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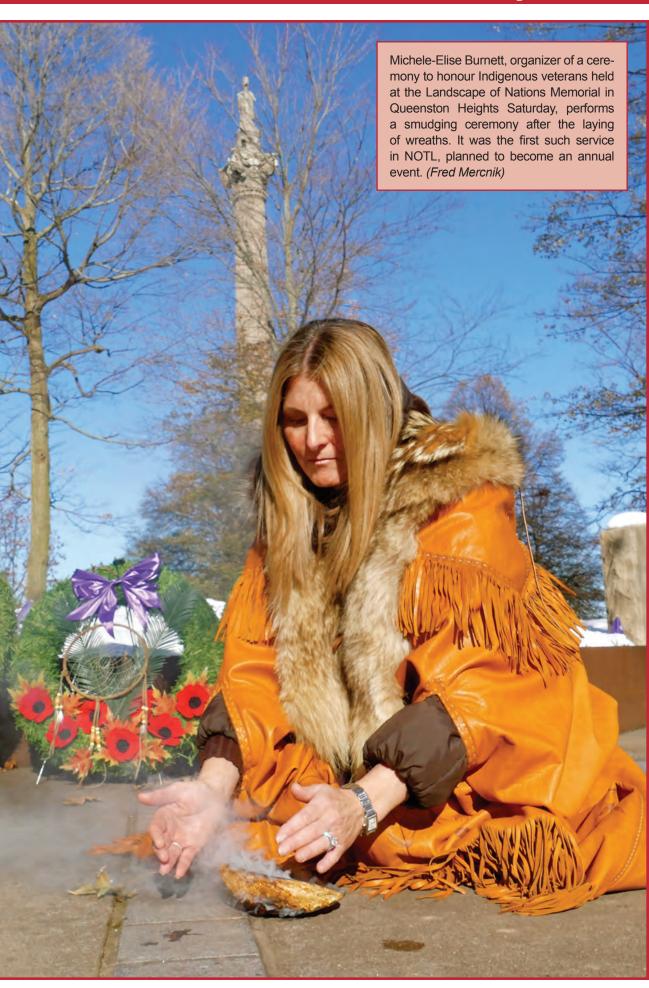


Queen Street decorated to celebrate the season

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Indigenous veterans honoured at Queenston memorial

Penny Coles The Local

When Michele-Elise Burnett helped the dream of the Landscape of Nations Memorial in Queenston Heights become a reality, she and others began planning a ceremony to honour Indigenous veterans.

That came to fruition Saturday, with an Indigenous Veterans' Day service at the memorial. The date is officially Nov. 8, and the ceremony was planned as close to that day as possible, given other similar events, Burnett says.

The service involved a wreath-laying ceremony, to remember Indigenous veterans and ancestors who helped make this country what it is, she says.

"It as an occasion to honour, acknowledge and reflect on the efforts of Six Nations veterans, something we've been working on for years," says Burnett, a Metis Algonquin, Bear Clan, whose father, grandfather and cousin are veterans. Her cousin, Joe Paquette, was instrumental in forming the Metis Veterans' Council, her father was World War, and her grandfather an artillery soldier in the First World War.

"When we built the memorial, we knew it was going

to be a place to reflect and to pay tribute to the sacrifices of Indigenous warriors," says Burnett.

To see the event unfold and the many people who attended, was "heartwarming and emotional for me. We planned to keep the event small and grow it," she says.

It was an opportunity "to pay respects to my family, and all the Indigenous veterans who fought for our freedom. The service is a fitting tribute to Six Nations and native allies who have made a difference in the history of Canada."

Burnett was part of the original committee that planned the Landscape of Nations Memorial, which opened in October, 2016. The project was a legacy of the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812, intended to recognize the role of First Nations in the outcome of the war.

Since then, she says, the memorial has been used, by herself and memorial cochair Tim Johnson, "in so many different ways, with Indigenous education initiatives and tours, as a tool for education and acknowledgment of a fighter pilot in the Second the Indigenous contribution to that war and others since."

> The memorial, says, has become an out-

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Food and gift items are beginning to arrive at Newark Neighbours for Christmas. Volunteers on hand to sort through arrivals are Suzanne Vaillant, Marion Ollerhead and Newark chair Laura Gibson. (Penny Coles)

Newark preparing to help others at Christmas

Penny Coles The Local

The food is begin-

Christmas.

of year will have a happy time of year will be helped tween a good Christmas quire help this year, says by the generosity of locals and no Christmas. Single mothers who are and the dedicated efforts of ning to pile up at Newark hoping for a special meal a group of about 35 volun- Newark Neighbours park-Neighbours, along with and gifts for their children, teers, who will make sure some gifts and wrapping parents who are experi- those in need will have paper, in anticipation of encing hard times and se- enough food over the hol-

be struggling at this time to make ends meet at this make the difference be- 60 clients expected to re- Christmas, and will pass

ing lot was full and the thrift store was busy. Chair Laura Gibson says a lot of items for the store are dropped off over the weekend, and as volunteers are busy sorting the newly-arrived merchandise, shoppers are hoping to find the best deals. Their fund the good work Newark is able to do.

The thrift store area is small, but organized and tidy, with volunteers taking pride in looking after says Gibson.

In addition to the donations received from the community, the local thrift store and food bank has people who sponsor fam-

food bank manager Mar-Monday morning, the ion Ollerhead. Although registration is open until Dec. 10, there are already what was on their wish list. enough sponsors lined up to help, but there are some food items needed, she says, such as Christmas cookies, cake mixes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and canned mixed vegetables.

Newark will order turshopping dollars help to keys from Kent Heritage Farms, so if anyone is planning on donating a turkey, says Ollerhead, please let her know so she can adjust her order.

There may be some in their assigned sections, need of help over the holidays who aren't regular clients of Newark Neighbours, and if they qualify, they will receive assistance, says Ollerhead.

For families with chililies at this time of year, dren, one of the volunteers buying all that will be calls when there are kids Christmas. There are about are hoping to receive at 3519.

that information on to sponsors. That way there's a good chance the children will receive at least some of

Neighbours Newark was founded in 1971 by Peggy Anderson, who came to Canada as a war bride. In her early years in town, she worked on local farms, where she met several large families who were struggling, and wanted to ensure they didn't go hungry.

Today, Newark requires evidence of eligibility for those requiring assistance, including proof of income.

Newark receives no government funding, using revenue from its thrift store to help the needy and to pay the bills for the "barn," as the building is called, located off the Riverbend Inn driveway at 310 John Street East. For more needed to deliver a great involved to see what they information call 905-468-



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Ceremony to remember sacrifices of Indigenous veterans

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door classroom.

"The memorial fills in the gap that has existed in the history of our country," she says. "It completes a story that was never told, for people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to hear our story, the story of our ancestors. Now we have about what we really did in can governments. forging this country of Canada," she says.

ried the flag of the Two Row is necessary to have peace." Wampum, which symbolizes the 1613 agreement between sion was Metis Brian Kon, the Haudenosaunee and representatives of the Dutch government, declaring peaceful coexistence. The agreement is representing veterans, she considered by the Haudenosaunee to be the basis of all of Darrell Doxtdator, with the their subsequent treaties with Hiawatha flag, representing a place to tell those stories European and North Ameri- the five original nations of

"representing both Cayuga, and Seneca.

Behind her in the procescarrying the Metis flag, which would be used when they go to war, or for ceremonies says, and in front, was veteran the Haudenosaunee: the Mo-"It's a beautiful flag," she hawk, Oneida, Onondaga,

> The Niagara Parks Commission has been an important part of the story of the memorial and Saturday's ceremony, says Burnett.

> "They have been incredible stewards of our land, and are committed to working with us so that we can tell our story. Tim Johnson and I are very grateful for their support."

Representing the Town and the Niagara Parks Commission, Lord Mayor Betty Disero was invited to speak at the event. "I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples for millennia. We are

ing procession, Burnett car- friendship and respect that grateful for the opportunity to ish and Canadian soldiers to fallen, the dedicated, and the spend time here as we reflect secure victory at the battle of faith-keepers whose efforts and remember the sacrifices Queenston Heights and other forged a lasting peace. I can think of Indigenous veterans. On these sacred grounds, Native allies fought alongside Brit-

War of 1812," says Disero.

pivotal events throughout the of no better place to hold this ceremony than here at the Land-"Today we remember the scape of Nations Memorial."



Sgt. Ray Starks puts sage in the fire pit to honour the dead.

The memorial fills in the gap that has existed in the history of our country.

Michele-Elise Burnett

about, reflect on and memorialize our veterans who have done so much for our country, and to learn about our river. We're floating along the history and our culture."

