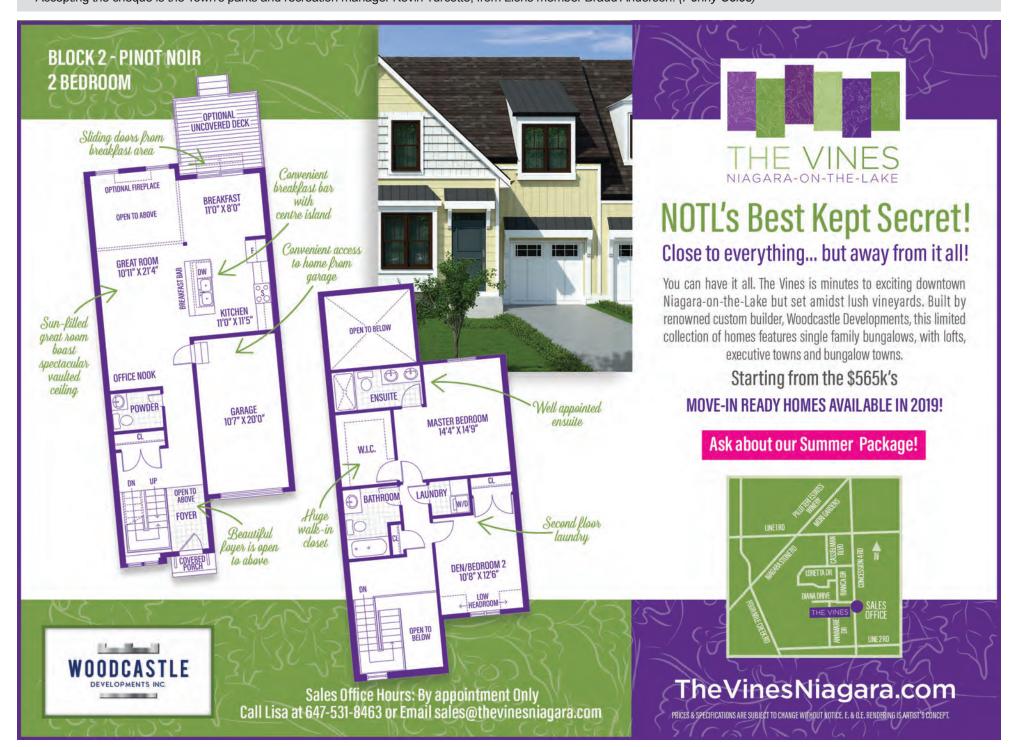
> This year, however, will be with members in Grade 12, their final year, including Potl, Clara De Münnich, Genevieve Moncion, and myself.

However, the council is leadership. We also had some looking to pass the torch onto the next youth willing to take the plunge.

Pool campaign off to a good start



A fundraising campaign for a new St. Davids Pool got a kick-start last week with a cheque for \$10,000 from the St. Davids Lions. The club built the pool for the community more than 50 years ago, before turning it over to the Town to operate and maintain, and has been supportive of a new one on the same property, next door to the Lions Hall on York Road. Accepting the cheque is the Town's parks and recreation manager Kevin Turcotte, from Lions member Bradd Anderson. (Penny Coles)







Baldinelli true blue from his youth

Penny Coles The Local

Tony Baldinelli says he has always been a Conservative. He was drawn even as a high school student to its values, to its support for individuals who work hard, for its support of diversity, and its financial accountability, he says, and has been involved in politics in some capacity ever since.

He has known and respected Rob Nicholson from the MP's early days in international affairs and defence, which were two areas of interest for Baldinelli, so after graduation from McMaster University with a Bachelor's Degree in political science, he asked the Niagara Falls MP how he could best pursue an interest in working for the federal government. Nicholson suggested he go to Ottawa, which he did, and went to work stuffing envelopes for the Conservative party.

"I was in the building, meeting people, and handing out my resume whenever I could," says

an opening for an assistant, he applied, and was offered the job.

That was in 1988. He stayed in Ottawa and worked for the MP for six years, and then went into public relations after that. In 1995, he got a job at Queen's Park, as a policy assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, and after two years, followed that with another stint in the private sector, in Toronto.

hometown to work for the Niagara Parks Commission, where he is now the senior manager of communications.

Nicholson has been a huge mentor for Baldinelli, and when he met with the MP after he had announced his retirement, "he asked me to stand for the nomination."

It was something Baldinelli had alway been interested in, and after talking to his family, decided "this was the time to do it."

He says he wants to follow in Nicholson's footsteps, working to make Niagara Falls, Niaga-

the best they can be for families tax credit and art and learning like his to live, work, and enjoy the place they call home.

"I am running in this campaign because I believe in community...and in building a better future for my family and for all of us, who are fortunate to call Niagara home," says Baldinelli.

Baldinelli's three top priori-

• Affordability: The PC cam-He then returned to his paign is centred on the theme of making life more affordable for hard working Canadians, says Baldinelli. "If you work hard, you should be able to buy a home, save for retirement, and care for your children and your parents as they age. If elected, I will work hard to help reduce taxes, grow the economy and make life more affordable for all families and seniors." The Conservative platform includes universal tax cuts to help the average family, an increased credit for seniors, scrapping the GST on home heating, eliminating the carbon

Baldinelli. When Nicholson had ra-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie tax, and implementing a fitness tax credit for children.

> Promoting economic growth and development throughout NOTL, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls by working with local and provincial representatives, including the tourism community, tender fruit and grape and wine industries, small businesses and industries located throughout the riding.

• Continued quality health care: Under a new Conservative government, says Baldinelli, Canadians will be able to count 136 days "on an incredible jouron stable and predictable health and social program funding, with an increased Canada Health Transfer and Canada Social Transfer by at least three per cent per year. "My wife and I know the importance of our health care sector," says Baldinelli. He and his wife had identical twin boys born 15 weeks too early - losing one son David, after three days, then having the other, Daniel, spend the next



Conservative candidate Tony Baldinelli with his wife Carol, son Daniel and their Australian Labradoodles Harper and Hannah. (Photo supplied)

ney in hospital, to where he is today. We know first-hand, just how precious life is...and what an incredible heath care sector we have. Since Daniel's birth, we have utilized the services of great agencies and supports such as the Ronald McDonald House in Hamilton, speech pathology services through the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, the Ontario government's Special Services at Home Program and

the Provincial Assisted Devices Program," says Baldinelli.

