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NOTL museum volunteers with Davy Tree Service, and other helpers, decorated the Court House and the NOTL museum Tuesday with thousands of poppies knitted or crocheted and then tied to bird netting to drape on the buildings. (Photos by Dave Gilchrist)

Hummel wins appeal of interim control bylaw

Penny Coles The Local

An Ontario Court of Appeal decision released Friday will allow developer Rainer Hummel to proceed with his lawsuit against the town, which seeks damages as a result of an interim control bylaw passed in 2018.

The three judges who heard the appeal rejected the decision by Justice James Ramsay that the interim control bylaw was legal. The appeal judge's written decision said the bylaw could not legally be used to stop the subdivision of land, as it did in the case of Hummel Properties. He also said, contrary to Ramsey's decision, that having two concurrent interim control bylaws — in this situation referring to the town's cannabis interim control bylaw which also included Hummel's property — is not legal.

The interim control bylaw had temporarily put a stop on an application submitted to the town by Hummel to build six townhouses at 2203 Niagara Stone Road, requiring an official plan and zoning bylaw amendment, as well as site plan approval.

The interim control bylaw was approved at a special meeting of the new council two days after it was sworn in following the 2018 election.

The appeal decision permits Hummel to have the question of whether the bylaw was passed in an illegal process, and in bad faith, heard in court.

Ramsey had said the legality of the interim control bylaw was a moot issue, because it had already been repealed. The appeal judge said that too was in error, allowing Hummel's civil claim for

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Parliament Oak site sold, future more uncertain than ever

Penny Coles The Local

The former Parliament Oak School site has been sold to Benny Marotta of Two Sisters Resorts for \$8,000,000.

And with the sale, says Lord Mayor Betty Disero, goes an incomplete appli-

60 days to respond.

his original application to ing, says Disero. build a dozen 1.5 storey semi-detached homes, plus gest challenges of the new a three-storey apartment council — which she will not building. The appeal is based be a part of — will be whethon not receiving a decision er to move forward with within the prescribed time designating the King Street limit, Disero says — similar property to protect at least

with the request for a permit the town moved to designate purchase it. Levy had also appealed to demolish the school build-

One of the first, and big-

portions of the Two Sisters' four lots on John and Charproperties.

Levy revealed his development plans in June 2021, a charette, a meeting with all lotte Streets that make up the with his proposal for the Randwood Estate. The town apartments and semi-dewas eventually successful in tached homes. Two pubdesignating portions of the lic meetings followed, and showed strong opposition Ralph Levy of Liberty to the density, height, design Sites, a Montreal-based com- and other aspects of the procation to the town filed by to Marotta's appeal that was the heritage portion of the pany, bought the four acres posal, which would have re- and planned to submit an

Lord Mayor Betty Disero says, she was still hoping for stakeholders to resolve the conflicts that arose from the application and discuss possible solutions for the future of the property.

Then in May, Levy told Disero he had another idea, previous owner Liberty Sites upheld on his first applica- former school from being and former school building quired rezoning from insti- application to build 14 sinthe heritage portion of the In March, Liberty Sites school his private residence,

building on the property.

Once the application is

lotte Street subdivision.

complete, she says — it still rotta can now continue Lib- so, Disero says, council risks District School Board of Ni- put the property up for with a coach house at the requires a heritage impact erty Site's appeal over the lack another Marotta lawsuit, a re- agara in 2018, after the town sale, with an asking price of report — the town will have of a decision or can continue play of what occurred when unsuccessfully negotiated to \$15,000,000. At that time,

for a permit to demolish the tion for the John and Char- demolished - it is listed in on King Street, considered tutional/community use to gle family homes, making the heritage registry, but was an iconic historic proper- medium density residential. As the new owner, Ma- never designated. In doing ty, for \$4,925,000 from the

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Kaiser wants residents to better understand regional role

Penny Coles The Local

Having had some time to process her election to regional council, Andrea Kaiser says she is excited about the opportunity to serve residents, to communicate the roles and responsibilities of the region, and to help inform residents about the many regional services they might be

unaware of.

curve for her, but maybe not one quite so steep as for those new to municipal politics she spent three terms sitting on town council which have given her experience not only representing her community, but also developing an understanding of the role of the region.

> Her campaign door-



Andrea Kaiser, at the community centre with her daughter Madison election night, says they were pretty much a two-woman team during her campaign. (Penny Coles)

knocking was enlightening, There will be a learning she says, as residents shared what they are thinking and feeling, and what they're concerned about. "Sometimes you think you know that, and you find you don't."

She saw some evidence of what is often said about regional government — that although a large chunk of Niagara-on-the-Lake tax money goes to the region, residents aren't always clear about what they get for their money, though they think the town does not get its fair share of services.

"There is certainly a lower threshold of understanding of what the region does. There seems to be a lot of confusion, especially for people who have moved here from areas that don't have a regional council. There could be a better understanding of the regional role and what it does for the community," she says.

Kaiser says she was given an opportunity to clarify some of the issues, such as the difference in responsibilities for roads and traffic decisions, depending on whether they are municipal or regional roads, but she hopes to do much more in the way of communicating with residents about regional services and responsibilities in the future.

the community the great cil for six years. She was halfhelp people understand what available to them," says Kaiser.

She is already planning does a lot of great work for municipalities, and letting residents know that is one of her priorities, Kaiser says. She has already started to have conversations with Gary Zalepa, talking about "a better plan of communicating to the community. We've earmarked that as a top agenda item on our list, and we'll be sitting down very soon with Marnie (Cluckie, the town's CAO) to talk about that," says Kaiser.

"I want to be more proactive, more visible as far as explaining the regional role."

Zalepa has been the regional councillor representing NOTL for the last four years, and after the Nov. 22 swearing in for the new municipal council, he and Kaiser will both have seats at the regional council table.

There is a regular regional council meeting this week for the outgoing council, and Kaiser plans to attend that with as an observer, she says, with Zalepa using the opportunity to introduce her to some of the other councillors.

projects run by the region, to way through her second term when Zalepa, who had fin- the trend and excitement programs and services are ished in ninth place in 2006, was appointed in 2008 to fill the position left vacant by her next steps. The region Bob Howse, who died of cancer.

> They were both re-elected in 2010, and Kaiser says from her past experience on council, she knows she and Zalepa are both people who work collaboratively, who believe in being positive and respectful, regional prospective.

> "I have great respect for Gary. We already have a good rapport."

While Kaiser says she could have worked well with whomever was elected, having served on council with Zalepa, "I know there will be collaboration between the two of us, and we're open to working with each other."

When she takes her position on regional council, Kaiser says her lifelong career in the wine industry, a passion passed on by her father Karl Kaiser, and her commitment to sustainable agriculture will be on her list of priorities, as will shopping local and promoting local businesses, initiatives that can be encouraged by the region.

"What came out of Kaiser and Zalepa served COVID was the silver lining

businesses," she says.

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"Ten yours ago there was about the global economy. Fast-forward to today and we've really turned inwards in a shift of looking to buy local, and the realization there are local people behind these businesses. I would like to move the needle more on that — I think there are some amazing opportunities to do that."

"I think a big thank you and who both understand the is in order to the people who supported me. It's humbling, and I'm so grateful people are trusting me to do this. It's becoming very real and very exciting," she says.

> "I have lots of great things in mind to work on over the next four years.

> Regional council's inaugural meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 24, and encompasses a morning and afternoon session.

The morning session will be held at 10 a.m. and will consist of members taking their declarations of office, followed by the selection of the regional chair.

The afternoon session will begin at 4 p.m. and will be a more formal process of the administration of declarations of office and the administration of the new regional chair's declaration and inau-





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Provincial legislation a blow to environment

Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

On my hiking tours, or with work at the school board, both adults and kids may ask "is this place protected?" Sometimes, it is followed by a "could it ever be developed?"

In my profession, I walk a fine line and groove a fine dance between optimism and pessimism. In theory, I would like to say with pure confidence that the Wainfleet Bog's provincially unique wetland will never be chiselled away at, that the UNESCO-listed Niagara Escarpment in St. Davids won't ever be embarrassingly shaved bare, and that one of NOTL's last largest remaining woodlots won't involuntarily make room for the next set of townhomes.

However, I have been surprised before. And not in in the fun way, where a Halloween ghoul jumps out to spook you. The biggest ghoul in reality, on a truly spooky occasion, is the Ford government's latest blow to our already feeble yet precious environmental integrity.

Last week, the provincial government tabled new legislation which will permit faster, more insensitive developments.

Perhaps you may jump to a conclusion to that I'm anti-development. This is absolutely not the case, personally or realistically. The human species is reproducing and growing, and we are going to need dwellings to support our society. We all seek a higher standard and quality of life. The growth is coming, so it is time to adapt versus deflect.

According to the legislation, Ontario has a goal of building more than 1.5 million new homes within the next decade. Do the math about how many people that represents in terms of population growth for our province. Perhaps an average of three people, at a modest guess, per 1.5 million housing units. The sheer surface area required for this quota is truly gobsmacking.

Where do these units go when Ontario ideally needs to preserve its agricultural lands and respect its severely depleted wetlands and forests? With most of southern Ontario consisting of private property, new government powers could put

their mandates to protect watersheds and prevent people from living on floodplains, this new legislation could make such developer fantasies a reality.

I would rather see NOTL build obnoxiously tall, narrow dwellings than sprawl outwards with decreased barriers to said spread. This may be an unpopular opinion in a town which leans heavily on aesthetic values, but aesthetics are just a subjective construct of the human mind, while environmental services are a legitimate necessity for all humans, whether you live 100 feet up in the air or in a sprawling bungalow.

