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Sparks, Brownies and Pathfinders present a wreath to Royal Canadian Legion member Al Howse at Monday's Remembrance Day ceremony on Queen Street. (Fred Mercnik)

New revenues a challenge for sustainable budget

Penny Coles The Local

The 2020 budget will be stood. a challenge, says Lord Mayor Betty Disero, likely the concerns about how their of service delivery, and also process and the issues that most difficult one for years money is spent, but they a section for residents to needed to be addressed to come.

change the way the Town

their priorities are under-

don't have an avenue to find use to ask questions about short-term and long-term It's a budget that may the answers," says Disero.

an extra push to give res- to ask their questions from idents a voice, to be sure the comfort of their home."

designed to discover what "A lot of taxpayers have residents want in the way

council began budget dis-There is a survey online cussions for 2019, members were a little overwhelmed learning about the budget

When the newly-elected says Disero.

giving them the resources they need would cost about \$300,000, but are taxpayers going to be happy to fund that, she asks.

the budget, with an answer rentals, the noise bylaw and learn, a year to get feedback. the past, but parking rev-"Last year, when we had guaranteed in two business cannabis were all concerns Now we really have to give enue isn't enough to cover

a town of about 17,500 peo-Hiring bylaw officers and ple, but many of the issues are a result of the 2.5 million tourists who visit each year, Disero points out.

Parking revenue has been counted on to fund "We've had a year to tourism-related issues in

collects revenue, as council a public meeting at the start days. considers moving to a more of the budget process in user-pay system.

as much as possible the pri- through Join the Conversaorities of taxpayers, there is tion, they'll be more likely to be asked their thoughts."

And to ensure it reflects came out. We're hoping, says.

The response in the first

"People seem to be happy

of residents.

"If we're going to build but how do we get those ty together, we need to put user-pay system?" money into those issues,"

resources to those issues, the rising costs.

"Every year there is a January, not a lot of people few days was good, Disero the community in a way resources? From taxpayers, new group, a new festival that keeps the communi- or should we be looking at a or event, asking for support

Niagara-on-the-Lake is

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'Exciting opportunity' for on-demand local transit

Penny Coles The Local

Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa presented council with a new option for public transportation that could be an attractive solucurrent shuttle route.

The Region is working on a program to proon-demand tranvide

sit, which exciting opportunities" for ward, and it's "where we municipalities such as Ni- could be very soon." agara-on-the-Lake, with its lightly-populated areas that vate company contracted make fixed transit routes a to the Region could provide challenge, he said.

tion for residents not on a fering inter-municipal tran- a mobile device for picksit for several years, with a up at your door within an go." goal of offering seamless hour. transit throughout the re-

"presents take that a giant step for- folks in between," he said.

Partnering with a pricomplete area coverage, as The Region has been of- easy as hailing a vehicle on

transit hub, but in NOTL,

It's a model that is being

regional project is that it increases, and time of arriv- accessible vehicle. would take passengers to a al and cost decreases.

residents could go "from Canada, Sault Ste. Marie in senger would pay a fare, point to point, from St. Da- Ontario and Longueuil in vids to Queenston, and get Quebec, which have adoptto wherever they need to ed the system, "with some pretty spectacular results."

With a six-passenger ve- used in more than 80 lo- of different sizes for differgion, Zalepa said. This will hicle, "there may be a few cations around the world, ent demands, he said, but back to council.

Zalepa said, and data shows the one the Region is con-The intention with the ridership on public transit sidering is a six-passenger

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While the cost has not He cited two places in been worked out, the paswith cost-sharing by the municipality, Zalepa said.

Councillors agreed to ask Town staff to work with There could be vehicles Regional staff on an implementation plan to bring

Increased licensing fees one option to consider

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from the Town. It's diffithe money coming from? Old Town to tourists every help with the cost of upkeep a crucial time for council, as for the Old Town?"

clude looking at licensing to come, she says. fees and a Municipal Accommodation Tax.

expected on an accommo- cess, hear and discuss all the of 2020 budget discussions, ary grants, and make their Disero says. The difficulty is decisions on a budget that the Chamber of Commerce would get them through the has not been in support of the accommodation tax in their strategic direction for the past.

To engage the public, ero. and find answers to questions such as what residents ing on a sustainable budget think the Town should to deliver the services "you spend more or less money want and need for years to

or start spending money on, to ensuring tax dollars are the Town is using its online spent efficiently and effectool, Join the Conversation. cult to say no, but where is On it, Disero appears in a short video, encouraging We literally give up the residents and business owners to become part of the summer. Should the tourists 2020 budget discussions. It's decisions are made that will Revenue alternatives in- impact taxpayers for years cluding increases for staff

In 2019, a new council had a short amount of time By December, a report is to digest the budget prodation tax, in time to be part applicants for discretionyear while they developed the next few years, says Dis-

Council is now workon, and what it should stop come," and is committed

tively, and keep property taxes as low as possible, she says, however as the town grows, "this proves to be no easy task," Disero says in the video.

Staff has been asked to take the base budget, inthe Town is obligated to pay, and prepare business cases for any new item being proposed.

"This year is probably one of the most difficult budget challenges we have had for many years and are going to have for years to come. We're dealing with challenges we've never had before. We will come through this on the other side, though, knowing the budget will be sustainable and that we won't have to struggle like this in the future."



Lorri Sawatzky serves up borscht soup to hungry locals at Bethany Mennonite Church

Saturday, at a llunch and bazaar. (Fred Mercnik)

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Lord Mayor Betty Disero talks about budget challenges. (Penny Coles)

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This artist's rendering shows the look and location of the Niagara Nursery School expansion, which will be beside the library.

gently used winter clothing, to Friday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and

and drop them off at the Town Saturday and Sunday from 7

Town Hall weekdays, 8:30 was set to end Nov. 14, but

Town approves extra funding for nursery school expansion

Penny Coles The Local

Following deputations from two parents about the need for more daycare spaces in town, council has approved spending an extra \$83,200 on the daycare addition beside the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

Local Staff

out to collect gently-used

winter clothing.

at Niagara Nursery School, and another baby at home council Monday, especially who will one day need a for children under two. space, he told councillors.

on the waiting list for a day-

Community Care collecting clothing

The bins are accessible at

Community Care is asking a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at the has been extended to Thurs-

The Town has put bins Hall or the Community Centre. a.m. to 5 p.m.

"is highly stressful," she told

A \$1,532,830 expan-Natalie Cooper has a sion to the Niagara Nurs-16-month-old who has been ery School was approved by council last June, and the care spot since February, but funding was in place, with she is currently number 32 more than \$500,000 from on the list. Trying to find the Province and \$200,000

Originally the collection

and Niagara Nursery School will pay the remainder, including using a debenture of about \$552,000.

However, because the expansion is being moved to the north-east corner of the NOTL Public Library, some changes have been made to the original design, and there are extra costs that were not accounted for in the original budget, which the Town has moms." been asked to cover.

A public meeting was held recently about the move, and although there continues to be some opposition from neighbours who still fear the loss of trees, Hawley and Cooper wanted council to know how badly the expansion is needed, and to approve spending the extra \$83,200.

There are no registered childcare options for

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Adam Hawley has a child registered daycare she trusts from the Region. The Town children under the age of as a parent with a daughtwo in the community, Coo- ter at NNS, he couldn't be per said.

> As the organizer of a Mommas and Babies group, which she started when she realized there was a need for unstructured, informal meetings for other mothers with youngsters who are, like her, feeling isolated, Cooper said, and daycare "is definitely a hot topic with NOTL is not just a retire-

> ment community, and communities that invest in infrastructure for young families will attract even more, she told council. And many of the families moving to town want to volunteer and become engaged in the community, she added.

> "Everyone wants to live in a town that's great for all ages."

Hawley told council that

happier with the care she receives, and she loves it. He also has a son who will one day require a daycare space, he said.

"Expansion will have a positive impact on the quality of life for young families," he told councillors.

It's a project within the Town's control, and it's "an unbelievable opportunity," he added. "Expansion will add a piece of the puzzle to support young families in town."

Council voted to spend the extra money for details such as an extra brick veneer wall, underground services for the new location, extra concrete for pathways, and a larger vestibule.

It will be funded from development charges and permit fees.