To help reduce wait times, a Conservative government will also invest \$1.5 billion to replace and add new medical imaging equipment, allowing healthcare providers to quicker deliver quality services with the most up-todate technology.

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Brian Barker wants affordability for families

Penny Coles The Local

Brian Barker grew up in a working class family, with parents who both worked hard to make a "modest" living and raise a family, but that is becoming more and more difficult for families today, he says.

He has chosen to run as a candidate for the NDP because it's a party that works for everyone, says Barker, referring to Tommy Douglas and the creation of universal health care as representing a philosophy that everyone is cared for.

Barker grew up in Welland, where the late Peter Kormos was a popular MPP for many years who fought for everybody. "He was the salt of the earth, beloved by everybody in the constituency," says Barker.

In the Niagara Falls riding, MPP Wayne Gates has also worked hard on behalf of the constituency, and Barker says he considers both his mentors.

"That's the ideology I've always felt strongly about — a government that works for people. That's what has driven me to the NDP. It Lennon. He has been a teacher she would say it would only

strongly about."

The father of two young children, Barker worries about what the future holds for them. He is concerned about climate change and the environment, about the affordability of homes, of young people being saddled with post-secondary school debt, and about the cost of drugs and dental care for those who don't have main priorities for the riding private insurance, including

The middle class is slowly being eliminated, he says, leaving those who are well off and those who aren't.

and more of a struggle for those families who aren't well off," says Barker, who is hoping, as a high school teacher, to help make this country a better place for the young people who represent the future.

"That's what excites me about the NDP and this election. It's an opportunity to fight for fairness for everyone."

raised in the Niagara region and lives in Niagara Falls with his two children, Claire and

Niagara, and has taught a wide on student loan debt. variety of students.

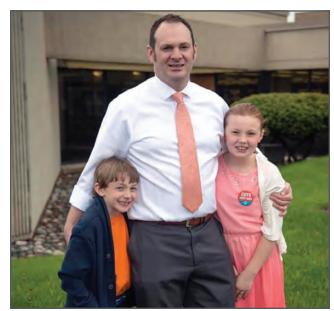
For the last few years, he Niagara-on-the-Lake, has also served as vice-president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Niagara Local, where he has represented and advocated on behalf of 1,500 teachers across

If elected, Barker's three would be:

· Making life more affordable for working families in Niagara by ensuring universal dental and prescription drug coverage; building 500,000 "Life is becoming more units of affordable housing and doubling the Home Buyer's Tax Credit; and eliminating interest

- Preserving what makes Erie, and Niagara Falls special by advocating for tourism and viticulture sectors, standing up for responsible development that protects cultural heritage, and preserving the environment, which includes \$2.5 billion in funding for municipalities to deal with extreme weather events.
- Working in tandem with all levels of government and community stakeholders to bring good jobs back to Niagara.

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NDP candidate Brian Barker with his son Lennon and daughter Claire. (Photo supplied)

Kaiser ready to create better Canada

Penny Coles The Local

After three terms as a Barker was born and Niagara-on-the-Lake town councillor, Andrea Kaiser did not expect to get back into politics - but when asked, represents the values I feel for more than two decades in be at the federal level, work-

ing for Justin Trudeau.

Now, after a period of stepping back from politics via Kaiser, taught her Liberal to spend more time with her children, she's hoping to do just that, as MP for the Niagara Falls riding, representing munity, she says — the Liberthe Liberal government.

She finds herself concerned about what she sees who became an activist in in the politics of today, in harshness with which politicians treat each other, she leadership role on that issue, says. The best part of municipal government was working collaboratively with others, even when opinions differed, to come up with the best results, and she looks forward sionate leadership.

"I believe people who work hard should reap their rewards, but at the same time I believe we all have a responsibly to each other," says Kai-

She also was drawn to the Liberal party because of its strong values, respect for other cultures, for the middle cade on municipal council, class and strong work ethic, she served stints as chair of

and its work for youth.

Her parents, Karl and Silvalues, including working hard, caring for neighbours and giving back to her comal philosophy.

Kaiser says her daughter, climate change, has shown Canada and the U.S., and the her that the government of the last four years has taken a and that "I could be a part of making major changes, helping to create a better Canada, and a better environment for Niagara in Ottawa, "not the my kids and grandkids."

Kaiser is a working mothto doing that again under er of two, a small business Trudeau's style of compas- owner, an instructor at Niagara College and the director of marketing and tourism at a local winery. She says she learned about hard work and the entrepreneurial spirit watching her father build a life for his family in Niagara as co-founder and winemaker of Inniskillin Wines.

During more than a de-

public works, planning, corporate services, and fair taxation committees, and also as vice-president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce. In the local tourism and wine industry, she is a champion for economic development and community excellence, and has a deep understanding of vital local economic drivers, such as tourism and agriculture, she

Kaiser's three priorities if

- To be a strong voice for other way around. The federal Liberal Government has a historic 12-year, \$190 billion dollar infrastructure plan, and it is imperative that Niagara gets its fair share of this money for priority projects. My first act as your Member of Parliament will be to sit down with local mayors and councillors to determine how I can support their infrastructure priorities."
 - Economic development

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Liberal candidate Andrea Kaiser and her daughter Madison visit the Portage Bakery in Niagara Falls, owned by Jolantha Barone. (Photo supplied)







O'Connor will work toward sustainable economy

Penny Coles The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Sandra O'Connor had never been a member of a political party until she was approached by the party philosophy and policies were closely aligned Green Party has the best in our riding." with her own values.

"I feel our country is at a crossroads. We need grandchildren," she says,

United Nations, have declared it a crisis, and "there is no more time for little just about climate change steps. The government has — it will also work toward to do something major."

policies to address this situation, she says.

er countries, as well as the their MPs how to vote on and tackle the tough chalter program for low in- of prime agricultural land most issues.

