



Town CAO Marnie Cluckie has announced her resignation. page 2

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Janna Magarian had a chance to meet Santa at the McArthur Estate annual house tour last weekend. For story and more photos see page 18. (Mike Balsom)

Newark Neighbours helps hungry and homeless in NOTL

Penny Coles The Local

With rising food and housing costs, Newark Neighbours is just one of most food banks across the country watching requests for their help increase, especially in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

The number of Niagaraon-the-Lake families facing food insecurity is growing, and in the last week or so, more names have been added to the list of those requiring help at Christmas, says food bank chair Cindy Grant.

Last year there were more families than ever before depending on Newark Neighbours for food hampers and toys for their children, and this year, even more again, she says.

homelessness couldn't be a problem in NOTL, says Grant, it is, with people who are "tucked away" living on the rural lines and concessions in outbuildings for shelter, "places where you wouldn't realize or expect to find people living."

She shares the story of one man who came in recently looking for warm clothes. He said he was a refugee, although didn't share where from, or how he ended up in town. He was willing to pay for the hat, mittens and sweater he needed, although they didn't take his money, and he said he had enough food he had just found a job and had some cash — but it had to be food that didn't need to be heated. "He was living in a

And for those who think

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Candlelight Stroll: a night to remember for two youngsters

Sharon Burns The Local

The Candlelight Stroll illuminates not just our streets, "but also the solidarity and warmth of our town," said Minerva Ward, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce.

Last Friday's grey, rainy day turned into a dry, mild evening in the Old Town, with came from all over the region. The event, sponsored by Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, highlighted two extraordinary young people, Dylan Dietsch and Maya Court House, Shaw Festival low moments before Maya

Webster.

Dylan, a 13-year-old student at Crossroads Public Chorus, Yellow Door The-School, lives with cerebral palsy. "His journey and achievements highlight the incredible strength and resilience found in the face of challenges," said Ward.

Maya, a 12-year-old advocate living with juvenile etsch, was thankful for the diabetes, "represents the power of voice and action. In her spoke on Dylan's behalf. "It's flickering candles held by a youth, her efforts in advocat- just an amazing feeling standlarge crowd of people who ing for increased government ing up here seeing all these funding for continuous blood wonderful faces and seeing all glucose monitoring devices is these wonderful kids getting not just commendable, but in- ready to sing their hearts out," spiring," said Ward.

performers, Niagara Star Singers and Queenston Women's atre Project members and the Salvation Army Band entertained passersby from mid-afternoon until dignitaries made their way to the stage at 6:30 p.m.

Dylan's father, Matt Dicommunity's support as he he said.

delivered an impassioned address to the crowd where she promised to "continue to fight to find a cure," through donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Both her mother Christi, and Maya herself, were alerted and quickly remedied it with some chocolate candy.

"An extreme amount of effort goes into keeping me safe," said Maya. "It's a constant juggling act to ensure that I have the right balance of sugar and insulin in my body so my blood glucose doesn't go too high or too low. As a person of Type 1, I make more than an



Gathered at the base of the

Maya's blood sugar was

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Dylan Dietsch and Maya Webster led Friday's Candlelight Stroll.

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Town CAO leaving NOTL position in January

Kris Dube The Local Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter**

Marnie Cluckie is leaving her role as Niagaraon-the-Lake's chief executive officer, effective Jan. 14.

She calls her decision "bittersweet," and says she is taking a position with another municipality.

City of Hamilton confirmed that Cluckie is headed there in the new year as city man- to NOTL town staff Monager. She has been appointed by Mayor Andrea Horwath under Ontario's "strong mayor" powers.

of NOTL in December 2020, lenges overcome," and addjust as news of the pandemic was breaking, and steered town staff in its response and recovery to ensure residents continued to receive critical services, while also taking steps to improve communication and service delivery, a news release from the town said.

She was thanked "for her A news release from the strategic leadership," and Local on Tuesday, Lord Maywished well in the future.

> In an announcement day, Cluckie said working with them "has been an incredible journey, filled with her guidance with the town's shared

Cluckie joined the town problems solved and chaled how grateful she was for pa. their "unwavering dedication, professionalism," as well as their inspirational passion for serving their community and hard work.

> Cluckie was on holidays Monday to Wednesday this week and not available for comment.

> or Gary Zalepa said it's been a pleasure working with Cluckie.

"She's demonstrated a very impressive, professional record," he said, adding that accomplishments, strategic plan has been vital.

she's helped us on," said Zale- a full-time replacement.

to do so.

the Dec. 12 council meeting.

In an interview with The the head administrator position temporarily, possibly until somewhere around mid-2024, "is probably the most credible option," said Zalepa.

> consider" related to filling Cluckie's position with some-

Cluckie is not the only He said the local govern- staffer to depart from the ment will be presented op- town recently. Last month, tions about appointing an in- it was announced that seterim CAO, but "at the end of nior heritage planner Denise the day, it's council's decision" Horne was leaving, but where tor of construction, energy she was headed was not dis-This process will begin at closed when Cluckie made the announcement about her It's his stance that filling colleague during a council meeting.

> Horne's last day with the town was Nov. 17.

In the City of Hamilton's news release, it says that prior He also said there likely to Cluckie's role in Niagarawill be a "couple options to on-the-Lake, she was a director in the strategic transformation group and director of

"It's a really essential piece one internally, before seeking asset management for Halton Region, as well as chief building officer for the Halton Community Housing Corporation.

> Cluckie also worked for Niagara Region as the direcand facilities management.

The process that led to Cluckie's hiring in NOTL in late 2020 began when former CAO Holly Dowd retired in August 2019. Dowd was CAO for about three years but worked for the municipality for nearly 40 years.

The town's former director of operations Sheldon Randall filled in on an interim basis until Cluckie's first day.

Police board whittles budget increase to 6 per cent

Kris Dube The Local Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter**

Even though the Niagara Regional Police services board has trimmed its 2024 operating budget by \$2 million, Niagaraon-the-Lake Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa wants more specific information Thursday when the agency returns to regional council with its revised spending plan.

In late November, Chief Bryan MacCulloch presented a

proposed \$190 million budget for the police, with a 7.1 per sented a number of mitigation cent increase to what was allotted by the regional government from the police contingency for 2023.

Councillors voted for the budget to be sent back to the police services board and reconsidered by regional council Dec. 7.

board met to finalize the changes it would be taking to regional council on Thursday, a budget of more than \$188 million, representing a six per cent increase.

Board members were presteps, which included a transfer fund reserve of \$500,000 to fund one salary day, to cover an additional day of payroll due to 2024 being a leap year.

Police also said it would adjust its fuel budget for a cost On Monday, the police savings of more than \$180,000 and defer requests for several new positions MacCulloch says are needed, such as one investigative inspector support position that would impact the budget by more than \$238,000.

listed in the police board's report, one of them a recommendation about a staggered implementation of hiring 20 frontline officers — 10 of which would start on July 1 and the other half in September. This would reduce the 2024 budget by more than \$380,000, Mac-Culloch said while presenting the report to the board.

One amendment made, said. brought forward by Port Colborne Mayor and former board chair Bill Steele, is that a cut being proposed actually be funded for six months in 2024 - a and on weekends, officers are new crime analysis supervisor, which will have an impact of more than \$82,000 on the 2024 budget, rather than twice that amount for a full year.

favour of taking a six per cent och said. increase back to the region's budget review committee on new positions that police are Thursday, MacCulloch said the

A total of 11 new cuts were NRP can't trim anymore.

