

Lake Report's popular **summer guide** is out Monday

Staff
The Lake Report

It's that time of year again – when The Lake Report publishes its hugely popular and award-

winning tourism guide, "NOTL: A Guide for Distinguished Explorers." Once again filled with features and beautiful ads about our town's restaurants, shops,

festivals, wine, theatres and more, it's sure to be a go-to source of information for visitors and residents alike. Among the features this year are stories about

seasonal farmworker Narvil Davis, who travels more than 2,000 kilometres every year to work at Tregunno Fruit Farms, a feature on Michael Man, the

lead actor in the Shaw Festival's "Prince Caspian" and two restaurant reviews for the HobNob and 124 on Queen's newest addition, NOTL! Bar and Lounge. Also, dive into details

about what's on this Canada Day, our summer fruit festivals and some places to see live music over the summer.

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Police release photos of **crosswalk vandalism** suspect

Evan Loree
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report

Niagara Regional Police have released photos of a suspect in the vandalism of Niagara-on-the-Lake's new rainbow crosswalk.

Police said the incident took place between the morning of Tuesday, May 30 and the afternoon of June 1 at 5:47 p.m.

"The NRPS has received a video of a male riding an ATV intentionally doing 'burnouts' on the rainbow crosswalk," police said.

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A place for **pickleball**

Hundreds of players compete in inaugural NOTL Classic tourney



Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Damien Mendez keeps his eyes on the ball. He won a gold medal in men's doubles with partner David Bell. They were two of many NOTL residents who participated in the first-ever NOTL Classic tournament. **Story on Page 20.** SOMER SLOBODIAN

Pillitteris celebrate **30 years** in business

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

For the Pillitteri family, it takes strong kinship, community and dedication to keep a business thriving in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

After celebrating the 30th anniversary of Pillitteri Estates Winery's opening last Friday, family member Jamie Slingerland reflected on the last three decades in the community.

The entire Pillitteri

family was in attendance for their 30th-anniversary celebration at BarrelHead, the pizza patio next to the winery.

In a celebratory speech, founder Gary Pillitteri explained how success grew

from nothing after moving to NOTL back in 1965.

"I never dreamt 30 years ago we would have come to this extent, the extent that today we export to over 30

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A Pillitteri pizza platter was part of the party. JULIA SACCO



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Indigenous history talk finds folly in border control

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Karl Dockstader shares his struggles with Canadian border security. EVAN LOREE

Crossing borders can get complicated when you're Indigenous — at least, that's been the experience for Karl Dockstader.

At a recent talk on Indigenous history at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, Dockstader shared a personal story about crossing the American-Canadian border, calling attention to the difference between Canadian law and agreements made between Indigenous peoples and settlers hundreds of years ago.

He co-hosts the Indigenous-fronted radio show, One Dish One Mic, which airs on CKTB Radio every Saturday.

During the talk on June 9, he said he was bringing a carton of cigarettes back from the United States in April 2022 when a Canadian border control officer told him he would have to pay duty taxes for them or he could not bring them across.

Dockstader is Oneida, one of the six Haudenosaunee nations, and as is customary in many Indigenous communities, he believes tobacco is a sacred medicine.

It's often used in traditional ceremonies or offered to others, such as an Indigenous elder or knowledge

keeper, when asking for their help.

The Canadian government, however, treats tobacco as a controlled substance, so it does not receive a full exemption from duty taxes when crossing the border.

"That's more your problem than my problem," Dockstader said.

Dockstader said he refused to pay the \$75 fee on his cigarettes because of a treaty right that allows him and other Indigenous people to travel freely across the U.S.-Canada border without paying duty on their goods, which he explained to the border officer.

The agreement that safe-

guards this right is called Jay's Treaty, signed in 1794. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, the federal government does not recognize it as legally binding.

He argues that the same right is granted under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

The document says Indigenous people have the right to maintain and develop relationships across borders, "for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes."

It blows his mind, Dockstader said, to see the number of border patrol officers on either side of the Canadian-American border.

That border, he said, was only made possible by drawing a line through Indigenous territories.

In the end, Dockstader decided not to pay the fee and crossed back into Canada without his tobacco. "I want my damn smokes back!" Dockstader said to a few chuckles from his audience.