During Saturday's open-

"This is a great way to talk cultures, the European culture on one side, and the Indigenous people on the other, in a canoe. Between us is a river in peace, parallel, and equal. It represents the true



Mohawk native Jordan Smith leads the procession to the Landscape of Nations memorial to honour and remember the Indigenous Veterans that helped secure our border, and establish Canadian independence. He is followed by veteran Darrell Doxtdator, Michele-Elise Burnett, and Brian Kon. (Photos by Fred Mercnik)



A moment of silence was held to remember the sacrifices of the Six Nations, and Native allies.



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Canada Summer Games needs volunteers

Energetic, fit people needed to fill role of Games mascot

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are looking for turtles.

Turtle mascots, that is.

The search for volunteers around," says Wikston. to help with many aspects of the games coming to Niagara in 2021 is ramping up, but one of the first needs is for several people who can put on a turtle costume and go into schools and other events leading up to the games, beginning this month, says Vittoria Wikston, senior manager of marketing and community development for the games.

She is hoping for "a robust group" of up to 20 people who can share mascot duties, based on their availability, she says. They will go into schools through the Catch the Spirit program, and appear in parades and other social activities to help promote the are online at https://niagagames, right through to the ra2021.ca/get-involved/volend of the competitions.

Organizers are looking for mascots who are active, physically fit, who can do things such as hit tennis balls or sink a basketball, dance a bit, and be entertaining for students in the 165 Niagara schools, all of which will beginning in January.

Canada Games organizers with people, like having fun, be upbeat and friendly, and have the ability to "clown tennis practices and competi-

> She says school kids in Niagara between the ages of 10 and 18 were asked to submit mascot. A turtle was chosen since there are many species native to the Niagara region, and because Indigenous belief is that a giant turtle created all of North America, and the Niagara Escarpment is the the games website for those backbone of what they called Turtle Island.

the mascot have been selected, Wikston says, and were announced recently at an event in Welland.

Applications for those interested in becoming mascots unteering/.

There will be a lot going on games themselves. in the coming months, including the construction of Canada line for more information — Games Park, near Brock University, now underway as a legacy project of the games; a new rowing centre at Henley Island;

receive a visit from the mascot, and upgrades to other facilities throughout the region, with Mascots must be good funding from all levels of government, says Wikston.

> Niagara-on-the-Lake, tions will take place at White Oaks Tennis Club, and local volunteers are also needed there.

At this point, volunteers names and designs for a turtle are being chosen for key leadership positions, but there will be many more needed as the games get closer — thousands of volunteers will be required for cultural and sporting events.

There is an application on who are interested, and in time, there will be more in-The name and design for formation about what is available and what is required, Wikston says.

> Volunteers will be required for events leading up to the games, including competitions, fundraising and alumni events, community and school events and the Torch Relay, and for the

> Wikston says to check onanyone interested can leave their name and email address and will be notified as applications are available.



Shelly, a smiling and energetic turtle, worked the crowd at a recent event in Welland. Shelly will do public appearances leading up to and throughout the Canada Games. (Robert Parker)



Grace United Church members are gearing up for their annual Christmas Market, anticipating a good turnout. The draw has always been the wonderful Christmas baking, jams and preserves as well as current items in their knitting and sewing area. There will also be those great Canadian meat pies, tourtieres, but they sell out quickly. Many now come for the 150 gift baskets and the unique items that are placed around the room to represent an old-time European Christmas Market, at 222 Victoria Street, this Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Claudia Gilchrist)

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Button sales help offset parade costs

Penny Coles The Local

An annual tradition supporting the Niagara-on-the-Lake Christmas Parade is underway.

rently selling parade buttons, designed by a local artist, for a minimum \$2 donation.

The men from the sub-Parade organizers say often receive much larger on Saturday, Nov. 30, sell- by a local artist. donations in the boxes that ing the buttons themselves. hold the buttons, and occa-

just hand us money, some-Local stores are cur- times \$10 or \$20," says have been designed by re-Gerry Brand, one of the nowned local artists such committee members.

committee of Christmas locations in town, Phil's with the Niagara Pum-

sionally have someone put the day of the parade, this Bosch, a visual arts student think of that a decade ago, a quarter or less in the slot. year, Saturday, Dec. 16, "On parade day, people when they usually sell out.

In past years, buttons as Angie Strauss, Trisha While there are boxes Romance and Tanya Jean in many stores in town, the Peterson, but recently the men will be out in two busy committee has worked "minimum," because they Penner's Building Centre, choose a design submitted for those who have collect- members hope to have a rade route.

This year, the design tons, says Strecker. But the big blitz comes selected was by Lauren at Brock University.

> She spent a summer to start a collection." working at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, from button sales pays for organizer, says all the and learned about the de- the transportation costs of sign competition. "I drew the bands, and other costs, something up and sent it to next year. There are resithe Town," she said.

drawing of Santa, and will every year, Strecker says. valu-mart in Virgil, and phouse Arts Centre to be another collector's item

he adds, "it's never too late

The money donated dents who also donate to It's a slightly stylized the parade, some of them Nov. 30. Visit notl.org for

ed all of the parade but- new sleigh for Santa — the current one is tired-look-But for those who didn't ing, and a new one has been designed. Button donations will help to finance the new sleigh for Santa's float.

Bob Cheriton, parade bands have been booked, and entry applications are being accepted for the parade, with a deadline of the application form and Next year, committee also for a PDF of the pa-

Fire department online map shows monthly calls

Penny Coles The Local

your fire department volunteers do, check out the fire incidents map on the town

for Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire and Emergency Services, says the map has been made number of calls volunteers respond to each month.

developed a map to help the department track calls, breakegories: fire; fire alarms; gas vehicle collisions' assistance;

has a symbol which shows on would only show the general

The map was originally If you want to know what intended as a decision-making tool, which could be used tics are now available online, to help the department allocate resources as needed.

Jay Plato, deputy fire chief way to collect data in one loreports, he said.

When the tracking map public recently, to show the was shown to council, Plato said, it was decided to make volunteers do.

ing them down into six cat- and two online sites: one for internal use, which includes per cent. and carbon monoxide; motor more detail about the inciand medical calls. Each call the other for the public, which incidents_map.

the map where they occurred. area of the incident, to protect residents' privacy, says Plato.

October's map and statisand will be updated monthly.

The site includes a pie It is a much more efficient chart which breaks down the percentage of types of calls cation than paper incident monthly. In October, the fewest calls, just six per cent were for fires; with the most calls, 26 per cent, for medical assistance. Fire alarms made up it public, to show residents 24 per cent of the calls, 22 per Originally, town GIS staff what NOTL fire department cent were for motor vehicle collisions, 12 per cent were There are now two maps assistance calls, and gas and carbon monoxide were 10

> To view the map, visit dents, including addresses, https://www.notl.org/fire_



Gerry Brand, Terry Choules, Phil Brunt, John Strecker, Mark McCauley, Mearl Obee, Roger Schmid and Mike Carleton will be selling parade buttons. (Penny Coles)

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Deputy Fire Chief Jay Plato says the online map will improve efficiencies in the fire department. (Penny Coles)





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This year, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the season, turning Queen Street into an elegant winter wonderland.

Using the theme of a Victorian Christmas, with beautiful decorations — some of them handmade — including natural boughs, garlands, burgundy ribbons and bows, and soft white lights.

Volunteers were recruited, some from service clubs and the NOTL Horticultural Society, and last Friday was a beehive of activity along Queen

Street, at the gazebo and other town that has so much to ofselect locations.

To top it off, this Sunday, Nov. 24, there will be a communty tree-lighting ceremony on Queen Street, at 6 p.m.

Kudos to all who planned and took part in what was a collaborative and community-minded event, and who transformed sections of the Old Town into a magical scene that will be the backdrop for some exciting seasonal events to come — including the Candlelight Stroll, and the best Christmas Parade ever.

We live, work and play in a

fer. Its downtown streets may be taken over for about five months of the year by tourists, but this is the time for locals to take back our town.

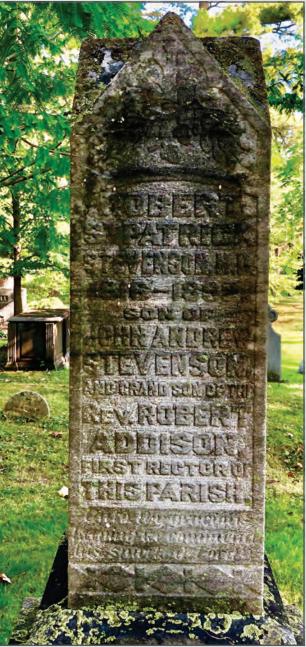
Let's plan to shop, eat and drink locally, and celebrate the season by making the most of all the festivities planned for the benefit of residents.