"I believe any further cuts would potentially jeopardize public safety," he said.

"What we're looking for is really to keep the lights on," MacCulloch added, cautioning that the new positions put on hold will need to be requested again in 2025.

"We're only deferring them to another budget cycle," he

When local detachments can't meet their minimum staffing levels, which fluctuates on different days of the week often redeployed to other areas of the region. This occurred 715 times in 2022 and on 752 occasions so far this year, causing a lot of "job-related burn-Before the board voted in out" within the NRP, McCull-

> But there are a handful of adamant they need, such as a

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gional budget meeting, Zalepa expressed concern about business cases related to the new positions not being part of the police's presentation.

"I have yet to see what I was looking to see," he said Tuesday when asked about the most recent cuts made by the police, unsure of whether this information will be provided when MacCulloch and his team are back in front of regional councillors on Thursday.

"I'll be weighing my decision on that," he said.

Zalepa understands that policing is very important to his own community and others in Niagara and that it comes with a cost, but he reiterated his position that more specifics are needed to approve funding these new hires.

"I need to see details of the cost to justify that," he said.





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Generous donations to feed growing number of families

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barn with no way of cooking," says Grant.

This is a critical time of year for those in need, but Grant says she feels the organization is well-equipped to food and clothes.

Their storefront thrift shop looks a lot like Christmas, cheerful and inviting, a place to attract and welcome shoppers to help pay the bills and purchase what isn't donated. But the real work at this time of year is just beavailable last year.

"We realized the minute

in back would be full," says family members, says Grant. Grant.

part, once again with incredible generosity, she adds.

help, at least when it comes to those in need are for the most are collecting food and toys, part "the working poor," those including wineries, churches with incomes that just can't and schools. meet today's costs of food and housing. They include single fering support is Niagara Moparents, families where one tors. John Dick has recently parent has been laid off, and even two working parents with low-paying jobs, she says.

Those who are registered ginning, behind the scenes in can come in every two weeks, a program to help Newark the food bank area, providing and unlike most food banks, by asking those who drop by much more space than was they can choose what their the dealership to bring nonfamily needs from what's on perishable food or a toy in the stocked shelves, with limits return for a ballot for weekly

we moved in that our shelves determined by the number of

Food has been pouring in And fortunately the com- from local businesses, organimunity continues to do its zations and individuals, and toys are beginning to mount up. Grant estimates about 40 Stories they hear from businesses and organizations

> One of the businesses ofreturned to the car dealership his grandfather founded, and which his father Dave has taken over, and John has created



Dave Dick of Niagara Motors, Cindy Grant of Newark Neighbours and John Dick of Niagara Motors show off the food and toys that have been dropped off at the dealership in exchange for draw ballots that could win gift certificates or a big screen TV. (Photos by Penny Coles)



Shoppers enjoy the new thrift shop at Newark Neighbours, decorated for Christmas.

the back of a pickup truck is being loaded with bags and boxes people are bringing in receiving extra ballots with weekly draws for gift certificates for Phil's Your Independent Grocer and Gale's Gas Bar. And on Dec. 22, there will be draws for two big-screen pected after the Candlelight TVs, explains Dick.

job in Toronto as a principal Flipp, a popular app providing digital grocery flyers in one place.

Niagara Motors as general manager, "to my roots, as the

draws. Inside the showroom, describes his roll as head of toys, and volunteers would skunkworks, a term for a department of a company typically tasked with producing for Newark, and in return innovative research and de- of families registered, Newark velopment projects.

Visiting Niagara Motors Friday, Grant grabbed some of the toys to take with her to add to the trucks of food ex-Stroll last Friday, and toys He's back in the family and food from NOTL Hydro, business after 15 years with a which will be collected at the Christmas Parade this week, of business development at along with food collected by Newark Neighbours.

All of which is very much appreciated, with about 100 Raising his family in families now signed up, inlast week, says Grant.

In past years, Newark third generation" involved in has asked parents to provide the business, he says. He also their children's wishlist for

put them together with food hampers to pick up.

This year, with the number has a different plan. They have set aside two days, Dec. 12 and 14, for parents to come into the store and "shop" for toys for their children. How many they will be able to pick will be determined by what Newark has and how many children are on their list at that point, says Grant.

The week of Dec. 18 there is a team of volunteers who will begin putting together hampers, she adds.

The thrift store closes at the Oakville, he returned to cluding 10 new registrations end of day Saturday, Dec 23 and reopens Jan. 2. The food bank closes Wednesday, Dec. 20 after the hamper distribution, and reopens Jan. 2.





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United Way also proant funder for the YWCA vides supplies such as back-

program. It gives women the time to do the work they need to move to a place of stability." constant communication Niagara Region as there are packs, kitchen kits, feminine products and produce, this

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EDITORIAL notllocal.com A tour of Niagara municipaities, pre-settlement



Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

I once wrote an article for The Local about what nature would have looked like within Niagara-on-the Lake's current boundaries prior to European settlement. By studying historic climate records and the wind patterns, soil and vegetation associated with the times, I have decided to expand this conversation to each municipality within the Niagara Region.

In this two-part series of summarizing what Niagara looked like before electricity, roads and farms, I will attempt to paint a picture of what each town and city was beholden to before their boundaries were scripted

onto a map.

My hometown Niagara-on-the Lake was rich in beeches, maples and a lakebed bottom, but only following the sluggish retreat of the Laurentide Ice Sheet approximately 12,000 years ago. With all of that ice grinding and melting itself away, it exposed the archaeological wonder of the Niagara Escarpment.

from solid to liquid form, revealed itself as historic Lake Ontario, lapping the base is now NOTL. The Welland of the Niagara Escarpment along York Road and Queenston Road. It was unlikely to ly a natural conduit where be a sandy beach, but rather, post-glacial water flowed a series of waves pounding a from Lake Erie to Lake Onrocky shore once covered in tario. When its construction coniferous trees.

When the water retreated and the climate warmed, taking advantage of the anthe area blossomed into a cient waterway's depression rich, sandy loam forest, as in the land. After all, Lake deciduous trees from the Erie is historically proven to south advanced northward have entered Lake Ontario in to outcompete their ever- many ways before the Niag-

green kin of Niagara Peninof sula. The woods were likely oaks in a remarkably flat forest. Sweeping sections of white pine along the modern day Lake Ontario shoreline would have taken hold, and that's where you can find some of them to this day.

St. Catharines, Niagara's largest and Ontario's seventh The newly released water, largest city, was historically very similar to its neighbour across the canal, what Canal, before becoming a man-made feature, was likebegan in 1913, the workers were perhaps unknowingly



Historically speaking, the Niagara Gorge, pictured here, was not the only conduit of water between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. (Owen Bjorgan)



Donald Combe Special to The Local

student, falls in love with The Other Zoev (Prime,

tired English teacher who flix series and movies for

who believes she is his girl- he resumes going to thefriend who also happens to atres, he has graciously be named Zoey. A predict- agreed to share his opin-Zoey, a bright college able, yet charming fairy tale. ions, through "short and Donald Combe is a re- sweet" exclusives, of Net-



Balls Falls may be a popular tourist and local attraction, but prior to European settlement, it may have been one of the most biodiverse waterways Niagara Region. (Owen Bjorgan)

ara River and Niagara Falls their way into the lake boteven existed.

Catharines was flat as a table top, except for areas in the south of the city near the Niagara Escarpment. St. Catharines showcased four completely separate and unbelievably drastic moments shallow water that quietly of change: from a lake bottom, to a deciduous forest, to farmland, to sprawling city.