There were about 70 people at the museum's talk focused on Indigenous history, which was organized by Tim Johnson, a senior advisor to Niagara Parks on Indigenous engagement and culture.

Three others spoke at the museum's talk alongside Dockstader, including Tus-

carora man and Indigenous historian Rick Hill, NOTL's resident historian Ron Dale, and heritage manager for Niagara Parks Jim Hill.

At the end of the talk, Johnson revealed that much of the content covered in the talk would be featured in an upcoming book called "Landscape of Nations: Beyond the Mist."

Ron Dale chose to focus on the history of Indigenous people in Niagara, beginning about 500 years ago when the region was home to the Attiwandaronk.

Dale said the Attiwandaronk were almost 40,000 people in 1626, but after Europeans introduced smallpox to North America, their population dwindled to 12,000 by 1640.

Dale said they were eventually absorbed into their neighbouring nations.

It was common practice for Indigenous nations to war with each other, he explained, and adopt each other's survivors to bring up the nation's population.

Jim Hill used his time to speak about some historic landmarks at Niagara Parks which are significant to Indigenous history.

These included such sites as Norton's Grove in Old Fort Erie and the Memorial Cairn in Chippawa Battlefield Park.

According to the Niagara Parks website, Indigenous

people fought on either side of the Battle of Chippawa but departed early after learning they were fighting their own people across the river.

Rick Hill detailed the history of Indigenous culture and mythology, sharing one story told among the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee people about the thunder beings.

Hill said the two cultures believe it is the responsibility of these supernatural beings to protect humans from famine and pestilence, represented in the story as serpents living in the Great Lakes.

Hill also spoke of the importance of corn, beans and squash in Haudenosaunee culture.

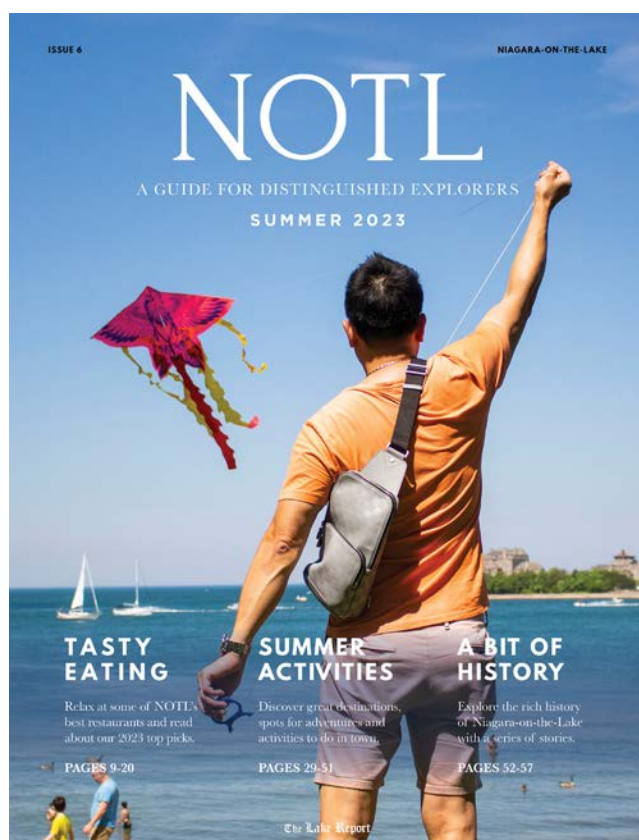
"The Three Sisters — the spiritual essence of corn, beans and squash — allowed the Haudenosaunee to settle in large villages," he later told The Lake Report.

When sharing a bowl of the Three Sisters, Hill said, every person has the right to the dish, but everyone must leave some for the next person, and all are responsible for keeping the dish clean.

Stories like these, Rick Hill says, are an important part of his cultural identity, and sharing them is part of sharing the perspectives of Indigenous peoples.

"We have a lot to learn," he said.

The front cover of this year's 80-page NOTL magazine features a photograph of a man flying a kite at Queen's Royal Park. The publication, "NOTL: A Guide for Distinguished Explorers" focused on some of the best NOTL businesses, events and places to visit.