An Emterra garbage truck was prevented from continuing its route Monday when slippery roads caused another truck to plow into the rear of it on East and West Line at about 1:30 p.m. Jim Dowling watched a firetruck and Niagara Regional Police arrive,

as well as a supervisor from Emterra, and snapped this photo for The Local.

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Plan for Glendale growth nearing completion

Penny Coles The Local

The second phase of the Region's Glendale plan, to create a community that will develop over the next 20 years or so, includes a plan is finalized.

Phase 1, which was presented to the Town at a council meeting in September 2018, was the visioning in respect to the impact on stage, says Glendale resident Steve Hardaker. One of four residents invited to be part of a focus group looking at the details of the plan, including land use policies. Hardaker attended the third and final meeting of the second phase, which began looking at three to eight about a year ago. Next week the public meeting will be held in preparation for the completion of that stage.

In addition to the residents, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Coun. Gary Zalepa, regional and town planning staff, Glendale businesses, Niagara College, and developers who own land in Glendale were included density right," says Hardain the focus group, which commented on strategic planning that will help build ground up, says Hardaker.

Details in this phase will include urban design,

hectares of developable the main street, leading compatible – a school, a land, with some low densi- from Glendale Avenue, community centre, a park ty, but more medium and across from the Niagahigher density, and mixed ra-on-the-Green homes, land uses. There will be an to the outdoor mall. Enviinflux of a lot of people into sioned in the plan are comthis community over the mercial uses at street level, public meeting, before the next 20 years, and we have with apartments above. to make sure we get the mix right, and the heights right." limited to three to five sto-

ant decisions to be made, Disero. residents of Glendale and elsewhere in town, is the height limits for new development, which will become part of the Region's Official Plan and the Town's secondary plan for Glendale.

While the Region is storeys." storeys for some areas, Hardaker, and Lord Mayor Betty Disero, said they would be more comfortable with three to five storeys, both to preserve views and streetscapes in Glendale, and to discourage expectations for tion on the numbers, to unincreased height to creep into other neighbourhoods.

"It's important to get the it." ker. "We want to keep the Region has done a good views of the escarpment. I think it's important for the also has a concern about the tracks. a neighbourhood from the community to have a say, community hub designated and to make sure the Re- for the corner of Glendale gion gets it right."

Disero is concerned

and transportation on "400 what is for now being called uses she doesn't see as being

"I think they should be One of the most import- reys, not three to eight," says

> "With five storeys, you can look up and see the sky, and the buildings don't create a wind tunnel. It has a much more quaint feeling, more like the streets of Europe. I think the maximum they should build to is five

Eight storeys give a completely different look and feel to a street, says Disero, but also of concern to her is the lack of information at this point about what density is required.

"I'd like more informaderstand what our target is a grocery store, he says. and what we need to get to

While Disero says the job on the overall plan, she Avenue and Taylor Road.

The plan for this partic-



with playground, and a transportation centre for buses, including GO buses, as well as a parking lot.

"I think we have to look at other locations for some of these land uses," she says.

Although the neighbourhood growth will be gradual, the need for a school may not be that far off, says Hardaker.

"When I look at my neighbourhood, I see two or three school buses coming in and out of it. Our neighbourhood is transforming, with more young families, and it will continue to grow. We have to take into consideration the size of residential units, including homes for singles and families, and also affordable housing has to be considered."

As the population grows, so to will the amenities now lacking in Glendale, such as

Also included in the discussion of transportation is the future possibility of a GO station, says Hardaker, somewhere along the

been mentioned are near Woodend Conservation Area on Taylor Road, and by the old canal.

Much of the future development of the area, and the timeframe for development, depends on the population growth, that target that is hard to pin down.



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The Region will hold a public meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20, and will present drawings of what the neighbourhood of the future will look like.

Two locations that have numbers such as a 10,000 increase in population for Glendale, and other figures that say 13,000 to 15,000, in the next 20 to 50 years, in a town that is currently less five distinct communities.

> "I may not see that, but it's exciting to think about. We're planning a com-

Hardaker says he's heard munity of 400 hectares of land, a development of a complete community from the ground up. That's what makes this whole process so exciting."

The final public inforthan 18,000, spread over mation meeting before the plan is finalized will be held Nov. 20 at the Holiday Inn Express on York Road, at 6 p.m.

News of hydro rate hike is creating confusion

Penny Coles The Local

When local householders receive their December different.

president Tim Curtis. The provincial rebate dro. has also increased, to offset

the raise in rates. hydro bill, it will look a little billed at the new rate — it tis says. came into effect Nov. 1 -

aware of the true cost of hy-

Rates are expected to continue to rise until they Customers are being reflect the actual cost, Cur-

Hamish Kerr is one It has been changed to and although the message resident who received an reflect an increase in rates, may have been confusing, it email from NOTL Hydro, clear we were in shock. We The lower rate was being saw the kilowatt/hour rate and thought our bill would be increasing 30 per cent. What a Christmas present!" After calling NOTL Hydro and having the rebate explained, Kerr says, "it wasn't made clear enough. And what I still don't understand is why they are doing this, making it look like 'robbing Peter to pay Paul.' Really, it's all about debt retirement, and we can expect to keep paying it. Two per cent isn't bad, everybody can live with that. But there is no such thing as a free lunch — we'll have to pay it somewhere down the line."



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but the net effect is not as should be clear in the next "and really, it was so unbad as it may seem at first bill, says Curtis.

glance. Although the rate hike is subsidized by the Province, was going up 30 per cent, about 30 per cent, the aver- he explains, and still is, age increase for residential only it's being presented as use and small businesses a rebate, also coming from in Ontario will be about provincial revenue, as the two per cent, says Niag- Ford government's attempt Hydro at making customers more ara-on-the-Lake



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EDITORIAL

Transit offer seems too good to be true

The offer that Regional Coun. expect in a municipality as possibility of car-pooling, so Gary Zalepa brought to counseems tailor-made for Niagara-on-the-Lake residents. about the opportunity.

Those who rely on public transportation but don't live on the current shuttle Their only option is to get to also not cheap to use. the community centre or one of the bus stops on the route, system, at least for cost-sav-

spread out geographically as six-passenger vans are not gocil to increase public transit this one. It makes sense that ing out with one rider. if there is an on-demand service that could connect to agreed to have staff look at It's no wonder he was excited bus routes, especially to an in- this — it could be a life-line ter-municipal route, ridership for seniors contemplating would increase.

- kind of like Uber, and oth- portation. It would certainly bus routes, which are very er similar taxi services, which provide the independence limited, are now out of luck. are super-convenient. But that seniors hold so dear.

The advantage with this fordable cost. and that's not reasonable to ings, would be if there is a

Incredible kindness in our community

The kindness from the

It's great that council leaving their rural or village It sounds almost too easy homes due to lack of trans-

We hope it comes at an af-

Penny Coles The Local

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LOCAL FINDS

Bravery in battle Donald Combe Special to The Local

Benjamin Handley Geary was awarded the Victoria Cross for his most conspicuous bravery and determination on "Hill 60," near Ypres, on April 20 and 21, 1915, when he held the left crater with his platoon. The crater was vulnerable to very heavy artillery fire. Each attack was repulsed, mainly owing to the splendid personal gallantry and example of Second Lieutenant Geary, who exposed himself with entire disregard to danger in order to see by the light of flares where the enemy were coming on. He was severely wounded, losing the sight of one eye, and the other was seriously impaired. He retired from the army in 1919 with the rank of captain, and took Holy Orders. In 1927, he emigrated to Canada, and during the Second World War served with the Canadian Army as a Major. After the war, he was Sergeant-at-Arms in the Ontario Legislature for 24 years, retiring to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1972, where he became an active member of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

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No doubt many of you their largest internal organ? have read the front page of the Oct. 17 issue of this news- NOTL community and bepaper.