There is lots to do and see, lots of great Christmas shopping, and lots of events to enjoy. There will never be a better

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Grandson of Addison buried at St. Mark's

Donald Combe Special to The Local

Robert St. Patrick Stevenson was born in Sorel, Que., the son of Lt. John Andrew Stevenson and Mary Addison. He was the grandson of the first rector of St. Mark's and of Sir John Stevenson, the famed composer. His brother was Judge Stevenson of Haldimand. Robert Stevenson was educated at Upper Canada College, and earned a medical degree in Philadelphia. In the 1871 census, he was shown to be a farmer, and living with his young family at Lake Lodge. His second wife, Mary Brady, whom he married in 1870, did not die till 1922, and she was interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

A Man Goes to the Movies

Donald Combe Special to The Local

Brooklyn as a "film noir," this stylish Hollywood crime drama transports the viewer not only to another time, in this case, 1957 Brooklyn, but further into an almost surreal world. This long film carefully investigates abuses of power and control, and in doing so, reflects the behaviours of certain contemporary American politicians. The director was meticulous in every possible way as he allowed his story to develop and unfold. I was mesmerized, but remain uncertain as

to whom I would recommend it.

His Facebook reviews have sives for The Local.

become popular with his friends and followers, and Donald Combe is a he has graciously agreed to Based on Motherless retired English teacher share his opinions through who loves to go to movies. "short and sweet" exclu-



Edward Norton

GOMMENT

How one mosquito can change your life



Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

This double feature of unnerving stories, I promise, were worse for me than for those about to read them. My lifestyle and career see me outdoors seven days a week, so when I have the spare time to enhance the adventures, I usually go all in.

The first time I went "all in" set the tone for the cold, wet, and sometimes painful stories I will now tell you about. In hindsight, they are all positive stories for me now that were created by time in nature. They come budding with valuable lessons, too.

I was nearly 10 years old here in NOTL, enjoying the newfound liberties of parental trust and walkie talkies. Alone, as I still like to go sometimes, I followed the creek down and off the yard, where it crossed under a couple of roads and then broadened out into a beautiful floodplain. It was March, and ice was still sealing the deal in our forests.

When a large tree falls, it takes up the roots and earth

with it, leaving behind a deep places, most of us are fortunate depression or hole in the ground where it once valiantly stood. Sometimes, these holes inevitably fill up with water. hiking for four days straight in They become little ecosystems early spring when rain is falling unto themselves, occasionally a few feet deep.

way immediately. My snowsuit and little body pierced directly through the ice. I remember the cold water seeping in through the wool and cotton and touching my warm body. Slowly, getting heavier, I remember the cold soup up to my chest the drying. and its putrid smell, my elbows the ice. My feet kicked off the bottom where worms, rotting leaves, and hibernating frogs probably rested. I got out pretty easily, but pretty damned cold.

Apparently I developed a learned to gain mastery over misery in outdoor conditions, because the weather itself sometimes.

in my years of winter camping, intentionally hiking in storms, hence why I also love the annual Penguin Dip in NOTL.

Living in Canada, of all was only the beginning.

without getting hypothermia.

Here's how you can get it: go but snow is still on the ground. Sleep alone in the tent, but wake I accidentally tread on one up next to the exact same foe evof these frozen pits and it gave ery morning - this grey, heavy, biting presence of wind and rain that's waiting outside again. Get directly rained on all day so hard that even your sponsored gear seems to have given up on the sit-

Rinse, dry, repeat - minus

Wake up, eat some cold and head thankfully well above food, and put on the least wet pair of socks and sweater you can find. The one thing I experienced on that Bruce Trail expedition in 2014 was that neither the weather nor I slept much those first few nights, and strange affinity for this feeling. I I found myself physically and mentally exhausted.

The cold came creeping misery can beat you up faster than from the inside out. It felt like the inside of my bones had I not only found joy, but turned into the same wet clothes personal growth and stamina I was wearing. My muscles felt porous to the cold, as the feeling trickled its way through my body like a spilt drink, slowly running across a table top. This

in a hot shower and chattering my teeth for hours was possible. The core temperature returned into a tropical section of the Anabout a day later, but my body was damaged. Let's say I needed to run off of the trail or out of my tent almost 15 times a day.

The elements of nature nursing a mild hangover, as my

My emergency contacts certainly have potential to sur- return to the city the night prior enough to go our entire lives picked me up from a road to- round and influence us, and ward which I had bushwhacked. that includes the living organ-I thanked them immensely, and isms that come paired with then I may have drained their these environments. When I'm whole hot water tank in their not cold and wet in Canada, I'm cottage. I didn't believe standing hot and drenched in the tropics, my favourite playground.

> After a five-day excursion des mountains in Ecuador, I came back to civilization with more than just notes about the weather.

I woke up and thought I was

was filled with much-appreciated calories and adult beverages (it was an epic hike). But nothing too crazy, so why did I feel like death in the morning?

Turns out a mosquito carrying the Dengue Fever virus sunk its proboscis (that's the needle-like mouth part) into a bare patch of my skin at some point on that trip. The virus which causes the fever began

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This is a massive ceiba tree, says Owen Bjorgan, tucked into the Andean mountains of Ecuador. It might be the largest living thing in the rainforest. In contrast, a mosquito from the same area nearly ruined his trip and changed his life, says Bjorgan. (Owen Bjorgan)



Auchterlonie on Astrology

Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

This week I look at the third week of November, the week of the Sun moving from sexy Scorpio into all-knowing Sagittarius on Friday, Nov. 22, and the New Moon in Sagittarius on Tuesday, Nov. 26. And more.

Thursday Nov. 21: On this last full day of Scorpio for 2019 we see the Moon move and Martin's Laugh-In, Goldie was shot in Dallas, Texas. Hawn, celebrates number 74

been enduring and rarely faltering and she likes Canada a lot with homes in British Columbia and Muskoka.

Friday Nov. 22: The Sun moves from the sexy constellation Scorpio into all-knowing Sagittarius at 9:59 a.m. It's the start of a month of all things big, especially ideas and deeds. Today, the Moon in Libra adds a friendly and more laid-back edge to the proceedings, but still may from discriminating Virgo push for improvements that into balancing Libra just be- are not easy to accept. The fore midnight. It's a day when Great One, Wayne Gretzky, Mars and Chiron make a con- was inducted into the Hocknection which can bring some ey Hall of Fame on this day in moves from laid back Libra changes continue today as nuts, Charles M. Shulz, was healing opportunities to those 1999, his jersey, number 99, in need of physical help. Or retired forever by the NHL. midnight. Then Venus and Sagittarius to commanding discovery of King Tut's Tomb logical signs and the houses of maybe with help at work. The And it was Friday Nov. 22, 'sock it to me girl' from Rowan 1963 that John F. Kennedy

Saturday Nov. 23: While today. Her acting career has the Moon continues her tran-

sit though the sign of Libra, Mercury and Venus and the Sun and Chiron make connections that, while somewhat stressful, if well-handled promise improved relationships, more money and healing of old wounds. This is Wayne Gretzky's week. On Nov. 23, 1988, he scored his 600th goal! And super quarterback, Doug Flutie, threw his "Hail Flutie" end-to-end pass for Boston College on this day in 1984.

Sunday Nov. 24: What a mixed bag of events we see in the sky today. First, the Moon before sunrise, which brings good fortune in relationships for all. Just before noon, Mars in Scorpio is opposite to Ura-

nus in Taurus bringing suddangerous either as in an accident of note – or a warning about a health matter. Later in us makes a tense connection with Saturn in Capricorn suggesting it's time to come clean at the same place in the sign of Scorpio bringing a meetkilled on live TV.

rus bringing an opportunity to ongoing even up to today. change direction on some long

term goals. If we are up for the den change which could be challenge of change. Married with Children star, Christina Applegate turns 48 today.

Tuesday Nov. 26: The the day the Sun in Sagittari- Moon moves from secretive Scorpio into sassy Sagittarius today in preparation for the New Moon which happens with yourself. And finally the at 10:05 this morning. It's the Moon and Mercury connect start of a new lunar month, a day of new beginnings where intuition is strong and confiing of heart and mind. On dence is high. Happy birthday Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963, Lee number 102 to the National Harvey Oswald was shot and Hockey League, and It was Nov. 26, 1922 that the brilliant Monday Nov. 25: The cartoonist who gave us Peainto intense Scorpio just past Venus moves from outgoing born. Also Nov. 26, 1922, the Jupiter are together in Scorpio Capricorn while the Sun in opened up a new era in fasci-Sagittarius makes a stressful nation with all things ancient cosmic news for all seven days connection to Uranus in Tau- Egyptian, an interest that is

on June 21, Neptune, planet of Pisces and ruler of all things unconscious, began to move in retrograde motion. Today Neptune turns direct, unleashing positive energy and making dreams come true. Bill Nye, the science guy, turns 64 today.

Next week I look at the last week of November, and the start of December. Also the week of the First Quarter Moon in Pisces on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

And please visit my website www.LookingUpWithBill.com.

