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FocusNOTL hosts regional candidates at meet & greet

Mike Balsom The Local

Perhaps it was the weather, or the fact the candidates for lord mayor and town event in St. Davids, or the general disinterest or confudisplay toward the region.

Whatever the reason, the regional council candidates meet and greet Tuesday night was the most sparsely attended of the five events hosted by grassroots organization FocusNOTL, with about 20 residents in attendance.

Nevertheless, the three candidates remaining in the race to fill current regional councillor Gary Zalepa's seat at the region (Barbara Worthy dropped out of the running in early Sep-tember; former Lord May-

or Pat Darte withdrew his candidacy last week) squared off last night at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124.

The formal part of the council were at another meet and greet was moderated by Gloria Lindsay Luby. Mike James ran the sion that many voters often timer, ensuring each candidate did not exceed the 10 minutes allotted for their opening statements or the three allowed for their answers to each of five questions.

> There was a general consensus from Andrea Kaiser, Paolo Miele and William Roberts that Niagara-on-the-Lake is not getting a big enough bang for its regional buck. All three agreed that one of the smallest of Niagara's 12 municipalities should not be paying

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Trees on Phillips Estate removed without approval

Penny Coles The Local

A property owner who applied for permission to cut down two dead oak trees says they were a safety hazard, and he couldn't wait any longer for the permit, and he had arranged the required permit.

locally as the Phillips Estate then, he says.

One large branch fell to said "okay." down in a windstorm about seven weeks ago, and he felt it was dangerous to leave the two oak trees standing.

His staff had been communicating with the town about to have a crane and crew lined Rainer Hummel, own- up to remove the trees Saturday,

So he went ahead. "I'm not going to wait on a safety issue." The town said a tree removal permit application was

received Monday, Oct. 3. An arborist's report was not included with the application. The town's bylaw division advised the applicant that makes every effort to respond needed to process the appli-

the weekend of Oct. 15, "and the bylaw officer replied that the matter was still under review."

was provided to authorize the tree removals, as the application was still being evaluated.

er of what is still referred to expecting to have the permit by an arborist report "may be as efficiently and effectively provides the number, speas possible to applications to cies and size of trees. When for processing an application; in their report. On Tuesday, Oct, 11, a for example, the completeness was going to take them down, property representative contact- of the application, whether cess for tree permits or exemp-

a desire to remove the trees on provided, whether the tree/ property is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, whether the tree is regionally No permit or exemption or locally significant or an endangered or threatened species, the presence of breeding more," said Sabourin. birds, and other circumstanc-"Byaw enforcement staff es," the email said.

review several factors, "including but not limited to the number of trees, their size/height, species of trees, distance to a building, information provided in the arborist report, and

Staff are in the process of reviewing the request and inves-A complete application tigating possible encroachment permits and potential Ontario Heritage Act factors. "The town is investigating mine the next steps required. As this is an active investigation, the town cannot comment further at this time."

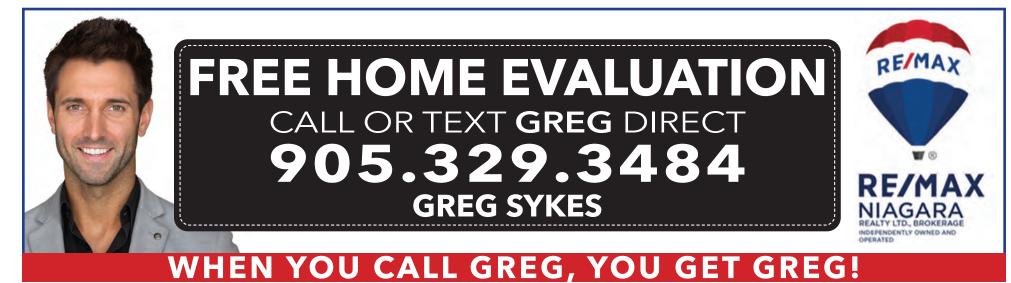
on the corner of Queen and had applied for a tree removal permit "a long time ago," and had an arborist report saying the trees were a safety hazard.

staff the arborist said the trees an email to The Local. were a safety hazard and he

He phoned the town when cation," said Chris Sabourin, remove trees. Several factors required, a certified arborist Mississagua Street, says he the crew arrived, told town supervisor of enforcement in can impact the time frame also includes this information this situation and will deter-

and the staff person he spoke ed the town, he said, indicating an arborist's report has been tions, bylaw enforcement staff

As part of the review pro-



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022 Kaiser: transit and policing should be reviewed

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region via annual assessments.

Kaiser said value for our regional tax dollars is not a new issue in town. She repast, pointing specifically to the amount the town pays for garbage and recycling collection. She suggested that when it comes to transportation and policing, a review of what services NOTL gets for what it currently councillor.

pays on those items is one of her priorities.

the third highest total to the million contribution to the region is "a lot of money." He called for more accountability and reporting about what the town receives from the region, holding up that ferred to good work having elected body's 2021 finanbeen done by council in the cial report, suggesting that there are many gaps in reporting. Roberts called for a value-for-money audit of where that \$35 million goes, and promised to open a constituency office if elected during the proceedings. The and be a full-time regional

region will follow. He suggested that especially when it comes to policing, the town is getting little value for what it pays. It comes back to budget time, he said, and promised to work with other rural regional councillors to push for expanded services to the smaller communities.

Policing in general continued to be a hot topic candidates were asked what each would do to stop road racing through the streets of NOTL's five distinct communities. The question took some in the audience by surprise, but not the candidates.

"That question came up at the door in Old Town," Roberts said. "I had never heard of such a thing (until then). This would need to be addressed in a very aggressive way. But I was not aware that there is a shortage of those stepping up who want to get into policing. It's going to be a stretch to get more policing here. We may have to find alternative ways, whether it be speed bumps

Miele warned that as or cameras or some other NOTL continues to grow, method. Another alterna-Roberts said NOTL's \$35 what the town pays to the tive is to see what the OPP can offer us."

> Both Kaiser and Miele, who have sat on town council in the past, referenced the old community policing committee, and suggested its return would be welcomed.

"I live on the Parkway," Kaiser told the audience. "Sunday nights after 11 p.m., motorcycle racing would start. It's dangerous and it's loud. We had a few residents who got together, and one met with Niagara Regional Police and shared the regular nature of the races. One night, they set up a barricade, and the police were waiting. It worked, and it stopped. I encourage residents dealing with that to do something like that."

"It comes down to all of us doing our due diligence," added Miele. "If you see things, report them. But the fact is we need more police Niagara-on-the-Lake. in There are thefts, breakins, robberies, things we wouldn't have thought of decades ago. I understand there are shortages, but we need another officer on our roadways. I think it's doable, under what circumstances I know I can make it happen. That's my promise."

out that a number of times mayor at the region. over the past four years Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa together and collaborate voted against a motion at the for what's best for Niagaregion that Lord Mayor Bet- ra-on-the-Lake," said Robty Disero actually support- erts. "At the region there are



Regional candidate Paolo Miele (Photos by Mike Balsom)



Regional candidate William Roberts

that would be appropriate,

"We all want to work

to work on with all the municipalities. I would put our and how each intended to interests first, but ensure Lindsay Luby pointed work with the next lord that our interests would align with and support the other municipalities as well, whether it be on policing, health care, agriculture or development issues. If there was a glaring disagreement, the lord mayor and I would have to sit down and work out what would be in the best interests of the town."

> Kaiser said, "I don't think one vote supersedes the other. At the end of the day, we are both one vote at the region. That being said,

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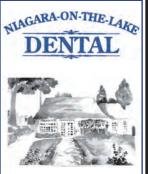
Regional candidate Andrea Kaiser



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ed. She asked the candidates a number of issues we need



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NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022 Mayor, regional councillor need to work together

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the success of the region is based on collaboration. Certainly, as much work needs to be done to ensure that the regional councillor and the lord mayor are in agreement, especially since we only have those two votes. I

would meet with the mayor little different. There are 30- representation." once a month to understand each other's perspectives."

"It's the will of the council, not the will of the mayor (that presides)," Miele reps. Rural communities alopined. "For instance, on ways get the shaft at the rethe St. Davids roundabout, gion because we have a very (town council) voted unani- small vote. We need to build mously to say no to that. The those rural allies and plan will of the region might be a our attack on the larger city

plus representatives there. We have to work together, especially with the rural mayors and rural regional



FocusNOTL meeting organizer Joe Accardo talks to Paolo Miele.



Andrea Kaiser prepares to answer a question.



the past four years, the ability of a councillor at the retive way has been extremely important.

Miele suggested that development, specifically the Randwood Estate, may have as a three-term town counbeen one of the most con- cillor, saying she has always tentious issues facing current councillors. He pointed experts and the opinions of to official plans and provinprinciples for coming to a consensus. All five commuon board as an entire community. Amendments and negotiations have to happen, and not everyone will laborating. always be happy with every decision.

it, is his top priority. Calling printed the ballots.

himself both a values-driven With some contentious and data-driven politician, these three candidates," she issues arising in town over he quoted Martin Luther King, saying "common ground is higher ground," gion or the municipality to and added that good data deal with them in an effec- and good values go together to make for a community that will be good for our children's future.

Kaiser touted her record been the type to listen to the taxpayers, take a step back, cial policies as the guiding and apply her expertise and experience to make the decisions that would best serve nities, he added, have to be NOTL to the best of her ability. Her guiding principle, she added, was about events hosted by the grassbuilding consensus and col-

Voters were reminded by Lindsay Luby that Darte's Roberts also pointed to name will also be on the balofficial plans, saying that lot on Monday, as he pulled finalizing the region's plan, out of the race after the rethen aligning the town's with turning office had already

"Please vote for one of said, with a laugh.

FocusNOTL's Joe Accardo thanked people who attended and watched the previous meet and greet sessions online. He also thanked the Legion, and announce that the collections held after each session had already raised \$940 for Branch 124 before the end of Tuesday's event.

"They've told me they're donating it for hurricane relief," Accardo informed the crowd, "which means the amount that was collected will be doubled by the feds."

As with the previous four roots political organization, Tuesday's session was videotaped by Betty Anne James. All five sessions can be viewed on YouTube on the FocusNOTL Election 2022 channel. Links on the group's Facebook page will also take you to the videos.

Pat Darte withdraws from regional council race

ity of the candidate."

Penny Coles The Local

Regional council candidate Pat Darte sent out an email Friday afternoon, 10 days before the Oct. 24 voting day, saying "I have officially taken my name off the nomination list for the 2022 NOTL election."

The race is now down to Andrea Kaiser, Paolo Miele and William Roberts.

Darte is likely to receive some votes. Because it is past the date when candidates can withdraw their nomination, his name will still appear on the voting ballot when residents go to the polls, as it has been on ballots since advance voting began Oct. 8.

Darte "informed

ficial withdrawal was Aug. be made aware they should 22, providing notice to the not vote for him. public will be the responsibil-

There were originally five candidates for regional Darte did not give any council, but Barbara Worexplanation for his decision thy made her decision to in the email sent to the press, withdraw before the Aug. 19 simply asking that residents deadline.



William Roberts chats with a resident after the meeting

town clerk in writing that he wished to withdraw as a candidate," said town communications co-ordinator Marah Minor.

"As the deadline for of- Pat Darte is no longer a candidate. (Photo supplied)



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Climate change policies need to respect people

Owen Bjorgan The Local

Climate change conversation is at an all time high, which is worthy of celebration. We must appreciate that awareness leads to education, and education leads to action. If the mean global temperature is rising, one positive takeaway is that so is the temperature of the hear how global warming erage highs over conspicdiscussion around it.

Although human-accelerated (anthropogenic) cliobserved how this conversation has become one of may deduce, "Well, it was contention and questionable reforms of regulations we have ever had in years," around the world. I wanted or "that was an unusually to unpack some of those cool summer." interesting notes I've taken for this week's article, and if you don't necessarily why this concerns me.

I find it refreshing to

too literally by those who all of the world's surface has one of the coldest winters

So where is the warmth feel it?

It shows up in new avhas been colloquially re- uously large areas of the placed with the broader world, especially including term of climate change. Un- the Arctic, central Europe, tick of 1 degree celsius. That like all things we can't help

southern oceans.

Indeed, the world has alof colder and hotter phases of a changing climate — it is the rate this is happening which raises alarm bells.

these broader regions have cal and social boundaries, experienced an average up-

mate change is scientifically fortunately, the words glob- northern Africa, and east- doesn't sound like much, ourselves with, has become undebatable, I have gently al warming can be taken ern North America. In fact, but that number really counts when vast sections warmed, minus a handful of the planet hover and of isolated patches over our depend on mean temperatures just under 0 degrees Celsius in order to keep ice ways gone through swings and permafrost locked up, under threat of never forming again once melted.

> Tackling climate change faces serious - and some-Since 1990, some of times unusual - politithough. Climate change,

a political lightning rod, like COVID-19 or religion or election seasons around the world.