The story, written by Penny Coles, was about my fectious human kindness amazing wife Diane and her can be. We are optimistic a battle with end stage liver disease. The story has been met by our community with unimaginable kindness and support. More than 1,200 people plant Program does not share have visited the website www. potential donor information). donor4diane.com and 68 living donations link.

fect stranger to donate part of (and any future grandchil-

yond has proven me wrong. It has become clear how indonor may already be under evaluation and others may be waiting. (To ensure confidentiality the UHN Liver Trans-

As it turns out, a single dopeople have connected to the nation could result in saving multiple lives. A life-saving Our family first embarked space on the deceased donor upon the living donation waiting list is freed and the journey when we discovered awareness of living donation that Diane would have to be- that the community, Penny come much sicker, perhaps and The Local have created near death, to qualify for a will almost certainly help save deceased donor transplant. more lives. In addition, there There are far too few do- are lives that are enhanced by nor livers for those with end living donations. In our case, stage liver disease. When the we have two daughters (one liver transplant group at the in NOTL), and their families University Health Network and Diane has three sisters (UHN) first made us aware (two in NOTL), and their of their living donation pro- families. Diane is incredibly gram, I naively thought it close to our daughters, her would be a futile and perhaps siblings and their families, all selfish pursuit. With all our of whose lives will be further family members ineligible enhanced by Diane living to donate, I thought, how a long, healthy life. Most of could we possibly ask a per- all, our granddaughter Olive

dren) will have the benefit of their beloved Mimi to share in their upbringing and care. So it seems a single donation can have a huge ripple effect, saving and enhancing the lives of many.

Penny Coles, the editor of this newspaper, was the antithesis of the reporters we have all seen in movies who abandon all morality to "get the story." Throughout the interview with our family, she was kind and understanding, yet thorough and highly professional. At the conclusion of the interview, she asked if she could hug all of us. Her compassion was palpable. I sincerely believe Penny's story will play a key role in saving Diane's life.

Diane and I have lived in several communities over our lifetimes, but none can compare to the kindness, generosity and happiness we have experienced here. Of course there is much to be improved in our community, but kindness, empathy and understanding are a great way to start.

Thank you all, Michael Peirce NOTL

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COMMENT

Suzanne Vaillant **Special to The Local**

Newark Neighbours is expanding its mandate to help children in need in our community through a donation to Food4kids Niagara.

The organization works with Catholic and the public school boards to identify children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 who do not receive the required access to food

Newark Neighbours donated a cheque for \$3,000 recently to help towards putting together Christmas stockings which will have treats, hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies, as well as a toothbrush, socks and mittens.

Laura Gibson, chair of Newark Neighbours, is happy we are able to reach out further in the Niagara community to provide a bit extra for our children in need.



Suzanne Vaillant, Newark Neighbour's vice-chair, Jonathan Charron, Food4Kids treasurer, Newark chair Laura Gibson and executive director Food4Kids Niagara, Amber Hughes celebrate a donation to help kids at Christmas. (Photo Supplied)



Auchterlonie on Astrology

Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

This week is a look at the week of the third Quarter Moon on Tuesday, Nov. 19 and at Mercury turning direct from retrograde motion on Wednesday Nov. 20, and more.

Thursday Nov. 14: The Moon is moving through the constellation of Gemini, bringing a quick stepping and light emotional tone to a day where stress and challenges abound and where Venus in the constellation Sagittarius is bumping square into Neptune in her home sign of Pisces, much like a T-bone car accident at an intersection. This may be more impactful for Sagittarians and Pisceans but for the Moon in her home sign prise and you will fare beteveryone it puts values and of Cancer in opposition to ter. Baseball Hall of Famer, early in the morning, setting the sky as the Sun moves relationships against imag- Saturn in its home sign of Tom 'Terrific' Seaver, turns up a month of more intense from sexy Scorpio into

er, Claude Monet, was born to fear but fear itself. It was Nov. 14, 1840.

Moon moves from the Niagara Falls to begin sendconstellation Gemini into her home group of Cancer at 11:14 in the morning. Breezy emotions turn more sensitive and protective. With a favourable connection to Uranus in Taurus early in the evening, a surprise for everyone may be especially good for both Taureans and Cancerians. The hugely successful film, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, opened on Nov. 15, 1977. TV star Ed Asner, who also voiced the old man in the animated film UP, is 90 today.

And French Master paint- a day where we have nothing on Nov. 16, 1896 that Nikola Friday Nov. 15: The Tesla flipped the switch in ing AC electricity to Bethlehem Steel in Buffalo, New York. Tours of the Hydro Station have been underway in the past few weeks. Both Maggie Gyllenhaal and Oksana Baiul turn 42 today.

Sunday Nov. 17: The Moon leaves its transit of Cancer today and moves on to the constellation Leo late this afternoon. So a sensitive Sunday turns passionate tonight. And stresses that have lingered all day may enjoy a surprise turn of events this evening as the Moon bumps into Uranus for better or Saturday Nov. 16: With worse. Be ready for a sur-

you feeling insecure. A lack Jodie Foster is 57 today. of confidence emotionally doesn't help much either. If long last, Mercury is no lonpossible, hang in for a few direct on Wednesday. CFL begin to improve. Lost oband NFL Hall of Famer, jects reappear. Computers Warren Moon is 63 today and cell phones stop havand we were first treated to ing glitches. It begins to The Blues Brothers on Saturday, April 22, 1978.

Leo is at 4:10 p.m., suggestemotions are challenging passionate situations or passionate people and events. time to time. U.S. vice-presinto discriminating Virgo tonight. Mars moves from ble, was born Nov. 20, 1889. airy Libra into sexy Scorpio

Moon. Big ideas may leave tress Meg Ryan turns 58 and the houses of your horo-

Wednesday Nov. 20: At ger retrograde beginning at days because Mercury turns 2:11 p.m. Communications seem better. And with the Moon and Mercury making Tuesday Nov. 19: The a friendly connection after Third Quarter Moon in Mercury goes direct, it will feel like helping hands are on ing a day where passionate deck. Check out my website for an explanation of why planets go retrograde from The Moon winds up her ident, Joe Biden, celebrates tour through Leo for this number 77 today. And the month today and moves astronomer they named a telescope after, Edwin Hub-

Next week we look into

scope. As well as the cosmic news for all seven days of the week.

We are all stardust. So shine on!

Bill Auchterlonie lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake. He studied Fine Arts at University where he became curious about arcane knowledge, such as the Egyptian Pyramids, Stonehenge, the Mayan temples of Mexico – and astrology. He has been studying astrology, learning as much as possible about classical astrology and its history. Every week he presents a look at what is going on in the solar system for the week ahead, and on his website, five to 10 minutes on some aspect of what he has discovered about astrology over the years.On his website you'll find a podination and dreams for the Capricorn, this is a day of 75, and the computer mouse physical intensity. The Moon all-knowing Sagittarius. We cast with an explanation of the names of the days of the week and how they are derived from the names of the planets as well as a few other bits of astro-trivia. The website is lookingupwithbill.com.

future. On this day in 1993, challenges. Facts cannot be was patented Nov. 17, 1970. Don Shula, Coach of the changed. But we face either Miami Dolphins, became too sensitive a response grade Mercury still in the the winningest coach in or sensitive to the point of NFL history with 328. The overcoming a situation that lot going on today with conrecord stands to this day. refuses to budge. Saturday is nections to Jupiter and the

Monday Nov. 18: Retroconstellation Scorpio has a

makes a couple of very pos- also get a New Moon in Sagitive connections, first with ittarius on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Venus and then Jupiter, both It's all new with a new podin Sagittarius. Perhaps this cast featuring the connecwill take the sting out of the tions between the planets, Quarter Moon for now. Ac- the astrological signs and

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Dave Wall was most proud of his community accomplishments

Penny Coles The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake has lost a husband, father, grandfather, businessman and dedicated volunteer — a man without whom this community would not be what it is today.

Dave Wall died at the Niagara Falls hospital site Nov. 2, after a short illness, at the age of 91.

Wall, husband of Helen and father of Sharon and Richard, was one of the original six members of what was then called the Virgil Businessmen's Association. He was also one of the founders of the Virgil Stampede, which has donated more than \$1 million to community projects, the founder of Wall's of Virgil, and a successful businessman who built a furniture store that competed with national chains for 60 years.

Dave lived a full, healthy life almost to the end, says Richard, who says he and his family have had the opportunity in the days leading up to last week's funeral to share family memories.