Lincoln fits the same mould as the previously described municipalities. However, it was once home to some of Niagara Region's most ernmost of the municipalpristine waterways. Modern ities below the Niagara Esday 15, 16, 18, and 20 Mile Creeks all started with their headwaters flowing through the marshes and swamps of West Lincoln. As these creeks picked up steam, they cascaded over the edge of the Niagara Escarpment through dark valleys of eastern hemlock and sugar maples.

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tom lowlands below, they Similar to NOTL, St. carved out valleys of considerable magnitude. If you ever look at the banks of Jordan Harbour, you'll understand that it once took an aquatic force to make those big banks — not the current day flows into there.

Head to toe, these particular creek ecosystems would have been seriously rich in fish species given the habitat variety they flowed through. Grimsby is the westcarpment, and nearly the fastest-growing in Niagara Region. Like its other Lake Ontario neighbours, settlers quickly descended upon the top tier sandy loam soil for agricultural use. It is no wonder Grimsby is known for its peaches, and its local hockey club known as the Grimsby

Forty Creek Whiskey put 40 Mile Creek on the map, but the creek started thousands of years ago where Niagara meets Hamilton's border region. The very canyon it crashes into at Beamer Memorial Conservation Area has been trapping cold air during the spring and warm air during the fall for thousands of years, essentially unchanged.

Of all the Lake Ontario shoreline communities in Niagara, Grimsby's section of the Niagara Escarpment is the closest to the water.

Unlike the linear and monotone shorelines in the surrounding area, Grimsby features a peninsula called Fifty Point.

Like any landmass sticking out into open water, one side is typically faced with wind, storms and adversity. In far southern Ontario, this is most predictably on the west side, where westerly winds bash vegetation and pile up sand dunes.

However, Lake Ontario's sand dunes in Niagara don't compare to Lake Erie's, which we will explore in next week's article. If you're from Pelham, Thorold, Niagara Falls, Welland, Wainfleet, Port Colborne or Fort Erie, buckle up to go back into time on your own property.

2023), an amnesia victim loves to go to movies. Until The Local.

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Where's **Ben?**

Eden student Ben Foster continues to discover new locations in NOTL, wondering how familiar others may be with them. If you know where this photo was taken, email penny@ notllocal.com. Last week, as Crispin Bottomley rightly pointed out, Ben was at the historic McFarland House on the Niagara River Parkway.

COMMENT -Easy to see why people relish pickleball



Mike Balsom The Local

If it seems everyand their dog is one the Niagara-onjoining the-Lake Pickleball Club, well, that's just a myth.

Yes, membership in the club has easily smashed the 500 mark, a testament to the game's popularity. But I did the math. With the town's population estimated at about 18,000 people, that equates to only 2.8 per cent of NOTL taking on the quicklygrowing sport.

You can include my wife Mishka and me as two of the newest members.

People have been telling me for years that all I had to do was try pickleball and I would be hooked. They were right.

This past Sunday afternoon the two of us signed up to participate in a beginners session at the NOTL community centre. Armed with a set of mediumpriced pickleball paddles (not racquets, I was reminded periodically through the afternoon) acquired through, yes, Amazon, we walked in and joined 11 other neophytes for an introduction.

John Hindle greeted us near got me hooked. the stage, offering us the use of club-owned paddles and then mannered Hindle wisely eased showing that he was clearly impressed we had brought our activity. own.

You would be hardpressed to find anyone more front horizontally. We were enthusiastic for and knowledgeable about the sport than lightly in the air, working on Hindle.

2019, when the club was more oomph into it, bouncgetting set to open the new outdoor courts at the Virgil Sports Park. On assignment that day, I was urged to grab a paddle and join him on one side of the court to take on the team of Jim and Ann Sifton for a fun match.

I remember being intrigued by the sport and its hard. In fact, some of the pros fast, yet also easy-going pace. I quickly picked up the rhythm of the game and eventually figured out the seemingly strange method of keeping score. My notes from that day show that John and I beat the Siftons, and if I recall correctly, it was all his doing.

man for The Local, the organizer of and our contact for the massively successful NOTL Pickleball Classic Tournament that drew close to 300 players to our local arenas from across the province and beyond for three days of ing team must let it bounce bepickleball play and exhibitions fore returning. After that, the from professionals.

me familiar with pickleball,

On Sunday, the mildall of us newcomers into the

He began by instructing us to hold the paddle out then urged to bounce the ball our hand-eye coordination. I first met John in June, Then we were to put a little ing it higher and keeping the rhythm steady.

> Next was a review of the proper use of the v-grip to hold the paddle.

> "The 'v' should line up with the side of the handle," explained Hindle. "And you don't have to grip the paddle only use their thumb and two fingers to hold their paddles."

> We moved on to the floor bounce, then the wall bounce, again focusing on hand-eye coordination. They were basic warm-up drills that anyone could complete.

Soon we were on the Hindle was then our point courts, learning about the drop-shot and the dink-shot, the no-volley zone (aka the kitchen) and the two-bounce rule, which states that when the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the servball can be volleyed, or hit back Those experiences made before it bounces on the floor.

Hindle repeatedly re-

dle-holding arm straight, to that keeps people coming of physical activity. I did feel it avoid what he referred to as back to play. the 'chicken-wing'.

work," he stressed. "When you surely practised serving then bend your arm, that makes it volleyed back and forth, beharder to complete a successful drop shot."

As Hindle moved from court to court to court at the most confusing aspect of the community centre he heard people, me included, apologizing for muffed shots or an errant ball encroaching on a neighbouring player. This left in Sunday's 90-minute sesprompted a reminder that, like in the movie *A League of Their Own* when Tom Hanks proclaimed "there's no crying in baseball," there is no need for "sorry" in pickleball.

He stressed the friendand how there should never landed outside of the court, as the player nearest the ball is expected to make the call. Certainly that must be one of

Next it was on to the serve "Let the paddle do the routine and rotation. We leifore he stopped us to explain the scoring system.

> For many, that can be the game to get the hang of. But with practise we seemed to be catching on.

> With about 25 minutes sion, we were ready to play a game. We didn't finish it, but suffice it to say that my very competitive wife and her partner were beating my partner and me handily.

After only one lesson, I rely, social aspect of the game, main very much a newcomer to the sport of pickleball, but be a dispute over a ball that that one lesson was enough for Mishka and me to quickly book a court for some social play this coming weekend.

And contrary to what the most broadly enduring many may lead you to beaspects of pickleball, the thing lieve, it was a good afternoon



Current club president but it was this weekend that minded us to keep our pad- Mike Balsom watches as club president John Hindle demonstrates a return. (Sari Paje)

lanes are scarce.

Pocal LETTERS NOTL doesn't make top 100 livable cities

How disappointing that ashamed and should even now Niagara-on-the-Lake didn't even rate in the top 100 in The Globe and Mail's recent Most Livable Cities survey, with populations over 10,000 being the entry criteria. Even Niagara listed, with my admittedly bi-Falls squeezed in at 99.

Our council, Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups should rightly be ist related business.

be thinking about how to make the cut next year.

Why did we miss? Let's check the list.

Ten major categories were ased opinions noted.

Economy — moderate unless one runs a winery or tour-

unavailable in many categories, such as rentals.

Demographics — overweighted by retired people, none of the young people who work here can afford to live here.

Healthcare - closed the hospital, long waiting times for a doctor or a procedure.