But the Green Party isn't a more sustainable econo-Climate change is not my, and as a representative, Greens, and after doing just an environmental is- O'Connor says, "that's what some research, realized the sue; it is an economic and I'm here for — to improve security threat, and the the situation for the people

O'Connor was born and raised in Niagara and grad-She also has great re- uated from Brock Univerto take big steps to change spect for Green Party lead- sity. Working in research things, to save the country er Elizabeth May, and is and science for most of for our children and our impressed by the party's her career has given her willingness to let their rep- the breadth and depth of referring to the need to ad- resentatives vote their con- knowledge, and analytical

dress climate change. Oth- science, rather than telling skills needed to do the job, rent supplement and shel- ers, while stopping the loss lenges facing this riding, she says.

> and engaged member in the Niagara community, including fighting for rental housing. many worthy causes, such as membership with the NOTL Conservancy and the Preservation of Agricultural Lands, working at saving trees and the local hospital.

As a Green Party representative, her priorities

- Iob creation to transition to green energy production, production of electric vehicles, retrofitting buildings for energy efficiency, modernizing crumbling infrastructure, and more.
- Safe and affordable housing of different types for all Canadians. A National Affordable Housing Plan would increase funding to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, making it responsible for affordable, non-market and coop-

come households, a credit and loan program for She has been an active non-profit housing and cooperatives, and GST rebates for all purpose-built

• Strengthening smallscale farming and providing local farms with a fair share of access to consum-

to development, through negotiating agreements with the provinces and municipalities, to aid in food security and local production.

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erative housing, with a Sandra O'Connor of the Green Party (Photo supplied)

'Economic plan critical'

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and job creation: It is critical that Niagara have a comprehensive plan for economic development, so that it can become a hub for private sector investment, economic growth and job creation, says Kaiser. "Our platform nation for investment." proposes a number of innovative measures to help en-

emerging industries like the "and it is essential that they green technology sector, start have a champion in Ottawa and scale up their businesses. working every day to defend These policy levers must be their interests. I will be that used to attract these new industries to Niagara, and I will work tirelessly every day to her campaign office at 6100 champion Niagara as a desti- Thorold Stone Road in Niag-

and growers are an import- dreakaiser.liberal.ca.

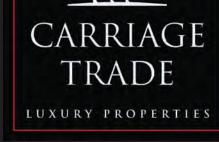
trepreneurs, particularly in ant part of the local economy, champion."

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Tricia O'Connor believes in ideals, policies of CHP

Penny Coles The Local

Tricia O'Connor is running for the Christian Heritage Party, which she has chosen in part because "I live by my Christian ideals, but also because I agree with their policies more than anything," she says.

She has served her community as a board member for the Welland Multiculturlearn from the past, but her main concern is for "the upcoming generations in a globalist environment."

One of her issues, she says, is other political parties coming down hard on criminals, but supporting abortion.

She says the country is "importing people to fund the pension plan" because there is a "missing generation of people" in the workis fundamental.

"Like all members of the I am reminded of why we country: a Baptist minister, O'Connor, calling it Canada's tricia.oconnor@chp.ca.

Tommy Douglas, was elected only pro-life federal party. to the House of Commons in universal health care for ev- a second language, autism ery Canadian," says O'Con- and behavioural psychology.

"Our country was founded upon the Judeo-Christian teachings of the Bible, and it is actually within our Charter of Rights in the preamble, that Canada is a nation under the Supremacy of God."

CHP policies are based al and Heritage Museum to on those principles, she says. natural death; and more pro-"This is what we want to see for all of Canada."

> Under Trudeau and prospectively under Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, ing stability by building she says, "Canadians will continue to export our dollars overseas to fund abortions in other countries as well. This is an outrage especially in light of what Mr. Trudeau had to say to our gle-parent families. wounded veterans with redon't have the money."

CHP, I am unashamed of our Party was founded 30 years as our populations ages. Christian Heritage. In fact, ago, and in this election has five candidates running in O'Connor campaign at: have free health care in this the Niagara Region, says

When is the last time your

investment advisor called you?

O'Connor is an educator 1935. It was his vision to see with a specialty in English as She is a widow who raised her children alone, putting herself through university, earning two degrees. She has taught more than 4,000 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to adults.

Her priorities are:

- Life, from conception to tection of the environment, especially our forests, lakes and streams,
- Family: offering housmore housing units on a continual basis, making it easier for families to purchase homes with incentives for builders to offer sales to families and especially sin-
- Freedom: with stricter force. Protecting life, to her, gards to pensions: 'We just law enforcement upon anyone who would attempt to The Christian Heritage intimidate or harm seniors

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Tricia O'Connor of the Christian Heritage Party (Photo supplied)

'Independents could hold balance of power'

Penny Coles The Local

Mike Strange, running as an Independent, says "the Liberal Party has had four years to make a difference."

But given some of the promises made, and some of the actions of the prime minister, "accountability is a big thing for me."

parliament speaks out against his or her own government, "you get kicked out of caucus. As an Independent, I can bring up any issue I want. I rejected him as a candidate. can bring my constituents' issues to Ottawa."

Conservative MP Rob Nich- ment now." olson a mentor, the politician first able to vote.

up against their own party."

He believes this coming election is "a perfect storm," with a minority government all but guaranteed, and in that situation, the balance of fect time. I'm the smart vote. power will lie with the Independents. "They will have to come to the Independents to get anything passed," he says. "We will have a vote, and we will have way more power He says if a member of than the opposition party."

> Strange attempted to win the nomination to run in the last provincial election as a Conservative, but the party

"I thank God I wasn't allowed, or I would be a mem-He considers retiring ber of the provincial govern-

There was no way he he voted for the year he was would have run against Nicholson, for whom he has the "But politics have changed greatest respect, but when

tirement, Strange, serving his second term as a Niagara Falls councillor, decided this was his time.

"It's 100 per cent the per-I can have the power to represent my riding."

He compares running as an Independent to his experience on city council, "where we are all independents, but we know how to work together and get things done. I think that needs to be done more in the House of Commons."

Climate change is a good example of what that could accomplish, he says.

"Every MP, across all party lines, should be united on that issue. We owe it to our future generations."

