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Chamber having a good run at winter fair

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Plans for \$8-million museum expansion, rebranding unveiled

Penny Coles The Local

The Niagara Historical Museum, founded in 1875 and housing one of the finest collections of early Canadian artifacts and archives in the most historic town in Canada, is outgrowing its space.

Sarah Maloney Kaufman, managing director and curator of the museum, was at Monday's committee-ofthe-whole meeting Monday

lion expansion project, and a tensive collections, reflectrebranding of the museum, ing the history of one of the which councillors heard oldest settlements in Ontarwill be called the Niaga- io," she said. ra-on-the-Lake Museum.

to share their good news, and our public programs and also to ask for support expand, space is becom- hired a consulting company to the Link Building, and a will add a community space tion for a federal infrastruc- storage and general storage ture grant that would cover spaces are near capacity." 73 per cent of the cost of the project. "This grant is crucial," she said.

"As our collection con-They were at the meeting tinuously grows each year

About 80 public programs a year must be held within the museum's galler-

to reveal plans for an \$8-mil- ed with one of the most ex- due to a lack of proper programming space, she said.

> Also propelling the project is the need to accommodate the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, by 2025, she said.

In 2014, the museum to go along with an applica- ing limited. Our collections to determine whether the fa- renovation of the existing of 1,404 square feet for our cilities meet current and future needs, and they do not, accessibility requirements.

In 2016 they hired an ar-"Visitors today are treat- ies, or outside the courtyard, chitectural company to de-

velop drawings to show renovated space, and also meet the recommended strategy to address the museum's needs, which is an addition behind Memorial Hall, a seum fully accessible with new basement under Memorial Hall, a second floor and a universal bathroom. It facilities.

"We have not expandshe said, nor do they meet ed since the 1970s, so this project is long overdue," said Kaufman.

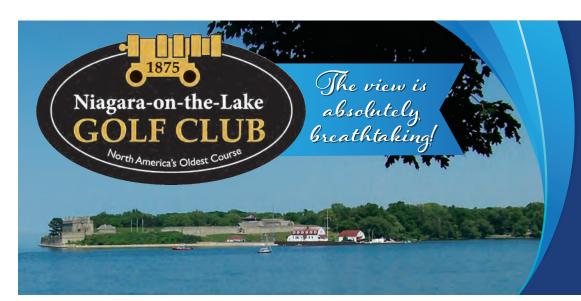
The expansion will in-

crease square footage from 10,107 square feet to 18,349 square feet, an increase of 8,242 square feet, she said.

"This will make our muan elevator, access hallways needs, and also for community groups."

There will also be dedicated research space so the

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Golf Club coffee group goes back almost 30 years

Penny Coles The Local

In The Local's quest to tell the story of men who meet for coffee, there was year. one we hadn't heard about.

The men who meet daily, seven days a week at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, were just a touch peeved they were missed.

And so they should be — they may be the longest-standing coffee group in town, although there are two large tea pots on the table along with assorted coffee cups.

Doug Dineley, one of the corner of the club house she said. with his tea, and thinks

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morning, he is joined by men's leagues, says Dineley. Frank Harris, Ron Rempel, and Hugh Hutton.

Waitress Cyndy McKand coffee, but not without getting in her share of digs, which she gets right back.

They accuse her of liking with gusto. Dineley best, and she agrees — he is the best behaved, group, Brexit is one of their she said.

originals, sits in the cozy for the least well-behaved, to get rid of Trump and

The group was originally

years they've been meeting golfers, though, with the ex- the table. at the club at 8 a.m., and ception of Harris, who tore he thinks closer to 30, al- his rotator cuff and has to though he can't pin down a take a break from the game. The rest of them golf at least At the club Monday twice a week, in the two

They especially like their table by the window because as they sit in their illop looks after their tea comfortable chairs with their warm beverages, they can critique those out on the course, which they do

topics of conversation, says Rempel and Hutton vie Harris, along with "how Trudeau."

Hutton adds they like to back to the early days. He mostly farmers, but not so talk about town problems,

says it's been at least 25 much anymore. They are all which all get solved around Kevin Baum. Vic Martens, or need a landscaping tip,

the tree bylaw, the budget, Wednesdays, often stops by. long-range plans — "we Members who have passed can come here with it and solve them all here."

drew's Presbyterian Church Hunter. is apparently a hot topic, took two years of discussions to get it installed.

sports — the Leafs and Calgary Flames are favourites.

Willms, Jim Philips and repair something at home, says Dineley.

Whatever is current — ty centre group that meets with the answer.

The men know if they they explain, because it have a problem that needs down for the winter, and solved, the coffee club plays the same role as a pub in They also talk about Britain, says Harris — there will always be someone tinue meeting. to solve it. If you want to Members not present know how to keep your dog tons in the morning, both-With two ex-Brits in the that morning were Ken off the furniture, or how to ering those two groups,"

a member of the communi- there is always someone

"If I have a problem I away and are missed are somebody always knows A new carpet at St. An- George Werner and Bob something about it," says Harris.

The golf club will close the men will lose their cozy round table by the window, but they say they will con-

"We'll be in Tim Hor-

Man charged in death of long-term care resident

Local Staff

been charged with manslaughter, following the death her injuries Aug 20. of a 94-year-old woman.

Both were residents of identified as Verna Traina. Chartwell Niagara Long Term Care Residence on by the criminal investigations Wellington Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Niagara Regional Police male resident. were called to the home Aug.

"belated assault."

The alleged assault had occurred the day before, and A 74-year-old man has the woman was transported to a local hospital. She died of 26.

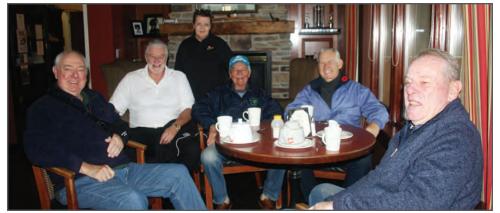
The woman has been communications

Following an investigation branch and homicide unit,

Robert B. Stroeh was 10, responding to a report of a charged Monday with man-

slaughter, taken to the Robert S.K. Welch Courthouse in St. Catharines and released on bail, with a court date of Nov.

Janine Reed, senior director of Chartwell Retirement Homes, said she could not comment on an ongoing investigation, but said Chartcharges were laid against the well is continuing to take measures to protect its residents. Stroeh, she said, "is not a danger" to other residents.



Frank Harris, golf club owner/operator John Wiens, waitress Cyndy McKillop, Ron Rempel, Hugh Hutton and Doug Dineley meet seven days a week at the NOTL Golf Club, along with some others were weren't there Monday morning, when the picture was taken (Penny Coles)

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Two golfers enjoy a crisp fall day on the NOTL Golf Club course Monday. (Fred Mercnik)



Bridge repairs could cost property owners \$50,000

Structure was damaged during maintenance

Penny Coles The Local

A local couple is looking at a cost of about on her little bridge. \$50,000 to pay for repairs the damage.

Praysner live on a beautiful stretch of land on Mc-Nab Road, and although It also scraped the sides they don't farm it them- of the creek too close to selves, there are still fruit the bridge, they say, and trees on the gently rolling property that slopes caused the stone pillars down to a valley, with a to collapse. The wrought creek and what was at one iron railings are falling in time a structurally sound at an angle on both sides, bridge for transportation all as a result of what was to the bank on the other considered to be mainteside.

The creek is now conport Drain, says Adrian, continues, they say. and as such, there is regular maintenance carried the ditch for irrigation out by the Town, usually from the banks.

maintenance work was an says. carried out on their creek, combination of stone pillars and wrought-iron should be liable." fencing over a culvert, was severely damaged.

That was in 2012, and since then the pillars have continued to crumble and more alarming angle.

The couple spoke to councillors at Monday's many discussions and years that have passed since the bridge was damaged, and hoping for a resolution.

Sohayla showed photos of the bridge, and told councillors when the

27-ton Gradall excavator, the weight of which, she said, is about equivalent to 20 Honda Civics, stacked

The couple believes to a bridge on their prop- it was too heavy for the erty, and hoping the Town bridge, which has since will take some liability for developed sink holes, and has flattened the top of Adrian and Sohayla the arch-shaped culvert and compromised the integrity of the structure. the resulting erosion has nance to the ditch, he says.

Some repairs were carsidered part of the Air- ried out, but the damage

The Town has assumed

"This wasn't mainte- 2012. the bridge, an attractive nance," he says. "This is damage, and someone tractor so many years later

the fencing is at an even choice but to charge 50 said yes. per cent of the cost of repairs to the property ownof the bridge.

> culvert repaired, he says, owner half is not neces-"and I think that's what sarily the most reasonable comes down to is who is costs are apportioned, and going to pay the bill."

maintenance was carried cent charge is determined ture. out in 2012, the contract- by the results of an engi-



Adrian Praysner believes the Town or the contractor who carried out maintenance in the ditch below the bridge should be responsible for repairs. (Penny Coles)

involving scraping brush to maintain it, but not understands the properthe accountability for the ty owners feel strongly But when the last damage that caused, Adri- they should not be liable

Going back to the conis difficult, he said, in re-Brett Ruck, the drain- sponse to a question from one lump sum. age superintendent for Coun. Wendy Cheropita. the Town, told councillors When she asked him if that under the provincial the contractor is still do-Drainage Act, he has no ing work for the Town, he

Ruck will prepare a report for council presenter, and 50 per cent to be ing possibilities for dealcommittee of the whole shared by property own- ing with the issue, he said, meeting, frustrated at the ers on the drain upstream including looking at other ways to distribute the cost He wants to see the — charging the property they want as well. What it way of dealing with how there are other methods Although the 50 per that could work in the fu-

It will be up to coun-

purposes, and the right by the Drainage Act, he want to take a different route, he said.

> when a property owner there should be liability, to accept responsibility for the damage caused in has been charged a large and some responsibility for the cost of repairing it, amount for work on a drain, the Town has given who contracted the work them time to pay the bill, rather than expecting it in

the point is if a contrac- as part of its drainage sys-Ruck said in the past, tor damaged their bridge, tem, would expect them on the part of the Town, Adrian said. that caused the damage.

rageous" that the Town, alternatives, in January.

But to the Praysners, which assumed the bridge

Ruck said he expects to have a report ready to go "It seems frankly out- to council, explaining the





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Chamber on-track to attract 15,000 visitors

Penny Coles The Local

A large booth with 20 local businesses promoting Niagara-on-the-Lake at the Fair is seeing about 1,500 visitors a day, well-worth the cost of participating in the 10-day event, says the Chamber of Commerce president.