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For example, and quite interestingly, I noticed over the last half year how climate change is the second topic of content on Facebook that gets flagged, following when Facebook started doing this with COVID, which was the first maneuver of its kind. I recognize this has rubbed some people the wrong way.

For instance, a month or so ago I posted a photo about a storm. Just a classic thunderstorm in the backyard kind of deal. My post was flagged with climate change information. I really didn't care, but I did find it odd, as I didn't mention climate change or suggest anything about it.

In social media, algorithms exist that are designed to hunt down certain keywords you put in your posts, and if that post goes against the grain, is outright outlandish, or even totally scientifically correct, it can be flagged by simply speaking of the matter. To some, this can give an impression that

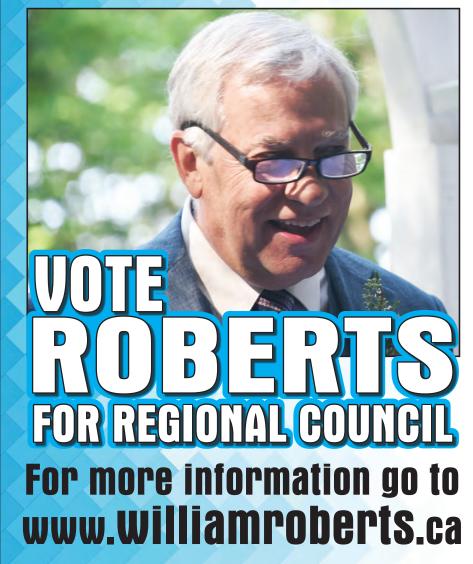


Many neighbourhoods for many blocks look like this in deep Appalachian states, where people found themselves in an environmental and economic transition without adequate support. (Screenshot)

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sweeping decision-making shocking considering the around climate change is an 'agenda,' which may cause people to tune out from the real issue at hand — which is what exactly we don't want In an effort to halve nitrogen right now.

We need people engaged, and to do that, they need to trust their sources of information. Over the past three years, levels of trust in higher government have floundered across the globe. This is a hurdle that fear for their livelihoods. must be addressed if we're going to make real change. Two points come to mind about this.

Firstly, as a rigid believer of the firm science and observations real-world of climate change, I want to see improvements on the messaging behind educating people about it. If it feels forced upon you, it can cause you to have suspicions, and it defeats the purpose of a cause we should all get behind.

to make sure regular working people don't get left in around the world are be-

Barely covered by major news outlets, which is scope of the event, mas-

tablished economic codes.

sive farmer-led protests occurred in the Netherlands during the summer of 2022. and phosphorous damage to ecosystems by 2030, as well as proposed goals to reduce cattle herd sizes to limit methane emissions, the government introduced these regulations, and it stirred the pot with farmers who

I'll be first to tell you that we truly need to consider ways to better protect our watersheds and the amount of methane entering our atmosphere. Absolutely. However, I believe governments can't leave people's livelibroader intention is globally benevolent. If you are going to force farmers, the people who feed society, into a limited operating capacity, you best be financially supmethodology.

the dust as powers-that-be of the hurting coal towns tucked into the naturally ginning to introduce quick lush but humanly defeated



hoods in the dust, even if the This farm field along Lake Erie shows a juxtaposition of agriculture, forest, and renewable energy. Will Canadians be supported by our governments as we transition away from less sustainable practices? (Owen Bjorgan)

Appalachia. Of course, it is essential that we gradually distance ourselves from porting them or giving them the ozone-depleting, at-Additionally, I also want transitional support of some mosphere-clogging greenhouse gases which warm Which reminds me our planet. However, where help, or supplement, many was the financial support from the federal and various state governments in ty, which means less edand sometimes dramatic hollows of the Appalachian the 1980s when they swept ucation, which generally along the way during this

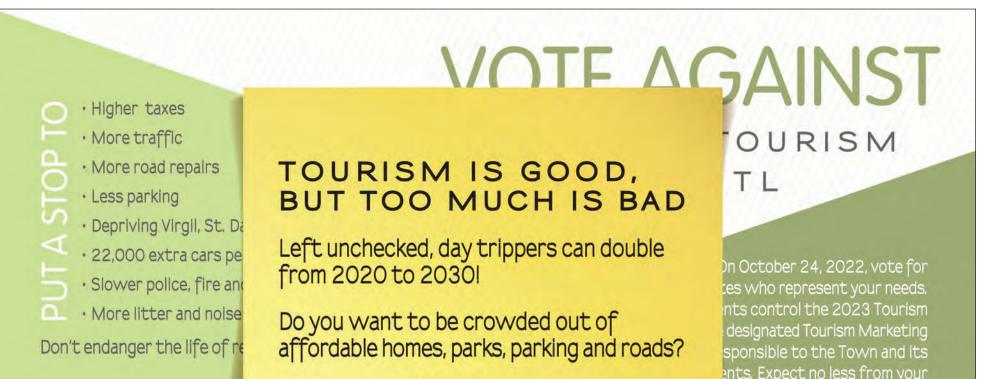
der their feet? What happened next was a damaging sequence of events that still exists to this day.

With little to no supof these communities now live in severe rural poverideas to our previously es- Mountains, where I recent- the livelihoods of these means a higher propensity transitional time.

ly filmed Hidden Corners: communities out from un- of culture that doesn't trust climate change.

In a delicate but blunt summary, world leaders need to do this thing called ported transition, financial leading, and show how it is possible to mitigate climate change, protect our ecosystems, and find ways to realistically support people

Also, perhaps instead government or believe in of clamping down on everyday people for these changes, maybe governments around the world should show a hankering to take on massive corporations who are ultimately the world's largest players of greenhouse gas emissions. The barrier to that, as we all know, is that friends don't pick on their own friends.



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X beside their names, as next council. we count down to Monday, election day.

According to the town, there are 16,102 electors needs of residents against who are eligible to vote as of Sept. 23, and of those, by Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2,125 individuals had voted in the advance polls. That sounds like a lot. Let's hope it's day Monday.

In 2018, the voter turnout in NOTL was 58 per cent. That was high, but not surprising — that was the year mayor and only two returning municipal councillors.

at least three newcomers to council, and can select from a total of 13 candidates for eight seats, which may be generating more interest in the election.

That there is a crew of young people all hoping for a seat, wanting to take NOTL into the future to make it a more family-friendly community, is adding to the excitement of this election time. Not that

will be doing their best to certainly is, but we're likely four years — is selective eight councillors does not at it though is that when the last is today, Wednesconvince voters to put that to see some of both on the voting. Is it important to

paign about balancing the good job? tourists. Every hot topic has The Local to put the idea an element of the importance of finding that balance, whether it's parking, traffic congestion, buses, mayor has is one vote that short-term rentals, or the will break a tie. All eight reflective of a high voter municipal accommodation councillors hold the power, turnout by the end of the tax. And every candidate yet whenever anything is understands that. Pretty unpopular it is the fault of sure those who are elected the mayor. No blame goes will also understand what to the councillors." their priorities need to be.

for change, with a new lord come to mind that are ed. The press would only not in some way related know how the vote was to tourism are those in St. divided, and the outcome. This year, we will have Davids — the pool every- If you wanted to blame a one wants, the roundabout councillor, it would be diffinobody wants — and Glen- cult to know who to blame. dale, which for all the deis facing, has received very polled votes, maybe belittle attention during this cause the issues this term campaign.

> Glendale should start answer about how individthinking about running ual councillors voted in the four years from now. We can't blame them for rumblings about a ward system.

Municipal candidates experience isn't valuable, it up — and comes up every the option of voting for vote for all eight council-Much has been made lors, or only the ones you during this election cam- are really certain will do a councillor he or she feels

Donald Combe asked to voters, saying "there are eight councillors and one mayor. The most power the

On past councils, few The only issues that council votes were record-

This council has been velopment and growth it diligent about asking for have been more conten-Maybe someone from tious. If you don't find your news, the town should have that information.

Combe pointed out that A subject that has come just because the voter has

View from the couch

Donald Combe Special to The Local

Martha Costello, a brilliant barrister in London, prepares for the next step of her career as she applies

izing courtroom drama.

loves to go to movies. Un- The Local.

for Silk (Britbox 2011, til he resumes going to three seasons). This is theatres, he has graciously brilliant, almost mesmer- agreed to share his opinions, through "short and Donald Combe is a re- sweet" exclusives, of Nettired English teacher who flix series and movies for

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indicate he must vote for the new NOTL council by only voting for the one eight people sitting around will do the best job, the voter, in essence, gives eight votes to that one candidate.

cept not always understood.

selective voting, although it that the difficulty will be would be difficult to know how effective it is, and we really good choices. Everymight need a larger voter one running in the election pool for it to be significant. We'll let the experts the town, and they want the weigh in. Let us know your best for it. To all of you who thoughts and we'll make are putting yourselves out them available online be- there, thank you. fore Monday.

all eight. In fact, he says, is sworn in, there will be the table. It might be worth thinking about who you want to see at the table.

In this election, surely That, he says, is a con- there are eight candidates worthy of the job. Some might say — and we at There is some validity to The Local would agree who to eliminate, with 13 does so because they love

Another way to look been to an advance poll day, Oct. 19 at the town hall until 8 p.m. – please, just get out and vote on Monday.

For all you need to know about your candidates, we have made information available in our past print editions, and it is still available in one place online. It includes the submissions we collected from every candidate at no charge, as most community newspapers do leading up to an election. It is at the top of our website: notllocal.com

> Penny Coles The Local

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COMMENT ____ Planning and practising family escape is essential You may have less than two minutes designating someone to call

Brad Disher

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With fire prevention week behind us, it's never too late to practise fire safety with your families. The Fire Prevention Week 100th anniversary theme is Fire Won't Wait. Plan your escape! It's a theme that can be used all year round. Home escape planning is one of the most essential parts of keeping your family safe. While most fire safety messages aren't a new idea to most, we often find that families become complacent regarding fire safety and assume they have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and presume that they will have plenty of time to es-

of a fire.

ever known or spoken to someone who has had a fire in their home? Do you know A well-planned escape will someone who has had a dev- help you make rapid, life-savastating fire where they have ing decisions that will ensure lost everything they own? your family's safety. Anyone who has suffered the loss that comes with fire will tell you that fire happens fast.

Most people are shocked to see how quickly a fire can develop and consume a room and its contents. Today's homes are built with lightweight modern construction techniques and are furnished with synthetic materials that can burn up to eight times faster than homes and furniture built 50 years ago. In today's homes, you have as little as two minutes (or even less) to get outside before your home can become overcome include knowing the sounds with smoke and fire.

That is why planning and practising your home escape is so essential. In an emergency, you will not have time to the house is getting out and

cape their homes in the event figure out how to get out of your home if an exit becomes Consider this. Have you blocked. You won't have time to decide who will get your children or who will call 911.

After all, would you ever take your family on a trip without a plan? What if the only information you had was the location of your destination but no directions on how to get there, no idea how long the trip would take, no idea where you are going to stay, and no idea what you are going to do when you get there? As crazy as that may sound, it is no different than not having a plan to escape your home if a fire occurs.

A well-planned and practised home escape should your alarms make in a fire or carbon monoxide emergency, having a plan for who is going to ensure everyone in

911. You need to know all possible exits from each room (where possible) and practice escaping from those areas. Planning your main exit and alternate exit if one becomes blocked and knowing where your meeting place is to ensure everyone is accounted for. Every firefighter will tell you that the best thing we can hear over the radio while responding to a fire is that everyone is out of the home and is accounted for.

We ask that you please do your part. Ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home, ensure your alarms have not expired (most alarms only last 10 years), replace your batteries at least twice per year, and plan and practise your escape!

Brad Disher is the NOTL Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention & Public Education Officer

For all fire safety questions, we can be reached at 905-468-3266 or by email at firedepartment@notl.com



St. Michael Catholic School Grade 1 students recognized Fire Prevention Week by touring the school, pointing out all the emergency exit posters, and discussing evacuation if the fire alarm goes off. (Photo supplied)

What do young people want to see in town?

Ben Foster The Local

My name is Ben Foster. I came here from England when I was five, and I now live in Niagara-on-the-Lake which is a really lovely place to live.

to stay and they really love coming here for holidays. I could now be a good tour guide. It is a great place to live and has lots of tourism, but living here is different to have more things to do in my local neighbourhood.

Recently The Local

I would love to know you take more interest? what other young people about living here.

I would also like to tell on your behalf? We have visitors come readers about young people in NOTL, and share cillor I would want to see your stories about living more planned activities, here. Do you have a story especially at the communiyou can share? Or something you have achieved The library is a great place and that you are proud of? in NOTL for children, with to visiting and I would like I would love to hear from lots of activities available you. For example, I really enjoyed the outdoor pickleball courts when they to them, so thumbs up to were open, so next week I the library. newspaper agreed to let me plan to write about pickhave a co-op placement, leball for youth in NOTL. (I'm 16, in Grade 11) there share your ideas at an which I have just started, And I am a pretty good seems less to do in the open house to talk about a and I am really enjoying competitive bowler, and town, unless my parents youth hub at the Corner-

and also make it some- you want to see happen in thing that other young NOTL? Are the elections great if town councillors people might enjoy being a just a big yawn for you? If part of, and of course read. they are, what would make things we can do, what we

If I had a chance to talk living in Niagara think to a town councillor what a place for young people would you like me to ask too. I am giving a shout-

If I was a town county centre, for young people. during school holidays. I have really enjoyed going

Now I am getting older

I think it would also be could hear about all the achieve and what we can do to help make NOTL out to those who hope to be elected, and after the election, to those who are elected, to tell us what you think about young people living here and what their plans might be for us in the future?