In addition to being a second-term city councillor

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Mike Strange is running as an Independent (Photo supplied)

People's Party tackles immigration, free speech

Penny Coles The Local

Alex Taylor has always followed politics, but discovered recently the People's Party of Canada (PPC) best represents his views.

He is concerned about immigration, free speech, and fiscal responsibility, and he finds his values aligned with the PPC, he

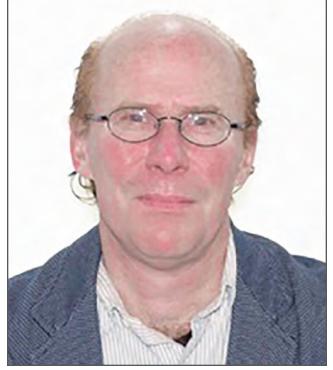
"I never really thought of myself as someone who would run as a candidate, and I don't see that as an opportunity with any other party, but I'm happy I can have some positive impact running for the People's Party. I just want to try to make a difference, and opportunity knocked."

Taylor's grandfather was a minister, and his father was in the military. In his youth, he moved around the country. Taylor is the father of two children and has worked at the Niagara Casino for the last 20 years.

"I am very concerned about my children's future, and I have lost confidence in the government to handle things."

Taylor lists as his top priorities:

• Housing: There is a housing crisis in this country. Real estate prices are rising so fast, pushing the cost of living up so rapidly, wages can't keep up. "Our children are being priced out of the real estate market, the dream of home ownership is being taken away and being replaced with the nightmare of seniors' poverty. Reducing immigration would stabilize the housing prices," he says.



Alex Taylor of the People's Party of Canada. (Photo

'This is becoming a do or ple in the Niagara region, die situation for our chil-

last few decades, Canada's the orchards were allowed soldiers and not properly for the last couple years, we spending. We should live up comparable." For security to our word."

where now you see subdivisions, says Taylor. The employ thousands of peo- or 905-353-1731.

but they were all closed and dren, if we don't act now, the jobs outsourced to factories situation will continue to get outside of North America.

"This is some of the most • The military: Over the fertile land in Canada, yet military has been deprived to be cut down so the comof adequate funding, result- panies selling their products ing in obsolete equipment, could make more profit. failure to take care of injured Fruit prices have been rising providing for the families of have become dependent on those who did not make it other countries to feed us, back, says Taylor. "We made and this has allowed them to a commitment to our NATO raise prices, not to mention allies to spend two per cent the quality control of many of our GDP on defence of these countries is not and economic reasons, says • Canning factories: On Taylor, it's time to go back the way to St. Davids, you to being "the fruit basket of used to see peach trees, Canada, time to go back to our roots."

Taylor can be reached at canning industry used to ataylorabc75@gmail.com,

Seniors, climate change priorities

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in Niagara Falls and a real estate agent for the last 12 years, Charitable foundation, which raises funds for childhood cancer research and Ronald McDonald House.

Strange's top priorities include:

• Helping seniors in the riding. The Niagara Falls riding has the oldest population per capita in this country, says Strange. "We definitely need a plan for free pharmacare for our seniors as we are beginning to see the strain on our health care system." Seniors have paid into the system and in this new hallway medical national borders and there is a com or call 905-353-1731.

care system." He would also current crisis with the number across Canada.

Strange also runs the BoxRun to be taken seriously, Strange says, and all MPs across all party lines should be united in the fight against it. In Niagara-on-the-Lake and in Fort Erie, high water levels have damaged shorelines and local marinas. "The current government should be calling a state of emergency and should be taking every step possible for protecting residents of NOTL and Fort Erie and our shoreaddressed immediately."

• Immigration: The Niagdeserve better "than to line up ara Falls riding has four intermikestrange2019@gmail.

support free transit for seniors of people coming over, claiming refugee status when there • Climate change needs is no refuge from the state of New York, says Strange. "We need to process immigrants and refugees responsibly and with medical screening." The number of people crossing borders is causing hallway medical health care, Strange says. "The process at our borders for refugees and immigration has to be done responsibly and with proper steps. We have seen too many recent gun incidents and crime close line from rising waters, which to us that security has to be will not change unless this is the number one step at our borders."

Contact Strange

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Tony Baldinelli was born and raised in Niagara Falls and has been the Senior Manager of Communications and Stakeholder Relations for the Niagara Parks Commission, since 2001. Tony started his career as a Legislative Assistant for the Honourable Rob Nicholson in Ottawa, where he worked for 5 years. Tony is a graduate of McMaster University and Humber College. He is married to his wife Carol and they have one son, Daniel.

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Firefighters raise money for the community



Sawyer Hoadley can't wait to eat his pasta, served by volunteer firefighter Tom Mussari. The event was successful, with those who attended enjoying an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner served by volunteer firefighters. (Fred Mercnik)

Lucas Devries stirs meatballs and sausages to be served with spaghetti. (Penny Coles)

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IT'S HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME!



Pet-friendly flooring is "paws-ible"

Submitted by A-1 Flooring

One of the most common questions that I am asked is "What type of flooring is best for a home with dogs?"

As a dog lover and a design enthusiast, I can relate to this question on a very personal level. We all dream of stylish and beautiful floors that are easy to maintain and durable enough to stand up to daily wear. Throw into the mix dogs and cats, toys, high heels, sliding chairs - well you get the picture; our floors take a lot of abuse!