Eduardo Lafforgue, who asked the Town recently for \$20,000 to help cover the costs of participating, is thrilled with the quality of the booths participating, and with the positive reception from passers-by who stop to chat.

Set up in the fair's food and lifestyle area, the booth is 40 feet by 10 feet, says Lafforgue. Although it was provided free of charge, there were other costs that needed to be covered, and the chamber had to make a quick decision to go ahead, without having had time to budget for the event.

Speaking from the fair Monday, Lafforgue says, "I'm standing between two cows and one horse, and the Lieutenant Governor is walking by, I think helping to open something."

The space given the chamber "is enormous," stopping by to sample wine ings to the visitors to the booth.

traction."

On the weekend they had people, many of them walking through the building to the horse show, will have stopped to learn something ed beside the one for Innovaabout NOTL.

through are just the kind of novation for visitors. demographic we want to see investment," he says.

sponsors participating, he about it to love."

and food, and loving it, and adds, including the Niagara they've been very impressed Historical Society and Muwith the Parks Canada sol- seum, Parks Canada, and diers — "they're a huge at- several wineries and restau-

"It will be a great benefit Royal Agricultural Winter about 1,500 people a day, to the whole town, not just Monday was a little quieter for the chamber. People are with about 1,200 visitors, but collaborating, and we have by the time the fair closes, a very wide spectrum inhe estimates about 15,000 volved. Niagara College is taking over the booth for a whole day."

> The NOTL booth is locattion Ontario, Lafforgue says, "This is a high traffic so it will be great to showcase area, and the people walking Niagara College and its in-

> Many visitors who stop in NOTL. It's fantastic — to chat already know and adwell worth the effort and the mire Niagara-on-the-Lake, he says, "but we're making There is a great list of sure they learn even more



he says. People have been Jeff Weir from Reif Estate Winery was onhand to offer tast-



The booth provided to the Chamber of Commerce is 40 feet by 10 feet, and has allowed them to share the space with 20 partners from NOTL. (Photos supplied)



Visitors to the Parks Canada booth were impressed by the British soldiers and many wanted photos with them.



Angela and Lloyd Redekopp were at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to promote their business, Greaves Jams.



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The Niagara-on-The-Lake Soccer Club will be having an **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the Mary Snider Room, Virgil Arena at 8 pm.

All current members are welcome to attend, and we welcome new members. We have vacancies on the Niagara-on-the-Lake Soccer Board which need to be filled. The NOTL Soccer Club is particularly in need of a club treasurer; if you have an accounting background, please share your gifts and talents and give back to your community. Come out to get involved in soccer, in your community and help keep more than 400 kids playing!

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92-year-old a regular visitor at Red Roof Retreat

Penny Coles The Local

At 92, Farmer is the oldest client at Red Roof Retreat, and one of executive director Steffanie Bjorgan's favourites.

run by Mainstream, which helps people with a developmental difference by providing a supportive environment, including offering supported living programs.

He has a Mainstream worker who brings him to Red Roof as a day out. In the beginning, says Bjorgan, he went by the name of Ray, but at some point, after visiting Red Roof, he began talking about his early life on a farm, and insisted on being called Farmer. That has become the only name he goes by, she says.

He began coming to Red Roof about 10 years ago, and loved to walk around the property and help with the animals. He's in a wheelchair now and unable to do that but he still loves to visit.

He loves the horses, and feeding them, but his movements are restricted.

One day not too long ago he and the others in the group home were asked to come up with a bucket list, she says, and at the top of his list was his wish to go for

Roof, possibly because it re- nobody knows much about minded him of riding on a who he is or about his past.

Bjorgan says she was surprised to hear that — he had never mentioned it before.

"I heard that, and I said, He is in a group home 'how are we going to do that," she says.

simple while he was still mobile, but she wasn't sure how she was going to manage it with him unable to walk.

wheelchair to the Kubota, they brought in a manual lift, "and with some creative planning," and some laughter at the absurdity of how they did it, managed to get him into it, beside Bjorgan, who was in the driver's seat.

"I took him around the farm, and then we went Concession 6 to see the fire benefit Red Roof Retreat? trucks. He loved it," she says.

selling smile cookies at \$1 each to make money for Red the drive-through to buy Tim Hortons' locations. him a cookie.

up — he was pretty excited."

a ride in the Kubota at Red knows he has no family, and

"I'd love to know more about him," she says.

April Falardeau, his support staff at the Mainstream group home, doesn't know a lot about him either.

He has no family, and It would have been fairly came to Mainstream after many years of being institutionalized with a developental disabilty, she says.

"He started volunteering To get him from the at Red Roof years ago when he was able to, and I would go with him. He still loves Red Roof, and Steffanie."



Steffanie Bjorgan of Red Roof Retreat would love to learn more about Farmer, one of her favourite clients, who had riding in a Kubota as part of his bucket list. (Photo supplied)

Cookies raise more than \$8,000

Penny Coles The Local

Who knew how many to the fire department on cookies could be sold to

Last week, an astound-Then, recalling that it ing \$8,033 was handed over was still "cookie week" at to the organization, which Tim Hortons, which was helps special needs children and young adults, \$1 for each of the Smile cookies Roof, she decided to take sold in just seven days, at the Farmer for a ride through two Niagara-on-the-Lake

Tim Hortons' owners "He was so cute. He just Lori and Andrew Paterson giggled and gave a thumb's said they chose Red Roof to be the recipients of this Bjorgan says as far as she year's campaign because of

the great work it does, and they want the proceeds to remain in the community.

Steffanie Bjorgan, executive director of Red Roof, said she was surprised at how much money was raised in such a short time, but not surprised by the generosity of the commu-

The money will help with operations of Red Roof, which runs a large variety of programs, at three different locations in Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines, and weekend respite care for children and young adults.



Tim Hortons franchise owner Lori Paterson, Red Roof's special events co-ordinator Karen Post, coffee shop manager Mayank Mittal, supervisor Danielle Bedard and Red Roof's executive director Steffanie Bjorgan are thrilled to have had such a successful Smile cookie campaign, which raised money for Red Roof Retreat. (Photo supplied)



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EDITORIAL

Local membership card program launches today

We are excited to monthly, or they may stay launch our new member- the same. That's up to program begins today! ship program this week, them. We have 28 great and hope our readers are membership ready to become Local members.

If you turn to page 10, you will discover our great gram. business partners and the says "I'm Local."

up at our office on Four may change their offers offers and discounts.

ads as more join the pro-

specials they are offering the cost of the program to anyone with a card that for us, the cost of the card is also a way for our read-The card, which can ers to support their Local be ordered online (\$39.95 community newspaper, want to do, as well as local Local member! Mile Creek Road, is good businesses, while taking for a year. Businesses advantage of great special

Our new membership

All the information partners you need is available at on board, and we will up- notllocal.com/membership. date the website and print You can purchase a membership card online, with a credit card or PayPal, In addition to covering and have it mailed to you.

Please check out our membership partners, and the specials they are offering.

We hope you will want plus \$5.20 HST) or picked which we hope you will to sign up, and become a

> **Penny Coles** The Local

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LETTERS

Let's eliminate the word 'promise' from federal election campaigns

election (and elections everywhere), I have two lines of general related polrhetorical suggestions for icy initiatives; but, given jective/neutral; 'scandal' is election campaigns.

elected to advance national or regional interests Those interests must be the flexibility to adjust pripursued in dynamic, constantly changing circumstances, and unforeseeable implementing promises. crises. Policies must be of those fluctuations.

I suggest the word 'promise' be eliminated, even banned, from all campaign rhetoric and reportage.

In light of our recent can promise priorities, ob- or journalistic advantage. jectives, and, perhaps, outthe ever changing world, not. Any government is detailed, specific promsense as situations evolve. and those of its electorate. A government must have doggedly/slavishly

Sadly, the term scandal based on reality in the light is far too frequently and freely used by all, especially Somewhat facetiously, the media. Often, the term is used speculatively, subjectively and/or simply for rhetorical impact, i.e. drama, and for giving a story Any candidate, at most, lasting 'legs' for political

The term 'controversy' is accurate, and generally ob-

Let me add that the use ises may cease to make of panels of analysts by most of the media too often uses panels comprised of politically commitorities and policies, rather ted members (or perhaps 'shills') who are not objective, and hence, do not qualify as true analysts. The analysis of such panels is of little use, because the analysis by the members is almost always completely predictable.

> **Rick Kirby** Niagara-on-the-Lake

Life is short

by Donald Combe Special to The Local

We believe that this monument was designed by the eminent architect Peter Stokes. The form is like many of the early stones found in the cemetery, the material is limestone and the inscription is faint. Perhaps a message to the observer that life is short and that even our memorials fade and disappear. Mansfield was 31 when he became St. Mark's youngest rector. After only six years of this ministry, he left to further his education at Yale University and then McMaster University, where he joined the faculty. Soon after beginning his university teaching, he was diagnosed with leukemia and died shortly after.

The NOTL Local acknowledges the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous peoples.

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Newcomers in the spirit



At last week's meeting of the NOTL Newcomers Club at the community centre, members Susan Ksiazkiewicz, Karin Winkelmann, Marie Landonie (a ghostwriter, hence the journal), president Pauline Miller as a queen and Arlene McGuire as Ziggy Stardust dressed up to get into the Halloween spirit. Nov. 20, the group is holding a community awareness meeting at the community centre from 1 to 3:30 p.m., open to the public, to provide an opportunity to learn about more than 20 community groups in NOTL and introduce representatives from each. The meeting will include a presentation by Jodey Porter, a writer and world traveler, on Laughing Elephants And Other Stories: Adventures on the other side of our world. (Penny Coles)

COMMENT

Visiting Muskoka in November provides surprising perks



Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

A trip to Muskoka for many in our area conjures up images of docks, tanning in the sun, and sunsets over endless green forests and glassy lakes. This description fuels the image of summer bliss 'up north,' as we refer to it in southern Ontario.

This weekend past, I had the privilege of seeing an iconic area of not just our province, but the world, in a very transitional and captivating state not experienced by many from our neck of the woods.

The benefits of visiting somewhere such as Muskoka in the least popular (or most awkward) month of the year, November, are noteworthy. Like rooting for the underdog, taking the time to consider a less traditional option can have surprising perks.

Why is November awkward? It's certainly not summer weather. The fall colours

formance, but snow hasn't ness meets a certain stillness rience to yourself. and soft.

weekend.

Falls was void of electricity and running water. We picked that by choice, aiming north. for a more classic deep woods experience.