There's no way this should ever get developed, for the time being, as it is protected to the highest standards. In objective reality, this forest should never be touched considering the state of environmental affairs on the Niagara Peninsula that's my go-to answer for the question I asked at the start of this article.

However, with worries that conservation authorities may now have less input to advise municipalities on ecologically the province's 36 conservation distasteful developments, one

will likely do the talking while 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the pothe animals do the walking and the creeks do the flooding.

Climate change in our backyard

On that note, I will be presenting at the Niagara-on-the-Lake

tential growing impacts of climate change in NOTL.

With photos from the Hidden Corners nature documentary, from NOTL and across the region, this talk will guide you through a collective picture library.libnet.info/events

aggressive, and environmentally authorities in a weird spot. With can only imagine how money Public Library on Monday, Nov of what we're dealing with and what happens next in regards to our environment and society alike. It will be followed by an engaging question and answer period.

> Attendance is limited. Please register at notlpublic



A family enjoys a fall outing, in an area that should in theory never be developed in NOTL, says environmentalist Owen Bjorgan. "With new provincial legislation though, we can't say 'never say never' anymore, and we must be watchful." (Owen Bjorgan)





NOTL Museum volunteers, Davy Tree Service and other



helpers lift poppies up on the speakers balcony to Chris Allen and Barbara Worthy at the Court House Monday to drape the historic building to recognize Remembrance Day. It was the first-time project at the Court House, and the second year for the NOTL Museum, which was also decorated. (Photos by David Gilchrist)



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Developer can proceed with civil claim for damages

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damages to proceed.

The decision written by Judge Peter Lauwers sends the case back to the Superior Court of Justice, and directs a trial of the issues of Hummel's claims of "negligent misrepresentation and misfeasance in public office." "The issues of whether

adoption of the initial interim control bylaw was illegal, and whether there was bad faith in its enactment, may says.

awarded Hummel Properties

its costs of the proceeding. Judges Ian Nordheimer

the process leading to the and Benjamin Zarnett agreed with Lauwers' decision.

Hummel maintains his challenge to the town's action was not only necessary to be litigated afresh," Lauwers protect his own interests, but was even more importantly The Court of Appeal critical to the public interest. "The community as a whole

and each individual taxpayer from its elected representatives. These are the individues a special trust. That trust not be breached," says Hummel, president of Hummel Properties, in a press release issued Monday.

in this town deserves more burden the town's taxpayers, new council, and to other although cost is an unfortunate side effect of litigation. als in whom the public plac- Rather, our intention was to protect our interests and the must be honoured. It must public interest, and to right an egregious wrong committed by the former council."

"In righting that wrong," Hummel says he hopes to all of its residents."

"It was never our intent to send a clear message to the municipal councils, that they must act lawfully, "and that they govern themselves at all times within the principles of transparency, accountability and good faith. If that message is received, then our action will benefit the town and

Designation could guard against demolition of school

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back for friends and guests. He said then he was hop-

this summer.

said, "I think residents will be is forever removed." relieved and happy that the ing to begin selling the lots much feared prospect/threat ings about the concept with

of the site being upzoned town planning staff, Dise-In his email to Disero, he into higher density in future ro says as far as she knows it could mean some protec-

Although he had meet-



This plan for 14 detached homes and a private residence was proposed by Liberty Sites, but doesn't seem to have been submitted to the town. (Supplied)

that application was never tion for Parliament Oak," submitted. There is some concern

zoning of the property for higher density, backed by tional use, says Disero. That Premier Doug Ford's legislation introduced recently that can override municipal mer hospital site on Wellingzoning laws.

the bill Tuesday, Oct. 25, call-1.5 million new homes built Oak site. over the next 10 years.

es from the region that al- long-term," Disero says, addthough the town has to meet ing that's one of the questions provincial residential density that should be answered requirements, it can shift it first, with lots of variables to to areas where it chooses for consider. that to occur.

she says.

The other question that that if the town allows re- needs to be answered is regarding the ongoing discusany level of residential use, sion of how much property Marotta could ask for even the town needs for institubecame an issue during recent discussions of the forton Street. No decision has The government tabled been made yet on the future of that property, and when it ing it the More Homes, Built is, it could influence zoning Faster Act, with a goal of decisions for the Parliament leverage to negotiate what he

"Council will have to Disero has had assuranc- look at what is needed for the

"Once the town decides ters, returned emails.

"If that remains the case, what to do with the hospital, Parliament Oak might become even more significant. There were 11 different proposals for the hospital site, and any one of the could be selected. That could make Parliament Oak more valuable as institutional use."

She also questions whether there was a different intent altogether in mind when Marotta purchased the Parliament Oak property, such as the possibility of offering to collaborate with the town on its future, using it as can build on the Randwood property.

By press time Marotta hadn't responded to calls from The Local to share his plans, nor had his sonin-law, who has become a spokesperson for Two Sis-



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Bisback philosophical about election loss

Penny Coles The Local

Allan Bisback admits to being "gobsmacked" with the results of last week's election.

He expected he and Betty Disero would be part of the next term of council, although maybe not with the measure of support he would have liked.

He realizes he might have concentrated on the message him — the town's finances are in good shape, despite some claims to the contrary.

Bisback had that confirmed by finance director Kyle Freeborn at the last council meeting before the election. Freeborn indicated the town "is in pretty

good shape," says Bisback, but members felt when canvassing budget committee, and who about the election results. in the long run, he wonders that there was support for him, whether voters weren't listening, or just didn't care.

The criticism from council about the budget, "were from and Gary Burroughs to be in he had lost by 60 votes, his first those who never attended a budget meeting," he adds.

years to be fiscally responsible but it seems to me now people didn't really care about that."

He also felt he had made that was most important to a meaningful contribution to council and in the community over the last four years, "and that I represented all residents to the best of my ability. I tried to approach my time on council from a practical point of view, not an emotional one."

but he realizes it's easy to misinterpret how much.

He expected Erwin Wiens the top two, and that some of the young first-time candidates "I thought the last four would be successful, but he also thought there would be a place for the incumbents.

> The make-up of the new council may have been the "vote local" message, and a vote against the relative newcomers, he suggests.

He wasn't the only one surprised — that was a recurring theme from those at the community centre Monday night. As a diligent, hard-working Both he and his team councillor who was chair of the

was always prepared, others expected he would be returned to the council table.

When Bisback discovered reaction was that he would stay involved, maybe join some town committees. He's since changed his mind.

He'll be watching the budget process closely - what ends up included in the budget is what's important to council, he says, and there will be "some challenging and important decisions to be made?

But he will be watching some of it from afar. He and his wife Lori are making travel plans to three different locations that will take them through to the new year something they have been unable to do in recent years.

Having had some time to reflect, Bisback is philosophical

"The residents have spoken, and it will be up the new council to deliver on their important things in life."

promises. That's democracy," he says.

"And for me, there are more



Allan and Lori Bisback watched the election results posted at the community centre last week, surprised and disappointed when Allan suddenly went from eighth to ninth place, but now are content to plan to do some travelling. (Penny Coles)

Removing bollards part of seasonal plan, region says

Penny Coles The Local

The bollards residents saw removed recently from Four Mile Creek Road in St. Davids were only expected to be temporary, installed by Niagara region as a pilot project to slow down traffic and provide safely for cyclists in the bike lanes.

That they are now gone was always part of the plan, said Carolyn Ryall, director of the region's transportation services division.

Last Tuesday, St. Davids residents reported there had been emergency vehicles on Four Mile Creek Road, and drivers had not pulled over as they should in response to lights and sirens. Some were questioning whether that was why the bollards have been removed.

Nothing was brought forward to the regional transportation department related to a safety issue, said Ryall. "In conversations with emergency services to date, no issues have been raised. Staff will continue to review with emergency services and other service provid-

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"The bollards were scheduled to be removed as part of winter operations," she added, and all road work was completed as part of the bollard re-

ers as part of the assessment."

they were removed. The region is not aware of any safety issues resulting from the removal of the bollards, and "will assess the road condition in the spring."

Road safety, including safety for additional modes of travel, is a top priority, said Ryall. "Bicycle bollards were installed as part of Niagara Region's bicycle bollard pilot project to enhance safety for additional modes."

The bollards were discussed as one of a number of options to slow down traffic and make Four Mile Creek it's safe to do so, she said.

Road safer for all users, including those on bikes, Ryall told The Local when the bollards were installed. "The separation between cyclists and vehicles is key," she said. The decision was movals, with caps placed where made in response to concerns heard from St. Davids residents about the speed of vehicles through that area and the threat to the safety of cyclists.

> The region will be evaluating how effective the bollards have been and will be making recommendations for the future, said Ryall. Even if they are approved for permanent use, they will be seasonal, and removed for the winter.

> They are spaced far enough apart, at a distance prescribed under provincial legislation, that vehicles can move to the side of the road and back when

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work with, but their resources have disappeared, and they are vastly underpaid. They can find themselves facing life or death decisions to keep kids safe; in the day to give it to them. looking after those who others unattended; dealing discovered sex but don't understand what's appropriate out of the way of frustrat- mean there are not enough

group of educational sup- lunch while others get into situation created by Premier meaningful jobs. But they're will use the "notwithstandall sorts of mischief be- Doug Ford can only make it not fairly compensated or ing clause" to protect the cause there aren't enough worse. workers to look after them; and perhaps saddest of all, kids in school, but he will They love the kids they trying to care for students not have enough support who are neglected at home workers to look after them. and come to school as their safe place, needing attention, love and kindness, and ly Tuesday morning that there just isn't enough time would impose a contract on

have no control over bodi- school day, many exhausted ly functions while leaving support workers go to second jobs to pay their bills, Friday. with teenagers who have and to food banks for their meals.