Dave was born in Manitoba in 1927. The family moved to Niagara in 1936, where his father worked as a farmhand. It wasn't an easy life, and at the age of 12, Dave lost his father. An insurance policy allowed for the purchase of a small farm, which he worked on with his older brother as well as going to school, and after

farm and at General Motors. This was during the 1940s and 50s, when the automotive plant fering from declining health, was called McKinnon's, recalls Richard.

Lillian, in 1950, and in 1954, he became a father, with the birth of Sharon. He took a Dale Carnegie Course, considered good training for business, which was sponsored by McKinnon Industries, says Richard, and was so successful Dave went on to become not only a confident and accomplished public speaker, but an instructor and director of the local Dale Carnegie program.

high school, he worked on the early 60s.

Lillian, who was known to have a heart problem, was sufand required an operation in 1964. Even though her doctor Dave married his first wife, was considered the best, she died during open heart surgery, which was new at the time and considered risky.

After her death, Dave made a conscious decision that in order to move forward, he would rebuild the family unit, and he went on to court, and marry Helen, Sharon's Grade 1 teacher at Virgil School, in 1965. In 1966, Richard was born.

"He did some soul-searching, and decided he wasn't

" Never say never to my dad — that's when he would dig in and do his best. "

Richard Wall

After a short time as an electrical contractor, he opened an appliance store on Niagara Stone Road in 1957, and became a young business owner with a family and a fruit farm square foot appliance store, on Wall Road.

Richard was born in 1966, to Helen, Dave's second wife. He recalls from family conversations the troubled time of the

going to let the travesty that had occurred define him," says Richard.

Dave's life as a business owner had begun with a 600 and he was able to expand that to a 6,600 square foot furniture store, with hard work and "creative" marketing, says Richard - his father was a skilled sto-



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When Dave Wall was inducted into the Town's Sports Hall of Fame In August, Richard was by his side. (Jennifer Chornley)

His community dedication

ry-teller, and a born salesman.

During that time, Dave also put his leadership skills to work in his church, Grace Mennonite in St. Catharines, where he was a Sunday School teacher.

Despite suffering such a tragedy for a young man, Dave began what Richard describes as a "pivotal point" in his life.

"It was a very successful turnaround from the devastation of losing his first wife. And in true Dave Wall fashion, this was just the beginning of the next stage of his life."

ness, he was on the board of his church and was spearheading a fundraiser for an ambitious church expansion, supporting the establishment of a church camp, and had established the Virgil Businessmen's Association, with the mandate of supporting their community. He was also putting his efforts behind a VBA fundraiser to build the Virgil Arena.

There was a community infrastructure grant program for the centennial, to encourage legacy projects that would open in 1967. As president of the VBA, Dave made the decision and took the lead on to raising \$100,000, "a lot of money in those days, says Richard. "Some people were in favour of building the arena, but others thought they would never be able to raise that much money in such a small community. But never say never to my dad — that's when he would dig in and do his best." He went to local businesses, and within 14 days had \$25,000 pledged. Within a few short months, Richard says, they had achieved their goal. of the Year in 1967, and was especially proud of a telegram from then-prime minister Lester B. Pearson congratulating the VBA on the Centennial Arena, opened that year, and the largest per capita project built to celebrate the centennial.

continued with decades of projects built at least partially from funds raised by the VBA, including ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, and the addition of property to the Virgil Sports Park, which would look very different today without his father's input, says Richard. "That's one of the things I heard from several people at the funeral who knew my dad — without him we wouldn't have the sports park we have today. "

Most recently, in August, While expanding his busi- Dave was celebrated with his induction into the Town's Sports Hall of Fame, for his efforts to get the first arena built and also in recognition of his love for hockey, which led to the establishment of the Wallbangers hockey team in 1984, originally a multi-generational father and son team that played pick-up hockey at 6:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. When the second arena opened, also with a large donation from the VBA, Dave, Richard and his son Brandon were the first to step on the ice, for a Wallbangers game, the first event to take place at the new arena.

At the Sports Wall of Fame the arena project, committing induction, Richard was there to speak for his father, who had become frail, but "he got up and told a few stories, and then he recited a poem he had memorized as a young man. He mustered up his best Dale Carnegie voice and recited it all from memory, at the age of 91. It was his final public speaking event, and his health was failing, but he did it perfectly. I think that sums up who he was as a person." Dave also loved tennis, golf and baseball, spent time with Helen and family at a cottage Dave was named Citizen they purchased in Muskoka, and winters at a Florida retreat. In the 1990s, Dave turned the running of the store over to Richard, who had begun his retail career at a very young age and was the beneficiary of many life and business lessons from his father. He and Helen also played

cards often, an activity Sharon could enjoy with them in recent months, in the Pleasant Manor apartment they had moved to after their Virgil home burned in 2016.

And his love of Scrabble was legendary. He and Helen never went anywhere without a Scrabble board, and to relieve the boredom of long drives in their motorhome, across Canada and to Florida, Dave would put the board on the engine compartment between the two seats, his tile holder on the dashboard in front of him. Hed work out his words and then hand his tiles to Helen and tell her where to place them. "I'm sure nobody ever thought that the distracted driving law should include Scrabble," says Richard.

He recalls Dave as "a great father. He could be tough, especially at work. He had high expectations about school, sports, church, but not unreasonable."

At the store, "business was business." He could turn on the "family mode at home, and the business mode at work."

Some of his life-lessons were hard, "but as you get older you learn to appreciate these lessons."

Randy Klaassen, who wrote and published Dave Wall's biography at the request of Helen, told one of his favourite stories about Dave's legendary ability to make a sale. "With the verbs, "taste" and "see," we are invited to "try God. We are invited to experience God, as though to drink deeply, and to trust. Taste and see that the Lord is good ..." says Klaassen, quoting from Psalm 34. "Dave Wall was a salesman. It did not matter if the product was 1,400 umbrellas, or reindeer to advertise in a Christmas parade, Dave was always looking for an angle to make a sale at Wall's," says Klaassen. In the early 1970s, Dave became the top independent retailer of "speed broiler"

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Air search and rescue volunteers receive provincial service awards

Randy Klaassen Special to The Local

At a ceremony held recently, six local air search and rescue volunteers were recognized for their service to the Province.

They are members of the Civil Air Search And Rescue Association (CASARA) Niagara, which operates out of the Niagara District Airport, and with combined years of voluntary service, the six have contributed 100 years of dedication to search and rescue.

Leading the award recipients for CASARA was (John) Michael Daniels, who founded the organization more than 40 years ago. Recognized with a provincial service award for 30 years was Ron Guenther; for 10 years each Terry Nord and Randy Klaassen; and for five years each Ian Casey and Alex Cuberovic. After the ceremony, Daniels commented, "We're the Centennial Crew."

CASARA Niagara provides humanitarian and air search capabilities, supporting Royal Canadian Armed Forces 424 Squadron out of Trenton. Members also promote aviation safety and awareness to the general aviation community. Locally, 34 volunteers train for, and are tasked with, a variety of search and rescue situations, and at times are called for assignments outside the province.

The Ontario Volunteer Service Award recognizes volunteers who provide commit-

ted and dedicated service to one organization. The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration reviews all nominees. Recipients are given a stylized trillium service pin and certificate acknowledging their years of service.

At the awards ceremony, hosted by Citizenship and Immigration staff, Chris Sanders and Jennifer Hay, both emphasized the importance and

value to the local community when individuals volunteer their time and skills in service to others.

In the past year CASARA Niagara has been involved in a number of major searches. As a registered charity, CASARA relies on donations to operate its training facility, vehicles and aircraft. For information, contact cares@lastmilenet.ca or the website, ontario.casara.ca.



Randy Klaassen, Ron Guenther, Michael Daniels, Alex Cuberovic, Stewart Harris (CASARA Niagara President), Terry Nord and Ian Casey attended a provincial award ceremony recently. Harris was representing the organization, and the others were receiving recognition for the time they have volunteered with it. (Kassandra Kearse)

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kitchen stoves. "His success was in his 'taste and see' sales pitch. If a customer was vaguely interested, Dave put a raw steak in the oven. In this oven a steak cooked in four minutes, while Dave casually engaged the customer in conversation. With the aroma of good beef filling the store, Dave took a knife, but then threw it across the room, saying, 'When steak is properly done, you don't need a knife to eat it. He then used a fork to slice off a piece of juicy beef, handing it to the customer. 'Here, try this.' His method resulted in a sale, about 75 per cent of the time."