For the client that desires a natural wood floor, I recommend wood species that score high on the Janka scale. Oak, hard maple and hickory are all excellent choices. Lighter colours and strong graining which also happen to be on trend offer visual dura- imperfections. bility and the new matte distract the eye from mi-



finishes, handscraping wood and desire more fashion shades and tex- friends dish out. and character finishes durability, wood grain tures in looks that range

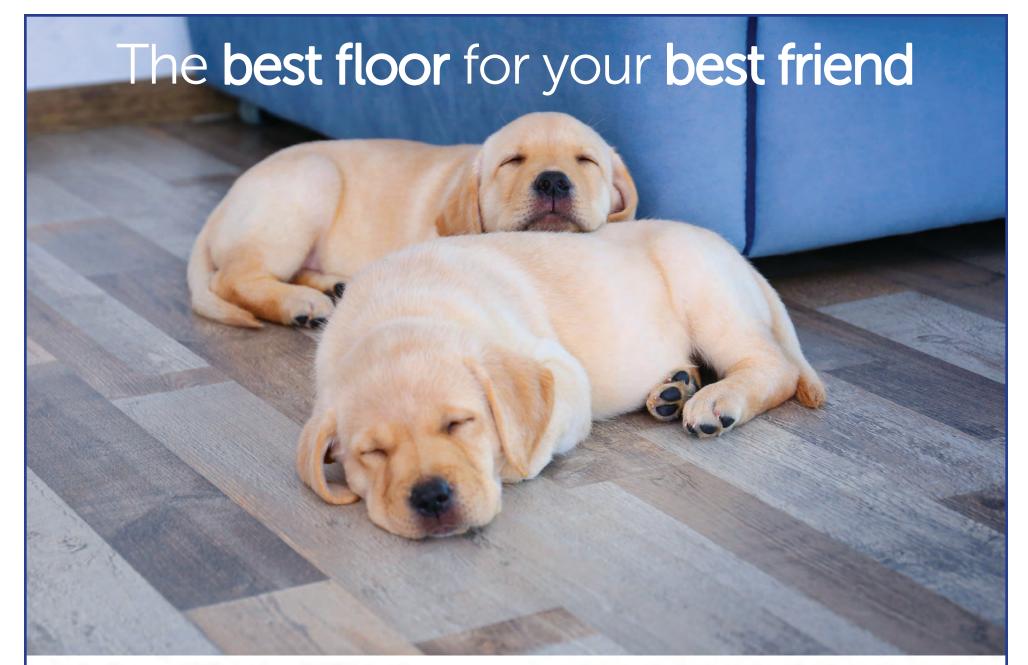
are showing gorgeous take whatever your fam-tion. This popular floor

If you love the look of long plank porcelains in ily and four-legged furry covering has evolved into a stylish, durable For the budget-con- option that is available porcelain is a trend that from contemporary to scious consumer, lami- in a wide range of price nor scratches, dents and is gaining traction. We rustic. These floors can nate is an excellent op-points and styles. Our you!

favourites are nearly impossible to discern from natural wood - only your flooring consultant will know for sure! Laminate will provide you with the durability and the styles that you desire.

I have left one of the most dynamic and unexpected solutions for a beautiful home for last. Luxury Vinyl - yes vinyl! The commercial market has been using this best kept secret for quite some time - think retail stores, restaurants and public spaces that LOOK like they have hardwood. Now our residential client can take advantage of these beautiful floors that boast unsurpassed water resistant, scratch resistant durablity. I urge you to visit our Design Showroom at 166 Bunting Road in St. Catharines to take a look for yourself. Our flooring experts can answer all of your questions and show the very latest in designs for your beautiful and busy space.

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IT'S HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME!





and fuctional change



Submitted by **Wellbrook Plumbing**

Switching out your bathroom fixtures can change the aesthetics of your bathroom completely. This simple remodel update will also provide better water efficiency while eliminating leaks and drippy faucets. New bathroom fix-

If your home's plumbing home consultation.

tures are a win-win update. is due for an update, trust So when is the right time to our team of experienced make the switch? If you're plumbing technicians to do seeking a new look in your the job right the first time. bathroom, anytime can be At Wellbrook Plumbing, the right time. But, to get we offer installation of boilthe most bang for your ers, faucets, toilets, water buck, update your bath- heaters and more. Click to room fixtures before you learn more about our resisell to increase your home's dential services or call us at 289-686-4695 for your in-

Updating fixtures for stylish An investment in relaxation

Submitted by Niagara Hot Tubs

When you're investing in a hot tub, you want something that will last. It is a large expense, and it's one that your family will want to be able to get the most out of. Poorly made, cheap hot tubs can last as few as 3-5 years - so while they may be less money up front, you won't get the longevity and value out of the spa. A reliable, high-quality hot tub can last anywhere from 15-25 years, if well maintained.

There are a few things to consider when looking for a backyard hot tub or spa that lasts for many years.

Hot tub parts

One thing that is important to keep in mind is the parts that are used in the manufacturing of the hot tub. No matter the cost of the hot tub, the manufacturer will be looking to make a prof-- which means if you are purchasing a cheap hot tub, that hot tub will be made with cheaper parts. Though this is not true for every spa, as not all budget-friendly hot tubs are very low quality and not all expensive hot tubs are high quality. However, the old say-

ing that "you get what you pay frequently during repairs or for" tends to ring true in the case of hot tubs. You are more likely to see higher quality parts in the more expensive price range of hot tubs.

There are a number of different parts that are inside and outside of the hot tub that you should be aware of. You won't be able to see the interior parts of the hot tub, such as the control system, filter system, pump, heater, jets, ozone generator, lighting and insulation, however, you will be able to see the exterior parts. Look closely at the cabinet, trim, pedestal, pillows and fibreglass shell of the hot tub before purchasing. If these materials seem low quality, the same can likely be said for the internal parts.

Hot tub design

The design of the spa is a lineup of reliable spas. also an important factor in how long this spa will last. A well-made, high-quality hot tub that is built to last will be designed in a way that allows for easy access to parts that need replacing. This reduces stress and wear, and makes for easy maintenance.

A poorly made, cheap hot tub often makes maintenance difficult and will include parts that increase stress and break

parts replacement. This poor spa design and construction tends to be seen in cheap hot tubs, with manufacturers who do not wish to invest in high-quality design.

Choosing a reliable manufacturer

One of the best ways to ensure that you are getting a high-quality hot tub is to look at the manufacturer. If you are looking at choosing a reliable hot tub manufacturer, one of the best places to start is with customer reviews. Internet reviews are often a place where many people take their complaints - so if you have found a manufacturer that has a number of positive reviews by very happy customers, you have likely found a high-quality hot tub manufacturer with

At Niagara Hot Tubs, we carry high-quality hot tub brands Bullfrog Spas and Master Spas. These manufacturers create high-quality hot tubs for every budget, using high-quality parts and a design that lasts. If you are interested in seeing what makes Bullfrog Spas and Master Spas hot tubs and swim spas the best on the market, visit our showroom today.