If you are reading this and have an activity for under 18s already available in NOTL, let me know so I can pass it on!

And if you want to



people. So, I am thinking write about that. about how I can make the most of this opportunity are taking place, what do leisure activities.

it. I was asked to think have fun going to tourna- are able to take me to St stone Church campus in about a column for young ments, so one day I might Catharines or Niagara Falls Virgil, 570 Niagara Stone

you there.



for things like swimming, Rd., it's Wednesday, Oct. Ben Foster, a 16-year-old co-op student from Eden High As the local elections sports, interest groups or 19 at 7 p.m. Maybe see School, would like to hear what activities teens want that aren't available in town. (Photo supplied)

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Election Day: Monday, October 24, 2022

Lord Mayor

One (1) to be elected at large

Betty DISERO Vaughn GOETTLER Gary ZALEPA

Town Councilor

Eight (8) to be elected at large

Tim BALASIUK Allan BISBACK Gary BURROUGHS Adriana CATER (VIZZARI) Wendy CHEROPITA Alistair (AJ) HARLOND Maria MAVRIDIS John William MCCALLUM **Richard MELL** Sandra O'CONNOR Katherine REID Nick RULLER **Erwin WIENS**

Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir Trustee

Melinda CHARTRAND (ACCLAIMED)

Voting Methods

Proxy Voting & Voting by Mail

If you are unable to vote during Advance Polls or Election Day, alternative options are available for qualified electors. For more information about how to vote by proxy or by mail, please visit www.notl.com/councilgovernment/elections

DSBN School Board Trustee

Four (4) to be elected at large

Kate BAGGOTT Alex BRADNAM Mike BROUSSEAU Lora CAMPBELL Jonathan FAST Rhona LINDO-KELLY Donald MACDOUGALL Kris VRCEK

Regional Councillor

One (1) to be elected at large Pat DARTE Andrea KAISER Paolo MIELE William A. ROBERTS Barbara WORTHY

NCDSB School **Board Trustee**

Two (2) to be elected at large Natalia BENOIT

Larry HUIBERS Jolanta PAWLAK

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022

Good turnout at St. Davids candidates meeting

David Gilchrist Special to The Local

The St. Davids Ratepayers Association hosted a ing and greet hosted by Goettler and Gary Zalepa candidates meeting at the FocusNOTL. Lions Hall Tuesday eve-Regional

were busy answering questions at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall at a meet-

Questions had been ning, with all mayoral and made available to the cancouncil hopefuls attending. didates by the ratepayers candidates association, but of the 10

did not participate — they prepared, with so many responses, not all were asked.

Mayoral candidates Betty Disero, Vaughn were all questioned about why there are so many exceptions to current zoning

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There were 16 candidates at the St. Davids Ratepayers Association meeting Tuesday evening. This group includes the three mayoral candidates. Betty Disero, Vaughn Goettler and Gary Zalepa, with council candidates Tim Balasiuk and Allan Bisback beside them. (Photos by Dave Gilchrist)



TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE ROAD CLOSURE - Line 3 Road from Four Mile Creek Road to Concession 4 Road

WHERE: The Town, through contractor Alfred Beam Excavating Inc., will be completing road reconstruction and a Watermain installation on Line 3 Road, between Four Mile Creek Road and Concession 4 Road.

WHEN: The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 24, and be completed by Friday, November 25, 2022.

COMMUNICATION: A detour route will be provided around the site as the section of road will be closed to all through traffic for the duration of construction. This closure is necessary to facilitate a shorter construction schedule for the reinstatement of the roadway.

Voter Notification Cards

Voter Notification Cards were mailed out in late September. All voters are required to present valid identification at the Advance Polls and on Election Day.

- Victoria Steele, Town Clerk

Where & When to Vote

Election Day

Advance Polls (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

(10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane)

Laura Secord Homestead (29 Queenston Street)

Crossroads Public School (1350 Niagara Stone Road)

St. Davids Public School (1344 York Street)

Holiday Inn Express (524 York Road)

Saturday, October 8

St. Davids Public School (1344 York Road)

Wednesday, October 12

Municipal Offices (1593 Four Mile Creek Road)

Saturday, October 15

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane)

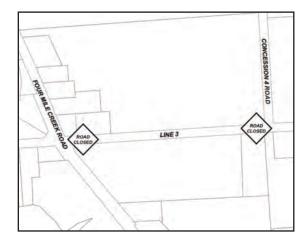
Wednesday, October 19

Municipal Offices (1593 Four Mile Creek Road)

Qualified electors are welcome to vote at any Niagara-on-the-Lake polling location

CONTACT: If you have any questions about this project, please contact Mike Komljenovic, Engineering Supervisor, at mike.komljenovic@notl. com or 905-468-3266.

Emergency Services have been advised of this closure and the potential impact to service.





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bylaws, with Disero saying the current bylaws are old, exceptions can be granted from the province, however she assured the crowd

the new zoning bylaw will bring back conceptual zon- were asked the question felt strongly that it needs to ing soon.

of the need for strategic guidelines village by village.

iagara

Council candidates on the minds of most St. be repaired or replaced, as new pool in the future or the village is growing, alpaired.

Gary Zalepa spoke Davids residents — is a the number of children in will the current one be re- though the high cost of re-

All of the candidates looking for grants to help is required to fund it. fund it will be important. Erwin Wiens maintained the need is for a new pool, that the current one is irreparable, and aggressive placing it is a concern, and fundraising and lobbying

Candidate Adriana Cater-Vizzari, a St. Davids resident, was the crowd favourite judging by the loud

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John McCallum, Richard Mell, Sandra O'Connor, Katherine Reid, Nick Ruller, Adriana Cater-Vizzari and Erwin Wiens, all council candidates, wait for their questions. (Dave Gilchrist)



Highest volume in Niagara-on-the-Lake from 01/01/2011 to 09/21/2021. Source MLS.



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Village needs more amenities for families

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response when she spoke. With four children, she has been a volunteer parent at the pool and a member of the pool fundraising committee. She was supportive not only of a pool but for more amenities for children in the village.

bound to come up at the meeting was about the re- it. gional roundabout at the corner of Four Mile Creek Road and York Road.

Mayoral candidate Vaughn Goettler was strongly against it, as are most residents. He suggested a light at that intersection would be the better amenities is limited. option, with a roundabout at Concession 6 and York McCallum said the citizens Road.

supported the process the region has gone through to get to this stage, and the need for proper infrastructure.

she has been working with the region to stop the funding for the roundabout, adding several factors were not taken into account The other question during the planning stages and she is strongly against

Lack of amenities and community services in St. Davids were put to the candidates for solutions, with council candidate Wendy Cheropita saying as the village grows it needs a vision to plan for, but space for

Council candidate John of St. Davids need to de-Zalepa, the incum- cide what they want, and bent regional councillor the developers need to pro-

running for lord mayor, vide the fees to pay for it.

By asking what St Davids residents wanted when his team went door to door, council candidate Allan Bisback was able Disero told the crowd to list five priorities: improved library services, paths, public washrooms, a community youth hub, and a pool.

> The Local goes to press Tuesday for Wednesday delivery but was able to cover some of the St. Davids meeting and all of the FocusNOTL meet & greet at the Royal Canadian Legion hall.

Dave Rusch of KWW Radio St. Davids had the audio of the St. Davids meeting on his site by a little after 11 p.m. Tuesday night. To listen to the entire meeting, slightly more than two and a half hours, go to KWWradio.com.



Gary Burroughs, Wendy Cheropita, Alistair (AJ) Harlond and Maria Mavridis prepare to answer questions. (Dave Gilchrist)

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Four council candidates attend FocusNOTL meeting

Penny Coles The Local

Last Wednesday, a small crowd of about 100 people gathered for FocusNOTL's last meeting for municipal council candidates.

Five candidates were invited to the meet and greet at the Royal Canadian Legion hall, and four attended — Alistair (AJ) Harlond declined to participate.

Each was given an opportunity to talk about themselves and their priorities, before being asked questions that were answered by each candidate in turn.

The topics were similar to those throughout the campaign — the cost of litigation over planning issues was discussed; questions were asked about the municipal accommodation tax; and the roundabout in St. Davids that nobody seems to think is a good idea was also talked believes the majority of build based on the policies about.

Wendy Incumbent litigation between

whether candidates would We aren't suing anybody." handle them differently. Moving forward, he add-She said of the \$2.5 million ed, "it does come down to spent on lawsuits during policies. Developers need the last four years, some to know when they come are "fights that are abso- to town what exactly they lutely worth fighting," and can do. We've grown so she would not back down quickly — we were a small on going to battle for "one town, and the policies of the top heritage proper- don't match where we're ties" in town.

However, some litigation could be avoided by over four years out of a tocreating policies such as tal budget \$183 million is contextual zoning, design an acceptable amount, said guidelines and community planning permits to protect built and natural heritage, and maintain streetscapes.

spoke of requiring clear guidelines for developers, and mentioned the need for transparency and resident engagement "so we is a "really good developer all have a clear idea of what who is not appealing, who is happening on a regular is not in conflict with the basis."

Tim Balasiuk said he people know the lawsuits and the parameters set by

town and developers, and are the ones getting sued. velopers who continue to headed."

Spending \$2.3 million incumbent Allan Bisback, "if you understand that we are defending the policies and the planning parameters of this and previous Adriana Cater-Vizzari councils." Out of 200 applications over four years, "we're fighting on three or four of them."

> In NOTL, he said, there town."

Why can one developer against the town are be- the town, and the other de-Cheropita was the first cause of development. "We velopers can't, he asks. "To the through those lawsuits. We little bit irritated over de- should vote for the candi- said, "I don't know how

come to this town when they know the rules, they know what they bought, and they know what was approved," he said, drawing enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The next question was about whether the town and residents should be involved in the development of a tourism marketing plan; be responsible for appointing the DMO (the destination marketing organization); when MAT funds are spent; have a say on how the town is branded; and determine how many visitors should be invited.

Cater-Vizzari said the town should put out a request for proposals for a DMO, and resident engagement is key in the development of a tourism strategy. "We know about the town and what we want to see. It has to be collaborative."

audience they will be vot- those needs and interests. ing for people to represent

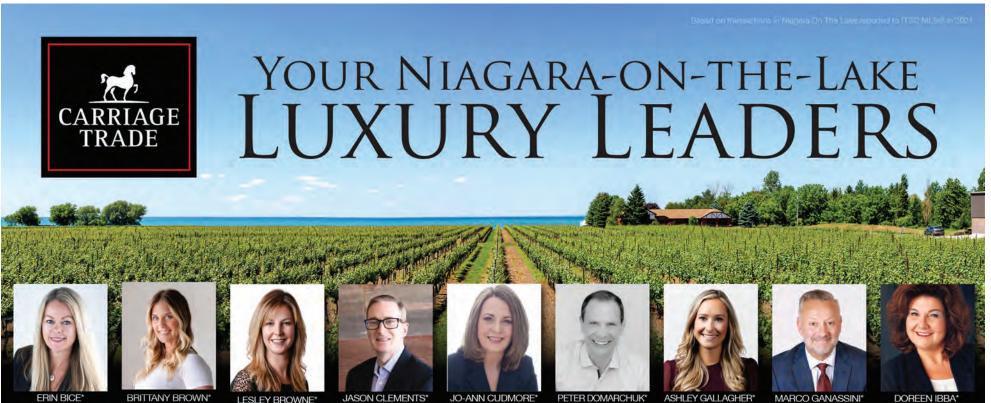


Adriana Cater-Vizzari

As for how many visito tackle the question of are protecting the town tell the truth I'm getting a their needs, and that they tors should be invited, she

She also reminded the dates who would best meet you would eliminate visitors," but added it's important to consider the

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NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022 Lawsuits, MAT revenue topics of discussion

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to town, and that discussion should also include

community engagement. transportation of visitors could be the Chamber of lationship with Tourism Commerce's tourism arm. NOTL. I feel continuing



Wendy Cheropita

Balasiuk said the DMO have a great working recourse of action."

> As for approving a marketing plan, "we'll obviously have a say about putting a marketing plan in place. As far as the branding is concerned, the town is the brand. We have a beautiful community, a number of historic sites, we have Parks Canada, and these parks are open to everybody. These people are going to continue to come."

> To the question about inviting tourists, he said, the Shaw Festival brings travellers who are spending money and staying multiple days — the hotels, spas, and wineries all atstay longer.

> The average stay for the Queen Street tourist is 89 minutes, "as they go up and down the street and buy an ice cream cone."