Our summer guide returns

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There are also plenty of historical features on the Battle of Fort George and lots more stories that most visitors to NOTL might not know about.

While some of the information inside won't be news to NOTL residents, especially regular readers of this paper, it is an informative guide to Niagara-on-the-Lake for visitors who are new to NOTL, and even for those who visit regularly but might not know some of the interesting facts and stories about our town.

For The Lake Report, it's

a chance to showcase some of our favourite photos and stories from the year — and an opportunity to boast about all the things that make NOTL such a special place to live.

"Summer is a cherished time in Niagara-on-the-Lake," says The Lake Report's editor-in-chief Richard Harley.

"We want to show the millions of visitors to our town just how special it is. This magazine showcases some of the best of NOTL, plus a lot of activities and places for people to visit."

"Whether it's strolling down Queen Street and visiting shops and historic

locations, having great food and drinks at a local restaurant, celebrating at our fruit festivals or touring NOTL's wineries, breweries and distilleries, there's something here for everyone."

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Raiders of the lost **ordnance stone**: How a team located the first one in NOTL

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

Ted Rumble's quest in restoring Niagara-on-the-Lake's oldest rock collection continues after some recent success.

Last week, ordnance boundary stone number one was found, marking number 19 out of 38 stones Rumble has been searching for – exactly half.

Richard Larocque, a land surveyor at Larocque Group, told The Lake Report a team of two surveyors discovered the stone in an undisclosed wooded area.

Larocque described the search for stone one as a "labour of love."

These 38 stones were all erected at the same time around 200 years ago on the perimeter of four properties in the town owned by the British military.

Finding the stone was no game of chance, Larocque



Ordnance stone number one was found in a wooded area of NOTL, somewhere without a lot of foot traffic. SUPPLIED

said. The firm had records of the stone being found around 50 years ago during another group's survey.

After calculating the physical location of the

stone, surveyors went out to find it – with the hope that it hadn't been destroyed, Larocque said.

"Lo and behold, they found it," he said.

Larocque contacted Ted Rumble, a member of the NOTL Museum's board and took him for a walk to see it.

The ordnance stones tell us a lot about the boundaries of military property in town at the time.

"They mark the limit of ownership that is between the Crown and general ownership, which had been bequeathed to the early settlers in the area," said Larocque.

Two hundred years later, these stones are still important to understanding the past, Larocque said, specifically the property lines they were meant to establish at that time in history.

"They are still held today to be sacrosanct: they should not be tampered with (and) they should not be moved," he said.

The discovery of ordnance stone one leaves 19 stones remaining to be found in NOTL.

Police seek help identifying **vandalism suspect**

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Police describe the subject as white, male and slim.

He is seen in the video wearing a black full-face helmet, red shorts, white

crocks and no shirt.

The ATV driven by the suspect is dark, "possibly green," and may have a broken taillight.

Officers are investigating the defacement as an

act of hate.

Anyone in the area with security cameras, dashboard cameras or other forms of security footage are asked to review their footage from the time of the incident

and check for suspicious activity.

Anyone who can identify the subject is asked to contact the Niagara police at 905-688-4111, option 3, extension 1009408.

Woman, 49, dies after Jeep **hits tree** on Lakeshore

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A 49-year-old woman from St. Catharines is dead after her small SUV struck a tree on Lakeshore Road in Niagara-on-the-Lake Saturday morning.

Niagara Emergency Medical Services paramedics were on the scene and treated the driver, who was the only person in the vehicle, Niagara Regional Police said.

She was pronounced dead in hospital.

Police said they would not release the name of the victim.

Officers were called to the



Police arrive to investigate a collision that killed a St. Catharines woman. RICHARD HARLEY

scene at about 11:40 a.m. near Niagara Lake Shore Cemetery.

When they arrived, they discovered a westbound 2011 Jeep Compass that had

hit a large tree just off the roadway.

A makeshift memorial was erected by loved ones at the crash site afterward.

Police said anyone who

may have been in the area at the time of the collision is asked to call the lead detective in the case at 905-688-4111 and pick option three.