An online post of a flying; feeding students at who need it most, and the educators - important,

He says he wants to keep

Provincial politicians began debating a bill ear-Ontario education workers, And at the end of the hoping to fast-track legislation and have it passed by

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Inadequate wages and represents education workin the classroom; getting poor working conditions ers, including educational assistants, librarians, custoed kids sending furniture workers to care for the kids dians, and early childhood work they do.

given adequate resourc-

for a strike, and said Tuesjob despite Ford's legislation and his threats of fines of up fines for the union.

Thursday to prevent a strike the unions for wanting to an hour, along with some "feather their nests." Ask benefits such as overtime an education worker if they pay at twice the regular pay believe that. They want a rate, to keep up with high wage they can live on, one inflation after a decade of that shows respect for the government-imposed wage very difficult and important cuts. It might just be enough

legislation from legal chales. They're the lowest paid lenges, overriding portions many levels, horrible for group of education workers. of the Canadian Charter of Their union has called Rights and Freedoms. Ford must know it was not inday they would walk off the tended for labour disputes.

The province is offering 10 per cent over four years to \$4,000 per day for those to workers who are already who do strike, and heavier underpaid, CUPE is asking for annual salary increases Ford says he blames of 11.7 per cent, about \$3.25 to ensure school boards can

The province also says it attract and keep educational workers to provide the services our students need.

> This is wrong on so students and parents, and for education workers who are entitled to a living wage.

> The solution: get both sides back to the table, and give these people the wage and respect they deserve. Let's hope by Friday the provincial government will have done what is right and a strike will be averted.

> But we don't hold out much hope that what is right is likely to happen.

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Acting together we can achieve a lot for community



Wayne Gates, MPP **Niagara Falls Riding**

end of Ontario's municelection or re-election of mayors, councillors, retrustees across Niagara.

elected representatives.

and congratulate all who also fulfilling. ran in our municipal elec-Last week we saw the for your community should be applauded. Put-

importance of our local convincing friends to pound in signs, and family government refuse to be ment. Firstly, I'd like thank sacrifices can be a lot-but siloed and work effective-

tions. Running for elected necting with voters is im- been my goal and I hope over the next four years. the region, we still saw a office — making the com- portant for our democ- to continue that with our The stewardship of our nearly 11-point drop from mitment to public service racy. So to everyone who new town council and lord environment and agri- 2018. It's concerning, but ran—thank you.

Secondly, I think it's ipal campaigns and the ting yourself out there isn't crucial that we address the about bringing our com- protecting the heritage ward, work together on easy. I remember my first importance of working munity's issues directly and character of Niaga- the challenges we face, we election at the municipal together as we move forgional councillors and level. It takes a great deal ward. I've always felt that includes issues facing our paramount. These issues of re-instilling faith in our of commitment, work and when we listen to each These elections are vital support from your friends other productively, we can cil. I want all local elected nicipal, regional, and pro- our neighbours that all for all our communities and family. The long days come closer to accom-

When multiple levels of of our provincial governmayor.

to Queen's Park and that ra-on-the-Lake will be can do the hard working local and regional coun- regularly cross both mu- government. We can show officials to know our of- vincial jurisdiction and I levels of government can fice is always here to work feel confident we can con- work together, and make collaboratively and ensure tinue to act collectively to positive impacts in their

and I want to speak to the of knocking on doors, plishing our shared goals. community get to desks in our community.

ly together-good things will continue to face chal-Sharing ideas and con- happen. That's always lenges and opportunities Niagara-on-the-Lake led cultural lands, action on I believe it's an opportu-I've never been shy affordable housing and nity. If we can move forthe critical issues of our tackle the pressing issues lives and community.

To be frank, voter turnout for both our provincial Niagara-on-the-Lake and municipal elections were disappointing. While



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COMMENT-Thinking positively reduces impacts of aging

Larry W Chambers Rebekah Sibbald **Special to The Local**

Lisa LaFlamme's recent dismissal as the CTV news anchor made international headlineswith allegations of ageism rallying public figures and inflaming social media.

The controversy also shed light on the disproportionate effect age stereotypes have on women, especially in the media industry. Although devastating, LaFlamme's dismissal is far from an isolated incident. With 32 per cent of Canada's population over 55, if ageism isn't directly impacting you, it's playing a role in the lives of your family, friends or work colleagues.

According to the World Health Organization, "ageism refers to the stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination towards others or oneself based on age." As with many -isms, this occurs at both the individual and societal level, with these stereotypes infiltrating the policies, practices and structures of major institutions-such as the media, as with LaFlamme-but also healthcare, research, government and education.

Unlike its portrayal in our North American media, aging is not an inexorable march towards frailty and discomfort. As blue zone communities in Greece, Japan and Costa Rica demonstrate, old age does not have to be a big problem until individuals reach their nineties.

Four processes that affect whether we live better, for longer, include our physical, cognitive and emotional fitness; our understanding of aging; our efforts to prevent and tackle disease; and finally, thinking positively.

Of these four processes, thinking positively is the least commonly discussed. Becca Levy, a professor of epidemiology and psychology at the Yale School of Public Health, is working to change this. In her new book, Breaking the Age Code, Levy runs through the evidence that shows how beliefs

from severe disabilities, have stronger memories and better hearing, while also being less likely to develop psychiatric illnesses and experience cardiovascular events. Furthermore, individuals with positive perceptions of aging live an average of 7.5 years longer than their peers, with these beliefs playing a greater role in determining longevity than gender, income, social background, loneliness or functional health.

Dr. Levy takes these ideas a step further by showing that many of our negative beliefs about aging are less psychologically ingrained than we might think. In several of her studies, Levy reports that just 10 minutes of exposure to positive age stereotypes significantly ameliorates older people's memory performance, walking speed and balance, with lasting improvements occurring after regular and consistent exposure. Not only does she provide evidence that our beliefs about aging play an essential role in the aging process, but that changing these beliefs is not as hard as we might think-it's something we can all do in our own lives and communities.

As an individual, change your own mindset

Considering the malleability of these beliefs, Levy provides a structure for chipping away at our own negative age stereotypes, while building a mindset of thriving as we age. Levy calls this framework The ABCs of Age Liberation, providing multiple exercises to facilitate each step in the framework. She recommends we each:

*Increase awareness of both positive and negative representations of aging in society. As a start, Levy suggests building a list of positive older role models, drawing from our own lives, broader society, history or even fiction. She also suggests looking for ways to expand our social circles to be more intergenerational or look for ways to increase intergenerational contacts in our daily lives.

*Place blame where it belongs by remembering that about aging determine how long physical and cognitive health agara Regional Campus, Michael challenges can be in part attributed to the negative beliefs instilled by society. For example, she recommends we avoid the student in the Niagara Regional term "senior moment" to describe when either we or an older person misplaces objects or

details. Instead, she suggests we consider other causes of temporary forgetfulness: being rushed, distracted, stressed, or upset.

*Challenge negative age beliefs to reduce the harm caused by ageism. Levy recommends determining which candidates for public office are considering the well-being of their older constituents. She also recommends we confront media ageism when it arises. For example, send a letter or sign a petition to inform Bell Media of your support for Lisa LaFlamme.

Levy calls for an end to structural ageism, offering ideas for how we can impact change in different parts of our communities. For exampe, in medicine, provide more specific training in the care of older patients, that is comparable to what all medical education programs do for pediatrics.

In government, install a federal anti-ageism agency that advocates for the rights of older adults and that champions age empowerment programs.

In the workplace, institute a system to rate companies on age positivity and inclusiveness, much like existing programs for evaluating environmental impact.

In public spaces, establish age-inclusive housing that integrates older individuals into their communities, encourages intergenerational contact, and supports healthy habits.

In media, award prizes to advertisements that highlight positive age stereotypes and empower older people.

In popular culture, establish a national holiday that celebrates older individuals, much like with Japan's Respect for the Aged Day.

In light of Lisa LaFlamme's struggle, we all need to rethink aging. Like any revolution, that change might start small have a conversation with a family member or friend about this article.

Larry W. Chambers has authored 200 articles and books concerning aging, disease prevention (e.g., dementia), and community supports for older adults. He is Research Director of the Ni-

-*Local*letters-High standards important during an election

just been through a municipal election, and lots of 'news' stories were created during the lead up to voting. I want to thank you and The Local for always adhering to high standards of balanced, ethical journalism.

In our community, our country and in other nations formation in multiple ways around the world, we've seen increasing examples of how some forms of communication-'false news,' or malicious content intended to cause harm, have created dangerous situations for politicians, journalists and private misinformation, incite ridicitizens. The journalist's job cule, hate or violent actions

To the editor: NOTL has is an important one. It would be a better/safer world if public information always met the professional journalistic standards for truthfulness, accuracy, independence, objectivity, impartiality, fairness, respect for others and public accountability.

People now find their inbesides traditional print media. Often unsubstantiated 'opinion' is disguised as 'fact.' The explosive use of social media platforms-whether they are open or closed sources, can spread sensational

against others. Content can be manipulated and falsified. How do we know what news sources to trust? Even before the advent of the internet, Winston Churchill said, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

By its consistent adherence to high standards, and solid content during our election, The Local has earned the reputation of being a trustworthy, and responsible news source for the NOTL community. Thank you for this important service.

Sharon Fravne NOTL

To those who spew hate on social media: Grow up!

I am sick and tired of scrolling through my newsone else's opinion or thoughts on any specific subject. What feeds on various social media accounts and seeing nothing we can change is how we act but slanderous comments, towards one another. Be the harassment, and hate beadults that you're supposed to tween fellow residents of be and keep your underhand-Niagara-on-the-Lake. ed and downright rude com-

We cannot change some- ments to yourselves.