Dave worked hard and played hard, says Klaassen, and if he expected a lot of others, it was because he demanded a lot of himself.

Richard remembers that period as one during which he would go straight from school to the store, which would be filled with the aroma of a T-bone steak freshly cooked. The left-over steak, always the strip portion — the filet would be served to the customer would be waiting for him. He

witnessed his father's ability to close the sale many times - the broiler was a \$300 to \$400 upgrade — and loved the drama with which he flung the knife across the store.

But in recent years, it has been his father's commitment to the community of which Dave himself was most proud, and Richard has also been passed that torch, attending VBA meetings, taking on the presidency, taking the lead at the annual Virgil Stampede and contributing to the decision-making process of where the proceeds will be spent.

When Richard spoke to The Local about his father, he had just come from a check presentation to Red Roof Retreat — he's a board member and has also helped organize fundraisers to support the special needs children and adults who are clients of Red Roof.

"He definitely taught me the importance of giving back to the community," he says.

In addition to his wife, Helen, Dave leaves his daughter, Sharon MacMunn, Richard and his wife Cathy, and grandchildren Brandon, Thea and Taylor.



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of the wreaths placed at the Cenotaph Monday. (Fred Mercnik)



Royal Canadian Legion member Al Howse fixes a poppy on one Second World War veteran Doug Garrett speaks to the crowd on Queen Street Monday. (Randy Klaassen)



Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Squadron 809, stand watch on Remembrance Day at the Queenston Cenotaph. (Fred Mercnik)

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Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 809 Squadron, and First Responders from NOTL parade at the Remembrance Day service on Queen Street. (Randy Klaassen)

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Cpt. Cicely Sparks plays the bagpipes at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Queen Street Cenotaph. (Randy Klaassen)

Remembrance Day celebrated at Crossroads

Penny Coles The Local

Every year, Crossroads teacher Michele Zoccoli finds a new way to teach her students about Remembrance Day, and to allow them to demonstrate what it means to them, through art, music and words.

She's been doing that for the last 25 years, first at Virgil Public School, and now at Crossroads.

It's an emotional time for her, driven by a visit to many national memorials in Germany and France as a student — visits that made her realize, whichever side of the war soldiers were on, lost.

a young teacher she would make sure her students would understand the importance of Remembrance member." Day, and she is still keeping that promise.

there was the traditional laying of wreaths by each Jack Hunter, have died. class in remembrance, the front of the gymnasium, by students, cadets, girl guides and brownies, cubs and scouts, and moving music provided by the school choir. Piper Gary Cooper led the processional, which included dignitaries, and the Lament.

Students sang, recited poetry, strummed some through the five senses. music, and expressed their feelings through art.

In a tribute to veterans, through music and photos, Zoccoli referred to a "very special group of local Second World War veterans." She calls them the "Virgil

were students at the oneroom Virgil school house, went to war, and were fortunate to return. As long as they were able, they attended Remembrance Day ceremonies at Virgil and Crossroads, presenting students with real faces, names and stories to help them understand the reality of war, and repeating their message, that they hoped young students would never experience what they had to, and would strive to keep peace.

Each year, the small group of Virgil veterans dwindled, until this year, there was one, 95-year-old Cpl. Jeff Powell.

He wasn't one of the how many young lives were original Virgil boys, says Zoccoli. He turned up at She promised herself as a Remembrance Day ceremony in 2009, and kept coming back, and was soon

> The others, including Jake Froese, George Snid-Clement, Tom Quinn and

Zoccoli spoke of a wall leave names and messages, and in the Crossroads dents create their own ver- melting marshmallows. sion, with a giant poppy and words such as love and at his first Crossroads Repeace.

dents put together a little into the audience of chilbook, describing peace, dren, and spoke to them di-

beautiful in all languages," and shared the word for always be an "absolute last peace in several others, in- resort," and that conflict cluding 'paix,' in French, should be settled by diplo-'shalom' in Hebrew and macy. 'solh' in Farci.

boys," a group of men who of flowers on a warm sunny democracy, they have the Kuwait and one in Jordan, sounds of dying and the again and again and again."



accepted as an "honourary Fire Chief Nick Ruller, Sgt. Brigid Panos, Cpl. Jeff Powell and Crossroads teacher Michele Zoccoli hold hands to a song, We've got the Whole World in our Hands. (Penny Coles)

day, said students in Grade right to go to school, and she said, "but it's nowhere cries of relief, we were faced This year at Crossroads, er, Harold Clement, Don 3, it sounds like a waterfall the choice to be anything near as difficult for me as with all we had done, all trickling into a koi pond, and everyone's favourite: it tastes like a homemade cinplacing of little lights at the in France where people can namon bun drizzled with dark chocolate and raspberry syrup, while sipping gym, she had Grade 8 stu- a cup of hot chocolate with

> Coun. Norm Arsenault, membrance Day service, Another group of stu- took the microphone out rectly. He told them "there Peace, they said, "is is never anything good about war," that it should

He told the students very fortunate. Peace looks like a field that because they live in a

they want to be.

'That's what freedom for us. We're here today much for us."

Lincoln and Welland Regof the military, also spoke eral David Johnston during to students, on a personal a note.

dents that as difficult as it the guns of the Great War

for Cpl. Powell."

In addition to the difis. That's what Cpl. Powell ferences in the conditions fought for," he said. "I want under which they served, the sacrifice veterans made sacrifices made in the Second World War, she said, "I because of Cpl. Powell and had Facetime. I had the opothers who sacrificed so portunity to talk to my husband and kids. Cpl. Powell Sgt. Brigid Panos of the and other veterans did not."

Zoccoli shared some iment, a serving member words from Governor Gen-

Remembrance Day Her voice breaking with 11th hour on the 11th day a deafening silence. In that

we had lost, all we had sacrificed. In that silence, we met a truth so obvious and so terrifying, we swore we you always to remember and the great number of would never take up arms again."

He spoke of communities building monuments, and placing them at the very heart of our towns and cities, "so they might stop us daily in our tracks. We collected names, wrote these names in books and carved them into walls in a speech in Ottawa: "At the constant effort to save those we failed from the faithlessemotion, she told the stu- of the 11th month, when ness of anonymity," he said.

"And we pledged to gathis to be apart from her hus- at last fell silent, the fury er in our communities each band and children, she feels of conflict was replaced by year at this hour on this singular day of Remembrance She has done one tour in fragile gap between the so that we might fall silent,



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Local history, gourmet meal fundraiser at Ravine Topics include history of

wine, and bank robberies **Penny Coles**

Learn about local history, including the history Niagara would also have includes a gourmet dinner likely shipped from Spain, with a spectacular view of Finlay said. vineyards, a silent auction, from Fort George.

The Local

in the new conference centre at Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery in St. Davids, which has been designed constructed with holic substances. and huge, floor-to-ceiling windows to take advantage of the local wine industry to the view.

Canada is tasked with speaking about the history of wine, and says in his research he has discovered it goes back to Eastern Europe, 8000 BC.

"Wine, like beer, might Fort George, and Ravine. have been someone's mistake, as simple as two guys sitting around and saying, 'I dare you,' says Finlay.

Topography and clihow it developed, and in Niagara, can be found

mentioned in Lady Simcoe's diary, made from peaches grown locally.

Officers stationed in of wine, at an event that enjoyed imported wine,

Laws were passed to enand a show of firepower sure social responsibility — there was prohibition in The event, History in Upper Canada for a time the Vineyard, is being held in the 1860s, although it didn't last as long as prohibition in areas of the U.S., which led to "running across the river" with alco-

> The development of story, says Finlay, and one he is happy to be telling at the event, a fundraising Harber (of Ravine Vine- by Rick Meloen; the Histopartnership between the yard) whose generosity Niagara Historical Society has made this event pos-& Museum, the Friends of sible."

fundraiser to benefit two ry of wine, topics for the strong charities in Niaga- featured talks include: The ra-on-the-Lake that work Neutral Confederacy, by mate have a lot to do with ry," says Friends president talking about Bank Rob-



present day, "with all its Amanda Gamble (with baby Henry snuggled on her), executive director of The Friends of Fort George, Scott Finlay of Scott Finlay of Parks nuances," is an interesting Parks Canada, Amy Klassen, Niagara Historical Society administrator, and Tony Chisholm, president of The Friends of Fort George, enjoy the view at Ravine, the site of a fundraiser that includes a gourmet dinner at the winery. (Penny Coles)

In addition to Finlay "This is a unique speaking about the histohard to preserve our histo- Ron Dale; Megan Gilchrist Tony Chisholm, with "a beries in St. Davids; The

ber; and WWI: Surviving organizations in highthe Trenches, presented lighting different aspects Martin.

subjects they wish to listen Museum. to, with speakers stationed

ner guests may pick the ara Historical Society & George at 905-468-6621

Tickets are on sale in different areas of the through the Niagara Hiswinery, or may simply en- torical Society and The 468-3912 or contact@ special thank you to Paul Railway & Heritage Trail joy cocktails before dinner. Friends of Fort George nhsm.ca.