Saturday 10-5, Sunday by appointment

IT'S HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME! Which Trends Are You FALLing For this Season?

Submitted by **Creek Road Paints** - Beniamin Moore

What's in? What's out? And what keeps cycling back?

As we approach the launch of Benjamin Moore's Colour of the Year for 2020, we discover that it is animated by the art, fashion, environment and the culture surrounding us today.

Trends often reflect the social, cultural and environmental climate of the present while paying tribute to the trends of the past. The current use of geometric patterns and bold primary colours may just provide that flash dance flashback to the '80s - a time where bold was an understatement.

Gendered rooms are out and organic matter is in!

Gendered Rooms were compassed (composed? socially constructed?) by creating a space that conforms to a preconceived idea of how gender reflects the mane of masculinity and the delicate nature of femininity. This gender normative design is now passé, as we move towards rooms that assist in a genuine response to one's own



natural responses, rather than those that cripple creativity and provide hidden biases. Meaning - it's ok to be hue!

As previously discussed, top trends that are occurring include feminine tones and floral patterns, geometric shapes, wall gardens, natural textiles, and Moore importantly, creating a space that is unapologetically you.

The outside is in, and having your space embodying a harmonious relationship with nature aids in illustrating the unique relationship between the two. Natural, organic materials like woods, stones, plants and a flooding of daylight can help to bring the energies from the great outdoors into your home. Not only does this com-

plement your physical space, but it also stimulates your mental, emotional and cognitive spaces as well. Vertical wall gardens, and the presence of plants in the home will not only add the natural elements the trends are demanding, but will literally breathe life to your space.

Layer the landscape of your home with the scale and height of your furniture, creating harmony and a comfortably visual setting, while never letting the eye settle in one place.

Real leather is moo-ving out - although natural materials are commanding in our current design trends, real leather seems to be making an exit strategy, and faux leather options, that don't compromise the look of leather, but provide tive to it, are seeping their way into functional, organic design.

Sustainability has become a dominant and commanding presence in much of today's design. Using organic materials and natural textiles like cotton and linens that provide a breathable alternative and a feeling of warmth are becoming extremely popular - while consciously designing your space with materials and products that keep the earth in mind in their production.

One trend that has risen to the main stage is biophilia - creating harmony between humans and nature, and the unique relationship it emphasizes.

Floral patterns, feminine tones, and bold palm prints are predominantly popular trends this year. From the soft pinks, blushes and cream tones that were introduced in 2019 - the continuous theme of femininity in design the past couple years mirrors not only the overcast of the current social climate that surrounds us, but on a crucial aspect of this new era.

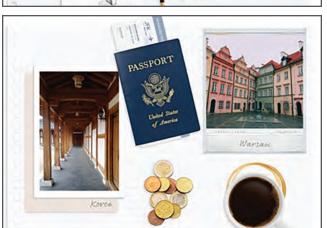
What's new for 2020? October 11, Benjamin Moore will announce the charming

a sustainable conscious alterna- choices of the year to come, Creek Road Paints, Benjamin and how they have been determined by the world in which we live. We feel a wave of blues and/or a rush of gold is on the way, but I guess we'll just have to wait to find out!

Visit the colour experts at

Moore, and we'll not only help you find a hue that's right for you, but help you create a space that welcomes the natural elements, and allows your identity to shine through. Don't be afraid to be hue!











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Taylor Judson, Liam Howes, Colin Tatlock, Lauren Doi, Marissa McNeil, Ayrton Ashick, Monica Lin, and (front) Richelle Sticklee are ready for the hockey night edition of their Saturday DJ night. (Kim Wade)

Gretzky winery and distillery hosts two events

Kim Wade **Special to The Local**

Saturday was a full day of fun and festivities at Wayne Gretzky Estates Winery and Distillery.

The day started with Wayne Gretzky Estates hosting the annual Cabernet All the Way event. Along with Trius Winery, Peller Estates Winery and Thirty Bench Wine Makers, Wayne Gretzky Estates invited each of the 500 participants to enjoy the best cabernets these wineries have to offer.

A touring pass included one glass of red wine at each winery, however, Wayne Gretzky Estates offered patrons a red-wine themed cocktail as an alternative. In This newly released wine was hockey jerseys and set up for addition, participants col-

lected one Cabernet All the late ice cream sandwich for day DJ Night. Way souvenir glass from this occasion. each winery. Plus, every location for the sold-out event offered cabernet fans a food pairing with each wine or crisp and sunny day, with the cocktail from the resident sound of live music in the air. winery chefs.

This occasion provided the perfect time for Wayne impressive silver '99' sign, Gretzky Estates Winery and Distillery to launch a new product, No. 99 Whisky Oak Aged Red 2018. This partic- Beer Garden. ular wine is Gretzky's first whisky oak-aged wine.

of cabernet-merlot, which is aged first in French and American oak. Then 25

While some people wandered through the grounds, they enjoyed a beautifully Others jostled for the perfect souvenir photo against the while a few others played pool or enjoyed a game of bocce ball on the court by the

Eventually, the last of the Cabernet All the Way revel-It is a signature blend lers boarded their tour buses or climbed into their limousines for the ride home, but festivities at Wayne Gretzky per cent of it is finished in Estates were not over yet. Wayne Gretzky's own Red The staff traded their Caber-Cask whisky oak barrels. net All the Way T-shirts for

at the Whiskey Bar Restaurant Patio. As the tempera-99 Rye Lager.

The gas fireplace was lit and the patio lights were to the area, she was drawn by turned on. A 25-foot inflatable screen enabled fans to and talented staff there. watch the face-off between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens, dent estate mixologist, Zac the Way is over until next with picnic tables and seat- Kvas, who won the Ontario ing for optimal viewing. A Hostelry Institute's Top 30 third pop-up bar complete Under 30 award this year. with patio heaters was set up This is an annual award that to accommodate guests who honours young professionals continued to arrive.

paired with a double choco- the Hockey Edition of Satur- She is the supervisor at the in everything they produce tober.