Safety - excellent, but indoor swimming pool, bike

Housing — overpriced or where's the police station? Education - closed the high school, most students or train service. have to be bused.

> Community — mostly focussed on keeping the tourists happy.

Climate — excellent microclimate. Amenities - poor; no cellent.

Some variables were included, such as:

Transportation — no bus

Grocery store proximity no large store or high-end grocery.

Distance to library - ex-

Clearly not enough points

in major categories to score close to other Lake Ontario communities such as Burlington, at fifth place, Pickering at 26, Oakville at 29, Hamilton at 39, Lincoln at 48, Toronto at 64 and Whitby at 85.

Let's see some action from our leaders here!

> **Nigel Napier-Andrews** NOTL

that hadn't been used in that way in quite some time. My legs were a bit rubbery Monday, but it felt good, and we can't wait to get back onto the court. The NOTL Pickleball Club operates courts at both the community centre and Central Community Centre on

the next day. As with any new

excercise, there were muscles

and tendons I used Sunday

York Road. The next beginners session to learn the game will be in January. Newcomers to the sport are entitled to three free beginners sessions without having to join the club. Club membership, including registration with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada, is \$50 per year. Visit their website at sites.google. com/view/notlpickleball-ca/.

And, to the best of my knowledge, there are no canine members.

To view more photos, please visit notllocal.com

• *Letters* Thanks for supporting NOTL

We're very pleased to an-volunteers and our families their support and contributions nounce we've surpassed our we've raised \$6,484. fundraising goal for 2023!

to our fundraiser: Phil's Your dent Grocer, Coconut Quartz NOTL Cats Rescue would Independent Grocer, Reif Estate With the support of the like to recognize and thank the Winery, SOKO Bakery Café, community, local businesses, following local businesses for Maple Leaf Fudge, Virgil Pet

Valu, Hendriks Your Indepenand of course The NOTL Local. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas!

Tanya Rice **NOTL Cats Rescue volunteer** PS: Pets are not Christmas gifts; they are a life commitment. Before giving any animal as a gift

ensure the receiver is serious about caring for the animal and that they have the time, willingness, ability and resources to care properly for their new companion.

Bring your Food & Toy Donations to the Christmas Parade on Sat Dec 9, 2023 Supporting Newark Neighbours.

Niagara on-the-lake Hydro

NOTL Hydro collecting toys, food for Newark Neighbours

Kris Dube The Local Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter**

Staff at Niagara-onthe-Lake Hydro have firsthand experience when it comes to seeing residents deal with financial difficulties.

That's one of the reasons the utility company is continuing with its 20-year tradition during Saturday's Christmas Parade — collecting toys and food along the route for Newark Neighbours, says Jody Keus, a customer accounts representative who has been a lead organizer of the effort since it started.

The hydro company has also been gathering items at its headquarters in Virgil since last month for the local charity.

"We see the struggling throughout the year just with payments of hydro bills — let alone people having to get groceries or necessities for their family," said Keus.

Representatives from Newark who she met with earlier its customers about the she said. that day, told her they are annual Christmas initia-



NOTL Hydro is one of many businesses and organizations helping Newark Neighbours meet the needs of their clients at Christmas. (Supplied)

one or two specific food food and toy drive. items needed the most.

said, and that there isn't monthly bills about the the cause, and there has cludes the popular Bur-"We've had some great

Starting in October, years and we've had some Neighbours, NOTL Hydro reminds years that aren't so great," So far, "a lot of toys"

"short on everything," she tive by placing flyers in have been collected for

geared for infants to teen- ers. agers.

been "some food but not lington Teen Tour Band as much as in the past," with their 130 members Keus told The Local, marching behind their adding that toys can be majorettes and band lead-

Other bands include The parade also in- Top Hats, Ridley Cadet Streets.

Corps, York Lions, Niagara Militaires, Lincoln and Welland Regiment Band and A.N. Myer Marching Band.

St. Michael Catholic Elementary School students will be following their winning snow plow entry from a regional contest, with their own school float.

Niagara College, Brock University, Royal Oak Community School, Crossroads and St. Davids Elementary Schools, will all bring their enthusiastic school spirit to the parade, and local sports groups will be well represented by Thunderhawks Lacrosse players, Wolves Minor Hockey, and the NOTL Skating Club.

Expect both horses and dogs strutting their finery, and the NOTL Fire Services and other volunteer fire associations will be blaring their horns with both new and antique trucks.

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Wine industry mourning the loss of Paul Bosc Sr.

Mike Balsom The Local

Tributes to Niagara wine pioneer Paul Bosc Sr. have been pouring in since his death was announced last weekend by Chateau des Charmes Winery.

"Paul Bosc came here with a plan," said Debbie Zimmerman, CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario, on Monday. "He invested in the vineyard, he invested in research. He brought wind machines here. He was the one that pushed for that varietal change."

Inniskillin Winery founder Donald Ziraldo, another principal in the early days of Niagara's wine industry's change to vinifera grapes, remembered his colleague fondly.

"He was a real dynamo," Ziraldo told The Local. "He was a great innovator, especially in the vineyard. He did a lot of experimentation with different clone selections. He would carry it right through from the vineyard right into the wine production. This is a huge loss to the industry."

in the form of his son, Paul-Andre Bosc, the current president and CEO Winery, founded by his father. Though Paul-Michel,



His legacy lives on Paul Bosc Sr. in the vineyards of the York Road winery. (Supplied)

being remembered as a gi- his ancestors had migrated winemaking and viticul- and most successful cogreat father and mentor.

ant in the industry, his son from France in the 1840s. ture. Upon completing his operatives. of Chateau des Charmes remembers him simply as a He was the fifth generation studies, he returned to who died at 88 years old, is in French Algeria, where return to France to study of the country's largest thing," Paul-Andre tells

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"The French were to be born into the wine French Algeria and became kicked out following a war Paul-Michel was born industry, and the first to general manager of one and the family lost every-

The Local. "They were airlifted back to France. The year they spent there was very chaotic. He wasn't able to make inroads into the French wine industry at that time, and then an opportunity came up to come to Canada."

By that time a few extended family members had made their way to Quebec. They convinced Paul-Michel to follow them to Canada with his wife Andree and son Paul-Andre in 1963. The couple's second son, Pierre-Jean, was born while they lived there.

"The move to Canada was all about economics," says Paul-Andre. "Getting back to growing grapes and making wines was the furthest thing from his mind. He was just focused on earning a living."

In Quebec, Paul-Michel took a job in quality control with that province's equivalent of Ontario's LCBO, earning \$65 per week. When an offer came 10 months later for him to work as a winemaker at Niagara Falls-based Chateau Gai Wines for \$125 per week, Andree was adamant he take it.

Once in Niagara, he recognized how crude Ontario's wine industry was. The

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Formal education helped make Bosc Sr. a success

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loyal employee continued to produce sherry, crackling wines and Alpenweiss, many of these attempts to counter the popular Baby Duck and Moody Blue labels from competing producers.

was able to extract some concessions from Chateau Gai for growing high quality grapes," says his 63-yearold son. "He would pull out an acre and plant chardonnay or pinot noir where he thought it would grow best."

The family settled in sent me." Niagara Falls, and in 1973 Paul-Michel bought his first farm across the border in Lockport, New York, using it for growing experiments with vinifera varieties.

"I was 13 years old," laughs Paul-Andre, "I lost my summers, no baseball for me. I helped plant the vines, and there was an old farm house on the property, restored it all by hand. He was so obsessive. That farming?

des Charmes was born.