"We are very excited Gift Shop. Tickets are \$120 ry of Ravine by Paul Har- to be working with these each, with a portion being eligible for a tax receipt.

For an evening in the by Ashley Creed and Peter of Niagara's early history vineyards with food, wine, at this special event," says history and merriment, Chisholm explains din- Amy Klassen of the Niag- call The Friends of Fort or admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca; or the Niagara Historical Society, 905-



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Wells of Hope collects backpacks for Guatemala

Penny Coles The Local

It's been about 17 years since Ted van der Zalm and his wife Miriam, dedicated to delivering clean water and improving the lives of the poorest of the poor in the mountainous region of Guatemala, touched the hearts and opened the wallets of many Niagara residents, businesses and service clubs.

Their plans were, and continue to be, ambitious, but nobody who knows them doubts they will accomplish what they set out to do. There are at least 80,000 people in Guatemala who now have fresh, clean water at their door who can testify to that.

Some in Niagara-on-the-Lake may remember the early days of Wells of Hope, when van der Zalm drove a small truck to local schools to collect pennies from students, the large fundraising campaign to buy expensive well-drilling equipment, the building of a permanent camp for volunteers, and the development of annual events to help fund not only the wells, but houses, schools, and even a medical clinic now under construction, which will be staffed by Guatemalans when it's completed.

There are also sewing lessons, adult education and health and hygiene programs provided by volunteers to improve the lives of the Guatemalans they reach.

Van der Zalm sees need, not numbers — he and Miriam react to what needs to be done when they arrive in Guatemala each January, staying until the rainy season begins. And since that first year they travelled to the region, he says, "we've seen a huge difference. Lives have been saved."

Wells of Hope, a Niagaraon-the-Lake-based inter-denominational charity, has drilled 26 wells in the region of Jalapa, in communities where previously women and children walked for miles to a source of water, dirty and bacteria-ridden, then carrying heavy jugs back to their homes, mostly rudimentary huts of mud bricks, and sometimes made of just branches and plastic.

Over the years, Wells of

seeds to be planted in Guatemalan greenhouses, transported from Niagara, to then be planted outdoors to produce sufficient fruits and vegetables to develop an export industry to Canada, where the growing season is short and we grow food items in costly, heated greenhouses. With clean water and a year-long growing season, "third world countries like Guatemala could be feeding the world," he says.

But for now, this weekend, van der Zalm's attention was focused on Packs for Hope, the backpack program developed in Niagara about a decade ago.

Sometime before the end of the year, a 40-foot shipping container will go by train to Montreal, and then by ship to Guatemala, filled with well-drilling and other equipment van der Zalm will need when he gets there in January, along with a myriad of other items to improve the lives ing at an early age they can be of those he will reach.

will be about 200 backpacks about 2,000 have been shipped in the last 10 years — to be distributed to children in need. Shipping of the container is timed so that it arrives when van der Zalm is there, so he can personally ensure all the shipped materials get to the people "who need it the most," he says.

With five children themselves, he and Miriam understand how much a backpack and school supplies mean to children, he says. Wells of Hope at one time collected filled shoeboxes to be shipped, "but in short order we realized how inefficient they are."

The boxes, all different sizes, didn't ship well, and the contents were not always useful to children who received them. The boxes and the contents were often damaged, and a lot of space was taken up by excess packaging, some of it for "trinkets and toys" that really weren't helpful.

Backpacks are flexible and stack well together, protecting the contents inside. They can be new or gently used, and filled with school supplies (binders, notebooks, pens, pencil crayons, erasers, markers), hygiene products (toothbrushes, hair brushes, toilet paper), clothing, and possibly a toy or ball nothing with batteries and no liquid or lotion that will freeze It was hard physical work, tirduring shipping, he has learned over time.

ers for help. His next goal is for item, to ensure everything in the backpacks was appropriate, useful and safe for shipping. There were also stacks of school supplies, clothing and toiletries to fill the bags that had less in them than others.

> "The backpacks themselves are a huge gift to the children of Guatemala," says van der Zalm, some of them donated by supportive families who will purchase a dozen or more at a time when they're on sale.

"And their size allows you to pack them with things of real value to the Guatemalans," he adds.

Some of the backpacks will be distributed by Niagara high school students who will travel to Guatemala, in groups that stay 10 days at a time, to work on building houses and schools, pitching in to help wherever they're needed. Van der Zalm likes the idea of Niagara teens seeing the need of others in a developing country, and realizpart of the solution. About 150 Included in the container to 200 students volunteering each year can have a huge impact, he says.

> Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Scott Maxwell has been with the volunteer project from the beginning, and is its chair. He is charged with fundraising and the day-to-day operation of the Wells of Hope, and as a recently retired high school teacher from Denis Morris, where he met van der Zalm, who has also taught at the Catholic high school one semester a year, leaving him free to travel to Guatemala from January until May.

> Maxwell now works full time with Wells of Hope, and will be connecting with the public school board, hoping to get more of them participating, both in backpack programs and volunteering.

> "The work is fun," says Maxwell. "This is a joyful program. We love to see the look on the kids' faces when they receive their backpacks."

Theo VanderKaay is now in his first year of high school, but last spring, as a Grade 8 student at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, he travelled with his parents and sister to Camp Esperanza, where volunteers with Wells of Hope stay in Guatemala. While there, they helped move the mud bricks used to build houses for those in need. ing, but also rewarding, he says, recalling one youngster who was plastic container so excited to see the young volunteers, he wanted to show them his home, which was made from branches holding up sheets of plastic. He, his mother and siblings ended up having a house built for them by Wells of Hope. What impressed Vander-Kaay most, though, was how little the kids had — this little boy was wearing filthy clothes, and boots full of holes that were too small, "but he was just so happy. It made me realize how much we have, and the things we complain about, when somebody who has



Emilie Prsa, Sandy Maxwell, Ashlie Prsa, Chiara van der Zalm, and Harry Alexander sort items in backpacks to be shipped to Guatemala. (Photos by Penny Coles)



Katharine VanderKaay, Ted VanderKaay, Scot Maxwell, Ted van der Zalm and Theo Vander-Kaay were in the van der Zalm garage Saturday to help prepare backpacks for shipping.



Hope has built and equipped 20 schools, and about 40 homes.

Many children, especially under the age of two, die every day from bacteria in the water, says van der Zalm. But with nearby wells, families not only have accessible clean water to drink but don't have to depend on the rainy season to grow one vegetable crop a year, each season hoping there won't be so much rain vegetables will rot, or so little they will die in the drought.

For communities with water, 12 months a year, families can grow their own food, and some will grow enough to take to market, says van der Zalm.

But he won't be satisfied until he has given the Guatemalans the tools and knowledge they need to develop a sustainable life that doesn't depend on oth-

"The cracks, and when it gets to Guatemala and the warmth, the liquid material ruins everything in the backpack and all the backpacks beside it," he says.

They also won't ship any toy weapons or soldiers, or anything associated with the military.

The backpack collection program is held at participating elementary schools in the fall. Not all schools join in — it takes a staff person to champion the cause, says van der Zalm.

This weekend, families gathered at the van der Zalm's garage to sort through each and every

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Bakithi Kumalo, Paul Simon's bass player, was at the NOTL Public Library for a screening of Under African Skies, arranged by Chris Mori of Bravo Niagara!. (Mike Balsom)



Mike Balsom Special to The Local

A little bit of South Africa came to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library last Thursday.