Muskoka, I can smell the socioeconomic and environsilence of those woods immediately. Feeling out those here full time" deal. forests and lakes in their raw Muskoka and the surroundit completes the circle of human attraction. The Canadian Shield, Canada's most exprotruding dramatically to factor. the Earth's surface. This hard all of its nooks and depreslake as you drive up north.

are well past their peak per- beauty, and a certain rugged- like you've got this little expe-

quite fallen to make it scenic in this area of the province. It's a place to relax, retreat, bar, dressed with boots that There is a shift in both land-Not this early November and explore our senses in a last for life and plaid jackets form and culture, I daresay. way that only nature can do. The Airbnb cottage we The lack of pure natural spacstayed in outside of Burk's es in Niagara and southern traffic on the roads and the a more innate level. A sense Ontario may explain why so many of us itch to get up

are graced with these benepackaged with the "you live

I feel like the greenery up moods is a rewarding ex- there is the common denomperience for the prepared, inator that makes it special so that's what we went for. for the summer warrior who embraces the sunny cottage ing geographical area of the life, as well as for residents province is so special because tucked into those woods who work and live in four intense seasons of Canadian weather. Sometimes for generations, tensive geological landform, for some deep reason perfeatures bedrock and granite haps rooted in the outdoors

Stepping into the local rock traps water in between pub in Huntsville is like stepping into the trails of the area sions, creating the iconic car in November. It's not busy. window scenery of lake after It's gloomy and the lighting is moody, but the place is sur-We are attracted to natural prisingly cozy and you feel

that never quit. And it's not Together, these factors create just the local bar, it's in the another shift that hits us at energy of the lineup at Tim- of timelessness, letting our mies that feels different, too.

It's relaxed up there in a extra pure in Ontario's wilds. Those who live up there way that we aren't down here.

When I hear the word fits, but can also face other by the immediate and apparneck traffic coming out of Toent necessities that smother ronto and the more densely pine needles and hear the fat mental challenges that come us in southern Ontario, it is populated southern Ontario. undeniably a different pace I have had nights 'up north'

I look at the locals of the along Hwy 11 heading north. guard down, and being a little

That's how we see it, as we Despite being surrounded break free from the bottle-

of life. Something happens under a canoe, in a mansion cottage, a tent, a van, and a rundown motel. It never matters where, as the area is clearly famous and romanticized for a reason. I think the four hour drive is certainly influential on our culture and our life here in Niagara, as it is a part of many of us in some

I am forever curious as to what the natural change is once our southern Ontario bodies cross into the Canadian Shield.



Owen Bjorgan says experiencing the first snowfall for the Muskoka area of Ontario made him reflect on southern Ontario's relationship with 'up north.' (Owen Bjorgan)



Auchterlonie on Astrology

Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

Welcome to Auchterlonie on Astrology for the first full week of November. This is the week of the Full Moon in Taurus on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

If you follow my Podcasts on Facebook or my Website, this is the third week we look at some fun facts of astrology. Like the meaning of "The Ides of March," and the names of the days of the week and how they are derived from Moon moves from sensitive Taurus at 6:17 p.m. the names of the planets.

but a sensitive and imaginative Moon in Pisces can ry. He was 43. hopefully dream up a sur-

It was Nov. 7, 1929 that the with Pluto, making for a Museum of Modern Art mental review of something in New York City opened to do with your motivation. its doors for the first time. Or perhaps an ongoing Franklin Delano Roosevelt conversation about a shared won his fourth term as U.S. financial matter. In the afpresident on this day in

Sun and Saturn at exactly star astronomer Carl Sagan 60 degrees from one an- was born on Nov. 9, 1934, astrology. It says we have an the Nobel Prize in physics opportunity to make our on this day in 1921. vocation or career take a

This on a day when the Pisces to fearless Aries in

ternoon, be on the lookout for an impulsive move that Friday, Nov. 8, sees the could be dangerous. Super-

Sunday, Nov. 10, we see the Moon move from im-

But first, the week ahead. the morning. It was Nov. 8, prone morning gives way to vice of their country, and Gosling is 39 today. Anne Thursday, Nov. 7, Venus 1960 that John F. Kennedy a more laid-back evening. to acknowledge the cour- Hathaway is 37. and Mars are not all right, was elected as U.S presi- And it was Nov. 10, 1975, age of those who still serve. dent, the youngest in histo- that The Edmund Fitzger- This year is an especially sees the Moon move from your year ahead to boot. ald succumbed to Lake thoughtful Remembrance Taurus into Gemini early in Saturday, Nov. 9, Ret- Superior when the gales of Day as the Sun and Ret- the morning on a day when ber we are all stardust. We

funny man Tracy Morgan Scorpio just before 11 a.m.,

membrance Day. The Re- someone dear. The brilliant Remembrance since 1931. DiCaprio is 45 today. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day day of the Full Moon in of the eleventh month, we Taurus at 8:34 a.m. It's an gather in memorial parks, emotional day, when stubother, known as a sextile in and Albert Einstein won community halls, work- bornness is likely the rule places, schools and homes but when Mars in Libra and who have fallen.

pulsive Aries into earthy moment of silence to mark and brings good health to the names of the days of the the sacrifice of the many some. So a potentially accident who have fallen in the serprise to make things better. rograde Mercury hooks up November came early. And rograde Mercury meet in Retrograde Mercury is busy are golden. So shine on!

celebrates number 51 today. and urge us to remember and to Neptune. Review Monday, Nov. 11, is Re- the passing and sacrifice of membrance Day Ceremony Kurt Vonnegut was born has played a major role in this day in 1922. Leonardo

Tuesday, Nov. 12 is the a friendly connection that withbill.com/. Together, we observe a brings good fortune to all,

with hook-ups to Saturn and rethink and maybe wait for a chance to put thoughts intro action down the road, in a few weeks from now. Whoopi Goldberg is 64 and Jimmy Kimmel is 52 today.

Again, a reminder to please check out my Podcast either on the Facebook page "Auchterlonie on Astrology" or on my website to stand in honour of all Jupiter in Sagittarius make at https://www.lookingup-

> This week it's all about week and how they connect London, Ontario's Ryan to the planets. And on the website you will find an offer to have your birth chart Wednesday, Nov. 13, done by me, with a look at

> > Until next time, remem-

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St. Davids-Queenston Church home to plaque for war dead



A plaque listing soldiers from St. Davids and Queenston who died in the First or Second World War will be officially unveiled at a service Sunday. (David Hemmings)





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Penny Coles The Local

When vids-Queenston Church commemorates Rebers will have reason to dates, the birth and death celebrate.

Niagara Historical Society the regiment or squadron will be unveiling a Lest We and some operational in-Forget plaque on the edge formation for every soldier of the historic church cem- or airman on our cenoetery, says church board taphs and plaques. chair Steve Hardaker.

says.

a request to locate the plaque in the church cem-

Queen Street Remem- in Britain or Canada. brance Day service, listening to speeches by community leaders, that although the "war dead" are commemorated each year, there is very little known about them.

Working from plaque at the Royal Canawhich is the most comprehensive list in NOTL.

The museum also has a complete listing of Da- those who did not return from the First and Second World Wars on its website, membrance Sunday, mem- including birth and death or burial places, the rank, On Sunday, Nov. 10, the the regimental number,

The plaque is dedicated the St. Davids Plaque at to soldier seamen and air- church Sunday, he will men from St. Davids and also detail how difficult it by Major David Secord, af-Queenston who fought was to research that infor- ter whom the village of St. and died in the First and mation and find accurate Davids is named after, and Second World Wars, he details, and how especial- who was later buried in the ly horrific the First World The church was con- War was, with men who tacted by David Hem- died up to a decade after mings, president of the it ended, ending their lives historical society, with destroyed by what is now understood as PTSD.

And many died not from active duty but of dis-Hemmings says he re- ease, the effects of training alized during last year's and exposure, or accidents

St. Davids, he says, which was a small rural village in those days, "contributed extraordinarily to those who sacrificed their lives for our country in both wars. Almost one the quarter of our municipality's fallen soldiers and dian Legion Hall, members airmen came from St. Daof the historical society vids. Of these locals of St. began to document those Davids, five out of seven in

in WWII died in action."

The cemetery, the location chosen for the plaque, is historic, as is the church, says Hardaker, and a fitting place for the plaque.

The church history goes back to 1788, when Christian Warner, a British Loyalist joined Butler's Rangers. A Methodist who held meetings in his home, and built Warner's Meeting House.

The church was relocated to be more central, says When he speaks of Hardaker, and was built in the middle of the historic cemetery on land donated cemetery.

> This first church was burned with the village by American soldiers in 1814, and a new church was built in 1815, not completed until 1843.

> It eventually had to be torn down. The current church was built in 1954, and became St. Davids-Queenston United Church in 1996.

The plaque will be unveiled after the Remembrance Sunday service, which starts at 10:30 a.m. The unveiling will take place at about 11:30, says Hardaker, led by Elizabeth Surtees and David Murray, members of the Niagara Historical Society who donamed on the plaque, WWI and six out of eight nated funds for the plaque.

Personal stories of war told at museum Monday

Penny Coles The Local

The Niagara Historical thy. Society & Museum will be commemorating the First ty over a number of years. and Second World Wars She'll do a great job." on Remembrance Day with a special performance stories from the two world of We'll Meet Again, which wars, and each year some incorporates personal stories and experiences of favourites revived. living through both wars, from oral histories and ar- Niagara and commemochival documents collected rate those who fought and by the museum.

by Barbara Worthy, the history, says Worthy. performance is a collection Millard and Jenny Wright, by Doug Mundy and Pento some wartime classics.

some new stories, and re- Worthy. vives favourites.

year with Patty Jamieson Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. stepping in to fill the role

"I've worked with Pat-

The evening is a mix of new ones are added, and

All share a history of lived through two world Directed and compiled wars, including some local

The story of Second of memories, readings and World War fighter pilot songs featuring the talent- Henry Thornton Crozier ed Patty Jamieson, Peter (Cro) Taylor, father of Terry Mactaggart and Tim all associated with the Taylor, has been added. Shaw Festival, with music The story of Norm Howe, also a fighter pilot, is a ner MacKay. The audience favourite. He died in Deis encouraged to sing along cember, 2018, and his story has been expanded for this Each year Worthy adds year's performance, says

We'll Meet Again will This will be the first be presented on Monday,

in the past, who wasn't free brance Day program has to do it this year, says Wor- been very popular and fills up fast. Admission is \$15

played by Gabrielle Jones the museum's Remem- per person and seating at 43 Castlereagh St. and the Museum's programs

is limited. Call 905-468- is open daily 1 p.m. to 5 and special events, please 3912 to reserve your spot. p.m., November to April. call 905-468-3912 or visit The museum is located For more information on www.nhsm.ca.