"He hit the ground running," says Paul-Andre. "By the time he opened Chateau des Charmes it was in his DNA combined with his formal education. In that era nobody around here had anything close self." to that. He was convinced that he had done enough research and development by then that he felt he could grow fine wines with a European taste here."

Paul-Michel planted 60 acres of vinifera grapes on the Niagara-on-the-Lake property at a time when his son claims there were fewer than 200 such acres across the province.

Soon, grape growers and winemakers in the area were turning to Paul-Michel for advice. Recognizing it was worthwhile

for the development of the industry as a whole to help other winemakers, he turned no one away.

Paul-Andre became involved in the family business in 1982, while a student at the University of Toronto considering pursuing a law degree.

"He saw that I was a "At the same time he very social guy, with a lot of energy," says Paul-Andre. "He saw that maybe I could help sell the wines. He was invited on a food and beverage trade mission to Los Angeles with about 50 small companies. He didn't have high expectations, and he was too busy, so he

> Paul-Andre had some minor success and enjoyed the connections he made in California, deciding to put aside law school and take on a more active role at the winery, learning the business at his father's side in a partnership of sorts.

> Learning from a legend, one who just so happened to be his father, had its ups and downs.

"He was the most unwas my introduction to compromising man I've ever known," says Paul-Five years later Chateau Andre. "When I wanted to suggest something to him, I figured out I had to establish credibility and trust first. I discovered that the key to breaching that wall was preparation. Through it all, though, the person he was toughest on was him-

> He can't pinpoint the day when his father, who held an honourary doctorate from Brock University and was the recipient of Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Order of 2006 Niagara-on-the-Lake Amelie Boury, always in-Citizens of the Year Award terested in what was hapwith his wife Andree, fully pening in the vineyards a lot in the last five years," stepped away from Cha- and at the winery. It was says Paul-Andre. "Nobody which are expected to hapteau des Charmes.

"It really happened kind his health took a turn for of gradually," says Paul- the worse. Andre.

Until recently Bosc Sr. follows the passing of An-

Canada and shared the ferring with winemaker Paul-Andre's wife Michele Jean. in April 2019.

death age of 11."

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At press time the family We've been through was putting final touches Niagara changed my destion funeral arrangements, only a few weeks ago when has been through more pen next week at Our Lady grief than my son (Alex), of the Scapular Roman who lost his mother at the Catholic Church on Thor-Paul-Michel Bosc is also Falls. A private reception all of our lives."

could often be found con- dree in March 2021 and survived by his son Pierre- will also be held at Chateau des Charmes Winery.

> "His decision to come to ny," says Paul-Andre. "Yes, people say he had a huge impact on so many people. You can start with his family. That decision alone old Stone Road in Niagara would change the course of

the Order of Ontario, the Paul Bosc Sr. in the barrel room of Chateau des Charmes Winery. (Supplied)

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The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre's December calendar is packed with a delightful assortment of holiday programming. Here's a selection of the fun in store brought to you by the PAC and our partners.

The Essence of Christmas

Celebrate the holidays with the familiar sounds of the most enchanting season as the *Niagara Symphony Orchestra* celebrates its 75th anniversary season with two performances of *NSO NOW! Brad's Home for the Holidays* on SAT 16 DEC and SUN 17 DEC featuring vocalist Kaylee Harwood and Sayer Roberts, and the Laura Secord Secondary School Choir. *Chorus Niagara* also celebrates its diamond jubilee season with a presentation of *Handel's Messiah: A Messiah for the 21st Century* on WED 13 DEC.



A Sweet Christmas Classic

Niagara Ballet School brings back a beloved tradition in its performance of *The Nutcracker*, a tale of a young girl's quest to save her Nutcracker Prince that brings her to the Land of Sweets on Christmas Eve. MON 18 DEC | 7:30 PM + TUES 19 DEC 7 PM.



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Do-Re-Mi!

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Holiday Birthday Bash

Canada's Queen of Rock, *Sass Jordan* makes her PAC debut as she celebrates her birthday with us this month. Sass is known for her powerful, gritty, blues-infused rock and roll and crowd-pleasing performances and this birthday bash is sure to be a rockin' good time! WED 20 DEC | 7:30 PM.

Fa-la-la-la Film House

The Film House is serving up holiday treats for the season including *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie* (SUN DEC 17 at 3 PM and WED 27 DEC at 2:30 PM), *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (THURS 21 DEC at 7 PM), *A Christmas Story* (SAT 23 DEC at 7 PM) and *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* (FRI 29 DEC at 6 PM, SAT 30 DEC at 6 PM and SUN 31 DEC at 2:30 PM). Find the full lineup of holiday screenings at firstontariopac.ca.

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Canadians un-Now, derstand local businesses is vital in helping generate revenue that stays within their com-

If you're interested in supthan ever. The onset of the porting local and don't know where to start, here are some small ways you can support your community today.

Order takeout or delivery directly from the restaurant

looking for something to eat.

instead of having it delivered will put a lot more of your money into the restaurant itself, and your hometown Mom and Pop shops will thank you for it.

Take the guesswork out of shopping local

There are plenty of tools It can be tempting to use to help us become better that supporting food delivery services when shoppers. An app like One Red Maple helps you find But ordering directly from the your favourite everyday items restaurant - and picking it up in locally owned stores, so

you don't have to turn to big shop any e-commerce site and real-time price and product compare between chain and local stores.

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Word of mouth is always know. It's also a great way to support local if you don't have a lot of disposable income to spend – words are free, after all.

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Another successful house tour for Rotary

Penny Coles The Local

Rotary Holiday House Tour co-chair Rose Campbell has finally been able to take a breath after another extremely successful event.

Despite two dismal, rainy tour days, it was well-attended, there were many positive comments and almost \$200,000 was raised to help fund local and international Rotary causes.

It's the first time both days of the events have rained, she says, so Rotary is pleased to have done so well — the only downside was scrambling to keep houses dry inside from dripping umbrellas.

The McArthur Estate tours "were amazing, as always," and significantly add to the fundraising total, she says.



The Garden Club of Niagara members took on the historic McFarland House with a theme of Christmas Through the Ages, each room or area for decorating representing a decade. The dining room (above left) is early 1800s, with place settings for David Secord and his wife Jessie and Ralfe Clenche and his wife Elizabeth. The decorations are made of natural material, much of it from members' gardens, dried and hung in the summer to be used for the McFarland House, including a corner (above right) paying tribute to the role of Indigenous Peoples in the 1800s. (*Penny Coles*)



St. Mark's Anglican Church was on the house tour as a place to enjoy a hearty lunch, much appreciated on a dismal day. The lunch (above left) and a Christmas market were open to house tour participants and the community. In the kitchen (above) were Susan Peacock, Tim Taylor, Carol Baker, Rosamund Hennessey, Gary Burroughs and Kathy Taylor, putting together a scrumptious lunch. Looking after the market event were Anne Tonisson (above right), Sally Mitchell, Elizabeth Jamieson and Nancy Kimball. (*Penny Coles*)





At Willowbank Estate, volunteers such as NOTL Rotary Club president Carol Lipsett (above right) were telling participants the story of Willowbank, that the decorated salon has not been refinished, purposely leaving sections that expose its layers over the decades, such as the wall behind Lipsett. Willowbank was decorated by Garden Club of Niagara volunteers. (*Rose Campbell*)

The York Road home on the tour was likely originally a farm house on property owned by David Secord (Laura's brotherin-law). It was decorated by Gauld Nurseries with their gardening coach Joanne Young, in collaboration with owner Elaine Bartolini. (*Rose Campbell*)



The Gate Street Studio, not surprisingly given the beautiful arrangements and cakes, was decorated by The Village Flower and Willow Cakes and Pastry. (*Rose Campbell*)

This exquisite Prideaux Street home was decorated by the homeowner and her team, along with Regal Florist and Garden Centre. (*Rose Campbell*)

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McArthur Estate tour makes for a magical evening

Mike Balsom The Local

The weekend's dreary weather couldn't put a damper on the experience for visitors to the McArthur Estate's annual house tour.

walk the beautiful property, the spectacular home of Brenda and

and out for the Rotary Holiday vious owner, Trisha Romance, House Tour, one of the Niagaraon-the-Lake club's biggest fundraising events of the year.