As part of the Voices of Freedom Festival, hosted by Bravo Niagara!, bass player Bakithi Kumalo, best known as a key member of Paul Simon's band for more than 30 years, introduced a film about the landmark Graceland album to an audience of about 70 people.

Under African Skies follows Simon on a trip back to Johannesburg 25 years after the 1986 release of the album that popularized African, and World music in general, across the globe.

Recorded under the shadow of Apartheid, Graceland ruffled the feathers of the organization Artists Against Apartheid, who had pushed for a creative boycott of the country under ongoing extreme racial tension.

Kumalo was there for the recording of the album, as well as for that 2011 reunion with many of the musicians involved in the sessions.

Born into a musical family in Soweto, Kumalo had been working in an auto garage when he received a call from producer Hendrick Lebone, inviting him to the studio. It seems Simon had heard Kumalo's bass playing on a bootleg cassette of South African township music, with which he had become fascinated.

him, Kumalo had no idea who the singer-songwriter was. "Nobody with an English name would be looking for me, unless there was a problem," he said. Once he was informed it was a singer from America who was

in, and his boss actually gave Kumalo the money he needed to take the bus to the studio.

Shortly after the sessions in Johannesburg, Simon flew Kumalo and other South African musicians to New York City, to continue recording. He described the culture shock of trying to cross the busy streets, and eating sushi for the first time.

Kumalo and Simon gelled, and Graceland became a turning point in the bassist's career and life. While blacks in South Africa were struggling under President P.W. Botha's National Party regime, Kumalo tasted freedom for the first time.

He ended up moving to the U.S., and has toured the world for more than half of his life as a member of Simon's band. Kumalo continues to live, and raise his family, in Pennsylvania.

Under African Skies catches up with Kumalo and many other South African musicians and singers who were involved in the landmark recording of Graceland.

Simon's 2011 trip served as a chance for him to not only reconnect with those who supported his vision, but also as an opportunity to see first-hand the results of the cultural shift that perhaps began with that album, and resulted in the abolition of Apartheid by 1993.

Though it's clear Simon's 1985 decision to record in Jo-When his boss told him hannesburg was controversial, that looking back, both Tambo aul Simon was looking for the film makes it obvious each of the musicians involved rel- brought people together then, ished the opportunity to collab- and continues to do so today. orate with him.

looking for him, excitement set sic. The success of the Graceland album has resulted in the group being able to continue to tour the world to this day.

> He, and others, say the black artists who toured with Simon in 1987 wanted to be out on the road with him.

Of course, the film is rife with the music of Graceland, bringing the viewer into the studio to experience first hand how the two cultures came together to produce a sum that was much greater than its parts, at least commercially. The album ended up selling 16 million copies, and has been re-released in updated versions twice.

The joy on the faces of all the musicians is evident throughout both the original footage, and the reunion scenes 25 years later.

Probably the most intriguing part of the film is Simon's meeting with Dali Tambo, the founder of Artists Against Apartheid and the son of Oliver Tambo, the president of the African National Congress from 1967 to 1991.

Simon and Tambo agree to disagree about whether or not the singer was justified in recording in South Africa with local musicians. There is talk about a "misunderstood legacy," as Simon says they all "treated each other as equals as musicians."

The film concludes with Simon's apology to Tambo, as the two discuss the political disputes of the past. But it's clear and Simon agree it's music that



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singing group Ladysmith Black key player who was there was a Mambazo credits Simon for once-in-a-lifetime opportunity opening up the world to his mu-

Experiencing Under Afri-Joseph Shabalala of the can Skies in the presence of a for those in attendance.

Backpack 'a huge gift itself'

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so little can be so happy."

Kaay, says he isn't sure the family will return to Guatemala, but that doesn't mean they will forget the need they saw or stop volunteering ---although he ad-mits, it becomes more distant once they're home.

"It's just a matter of looking at

what we can do here, and how we for contents to be sorted so they can be of the most help," he says. "Not everyone is called to Theo's father, Ted Vander- help by going to Guatemala,"

> says van der Zalm. "But everyone can help, everyone is valuable in their own come from every walk of life. way. Some families participate And while they're there, they reby doing this for Guatemalan alize they really can change the families," he says, waving his arm over the mountain of filled backpacks in his garage, waiting can still change the world."

can be loaded on a truck to be delivered to the shipping container. "When the backpacks arrive, it's like Christmas for the kids. We have volunteers who world. But there is so much they can do if they stay here. They Group menus offering traditional British fare or our chef inspired holiday menu!







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Taste of the Season back and in full swing

Kim Wade **Special to The Local**

Taste of the Season is the November event to enjoy wine and food pairings from the bounty of Niagara-on-the-Lake wineries.

Participating wineries seasonally-inspired offer wine and food pairings to tempt your taste buds and excite your palate. More than 20 wineries are participating in the annual event that takes place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the month.

Many wineries are offering an array of featured wines exclusive to the event. One such wine from Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery is not sold online or at the LCBO. To get a taste of this particular 2018 Sand & Gravel Chardonnay, you need to participate in the Taste of the Season pairing of this wine with Chef Matt Payne's five-spice roasted pork shoulder with a sweet and sour squash salad. The ingredients for the salad come from their organic vegetable garden. More than 6.000 pounds of organic vegetables are harvested each year for use in their farm-to-table restaurant.

Adele Shenna, retail manager and certified sommelier, is responsible for

the food. The tasting notes complete their final tasting of pear and apple in the of the 25 participating win-Chardonnay complement eries. He believes the event the warm spice of the pork. is a positive campaign to Shenna explained that she promote the area wineries, decided which wine to use expose people to them and based on the ingredients in the chef's recipe. She hoped themselves and come back." those with Taste of the Season tickets take the time to stop and savour the pairing from the fact that Queenof food with the wine, for a taste experience which is different from the regular wine tastings offered. For some people, mainly groups, it has become a different mindset to make it people through the door to a "mission to hit as many experience their "down to wineries as possible in a day," she said. She would is a priority. As a scaledlike to see people slow down back version of their sister and take the time to experience the wine, the food and the atmosphere of the winery that they are visiting. in a distinct atmosphere. She suggested participants Currently the winery is exspread out their visits over hibiting the artwork of Kim more days and limit them to Odine, a local artist, known three or four a day to get the for her contemporary pormost from the event.

gallerist at Queenston Mile ple, such as Moses Znaimer Vineyard, agrees with Shen- and Michael J. Fox, the porna's observation, he said he traits on display at the winhas observed the winery ery include Queenston Mile is either the first or the last staff and friends, adding a stop on many of the partici- local and intimate feel to the pants' list. He told the story surroundings. Taste of the of how he helped a group of Season participants are en-Taste of the Season partici- couraged to sit back and enpants by staying after clos-

pairing this lovely wine with ing long enough for them to "hope that they will enjoy

Hughes' emphasis on promotion may also stem ston Mile Vineyard is the newest winery on the list. Celebrating its first anniversary this week, this is also the first time they are participating in the event. Getting earth" vibe and their wines winery, Creekside Estate Winery in Jordan, Queenston Mile offers quality wine traiture. While known for While Adam Hughes, her portraits of famous peojoy the pairing of their 2016





Nadine Bobko and John Hare are ready for the busy days at The Hare Co. Winery during Taste of the Season. (Kim Wade)

Mile Red with Chef Ross enough, this aromatic soup ad, and take in the art and Trius Brut Bar. atmosphere.

Bench area is Château des Grand Reserve Pinot Noir Charmes, which offered their 2017 Pinot Noir paired with thyme-roasted woodland mushroom pâté with Winery paired their 2017 Ontario goat cheese. This Team Canada Red with trawas one of the vegetarian ditional Italian meatballs in options offered by partici- authentic marinara sauce pating wineries.

were offered by the Niagara of this special red will be College Teaching Winery donated to the Canadian Winery. Niagara College Teaching Winery paired their 2018 Tom Thomson fered their 2017 Crown Algonquin Red with a to- Land Red (Cabernet Franc) mato Parmesan galette with paired with grass-fed a balsamic drizzle from chopped beef brisket sliders Benchmark restaurant.