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Left: Soldiers advance in the Battle of the Hochwald Gap. IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM Right: Pte. John Fast of St. Davids is buried at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Holland. ANCESTRY FAMILY TREE

THE MONUMENTS MEN

Pte. John Fast, died during Operation Veritable

It's been a century since Niagara-on-the-Lake's iconic clock tower cenotaph was erected. Then, in 1926, the Township of Niagara unveiled its own memorial in Queenston. In recognition of those who fought and died in two world wars and beyond, NOTL historian Ron Dale has been researching the stories of the people – all men – whose names are engraved on the two cenotaphs. This is one in a series of stories documenting and remembering the sacrifices of those commemorated on the municipal memorial in Queenston.

Ron Dale
Special to The Lake Report

The men of the Algonquin Regiment of the Canadian Army suffered heavily in the Second World War.

The regiment was not involved in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, but landed at Juno Beach on July 25.

The men were immediately thrown into action and fought almost continuously for the next nine months.

The Algonquins were assigned to the 4th Canadian Armoured Division, which was a mix of armoured regiments, infantry regiments, artillery batteries and various supporting units. It was a hard-hitting, mobile force.

The Algonquins' first

major actions involved the Battle of the Falaise Gap, a campaign to cut off and destroy the German army, which was fighting a slow withdrawal from Normandy.

As the Germans continued to slowly retreat, fighting every step of the way, the Allies pressed into Belgium.

The Algonquins fought a major action in the crossing of the Ghent-Brugge Canal from Sept. 8 to 10, 1944, and then suffered again in the heavy fighting in the crossing of the Leopold Canal a few days later.

The Algonquins then proceeded to Holland, heavily involved in the prolonged Battle of the Scheldt, to open the shipping route to Antwerp, a major port.

The regiment was less active for the next three months in what was known as the "winter war," but continued to suffer casualties.

It was at this time that Pte. John Fast of St. Davids arrived in Western Europe as a reinforcement assigned to the Algonquin Regiment.

Fast was born on December 16, 1922, in Blumstein, Molotschna Mennonite Settlement in Zaporizhia Oblast, Ukraine, which was then part of Russia.

He was the first child of John Fast and Justina Friesen. The family emigrated to Canada in 1926 and initially settled in Manitoba before moving to the St. Da-

vids area. The family was naturalized in 1932.

John Fast attended public school through Grade 8, leaving at that time to work full-time on his father's farm.

On Oct. 25, 1943, John took the train to Toronto and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, the primary role of which was transporting and issuing supplies in support of the army.

Fast trained at Camp Borden, Camp Ipperwash and Camp Debent, in Nova Scotia.

In addition to training as a Service Corps driver, he completed advanced infantry training, receiving instruction on the rifle, Bren gun, pistol, grenades, mortars, machine-guns and the Sten submachine gun.

Fully trained, he was sent to Britain, disembarking in the U.K. on Oct. 21, 1944.

He was transferred to the 3rd Canadian Reinforcement Unit on Oct. 31, and less than three weeks later was sent to France, disembarking in Western Europe on Nov. 18.

Finally, he was sent to become a member of the Algonquin Regiment at its rest camp in Holland on Jan. 10, 1945.

As spring approached, the Allies were planning a final thrust against the Germans to force an unconditional surrender. The Russian

Army was pushing through Poland and East Prussia with a campaign against the Germans that began on Jan. 12, 1945.

The Americans, British, Canadians and other Allies were poised to cross the Rhine River and enter Germany from the west.

The Algonquin Regiment, as part of the 4th Armoured Division, joined in Operation Veritable, launched on Feb. 8, 1945, to cut off the German Army in what was known as the Hochwald Gap in Germany.

On March 3, Canadian tanks of the Governor General's Foot Guards carried the Algonquins into action, but heavy shelling by German artillery, mortars and anti-tank guns forced the infantry men from the tanks, with little protection from enemy gunfire. It was a bloody day for the regiment, which suffered 87 casualties.

Among those killed in action was Pte. John Fast.

Initially, he was buried near Xanten, Germany, not far from where he died, but after the war his body was moved to the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Holland.

His mother chose the inscription for his tombstone, "Whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me Shall Never Die."