Tour guides greeted visitors just beyond the bright entrance on John Street West, ready to walk them through the grounds People came out in droves to with a stop at the bridge in front of the well-known nativity scene. That was the first remind-Blair McArthur decorated inside er to many of the home's pre-

that same nativity scene in the exact spot every December.

After enjoying carols sung outside by the Avanti Chamber Singers, visitors were greeted by Brenda McArthur herself as they filed into the piano room to meet the Grinch, who was sitting with pianist Eddie Pizzo at a white grand piano.

The next nod to the home's who was known for displaying previous owner was standing right next to the brightly decorated Christmas tree, not far from where Santa was posing for photos with visitors of all ages. Tanya Peterson, the daughter of Trisha Romance and her husband Gary Peterson, grew up in the home, and was there to share stories of her younger days.

ter) Whitney coming running out of that room," Peterson told The Local. "This is bringing back so many fond memories."

The tour wound its way through each ornately and tastefully decorated room, past some wonderful seasonal music played by the Soenen Sisters on flute, harp and cello, before exiting the house and moving on to Club.

"I swear I could see (her sis- the stables. That's where Santa's reindeer were to be found relaxing in their stalls, resting up in anticipation for the big night on Dec. 24.

> The sold-out event certainly capped a festive weekend in NOTL, with proceeds from the McArthur Estate tour helping to fund both local and international causes for the NOTL Rotary



The McArthur Estate from the front, facing John Street. (Mike Balsom)



Santa with Brenda McArthur. (Joy Sanguedolce)



Mike Sweeny, Carter Simpson with Santa and AnnLiz Simpson by the McArthur Estate tree. (Mike Balsom)





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Santa's reindeer were enjoying a night off relaxing in the stables. (Mike Balsom)



Tanya Peterson displays postcards of Trisha Romance art work, with several of her mother's paintings entertainer Eddie Pizzo company. (Mike on the staircase wall behind her. (Joy Sanguedolche)



The Grinch stopped by, keeping Balsom)

Niagara 7 // Region **Public Notice**

Public Participation Meeting

Proposed Street Name Change

Townline Stamford Road (Regional Road 61) to Niagara Townline Road (Regional Road 61)

Niagara Region has received a formal request to consider changing the name of Townline Stamford Road (Regional Road 61) to Niagara Townline Road (Regional Road 61).



On The proposed change would provide that Townline Stamford Road be renamed to Niagara Townline Road.

The public participation meeting is being held during Niagara Region's Public Works Committee as follows:

Date:	Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024
Time:	9:30 a.m.
Location:	Council Chamber, Campbell West Entrance,
	Regional Headquarters

To provide input orally at the Public Meeting, please pre-register with the Regional Clerk by sending an email to clerk@niagararegion.ca before noon on Monday, Jan. 8. To provide written input, please either mail your comments to the Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, and 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Ontario, L2V 4T7 or send an e-mail to clerk@niagararegion.ca by 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5.

forwarded to Regional Council for consideration on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024.

Accommodations for Participation

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in the Jan. 9, 2024 meeting, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Special accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats can be arranged by contacting Niagara Region's Accessibility Advisor at 905-980-6000 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca.

Personal Information Collection

Direct any inquires with respect to the proposed street name change of Townline Stamford Road (Regional Road 61) to Mr. Graeme Guthrie, Associate Director Transportation Engineering at 905-980-6000 ext. 3249 or graeme.guthrie@niagararegion.ca or Mr. Petar Vujic, Manager Road Safety at ext. 3238 or petar.vujic@niagararegion.ca.

Notice of Proposed Adoption of the Street Name Change By-law: It is the intention that the proposed street name change by-law will be

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Don't be a victim of scams — just say no

Sharon Burns The Local

Just say no, until you have checked with people you trust.

That's the message from Crime Stoppers about how to avoid elder scams, presented by the Virgil Women's Institute and the St. Catharines-based Women Empowered Women's Institute.

Brooklyn Mercer addressed the group of members from the two organizations, a town councillor, and the public assembled in the Mary Snider Room at the Centennial Arena last Wednesday evening.

Mercer, administrative coordinator for all Crime Stoppers programs, started with a clip of Frank Abagnale, an American public speaker and securities advisor, and convicted scam artist.

In the clip, Abagnale said that every con, fraud or scam has two red flags. The first is the fraudster indicates an urgent need of money.

Mercer explained that the person on the phone might pretend to be a relative in dire straits who needs a credit card number or bank information immediately, creating a sense of urgency around whatever dilemma.

The second red flag, ac-

story is reflected in the movie "Check their information artist, said Mercer, and ofstarring Leonardo DiCaprio with three people you trust called Catch Me If You Can, and know personally," and is if the person doing the con look up their information, asks for personal information, phone number and company such as details about family.

Mercer explained that cisions. swindlers prey on fear to get what they want, which is almost always money, even if it's hang up. You are not obligatjust in the form of a Walmart gift card.

The fear of missing out, she explained, is a common may appear to be a legitimate swindle that attempts to make the potential mark fear missing out on a great deal, and marketing and door-to-door future better deals.

The grandparent scam uses the fear of concern or true, it is," Mercer said. In emergency and occurs when a fraudster calls an older adult claiming to be their grandchild in urgent need of funds to get them out of jail or home your door unexpectedly and from another country.

Fear of authority or illegal wrongdoing is another emotion that fraudsters prey upon. Common phone calls can be from the Canada Revenue Agency or someone sayweb activity, and if payment is not provided, there will be vide," advised Mercer. consequences.

"Government payment, e-transfer or pay-Mercer.

"Don't believe everything

cording to Abagnale, whose you're told," advised Mercer. involve more than one scam online before making any de-

"Just say no, you're not interested and shut the door or ed to them," she said.

scams which, at first glance, business.

Telemarketing, direct requests can be misleading. "If it sounds too good to be March 2018 Ontario banned door-to-door sales of nearly all household appliances.

"If someone comes to they claim to be a public utilities inspector, for example, ask to see their credentials, then let them know that you will be phoning the company to confirm that their presence is warranted. Look up the ing that they are monitoring number yourself, rather than using the number they pro-

agencies send a notification to an older will not request immediate adult's cellphone imploring that the recipient follow the the fraudster presents as the ment by credit card," said links to rectify or confirm a banking situation.

ten one person distracts the homeowner at the door while the other looks in windows or sneaks into the backyard for further surveillance.

Cyber scams and identity theft is when personal information is used without consent or knowledge.

A software company will There are several types of not call about a virus on a home computer and ask for access to it. Mercer suggested updating laptops and computers, changing passwords regularly and cleaning cookies so that companies can't keep your data.