How do you expect children and teenagers to stop bullying their peers when you as adults are doing just that? Grow up.

> Rebecca van der Zalm NOTL

NOTL showed 'sordid underbelly' during election

known as one of the prettiest change. The community towns in Canada — and one was very clear they wanted a of the kindest, too — recently exposed her sordid underbelly from beginning to and so unlike the NOTL I've end in the recent municipal come to know and love, is elections. It was gratifying what appeared to me to be an that so many residents cast organized campaign of hatred their votes - democracy at its on social media. very best.

to have respectful debates and that their targets were human opposing views. And there's beings.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, nothing wrong in seeking change and voted accordingly. But what was unhealthy

The internet trolls with all It's healthy in a campaign their hurtful rhetoric forgot

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Thank you to the outgoing council for all your hard work and service. And the best of luck to the new council. It will be interesting to see whether you deliver on your campaign promises, breach the current townsfolk divisiveness, truly collaborate and govern for all NOTLers respectfully and without undermining each other.

> **Helen Arsenault** Virgil

and how well people live.

Citing many of her own studies, Levy describes how individuals with more positive perceptions of aging perform better on physical and cognitive tests, are more likely to recover

G. DeGroote School of Medicine, McMaster University.

Rebekah Sibbald is a medical Campus, Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, McMaster University.

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Plato relishes taking on job of fire chief

Penny Coles The Local

new fire chief.

The former deputy chief was given the position following "a robust tiatives and emergency recruitment process," the management efforts. He town news release says a position which includes knowledge surrounding the title of community continuous improvement emergency management methodologies and fire coordinator, and was effective Oct. 24.

Plato says in the few days since he was given interest in learning how the job, nothing much has the department runs, he changed.

He and Deputy Chief Darren Trostenko have been sharing the role of Ruller "did a good job acting chief since Nick ensuring everyone knew Ruller left in February to take a job with a fire department in Brampton, along." and since then, "not a lot has changed in day-today activity, but it's nice to department meant he have something official in wanted to be involved, place," Plato says.

It also feels good to know the town did conduct a search, and made it now working on himself. clear when giving him the into the future."

recent years, with a master plan created to ensure meeting, speaking to them the fire department is and dealing with council well-situated to move its will be new, he says. volunteer model forward. There has been regular him, "will be dealing with communication between new people on council, the former fire chief and new responsibilities and council, and Plato attend- new roles." ed many council meetings, some because he was ing his former fire chief in required to, and others their new roles — when ed, and wanted to further cil, newly-elected Nick

his own development, he says.

Jay Plato is the town's years, the town news release says, Plato "has been pivotal in the town's COVID-response inihas also gained a wealth of and emergency services optimization."

In addition to his own credits his former chief with being part of that continuing learning what was happening, and how things were coming

Also, he added, his personal interest in the and to learn, including about how the budget was developed — a task he is

The next challenge will job that "they trusted me be meeting and working to lead this department with a new council - although the people who Much has changed in were elected are not exactly new faces, his job of

"Everyone," including

And he will be meetbecause he was interest- Plato is speaking to coun-







Fire Chief Jay Plato (Town of NOTL photo)

Ruller will be at the table.

He's looking forward to the better." seeing how that plays out, that the former chief not only understands the dedirection."

Ruller did a great job of keeping council up to date, and that's an initiative Plato plans to continue. "The more informa-

Plato says he was never and considers it a positive that little boy who wanted able the job of building to grow up to be a fireman inspector, where he began — that was not on his rapartment's visions for the dar. He came to it through 2012, and fire prevention future, "he helped set the his role as a town building are — that was where he inspector, he explains. His started with the departdiploma in architectural ment in 2017. technology from Mohawk College led to that building as an inspector, job, and he has continued he explains, you're look- ie also acknowledges his

fire protection.

He realized how relatworking for the town in

When you go into a

building code standpoint, which includes a lot of fire safety aspects. It's very similar to the role of fire prevention, although that is typically going into existing buildings, not those under construction. When you go into an older building, you're making sure it meets current fire codes, he explains.

"At the end of the day, both codes exist for ensuring the life safety of all residents of Ontario," he says. "You're hoping to make a difference, hoping to reduce the chance of fire, and ultimately hoping to save lives. That's what drew me to it."

When he joined the department in fire prevention, he also became a volunteer firefighter in St. Davids, which he continued until he became deputy chief.

If there is one aspect to this role that will change, he says, it won't be the day-to-day activity, it will be taking on the responsibility that comes with being fire chief.

Knowing it's his job to guide the department, having that level of responsibility built into everything he does, and continuing all the good work that makes the fire department one of the best in Ontario, he says, "is the one thing that has really changed — the responsibility for all of that." The town has faith he

can do the job.

"Jay has been essential tion we can give council, service management and in overseeing fire prevention, fire and life safety education, fire investigation activities, managing municipal emergency management, and more," says Lord Mayor Betty Disero. His proven expertise, she continues, will make Plato an asset to the corporation and the community.

CAO Marnie Clucklearning in the field of fire ing at if from the Ontario role in strategic direction and guidance, both as acting fire chief and

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deputy fire chief. "Jay has served as a senior leader, overseeing all community risk reduction activities while leading more than 100 members through a transformational change of developing an organizational culture for the town's fire and emergency services department. In his time as a leader, he has helped to improve the department and is constantly learning new ways to enhance processes and modernize service. I am confident that Jay's skillset, leadership and passion for community safety will make him an excellent fire chief for the town."

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Joy, hope and positivity



At St. Davids Public School, teachers, principal Carl Glauser and DSBN superintendent Darren Van Hooydonk dance with Gurdeep Pandher. (Photos supplied)

Last week, Priya Litt arranged a surprise for a friend, Gurdeep Pandher, to visit St. Davids Public School. Pandher wanted to meet Litt's daughter Achal, and did, at an event intended to spread joy, happiness and positivity through his bhangra dance at the school. Bhangra is a traditional folk dance of Punjab, usually done in the season of harvesting, was created by farmers wanting to express their gratitude to the land. Pandher, a bhangra dancer from the Yukon with YouTube videos that have been watched more than 50 million times, is currently on a Joy, Hope and Positivity Tour across Canada, which he began in the Maritime Provinces, where he danced to bagpipes at Peggys Cove. St. Davids students and staff were thrilled to have him, and it ended up being a lovely experience for all, says Litt.



Gurdeep Pandher with Achal Litt. Pandher is a family friend Achal has danced with before.



Superintendent Darren Van Hooydonk, with Gurdeep Pandher and St. Davids principal Carl Glauser.



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Women in Business to honour Zimmerman Nov. 18

Penny Coles The Local

Debbie Zimmerman has had a career of serving her community, from her early days as a journalist, decades as a municipal and regional councillor, the regional chair for two terms, and since 2003, the CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario.

For her extensive work for the community she is being honoured by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce with the Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award.

As a young graduate from the Niagara College journalism program, her first job was as a reporter for the Grimsby Independent community newspaper.

She became interested in municipal politics as she covered them, learning the importance of the impact they have on a community, and on a \$25 bet from newspaper colleagues, ran for Grimsby's municipal council in 1978, and won. During that time, she told the advertising department of the Independent, "because I couldn't cover an election I was running in."





The Local, she switched to Debbie Zimmerman is being honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the community. (Denis Cahill)

her community when she was elected chair in 1997.

gional council in 1989, and a position with the Grape 2014. Growers of Ontario in

Zimmerman resigned 2003, but continued serving her service to the commuran and was elected to re- as chair when she accepted on regional council until nity, there she was also a volunteer with many differ-And in the decades of ent organizations and agen-

cies, including serving as Niagara Escarpment Commissioner; was a board director for YMCA of Niagara, and worked on fundraisers for Pathstone Mental Health and the West Lincoln Hospital.

She has been the recipient of many awards over the years, including the Niagara Award in 1998, the Niagara College Board of Governors Award in 2001, the YWCA Woman of Distinction award in 2003 and Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Award in 2013.

Her interest in agriculture and Ontario grape growers was heightened, she recalls, when as regional chair she attended a grape growers update, and was fascinated with what they were doing, and the impact on the economy "from the grapes that are processed into an Ontario bottle of wine" at a time when new wineries were opening and automotive manufacturing was shutting down.

"I thought what a cool industry it was to look at for the future, never thinking I'd be looking at it as a job," she says.

She knew many people

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A variety of awards to recognize Niagara women

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in the industry, and not long after that meeting, local grape grower Ray Duc's father and Bill George, whom she had crowned Grape King, approached her and asked that she apply for the position of CEO.

"I could see the potential of the industry," she says, "and the grape growers didn't have a voice. The winemakers were the only ones speaking for the industry."

the wineries were supporting legislation that would have benefited them, but not the growers and VQA wines, she says. The role of the Grape Growers of Ontario was to promote made-in-Ontario wines with grapes grown in Ontario, and that remains unchanged.

Since then, the economic footprint has grown, with more than 200 wineries, 500 grape growers and 18,000 acres of grapes, but what hasn't increased is the number of VQA about expressing our apwines on the shelves, says Zimmerman.

grape industry to a high-quality vinifera grape of the GNCC. "One day is

some of the same issues are join us." still dogging us."

"Our VQA share of the market hasn't grown that much," she explains. "We have to have more opportunities to put VQA wine on the shelf."

There is another aspect that remains unchanged, says Zimmerman. "It's still a fascinating industry."

Zimmerman will be presented with her award It was at a time when at the Women in Business event Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Italia on Montrose Road in Niagara Falls.

> The Women in Business Awards is an annual event presented by the GNCC to recognize the leadership and success of women in the business community, with an aim to encourage more women to seek out and reach for leadership roles in business, nonprofits, and in their community.