Now in its sixth year, Sarah Maloney Kaufman and Barbara Worthy look over material in the museum gift shop books. (Photo supplied)



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Many have nowhere else to remember the dead

Most soldiers who died overseas are buried there, Legion member reminds us

Penny Coles The Local

40 years.

He comes from a fam-Howse.

His father, Percy Howse was hit by shrapnel after ral to be involved, with so 62 has attended his share the liberation of Bergen op many of my family mem- of Remembrance Day cer-Zoom in the Netherlands, bers, and generations, in- emonies.

and came home with what volved." was then called shell shock, as a result of the war.

their community.

Howse, an infantry capnow known as PTSD, says tain and staff officer who Al Howse has been an Howse. As an adult, he re-spent some time in the active Royal Canadian Le- alized his father suffered Ipperwash Crisis land disgion member for more than from a nervous condition pute, took over the job of Parade Marshal from his He has uncles, cousins father in the 1990s, when ily of veterans. His grand- and brothers for whom the Percy was slowing down father, Bill Staines, fought military is part of their fam- and unable to continue. in the First World War, ily history, and their desire He's been the poppy chair, and came home deaf, says to serve their country and the president of the legion, is still a volunteer with the "It always seemed natu- Poppy Campaign, and at



Al Howse distributes poppies on Queen Street, and local Phil Wilson stops to pick up one. (Penny Coles)

"This is a time to reflect," forms and leave home to now call PTSD. Families he says.

connection to the world wars, Remembrance Day "is an overview of the history of Canada at war, from Confederation to the pres- here for families to visit, ent. Our country has stood only the Cenotaph where up to oppressive regimes that would take away our Howse. rights and freedoms. We are safely across the oceans lost, that the individual from where wars have been heroism of the dead was not fought, and the devastation properly recognized." is not first hand."

Canada from those places were killed in the First and have a different sense of that Second World Wars, says history, says Howse. "They Howse, only a letter or caremember with thanks that ble note informing the fam-Canadians came to their ily of their loss." rescue."

losses," says Howse.

women to enlist in the military, and fight with allies overseas," he says.

and daughters put on uni- come back with what we gins at 1 p.m.

learn to shoot guns, sail To those with no direct warships, and fly armed airplanes somewhere else. Many died there, and were buried where they fell."

They have no graves their names are carved, says

'There were so many

There was no Highway Those who have come to of Heroes for those who

There is another type of brance "is the personal who return do not come back as they left. All those "Twice between 1914 who fight and kill to protect and 1950 there was a call others are changed forevfor a general enlistment of er. The personal effects of brance Day service at the all the able-bodied men and fighting stay with a person long after the fighting ends."

> Those who have returned, lost friends and

are affected by changes in returning men and women. All of our military is affected by the conflicts we ask them to become a part of."

Approaching Remembrance Day, Howse says, "we remember the ongoing troops being deployed. We have men and women in harm's way today. There are many troops overseas, or training to go. We remember the ongoing threats, and Canada's readiness to respond. There are local sons and daughters following in the same tradition of putting the country above themselves, and fight for the greater good."

Imagine, he adds, your The point of remem- loss too, he adds. "Those best friend is travelling overseas, and may not come back.

> On Monday, Nov. 11, the Old Town Remem-Cenotaph begins at 10:45 a.m., with a moment of silence at 11 a.m.

The service at the "Families saw their sons family too, he says. "Many Queenston Cenotaph be-

Music at the legion hall

An American Bandstand Hit Parade concert is coming to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on King Street, with Danny Dee and the Legends performing the music of Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Del Shannon, the Everly Brothers and a bit of Chubby Checkers Saturday, Nov 23 at 7:30 p.m. General admission and concert seating. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the legion bar, or phone 905-325-5704 or 905-468-2353.







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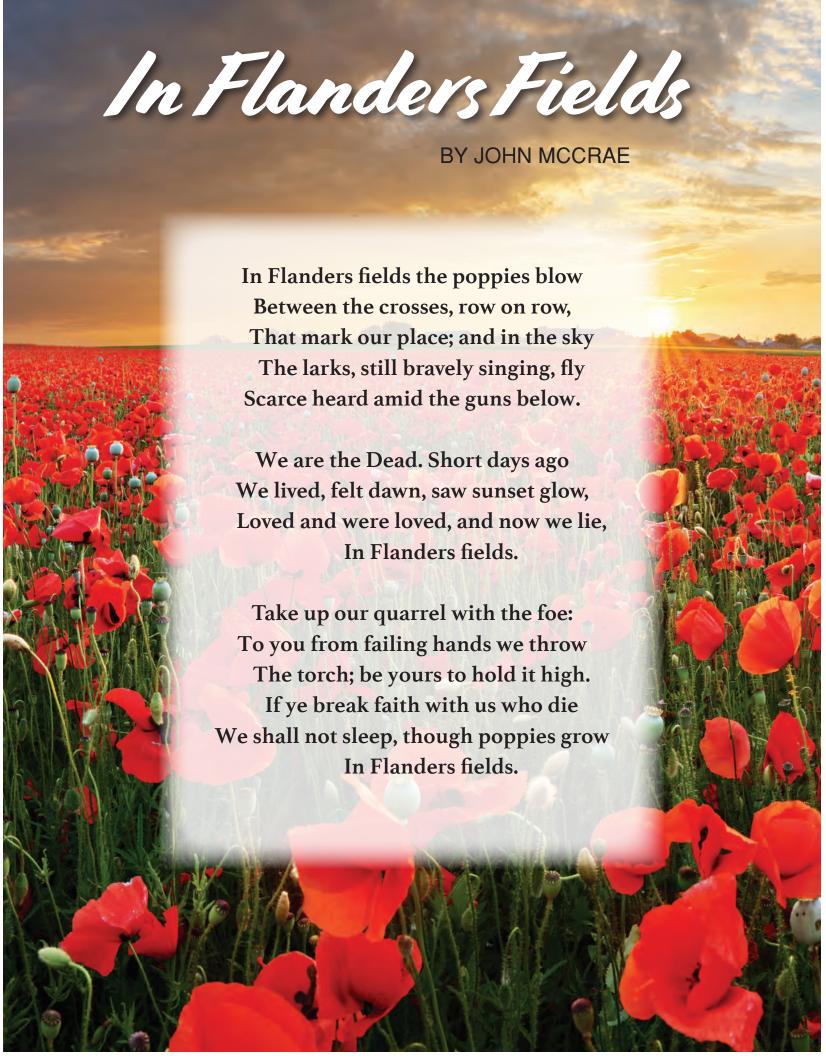
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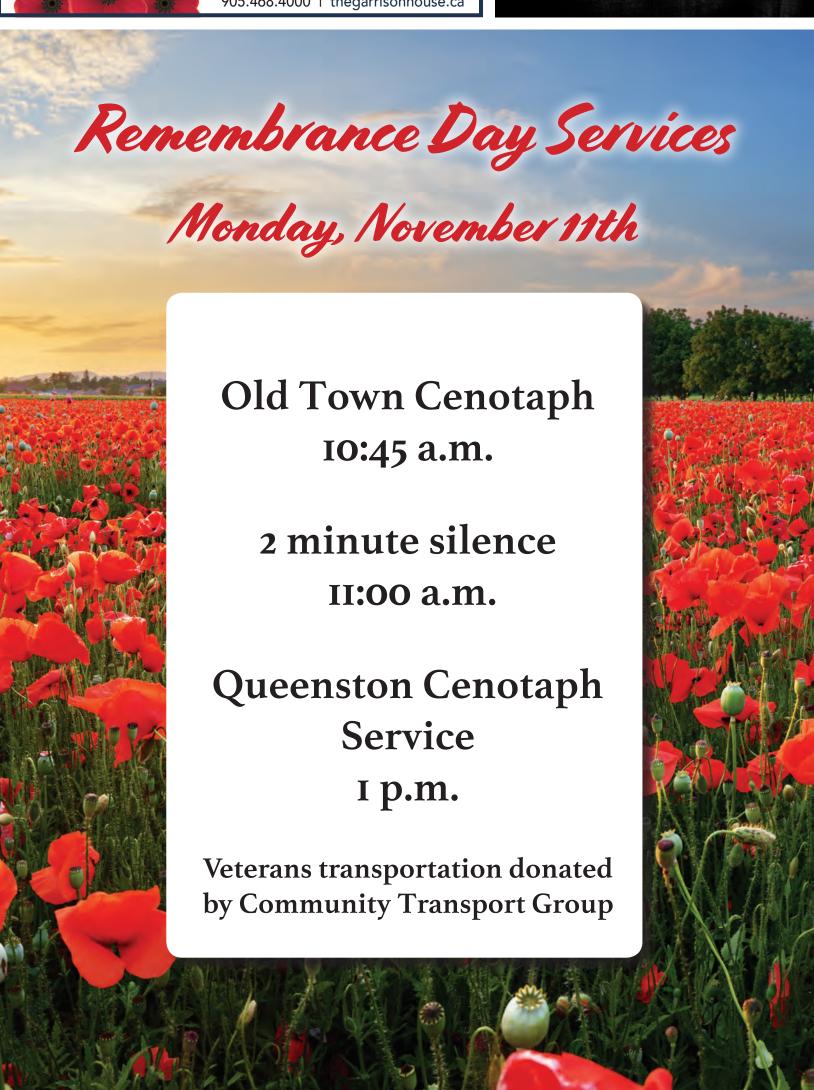
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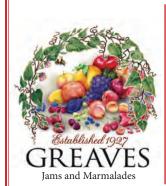


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Artist Robert Bora paints what he sees



Opening exhibit at Pumphouse Thursday evening

Local Staff

Welland artist Robert explaining the title. "The Bora challenges people to everyday, ordinary, recogsee everyday things in a nizable things from the different way.

the Niagara Pumphouse ed or ignore." Arts Centre, The Things

to 9 p.m. Everyone is wel-

"I paint what I see and With his paintings, how I see it," Bora says, real world around me that His new exhibit at some may take for grant-

His oil paintings show I See, opens at the Niag- vignettes from either the ara Pumphouse on Nov. interior of homes or the 5 and runs until Nov. 30. architectural exterior: a An opening reception bird cage sitting in front will take place on Thurs- of a window, a coffee cup day, Nov. 7 from 7 p.m. on a dresser, the roof peak

of a house. All are painted a recurring theme I use, in his mind, he tries to my style is minimalist, turing windows.