Get on the 'do not call list, she advised. Signing up is simple, quick and free by calling the toll-free number 1-866-580-3625.

When it comes to getting work done around your ating company logos. Often, and hang up." property, get a written estimate and three other quotes. Never give a cash deposit or pay for work until it is finished. Check out references and call the Better Business have been lodged.

Photocopy the back and Bank-related scams might front of identity and bank if there are trends." cards and store them in a safe place.

Don't open unsolicited email even if the logo or letterhead is familiar. Scammers speaking on the other end of Thefts by deception can have become adept at recre- a phone call, "stop speaking



Brooklyn Mercer of Crime Stoppers gives advice on how to avoid scams aimed at seniors. (Sharon Burns)

a glance at the sender's email address will be enough to when choosing power of atconfirm that it is not legitimate.

"Above all," said Mercer, "report suspected scams to Bureau to see if complaints the police. If nothing else comes of it, police build their data bank and can determine

Mercer mentioned that Artificial Intelligence can be used as a tool to mimic family members' voices. If no one is

Finally, Mercer advised torney over personal care and property, that older adults choose people they trust.

Mercer said elder abuse can be hard to identify. Call 911, the Niagara Elder Abuse Prevention Network or Crime Stoppers if abuse is suspected, and 211 can be called to connect people to the help they need such as health services, social, community and government agencies.

Workplace injury leaves Hardiman family needing help

Local Staff

Sue Danychuk recently opened her home to more than 55 women at her first annual Women's Social to raise money and collect munities have the power gifts for the Hardiman to come together to make family.

On Nov. 20 the family's lives were deeply impacted when Jeff Hardiman, and father to two, suffered a serious workplace

uncertainty ahead.

"In times of crisis, coma profound difference in the lives of those facing unexpected challenges," says Danychuk, a partner husband of Missy Drohan of Vision Mortgage Group & Vision Capital Partners. organized She the

life-saving neurosurgery ate the financial burden to add some light to their a heartening example of Me for the family for those within hours of the ac- on the Hardiman family holidays. cident, however he has a by rallying her local comlong road of recovery and munity. The event raised event exceeded all expec- those facing adversity." \$1,300 and collected gifts tations, Danychuk says,

the incredible impact col-The response from the lective action can have on

injury. Jeff underwent fundraiser to help allevi- for the family members "and the success serves as has organized a GoFundwho can offer support.

> To donate go to gofundme.com/f/pct-Missy Drohan's sister dac-the-hardiman-family.





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uncertainty, economic many of us worry about our financial stability today and for the future – especially how we'll be able to manage in retirement.

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many people believe that 2010s. the fund will run out of money before many Canadians are ready to retire.

Where did this myth begin and why does it persist for some Canadians?

Pension Plan, relied upon 1966 but as the number provinces came up with a by more than 21 million of people receiving benefits grew, the plan ran into tion rates and create a new, difficulty. During the mid-1990s, it was estimated the known as CPP Investto come. However, public fund would no longer be ments. Its role is to invest

Many Canadians remember that dire forecast, but they don't remember the dramatic action taken to correct the situation. Working together, the fed-The program started in eral government and the to achieve growth over the solution: raise contribuindependent organization



grow the pension plan's re- during the past decade sources. the organization manag- ing and research firm that pension plan will contines \$575 billon in a diverse tracks the returns of public ue to be sustainable for 75

group of assets designed

pay current benefits to help pension fund in the world according to Global SWF, A quarter-century later, an international consultpension funds.

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(NC) During times of opinion polls reveal that sustainable by the mid- excess funds not needed to as the best-performing eral government reviews the state of the pension plan. The most recent review, completed December 2022, concludes that the years and beyond.

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Let's face it, many travellers have long bucket lists that may exceed the time and energy they have available for travel. Legendary Voyages are 25 – 59 days in length and offer cruisers the opportunity to discover multiple destinations on their bucket list during a single voyage, without having to endure long flights between destinations. We love this concept and are quite sure that many of our travellers will too!

Craig Travel is excited to announce our participation in the Legendary Voyages program, and we are pleased to offer a mesmerizing 32day "Spice Islands" journey, departing from Singapore on January 1, 2025. The stunning ms Noordam, with its lavish staterooms, museum-quality art, renowned dining, and meticulous attention to detail, will be our luxurious home away from home. And what a perfect time to leave our cold Canadian winter!

The **Spice Islands** itinerary explores both the epicentre of global marine diversity and the vibrant cultural heritage of coastal communities in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Australia. Holland America collaborated with a marine biologist who is an expert in the region's marine ecosystem to craft this itinerary. By incorporating the fascinating narrative of the area's volcanic geology, this journey becomes particularly exciting.



View from the top of Kelor Island, Indonesia.

This innovative itinerary goes beyond the usual exploration by offering extended opportunities to delve deeper into the story of the destinations. This is achieved through unique ports of call and carefully designed programming that includes iconic theme parties, memorable sailaways, and classic cruise activities. There will also be time to explore port cities further with overnight stays. To enhance the culinary experience, a new hyper-focused menu inspired by the regions the ship sails through will be your space early, as this spefeatured. Newly curated on- cial voyage is expected to fill board lectures will be present- quickly, and the best stateed by destination experts and rooms always sell first. Visit local cultural specialists from our website for full details at each region. These lectures craigtravel.com!

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Stroll a 'beacon of hope, community solidarity'

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extra 200 decisions every single day."

Maya is a youth ambas-Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada, and was instrumental in getting the province to cover the costs

of continuous glucose monitors, "but we still need to fight ly ignite a community," he said. for everyone that does not currently qualify," she said.

Andrew Niven, chair of sador and fundraiser for the the Chamber of Commerce, believes the Candlelight Stroll really brings the community together for one evening. "My favourite moment is just Juvenile Diabetes Research

watching the recipients literal- Foundation.

Funds raised from candle sales go directly to Dylan, whose family plans to install a chair lift in their home to ease the transition from one level to another, and to Maya, who will donate her share to the

Ward instructed the crowd place."

to "reflect on the significance of this event. It's not just a that we truly see the heart of the night, not just with our stroll, it's a celebration of community, of coming together for a common cause and of shining a light on those who embody the strength and resolve that make Niagara- candlelight stroll a beacon of local.com

"It is in moments like these our community coming together in rain or shine to support each other. Thank you for your unwavering spirit, your generosity, and for making the

on-the-Lake such a special hope and community solidarity."

> "Let's continue to light up candles, but with our collective commitment to making a difference in the lives of those around us," she finished.

For more photos visit notl-



Matt Dietsch in a selfie with Dylan, his friend John Dixon, Dylan's brother Colton and his mother Kristen



Maya Webster lights the candle of Devon Botbyl while Devon's dad, Scott, looks on. Devon was the recipient of proceeds from the 2021 Candlelight Stroll. Volunteer Stan Harrington begins lighting candles for the crowd. (Photos by Sharon Burns)



Avery Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Minerva Ward, Jeff Webster and Maya Webster, with Santa Claus assuring the crowd that "nobody's getting coal in their stocking this year."





Couns. Erwin Wiens and Tim Balasiuk, MP Tony Baldinelli handing a commemorative plaque to Dylan Dietsch, mother Kristen, dad Matt and brother Colton, along with Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and Minerva Ward.

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Preds face tough test to close 2023

Mike Balsom The Local

With eight games on their schedule against Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League teams at or near the top of their divisions, the Niagara Predators will close the calendar year with their toughest test yet.