Bisback said the town should lead the tourism come from the province, strategy, but not take it over the municipal accommo-— it should be all-inclu- dation tax, or the taxpayers,

tors of tourism involved, along with residents.

"I don't like the idea of "We've worked with the that relationship is the best what I've heard on limiting people, or attracting certain kinds of people. We can't say red cars can come and yellow cars can't that's divisive. What we can do is create a marketing plan, once we figure out what it is we want to be subtly change the marketing plan to attract the people we want to come."

NOTL can meet town requirements and expectations, they can do the job of DMO, he said, but that has to be determined as the part of the tourism strategy.

Cheropita said once for proposals, the tourism strategy will be developed with the tourism industry, small businesses, and residents all working together with the right consultant.

two other great options."

Cheropita said she was always in favour of having MAT funding built into the tourism strategy, with the proper planning, "to know how much you need, and where you want it to go. We should all be at the table to determine that."

The next question was when we grow up. We can about MAT revenue as a fiscal tool. Balasiuk said when the discussion first surfaced, the Shaw Festi-As long as Tourism val and hotel stakeholders said it would deter tourists and change how many days people would stay in NOTL.

But then he discovered "these hotels have a \$25 a day resort fee." The accommodation tax the town tract people who come and the town does a request imposed "works out to be about \$3 per night."

> It's a great opportunity to collect new revenue, he added, but the town still has to figure out how it's going to be collected, who The money for it can is going to manage it, and where the funds are going to go.

> > When it comes time

chamber for years and sive, with all the benefac- and "I don't want to see tax- for the town to talk about payers pay for this. We have allocating the funds, he said, "we do need bike lanes in NOTL. We have active tourists, active folks in town, and it is unsafe right now. We've seen the congestion, and seen the amount of traffic. I think being able to create a safe environment using this money is ideal."

Bisback said he's disappointed with the two, three and four per cent that is going to be collected. "The purpose of the tax is to generate incremental revenue to be used on the municipal side for operations, and on the revenue generating marketing side. This is a recurring revenue stream."

The DMO will have in the range of \$1 million to \$1.5 million to spend, and the 50 per cent that stays with the town will be put into a reserve to go to tourism assets, not to operational budgets, he said.

"We currently spend, as best as I can ascertain, nearly \$1 million on

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VOTER CARD - TOP 10 CANDIDATES

During the course of the Election Campaign I have reviewed and assessed the qualification of the candidates: Through direct discussions, the many "Meet & Greet" sessions, reviews of how incumbents conduct themselves and vote, as well as input from many citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake, I believe that these Top 10 Candidates will be the best to serve with skill, respect, honesty and integrity, and in a transparent fashion.

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- Championed the MAT
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- Championed the MAT

BURROUGHS, GARY

- Veteran with deep Regional and Municipal experience
- Supports Contextual Zoning in NOTL

CARTER-VIZZARI, ADRIANA

- Articulate, dynamic voice for young families
- Provides competent representation for St. Davids

MELL, RICHARD

- Will ensure that tourism pays its fair share in NOTL
- Wants harmony between tourism and residents

O'CONNOR, SANDRA

- Trusted guardian of accessible quality healthcare
- Fully committed to environmental stewardship

RULLER, NICK

- Fiscally responsible former Fire Chief
- Strong understanding of inter-departmental operating procedures

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keeping our town beau- ing forward to having a tiful and ready to go for tourists. I don't begrudge doing that, I think we need to do that, but right now that's buried in the tax rate. There's an opportunity to start offsetting that. I'm optimistic that in two or three years we'll start seeing it as a real benefit to residents and tourists."

Cheropita clarified again she was never against the tax. "I was against the process."

Right now there is no plan, she said. "I would have liked to see a plan in place. The MAT is a wonderful tool to help us fund infrastructure, tourism like bicycle lanes." The determination of where the money will go should come from the tourism strategy, "where you have residents and the small business community at the same table to guide tourism viscommunity." She said she is look-

process in place to determine with residents and unfair, he said, and he the business community hasn't seen any data that where the money is to be suggests there are huge spent, and to tackle the traffic volumes that require concerns of the residents, a roundabout. such as congestion.

worked for 12 years in a wonders why the region is city that collected MAT determined to go ahead on revenue, and having a clear what he calls a "traffic exand transparent understanding of the tax to share be some more work done." with workers is important, so when tourists are faced gion needs to look through with paying it "it's not a a larger lens at the entire shock, and workers can ex- village, rather than one plain what it's for."

their "bottom line" on the than keeping traffic movregion's plan to build a ing. "Clearly there needs to roundabout in St Davids, Bisback said it's the number one issue he's heard vids resident, said during about from that commu- the election four years ago, nity. "I don't support the the roundabout "wasn't roundabout the way it's even on people's radar. I'm been presented."

itation and determine who has been unanimous "with Davids."



we want to come into this three motions to the re- feel, and families are exgion, saying pause, stop, tremely worried about the take a break?

during the pandemic was

"I'm not against round-Cater-Vizzari said she abouts," he said, but he periment. There needs to

Cheropita said the reintersection, where public When questioned about safety is more of a concern be more consultation."

Cater-Vizzari, a St. Dareally grateful we're here The current council now and talking about St.

> The roundabout "does move traffic, and if that is its sole purpose it does make sense," she said. "The problem is we don't want the centre of our town with just traffic moving through it." Residents want to have a town centre and be a village, she added. "We want walkability. We want more shops."

She says she crosses her children at that intersection four times a day, and "it's not okay now. It's busy. It needs to be addressed." She suggested new data is needed to reflect the number of new residents and that Mewburn Bridge is now open. St. Davids, she said, does not want to be a through-way to Niagara no reason residents should five rooms and above, and Falls. "The roundabout is be paying for tourism in- let the short-term accomnot the solution for us. I'm frastructure any longer." It's modators recover through really glad we're talking intended as a step program, the pandemic." about it — that's step one he said, hotels are charging Homes that are B&Bs

safety of it. "I want to be Holding consultations the voice of the townspeople, and so far the people are saying they don't want a roundabout."

A question about shortterm rentals, also related to MAT funding, asked if accommodations with fewer than five rooms should receive special treatment versus hotels, or should they be made to collect and pay the same taxes.

Cheropita repeated that she would have preferred to see a plan in place for MAT funding. "We don't know if we need two per cent, we don't know if we need four per cent, we don't know if we need hotels only or should we have all the tourism industry collecting it."

These are really important details to know to determine who should be taxed and how much is needed from them, she said, suggesting B&Bs are already preparing for when they will have to implement it.

this tool, we may as well be maximizing it, and fund the best of our ability."

Cater-Vizzari said short-term rentals should a proper way." be discussed with the new these things need time to rentals, he said, there was develop, and these people seem to be a group of was decided the tax would people who want to take only target accommodaaction. It's just a matter of putting them in place."

short-term rentals should hotels could stay open but pay the new tax as well. "People have been working on it for two years. It's been implemented. There's time to say let's put it in for want to keep a small town tination, and STRs should residential lot.



Tim Balasiuk

pay a MAT tax."

Bisback "If we're going to have "managing expectations" about the tourism strategy. "It will not fix everything tourism infrastructure to and it's about a year away if we want to have people included and consulted in

With regard to special council. "I understand treatment for short-term a strategy involved when it tions five rooms or more.

The discussion began Balasiuk said he believes during a pandemic, when short-term rental accommodations were closed. "We made a decision at the

towards finding a solution." it, and "we'll get to STRs have a surcharge based on Balasiuk said he recog- (short-term rentals) even- assessment, he said, so pay ing is available at https:// nizes St. Davids residents tually. We are a tourist des- more in taxes than a typical

"We need to be very cautioned careful about going down the road to make shortaccommodators term commercial operations, because once you switch a residential lot to commercial, you can't bring it back. And you'll have commercial growth all over the place."

He suggested focusing on B&B operators "as our residents, our friends, our concierges. They live in the community, and offer a much different experience than hotels."

Bisback got in the last word when he said residents should be proud of the way hosted B&Bs represent their town, and the town should concentrate on doing some work on the issues created by unhosted short-term rental accommodations.

Allan Bisback

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A video of the meetwww.voutube.com/ watch?v=8HRqUpY7duU

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WENDY CHEROPITA

For Town Councillor

On October 24

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Wine and Words returns with Ian Hamilton



Ian Hamilton, author of the Ava Lee crime series, will be featured at the library's Wine and Words event at Palatine Hills Estate Winery Nov. 2.

Penny Coles The Local

Ian Hamilton, author of the Ava Lee crime novels, will appear at the the NOTL Library's Wine and Words in November.

It will be his third appearance at the library's popular events, in addition to a book reading organized at the library in January 2019.

He is a popular author locally, and his appearances are always well-received, says public engagement co-ordinator Debbie Krause. His fan base loves his visits, and he always seems to enjoy coming to town.

He expects to be reading from his upcoming new release, The General of Tiananmen Square. It will feature Ava Lee, the petite, powerful and very smart Chinese Canadian, skilled in martial arts.

Her home base is Toronto, but as a forensic accountant she spends as much if not more time in large debts, she becomes a to be called on to solve unorthodox crimes, typically

who are friends, business making it. partners, high-ranking members of the Triad Soci-Chinese actress.

situation that is the subject travelled to China at least 50 of Hamilton's next book, The General of Tiananmen the country in 1989. Square, to be released in January.

was first hinted at in The Goddess of Yantai, when Lee was dealing with a blackmail attempt on Fai, which he wanted to do. brings attention to the government-controlled film industry in China.

It became an issue, along of coffee in hand, to write with the characters involved, that was expanded upon in and her friends, drawing the Lee books that followed, leading to The General of with Chinese culture, his-*Tiananmen Square.* It is tory, people and food — be about the film-maker, Fai's prepared for hunger pangs former husband, and her caused by detailed descripagent, who have made an tions of the lush Asian dishaward-winning film depict- es consumed during the Asia. Although her career ing the infamous Tianan- course of his novels.

She is generally surrounded the film's distribution and by a small group of people punish those responsible for

Hamilton, at 76, has had a varied and unconventionety, and in recent novels, her al career himself. He's been lesbian lover, a much-loved a journalist, a civil servant with the federal govern-It is through Lee's rela- ment, and a businessman tionship with the actress, running seafood compa-Pang Fai, that she becomes nies. He's worked in more involved in a treacherous than 30 countries, and has times since he first visited

In 2009, while still working, he suffered an aneu-The plot for this book rism, underwent major surgery for it, and then decided to change his life and spend his time doing exactly what

> He began taking himself downstairs in his Burlington home every morning, a cup about the exploits of Ava on his years of experience

there began as a collector of men Square Massacre. The prolific author says The film has incurred he doesn't have a target cluding the development of have him back and is going business owner more likely the wrath of the Chinese number of words to write special economic zones, the all out with the food, pregovernment, which is un- daily — instead, he choos- role of the Triads, and the sented by Chef James Curthappy with its political es a place to stop when he corruption of Chinese gov- riss, part-owner of the new- events?t=Author+Visits to with unorthodox methods. content, and tries to block knows where he will be ernments.

going with his story line the next day. Similarly, he doesn't end a book without knowing the plot for the next one — his regular readers will feel each new last book left off.

Although his new book has not yet been released, there is another already completed, he says.

He published the first of the Ava Lee series, The Wa-Tiananmen Square will be number 15, and in addition, over the last four years he has written four novels in the Lost Decades of Uncle *Chow Tung* series — an Ava Lee spin-off tht was intended to be a trilogy, but when ing to NOTL, he says. "I've the third book was finished, Uncle's story wasn't, says Hamilton.

"When I was writing of recent history," he says, "including the result of the great famine and the people and Hong Kong."

to explore the impact of Nov. 2.

He has also released one stand-alone in that time, Bonnie Jack, which delves into a family's complicated past.

Hamilton says he is looking forward, after surviving release picks up where the shut-down of COVID and missing out on 30 to 40 speaking events each year, to being back in front of an audience, reading from his book but also taking the opportunity to talk about Chinese culture, and some ter Rat of Wanchai, in 2011. of the recent history and government actions.

> "It's going to be good to be in front of an audience again," he says. "I've missed the interaction and feedback from those events."

He especially loves comdone more events with the library there than anywhere else. I'm not sure why, but I've always had a terrific rethe Uncle series, I tried to lationship with my readers focus on important pieces there. NOTL is always at the top of my list. I love everything about the town."

Wine and Words, which who tried to escape China is returning after a two-year absence, is being held at The books continued Palatine Hills Estate Winery fit for Palatine."

restaurant, The Course & The Clubhouse.

He is also known for his Heat is On catering, and will be bringing his food truck to serve Chinese-themed delights, inspired by Hamilton's books. Stephanie Pietruniak, winery retail operations manager, says expect the food to be amazing — Curtriss will be offering fried wonton with a twist — they'll be filled with comfort food.