It's all new with a new podcast featuring the connections between the planets, the astroyour horoscope. As well as the of the week.

As Joni said: We are stardust. Wednesday Nov. 27: Back We are golden. So shine on!

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Ed Schellenberg enjoyed community work

Randy Klaassen Special to The Local

Edwin (Ed) Schellenberg, who served on Ni-Council from 1991 to 1994, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Nov. 6.

Edwin grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan. Various employment opportunities took him to Winnipeg, Regina, Kelowna, and Penticton, before Canadian functions with them. Canners transferred him to Niagara, where he and his hired as administrator of wife Irene settled in Virgil. Pleasant Manor, in Virgil. personality drew him to Edwin's background in accounting led him to a part- the growth and develop- ara Air Bus for a time, and community.

David, Joanne, and John. non-profits. Later, the family expanded

In 1982, Edwin was Health Council.

Business College, followed of the community. Facing for 18 years with Canadian by his establishment of the challenges of expansion Red Cross and Canadian Hamilton Business College. of long-term care, Edwin By this time in his life, moved on to use his expeagara-on-the-Lake Town Edwin and Irene's family riences in consulting and included children Linda, management services for

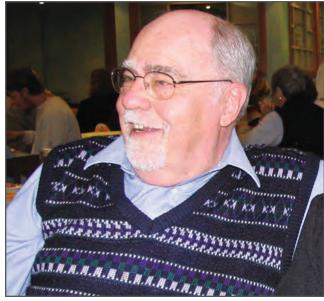
to include grandchildren was active as a volunteer and great-grandchildren. board member with sever-Edwin enjoyed attending al church and community events at various school, charitable organizations, sport, club and church including the NOTL Hospital and Niagara District

For 12 years, he oversaw work as a driver with Niag-

nership with St. Catharines ment of services for seniors then as a volunteer driver Cancer Society.

With a shortage for drivers, Edwin's family encourages anyone interested in volunteering to contact Before retiring, Edwin either Red Cross (905-680-4099; ask for volunteer opportunities), or Cancer Society (905-684-6455; ask for volunteer services, Wheels of Hope program).

His funeral service, Nov. 11 at the Bethany Menno-In retirement, his social nite Church, was attended by a cross section of people from churches and the



Ed Schellenberg at a family celebration. (Randy Klaassen)

Bjorgan plans to return to tropics

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wreaking havoc in an onslaught I will never forget.

I crawled, vomited, ate nearly nothing, and tried to translate what I was feeling to the doctor at the only hospital in the region.

She understood what I was feeling when, mid-sentence, I fell off the chair, and started making a mess in her office. This poor doctor then put me on a hospital bed, which I discovered wasn't really designed for anybody over five foot five. They plugged some needles into me (my honest biggest discomfort in life), and I more or less stayed like that for two weeks.

bling to go from carrying a massive backpack through rainforest wilderness for days on end, high on life and unfazed, to feeling useless and devoid of basic functioning. The swelling of the brain against my skull and the pain festering in my joints made lying still and sleeping a nightmare. It wasn't even the sort of sick that you could easily sleep off.

The implications of that mosquito bite in 2016 are circling my environmental work and projects. Now that I've had and survived Dengue Fever, I am more immune in general to ever enduring it again. The

It was amazing and humbe much more severe, and it can

Where does that leave me, as someone who is looking to expand my work and influence in the natural world and public realm? I envision community-based eco projects and filming more Hidden Corners in the tropical jewels of the world, in order to showcase the global significance of these planetary lungs. Passion doesn't get the rug pulled from beneath its feet too easily, so I will be back in the tropics shortly.

It blows my mind how one mosquito nearly had me down and out, but nature's little ones can



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Golf tourney benefits kids



The eighth annual Sandtrap Open had the biggest year yet, raising \$10,650 that was split between The Ronald McDonald House and the Niagara Children's Centre. The tournament was held at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, with a sold-out field of 76 golfers. In eight years, the tournament has raised more than \$52,000. Marla Smith (below) of the Niagara Children's Centre accepted the cheque from Dylan, Colton and Matt Dietsch at the NCC and Catherine and Ann Marie (above) accepted the cheque from Dylan, Kristen and Matt Dietsch at the Ronald McDonald House. (Photos supplied)



Learn about medical advances in cancer research

Nobel Prize series continues at **NOTL Public Library Tuesdays**

Penny Coles The Local

Dr. Bill Brown, originator of the popular InfoHealth sessions at the library, has another series, this one weekly, to learn about the awarding of the Nobel Prize.

The importance of the "ultimate prize," he explains, it that it is an annual benchmark of what is happening in the world of academic, cultural, or scientific advances.

the series, "and an excellent way to keep up-to-date with what's happening in science (physics, chemistry and medicine), and the world's more controversial prizes - the Peace, Economic and especially Literature prizes."

For example, Brown says, both this year's chemistry and economics prize are related to climate change, which

of the issue on an international stage.

he says "have a profile. They tackle serious issues, and are used to send a message."

The Nobel series at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library are well-attended, with Brown doing some of the presentations and other experts in relevant fields speaking on hypoxia is complex and in-

in several fields of importance — work that will shape grandchildren.

ics this week. Brown is talking carry those oxygen-bearing Brown. "But there was more

demonstrates the importance about the prize for medicine next Tuesday, Nov. 26.

This year's prize in medi-The awarding of the prizes, cine (or physiology) was won by three people, William G. Kaelin, Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza. They won the prize for their work on the molecular underpinnings of the body's oxygen sensing system, says Brown.

"The body's response to triguing. The central char-The work for which priz- acter is a family of close-This is the second year of es are awarded help people ly-related protein with the understand the advances uninspiring acronym, HIF, one of thousands of transcription factors — or in English, changes that are occurring proteins, capable of activating now, and into the future, "es- or suppressing genes. Left to pecially the near future." says its own devices, HIF activates Brown, "This is work that will those genes, which augment affect us, our children and our the body's response to hypoxia by increasing red blood The Nobel Prize series at cell production, the develop-

red cells, and switching en- to it than that - these inves- and the final presentation of ergy-generating pathways from highly efficient but oxygen-dependent oxidative pathways, to less efficient but oxygen-independent pathways. HIF transcription factors also play a role in inducing inflammatory responses," explains Brown.

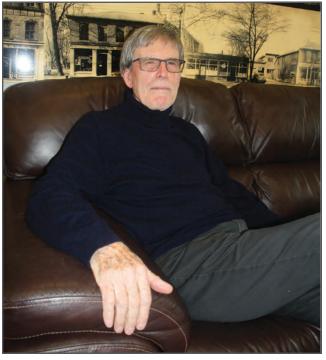
"Fortunately, when oxygen levels are normal, the body's cells destroy HIF through a cascade of chemical reactions — one of which involves von Hipple Lindau protein (pVHL). The latter, in mutated form, increases the risk of a host of highly vascular tumours and other, much more common cancers. Hence the interest these days in developing drugs which block key molecules in the oxygen-sensing system."

Because HIF transcription factors are so key to systems involved with the body's response to hypoxia, and beyond that, inflammatory responses and cancer, the Nobel committee awarded tigators set a high standard for evidence and worked in a collegial fashion. That's very important in science and life in general."

NOTL resident David Elkins are at 2 p.m. at the NOTL is covering the Peace prize, Public Library.

the series will be Dec. 10, with Valmai Elkins talking about the prize in literature.

Brown's presentation on the Nobel prize for medi-On Tuesday, Dec. 5, cine is Tuesday, Nov. 26. All



the library dealt with econom- ment of new blood vessels to this well-deserved prize, says Dr. Bill Brown will be talking about the Nobel Prize for medicine Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the NOTL Public Library at 2 p.m.



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This photograph of the McNab Road home on this year's Rotary House tour was taken by owner and artist Elizabeth Gilbert, the day after last week's winter storm. (Elizabeth Gilbert)

Six elegant homes on Rotary Christmas tour

Penny Coles The Local

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club Holiday House Tour is approaching, tickets are selling quickly and the club is promising the 21st annual than ever.

Viewing hours have been extended, the 225th anniver-

tive homes will be decorated to the hilt and ready for visi-McNab Road.

Roads was once a simple pioneer stone house, sitting atop sary of St. Andrew's Church is behind it. The original section, previous owner built the addi-

being celebrated as part of the built in 1855, is now a small tion and put it up for sale. tour, and six elegant, distinc- living room, with 18-inch stone walls intact and part of the decor, along with its origtors — five in the Old Town, inal wood floor. It has become and one not-to-be-missed on part of Nepanthe, a quiet, warm and welcoming estate The rural property on the thus named by current ownevent will be bigger and better corner of McNab and Church ers Elizabeth Gilbert and Alan Rosselet. They purchased the property after falling in love a hill with a valley and creek with it 10 years ago, when the

explained by Gilbert, perfectly represents their home and all it

means to them. the," mentioned in ancient important artists throughout Greek literature and mythology, which means a "drug of forgetfulness," and is also li's piano keys, with typical Niknown as a place to go where agara scenes, such as vineyards sorrows are forgotten, Gilbert explains. And there is "a wonderful, magical place with gardens on the coast of California called Nepenthe," she says.