"These awards are all preciation and admiration for women who inspire, "Going from a juice lead, create, and solve," says Mishka Balsom, CEO

industry has changed ev- not enough to showcase erything, with \$98 in eco- the ability and talent of nomic spinoff for every our finalists. We hope that bottle sold in the region and everyone who is proud to province," she says, "but support female leaders will

This year's finalists are:

Business That Gives Back Award, sponsored by Niagara Community Foundation: Two Sisters Vineyards Queen Bean Café Westview Centre4Women

Community Impact Award, *sponsored by Niagara* College · Alexis Kleiman · April Mitchell-Boudreau · Diana Myrie · Gynette Smith · Kimberly Cathline · Sandra Easton

Corporate Leadership Award, sponsored by Hatch · Erin Hagar, Airbus Helicopters Canada Ltd. · Faith Winter, Canadian Tire Bank · Marie Fucile, Youngs Insurance Brokers Inc.

Cultural Arts Award, sponsored by CAA Niagara · Kate Leathers, Carousel Players ·Kristin Messina, Hedessent.ca ·Rima Boles, Niagara Pumphouse Sarah Kaufman,

Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum Emerging Business Award, sponsored by Niagara Region Economic Development Charlotte Scace, Cluo Inc. · Cheryl Vanditelli, Queen Bean Café · Renée Delaney, Small Scale Farms

Entrepreneurship Award, sponsored by Kane's Distributing · Alicia Yap & Olenka Lyle, ClaraDerma+ · Annemarie Bolle, Hero Dog Treats Inc · Shannon Passero, Shannon Passero Design · Tammara Scaringi-Stanek, On Demand Staffing

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Peninsula Energy Inc. · Catherine O'Donnell, Willow Cakes and Pastries · Samanntha De Coteau, Summit Sisters

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For 2022, the Ruth Unrau Legacy Award has been created in the name of Women in Niagara co-founder Ruth Unrau, to be conferred upon a woman who shares Ruth's spirit and dedication to advocacy for women in business, and who has lifted up female entrepreneurs through her work and support. The award recipient will have championed women in trade and commerce, and empowered others to achieve success. For the inaugural year, Ruth will be the recipient.

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Steps to take if this happens to you If you think an unautho-

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Tips for staying connected when managing health challenges

(NC) Life is richer when shared with people you love, whether it's attending a birthday party or going for a leisurely stroll.

These moments are especially valued by many of us living with chronic conditions, whether it's arthritis, diabetes or a lung condition like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) – a chronic inflammatory lung disease that makes it difficult to breathe. Many of us worry about losing our independence, the ability to partic-

dition progresses.

tough, here are some reminders to help you get do together in the future. through:

Keep communication open

symptoms with trusted managing a chronic health family, friends and healthcare providers, especially if things you and your healththey are new or worsening. Speaking openly can lift a make your life a bit easier. weight off your shoulders, As your situation changes, even if it's uncomfortable at re-evaluate what's working,

ipate in activities, or feeling first. Beyond just discussing what's not, and make any independence as well as the same condition. socially isolated as our con- your symptoms, also talk about what you and your For when times feel network can do together now, and what you hope to

Revisit how you manage your condition

While there is no silver Be honest about your bullet when it comes to condition, there may be care providers can do to

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adjustments based on your reduce flare-ups and hospidoctor's advice.

When it comes to managing a condition such as **Reconnect with and grow** COPD, which includes emphysema and chronic of physical activity, respiratory rehab programs, ap-

talizations.

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your support system

Your doctor, family and bronchitis, a combination close friends don't have to be your only source of support. Seek out groups onpropriate medications and line or via your healthcare avoiding irritants and aller- team to find people you can COPD management, visit gens can all help maintain relate with and who have lunghealth.ca/COPD

Finding the right supports and management strategies, with help from your family, friends and healthcare team, can make a major difference in your ability to maintain independence and continue enjoying activities you love.

To learn more about

Tips for Canadian snowbirds escaping winter

As the world opens back up, many Canadian retirees will return to winter havens south of the border. Why spend the winter shoveling when you can spend it with your toes in the sand? If you're planning an extended trip away from your home, be sure to protect yourself, your home and your belongings. Here are a few things to do before you hit the beach:

Keep eyes on your home

Have a friend or neigh-

Prevent water damage

winter relaxing, the last thing you want is to come home to a burst pipe. Turn electrical supply to your hot water tank. If there is a leak or a burst pipe, this will minimize any potential damage. These actions will only take a few minutes, but they can prevent significant damage.

Review your coverage

Before you leave, talk to bour stop by periodically to a licensed insurance agent. thing sensitive, block them collect your mail, shovel your They are experts in their and report them to the platdriveway and move your field, and they can help you form you're on. determine if you have the proper insurance coverage to fit your needs. If there are *GetCyberSafe.ca*.

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Annual legion poppy campaign has begun

Mike Balsom The Local

The 2022 Poppy campaign has begun. About 15 members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 and more from the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 809 Newark Squadron will be distributing the symbols of the First World War until Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

Though the Legion's national press release makes reference to distributing poppies in fewer locations this year, In Niagara-on-the-Lake, donations are being accepted in more spots than ever before.

"We have over 200 counter boxes out in various businesses throughout the community," branch president Al Howse tells The Local. "We're certainly not cutting down. And for the first time we have some tap boxes where you can tap your card as opposed to offering cash."

Those touchless options, called Pay Tribute Poppy Boxes, were rolled out last year. With a simple tap of a debit or credit card, donations of \$2, \$5 or \$10 can be made to the legion. A pilot program was rolled out nationally in 2020 and adopted in some areas last year. Howse is happy NOTL is part of the rollout this year.

Another modern innovation is the availability of biodegradable poppies in weeks leading to Rememsome locations.

(in NOTL) are the same ones we've always had,"



Al Howse and Paul Dolby offer poppies to passers-by on Queen Street. They say they enjoy the opportunity to get out and talk to people about Remembrance Day and what it means. (Mike Balsom)

Howse says. "I haven't seen Fund. any biodegradable ones. biodegradable, though."

"The poppies we have mates the campaign raises ows and their families. more than \$20,000 each year for the Poppy Trust veterans in Niagara Falls utes to Operation Leave the long. These aren't neces- cenotaph at 1 p.m.

All of our wreaths now are used to provide support to local veterans. Legion The majority of the local members pay regular vislegion's fundraising efforts its to hospitalized veterans. come during these two They also provide transportation, meals, shelter brance Day. Howse esti- and food to veterans, wid-

Regionally, homeless

they have helped provide from the streets. wheelchairs, walkers and other mobility devices, and that membership has actueven provided a stairlift to ally been up at Branch 124 one family.

On the provincial front, the Poppy Trust Fund helps to 10 new members evto provide service dogs to ery month," Howse says.

are supported with meals Streets Behind, helping to The money raised is and transportation, and rescue homeless veterans

> Howse tells The Local this year.

veterans, and also contrib- "It's been going on all year

sarily those that have fallen away during the pandemic. These are people who may have gotten to know us through our (Thursday) fish fry and other events, who decide to come in and join."

Howse estimates about a quarter of the local membership in the Legion consists of veterans.

"We look at any person who has served in the military, the RCMP or a police force," he explains. "Anyone who has served the country and taken the oath to put themselves in harm's way for the community is a veteran."

Besides the importance of the funds raised through the poppy campaign, Howse says the weeks leading up to Nov. 11 are a highlight for the legion members who go out to meet the public.

"We are in our uniforms, out on the streets connecting with people," says Howse, "offering poppies and asking people to remember our veterans. A lot of younger people say 'thank you for your service,' or 'my father was in the army,' or 'my grandfather was in the navy? And a lot of Americans, who have their own Veterans Day (also on Nov. 11), give us donations and take poppies, recognizing that our day is very similar to theirs."

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 will hold ser-"We are gaining five vices at both cenotaphs on Nov. 11. The Queen Street service will start at 10.45 a.m. and at the Queenston



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Danny Lamb's new single an inspirational call to arms

Mike Balsom The Local

The lyrics to Niagara-onthe-Lake-born musician Danny Lamb's new single Bigger Than Me read like the singersongwriter's life story.

"Ever since I was young my head's in the clouds, chasing my wildest dreams and seeing the world," it begins, "Like some shameless kind of idealist, wanting to re-write all the stars for someone, to do something bigger than I coulda dreamed."

To an anthemic backing, featuring upbeat rhythms and multi-

tracked backing vocals, all are around that rhythmic element." locations. played and sung by Lamb himself under the banner of Danny Lamb and the Association. The inspiring new track is an extension of having spent roughly half his 34 years as a spokesperson for those living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

tates toward Coldplay, Imagine Dragons, U2," he says on the line from the Niagara Falls home and studio he shares with his younger brother Kyle. "On this song, I was looking for something within that realm. It started with a drum sample, and I built the chords and vibes

"My writing style gravi-



Danny Lamb (Colour Press)

It drives home an optimistic, positive message, something that Lamb says comes naturally.

"I was raised (by parents Ken and Diane) to believe that anything is possible," he says. "Dad was our soccer coach. He always told us 'attitude is everything' and 'dream, believe, achieve'. Those attitudes were embedded into the fabric of how we were raised in our house."

Diagnosed at three years old with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, affecting his nervous system and spinal cord, Lamb admits his parents may have pushed those narratives on all three boys (including the youngest, Greg) to show him he didn't need to be defined by that part of his story.

"That allowed me to feel empowered from the very beginning," he says. "I will be forever grateful to them for that. It's a big part of who I am today, and how I love to work with people as well."