An avid reader, Pietruniak says she loves books and book clubs, and is excited to be bringing Wine and Words back to Palatine, which has hosted the popular series during pre-COVID days. She reached out to the library, hoping to get the event going again, and Krause agreed it is time to pair Palatine wines with Hamilton's words.

"It's such a great thing for the community," Pietruniak says. "We have the perfect space here for it, and we're all about life-style experiences. This is really a good

Tickets are \$40 each, and the Chinese economy, in- Palatine is delighted to include the food and one glass of wine. Go to https://notl publiclibrary.libnet.info/

ly opened St. Catharines purchase tickets.



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Classical guitarist Milos Karadaglic back at St. Mark's

Mike Balsom The Local

For many musicians and performers, the endless monotony of touring can be exhausting, one city, town or concert hall blending into the next, with nary a truly memorable moment among them.

For classical guitarist Milos Karadaglic, though, the March 15, 2020 Bravo Niagara! Festival recital at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake is one that will remain etched in his mind forever.

There was such an incredible feeling of tension in the air," says the musician known professionally by his first name, "because nobody knew what was going to happen with our lives and the world we knew up to that point. It was very difficult for me to go on the last time for a while."

The uncertainty was, of course, prompted by the looming presence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still in its early stages, much was unknown about how it would affect lives and for how long. Bravo Niagara! founders Chris Mori and Alexis Spieldenner opted to go on with the show that Sunday afternoon, offering refunds to anyone who decided not to ing back is the extraordinary attend. About half of the ticket holders did show up.

"In that moment, as challenging as it was," Karadaglic tiful sense of community in says today, "it reminded us that music has this very unique, uniting power, no matter what happens in the world around us. We all left that concert feeling inspired and feeling that cal guitar." we all experienced something profound and unique, where guitarist will be playing a solo the music gave us a moment of recital at the First Ontario Per-

in front of us."

With that in mind, the return of Milos to Niagara marks a fitting start for Bravo Niagara! Festival's first full "post-pandemic" season on Sunday, Oct. 23. It's become a bit of a biannual tradition for Milos to appear in Niagara, having performed for Bravo Niagara! in 2018 as well.

"What keeps me compassion and dedication of the team that runs this series," he explains. "There is also a beauthe town, a wonderful sense of appreciation for music-making on the highest level. It's a perfect little jewel of a place, and a perfect setting for classi-

The Montenegro-born



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stage knowing that it might be respite away from the worries forming Arts Centre this Sunday. The repertoire will include works by Bach, Villa-Lobos, Harold Arlen and Spanish pianist and composer Isaac Albeniz, among others.

> him collaborating with both Ottawa's National Arts Centre Orchestra and the BBC Symphony Orchestra on works by British composer Joby Talbot and American Howard Shore. There is a compelling, stark contrast between the gentleness of his guitar playing and the heft and weight of the orthe recordings.

ant missions is to bring new repertoire to the world of classical guitar," he explains. "Especially when it comes to concertos for classical guitar and orchestra. There is often a misconception about the power of the guitar. Yes, it's quiet in its volume, but at the same los adds a few surprises, as well time it's very powerful in its as the Canadian premiere of emotional capabilities. It's not Amor Fati, written by modern an accident that it is the most French composer Mathias Dupopular instrument in the plessy. world."

est, Karadaglic embraces the ing new works, and bringing unique qualities of his instrument, bringing them to the el when it comes to its techniforefront and using the orchestra to support his playing.

"It gives the guitar wings to fly to new heights musically a recording contract with Sony and emotionally," he says of the Classical, after many years reorchestral accompaniment. cording for Universal Music,

"The Moon and The Forest is Decca Classics and Deutsche part of a project that began many years ago, in collaboration with Joby Talbot and Howard Shore, to bring those ideals to life. Recording these His latest album, 2021's concertos challenged us in so The Moon and The Forest, sees many different ways. I am very proud of that project."

In contrast, Milos says that his selections for this week's recital constitute an homage to the work and the legacy of the great classical guitarist Andrés Segovia, an inspiration to countless guitarists today.

"He was a true pioneer of the instrument," says chestral accompaniment on Karadaglic. "He brought it to the map on the internation-"One of my most import- al concert program. The idea for this program came about a year ago when the Town Hall in New York marked the hundredth anniversary of Segovia's debut in North America. They asked me to recreate the program that he played there."

To the Segovia works, Mi-

"This continues the tradi-On The Moon and The For- tion of guitarists commissionthe instrument to the next levcal possibilities," he says of the Duplessy number.

Karadaglic recently signed

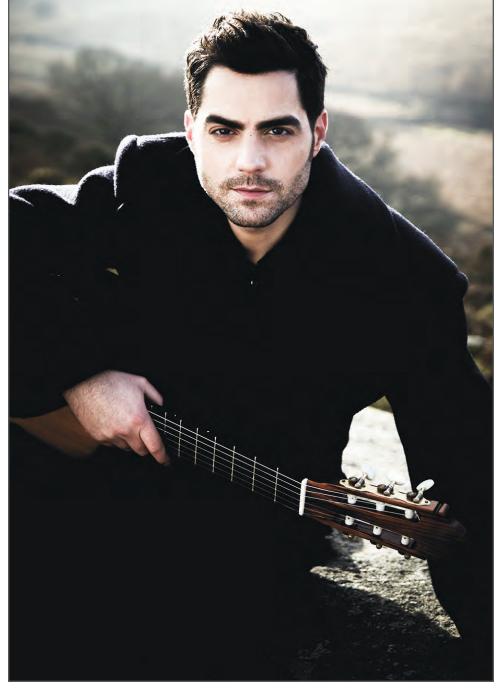
Grammaphon. The change marks an exciting new chapter for the 39-year-old.

"It's sort of the end of an era, in a sense, when you have been recording with the same team for so many years," he admits. "On one hand you are sad, but on the other you are excited about new people in your life, new ideas and new energies. I'm very much looking forward to that."

He promises that his next project, to come in early 2023, will take him away from his expected repertoire in an attempt to get back to the roots where he feels the guitar is at its strongest, and away from the Spanish and Latin sounds that people usually associate with him.

"This area of the baroque repertoire has so many treasures," he explains, "so many pieces that are not obvious and not particularly expected when you think of classical guitar. I feel that the audience will be able to hear a very different Milos than what they've been hearing so far."

Tickets Milos for Karadaglic's Sunday afternoon's show, which starts at 2 p.m., are available at firstontariopac.ca and through bravoniagara.org. As well, Bravo Niagara! offers a special fall concerts package, and their new Bravo Circle membership with special benefits. Visit their website for more information.



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Bravo Niagara! is bringing Milos Karadaglic back to St. Mark's Sunday, where he last played March 15, 2020, as everything was shutting down around us. (Esther Haase)

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or drive along the Niagara River Parkway, stop for a picnic or just to enjoy the view, and realize how lucky we are to live and work in such a beautiful spot. (*Photos by David Gilchrist*)







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Ben Heppner and wife Karen captivate audience



Karen Heppner asks husband Ben questions, providing the opportunity for him to display his story-telling skills with his answers. (Mike Balsom)

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Let's talk Results

Couple launch return of St. Mark's speaker series

Mike Balsom The Local

A charming and intimate conversation between renowned Canadian tenor Ben Heppner and his wife Karen ers laughed loudly when marked the return of Karen began the session the speaker series at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake late-night host Stephen Monday.

It was a "new branch tionert. of this partnership" for the couple, married for 43 years. Ben retired from singing in 2014, then moved into broadcasting, hosting both Saturday Afternoon at The Opera and Backstage for CBC Radio. He retired from the national broadcaster in 2021.

Karen is a semi-retired pastor, now working primarily as an independent consultant.

rector James Bourne flat water. reached out to Ben in an effort to restart the has owned dogs for many speaker series with a lec- years, he admitted he ture, but the Companion is actually a cat person,

he can captivate an audience, but I knew he would say no to just speaking. So I offered to interview him, and he loved the idea."

The gathered observwith a rapid-fire series of questions, modelled after Colbert's Colbert Ques-

They learned that the opera singer, known for working with some of the world's most lauded conductors, actually enjoys listening to jazz and choral gospel music at home. They discovered his favourite movie is The Shawshank Redemp*tion*, his favourite smell is the scent of clover in the fields of Dawson Creek in British Columbia, where he grew up, and he pre-St. Mark's music di- fers sparkling water over

Though the couple of the Order of Canada and when Karen asked

- The Town is nowhere close to completing its Official Plan. Council has a history of investing in expensive studies and then letting them sit on the shelf.
- I have a proven track record of delivering results at Town Council and Region of Niagara. I will work with Council and staff to be fiscally responsible and deliver positive, actionable results.

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- Current legal expenses are significant in comparison to the Town's Operating Budget in other years.
- As Lord Mayor, I will create strong policies to guide growth. We will amend the development polices and by-laws to provide builders with clear guidelines that will reduce litigation. Setting clarity in the community's expectations for development.

On October 24th vote Gary Zalepa, Lord Mayor for Leadership, Results and Smart Growth! www.GaryZalepa.com | Election@GaryZalepa.com

balked at the idea.

turing," he told The Local. "I do really well at answering questions, though. Someone came up with the idea, I can't remember who, that maybe Karen could interview me. She has a real dynamism that I thought would be perfect in this situation. This is really a tryout, the first time it's ever happened."

"It piqued my interest a couple of years ago," Karen adds. "I was just waiting for the opportunity. When Ben said Niagaraon-the-Lake contacted him, well, I know he's a great storyteller, and

him to name one thing "I'm really bad at lec- he owned that he would be willing to give up, he surprised her by naming his beloved Honda Goldwing motorcycle.

"I've had a motorcycle since 2006," he said. "I have sent it to Texas and rode it back, I sent it to Salt Lake City and rode it back along Route 66. I love it. But it's a big bike, 1,200 pounds without me on it. It's getting more difficult to handle it at low speeds. But she never expected me to say that." The self-professed "nine-year overnight success" regaled the

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Church may use relaxed format in future series

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audience with stories of his upbringing in a rural Mennonite family, where music, especially singing, was always part of the daily routine. He admitted that when he auditioned for the music department at the I decided right then to languages in which he University of British Columbia a year after leaving high school, he knew have to do that again." very little about opera and, in fact, thought that poorly-timed costume it was quite strange.

on choral music, actually," Ben explained. "I didn't have big designs much, much later."

The couple shared stories of his early days of Norway and Queen before he had a manager, when their home phone could take booking redinner for the family. ally worked with a crew came up, as well. doing home restorations between 1979, when he the same person both on won the CBC Talent Festival and 1988, when he prevailed in the Metropolitan Opera National be proud of. I was always Council Contest.

money," he told the au- Christian opera singer. I in small towns, such as ward to the church host- while, hold out the possidience. "I was married, was an opera singer who and we had three kids. I was also a Christian." was pulling plaster and lath off the walls in liv- questions from the auing rooms. Really dusty dience at the end of work. We pulled a fridge the 90-minute session, out of a house that hadn't during which he was had electricity for two asked about his comweeks. It was full of food, mand of the various work so hard (on my career) that I would never studied French, German

Hilarious stories of fails and the perils of "I was really focused sharing the stage with a horse and eight Afghan hounds followed. And he spoke of his many brushon a career. Not until es with royalty, including Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Diana, King Harold Sylvia of Sweden.

Karen asked him was equipped with a long questions about his preextension cord so Karen and post-show routines, his favourite roles, conquests while preparing ductors, colleagues and opera companies. And And Ben said he actu- the question of faith

"I always tried to be and off the stage," Ben answered. "I always tried to live by principles I could a Christ follower, but not

The Heppners took was required to sing (he and Italian, but learned Czech to get by).

VOTE

for

who holds several honearth he truly is.

He spoke of his love rector's warden Allan time to attend."

LORD MAYOR

"I needed to make a religious nut. I wasn't a for performing recitals Magnacca looks for-Yorkton and Swift Cur- ing more in the coming rent, Saskatchewan, even months, though no fuwhen he was in demand ture dates or appearances at La Scala. For someone have yet to be announced. "The series we did

orary doctorates and has a long time ago was alsung some of the most ways based on religious the tenor when asked if difficult operas from themes," Magnacca said Wagner and Strauss, it's Monday. "But this is one of the many indica- more the way we want to tors of just how down to go. We'd like to do about It was an engaging, during the tourist seajust enough Russian and informative and enter- son, but this time of year taining afternoon, and when more people have I think we will certainly

The Heppners, meanbility the relaxed conversation between them that debuted at St. Mark's may find its way to other venues across the country.

"Nobody left," laughed he thought it went well. "I think maybe in the future, we can more formalize it, make it a litfour or five a year, not tle less off-the-cuff, and more planned. If the opportunity comes up, rise to the occasion."

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Gary Zalepa brings the leadership that our Town and Council needs to benefit our community. He has my support for Lord Mayor.





Ben Heppner makes his debut in a relaxed conversation with his wife, in front of an appreciative audience. (Mike Balsom)



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Kinsmen clean up road, honouring Bob Forbes



Kinsmen present at the last clean-up include Wig Baldauf, Alan Teichroeb, Fred Teichgraf, Mike Friesen, Ed Marcynuk, Bob Dick (kneeling), Phil Bergen, Harold Dyck, Rod Konik (kneeling), and Ken Slingerland. John Vanderlee was in charge of refreshments, and Karl Evans took the photo.