There is also a comic opera by Gilbert (not related, she says,) and Sullivan, called Iolanthe, where a fairy marries a mortal, she explains. "My great-grandmother, Anna Caroline Lash, starred Toronto, about 1886. With the narrow hallway. \$100 she earned as an 18-yearold, she bought almost 10 called it Iolanthe. The family Muskoka is still called Iolanthe. Many of us were truly heartbroken when it was sold," says Gilbert.

"When we bought this lustration. NOTL property, we saw some of the natural beauty and historical feel that our Iolanthe had."

They combined the names Nepenthe and Iolanthe, and although there is no sign up yet, "the name has certainly settled in to stay for awhile,"

As have Gilbert and Rosselet. Their home has somewhat of an eclectic feel - Gilbert jokes about a relative who calls it 'eccentric' — filled with furnishings that have meaning to the two of them, that connect to their families. The rooms combine family antiques, modern comfortable seating, and artisan, hand-crafted furniture, all perfectly suited to a home with a mostly traditional feel to it, and a few interesting surprises.

One such surprise is re-

vealed during a tour of the are many: the Group of Seven, The name Nepanthe, when kitchen. Look up, and you will see a truly breathtaking mural on the ceiling, painted by local artist Paul Gosen. It beautifully There is a word, "nepen- blends subjects representing history, such as van Gogh's Starry Night and Salvador Daand Niagara Falls, in a tribute to the natural charm of the surrounding area.

Each room is a delight, and will be even more so when decorators from Regal Florist and Garden Centre are finished their work. Most of the home, including bedrooms, is on the main floor, allowing visitors a glimpse of most of the rooms, often off-limits on in Iolanthe at Massey Hall in the tour, connected by a long,

Tour guests may also feel a little as if they are touring an acres of land in Muskoka, and art gallery, which in fact they are — Gilbert, a retired scicottage stayed in the family ence teacher, is also an artist for six generations, and almost who has spent her years since lifetime of work, I think." 100 years. The property in retirement building a body of art, much of which is displayed in her home.

> Her background, she says, is in medical and scientific il-

The best way to describe her painting style, she says, "is that I paint to celebrate the natural world. Primarily watercolours, also oils, closeups of nature, wilderness places, and water are my subjects. My inspirations as an artist

Tom Thomson, Emily Carr and a great many recent and contemporary artists that I'm friends with."

Her great-grandmother, the actress, was also a watercolour artist, she adds.

While the view of the front of the house is looking up from McNab Road, the house backs down again on a gentle slope to the creek, and a wooded area, with hundreds of trees of about 30 different varieties planted by the couple over the last decade that attract all manner of wildlife, says Gilbert. Skunks, raccoons, fox, muskrats and coyotes can often be seen from the Muskoka chairs outside the glass doors, a great horned owl swoops by occasionally, along with at least five different kinds of woodpeckers, and "all the songbirds you can name."

The couple has also tried to eradicate invasive species along the creek, "but that would be a

Regal owner Darrell Boer will decorate the outdoor property, says designer Lindsey Ireland. Regal has participated in the tour from the beginning, and this will be her 14th year decorating for the holiday tour.

It's a labour of love, given the beautiful homes she has decorated over the years, but it's also a challenge. It's important to reflect the owners' tastes, she says, and she is always



The original stone house, later covered, has been reclaimed, and is now the living room. (Photo supplied)





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Entertainment at McNab house

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conscious of not wanting to disappoint them. "Fortunately, everyone has always been very happy with what we do."

Part of that is the time spent discussing plans with the owners, to see what they would like. "I enjoy decorating traditional homes, and all have been traditional," Ireland says. On her second visit to the home last week, she discussed where Christmas trees would normally be put, and will try to do the same. When Gilbert showed her a collection of antique dolls, Ireland was delighted to be able to incorporate them into the Christmas decor.

She has also taken lots of photographs and measurements of rooms, to ensure the decorations she brings will work, and she has already started a collection of items

she's found at the garden cially ordered for the event.

tour, she will be putting fin- fet lunch. ishing touches on it right up until Friday, with fresh arrangements for the weekend.

and Peter O'Shea will be enter- erBrink Art Museum are also taining tour guests for a cou- included in the tour. ple of hours Friday and Saturday afternoon at the McNab the McArther Estate on John Road home, with the Ukesters Street, the former Romance playing Saturday, from 10 to Estate, is sold out, but there 11 a.m.

tour is St. Andrew's Church and Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. manse. The church is celebrating its 225th anniversary, available online. Visit niagand the manse will be deco- araonthelakerotary.ca/page/ rated with the minister's own holiday-house-tour for more Christmas decorations.

A specially priced lunch will be served in the Church helps support local and inter-Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also offering lunch are Pelcentre, which will be supple- ler Estates and Trius Wineries, mented by other pieces espe- with a special menu available from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and While Ireland will start the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf her work on the Tuesday Club restaurant, headquarters morning before the holiday for the tour, is featuring a buf-

The Niagara Historical Society & Museum, the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, As a bonus, Juliet Dunn McFarland House, and Riv-

A VIP tour that includes were still about 500 tickets left Included in this year's for the two-day event, Friday to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are only information.

> The Rotary house tour national causes.



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Steven Hall, Carole Kanters and Ted Nicholls, share the back table with Mahmoud Sono (left), Lynn Baker, Bob Thompson and Bruce Hall (back right), and Randy Watson and Al Greer chat at Sono's Cafe. (Penny Coles)

Sono's Cafe home to morning coffee group

Penny Coles The Local

Sono's Cafe in Virgil, formerly the Donut Diner, is not without its coffee groups.

often filled in one corner, and a couple in the other, from Donut Diner when he retired about 8 a.m. on. Last Friday, there were three tables occupied, two with regulars who newcomers, but describe the meet often in the morning, the third two who popped in for breakfast and joined the es, but started to merge, keepconversation. Some of them ing to their corner. have been enjoying their coffee in their chosen corner One that has cropped up for 20 years or more, when several times amongst coffee Mahmoud Sono and his wife, with one small boy — now lays at the new sewage treat-

1996, the first coffee shop with a drive-through in Niagaraon-the-Lake.

Of the originals, Bruce Hall, was celebrating his 85th He has up to four tables birthday, and he remembers starting his morning at the at the age of 65.

impromptu coffee klatch as groups that met in other plac-

Topics of conversation? groups around town: the de-22, with a 19-year-old brother ment plant, which is of special

—opened the Donut Diner in interest to Hall, who worked at the existing plant during his career on Regional staff. There has been chatter around town going back years about the issues with the new plant, says Hall, which delayed the testing it is now undergoing.

Asked if anyone enjoys a Homestead doughnut Some of the regulars are served at the coffee shop, Bob Thompson is quick to joke, "no, I enjoy two — a long john for each hand."

Also popular are the fresh, home-made pastries baked at the coffee shop each morning — there is no shortage of choice, although they're usually gone by noon, says Sono — the early bird gets the doughnut.



Alan Rosselet, Regal designer Lindsey Ireland, Elizabeth Gilbert and Rotary member Lorna Penman at the front door of the McNab Road home that will be part of the NOTL Rotary Club Holiday House Tour, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7. (Penny Coles)

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The Momentum Choir will perform at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre this weekend. (Photos supplied)

Momentum choir welcomes St. Davids bongo player

Penny Coles The Local

The move to St. Davids has worked better than could ever have been expected for Kyle Verhulst.

Born with Down syndrome, Kyle is fairly independent and self-sufficient. His parents were worried he would miss his life in Windsor when they moved to Cannery Park. However, today, he is proud to be considered a member of the team at she says. Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery, just a short walk from his home in St. Davids.

When Ravine's Paul Harber heard the 36-yearold was looking for meaningful work, he offered him a place at the winery, gardening, and cleaning tables on the patio. Verhulst loves both jobs, and now, as winter approaches, Harber will find him work inside for the winter, likely in the new conference centre. But mostly Verhulst loves the interaction with the other staff members. He's a joker, and they like to kid around with him while he works.

And he can walk to work, which is more than his mother Dianna could have expected or hoped for, she says.

Thanks to Harber, Verhulst has found another direction for his time and talents.

He had a full drum kit in his Windsor home, but when his parents downsized, he also downsized, to bongo drums.

He has now earned a place with Momentum Choir, which Dianna learned about from Har-

When Kyle learned about the choir, and the fact that it has some drummers — he doesn't sing he auditioned, and since of eight bongo players.