When he was about 18 years old Lamb became an ambassador for Hydrocephalus Canada. While attending a global conference in Stockholm, Sweden, he developed the idea for a project called A Song A City. That project took him from Dublin, Ireland to Peterborough, England, then on to Glasgow and Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Brussels and finally, Izmir, Turkey, writing a song in each of the seven

Holiday Open House

Since then he has continued his advocacy work for spina bifida and hydrocephalus associations, hosting the PUSH (People United for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus) podcast as well as two PUSH worldwide livestreams, the latest of which them all together into one was on Oct. 15.

and support of each of the participants from around the globe are evident when watching the recording of that PUSH livestream (you can see it at asongacity.com/thepush livestream2022).

"The goal is to connect, celebrate and amplify the voices and stories across our community," he says of the event. "There are so many cool organizations and humans doing incredible work. But there was never anything that brought space in one day. That's what Danny's enthusiasm for the livestream is all about."

Lamb is putting the finishing touches on a follow-up single with the working title Believe, which he sheepishly admits seems a bit too corny or obvious. He also has plans for an EP which he hopes to ate more equity in the world."

release in early 2023. And Bigger Than Me may end up as the centrepiece of a full CD that collects music from others around the world like Lamb.

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Bigger Than Me, available for streaming on Spotify, Apple Music and all streaming platforms, continues Lamb's mission to use his music and creative abilities as a vessel for change in the world.

"I've always looked up to artists who have used their platform, songs and voices to speak up," Lamb says, "creating a space to address social issues and cre-

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee returns for Bravo Niagara!

Mike Balsom The Local

Long-time Bravo Niagara! Festival favourite Measha Brueggergosman-Lee takes the stage at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre this Saturday at 7 p.m.

The 2008 Juno Award winner for Classical Album of the Year (for Surprise) will surely be performing songs from her two most recent collections, 2020's Measha Jazz and 2017's Songs of Freedom. She and her band may also throw in a couple of numbers from The Measha Series, which saw her performing online with dozens of East Coast musicians and collaborating with author Margaret Atwood.

"It was over 100 people," she says of the series of virtual live performances. "Creatives, instrumentalists, camera operators, recording engineers and technicians. We had a lot of people depending on us during COVID to see through the vision that we applied for and that FACTOR (Foundation assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings) helped to fund."

Though Brueggergosman-Lee is known first as an opera singer and classical song recital artist, Measha Jazz saw her taking on stan-

dards made famous by the likes of Nina Simone, Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughan. raised me in that faith." On Songs of Freedom, she focused on African-American spirituals, including Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Amazing Grace and Wade in the Water.

Growing up in the Baptist Church, where her father served as a deacon, Brueggergosman-Lee's career has always been influenced by her deep faith. She effortlessly and frequently quotes Bible verses in conversation, and believes her faith is what has brought her through some recent upheavals in her life.

In 2018, she and her first husband, Markus Brügger, divorced. She lost her father, Sterling Gosman, and underwent her second open heart surgery, a double-bypass, the following year. In 2021, she married jazz guitarist Stephen James Lee, whom she met while doing The Measha Series. He will be part of her band for the St. Catharines show.

"Anybody who knows me knows how deeply entrenched I am in being an image-bearer of God Almighty," says Brueggergosman-Lee. "I have endured and persevered and been resilient through these experiences precisely because of my faith. I don't know who I would be or

where I would be if I hadn't had the parents I had, who

Brueggergosman-Lee and her husband will be joined Saturday by Aaron Davis on piano, bassist George Koller and pedal steel wizard Michael Eckert. As well, the Chorus Niagara Children's Choir, conducted by Amanda Nelli, will perform with the soprano.

Performing with young singers is a part of nearly every concert by Brueggergosman-Lee, who has become known as a champion of sorts in the promotion of music education.

"I do believe that we are supposed to give them the skills they need and not sugarcoat it, to let them know that it's going to be hard work," she says. "That is the gift we give to them. It only comes through spending time with them, and being honest about your own process. When you get a chance to work with a youth choir, you have to use what you have to show them that it's possible to be open and honest, to put one foot in front of the other and persevere."

The Saturday, Nov. 5 concert will be held at the Recital Hall at the PAC at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at bravoniagara.org.





Friday, November 11 | 6 - 8:30 pm



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Measha Brueggergosman-Lee (Lisa MacIntosh)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Information Centre Glendale Secondary Plan Update

Overview

Niagara Region and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake are working together to prepare an update to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Glendale Secondary Plan.

A Secondary Plan is a land use plan for a particular area, which includes detailed policies guiding future development. The Glendale Secondary Plan, which was originally approved by Town-of-Niagaraon-the-Lake Council in 2010, applies to the area surrounded by Queenston Road, Concession 7 Road, the Niagara Escarpment and Homer Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The purpose of the update to the Glendale Secondary Plan will be to review and revise the existing policies for this area so that they align with the Glendale District Plan, which was endorsed by Niagara Region and Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council in 2020. In support of this work, technical studies, including a natural heritage/subwatershed study, transportation assessment, infrastructure analysis, commercial/employment lands study, and financial impact assessment are currently being undertaken to assess and refine the concept plan for the Glendale area that was prepared through the District Plan process. The final outcome of the project will be an amendment to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Official Plan that will contain detailed policies and guidelines for future development in the area.

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Information Centre will be to introduce the Glendale Secondary Plan Update and share an overview of the work completed to date, as well as what the next steps in the project will be.

The Public Information Centre will be an opportunity to ask questions of the project team, and to identify opportunities or issues that should be considered as the project moves forward.



More Information

For more information about the project, timeline and background, please visit **niagararegion.ca/ projects/glendale-secondary-plan-update**, or contact: If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in meetings or events, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Special accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats can be arranged by contacting the Niagara Region's Accessibility Coordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252 or **accessibility@ niagararegion.ca.**

Public Information Centre Date and Location

Monday November 7, 2022 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Garden View B 500 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake Niagara Region Amy Shanks Senior Planner 905-980-6000 ext. 3532 amy.shanks@niagararegion.ca

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Kirsten McCauley Director of Community and Development Services 905-468-3266 ext. 243 kirsten.mccauley@notl.com



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Local artist hopes to inspire with his photos

Mike Balsom The Local

Fine Art photographer Rick Vyrostko hopes his exhibit at the Niagara Pumphouse Art Gallery inspires visitors to book a trip.

His first ever solo exhibit, in the Joyner Gallery now until Nov. 27, is entitled Travel Inspirations, featuring a collection of images captured during his journeys through 46 countries.

"This earth has so many wonderful, spectacular places," enthuses the retired engineer and Information technology specialist. "I started travelling when I was younger, and it was when I hit Europe that I realized there was way more to the world than the Niagara Peninsula. I want to get to 100 countries. I want to share these beautiful places with everyone else in the world."

Walking into the Joyner Gallery this month it's impossible to not be struck by the vibrant colours and striking images captured by Vyrostko in places such as Morocco, Peru, the Galapagos Islands, South Africa and Antarctica.

A consummate storyteller, Vyrostko readily answers questions with tales



Rick Vyrostko at the Pumphouse with his photographs of the icebergs of Antarctica, the blue-footed booby, Positano, and Blue Chefchauen in Morocco at night. (Mike Balsom)

in Positano, Italy, where he You.

of his efforts to get the per- and his wife were inspired fect shot. Sometimes that to visit after seeing the 1994 can be quite tricky, as it was Norman Jewison film Only

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of Positano," remembers Professional Photographers Vryrostko, "the cliffs, the of Canada, with accredibuildings, the steeple and tation in both nature and the dome of the church, I architecture photography, So I got a boat to get me out sale via his website, rickvythere. Then I had to size up the scene to get exactly the right shot I wanted, at exhitting the building so that Beijing, China's Egg Buildyou get a sense of depth."

stumbled upon an ice tunberg.

options there," he says of his booby, captured with his favourite place on the globe telephoto lens in the Galaso far. "I was on the Zodiac (boat), and we took a turn. leading a camel through a We were looking at these stark desert landscape.

"What I found was that, a solo exhibit until this to capture the entire town month. The member of the displayed using various had to go onto the water. usually offers his work for rostkofineart.com.

Vrvostko's specialty is still life. His work includes actly the right time of day recognizable architecture, hottest things going today," to get the right shadows such as the Taj Mahal or ing, reflecting like a giant He also boarded a boat orb on the water, and Sein Antarctica, where he attle's Museum of Pop Culture. Landscapes, cityscapes nel hiding a perfect deep and nature also feature in says, can be printed on any blue reflection off an ice- his photography. The Pumphouse show includes a You don't have a lot of close-up of a blue-footed pagos, as well as a bedouin spectacular, unbelievably Other images on disp can pick out three shooting The Welland native, stars his Nikon camera just And there are even a few to home, including stun-Queen's Royal Park, created by stitching together eight different images into one. recognize "I that place that many people travstko. "This is a great travel Gazing around the gal- location that people come

Vyrostko's images are forms of media. Some are stretched onto canvas, some are mounted on standard frames, and others are printed directly onto metal and acrylic surfaces, enhancing the vibrancy of the colours.

"It's by far one of the Vyrostko says of images on metal. "It's stunning, crystal clear, the colour is vibrant and it's very easy to take care of."

Any of his images, he of the media.

Vyrostko is looking forward to this Sunday, Nov. 6, when an opening reception for Travel Inspirations takes place at the Pumphouse from 2 until 4 pm. He eagerly anticipates answering questions about his photos

Mary Snider Room

All are welcome. Come have a say in how soccer is run in 2023. Many board positions are opening up for next year, too.



blue, differently shaped ice- include a shot of the Milky bergs. There in the distance Way taken from his vantage was this small, bright blue point in California's Joshua spot. I asked the driver to Tree National Park. If you take me there. It was really look closely enough you something."

who splits his time these happened to capture. days between homes in Niagara-on-the-Lake and taken much, much closer Toronto, talks of first picking up a camera at the age ning shots of Niagara Falls of 12. He's been a lifelong and a panoramic image of photography enthusiast, who recounts tales of travelling with dozens and dozens of rolls of film before switching to digital in 2004, Niagara-on-the-Lake is a around the time he started taking his hobby much el to as well," explains Vyromore seriously.

lery, it's difficult to imagine to see. So why not photo-Vyrostko had never had graph it?"

and his travels.