Ken Slingerland **NOTL Kinsmen**

Niagara-on-the-Lake citizen/volunteer organi-Road on a recent Satur- along approved Regionin Virgil to Anderson ways. Lane in Old Town.

member Bob Forbes, organizations to contribmer of 2022. Bob initi- road system. ated the Adopt-a-Road

and chaired the event men have donated their until 2019. The Niagara time to clean up Niaga-Twelve members of Region program is a pubthe Kinsmen Club of lic service program for cleaned up Niagara Stone zations to pick up litter day, from Henegan Road al Niagara road right of

It is a way for envi-The cleanup was in ronmentally-conscious honour of Kinsmen life citizens and community who passed away from ute to a cleaner and more cancer earlier in the sum- beautiful Niagara Region

Over the past 10 Street.

program 10 years ago years, many of the Kinsra Stone Road (Regional Road 55) three times each year. Club members have participated 30 times in total, even during COVID-19, for a total of 1,440 community service hours.

> The Kinsmen Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake was established in 1970 and meets two times per month at the Kinsmen Scout Hall, 430 King

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Ken Slingerland stands beside the Adopt-a-Road sign near Henegan Road in Virgil where the Kinsmen start cleaning, stopping at Anderson Lane.



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The NOTL Museum is one of the 12 heritage buildings to open its doors to the public Saturday. (NOTL Museum)

Museum co-ordinates 12 Open Door heritage sites Building will be open to public Saturday Heritage Trust. Each year, being coordinated by the communities across On-NOTL Museum, which itself

Barbara Worthy NOTL Museum

This Saturday is Niagara's Doors Open event, and many doors are opening.

Joining the list is Navy Hall, the iconic Parks Canada wood and stone structure on Ricardo Street that was home to Canada's first provincial parliament from

1792 to 1796.

join the Court House, to welcome curious resi-Willowbank Estate, Clare's dents and tourists alike. Harley-Davidson, Ravine Estate Winery, The Ni- historical, architectural, or agara Pumphouse Arts cultural significant qual-Centre, The Shaw Festival, ities. And that's the pur-St. Andrew's Presbyterian pose of the Doors Open Church, St. Mark's Angli- province-wide program. can Church, The Exchange This heritage tourism ini-Brewery,

Apothecary, and the Niag-These two locations ara-on-the-Lake Museum,

> All these sites share the Niagara tiative is led by the Ontario

tario open local sites of interest for free public tours. The program was launched tage and to provide unique aging director Ontario cities, towns and villages.

The full-day event is again this year."

is housed in a heritage building dating back to 1875.

"The last time we in 2002 to create access, were able to do this in awareness and excitement person was back in 2017," about the province's heri- said the museum's man-Sarah opportunities to explore Kaufman. "During the and enjoy some of the COVID years many sites most interesting places in opted for a digital Doors Open, so we're thrilled to see the doors opening wide

Site hours vary for all participating locations, so visitors are encouraged to check tour times and opening hours prior to visiting.

On Saturday Oct. 22, put on those walking boots, fire up the GPS, and open a few doors this weekend.

For more information visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/ and click on Niagara-on-the-Lake, or call the museum at 905-468-3912.

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The need is great: the walk was worth the pain

Mike Balsom The Local

I learned a few things by wearing a pair of fourinch pink stilettos at Walk a Mile in Her Shoes this past weekend at the Pen Centre.

First, any man teetering so precariously on such footwear will garner a ton of attention. Quizzical looks from surprised shoppers and hoots and hollers from retail employees were the order of the day, as more than 150 of us paraded all around the shopping mall to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

Second, the tiles on the floor at the Pen Centre provide very little grip. Either I never noticed it before, or it was not usually a factor shoes must have been in- tively done a successful job. in my standard, everyday footwear choice, a pair of New Balance sneakers. In right up there with such mall was palpable, begin-

the Garden City Skyway.

taller than normal. At about saw in a Ripley's Believe it 5'8" I'm actually quite tall or Not column, scarring me for a man of Italian heritage. As long as I'm not standing next to my 6'0" brother or and calves are still aching my 6'3" son, I can sell that from the effort I expended line to just about anyone. trying to keep from falling The extra four inches of off those heels, but it was heels made me see things in a different way. I almost wanted to bring the shoes Gillian's Place, I, along with home so I could toss out four other men, were tasked the kitchen step stool and with generating support instead don the stilettos to for and awareness of the reach the bowls on the top shelf. Purely to save space, turnout of more than 150 of course.

vented first as torture de-

particular, navigating down medieval inventions as the ning at 9 a.m. just before en and female-identifying And two-thirds of all Canathe ramp beside the food thumbscrew or the rack. registration started. Local people who are victims of dians know a woman who court felt vastly more dan- Or the rat cage attached to a gerous than speeding on person's abdomen, the most gruesome and horrifying Third, it's fun to be a little form of torture that I once for life.

Four days later, my shins worth it.

As an ambassador for event. Judging by Saturday's walkers and more than 35 And finally, stiletto teams, we must have collec-The excitement at the vices. I would rank them old Sears Court area of the

politicians, including re- violence and abuse. Like has experienced physical, gional chair Jim Bradley, myself, O'Connor said it St. Catharines mayor Walter Sendzik, MPP Jennie heels, but agreed that com-Stevens and MPs Chris pleting the uncomfortable Bittle and Vance Badawey showed up to join the walk, fice for such a great cause. although Bradley's choice of fuzzy pink slippers was greater during the peak hardly as brave as my horrifyingly high heels.

"Everybody worked so Place saw a 150 per cent hard, and really came to- increase in crisis calls, a 91 gether to make this event per cent rise in need across a big success," said Gillian's all of its programs and ser-Place executive director Nivices, and a 98 per cent incole Regehr while scoping crease in community outout the large crowd. "We reach services. couldn't be happier to be back here at the Pen Centre March 31, 2022, 255 people after two years."

ambassador 10,000 calls were answered Fellow Chris O'Connor set the bar by Gillian's Place counhigh by collecting almost sellors, 630 obtained legal \$6,000 to support Gillian's advice and 400 attended Place, the shelter for wom-



sexual or emotional abuse.

wasn't easy to walk in high

trek was a very small sacri-

periods of the pandemic.

Since March, 2020, Gillian's

In the year ending

stayed at the shelter, almost

counselling appointments.

a Mile in Her Shoes was set

at \$120,000, much-needed

funds to help support Gil-

lian's Place's safe shelter and

myriad of support services,

including counselling, legal advice, transitional hous-

ing support and child and

youth programs. By the

time the walk was over,

shortly after 12 noon, that goal had been reached.

experienced at least one in-

cident of physical or sexual

This year's goal for Walk

That cause only became

These statistics are unfathomable and inexcusable.

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As an ambassador, I was able to use this platform, as well as my daily YourTV program The Source, to draw attention to the cause. I wore the pink stilettos for a month on set, giving me a chance to discuss Gillian's Place and the walk with each of my guests.

And as an ambassador, I signed the Men's Pledge, promising to work actively to end men's gender-based violence and to work harder to reveal, know and overcome gender biases. Just like walking a mile in those stilettos, it's not easy work, but it is worthwhile and vital work.

To anyone reading this who is a male or male-identifying individual, as the month of October continues, I hope more of you will visit gilliansplace.com and sign the pledge yourself. And while you are there, consider making a donation to the campaign to end gender based violence, which wraps up on Oct. 31.

Mike won't ask for donations, but The Local Nationally, half of all will on his behalf. He's done women in Canada have so much for this community, and this is an important cause he is supporting: violence by the age of 16. https://bit.ly/3qIVR6u



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As an ambassador for Gillian's Place, Mike Balsom signed the Men's Pledge, raised awareness of the important work done to stop men's gender-based violence, and walked a mile in pink four-inch stilettos to help raise money for Gillian's Place programs. (Photo supplied)

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Fife and drum corps a great learning experience

New members needed, from 10 to 12 years old

Penny Coles The Local

Peter Alexander was one of the first to join the Fife and Drum Corps at Fort George in 1987, and is still there. Although he's tried his hand at other careers since, they were shortlived, and he kept returning those experiences as a kid, to the fort.

He began as a young volunteer, learned to play an instrument and perform for the public, and was able to work through part-time through high school and university. Now the music program co-ordinator, he is helping his son work his way through the program as he did.

After two years of COVID, with no opportunity for recruitment, Alexander is hoping to rebuild the program. He's looking for kids ages 10 to 12, and says it's a great way for young people to get together, have fun, learn about Canadian history and to play musical instruments,

summer jobs at the fort.

Plus, he says, "it's a really unique program. These he says, "we lost a generkids are doing things totally different than anything else other kids are doing, and they have great stories to ly rebuilding right now. We tell."

and still loves his work.

His parents, Erika and Jim Alexander, developed ticipate in some of their the program at a time when he was already interested in music and history, and he became involved at the age of 13, first learning how Stroll became a holiday trato play a fife, and then the dition in town, the Fife and drum.

Disney World in Florida, in the Christmas Parade and played jazz profession- isn't a sure thing either. ally in Montreal for a time, but always returned to Fort parents and youth aged 10 George, where he became a to 12 are invited to drop full-time employee in 1998. in at the fort between 1:30 "I still love it," he says. "It p.m. and 4 p.m. to talk with doesn't come without its Alexander, watch a fife and issues, particularly wearing drum practice, and get a the uniform on hot days better understanding of in the summer," he adds, what is involved. but he now spends most of all while developing life his time teaching. He and versary of this program, skills and becoming part of Gavin Watt, the eduction and over the years it has

co-ordinator, estimate they become a core part of a pays off," says Alexander. kids, including Watt's son Alex, who joined when he was 12, and Peter's son Wila program that will lead to liam, who has been with the corps for the last four years.

But because of COVID ation. We've got four or five senior musicians, and some alumni, but we're truhope for 10 new members Alexander enjoyed all for the first couple of years — that's our recruiting goal. Full strength for us is 20."

They are unable to partraditional events because they don't have enough members — for the first time since the Candlelight Drum Corps will not be He has worked at Walt taking part, and marching

This Sunday, Oct. 23,

"This is the 35th anni-

have trained about 200 visitor's experience at Fort George. We perform for the drum sticks and fifes at the public, deliver programs beginning to see if they're and participate in local events. The students learn If they decide to continue pretty quickly that march- with the program, they sign ing and playing music isn't on as Parks Canada voluneasy, but that hard work teers, and this time counts

"We give the students stronger in one or the other.

towards school volunteer hours. There is also the possibility of summer employment once they reach 15."

These students can be proud of preserving an art form of music that's been

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Fife and drum corps members Sarah Mateus-Jimenez and William Alexander. (Photos supplied)



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Cole Wilson and Sarah Allegra met as teens in the fife and drum program.

Graduates learn confidence and life skills

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around for hundreds of years, says Alexander, while becoming the next generation of cultural stewards.

Sarah Mateus-Jimenez joined the corps in 2014, when she was 10, and was still part of the program this summer.

Emailing The Local is on a Rotary Youth Exchange, she says her involvement with the fort played a huge part in the application process for the exchange program.

She is learning a different culture and a new language, she says, while forging friendships with students from around the world. "I'm eternally grateful to the fort for giving me the interpersonal skills needed to succeed."

She became involved in the fife and drum corps because her brother was

already in the program. throughout these years in "While I did have a love for school, sport and other exhistory, at home I was con- tracurricular," she continstantly hearing my brother ues, "has been thanks to the practise the fife and tell us skills I learned at the fort. all these stories about the Being at the fort and interfort." The second she turned acting with the public all 10, she began pushing her day, helping teach new reparents to let her join.

play the snare drum, which leagues gave me self-confishe did from the beginning.

from Germany where she the uniform - it looked incredibly sharp and impressive, and I've always the public and a fun teacher felt pride taking care of my for the kids." uniform."

> takes "a good amount of humble no matter how well focus and discipline," she says, but "Peter Alexander history." has always been amazing at making the program fun teaching others from such for all the children. Learn- a young age "gave me a ing about history in various passion for teaching and games, and learning the instrument in an interactive six years I've volunteered as group keeps you motivat- a soccer coach for various ed to improve and develop clubs and as a trainer for your musical skills."

"Everything I've done as well."

cruits, giving presentations She knew she wanted to and learning from my coldence and public speaking "I was so excited about skills, as well as the inter-personal skills required to be a good interpreter to

Growing up at the Succeeding at the fort fort, she adds, "keeps you you know your songs and

volunteering. For the past

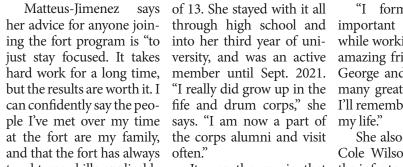
but the results are worth it. I ple I've met over my time at the fort are my family, and that the fort has always taught me skills applicable to every aspect of my life."