"Paul's so encouraging. He's been so good with Kyle," Dianna says.

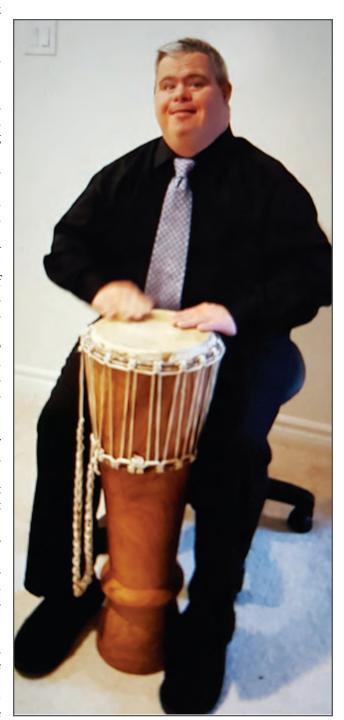
season of performing. Dianna says every time she she is amazed at how professional the choir sounds, as a result of artistic director Mendelt Hoekstra's extremely kind and patient, p.m. but also very disciplined,

"He is so kind. He ex- in St. Catharines.

professionalism, but never with an unkind word. He is so encouraging and his heart is unbe-The choir for special lievably big. He demands needs adults is in its 12th a lot from the choir, but they love him."

takes Kyle to a practice, of Momentum Choir specials and discounts at is Beginning to See the many great businesses in Light, at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 4 it will encourage them to

approach to its members, at www.firstontariopac. com or at the Peanut Mill



September has been one Kyle Verhulst loves playing bongos with the choir.

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Marion Frendo, Elly Hoff, Angie Van Berkel, Heidi Nickel, Debbie Vreken and Sharon VanNoort meet for coffee during the warmer months of the year on the VanNoorts' back porch, but move inside in November. (Penny Coles)

Women offer love, support over early morning coffee

Penny Coles The Local

When Angie Van Berkel read about men's coffee groups in The Local, she contacted the paper to ask if we would be interested in meeting with a group of women who have been meeting once a week for many years.

We weren't going to ignore a group based on gender — when doing the original story, it seemed odd that there were no women who meet regularly, at least not at coffee shops early in the morning.

This group gathers at 6 a.m. on Sharon VanNoort's back porch, from about April to October, pushing the outdoor season with a heater. The view, and the birds, are part of the attraction, but when the weather turns cold, as it did last week, they move into a warm kitchen. When they met last Thursday, the smell of chocolate croissants VanNoort pulls from the oven welcomes the five friends who arrive within a few minutes of each other, and remain, chatting, until one has to leave for work about an hour and a half lat-

"If we didn't meet at this time of the morning, we wouldn't be able to meet at

all," says VanNoort. "Everyone is so busy."

In addition to Van Berkel and VanNoort, the back porch group includes Marion Frendo, Debbie Vreken, Elly Hoff, and Heidi Nickel. And unless one of them is away on vacation, they all make a point of making it for coffee every week.

"We try not to miss it, and if one of the women isn't here, it's just not the same," says VanNoort.

On the table are coffee cups and saucers, cream and sugar jugs, a large coffee carafe, and a bottle of Bailey's, the rich odour of Irish cream blending with the chocolate.

All the women have jobs, for some volunteer work, as important to them as any paid job. They are women who share faith, family values and a belief in giving back to their community, helping those less fortunate than themselves.

Frendo helps run a thrift store in Niagara Falls. Vreken is involved with Chorus Niagara. Some of them volunteer with Out of the Cold, or another church program in St. Catharines Van Berkel has convinced them to join, which provides support and friendship to developmentally-challenged adults.

ten overlaps, each receiving assistance from the others when needed, to organize events or collect clothes or

As would be expected, although there is a lot of laughter and gentle kidding of each other, the conversation is very different than the banter and light-hearted chatter amongst the men who do coffee and admit, when they're serious, to trying to solve the world's problems.

The women's talk is closer

It's about their adult kids, the ups and downs they experience, and the challenges for those whose kids are living at home.

It's about grandkids, who bring joy into their lives.

It's about aging parents, and the role reversal they experience when they become their parents' caregivers.

It's about husbands, health, and sometimes, life and death.

there are tears.

Asked how they began meeting, they recall it started as a walking group that sometimes involved sitting over coffee, and other days, walking with coffee, occasionally down to the waterfront, where they would sit Their volunteer work of- to enjoy the early morning.

But as the years went something for others, so we by, and some health issues developed, it became more about the coffee than the walking, until, eventually, it moved to VanNoort's porch.

One of the health issues was a battle with cancer for Vreken, who is now in remission, which she credits to Frendo.

The women were walking, she says, when Frendo, a doctor, noticed a mole on her friend's shoulder. "I just said, I don't like the look of that," says Frendo. "You should get it checked."

"I did," says Vreken. "It was melanoma."

After surgery, she had three weeks of chemotherapy every day, and a year of self-injected needles.

"That came out of this group," she says of the treatment that has saved her life, and when she couldn't walk during that period, they met for coffee.

Then came Frendo's dis-Along with laughter, covery of her own health is-

> "I was having trouble walking. Ten minutes in I'd be limping, and I had a weird sensation in my leg."

When she went for tests to discover the cause, she found out she has Parkinson's disease.

she would walk sometimes, sometimes not.

"But then we grew up," says Vreken. "We stopped walking and started having coffee."

Originally they met in the Tim Hortons on Mary Street, where they would see the early morning men's group.

But eventually, VanNoort decided to host her friends, and that is where it has remained.

The worst the women have shared, they agreed, was the devastating death of Van Berkel's son James, in 2005, in a motorcycle accident.

Guatemala for her and Frendo in 2006, with Wells of on Parnell Road in St. Catha-Hope. "Angie was working rines, Tuesday evenings. out her grief, and she wanted to do something good, share their trying times,

went to Guatemala," says Frendo.

James passed "After away," says Van Berkel, "it seemed people around town were losing their children." It was a dark time in the

community, with the loss of four or five other young adults in motor vehicle collisions. Van Berkel reached out to their moms, and they began meeting on a regular basis, offering support for each other.

That, says Frendo, "is what Angie does. She helps others. We know a lot of the same people in this small community," continues Frendo. "When any of us loses somebody, we're all touched by it. We share the sadness."

That included a serious accident for Hoff's husband — they went through some scary times, and a long recovery period for him. He's doing well now, but she had the women around the table for encouragement during a difficult period in her life.

"I loved my father-inlaw," says VanNoort. "When he died these girls arrived at the house with dinner. We look out for each other. I love these women."

The conversation then That was in 2009, when turns to the Friendship Group, at Covenant Christian Reformed Church in St. Catharines, where several of the women help out.

"Angie sucked us into it," laughs VanNoort.

Hoff is musical — she plays guitar. Others organize crafts, but the most important role of the support group, which has about 100 clients registered, is to provide friendship.

"And what do we get out of it?" says Van Berkel. "Unconditional love. They just love us so much in that group."

She puts in a plug for That resulted in a trip to more volunteers — they meet weekly at the church,

Although the women

there is also much to celebrate. Milestone birthdays for the women, all between the ages of 60 and 70; weddings, the birth of grandchildren, or for Van Berkel, her second recently-adopted grandchild; and graduations.

"We've shared a lot of good celebrations in each of our lives," says Nickel.

That brings up a story about how long Hoff and Vreken have known each other. "We carpooled when our kids were in Kindergarten," says Hoff. "We grew up like cousins. None of our family were here (in Canada), so we were family."

The other women were surprised to hear that — although they know each other well, there are still new things to be learned.

They bring out photos then of some of their past milestones celebrated together, and show off Nickel's creativity. Her gift to the group is altering photos for fun they produce a Christmas photo of the women as elves. "It's my job to make us look good," laughs Nickel.

Then, as if to prove the diversity of their conversation and support for each other, Van Berkel holds up a winter boot she has brought to show the others.

The upper boot of one has separated from the bottom, and these were expensive, name-brand boots, she says, asking if she should write to the manufacturer.

She receives varying advice, and some ribbing — the boots are probably 15 years old, says one of the women, and she laughs and agrees she's had them for many

From life and death to what to do about a pair of boots, these are women who have each other's backs. They meet weekly, and see each other occasionally as a group outside of VanNoort's kitchen, but their lives are intertwined by years of shared joy and sadness, and the everyday challenges life brings. They wouldn't have it any other way.



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ECO Team led by students

This year students will

More than 30 students lead our school's ECO Team. responded to that call. In Inspired by Greta Thunberg addition to an education and her movement to save campaign to understand our environment, Grade 8 all forms of recycling and a students Hazel and Tannin year-long battery drive, the recently hosted their first team will begin to explore meeting inviting students in water sustainability on this Grades 3 to 8 to take up the planet and enlighten our school community.