Bora says he uses win-

in time."

dows to draw a viewer into while out walking or driv- Alex Colville. a painting. "Windows are ing and, after they grow

"The words to describe memory."

in strong, warm colours not to offer a view to the translate their emotion- representational, realism," in realist style and a min- outside, but rather to trap al meaning to canvas in Bora says. "Capturing imalist precision, with the viewer inside, hoping meticulous fashion while light, shadow, shape and straight lines and angles, to conjure up a memory in his studio, a creation colour are the four main with many paintings fea- or feeling of the moment process that echoes Ca- constants in my paintnadian realist artists such ings, all hoping to capture His ideas are sparked as Christopher Pratt and a more defined intensity and lasting emotional



Robert Bora paints everyday images, things people take for granted, he says. (Photo supplied)

Town to offer support for federal grant

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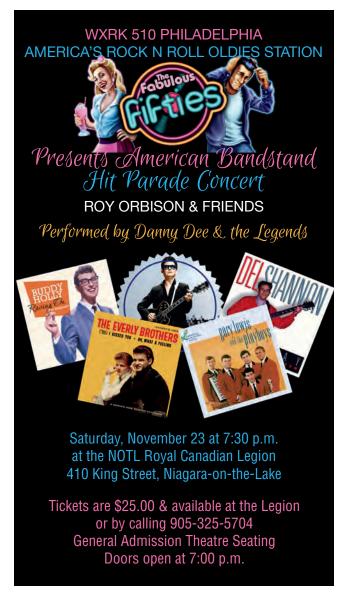
collection can be more accessible, and an increase to storage for collections. The expansion will allow for increased exhibition space, a fire suppression system which the museum doesn't have — a better layout for visitor services, and the ability to rent space.

The project is shovel-ready, she said. They have added \$2 million to their fundraising goal for programming and for an endowment fund, and hired a company to begin their fundraising campaign.

Councillors agreed to her request for a letter of support, a decision which will be ratified at next week's council meeting.



This is one of the views of the expansion planned for the Niagara Historical Museum. (Drawing supplied)



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Messiah Sing-Along at St. Mark's Church

Nancy Smith Special to The Local

Dust off your vocal chords and get ready to raise your voices to the rafters of St. Mark's Church in a rousing and jubilant singalong of Handel's beloved his direction, is his abilmasterpiece, Messiah.

Veteran choral conductor, Mervin Fick, leads The Messiah Chorus (and you) in an extraordinary concert that features a choir of seventy-five glorious voices, joined by soloists Lauren Halasz, Michael Dodge and Matthew Cassils.

has been transforming once-in-a-lifetime concert loved Hallelujah Chorus. choirs, and inspiring and you won't want to miss. raising their performanche brings to performances, through the singers under ity to deliver truly joyful along. singing.

Mark's features musicians tion, move into Easter, then ly excited about the singspecially selected for this finish off with The Trumperformance of Handel's Messiah. The fullness of with huge sound and great sound of this orchestra moments of rises and fall coming together with a fabulous choir of 75, joined by

es for more than 35 years. will be based on selections One of the greatest gifts from Handel's Messiah and song sheets will be provided at the concert so that everyone can easily follow

The program will start Niagara Falls. The Orchestra of St. off with a Christmas secpets Shall Sound, a piece followed by Amen.

Conductor Mervin Fick four soloists, will deliver a will of course be the be-

Music Niagara Festi-The sing-along program val's Artistic Director Atis Bankas programmed the Sing-Along Messiah concert as part of this year's inaugural ChoralFest, which runs Nov. 16 to 25 in Niagara-on-the-Lake and

Bankas is particularalong and the excellent musicians, soloists and choir that have been assembled for this occasion. "I encourage everyone to attend, be-A program highlight cause this is a rare opportu-



Conductor Mervin Fick, the conductor of the Sing-Along Messiah (Photos supplied)



Soloist Matthew Cassils

nity to hear 75 spectacular voices, accompanied by an orchestra composed of tremendous musicians, performing some of the most uplifting and magnificent few that weren't his own music ever made," says compositions. But one of Bankas.

"I hope we attract people of all ages who will come together and raise their voices in song. It doesn't matter had for Handel's work." how well we sing, it only matters that we're all there ah takes place at St. Mark's together, raising our voices Church Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in unison in celebration of Handel's glorious Messiah."

with the upcoming 250th

anniversary of Beethoven's birth, says Bankas. "When he passed away, Beethoven's scores were found at his residence and there were very them was Handel's Messiah. This showed the extent of respect, understanding and admiration Beethoven

The Sing-Along Messi-

Tickets are available at musicniagara.org and The concert coincides through the Shaw Festival Box office at shawfest.com.



Soloist Michael Dodge



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Artificial intelligence has potential to be five-star

Dr. Bill Brown Special to The Local

There's no doubt about the power of artificial intelligence — it excels in tasks such as voice and face recognition, instant nuanced translation between hun- of heat. dreds of languages and its top-ranked human players at cognitively challenging games such as 'Go'.

Overall, AI is amazing. What tweaked my interest was a review article, Machine Learning in Medicine, in the highly-respected The New England Journal of Medicine and a book by Eric Topol, Deep Medicine, on the same subject. Both are welcome reviews of a subject viewed with suspicion by physicians, known for their conservative take progress, especially changes, which threatens ability and ability to abtheir jobs.

What made AI so powerful in recent years is that the architecture of the computers is modeled roughly on how the brain works – by employing multiple overlapping networks and using AI never forgets! 'self-learning algorithms. Not so long ago, AI-based games such as chess and Jeopardy by loading the computer from the get-go

ble.

— only few basic guidelines computer to get it launched — leaving to self-learning algorithms to figure out winning solutions, and learn from their mistakes - much in the fashion with which the brain learns to solve most problems. It is the combination of increasingly powerful comself-learning software algorithms that created the modern AI machine with its unprecedented adaptsorb enormous amounts of AI works tirelessly, 24/7, to improve, often by playing against itself millions

egies and solutions as possi- with the best dermatologists, reading X-rays, CT This worked but re- and MRI scans with an quired, at least in the ear- accuracy that matches the ly days, large computers, best radiologists, read retiwhich consumed a lot of nal scans as well as or betpower and generated a lot ter than optometrists and ophthalmologists, or assess These days, self-learn- biopsies more accurately astounding capacity to beat ing algorithms are the key and faster than experienced pathologists. In each case, need to be loaded on the AI is seen more as adjunct today to physicians, but who knows about tomorrow, whether we'll need that many human overseers in the future, and for remote communities where specialists are few and far between, access to AI reading capability would be a real asset.

But AI can do much puters, which incorporate more. For example planning the best treatment program for some patients with cancer can be a big challenge for oncologists because of all the clinical variables involved - to say data. And unlike humans, nothing of the enormous challenge for any one physician or small group of physicians struggling to keep of times, or learning from up with the latest informagiant vetted databases. And tion in journals and clinical trials. That's where AI may All of which made it offer an advantage – AI may possible for AI to match or soon be capable of sorting computers beat humans at exceed humans in pattern through all the clinical fearecognition tasks such as tures of a particular clinical distinguishing between dif- case, scanning the relevant ferent types of skin lesions literature and possibly come

with as many possible strat- with a facility competitive up with recommendations provide instantly sharable lems with AI, perhaps not based on thousands, if not and readable information so much with leading canmillions of cases, looking for all members of the health for the best treatment options for a specific patient.

now growing experience so mined for risk factors for far of some of the top cancer centers in the USA and trends in the health care staelsewhere.

tention, thus far at least, for been missed, providing up AI to trump clinical decision-making. But AI does treatment options based provide another perspective on 'best practices' gleaned based on much wider experience than any individual of patients, are all possibiliphysician, even the most ties in progress. experienced, can be expected to reasonably muster in fect - just as physicians the fruits of AI with small careers of several decades, and nurses learn from their however clever and perceptive they might be. And AI. And if the quality of if AI can provide that kind clinical information from of help for cancer centers, the history, physical examwhat about similar help for ination, laboratory tests family physicians, nurse and other pertinent inforpractitioners or indeed any mation about the patient or specialty practice? That's other patients whose data ed and beyond.

The hope with electronic be less than dependable. records was that they would

care team and that's more or less what they've provided. That's been the hope and That information could be certain diseases, identifying tus of patients whose recog-There's certainly no in- nition might otherwise have to date management and from the records of millions

> experiences - so also does might the quality of output

> > That's one of the prob-

cer centers or other high quality health care providers, but with the quality of information in the database of AI on which it learns to identify trends and patterns. However, once high quality databases for everything from retinal photographs to skin lesions have been established and shared widely in the health care system - everyone profits including small clinics with limited resources.

That's the real power of Of course AI isn't per- AI in medicine - sharing under-resourced centers.

For now, in my books, AI merits two stars, but has the potential to become a fivestar contributor to health care in the future. That's my hope and guess. I want AI and humans on my side.

To learn more about AI, precisely where AI is head- AI learned on is so-so, so come to the InfoHealth session on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., in the NOTL Public Library.

Batteries and the Nobel Prize in chemistry

Dr. Bill Brown Special to The Local

These days at restaurants, theatres, grocery stores and even bedrooms, lithium battery to the marit's become the norm for vel it is today: light, compeople to be glued to their cell phones, busily swiping screens and texting while others, feet away, do much recharging cycles. the same.

Loss or death of our cell phone has become a catastrophe, because so much of what's become important to us is on those damned phones. We feel lost, sometimes even devastated,

addiction, what is? ple and Google — but it's really all those beguiling apps, such as Facebook, Twitter, and a host of other apps that grip our attention. Why else would we haul our cell phones out, several times an hour to check on incoming messages, and missed something.

have been possible without a pocket or purse-sized device small and portable enough to go with us literally everywhere.

with enough power to last a day or more, without recharging, and capable of battery properly - the engirecharges thousands of neering work.

times without degrading performance too much. That's what the Nobel Prize in Chemistry was all about - the slow evolution of the pact, reliable, safe and able to hold up after many hundreds, if not thousands of

For which battery we are indebted to three scientists, Stanley Whittingham, John B. Goodenough and Akira Yoshino, who made major contributions to the creation of the modern-day lithium battery we so dewithout them. If that isn't pend on. One of the lessons of most of Nobel prizes in What made that possi- Science, is that most major culprits - Microsoft, Ap- sound, expanding foundations of understanding. This was certainly the case here, where Whittingham's work in the 1970s laid the cles. foundations of the lithium battery, to which Goodenough in the early 1980's made improvements to increase the power of the vet again just in case we've battery and finally Yoshino, who improved the battery None of that would further, by making it much safer and able to store more energy. Each group of scientists and engineers built on the work of their predecessor's contributions. Portability is the key, The whole story of develand that requires a small, oping the lithium battery lightweight power supply, involved a clear understanding of the chemistries involved and packaging the

Since then, others have made further improvements to the lithium battery. Even so, it may be reaching the end of its development potential with the result that we may have to find another type of battery, able to hold much more energy, yet be light and able to withstand many thousands of discharge and recharge cycles, if renewable sources of energy from wind and solar energy are to replace coal and fossil fuels as our planets major source of energy. And that's the challenge, isn't it? It's not about making cell phones last a week or a month on a single charge ble? There are the obvious achievements are based on but storing enough solar or wind power to make them practical alternatives to fossil fuels for cities and towns and support electric vehi-

> It's a fascinating story, one well worth hearing about, if only because that cell phone, iPad and portable device we so value, depends on the extraordinary work of teams of scientists and engineers, whose efforts we take for granted.