Sarah Allegra is anothdrum program.

master's degree in business ly free lessons that would administration at Brock be taught at my own pace. University, she is also workin Niagara Falls.

from all over the world and had so many interesting working there."

Allegra joined the fife high performance athletes and drum corps as a volunteer in 2014 at the age



It was the music that first attracted her to the program. "I was very iner graduate of the fife and terested in learning how to play the snare drum, and list on my resume are skills I Now working on her Fort George offered entire-This is one of my favourite ing in the tourism industry things about the program — every student learns and While at Fort George, progresses at a rate that is And being able to start she realized how much fun comfortable for them. Each it is to work in the tourism student gets one-on-one industry. "I met visitors lessons with an instructor, which is often Drum Major Peter Alexander. He idenconversations while I was tifies students' strengths and weaknesses and then gives advice and exercises that will help each individual get better at their instrument. He has mastered both the fife and the drum, so you can go to him with almost any question about those instruments."

> The uniform definitely takes some getting used to, she says, "but once I wore it enough it started to just feel like regular clothing. I think our regiment definitely has one of the nicest uniforms."

Her favourite instrument is still the drum. "The fife is a beautiful instrument, but I really enjoy playing and learning new songs on the drum. There are some really cool drum solos I learned while in the to play with a whole line of drummers," says Allegra.

"Fort George is such an exciting place, full of friendly people, that even the most challenging tasks can be a lot of fun."

The hardest part, she for it." says, was at the very start.

basics of playing the drum. required to join, and Parks I had to learn how to hold Canada provides the inthe sticks properly, how to struments, musical inread drum music, how to struction, and all necessary gain speed. That was hard, but I practised and improved. Once I got the basics down, the hardest part every Sunday from 1 p.m was over." huge impact on her life, few days a week in July and she says.

"I formed so many relationships while working there. I have amazing friends from Fort George and have made so many great memories that I'll remember for the rest of my life."

She also met her fiancé, Cole Wilson, now part of the infantry at Fort George, when they were working there together.

"Most of the skills I now gained while in the fife and drum corps," Allegra says, especially public speaking.

"When corps members turn 15 and are hired as full-time summer staff, they begin learning how to give history talks about music at Fort George. With three music demonstrations every day, five days a week, there is so much opportunity for corps members to practise their talks and get more comfortable speaking to crowds."

Her favourite event has always been Canada Day, she says, when the corps parades through NOTL during the day and then performs for a large crowd in the parade square at Fort George.

"They always acknowledge and congratulate any new senior corps members in front of the crowd, and then the night ends with the best firework show I've ever seen."

To any young person interested in joining, Allegra says, "please don't give up if it seems hard at first. It takes a lot of work to get the basics down, but then I promise, you'll have a corps, and they are so fun blast. From parades, to fun trips, to re-enactments, to all the special events we attend, there are so many fun memories made in the fife and drum corps. And don't forget, once you turn 15, you could be getting paid

No previous musical "I had to learn all the experience or training is equipment, such as uniforms and music. Rehearsals take place to 4 p.m., and volunteers Fort George has had a help deliver programs a August.



The fife and drum corps led by Peter Alexander in Simcoe Park on Canada Day, is down to five senior members and is looking for new recruits. (Penny Coles)



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YDTP preparing for premier of Nobody's Children

Mike Balsom The Local

As Yellow Door Theatre Project gets ready to present the world premier of yet another original play by Lezlie Wade and Scott Christian this December, the Niagara-on-the-Lake youth theatre group is celebrating the latest nomination for the playwriting team.

Wade and Christian's original song, A Portrait Of Me, from their 2021 musical Dead Reckoning, is one of 12 finalists for the Stiles and Drewe Best New Song Prize, to be awarded in London, England on Monday, Nov. 21.

"To be short-listed to 12 from 175 song submissions is pretty incredible," Wade told The Local. "We had a Zoom meeting with Stiles and Drewe, and that was really kind of surreal."

They are kind of on the level of Webber and Rice or Cameron Mackintosh," added Christian. "That's like British theatre royalty. To just be casually on a Zoom call with them was so weird."

The acclaimed writing duo of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe award the prize each year for an outstanding song from a new musical, written by a member of Mercury Musical Developments (MMD). MMD is the UK's membership organization for writers of musical theatre, dedicated to developing the talents of whom have earned Oliv-



The cast of Nobody's Children performs a song from the musical to a crowd gathered at the Yellow Door studio. (Photos by Mike Balsom)

A panel of industry judges awards) in the past. will award the prize and the winner will receive £1000 of us that we can be there towards developing their in person," Christian said. work.

meeting, Stiles and Drewe formed by some incredible explained to Wade and talent." Christian that each of the 12 songs will be performed *Me* an intricate, delicate and that night by a stellar line- haunting song. up of West End talent, some

and careers of its members. ier Awards (London theatre lyrics," the NOTL resident aviator on a shortwave ra-

"It worked out for both "We'll get a chance to speak, During that Zoom and we'll hear our song per-

Wade calls A Portrait of

"It's just a really good combination of music and

dio in her bedroom. said. "It tells an extremely good story, and it's different from other things that peohero worship, explained ple hear. In that regard, they Wade, "and girls having were probably looking for mentors, and looking up to

unusual songs." *Dead Reckoning*, is the true of the first songs Scott and story about a 15-year-old I wrote together when we girl named Betty Klenck, started our creative partwho, three days after Ameila Earhardt was declared lost at sea, heard the famous around a young girl, Dead



with YDTP on another original play that will premiere at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre on Dec. 7. Called Nobody's *Children*, it's a musical set in Victorian London, taking the audience on an exciting ride straddling two continents.

At a recent gathering at YDTP's Line 2 facility, Wade explained her inspiration for the Christmas musical.

"A few years ago, Andorlie (Hillstrom, YDTP founder and artistic producer) asked me to write a musical about the Pied Piper," Wade exclaimed. "It's really not a comedic story that lends itself to songs. I started deconstructing it, and I thought, 'rats, rat-catcher, Victorian England, home children, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Dickensian musical! That's how it all came about."

Wade explained that between 1860 and 1930, more than 100,000 children were taken from the streets of London and moved to the colonies. Niagara-on-the-Lake actually had a home, located originally on Rye Street, to which many of these children were moved.

"For some kids it was The musical it is from, weren't many. It was one a better life, but for a lot it wasn't," Wade said. "There was a lot of neglect, and there was no paperwork. This story is about a little girl named Mary who gets taken by accident and brought to Niagaraon-the-Lake and gets lost in the system. Her father ferred to it as one of their is a rat-catcher. He comes to Canada, and ends up finding her. The characters are larger than life. It's very Dickensian, an Oliver Twist kind of world."

At the recent event Yellow Door to produce a held to thank the sponsors who have kept YDTP going through the pandemic, Wade invited the young The film was named Best cast, as well as their adult New Musical at the New mentor, Chistoph Ibrahim, York International Film up front to sing one of the Awards in May. Other past Wade/Christian composi-



Lezlie Wade explains the story behind he new play Nobody's Children, as director Kerry Ann Doherty looks on.

production partnerships with YDTP include an updated take on Hansel and Gretel.

The play is "about female

them in a time when there

Though it revolved

Reckoning was not performed by Yellow Door

(YDTP), as Christian re-

But Wade and Chris-

tian's partnership with

film of their original musi-

cal Red Letter Day, which

came out earlier this year.

nership."

so fortunate to have such the Shaw Festival engreat people to write for," Wade said.

The pair are working

tions from Nobody's Children.

The musical is to be directed by Kerry Ann Scott and I have been Doherty, a member of semble and an actor and

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Original play based on story of Rye Street 'home children'

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director with extensive Vaughn and Lauren Goetcredits across Canada and the UK. Born in Belfast, the founder and artistic director of theatreSix in Toronto now lives in NOTL.

The event also gave Bob Murch. YDTP an opportunity to the Ontario government through a Trillium Foundation grant, and to thank its sponsors who kept things going during the pandemic.

They also recognized their current sponsors

who are supporting the organization non-profit for its current season. tler, through their Goettler Family Foundation, were thanked, along with the James A. Burton Family Foundation and Lezlie and

Yellow Door Theatre recognize the support of Project's production of Wade and Christian's Nobody's Children will be performed at the FirstOntario PAC in St. Catharines from Dec. 7 to 10. Tickets firstontariopac.ca.



The Yellow Door event also recognized the sponsors who are supporting the non-profit organization for its current season. Vaughn are \$17 and available at and Lauren Goettler, through their Goettler Family Foundation, were thanked, along with the James A. Burton (right) Family Foundation and Lezlie (left) and Bob Murch. (Mike Balsom)



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Ishani Ayona Pal, who is her front yard and donated all her proceeds earned from her stand to the Niagara Dog Rescue (NDR), the place who helped her dog, Spot.

Ishani lives in Old Town 6 years old, held a lemon- NOTL and that Saturday ade and popcorn stand in just happened to be super neighbours was just overhot and sunny, a perfect whelming. Even Ishani's day for some ice cold lemonade and some delicious the stand during the day. popcorn to go with it.

he generosity and support from her friends and friends helped her out at Ishani was invited to an Ishani sold over 40 li- NDR event where she cheque of over \$900.

0. What made you choose Niagara Dog Rescue?

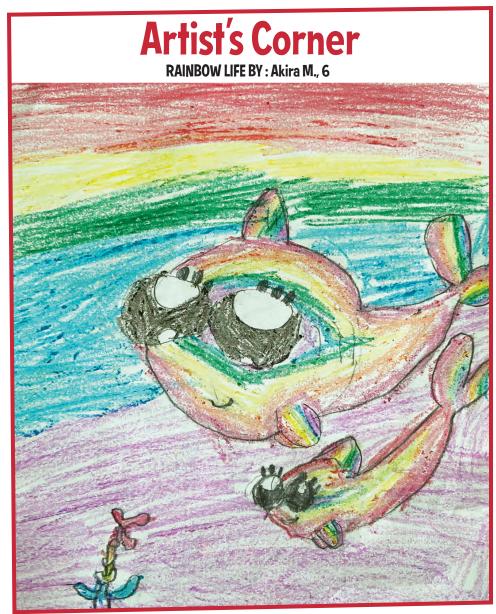
Because I wanted to help Spot's friends and family. And because I love dogs. Some dogs don't stay alive, so I wanted to help them.

- 0. On the lemonade stand, what was your favourite part?
- A. Selling lemonade and popcorn and watermelon juice. I loved it...it was the best day.
- 0. Did you enjoy your friends helping you out?
- A. Yah, because it was very fun.
- 0. What was your favourite part of the day? When my friends came A.
- over to help.
- onade yourself? **A.** No, a little bit of help but
- mostly I did it. Q. Did you make the lem-
- onade stand? What do

- **you have to say about it? A.** I did it with my grandpa. A. I designed and painted it with my Daddy. I decorated with my mom.
- What about the lemon-0. ade poster?
- **Q.** Is there anything anything else you would like to say?
- A. I had a lot of fun and I really really want to do it again.



Ishani Ayona Pal, 6 years old 🙂



family find their rescue tres of lemonade and over handed over the donation 60 bags of popcorn!

Movie Review

By: Taleah Bucci, II

Today I'm going to review one of my favourite movies: Moana, by Walt Disney Animation Studios. It's about an island girl (named Moana) who is chosen by the ocean to go on a special mission. A long time ago, a demigod called Maui, who had the power to shapeshift, stole the heart of Te Fiti, the mother island. Many believed that whoever possessed the heart would be able to to create life itself.

After stealing the heart, Maui is confronted by Te Ka, a lava monster. He ends up losing the heart and his magical fishhook, which is what gave him the power to shapeshift. Without the heart in its rightful place, darkness spreads, draining the life out of islands.

When the darkness reaches the shores of Moana's island, she sets sail on a sea voyage to find Maui and restore the heart of Te Fiti.

I really like this movie because it's about a big adventure and it has a lot of fun songs in **Q**. Did you make the lemit. I give it a five star review.