STREAM TEAM

The STREAM TEAM, liver a week full of fun and Ozobots. challenges for the students newspaper to support textpumpkins.

The fun continued with a dedicated group of inter- racing VEX robots, coding mediate students, worked Micro-bits and learning our diligently to plan and de- letters and numbers with

Staff and students spent of St. Michael School. Stu- time in reflection answering dents built bridges out of the question, "what gifts do I bring to our school commubooks, and fences of KEVA nity," closing out the week planks to hold five little by dancing in our 'spooky' gym on Black & Orange day.



Grade 8 students Hazel Norris and Molly Shara have been joining Greta Thunberg's Friday's For Future Climate Strike protesting outside the Town Hall. (Penny Coles)



St. Michael students participated in the We Scare Hunger campaign as a local WE initiative. The campaign was organized by our We Day committee. Foodbank usage had increased over the years and these contributions of food will stock the shelves of Newark Neighbours helping Niagara-on-the-Lake families in need. (Photos submitted)



work together building a bridge.



Katalina Florio and Gabrilla DiBacco dress up for Black and Orange Day.



Kindergarten students Jahzray Stephen, Nicole Zdzieblo and Katalina Florio play Ozobots, with Siddhi Upadhyaya helping.



Students Aria Del Priore, Vanessa Rezza and Delcia Walker Illio Kauzlaric, Micah deSouza and Elliana Malachowsky work together to build a bridge.



Victoria Vetrone, Georgia Leigh and Layla Vani celebrate Black and Orange Day by dancing.



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lueen Street decorations celebrate the season

Penny Coles The Local

A walk, or drive, along Queen Street Friday would have shown the downtown sidewalks busier than usual at this time of year.

mood was festive as local volthe town for Christmas.

The Town of Niaga- street decorating. ra-on-the-Lake partnered with the Chamber of Comhas taken on the decorating, to organize a commu- the street decades ago. nity-wide winter initiative Despite a chill in the air, a local winter event intend- beginning with the Candlethe sun was shining and the ed to encourage communi- light Stroll, and including unteers joined in decorating creativity, with residents and Icewine Festival. business owners out on the

Lord Mayor Betty Disero says the idea came to her merce, which in past years when Debi Pratt mentioned volunteers used to decorate

Celebrate the Season incalled Celebrate the Season, cludes all the holiday events, ty engagement and inspire January events, such as the also involved.

Communities in Bloom, is gundy ribbon and soft white and will take place between comprised of residents and lights. representatives from the Town and the Chamber of ing and contributing decoraing for months to plan the day, and many were out on event. Members of the NOTL the day of decorating, putting Horticultural Society and the boughs together with bows, St. Davids Lions Clubs were and helping to decorate.

The Christmas Com- ra-on-the-Lake's history, the be awarding prizes to the theme of the decorations and best-decorated homes in the celebration is a Victorian Niagara-on-the-Lake. The

mittee, a sub-committee of boughs and garlands, bur- and nighttime decorations

Residents have been mak-Commerce, has been meet- tions themselves prior to Fri-

In keeping with Niaga- Bloom committee also will Christmas, featuring natural contest will consider daytime

Nov. 15, 2019, and December 15, 2019, and winners will be announced in local papers. Nominations can be made after Nov.15, on the Town's Join the Conversation website.

Travis Cairns of Desjar-The Communities in dins Insurance, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society, the St. Davids Lions Club and Brenda McArthur were major sponsors of the decorating event.



by Penny Coles)



Volunteers Cam Cropper and Barbara Kevin Turcotte says one set of three deer Boese put boughs together for the Court will be placed in each of the five municipal-House windows, while Derek Robins takes ities for Christmas selfies. The locations a ride to the top floor to place them. (Photos are being kept a surprise, for residents to



Dorothy Wiens of the NOTL Horticultural Society, and Rosy Reeve decorate the wrought iron fence in front of the Phillips Estate at the corner of Queen Street and Mississagua Street. Property owner Rainer Hummel paid for the decorations, Wiens said.



Brenda McArthur climbs a ladder at the Court House door to place a wreath.



Rene Bertschi, official photographer of the decorating event, with Irene and Bob Bader, NOTL Horticultural Society members, enjoy a moment of sunshine at the gazebo, which they decorated.

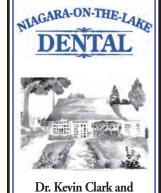


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Trees recently planted on Queen Street at the end of Mississagua Street were decorated by NOTL Horticultural Society Friday, with help from town staff.

Four choirs to close Music Niagara festival

Nancy Smith Special to The Local

Music Niagara Festival's inaugural ChoralFest had a triumphant launch last Saturday night, as more than 185 people turned out to hear the Elmer Iseler Singers.

"It was a stunning concert that literally ended on a high note as the Iseler Singers and the audience raised their voices together in a jubilant rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus," says board chair Margot Hickson. "It reminded me of the fun we're going to have at the Nov. 23 Sing-Along Messiah concert, with a fabulous 75-member choir and a full symphony orchestra."

Lord Mayor Betty Disero spoke at the opening concert and commended artistic director Atis Bankas for founding Music Niagara Festival more than 21 years ago. She talked about the importance of the festival to the town, and the work Bankas has done in teaching-up-and coming musicians, saying, "we wouldn't have such talented musicians without the efforts of Atis and others..."

ChoralFest runs through Nov. 25, and includes a diverse group of choirs, musical genres and experiences. On Friday, Nov. 22, the Victoria Scholars, an

award-winning, choir performs at Our Lady of Peace Church in Niagara northern climate. Let's sup-Falls. Bankas says he believes that "men's choirs have become a rare but not-to-be he's particularly impressed by the Victoria Scholars. "They have a noble and distinguished history, and their voices have the clarity and balance-of-sound characteristic of Renaissance mufrom many different eras, as well as contemporary pieces in a variety of styles. It is a unique, not-to-be-missed program in one of the oldest 25, with one of the leadin Ontario."

ChoralFest is also showchildren's choirs, including the Celava Conservatory Children's Choir from Mexico. Bankas can't say enough about Celaya. "I heard them sing in Mexico last Christmas, and was taken by their sincerity, the musicality of for three years. the performance and the outstanding sonority of their ry Children's Choir will also voices. The repertoire will range from traditional Mexican music to religious and Fest. familiar classical music. I encourage everyone to come formation, visit musicniagand hear these talented Mexican children perform at St.

internationally-acclaimed, Mark's, which marks their all-male very first trip to Canada, and first experience with our port them by attending the performance."

On Nov. 24, the Laura missed phenomena." He says Secord Concert Choir performs at St. Mark's Church. Recognized as a local treasure, the choir has earned accolades from music critics throughout North America and Europe. They've toured with international headsic. But they feature works liners, including Meesha Brueggergosman, Joe Seeley, Kenny Rogers and Molly Johnson, among others.

ChoralFest closes on Nov. and most beautiful churches ing children's choirs in the world, the Hamilton Children's Choir. Former Music casing many interesting Niagara Performance Academy alumni, and Juillard student, Jasmin Linn will also perform at this concert, playing a rare John-Baptiste Vullaume "Messiah" Violin awarded to her by the Canada Council Instrument Bank

> The Celava Conservatomake an appearance at this very special finale to Choral-

For tickets and more in-Shaw Festival box office.



On Friday, Nov. 22, the Victoria Scholars, an internationally-acclaimed, award-winning, allmale choir, performs at Our Lady of Peace Church in Niagara Falls. (Photos supplied)



ara.org, shawfest.com or the On Monday, Nov. 25, the Hamilton Children's Choir concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at. St. Mark's



On Saturday, Nov. 23, Music Niagara presents the Celaya Conservatory Children's Choir at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Church.



On Sunday, Nov. 24, the Laura Secord Concert Choir will perform at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church.



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Terry Fallis talks of his new book at Wine and Words

It's a story about a golfer, and so much more

Mike Balsom **Special to The Local**

Fountain pens, Lake Temagami, the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, John Irving, a Swedish kinesiologist, the Masters Golf Tournament, a double eagle and the Toronto Ladies Golf Club all come together in the latest novel by Toronto author Terry Fallis.

The two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour was at Palatine Hills Estate Winery last

Adam Coryell's reluctant rise to Fallis long before his first the number one golfer in the world. Though he wants to one of his high school teachers, discovers his measurements match the formula set out by a Swedish kinesiologist, pointing to a natural ability to swing a golf club.

Wednesday to talk about and he can't practise his swing. read from *The Albatross*. It That would ruin his natural

was the second event in the ability, which he nurtures NOTL Public Library's 2019- with the help of his teacher. 2020 Wine and Words series. The concept is, of course, to-His seventh novel follows tal fiction, but one that came up the PGA ranks to become novel, The Best Laid Plans, was published in 2008.