> This is your chance to find out who and how they made all that portable smart stuff possible, even if the result has been a mixed social blessing.

> This talk in the Nobel Series is Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library. Hope to see you there.



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St. Davids Lions, Leos participate in 'blind bowling'

Penny Coles The Local

Two years in a row, St. Davids Leos raised money to sponsor two autism-assist with support from the Merritton Lions Club.

Last weekend, members of the St. Davids Lions and Leos reciprocated, participating in an event to help the Merritton club sponsor a abetes. dog guide for a visually-impaired adult.

The goal of Leo clubs, for kids aged 12 to 18, is to encourage young people to affect positive change within their communities, develop valuable leadership skills, make new friends and have her to be thankful for having

All of those goals were accomplished Saturday.

Ayla Jamal is a 13-yearold St. Davids student, and one of three local Leos who participated in the event, not only contributing to the support of the dog guide program, but also learning a little about how difficult it is to be visually impaired.

The fundraiser was a Dog Bowl, a five-pin bowling event held to raise money for dog guides. Often referred to as "blind bowling," it also helps educate participants on what it's like to be blind or visually impaired.

Bowlers wear specialized glasses provided by the Lions Foundation of Canada Canine Vision Dog Guide Lions Club's cause — and eye disease, to allow partici-

pants to see through the eyes of someone who is visually impaired by diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetes, glaucoma or retinopathy.

One of the five members dog guides for two children, of each bowling team must wear a night mask to simulate bowling blind — that person is aided by another member of the team.

> Jamal wore glasses that were spotted to represent di-

> "Honestly, it was pretty difficult," she says. "I had a hard time bowling. But at the same time it was a lot of fun, being with friends and meeting new people."

But more than that, she says, the experience taught good eyesight, and to appreciate how hard it is for those who don't.

"It showed me how difficult it would be to be visually impaired. I can't imagine having to deal with that all day, every day. It just gave me a taste of what it would be like, and I know that can't compare to what it would be know who it is," he explains. like for someone who lives He was a recreational bowler with it all the time."

The Merritton Lions operate a five-pin bowling alley in the basement of the Merritton Commuity Centre, ness and bowling. and one of its members, visually-impaired Bill Sawrey, a decade ago as a way to raise money for dog guides — eyesight is International



St. Davids Lions members Brent Pfab, (back left) Ted Burrows, Ed Pittman, Sue Pittman, Rick Trapnell, Vick Tee and Bradd Anderson, Bonnie Pfab (middle left), Victoria Astudillo, Raul Astudillo, Shirley Burrows, Steve Burrows, Rick Wills, and Leo Club members Ayla (bottom left), Danika, wearing spotted glasses, and Giulio take part in a sight-awareness bowl-a-thon organized by Merritton Lions at the Merritton Community Centre. (Glenn Connell)

only ability to see is limited peripheral vision, he says. "If someone is standing less than 10 feet away from me in my peripheral vision, I can see someone there, but I won't with others who are visually impaired, and that gave him the idea to develop a program that combines sight aware-

In 2013, the Lions Foundation of Canada launched created the bowling event Dog Bowl nationally, based on Sawrey's model, and there are now other clubs across the country with similar programs. All that's needed program. The glasses mimic also to provide education is a bowling alley and some and awareness of visual im- members willing to give it

pairment and blindness. His a try, he says — the foundation provides the glasses. All proceeds support the Canine adult centre. Vision Dog Guide program.

Lions Canada dog guide programs; they also provide service dogs trained to help those who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, have a medical or physical disability, or suffer from epilepsy or diabetes.

While he was grateful the Niagara clubs were able to ated from St. Davids and reprovide assistance for children with autism, one in Burlington and one in Oakville, mentary school members he says he'd like to see money raised in Niagara benefit a local child, and he encourages local families with autistic children to register for a dog guide if they think it might be helpful. For more information call 1-800-768-3030.

The St. Davids Leos are now working on their next goal — to raise money for a

The McMaster Cancer Clinic is being renovated says St. Davids Lions presi-Hamilton areas have pledged munity, and hopefully inter-\$75,000 by January 2021 to ested in becoming Lions as help fund a unique area for adults and continuing service

that will be separate from the

The St. Davids Leos Club, Autism is one of seven now 44 members strong one of the largest, if not the largest, in Ontario — has committed to raising \$1,800.

> The Leos Club has grown as members have attracted friends, both from St. Davids Public School and now from Niagara high schools attended by Leos who have gradumain members.

> Meetings with the eleare held at lunch time in the school, and at the Lions Hall to include the high schoolaged members, says Ander-

The school and the club, neighbours on York Road, developed a partnership when the school was looking for donations to help purchase smart boards teen cancer unit in Hamilton. interactive whiteboards that bring technology into the classroom. Students began and expanded in a project helping out at Lions fish fries that will cost \$1.6 million, and the annual carnival, and the Leos Club was started dent Bradd Anderson. Lions to keep students motivated, clubs from Niagara and the contributing to their com-

teens undergoing treatment to their communities, Ander-

But whether or not they become Lions, they are learning volunteerism and skills that will help them throughout their lives, and getting involved in their communities.

Jamal will graduate from St. Davids at the end of the school year and plans to attend Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines next September. She is determined to remain a Leo member.

She's excited about what is being called the MacKids Teen Zone Project, knowing that the Leos will be helping teens with cancer.

Leos have been raising money by selling popcorn and caramel corn at the Lions fish fries, and are also organizing a movie night for teens at the Lions Hall, to be held Nov. 29.

She's delighted to be part of a club that helps other people, and in this case, young people, she says. "This is such a worthwhile opportunity. Being a member of the Leo club is a lot of fun. It's great being able to hang out with friends and meet other people, but what is really important is being able to do good in the community. It feels so amazing to be able to do this."



St. Davids Lions members Shirley and Ted Burrows keep score at the Merritton Lions dog bowl while Raul Astudillo looks on. (Glenn Connell)

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Ancient wonders, wine and wildlife at Konzelmann

Kim Wade **Special to The Local**

On Sunday afternoon Konzelmann Estate Winery offered audience members their choice of a glass of Riesling or Merlot while they listened to Ancient Wonders, Wine and Wildlife, presented by three travel enthusiasts.

Two of the three are Egyptologists and the third is a travel expert and wildlife lover. What brings these three women together is their desire to share their passion for the wonders of Egypt and Africa with others.

am addicted to Ranieri, Egyptologist, writer and founder of Ancient Egypt Alive. "My calling is to bring ancient Egypt alive for the general public."

Ranieri's passion for Egypt is as evident as her skill at storytelling. She said this talk commemorated Pharaoh Ramses I's mummy leaving Niagara Falls for his long trek home to Egypt. How did an ancient king's remains end up in Niagara Falls? Well, that will be explained in more detail later in the presentation by the Egyptologist Gayle Gibson.

At this point, Ranieri gave the audience a brief overview of life in ancient Egypt and the exciting developments in Egypt today.

She highlighted a few of her favourite tales, gods and places for the audience. For context, she explained that the Nile River was essential to life in the Nile of these artifacts to be ex- tures, tourists are able to Valley. This was a land of amined for research will be participate in dune rides in three seasons: Akhet (The the new Grand Museum of Swakopmund, and see seals

Flooding Season) when Giza. This 500,000 square son) when the flood waters display including the mascrops were harvested.

cred to the ancient Egyphow many of the same tech- Ranieri said. niques for cultivating and modern times.

As for the current mood since the travel embargo experiencing a renaissance." People are being invited to traveler's dream. "come back to Egypt," she

the 20th anniversary of the archeological discoveries two-legged inhabitants of being unearthed and a "tor- the Nile Valley, MacKay rent of documentaries" are is more interested in the being produced," said Ran- four-legged live inhabitants ieri. One area where there from Namibia to Botswahave been recent discoveries is the ancient burial she showed the audience ground of Sakkara, located 30 km south of Cairo. can wildlife and landscapes. Over the past year there Namibia, she explained, have been many important was a dry region and the discoveries in this area. As most recently as June, 2019, several hundred mummies imals congregate. "It is a were found. All of these discoveries are sure to keep archeologists and Egyptologists very busy for decades sand dunes and 930-yearto come, she said.

the Nile flooded the valley; foot museum is set to have Peret (The Growing Sea- over 100,000 objects on receded, leaving behind sive stone statue of Ramses fertile soil, and Shemu (The II. Placed the foot of the Harvesting Season) when Great Pyramids, this new museum will also house a One particular crop was 3D cinema, a children's mugrapes for wine. Ranieri ex- seum and 10 world-class plained that beer was more laboratories in full operapopular for the ordinary tion. The museum is set to people, wine was reserved open its doors to the public for the elite. Wine was sa- in 2020 and will also be a place for the mummy from tians. She also described Niagara Falls to finally rest,

The next speaker, Anna harvesting crops in ancient MacKay, is the organizer times are still being used in of the tours to Egypt and other parts of Africa. She is the owner of the boutique Egypt," pronounced Laura of the country, Ranieri said travel adventure company based in Toronto, named to Egypt has been lifted, Your Journey. She started the political climate has the company more than 10 changed so that "Egypt is years ago to promote experiences tailored to fulfill a

> While Ranieri and Gibson are mainly interest-There are several new ed in seeing the deceased na. In her presentation, gorgeous photos of Afriwatering holes became a "magical place" to see anphotographer's dream," she said, sharing photographs of treks to colour-changing old petrified trees. She ex-The main place for all plained that on her adven-



Anna MacKay, Laura Ranieri, and Gayle Gibson talk about Egypt over wine at Konzelmann Estate Winery. (Kim Wade)

at the Cape Cross Seal Colony. In Etosha National Park, she had taken photos of elephants taking a sand bath. She saw giraffes, rhinos, zebras, hyenas and even a ose? Gibson is an Egyptolo-

different modes of transportation with which to founder of Ancient Egypt see the animals, by foot, by boat, by trucks and even fame for her contribution in by helicopter. Botswana, she explained, is one of the most stable countries in Africa. She highlighted one of the most spectacular experiences for her, a helicopter he was. She began her talk ride that could be taken to by asking questions about witness elephants roaming how we know about Ramses the plains.

a vulture sanctuary and also had the privilege of seeing monkeys, many varieties of other birds, and the remarkable Victoria Falls, which is often compared to our own

Niagara Falls.