"It's all about getting people inspired," he raves, "about getting them fired up, and getting them out there travelling again. I hope people ask great questions about the wheres, the

whys and the hows behind some of these images. All of these images have a story about when, where, why and how they were taken."

He'll also close out his exhibit and the month of November at the Pumphouse on Nov. 27 with an in-depth lecture about his experiences in his favourite spot. Registration for Travel Photography: Antarctica and the Stories Behind the Photos is now open through niagarapumphouse.ca.

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St. Michael Catholic Elementary School recently shared some photos of some of the students who had a great time on a beautiful fall day at their track and field meet, and as a bonus came home with ribbons.



Grade 6 race ... left to right Aria Desouza 4th, Eva Grealy 2nd, Cariana Giunta 9th, Ellie Grealy 1st

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Christ Church McNab bell tolls for final service

Mike Balsom The Local

It was hard for many to keep their emotions in check at Christ Church McNab last Sunday. The special ceremony was the final one at the historic church, marking the end of 175 years of worship in the former village just off of Lakeshore Road.

Shirley Sherwin is the third generation of her family to be part of the Anglican congregation. The choir member was choking back tears while describing her feelings during a reception in the church hall following the celebration of the parish's ministry.

"It's tough," she told The Local. "It's an aging congregation, though. I'm probably one of the youngest ones here, and I'm 63. My daughter was raised here, but she doesn't come here. Both of my parents are buried in the cemetery here. My parents actually met at a dance here in this hall. And I went to Brownies and Girl Guides here, too."

Archdeacon Bill Mous, executive officer of Niagara's Anglican Diocese, was there to assist Reverend Dorothy Hewlett for the final celebration, along with Regional Archdeacon Sheila Van Zandwyk.

Van Zandwyk began the ceremony with the declaration of intent, stating that, "We come together to acknowledge our grief and sorrow at the conclusion of this parish ministry,



Sally Kolovos, Eleni Kolovos, Elaine Servos, Glen Servos, David Servos, David Servos, Shirley Servos, Jessica Hedge, and Becky Hedge — the Kolovos women are descendants of the Hiscott family, who financed the building of the church while the Servos' and the Hedges are descendants of the Servos family, who donated the land. (Photos by Mike Balsom)

and to remember that we do so with hope for the future based daughter was married at in our faith in Jesus Christ."

"Today marks a passage for this congregation," she continued to a gathering of about 70 parishioners and their friends and guests. "God is calling the members of Christ Church McNab to new ministries. Congregations are formed and congregations are dispersed, but the Lord our God reigns forever."

Indeed, the 25 to 30 current members of the congregation spoke after the service about their plans to gather either individually or with one another at other Anglican parishes in the region now that the doors of McNab will no longer be open.

Usher Colleen St. Amand's Christ Church McNab and her youngest granddaughter was baptized there. Generations of her family are buried in the cemetery, and she met her closest friend, the late Janet Bissell, on the steps of the church.

"We are planning on getting together regularly," said St. Amand of the McNab ladies. "Quite a few of us will go to St. Columba Anglican Church on Geneva Street in St. Catharines. We will meet new friends, and that will be important. But it's going to be hard. This was the hub of the community."

Cheryl Fraser said it felt bittersweet arriving at the church Sunday.



open the door," explained Sherwin's fellow choir member, "I took a picture because that was in that process." the last time I will be opening the church. It's going to be sad. My parents and my grandparents also came to this church. It's been such a great family,

such a great community." Christ Church McNab was founded by Reverend J.F. former community hub. Lundy in 1847. Three years later, William B. Servos donatnow found. His brother James, along with Edward Hiscott, mortgaged their farms to finance the building of the church itself. Its first service was held on Christmas Day, 1853. Construction began on shapes what those future posthe parish hall in 1913.

Descendants of both the Hiscott and Servos families were in attendance for the final ceremony. In fact, distant cousins, both named David Servos, met for the first time just before Sunday's celebration.

The elder David Servos grew up in the church, attended other Anglican parishes over the years, and came back about seven years ago.

"Times are changing," he said. "We've seen a lot of churches come and go. Life goes on, the community goes on, and our faith goes on. But it is sad to see it go. I would like to see this converted into some sort of museum in the future." hopes to be involved somehow in the preservation of the legacy of his ancestors. Whatever ends up becoming of the buildings, he expects that once some of the items inside the church get dispersed to other Niagara Anglican parishes some will find a place in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum. Mous, who had never taken the pulpit at Christ Church McNab until Sunday, explained that the closing of any church in the diocese is usually led by the congregation itself. "Usually they have the sense that they might be called to bring their gifts to other ministries," said Mous. "This congregation has been working

"When I put my keys in to on that discernment process. It's grown smaller over time, and that's one of the indicators

> Mous acknowledged the changing make-up of the Mc-Nab community as a whole in the decision. As farms consolidated and families moved out of the small village, fewer families were left to gather at the

"There are new ways that the community gathers," he ed and deeded to the parish explained. "With those shiftthe land on which the church, ing demographics, the vitality parish hall and cemetery are of this particular location gets shifted along the way."

> The Niagara diocese will now look at options for the future of the buildings and the cemetery that surrounds them.

"Having the cemetery here sibilities might be," confirmed

Mous. "You're not dealing with a blank slate. We obviously want to ensure that the care of the souls that lie in rest here is continued. That's of utmost concern for us."

A few of the congregants expressed hope that another denomination might move into the 100-capacity church that is not designated as a heritage building.

For Hewett, the reverend says she will do some "church-hopping" for a few months before pinning down the next church she will call home. The Alberta native who has been at McNab and its sister church in Homer since 2003 first saw the writing on the wall about 12 years ago.

"Ever since I came here the finances have been an issue," said Hewlett. "I did a sermon called The Elephant in the Room, about how we were ignoring how our volunteers were disappearing, and that we weren't getting enough new people in the church to replace those that left or were dying. This has been a group decision, and it was pretty unanimous the last six months."

Fittingly, one of the last people to leave the post-mass gathering was 101-year-old Len Crombie, who arrived at the church driving his own car.

"I've been attending this church for about 30 years," Crombie said Sunday. "I haven't made up my mind yet where I'll go now. I'll think about it this week. I don't like to see this church close. It's been a big part of my life for a long time."



Jessica Hedge and Audrey Freeman ring the church bell for the last time.



Archdeacon Bill Mous was at the church to assist Rev. Dorothy Hewlett for the final celebration, along with Regional Archdeacon Sheila Van Zandwyk.

The younger David Servos David Servos meets his distant cousin David Servos for the first time at the final service at Christ McNab Church Sunday.



over the last two to three years Parisioner Len Crombie leaves the church for the last time.

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Ceto Reid recovering before he can return home

Jane Andres **Special to The Local**

It happened in a split second - metal on bone, laundry scattered, a twisted bike frame on the side of the street, faces blurring in and out of his vision.

It had been a hectic day for Ceto Reid up until that moment when his life literally flashed before his eyes.

It was to be his last day on his eight-month work farmworkers deaths in Nicontract before flying home to his own family and farm in St. Elizabeth, munity there must be a Jamaica. He had been working in Canada for close to two decades, the last nine years working in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

long recovery, and any weight-bearing and travel will have to wait until his next assessment in mid-December. Since being discharged from the hospital his coworkers have been caring for him this process be expedited when they come home in times of emergency? from work, and members of the local community are munity-based benevolent helping with donations to fund that can assist injured cover necessities.

There are immediate concerns when someone working on a seasonal farm program experiences injury or critical illness.

In addition to the physical and emotional stress, they also face immediate any words to share. expenses for necessities

send financial support to their families back home. Often their concerned coworkers try to make up the shortfall, digging into their own personal savings to provide assistance.

When there is critical illness or injuries, loved ones are thousands of kilometres away, unable to care for them or be with them in their final moments, as was the case in the three agara this past season.

As an abundant comway we can develop a support strategy for the following needs and work towards solutions together:

• Family separation is It's going to be a a significant factor when Loved ones need to be involved in their care at such critical times. It can take two months or longer to get a visitor's visa, if they can get one at all. How can

• The creation of a comor ill workers with groceries and necessities until they actually receive funds from insurance providers.

make the changes.

and a typical eight-week thanks for life. I'm so were." wait before receiving sick grateful to still be alive afbenefits. They are unable to ter this. It could have end-



dealing with trauma. Daniel Russell, Evral Gardner and Richard Darby, Ceto Reid's (second from left) coworkers have been caring for him when they come home from work.

guys," he nodded to his coworkers next to him, "have care of their friend. The been so caring! I really ap- ripples of a caring com- provide for Ceto are bepreciate all they have done munity extend farther ing accepted at the Virgil upon request. since this happened."