Winery paired their 2016 Estate Pinot Noir with Chef VIPs in the exclusive tasting Dodd's poutine, advertised room where they may meet as a duck fat fry poutine tasting server Nadine Bobwhich features fresh cut ko. She explained the "tanfries with a hearty vegetar- nins in the wine pair well ian and gluten-free gravy with the protein of the beef and curds. Next to Wayne and the sweetness of the Gretzky's, Chef Frank Dodd exquisite vegetarian option, a 2017 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay with a butter-



Jackson Triggs Estate Also in the St. Davids Winery offered their 2017 with a flavourful black pepper and rosemary grilled chicken. Pillitteri Estates and garlic crostini. In addi-Other vegetarian options tion, \$1 from the purchase and Wayne Gretzky Estates Olympic Foundation to support Olympic athletes.

The Hare Wine Co. ofwith Crown Land Red com-Wayne Gretzky's Estates pote. Taste of the Season participants are treated like compote and caramelized saltiness of the beef."

When The Hare Wine Co. opened in November, nut squash soup with maple 2016, Taste of the Season cream and candied wal- was the first Niagara event nuts. If the sample was not that they participated in.

batch winery, they produced season. They now produce almost 6,000 cases. Owner John Hare showed his dedication to the winery and the event by working hard behind the counter, helping customers with their purchases and supporting his staff. He stopped only for a quick photo for The LO-CAL as the staff worked to accommodate the bus tours, a wedding, and Taste of the Season participants. With two more week-

At the time, as a new small

ends to go in November, there is plenty of time to explore these and the other 16 participating wineries. Passes are still available for the remaining weekends. So take your time and enjoy what each winery has to offer. Savour the wine, the food and the atmosphere.

Tickets are \$55 (plus taxes and fees) for the regular pass which includes the wine and food and \$30 (plus taxes and fees) for the Designated Driver pass. The designated driver pass includes a non-alcoholic offered participants another onions contrasts with the drink with food. The passes are valid for Nov. 15 to 17 and 22 to 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit wineriesofniagaraonthelake.com/event/tastethe-season/.



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Penny Coles The Local

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muffins ready to enjoy, Armstrong at armstrong@ Christmas decorations, and bellnet.ca or at 905-262lots of baked goods at the 0268.

event. About 20 QRA volun-

teers have made the pastry, prepared and cooked the meat, and this weekend, filled 168 pie crusts.

About half are already quick and easy, the Queen- spoken for, and they will sell out before the day of the Christmas sale, says orga-

Although the group has traditionally made and The tourtieres are ready sold chicken casseroles, the dwindling number of volunteers was a deciding factor in eliminating them this

Tourtieres are \$20 each. There will be coffee and Orders can be emailed to



Paulette Peggs and Tina Brouillette prepare pie crusts to be filled. (Photo supplied)



Queenston Ladies Choir to perform Christmas concert

The Queenston Ladies Choir will be presenting a Christmas Choral Concert, Home for the Holidays, on Sunday, Dec. 1, at First Grantham United Church. The concert, featuring new arrangements of Christmas favourites, at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door (\$15 for seniors/ students and \$20 for adults). Net proceeds from the concert will go to the Niagara Music Theatre and Voice Festival Scholarship Fund for young musicians. For more information about the choir visit www.queenstonladieschoir. ca. (Photo supplied)

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Crossroads celebrates Remembrance Day

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in any way.

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day, on what Peace feels

"The right word, in the

"So, this Remembrance She also thanked all the Day, and every day, let's students who participated show our thankfulness, by offering the right word, by "We appreciate each being the light in someone of you," Klassen said, one's day, by sharing unexand ended with these pected kindness to others."



Teacher Michele Zoccoli has been organizing Remembrance Day services for 25 years. (Photos supplied)



Candles are lit as a silent tribute to the fallen Canadian veterans, with dignitaries, including Cpl. Jeff Powell, in the background.



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The NOTL midget Niagara Lions Club BB team captured gold in their home tournament, the Harvest Classic.

The Wolves' season is off to a great start, in first place in the Niagara District Hockey League's Midget rep division. They have continued performing their best and were outstanding in the Harvest Classic tournament. The team gelled, with terrific passing, fantastic scoring chances and great Frena played smart hock- throughout the tournament, goalies Cameron Huff and sportsmanship.

After two wins and a tie in round robin play, the team headed to the semi-finals against Owen Sound. crowd from the community out to support the Wolves, the team did not disappoint and the crowd was treated to a spectacular game. Tight checking saw Owen Sound up 1-0 most of the game but NOTL scored with 40 seconds left to send it to overtime. With 10 seconds left in OT, NOTL scored to send the team to the finals.

Up against a strong team from Penetanguishene in the final game, NOTL kept up the pressure, showing great tenacity and winning 4-1 to capture the championship.

The team was led by tournament MVP Jake Kocsis, who was on fire and showed amazing stick-handling skills. Jordan Wiens' speedy play and hustle earned him a hat trick. Ian Rush was flying on the ice and was great on the penalty kill. Brett Wilson was excellent as centre and on the power play. Angelo Orsini showed great back-checking skills and stole the puck many times. Austin York was solid on forward, making great passes. The line of Tristan Alexander, Tyler Cullen and Josh



The Midget Wolves were champions at the Harvest Barn Classic in NOTL. (Tracey Frena)

ey. They read well off each with clever defensive plays Tyler Lawrence-Howard. other, making good passes, and stopping the opposition exciting moves and contrib- offence. They were also key uting nice goals.

Playing at home, with a large of Bruce Deluca, Hunter Os- good passes and end-to-end coaching staff Justin York, tromecki, Joel Gula, Jaden rushes. Patterson, Mitchell Berg and Avrien Billy were solid was the outstanding play of Gula.

in offence, blasting shots The stellar defence team from the point, making

Keeping the team upbeat Rob Alexander and Toby

They have kept the team in a lot of games with their diving saves and quick gloves.

The Wolves are led by Trevor Lord, Brett Willis,

Peewees earn win against Reeve



The NOTL peewee Wolves had two match-ups against the Reeve Thunder in the



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Harvest Classic, winning both, Saturday's game 6-2 and Sunday's contest 3-1. (Fred Mercnik)





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Friesen wins berth in NASCAR championship race

Second first-place finish takes him to Florida for outdoor truck series

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Friday night's Lucas Oil 150 has earned Niagara-on-the-Lake native Stewart Friesen a berth in the chief Tripp Bruce and spot-NASCAR Gander Outdoor Truck Series Championship 4 next weekend in Miami.

of the season, and his career, to start the race, forcing him didn't come easily, though.

penalty at the start of the race.

Hill) fire first, and then he spun his tires or something," had no choice but to go back and 2."

to the gas to avoid wrecking the whole field."

A first-place finish in call, one that Friesen and his team didn't agree with.

Thanks to great teamwork between Friesen, crew ter Ric Carelli, he caught the caution after being shown the black flag. That pushed His second Series victory him to the back of the field to overcome all drivers to Niagara's dirt tracks, many Friesen was hit with a claim the checkered flag,

Friesen climbed to the front posi-"I let (pole-sitter Austin tion, and ended up leading victory does that. the field for the final 44 laps.

says Friesen. "I lifted to not says, "was not overheating running at Homestead-Mibeat him to the line, but my tires and being able to ami Speedway this Friday. It's then got hit from behind. I work the track in turns 1 a 1.5 mile loop that Friesen

With the win at ISM Raceway in Phoenix, Friesen It was a controversial and his Halmar Chevrolet team have now won on both dirt (Aug. 1 at Eldora) and pavement.

Reached while on his way to Florida for the championship race, Friesen said the win on the hard track is "very important, very validating for our team."

Having grown up on have speculated that he methodically needed to prove himself on pavement, and the Phoenix

The championship race "The biggest key," he is the Ford Eco Boost 200, knows well, having finished

fourth there last year.

will be key."

"It's a highly abrasive year's champion, Brett Mof- carry our momentum from track," he says. "Tire conser- fitt, Ross Chastain and two- Phoenix as a team." vation and a good balance time Series champion Matt Crafton.

He will be trying to cap-"It's anyone's race. Hope- Sports 1.

ture the title against last fully we can capitalize and

The race starts at 8 p.m. and can be seen on Fox





Stewart Friesen won his first race this season on dirt, his second on pavement. He's ready for Florida. (Photo supplied)

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