Between now and Dec. 22, and the Bradford Bulls twice each, and face the North Division's Temiscaming Titans and West Nipissing Lynx once each in the league's annual showcase tournament. The Titans and Lynx hold down the third and fourth positions in their divisions, while the other three teams, with a combined record of 49-16-2, hold down the top three spots in the Preds' own South Division.

With all of that facing them, coach Kevin Taylor could have used a positive result in their only game last weekend. But a tough 5-2 loss to the South's fourth place Tottenham Railers has left him once again searching for answers.

"I never thought in a million years that we'd have been in the situation we're in now," Taylor told The Local Tuesday. "I have no explanation for what's happening. I've been

four times a day and we just him, then another guy jumped can't figure it out."

with a record of 8-11-1, placing them second from the bottom in their division, three points behind St. George and Northumberland, who are tied in fifth.

The Preds struck first Sunthey play North York, Durham day in Newmarket, with the minute apart. team's leading scorer Luca Fernandez beating the Railers' goalie with 2:22 remaining in the period. But before they could skate off the Magna Centre ice, Tottenham's James Mc-Lean was left undefended in front of Preds netminder Zane Clausen just long enough to tie it up at 19:31.

the second, then teammate Ryan Anderson put the Railers up 3-1 less than four minutes into the second. Isaac Locker closed the gap to 3-2 when he scored with matched. Especially disapfive minutes remaining.

Niagara kept it close for much of the third period, but the result of a bit of a melee in long power play opportunity for Tottenham.

"We were actually on our own power play," Taylor explained. "One of our guys finished a check, and it should enough for these games? It falls trying to reflect on whether it's have been a penalty on us, but it on me. But you can lead a horse

me or the guys. I talk to Rob wasn't called. They jumped on to water but you can't make (owner Rob Turnbull) about our guy and started punching them drink." in, then Cam Savoie got in Sunday's loss leaves Niagara there. The referee didn't know who was on the bottom, and we got a five minute penalty."

> That opened the door for Anderson's second goal and another insurance marker from Emile Martin less than a

were almost identical, 48-47 in favour of the Railers, Niagara never really mounted a consistently steady attack against Tottenham. Many of their drives into the Railers' end resulted in turnovers followed by retreats back into the defensive zone.

"They played bad," said McLean scored again early in Taylor of the Railers, "but we played worse."

> It was a disappointing result against a team whom the Predators are in reality evenly pointing in light of the chalnext eight games.

"We have to play better, the last five minutes led to a from the goalie to the centre position, right to the bench," Taylor said. "Our coaching has to be better as well. We are losing games we shouldn't be losing. Am I preparing them well

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On the positive side, Sunday's game marked the return of Clausen, Niagara's number one goalie. The North Dakota native has been rehabilitating a knee injury since last appearing between the pipes in a 7-1 win at home against the Northumberland Stars on Oct. 27.

"With Zane now playing Though the shots on goal the games he should be playing," said Taylor, "we hopefully won't be having these nailbiters. We should have a little more swagger in our step."

The Preds host the first place North York Renegades, who boast a 19-1-1 record, Friday night at the Meridian Credit Union Arena. Niagara has lost all four games thus far this season against North York,

That's followed by three games in three days, starting Monday in Oshawa against the 15-7-1 Durham Roadrunners.

Tuesday and Wednesday lenges facing them over their the action shifts to the Gale Centre in Niagara Falls, where all 15 teams in the league will convene for the annual GMHL showcase. The Preds take on the 13-9-1 Temiscaming Titans at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, and are back on the ice at 9 a.m. Wednesday against the 13-8-2 Lynx. Admission to those two games is free.

St. Mike's girls win volleyball championship

Mike Balsom The Local

In an earlier family of school tournament, the Lightning placed second. That was good enough to allow them to advance to the NCDSB tournament, which was held at Niagara Col-

ementary School of Niagamedal.

"They championship in a thrill- impeccable teamwork." ing display of teamwork, determination, and skill," says principal Emma Fera- intense rallies and pivotal Massi. "Through unwaverlege. St. Michael knocked ing commitment and excep- tual support for one another

off Mary Ward Catholic El- tional sportsmanship, these throughout the volleyball talented young athletes season served them well on ra Falls to capture the gold showcased their prowess on their way to the title. the court, executing precise

Fera-Massi says the final game saw a number of moments, and the girls' mu-

"Their hard work, uniclinched the serves, strategic plays and ty and passion for their sport was inspiring for their school and the broader community," she added, also giving much praise to coach Julie Scalleta for her work with the team.



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Leah Luton (top left), Mia Vanderspek, Natalie Simpson, Nadia Raso, and Vanessa Rezza (bottom left), Angelina La Valle, Avery Williams and Grace Vani win their volleyball championship game for St. Michael School. (Supplied)

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OBITUARY

Andres, Henry – On the morning of Monday December 4, 2023, Henry J Andres of Virgil, ON, passed away peacefully at Pleasant Manor. He was 98.

Henry was born in 1925 in Rosthern, Sask. to Jacob and Justina, a mere two weeks after they arrived in Canada from Russia. He is survived by his wife Irene (Dick) Andres, his three sons, Larry (Linda), Brian (Jane) and Ron (Liz), ten grandchildren, Erin Bice (Josh), Luke Andres (Rachel), Michelle Andres (Leigh), Derek Andres (Rebekah), Kit Andres, Laura Andres, Meagan Andres (predeceased), Stephen Andres (Ruth), Joseph Andres (Rochelle),

Hannah Willms (Eli). He also had 13 great-grandchildren.

Henry worked for over 50 years in the dry-cleaning industry, first at Feasby's in St. Catharines and then building his own business in Port Colborne and Niagara on the Lake with his sons. He was an avid baseball fan, playing with the Virgil Cubs in the 40s, then watching his sons play at the Optimist Park and later cheering on the Blue Jays.

Henry was a man whose faith was very important to him. He attended Bethany Mennonite Church for most of his life where he taught Sunday school and impacted many people. Heaven gained a faithful servant.

Visitation is in the Pleasant Manor Chapel, 15 Elden St., Virgil on Thursday December 7 from 10am to 11am followed by a celebration of life service at 11am. Online condolences at www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca

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- 17 Stimulant
- 18 Gives added assurance
- 20 Episcopate
- 21 Crackpot
- "... Sleepin' in the --- sun!" 23 (Mercer/Carmichael)
- 24 Powerful chopper
- 27 Bad toupÈe
- 28 Apparel
- 30 Field or box sport
- 35 Hot iron
- 36 "Good Time Charlie's got
- the ---" (Danny O'Keefe)
- 37 "Iron Man" Ripken
- 38 Bunyan's ox
- 39 Change
- 40 Defeat decisively
- 41 Be unwell
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- 44 Asks Rene about footwear
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- 66 Category
- 67 Former Senate majority leader --- Lott
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- 2 Promote to excess
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- 5 Seven Sisters NYC college
- 6 Shelf-like sleeping space
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- 9 Implements
 - 10 "Old ---" (1989 Gregory Peck/Jane Fonda movie)
 - 11 Conrad's "--- Jim"

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- 25 Loblolly, for example
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- 32 Taliesin West locale
- 33 Fry briefly over high heat
- 34 John with an Oscar and a Tony
- 36 Transvaal trekker
- 39 Virgin's bower
- 40 All do this in court
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- 45 Known to just a few
- 46 Barrel stave
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