Ceto added, "I also want to commend the staff in 5B at the St.Catharines General, but especially two nurses, Antoinette and Wayne. They went bevond the call of duty and We have the power as really cared for me, always a caring community to checking in about my pain levels and to see if I was I asked Ceto if he have OK. Their care was exceptional and I want people to "I want to give God know how wonderful they

> Watching the intent faces of his coworkers, I

efited from the excellent take us.

ed differently. And these realized that they too ben- than our imagination can Avondale. E-transfers may

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St. Davids Lioness, **Lions Christmas** Market coming up

Penny Coles The Local

Lioness and Lion Christwill be better than ever.

able to offer the market at products, and clothing. the Lions clubhouse on York Road last year, the will be available, with the event was much reduced money raised will go to is one of the fundraisers due to COVID — there Wellspring Niagara. was no such or refreshments offered.

available to purchase.

nail products, infused oils, and more, and the nickel ta-Scentsy, specialized soy The annual St. Davids candles, honey and maple products, jewelry, items mas Market is back, and for dogs, table runners and organizers are promising it totes, healing products, seasonings, Dave's hot pepper items will be accepted at the Although they were sauces, metal and wood

Also Necklaces of Hope

There will also be draws which will include a hand-This year the event will made quilt, a Robot vacuinclude a large variety of um cleaner, and gift cards vendors, as well as a light for a hair salon, grocery lunch and refreshments stores and restaurants, says Niagara, Women's Place of Pewer.

er, including knitted items, pies, cookies, tarts, muffins ble will be "graciously supplied" by vendors attending the event, as well as St. Davids Lioness.

> Non-perishable food front entrance of the clubhouse the day of the event for Project Share.

> The Christmas Market traditionally hosted by the Lioness, along with their annual spring market, food drive, and car show.

> Lioness events help support Project Share, Hospice Niagara, Wellspring Niag-



It will be at least mid-December before Ceto Reid will be able to travel. (Photos by Jane Andres)

'We have 16 vendors," A bake table in the ara, Dog Guides and other says organizer Diane Pew- board room will include local organizations.



Lioness Beverly Byl and Lorraine Schoolings were at last year's market selling tickets and will be back this year. (Photo supplied)



Local News

We hope all of you who celebrate Halloween had a great night! Here's a photo of some Old **Q**. Who was Terry Fox? Town trick-or-treaters.



WORD SEARCH: FALL

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Family-Friendly November project courtesy of The Niagara Pumphouse Use your cellphone camera to scan the code to get started!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ONLINE ART STUDIO



Interview with Leo and Lucas

A. Terry Fox was an eighteen year old athlete who found out he had cancer. He didn't let that stop him. When he heard about other people's stories with cancer he decided he wanted to help. So even though he had cancer he ran almost across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

- How does Terry's no quit attitude help you to achieve your goals?
- Terry inspires me because he didn't give up when running got hard. He just kept going. When something gets hard in my life I try to push through it like Terry.
- Why should people run in the Terry Fox Run?

- **A.** We should run in the Terry **Q.** When is the Terry Fox run Fox run to finish the run for Terry. Since his run Ca- A. nadian's have raised over \$850 million dollars for cancer research!
- in Niagara-on-the-Lake?
 - This year the Terry Fox run was on September 18th at 10 am at Simcoe Park



Artist's Corner

Horse drawing by Lily, age 5



We would also like to include a correction from the previous Gazette issue. The artist of "Rainbow Life" was Akira Anne Rijo. We apologize for the mistake

SUBMISSION INFO

The hope for this page is to get kids involved and interacting with the community in a

positive way. We welcome submissions for all categories from kids of any age. Please keep the reviews positive and all submitted content appropriate for kids of all ages. Please send all submissions to joyousnotlkids@gmail.com and in the subject line please put the category for which you are submitting. Thank you.

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Families gathered at the Queenston Fire Hall for the traditional Halloween party. *(Photos supplied)*



Kids at the Halloween spooky double feature at the NOTL Youth Campus in Virgil enjoyed their first event, including Peyton Ferguson, Emily Ferguson, Kaitlyn Polgrabia and Olivia Ferguson.





St. Michael students collected 1,144 cans of food For Newark Neighbours. The Grade 6 class (right) shows off some of their donations, as does Milania Giunta (left), Alexandra Pinto, Rachel vanderZalm, Emily Ganski, Leanne Serrano and Gracie Cherney.



Greg Sykes took his traditional morning walk to Tim Hortons on Mississagua Street Halloween Day, and discovered "the sweet man who is so kind serving coffee nearly every single morning was the only one on the staff who dressed up, and when I commented how much I loved his hilarious costume, he said he felt it was so important to bring joy and laughter to people in this time in history when everybody is stressed about interest rates, COVID, etc." His name is Ken, and as well as making Sykes' day, his co-workers were also smiling. "He was surely brightening the day for every customer who got a coffee Monday". (Greg Sykes)



St. Davids students parade around the school to celebrate Halloween.



St. Davids Firehall held its traditional Halloween party.



Sparky makes an appearance at St. Davids Firehall.

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Preds record another win and loss this weekend

Mike Balsom The Local

It was another .500 weekend for the Niagara Predators, their second in a row in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League.

ThePredsfollowedan8-1loss to the Bradford Bulls in Niagara-

sor on Saturday afternoon.

out of the gate Friday night, with Remy Dalben netting their first goal just 25 seconds into the game. Elias Najem followed that up with another one for Bradford at 5:04. Two min-

on-the-Lake Friday with a 3-1 utes later Leo Savin won a facethe puck back to Preds captain The Bulls came storming Max Bredin at the blue line. Bredin unleashed a quick wrist shot, finding the net behind Bulls goalie Jacob Hodgson and giving Niagara some hope.

But that hope didn't last long Friday. The Bulls capitalized on the Predators lacklustre skating, repeatedly catching them out of position and peppering starting goalie Ryan Santini with 16 shots in the period. Brad Arnott put Bradford up 3-1 before the first period ended.

got it started with his second Lambert, Connor Gardiner, Jaall contributed to the shellackoutshooting Niagara 22-4 in the period.

With the score 8-1 for the bad team defence." Bulls, Niagara coach Kevin Tayeron Huff, who shut Bradford down the rest of the way, stop-

The dam broke open for the ping all 17 of their shots. The this they're going to burn you victory over the Aces in Wind- off in Bradford's end, getting Bulls about six minutes into the Bulls outshot the Predators 49second period when Dalben 22 when all was said and done.

"It's not (Santini's) fault ensuing eight minutes Haiden Friday's game. "Were there a couple he should have had? He cob Rose and Andrea Morana told me he was overthinking a couple of times. But he's our ing of the Preds, with Bradford number one goalie. Even in games where we won he was facing 40-50 shots. That's just

"I stress 'play the dots," lor replaced Santini with Cam- he continued. "But I got guys chasing to the outside. When you go against a fast team like

wide, and they burned us wide all night."

A common refrain from goal of the game. Over the we lost 8-1," Taylor said after both Taylor and assistant coach Connor Shipton over the past two weeks is that the Predators are playing selfishly, not looking to make passes and instead trying to beat their opponents one-on-one too often. That led Friday to a bit of a shake-up of the lines in the third period.

"There are certain lines that are clicking, but there are players that I don't think I put in the right spots," Taylor admitted. "We were going to blow up the lines for next weekend, but this just gave me an excuse to start it tonight."

The lopsided loss left Taylor struggling to find some positives in the locker room after the game.

"I like to joke around, I like to have fun," Taylor said. "I'm not trying to be negative, I'm just trying to correct. I know I have to fix some things with my approach with them. I was happy with the third period effort, they played like they cared."

Huff was back between the pipes Sunday in Windsor, backstopping the Predators to a 3-1 win over the Aces. Jaroslav Dhonal, Niagara's leading scorer thus far with 13 points, scored twice Sunday, while 16-year-old forward Gianluca Minicozzi netted his first GMHL goal in the winning effort.

"That's a huge monkey off (Minicozzi's) back," Taylor said Monday night. "He's been struggling to get that first goal. That was one that he needed to get, hopefully the first of many more to come."

"We played a good game," he continued. "We worked on the things that we needed to work on. Even the goal they got was off a lucky bounce that gave (Windsor's Samuel Senft) a breakaway. And he's a phenomenal player, he has the most goals (18) in the league."

With a record of five wins, six losses and one overtime loss, the Preds are in sixth place in the GMHL's nine-team Southern Division, 11 points behind the first place North York Renegades and Durham Roadrunners. They'll have two chances to notch a win against the Renegades with a road game this Saturday in North York and a home tilt at Virgil's Meridian Credit Union Arena on Friday, Nov. 11. In their lone contest thus far against North York, the Renegades came out on top 5-3, with one of their goals coming on an empty Predators net. "It will be challenging," admitted Taylor, "but I think the guys have more confidence in beating them than they would against Bradford. We competed against them last time. We've got lots of work to do, lots of practising to do."



Preds' Tyler Gearing and Nolan Wyers are stopped by Bulls goalie Jacob Hodgson. (Photos by Mike Balsom)









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Sixteen-year-old forward Gianluca Minicozzi netted his first GMHL goal in the winning effort Sunday.



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Sudoku solution from October 26, 2022

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Down: 1 Gamut, 2 Irish, 3 General Electric, 4 G D P, 5 Readiness, 6 Inning, 7 Mice, 8 Yah, 9 Toss in, 10 Background noise, 11 Shoe, 12 Putt, 15 Lobo, 21 Semis, 24 Abed, 26 Wok, 27 Stow, 29 Slate, 31 On at, 32 Nods, 33 Star, 34 Oooh, 36 Unspoiled, 40 Pals, 41 Qur'an, 43 Item, 45 Tat, 47 Thirds, 49 O'Brien, 51 Feet, 53 Inter, 54 Cesar, 55 Upas, 56 Puma, 57 49 O'Brien, 51 Feet, 53 Inter, 54 Cesar, 55 Upas, 56 Puma, 57 49 O'Brien, 51 Feet, 53 Inter, 54 Cesar, 55 Upas, 56 Puma, 57 49 O'Brien, 51 Feet, 53 Inter, 54 Cesar, 55 Upas, 56 Puma, 57

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