"It's sort of rooted in an be a writer, Coryell, through idea I had as a kid," he said. "I remember thinking, I'm really skinny, surely there is a sport that I would be good at, because I have a body like this. I never really found it. Maybe I would have been a The catch, though, is that world champion jai alai player if I was able to play that sport."

teacher by his side, Coryell learns how to play the game at the Toronto Ladies Golf Club. He rises through the ranks of high school golf, winning the Ontario championship. This earns him a scholarship to Stanford University, where he majors in tion of fountain pens that I creative writing, all the while winning tournament after I like to write with them. I'm tournament in the NCAA. He caps off his collegiate golf career by winning the Masters as an amateur.

Fallis is one of the few authors in the Wine and Words series who comes prepared with a PowerPoint presenta-

With his high school tion about his novel. He used the setting after participatthe slides to explain how he ing in an author's panel at weaves many of his favourite the hotel. He humorously things into his novels.

Coryell's love of fountain pens, for instance, comes from his own hobby. "I am a fountain pen nerd," Fallis admits. "I have a modest collechave gathered over the years. not a collector by nature. To me, it's a tangible link to writers of a bygone age."

Though he uses a computer to type his novels, Fallis says his original notes and outlines for all of his novels are usually written with one of the 14 fountain pens in his collection.

work on his own swing. He has a double meaning. Fallis ing his novels.

described the frustrating experience of trying to follow along with a discussion that was transpiring in a language he did not understand.

Though The Albatross is about a golfer, Fallis was adamant it's not about golf. Coryell's natural talent for the game earns him scads of money, but his heart is always longing to pursue happiness through a career in writing.

In a way, this is also similar to Fallis' own life. After spending many years working for Liberal MPs and MPPs, Fallis co-founded a Fallis first took up golf successful communications in Grade 8, and says he has and consulting agency 24 spent 45 years trying to years ago. The Best Laid Plans was published 13 years latregaled the audience with er, when Fallis was 44 years stories of his annual men's old. Though he enjoys his golf trip with his brother consulting work, he admits and some friends. The alba- his own true happiness catross of the title, by the way, reer-wise comes from writ-

...we've gotta figure out what makes us happy, and we have to find a way to integrate it into our lives somehow...

Terry Fallis

explained that Adam's talent for the game is the albatross that "the moral of the story around his neck, but he also chose it for its golf meaning — an albatross is a rare score

ment he has never achieved. He revealed that his favourite novel of all time is makes us happy." A Prayer for Owen Meany, and that he once had to turn Palatine was enthralled with down a chance to have dinner with its author, John Irving. Irving pops up early in the novel as Coryell and his high school girlfriend travel Community Engagement across town for a reading by Coordinator, says the session the author.

of three-under-par, or a dou-

ble eagle. Fallis assured the

guests that's an accomplish-

Two pivotal scenes in *The* experiences from Fallis' own childhood summering on Lake Temagami, working as a camp counsellor. His own the Wine and Words series. run-in with a bear while on a there to contemplate his next move after winning millions of dollars on the PGA tour.

The major turning point of the novel occurs at the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, the luxuwhat Tiger Woods did at the nearby Burj Khalifa, Coryell nothing of the sort, he chose in April.

He said of The Albatross is we've gotta figure out what makes us happy, and we have to find a way to integrate it into our lives somehow, even if it's not our career, because we're really short-changing ourselves and our lives if we are not pursuing that which

The sold-out crowd at Fallis' natural sense of humour, and his ease at holding his audience's attention. Debbie Krause, the library's sold out quickly.

"He's a favourite of the Albatross also revolve around community," said Krause. "When they see his name, a life. He spent much of his lot of people comment on how excited they are to see him." This is his third appearance at

That audience was elatcanoe trip is recounted as the ed to learn Fallis has signed climax to Adam's solo trip a new two-book deal with to that very same lake. He is McClelland & Stewart that will bring back Angus Mc-Clintock, the reluctant MP featured in his first two novels. The working title for novel number eight is Aye, Angus.

The next event in the Wine ry hotel in Dubai. Similar to and Words Series, featuring Jennifer Robson, is also sold out. Tickets remain available is asked to hit golf balls off for Samra Zafar in Februa helipad for a promotion. ary, Katherine Ashenburg in Though Fallis, of course, did March, and Guy Gavriel Kay



Author Terry Fallis signs a copy of his new book, The Albatross, for Ardean Galster at Palatine Winery Estates during the November Wine and Words event. (Mike Balsom)

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- Opposite of neither
- Protect
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- 14 On the ocean
- **15** Publish **16** Route
- 17 Via
- **18** Serviced
- 20 Cotton Club setting
- 22 Jamboree
- **23** Up
- **25** Intelligence agency
- 26 Not traded on a stock
- exchange
- 28 Top guns **30** Ethnic
- **35** In favor
- **36** Adeptness
- 38 State animal of Maine **39** The Sultan of Swat
- 41 Talent seeker 43 Shuttle operator
- **44** Behaved
- 46 Wished
- 48 Beat
- 49 Accidental dive
- **51** Feeble
- **52** Some foreign Government heads

- 53 Except
- 55 Comic --- Martin
- **57** Light metal
- **62** Knuckleheads
- **65** Suspension
- **67** Duration **68** First to die in the Bible
- **69** Untrue **70** Egyptian dancing girl
- 71 Dabbling duck
- **72** Absquatulates
- 73 Drip slowly

Down:

- 1 Tub
- 2 Workplace regulation agency
- Unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- Ingenious sales devices
- World's largest economy
- Expression of incredulity 7
- Scrap
- Despise 9
- 10 Parched
- 11 Small lake
- 12 U N nuclear watchdog
- 13 Swirl
- **19** Warning signal
- 21 Touchdown forecasts

- 24 German state
- 26 O founder
- **27** Temporary peace
- 29 Single-masted sailboat 31 Electrically charged particle
- 32 Maritime refugees
- 33 Tea-growing Indian state
- **34** Inclines
- **37** Southern hemisphere constellation
- 40 "He'd make a lovely corpse" (Dickens: "Martin Chuzzlewit")
- **42** 1,000%
- 45 Kind of card **47** Artificially-colored
- **50** Went on the lam
- **54** Like Mayberry **56** Travel stamps
- **57** "I --- my wit's end"
- **58** Projecting part of the
- 59 Common fertilizer inaredient
- 60 Shopping center
- 61 Height of Denver
- **63** Dull
- 64 Sudden
- **66** Employ

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Answer from November 14, 2019

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SEASONAL

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Only qualified persons will be contacted. (no walk ins)

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THE NOTL LOCAL

Red Roof's Gifts from the Heart campaign underway

Local Staff

Give a gift that feels good this holiday season, by joining Red Roof Retreat in celebrating their ninth annual Gifts from the Heart Holiday Campaign.

This year's campaign goal will allow Red Roof to provide another year of respite and recreational programs for children and young the Niagara Region.

Red Roof Retreat's Gifts away from home. from the Heart campaign Dalfen Gift Matching Challenge in 2011.

At that time, the goal was to turn \$10,000 into \$20,000, however the campaign was so successful, bringing in the office at 289-868-9800. \$60,000, they decided to keep it going.

relaunched as the Gifts from the Heart Campaign and continued with the same goal of \$60,000.

continue through to the first week of January. Past generous supporters have made a difference to the 150 children and adults by keeping programs affordable to families, sustaining current programs and addressing wait lists, teaching more children and adults by developing new programs to meet their needs, helping families stay strong by supporting their needs, and giving special adults with special needs in needs children and adults a place they can call a home

Donating is easy, says evolved out of the Arthur Red Roof's special events coordinator Claire Ellsworth. Visit their website at www.redroofretreat.com/ giftsfromtheheart/ to make an online donation, or call

"Every donation large or small helps Red Roof to The following year it was continue to improve our programs and serve more families," she says.

Niagara "Throughout there are more than 3,500 This year's campaign will families with special needs."

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Red Roof Retreat board member Ward Simpson, Red Roof clients Orie, Chris and Katie, Doug Smith of The Wise Guys, board member Richard Wall, Dakohta, and executive director Steffanie Bjorgan gather for a cheque presentation from Smith and The Wise Guys, who offered to pay for paving of the Conc. 6 Ranch, which makes the property more accessible for clients and families, keeps down dirt, and makes it easier to keep it clean of ice and snow. And the kids have fun on it, using remote control cars and other fun toys on the paved surface. (Photo submitted)

LOCAL WORSHIP



Message by: Kevin Bayne - Acts 9:20-31

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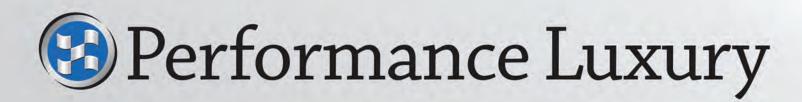
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