It is in Niagara Falls where Gayle Gibson begins her talk, Ramses II – Ramses the Great or merely grandigist and worked at the Royal Many of the tours offer Ontario Museum for more than 20 years. She is also a Alive. She gained particular the identification of a local artifact, a mummy in the Niagara Falls Museum.

Gibson recounted the story of Ramses II and who II. We have evidence of his In Zimbabwe, she visited buildings and monuments such as the Luxor Temple and The Great Temple of Abu Simbel. He appears on Egyptian currency to this day. He has been portrayed in many movies, most convincingly to Gibson, by Yul Brynner in the 1956 film, The Ten Commandments. We also know he lived into his 90s, and is said to have sired over 100 children.

He also fought a great Battle of Kadesh (Syria) between Egyptians and Hittites and created the first University in Atlanta, Georpeace treaty known to man, gia where was the mummy which stuck for more than was eventually identified 100 years," said Gibson. He as Ramses I, father of Seti created a temple for his first I and grandfather of the said is an "extraordinarily Ramses I was repatriated to beautiful tomb."

Ramses II was part of the succession of Heretic way back to King Tutankhamun. She explained King Tut's father, Akhenaten, was a criminal and left the kingdom in a terrible state of desperation. Tutankhamun was only nine years old when he became king so the real ruler became Tut's commander, Horemheb. Horemheb worked to Tut's father destroyed it all. Even though Horemheb married Nefertiti's sister, they remained childless and

Horemheb named Paramessu his successor. Paramessu already had a child named Seti and a grandson so Horemheb had assurance of a lineage. Paramessu changed his name to Ramses I upon his ascent to the throne. Ramses I did not reign for long and was succeeded by his son Seti I. Seti I was then succeeded by his son Ramses II, who went on to be one of the most famous and celebrated pha-

raohs of Ancient Egypt.

As it turns out, Gibson visited the Niagara Falls Museum in the 1980s and was taken with one particular mummy among the Egyptian artifacts on display. She thought this particular mummy seemed to be of royal descent, based on the position of his arms across his chest, and other distinguishing features. After a colleague visited the museum with Gibson, he too shared her conclusion. Then the research began to identify the mummy. The entire Egyptian collection was bought in a private sale in 1999 by the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory wife Nefertari which she Ramses II the Great. King the Luxor Museum in 2003, with full official honours.

For more information Pharaohs. The story goes on Ramses I and his discovery in Niagara Falls watch the NOVA documentary: The Mummy Who Would Be King, which can be found on YouTube.

> For more information on Laura Ranieri and Gayle Gibson's Ancient Egypt Alive: https://www.ancientegyptalive.com/.

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Fall season of Bravo Niagara! continues to fulfill dream

Penny Coles The Local

When Chris Mori founded Bravo Niagara! in 2014, years in the making.

A Toronto native, graduate of the Julliard School of music and a pianist for the Florida Orchestra, she had long wanted to create a music festival, but had no idea she would one day accomplish her goal with the help of her daughter, ists." Alexis Spieldenner, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, a town totally unknown to her then.

Mori and Spieldenner continue to as they work together to build and grow the festival they established together.

Mori has fought breast cancer twice — both times with her daughter at her side, once when Alexis was just a baby, and the second time 17 years later.

They also share their hear her. love of music. Spieldenner spent from early childhood, sitting backstage listening to her mother's concerts, staying up way past a normal bedtime for a child her age, but meeting many top musicians and becoming part of the music community so much a part of her mother's life.

Mori discovered NOTL when she was looking for a lar coup, given not only the retirement community for her father, after the death of her mother. She moved here in 2012, and was joined by her daughter, the perfect partner for the festival they would create together.

Spieldenner studied music at Duke University — she plays the harp — and when she graduated, came to NOTL, "I thought I would take a gap year and then study law in the U.S.," she says. "Instead I ended up doing this."

Doing "this" means tak-

the festival "blossom to be- grounds together, and we incredible venues," she says.

with the artists and schedul- press," says Spieldenner. ing the concerts.

says Mori. "Alexis does the events, including inspiring marketing and looks after film screenings such as Unthe website. I pick the art- der African Skies, a doc-

Together they have hosted about 50 concerts, many Public Library at 7:30 p.m. of them sold out.

share a strong bond, and is a story to tell," says Mori, ible journey, history and recounting one about a little boy, about seven years old, who was such a fan of Emily Bear, a child prodigy and pianist who performed at Stratus for Bravo Niagara Laura Second Secondary in 2016, his parents bought tickets for her concert and brought their son all the featuring Paul Simon muway from North Carolina to sic with students, and will

"There have been so remembers the years she many great experiences," agrees Spieldenner. "And we've established some amazing relationships with Nelson Mandela. many of the artists."

> of the festival, was able to to this kind of music," says bring soprano superstar Mori. Measha Brueggergosman to St. Catharines to open the fall season of Bravo Niagara! with a sold-out, spectacustature of the soprano in international music circles but the fact that it was her return cuperating from open-heart book." surgery.

> Voices of Freedom Festival, Nov. 7 to 9, established in 2015 to raise awareness of Niagara's significant Black table, but we're building history, says Spieldenner.

It has grown to become an important platform for giving voice to music born out of oppression and highlighting the ongoing journey

come a series of world-class are thrilled to be presenting artists performing in these these incredible musical storytellers, including Grammy With the relationships winners Bakithi Kumalo, she was fulfilling a dream 40 Mori has built up over de- Paul Simon's bassist, and cades of being part of a com- Larnell Lewis, as well as jazz munity of top-rated interna- icon Monty Alexander and tional musicians, she works his Harlem-Kingston Ex-

The festival also includes "We're a good balance," several free community umentary to be presented with Kumalo at the NOTL Nov. 7. The film tells the "And for each one, there story behind the incredevolution of Paul Simon's Graceland, and explores the cultural and political climate of South Africa 25 years ago.

Kumalo will also be at School at 1 p.m. Thursday to lead an interactive workshop also discuss growing up in Soweto, South Africa during apartheid and his relationship with the South African anti-apartheid revolutionary

"Part of our mandate is Mori, artistic director to expose young students

If there is any kind of opportunity for students to talk to the artists, play music with them, or attend workshops, "that's what we want to do. Music gives us the opportunity to educate young people without them having to the stage after time off re- to sit and read about it in a

While the music festival Next up is the annual was Mori's dream, Spieldenner says, "it's become my vision too. We each bring something different to the something together."

"We have the next three years mapped out," she adds. "This has surpassed where we thought we'd be five years ago. A lot has happened in



Alexis Spieldenner and Chris Mori at the 2017 Voices of Freedom Festival with Grammy award-winning bassist Richard Bona. (Alex Heidbuechel)

shared vision, a strategic a.m., Bravo Niagara! presplan and expectations the ents Artists as Activists, a festival will grow.

weekend and the 2019/20 the historic and present-day season ahead.

The Nov. 8 concert is the main event of the Voices of Freedom Festival, at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. It features Monty Alexander's Harlem-Kingston Express and The Larnell Lewis Band, blending the at the FirstOntario Performsounds of his native Kingston, Jamaica, with the classic jazz tradition of New York's Harlem at 7:30 p.m. in Partridge Hall.

by Kumalo, who will be his phenomenal youth orchesspecial guest. The legendary South African bassist will also make a special appearance with Laura Secord Secondary School students.

conversation exploring the But first there is this role of artists in society and intersection of music and social change. Held at the Niagara Historical Museum, participants include Kumalo, Céline Peterson, and Stanford Thompson, moderated by Garvia Bailey.

> Saturday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. ing Arts Centre Film House, Stanford Thompson will be part of a screening of Crescendo: The Power of Music.

Since its inception in Larnell will be joined 1976, El Sistema, Venezuela's tra program, has brought social transformation to disadvantaged children in that

In addition to produc-Saturday, Nov. 9, at 11 ing world class musicians, are available at Eventbrite.ca.

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This documentary film follows three students at schools that have embraced El Sistema.

To register for free events and purchase Voices of Freedom Concert tickets, visit www.bravoniagara.org or call 289-868-9177.

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Continuing the 2019/20 season of Bravo Niagara!, Canadian Ofra Harnoy, considered one of the great international cellists, will perform at St. Mark's Church Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 to \$80 and





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Halloween Trick or Eat

By Diego Rey And Olivia Santelli

Every year, Royal Oak looks forward to Trick or Eat, when Royal Oak School goes downtown and collects canned food from local businesses in Old Town.

After collecting the food, we count it and donate the food to Newark Neighbours, a local food bank. Trick or Eat is really important to Royal Oak because we love giving back and helping people in our own community. It's also really fun because it gets us excited for trick or treating later that night.

prevented us from heading out in costume, but

collect many items for fami- a full town effort!

wouldn't stop our efforts lies in the local community. to support local people in Thank you to the businesses need. We rescheduled for a who supported us by coldrier day, and were able to lecting canned goods — it is



This year, bad weather Students at ROCS sort food gathered during their Trick or Eat outing to collect food for Newark Neighbours (Photos submitted)



Students collect food to be given to Newark Neighbours.

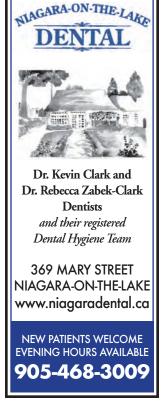


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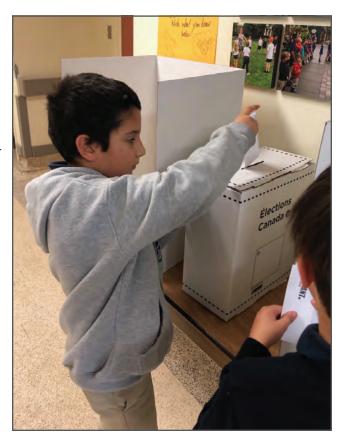




Canada Votes

Bv Diego Rev And Olivia Santelli

This year at Royal Oak, students from Grades 2 and up participated in a schoolwide election for the Canada Votes campaign. The students were put in groups of two or three and learned all about the Canadian political parties. Many students connected to the parties which were chosen for the activity: Conservative, Liberal, Green, and NDP. The students researched the political parties and their platforms, and placed their slips of paper in the Student Ballot box. The purpose of the activity was to learn about the government and being aware of the gederal election. You can be sure the students watched the



election results quite closely Diego Rey votes as the Royal Oak Community School takes part in Canada Votes.