Whiskey Bar Restaurant. from the wine, the whiskey As light began to fade and Sticklee said that although the half-moon rose, people she has been in the service for their signature cocktails, continued to drink and dine industry for more than 10 years, this is her first year at Wayne Gretzky Estates and ture fell, the Beer Garden she is enjoying it. "Hospitalistaff continued to serve No. ty is in my blood," she enthusiastically explains.

> Having recently moved the reputation of the winery

She describes how impressed she is with the resiin the food service and hos-Richelle Sticklee was in pitality industry. She is proud charge of this pop-up bar. to provide quality products

and even the simple syrups she says.

Sticklee's enthusiasm for her work is obvious when she reiterated how the products are hand-crafted and the ingredients are locally sourced. It is this type of dedication by the staff at the Wayne Gretzky Estates Winery and Distillery that ensured two successful events in one day.

Although Cabernet All year, there is still time to enjoy Saturday DJ night at Wayne Gretzky Estates with DJ Dave Stiles.

This event will continue to run from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday nights until the end of Oc-





Oktoberfest celebrated at The Exchange

Kim Wade The Local

Exchange Brewery highlighted their German-style brews by hosting an Oktoberfest event complete outdoor patio. with a photo booth, tie-on lederhosen and beer goggle glasses.

Beer novices and aficionados alike were treated to a discriminating selection of brews for the Export. event, ranging from a premalty Bock beer.

special Oktoberfest menu, currently on tap. then enjoyed their selec-

Exchange. and pick your favourites sonal Pumpkin Ale. in the sunshine on the

Other seasonal choices spicy mustard. mier German lager to a were unique brews, such Patrons chose from the Ale and Thai Basil Saison are available in bottles to

The Exchange also contion in a one-litre stein cocted a signature craft refreshing sour Gose, are

hall stylized logo for The Oktober Bomb contains Alternative- bourbon, Northern Old ly, a great way to sample Fashioned Simple Syrup, This past Saturday, The more beers was to choose Ginger Wild Flower Sima flight of six or eight beers ple Syrup and their sea-

> Paired with beer for the wvent, food selections Some of the selections featured a German pretavailable from the Ok- zel, served with a sweet toberfest menu included and spicy mustard and a Hefeweizen, Dunkelweiss, grilled bratwurst served Gose, Maibock and the a freshly baked bun with recently released Helles side of sauerkraut topped with the same sweet and

> While many of the as the Belgian Pumpkin beers for the Oktoberfest take home with your souvenir stein, some, like the tap-exclusive and are to be enjoyed in-house.

There is still time to appreciate these Oktoberfest brews by visiting The Exchange Brewery for these upcoming events:

> Oct. 15 **Plant Nite**

Make your own arrangement of succulents while enjoying craft beer.

> Oct. 16 Trivia night

Oct. 18 **Humour and Hops**

Join host David Green and fellow comedians for a night of lager and laughs.

Oct. 22 Growler's Club Members Only meeting

> Oct. 23 Trivia Night

Oct. 29 **Paint Nite** Join in the fun with paints and pints.

> Oct. 30 Trivia Night

More details and ticket information for these events are found on the exchangebrewery.com website.



Elizabeth Beresford serves flights at The Exchange Brewery (Kim Wade)

Walking a mile in HER shoes



Logan Fieguth, who is participating in the fundraising Walk a Mile in HER shoes, collected \$654 in bottles at Phil's valu-mart Saturday, with help from his mother Emily, bringing the bottle drive collection total to \$1,219. The Fieguths are still collecting bottles at their home at 881 Concession 4 until Oct. 14, still a little shy of his \$3,000 goal. (Penny Coles)



Carly DeLorme of The Exchange Brewery, serves a Helles Export, a German lager, in a litre stein, at the brewery's annual Oktoberfest party. (Fred Mercnik)





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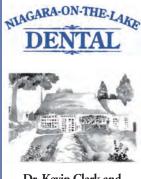
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ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOO



Ben Giles, Grade 4, stays still to watch a butterfly on his nose. (Photos supplied)



Aspen Ziraldo, Gabriel Santelli, Teia Epp, Nathan Turner and Olivia Santelli learn how to build a fire.



On arriving at their campground, Royal Oaks students check out the view.

Royal Oak kids learn life skills from camping experience

extremely busy, just like any other school, with students working hard to get back into the groove of school routines, challenging learning and setting new goals, both personal and academic, for the school year.

What's different for ROCS out" our community takes to head north to beautiful Muskoka, and to extend learning to nature and the world outside the classroom

Situated between two beautiful lakes, Saw Lake and Clear Lake in Bracebridge, Ont.w, Camp Wenonah for children places learning about friendship, oneself, and the environment at the forefront of programming that is both fun Ben van Veghel-Wood, Grade 5 and deeply important.

Life skills such as fire-making and orienteering are front

The first two months of and centre, but balanced with Means to Me...

"Fun, educational, friendship, exploring. I love exploring the forest, the site, nature, and I like trying new things. Something I tried that was new to me was students, though, is the "time fire-making. It was super fun, and I got to actually learn how to make a fire if I were on my own and needed warmth. I learned what types of sticks and bark I need to make fire. Because we are in cabins and staying togethwe get to build our friendships by *learning to communicate.*

> camp. It is so different from our fort zone. You might get regular life!"

"We get to try new food!" Hadrian Tataryn - Grade 4

"My favourite part of school at Royal Oak Com- activities like Gaga ball (a camp was Gaga ball. I had munity School have been ROCS favourite), and ultimate a great time! This is the first frisbee. The crew had a blast, time I slept in a cabin with and talk about what 'Camp friends and it was all right. This was my first time to camp and I would tell other kids that they should go to camp because... there are be apart of camp so that they so many fun games to play."

Ben Giles - Grade 4

"Camp means to me having fun with friends, getting to spend time together and getting closer. It is also about being outdoors. Outdoor education is important because *I learned how to build fires,* er, we get alone time together and I learned wall-climbing, how to get through outdoor obstacle courses, and I learned We are very lucky to try how to be outside my comhomesick, but when you get past it, you can have a really great time. Oh, wood+nail art was super fun, too."