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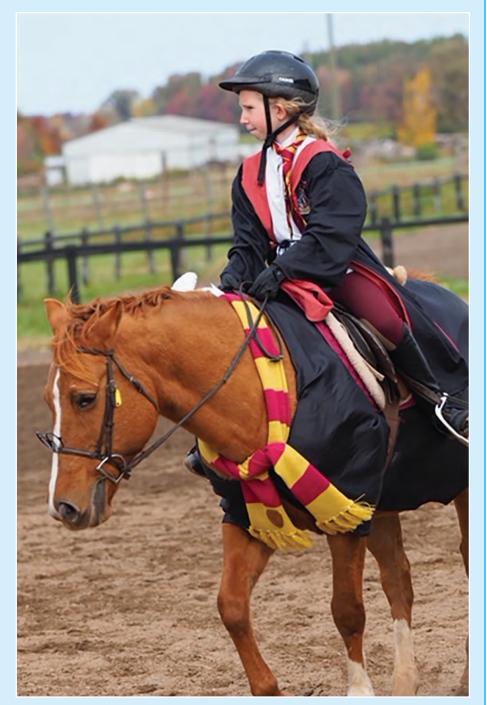
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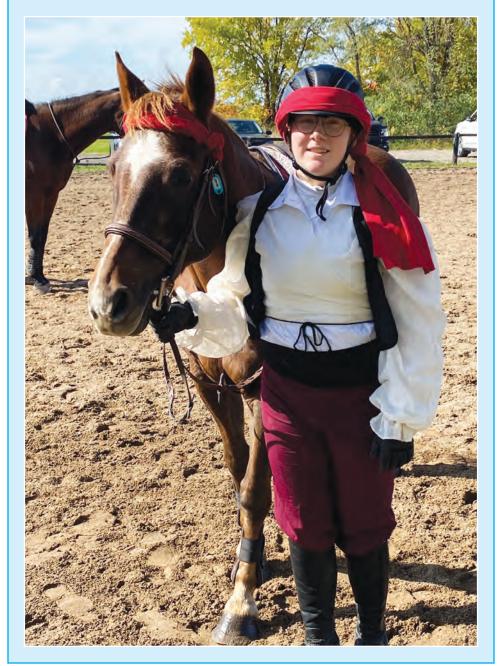
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Halloween spirits



Benchview Equestrian Centre's Halloween Spirit Show included riders in costumes, lots of treats, and ribbons handed out, including to Alyanna O'Donnell (above), dressed as Hermione and riding Zoey as Harry from Harry Potter, and Pirate Hannah Gilchrist with Sandy in her first competition. (*Photos by David Gilchrist*)



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Mike Balsom **The Local**

Losses to North York on Friday and Durham on Monday have dropped the Niagara Predators record to 3-and-5 on the season and stretched their Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) losing streak to four in a row.

Despite the streak, head coach Kevin Taylor doesn't think it's time to push the panic button.

"I wanted to win badly last night," Taylor told The Local Tuesday, "but Durham is a tough team. They know how to win."

"You don't win championships in October," he continued. "We still have a few pieces missing, and our ownership is working hard to get us the right players. They won't stop until three top players in almost every

we get what we want."

a 4-1 victory at home against the visiting Predators. Forward Jaroslav Dohnal picked up the lone Niagara marker, his third second period.

Taylor said the Roadrunners defence did a good job of pushing the Niagara attack outside throughout the game, limiting their chances of getting too many shots off against goaltender Zach Smirniw. The Predators were outshot Monday 48-22.

Predators goalie Ryan Santini was named second star of the game.

"He was phenomenal," Taylor said of Santini, who has repeatedly been named one of the

game he has played. "I think he outshot Niagara 18-5. The Roadrunners skated to is one of the best in the league."

> Taylor added that he saw a lot of upside to the Predators performance Monday.

"There were guys discussof the season, assisted by Nolan ing the game in the change Wyers and Nick Savoie, in the room after," explained Taylor. "That is very rare. They were pushing each other, which surprised me. That's a good thing."

Friday night's match at home against the undefeated Renegades started out well enough for the Preds. The two teams traded shots back and forth through a scoreless first period, with North York coming out with a 10-9 shots-ongoal advantage.

The second period, however, saw the Renegades pinning the Predators in their own end, repeatedly putting pressure on goalie Cameron Huff, who got his first junior start between the pipes. Christopher Rende, Vadim Karpenko and Nikolai Salov all scored for North York during that frame, when the Renegades

North York's Ryan Fritz added another marker early in the goal, cutting the Predators defi-

third, but Anthony Tropea and cit to just one. Reese Bisci responded quickly for the Preds, each netting a goal anlui Amato serving both a two minute unsportsmanlike less than a minute after the Renegades scored their fourth. Latconduct and a five minute



play, Tropea added a power play

With North York's Gi-

Nolan Wyers takes a renegades defender into the boards. (Mike Balsom)



Renegades goalie Nicholas Lewicky stops a shot by Predators top goal scorer Anthony Tropea. while teammate Jaroslav Dohnal hopes to move in for a rebound. (Ben Foster)



er, with less than a minute left to boarding penalty, the Predators power play continued, and Santini skated off the ice to give Niagara the six-on-four advantage. But with seven seconds remaining, Rende picked up his second of the game, an empty-netter, to seal the 5-3 win for the Renegades.

> "We have to play a full 60 minutes for us to be able to play," Taylor said Friday night. "That's a first place team, maybe the best in our division. Other than four minutes, we took those four minutes off, and that cost us the game."

> Of his young goalie, Taylor said Huff gave the team a good chance to win.

> "He did a great job, Cameron," Taylor raved. "He kept us in it. It gives me another option now. He's a gamer. He came out and he played. I thought we were going to pull it out, and it would have been nice. But they're all happy, they're up and they're positive. It's a building block."

> Josh Gros, a 6'3" defenceman from Winnipeg, made his Predators debut in Friday night's home game.

> "He gives us a lot of size," said Taylor. "I don't think we've been physical enough on the back end. We have guys who are talented, but don't play a physical game. He gives us another dynamic. He held his own out there. When wingers are coming down the ice, they'll have to keep their heads up now."

> Taylor also welcomed more help behind the bench in the form of new assistant coach Greg Wilson, who played for the GMHL's Bradford Bulls and with the Brampton Bombers of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (GOJHL). He also coached with the GMHL's Bancroft Rockhounds in 2019.

> "He brings a lot of experience with him," Taylor said of the Richmond Hill native. "He runs a skills school for highend athletes in Toronto. I'm a bit old-school, I keep things simplified. I think he can add a bit of finesse, a little bit of jazz to our game."

This weekend the Predators have a rare Friday night off,



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their usual home night at the Meridian Credit Union Arena. They'll hit the road Saturday and Sunday for games against the 3-and-5 Northumberland Stars and the 0-and-9 Streetsville Flyers. That should give the Preds a chance to turn things back around and perhaps end up at .500 by Sunday night.

"I don't think we're lacking confidence right now," Taylor said. "These are two must-win, winnable games. Losing to Durham twice, and the Renegades once is understandable. And losing the first game of the season to St. George, too. It's the loss against the Ravens (the previous Sunday) we should not have lost. That's the one loss that doesn't sit right with me." Predators fans can watch both games live on gmhl.tv.

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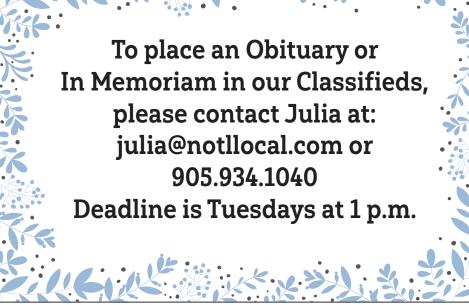


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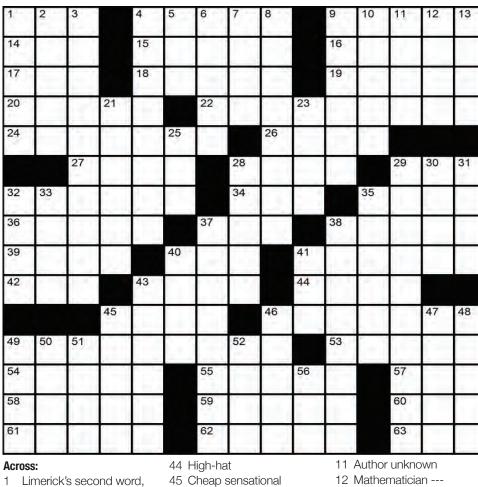
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PUZZLE ANSWERS



- 1 Limerick's second word, usually
- 4 Delicate
- 9 Eat greedily
- 14 Medical insurer
- 15 Delayed
- 16 Radio receiver
- 17 Australian running bird
- 18 Univision news anchor Jorge ---
- 19 Make amends
- 20 Open grassland
- 22 Preserved
- 24 Funded
- 26 Biblical weed
- 27 Hilltop
- 28 Not that
- 29 --- for Charlie32 Expatriate
- 34 Rowboat lever
- 35 The Pope
- 36 Confined
- 37 Demand
- 38 Face protection
- 39 Affirmative votes
- 40 Obtain
- 41 Battle Born State
- 42 Short numbers
- 43 Elapse

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- 45 Cheap sens magazine
- 46 Perturbed
- 49 NYC's --- Park
- 53 Lexicographer's interest
- 54 Whiffs
- 55 Enjoy to the full
- 57 U S capital once and
- briefly
- 58 Pal of Kukla and Fran
- 59 Dodge
- 60 Accountant's letters
- 61 Senses
- 62 Works
- 63 Agency which initiated the
- Waco siege

Down:

- 1 Location question
- 2 Capital of Jordan
- 3 Speech snippets
- 4 Book opener
- 5 Genetic component of
- some viruses
- 6 Pointed
- 7 Religious painting

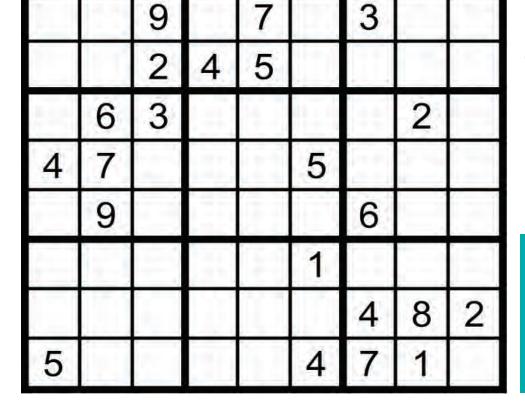
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- 9 Brenda and Ringo

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10 Adorable child

- Mathematician ---Descartes
- 13 Adele's dancing brother
- 21 Pigs out
- 23 Locks or strands
- 25 Ram's dam
- 28 Tip sellers
- 29 Largest Moroccan city
- 30 Portable player
- 31 "Two Mules for Sister ---":
- Eastwood/MacLaine film
- 32 Pulitzer winner Jennifer ---33 Salad sauce
- 33 Salad sa
- 35 Fulcrums
- 37 Loathed38 Enterprises
- 40 Young ladies
- 41 Intelligence agency
- 43 Prize monies
- 45 Hazard
- 46 Nightclub show
- 47 Pyramid place
- 48 Kickless coffee
- 49 Upper limit
- 50 Indolent
- 51 Short-tailed rodent
- 52 Valley 56 Weird





Across: 1 Was, 4 Frail, 9 Scart, 14 H M O, 15 On ice, 16 Tuner, 17 Emu, 18 Ramos, 19 Atone, 20 Range, 22 Enshrined, 24 Endowed, 26 Tare, 27 Brow, 28 This, 29 C is, 32 Emigre, 34 Oar, 35 Papa, 36 Gated, 37 Dun, 38 Visor, 39 Ayes, 40 Get, 41 Nevada, 42 Nos, 43 Pass, 44 Snob, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 42 Nos, 43 Pass, 44 Snob, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Pulp, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 45 Nos, 45 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 55 Rattled, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 55 Rattled, 46 Rattled, 49 Riverside, 53 Usage, 54 Odors, 55 Rattled, 56 Ra

Down: 1 Where, 2 Amman, 3 Sound bites, 4 Foreword, 5 R U A, 6 Aimed, 7 Icon, 8 Less than, 9 Starrs, 10 Cutie, 11 Anon, 12 Rene, 13 Fred, 21 Gorges, 23 Hair, 25 Ewe, 28 Touts, 29 Casablanca, 30 IPod, 31 Sara, 32 Egan, 33 Mayo, 35 Pivots, 37 Despised, 38 Ventures, 40 Gals, 41 U S A, 43 Purses, 45 Peril, 46 Revue, 47 Egypt, 48 Decaf, 49 Roof, 50 Idle,

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From Old Town to St. Davids and Virgil, from Queenston to Glendale and everywhere in between, the heritage of Niagara-on-the-Lake is at risk.

The Niagara Foundation posed several questions to the candidates for Lord Mayor, Town Councillor and Regional Councillor to get their views on heritage, planning and development matters. Here's how the mayoral candidates responded to one of the Foundation's questions:

Many residents are angry and frustrated over the type of building that has been going on recently. How do you view the issue of contextual architecture, and do you think the Town should adopt and enforce policies around it?

BETTY DISERO

"I know this is an issue that is very important to the town. I support contextual zoning. It was in place until 2009 and then removed. Since then, we have seen homes being built that are out of context with our heritage environment. It is starting to escalate and we must return to contextual zoning."

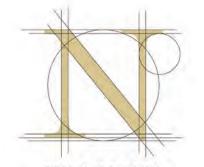
VAUGHN GOETTLER

"I absolutely support contextual architecture, respect for sufficient lot size, protection of our urban forest and wildlife corridors, with cautious and wise development programs moving forward. I totally share our residents' anger with inappropriate architectural designe and over building"

GARY ZALEPA

"In principle contextual architecture and related policies appear to be a good process for managing the concerns mentioned. Having seen the use of such policies not be effective in the past causes me to wish to investigate how the previous issues can be resolved so that a contextual framework can be successful."

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