Grandpals Day at Royal Oak

For the first time this included grandparents, and to experience a typical, fun-

year, Royal Oak invited older close family friends, filled Royal Oak recess in Grandpals of Royal Oak neighbours and really, any- our beautiful town's historic students into the school to one special to our students park. share our school, our ac- who deserves the special tiademic work, and a beau-tle of grand! We read, built, cess, and will be the first tiful afternoon of quality played chess, coloured and Grandpals day of many to time together. Grandpals headed out to Simcoe Park come in the future.

The day was a huge suc-

Voices of Freedom educational tour for Royal Oak Students

School were lucky enough contributions of Black histo be the first recipients of tory of our town. We visitthe new Voices of Freedom ed Queen's Royal Park by

other significant locations community. in Old Town to learn about

educational tour in NOTL. the lake, Fort George and Last Wednesday, stu- even the cemetery down dents from Grades 2 to 8 the street from the school.

In particular, the stuthe storied history, and in dents and staff quite enjoyed

Students of Royal Oak particular, the important the history about Chloe Cooley, a young Black woman enslaved in the area, and how her fight against her 'owner' Sergeant Adam Vrooman helped pave the way for the Act to Limit participated all morning in It was really interesting to Slavery in Upper Canada. a deep dive into history. Our take a walk through time Our town's history is incredguide, Hillary Kerr, from the and educate ourselves about ible, and having the oppor-Niagara Historical Museum, these events, while tracing tunity to take learning off brought us to the Voices of the footsteps of people who the pages of a textbook and Freedom Park, and many lived and walked in our into places near and dear to us in town is a learning experience students of Royal Oak won't soon forget.



ROCS students, including Gabe Santelli, Ben Giles, Olivia Adams, Aspen Ziraldo and Teia Epp, were the first group to take the Voices of Freedom walking tour.

Soccer families donate uniforms for Guatemalan children

Penny Coles The Local

Thanks to the efforts of local families, about 100 Guatemalan children will receive soccer jerseys, shorts and socks to wear when they're playing their favourite sport.

Amanda Pagnotta, her husband Joe and their three boys, all soccer players, were busy last week sorting and folding items to be shipped to Guatemala, some donated by members of NOTL Soccer Club, others brand new, found in the far reaches of the club's equipment room in the Virgil arena.

The soccer mom had decided it was time to clean out the room, and realized during her foraging there were several uniforms purchased for teams in past years, and never used.

There are often extra jerseys ordered and not needed, she said, and rather than throwing out the stockpile from years gone by, she decided to sort the leftovers and put them to good use.

"There were lots of new things piled up and pushed to the back. They could have been accumulating over a period of 15 years or more," says Pagnotta.

She connected with Wells of Hope to ask if soccer uniforms would be appreciated, and was told "everyone in Guatemala is very interested in soccer and they're always asking for uniforms for the kids."

The soccer club also put out a bin at the arena last spring and asked for used uniforms to be dropped off, and left it for about three weeks into the hockey seamight have soccer items to donate.

She recently began washing, sorting and boxing the donations, in preparation for having them taken by Wells of Hope to Guatemala.

She has matched jers



Joe and Amanda Pagnotta, with their boys Landon, 3, Nello, 7 and Dean, 5, who are happy to donate their past season's soccer jerseys to children in Guatemala. About 100 new and used kits are ready to go. (Penny Coles)

where necessary. Everything will be packed and ready to go, with about 10 sets of new uniforms and up to 100 used less fortunate." ones, she says.

"I think all who donatson for hockey parents who ed have felt good about this, pads and goalie shirts to go knowing the uniforms are with the shipment. going to a really good cause, for kids from about three thing the soccer club could years old up to 18. Everybody did such a good job it's a nice gift for the kids to soccer parents will hold on ment, running behind the receive, and I'm super happy to the uniforms their kids truck as things were dropped my family could be a part of outgrow. socks and shorts so that each it. It's been a good learning child will receive a whole experience for the boys, to of Hope will send the boxes soccer balls means the world

to complete the uniforms their things for others to use. They're beginning to understand that we have so much, we can help others who are

There are also some soccer balls, a few sets of shin

She expects it's somedo every few years, she says,

kit, and has purchased socks hear that they could pass on of uniforms to Guatemala to them."

with a shipment of drilling equipment and other supplies, and will be there to ensure the uniforms are properly distributed, he says.

The soccer club president, Ted VanderKaay has been to Guatemala with Wells of Hope in the past, Amanda says, and took some soccer balls and uniforms with him.

"He said there were peoand hopes in the meantime ple waiting for the equipoff. He didn't have nearly Ted VanderZalm of Wells enough for everyone. A few

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OBITUARY

ANDERSON, Clifford Passed away peacefully on Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, at the age of 93. Predeceased by his wife Dorothy and his son Brian Keith. Loved father of Kevin and Heather of Woodstock. Brother of Mil Brooks, grandfather of Elizabeth and Matthew, and father-in-law of Barbara. Great friend of Sue and Wayne Julian, and the Queenston neighbours: Rob, Mary Ann, Walter and Anne, Yvonne, Rita, and Bill and Margaret. Special friend of Sara Warkentin. Cliff enjoyed every day of his 35 years working at the Niagara Parks Commission, refereeing minor hockey, repairing small engines, driving school bus and time spent at the cottage. The family will welcome friends at MORSE & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5917 Main St., Niagara Falls, ON, on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. A service to celebrate Cliff's life, will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. Private burial in St. David's-Queenston United Church Cemetery. If desired,

donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse or to College Avenue United Church in Woodstock. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morseandson.com





WALL, David Passed away at the Niagara Falls Hospital on Saturday, November 2, 2019, Dave Wall of Virgil, aged 91 years. Beloved husband of Helen and dear father of Sharon MacMunn and Richard (Cathy) Wall. Loving grandfather of Brandon, Thea and Taylor. Brother of Jack Wall. Predeceased by his sister Agnes Rempel. Dave was the former owner of Walls Furniture & Appliances. Visitation and internment have taken place.

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Rangers offer one girls under-15 travel team

Mike Balsom **Special to The Local**

At its peak, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Rangers basketball program had as Kyla in the developmenmany as four travel teams competing in tournaments across the province. This was in addition to the almost 60 kids in both the house league and developmental programs that were the travel teams. running at the same time.

year, with a healthy developmental program, but only one travel team is currently practising and playing out of Crossroads Public School.

Kyla Pylypiw got her start in NOTL six years ago in the developmental program. The Grade 8 student at St. James Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines is now a key player for the U15 Rangers, who began training for their first tournament at the end of November.

NOTL girls on the team, Shawn. As he explains, basketball in Ontario is not improve on them." controlled the way hockey is, with players being tied to in an actual league. In- Caughill's younger daugh-

ity of residence. Hence, the ment-based team. Pylypiw Rangers can draw girls from says they will enter at least across the region.

tal league, and, after three years, he felt he had a good group of girls to move on to the travel program. He sees the U15 girls will play, the the developmental program focus will be on competing as a great feeder system for at the Ontario Basketball

"When we first started, ment in Durham next May. Numbers are lower this there were only about 20 kids coming out. Each year is a competition with which they grew and grew, and it's NOTL Rangers founders great for the area, and for Jennifer and Bruce Caughill the sport," says Shawn.

> With a lot of the skills being worked on at younger ages, he and co-coach after their daughter, Katie, Rachel Bice can focus on had played in Niagara Falls enhancing those skills with their 10 players. More importantly, though, they will spend much of the month working on both offensive The Caughills felt it made and defensive plays, as well as positions on the floor.

"This year we have two actual post players, and I've for the U11 girls. Coached Kyla is one of three never had that until now. We're definitely skills-based, coached by her father, too, and we have to tinker vision 4 their first season. with some things, and try to

playing for their municipal- stead, they are a tournafive tournaments this year, Pylypiw began coaching in addition to a few local mini-tournaments against teams from neighbouring Niagara municipalities.

Over the 35 to 40 games Association (OBA) tourna-

The OBA Tournament are very familiar.

In 2009, the couple began the program in NOTL, for the Red Raiders the previous year. That Red Raiders novice team had seven NOTL girls playing on it. sense to branch out and form their own club.

Success came quickly by Jennifer and Bruce, the team won OBA gold in Di-

The following year, the club added a U10 Novice The Rangers don't play Girls team, on which the



The Rangers travel team photo includes coach Shawn Pylypiw, Kyla Pylypiw, Annika Rigby, Alicia Bailey, Ava Froese, Gabrielle Otta, Tiana Hicks, Riley Mueller, Kailin MacLeod, cocoach Rachel Bice and Annaya Roane. Absent: Ava Formica. (Mike Balsom)

boys team followed the year sity Sport) players (Jennifer after.

In 2011, that original coaching the team, too." girls team, then playing at the U13 level, won the OBA silver medal in the highbronze finish in 2012.

Maddie's Rangers squad, moments of my life." however, saw even more 2014, they won Division 2 OBA gold, making them the U14 team won Division 1 across Ontario.

"A couple of programs, the the years. Red Raiders and a Pelham we had two female former some of the top teams in OBA success to NOTL.

Caughill and Sue Sentance)

Though he played five years of CIS basketball at Queen's and Western, Bruce support. est division, followed by a claims that gold medal "was one of the best basketball

the success of the program.

Caughill says early supninth best team in the prov- porters, such as Ward Simpince. Two years later, their son and the Virgil Business of the Rangers board. Association, recognized the their first year," says Bruce. program affordable through to the next generation.

ter Maddie played. A novice CIS (Canadian Interuniver- the province to the region. That tournament features a sponsor appreciation day, during which supporters are invited out to the gym and recognized for their

With both Caughill girls now "graduated" from the Rangers program (the Both Caughill and Py- U19 Girls team won OBA impressive success. Play- lypiw credit the support of Bronze last year), Bruce ing at the U12 age level in the NOTL community for and Jennifer won't be seen on the floor at all this year. Instead, they will play a supervisory role as members

But Bruce is happy the OBA gold, crowned the top value of the program and travel program is continuteam out of 105 programs stepped up with financial ing under Pylypiw, and support. He also points to even happier that the team "That team is a great sto- the long-term sponsorship was borne out of the develry. They were second last of Meridian Credit Union opmental program. He says in the province of Ontario for keeping the Rangers it's time to pass the torch on

And Pylypiw is happy Each year, the Rangers to be on the floor, working team, collapsed, and we have hosted at least one with his daughter and her were able to pick up some of tournament at Crossroads teammates this year, aspirthose players. It helped that Public School, inviting ing to continue bringing



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