Leila Ridesic - Grade 5

"Camp means fun. Doing Capture the Flag was the most fun because I like running and working together with my team."

Sienna Rey - Grade 4

"It is important for kids to can move past their boundaries. Canoeing is hard and can be scary. Our teacher fell in the water last year and he still went in a canoe this year even though he was scared — and he didn't fall. I was afraid I would fall in, but I didn't and I was happy I went.

My favourite part of camp is hanging out with my friends and spending time in the cabins together making jokes. I think this helps us to be better friends. To someone who has never been to camp before, I would say the first night can be hard, but it gets way better, and it's worth it."

Diego Rey - Grade 5



Leila Ridesic, Grade 5, prepares to take out a kayak.



In the girls cabin at camp in Muskoka were (back, left) Maya Gazzard with founding head of school Gianna Dritsacos, teacher Kirsten Koyle (front), Sienna Rey, Teia Epp, Leila Ridesic, Ruby Elltoft, Charlotte Robinson and teacher Christine McIsaac.

THE NOTL LOCAL October 10, 2019

Battle of Queenston Heights commemorated this weekend

Local Staff

George and Parks Canada are commemorating the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights and the death of Brock Sunday, Oct. 13.

Brock's Monument National Historic Site will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all weekend. The monument, small museum and gift shop will be open; historical interpreters will be onsite; and memorative tours can be there will be tours of the battle site.

The monument's 235 stairs will also be open for climbing to the top to enjoy the scenic view of Queenston Heights and the Niagara River.

battle and the death of Major General Sir Isaac ties at Brock's Monument Brock, costumed interpreters will be offering commemorative tours of tion contact the Friends the battle site at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

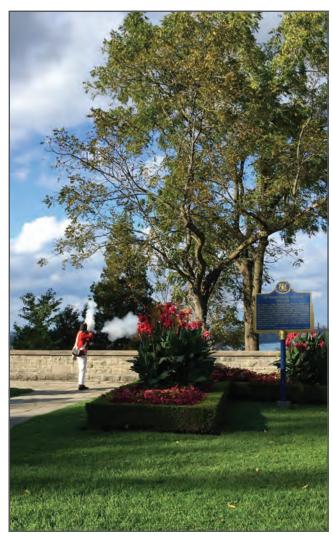
This year also marks call 905-468-6621.

the 160th anniversary of the opening of Brock's Monument. Started in The Friends of Fort 1853, the monument was completed in 1856, and officially opened to the public in 1859. To mark this anniversary, Ron Dale, former superin-Major General Sir Isaac tendent of Fort George National Historic Site, and board director of the Friends of Fort George, will be leading a special tour at 2 p.m. to talk about the history of the monument.

> Tickets for the compurchased from the staff at the base of the monu-

The cost for the tour is \$3.50 for youth and \$4.50 for adults. All proceeds from the programming at Brock's Monument help To commemorate the support student summer employment opportuniand Fort George.

For more informaof Fort George at www. friendsoffortgeorge.ca or



An interpreter from Fort George fires toward the American side of the river, where American soldiers arrived for the Battle of Queenston Heights. (Photos supplied)



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BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS COMMEMORATION

October 13 @ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join the Friends of Fort George and Parks Canada as we commemorate the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights and the death of Major General Sir Isaac Brock. Brock's Monument National Historic Site will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided tours of the battle site. Climb the 235 steps to the top of Brock's Monument and enjoy the scenic view of Queenston Heights and the Niagara River! Call the Friends of Fort George at 905-468-6621 or email: admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca for more information.



Green Party candidate Meet and Greet event! Join your local candidate Sandra O'Connor

on Tuesday October 15 at Southbrook Winery on 581 Niagara Stone Road.

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FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS

October 28 @ 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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- **30** Funds for the golden years
- 32 Put down
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- **41** Convert into leather
- **42** Unhand me!
- 43 State with more corporations than people First Bible book after the
- 46 Annie Oakley's employer
- **47** Big rig brand
- **50** Service score
- "% Daily Value" forerunner
- **54** Saber cuts

- 58 Scarcely detectable amount 22 Country singer Ritter
- **60** Arrived
- 62 Sink a sub?
- **63** Airplane statistic spawning confusion
- **65** Join battle
- **67** One more thing ...
- **68** Beyond tipsy
- **69** Lunkhead
- **70** Young lice 71 "Sail --- Ship of State!" (Longfellow)
- **72** Never left

Down:

- Mexican mom
- Three bright stars are his belt on high
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- 12 Round at the bar
- 13 Musburger or Scowcroft,
- for example
- 19 One way to deliver

- 25 Home to an archer, a lion and a bull
- 27 Web address
- 31 Shifty types 32 Low-energy source of illumination
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- **34** Queasy 35 Persian Gulf federation
- **36** And so on
- Three-striper
- 38 Shortest-named ABBA **40** Knights fought with them
- 41 Persist
- 44 Go on to say
- 47 Colorado winter time **48** Visitors from afar
- 49 Lacks what it takes
- 50 Nile dam 51 Official state dish of Texas
- 52 Surrealist Max ---
- **55** Intoxicating 56 Well under par
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Answer from October 3, 2019

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Lit, 69 Moodle, 70 Nits, 17 On, O, 72 Wingspan, 65 Engage, 67 Also, 68 **58** Shred, **60** Got in, **62** Eat, **63** Mack, **50** Ace, **53** R D A, **54** Slashes, 43 Delaware, 45 Acts, 46 Cody, 47 Ugliness, 39 Ellis, 41 Tan, 42 Let go, **35**, A H I OE, XVnO **62**, T S Yeam, 24 End zone, 26 Sum, 28 H 18 Crabtree, 20 Roe, 21 Bathe, 23 Aromas, 15 Tut, 16 Aper, 17 Disarm, Across: 1 Monica, 715 P, 10 Cobb, 14

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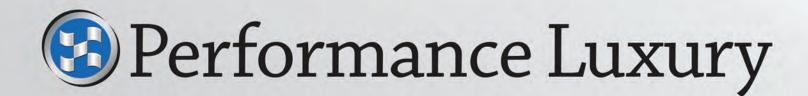
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