John Fast is commemorated on the Queenston cenotaph.

Lemonade sends kids to camp

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When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

But in Niagara-on-the-Lake, if you have lemonade, you can send kids to camp.

Children across Niagara-on-the-Lake camped out in lemonade stands Saturday afternoon to help underprivileged children attend summer camp.

The Fundraiser, run by Family and Children's Services Niagara and sponsored by Mountainview Building Group got its official start date last year as Mountainview LemonAID Day.

Families who sign up for the fundraiser are provided with booths, shirts and hats with the LemonAID Day logo and everything they need to make lemonade.

Caroline Polgrabia, president of Family and Children's Services Niagara, said she believes it can be an annual fundraiser.

"I think we got a winner. I think it's gonna stick around," Polgrabia said.

There were about 100 stands across Niagara on Saturday, five of which were in NOTL.

"I think the beauty of this fundraiser is it's going to be new kids every year," Polgrabia said, pointing out that as the kids who sell lemonade age out, new ones will take their place.

She gives most of the credit to her 13-year-old son Jayden though, who came up with the fundraising idea in 2018.

"I was the one that started the stand," Jayden told The Lake Report at a lemonade stand on King Street,

though he acknowledged his mom had a hand in making his idea a reality.

Polgrabia said her son met a boy at camp last year who told him the only reason he was able to go was because he was sponsored.

She said it was "a very real experience" for her son to see the actual impact of the work he's been doing.

"I kind of felt good about it," Jayden said while taking a short break from serving lemonade.

For Jayden, there's something wrong when a child can't go to camp.

"It makes me feel like there's a piece missing from a kid's childhood," he said.

When The Lake Report stopped by, Jayden and his friend Akeem Fletcher had raised about \$350 to send kids to camp.

The boys were stoked that their friends one street over had only made \$160 at their stand.

At the stand on Victoria Street, four girls were hard at work pouring lemonade.

Bianca Pontoisen, 12, kicked back in the shade while her sister Ava poured lemonade with Olivia and Emily Ferguson and Polgrabia's daughter, Kaitlyn.

Bianca said her favourite part about camp was all the friends she made along the way.

Her sister Ava agreed. Polgrabia said the fundraiser had raked in about \$40,000 going into the weekend.

That's almost half of the \$86,000 raised in last year's fundraiser.

To date, this year's campaign boasts about \$57,000 in funds raised but will continue to accept contributions until July 1.



Jayden Polgrabia, who came up with the idea for LemonAid Day, and his friend Akeem Fletcher had collected almost \$300 by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. EVAN LOREE

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Strawberry Fest is back Saturday

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

Take a bite into the sweetness of Niagara-on-the-Lake — the sweetness of its fresh, locally-grown strawberries, that is.

The Strawberry Festival returns to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for its 38th year this Saturday.

The festival, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature live entertainment all day while festivalgoers

shop for strawberry-themed goodies.

Aside from baskets of fresh strawberries, other treats will be up for sale including strawberry shortcakes, crepes, jams, frozen yogurt and more.

If strawberries aren't your thing, there will also be a barbecue, silent auction, book and knick-knack sale, a children's area and tours of the historic church, which was built in 1831.

Town of NOTL lifts ban on open-air burning

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The Lake Report

Due to improved air quality after recent forest fire activity, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has lifted the open-air burning ban as of Tuesday morning.

Last week, smoke from forest fires in Ontario and Quebec blanketed the majority of southern Ontario, prompting poor air quality alerts.

This caused the NOTL Soccer Club to cancel practices and games and the District School Board

of Niagara to keep students inside last Thursday.

For most of last week, the air quality in Niagara-on-the-Lake was listed as "unhealthy" on the air quality index.

As of Tuesday, the air quality is listed as "good."

As of Monday, Ontario has 28 active fires in northeastern Ontario, compared to 31 this time last week.

Everyone is encouraged to monitor air quality updates online at weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/provincial_summary/on_e.html.

Baldinelli wants Bernardo to stay behind bars

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Niagara MP Tony Baldinelli wants to make sure infamous serial killer Paul Bernardo stays in a maximum security prison for the rest of his life.

"Paul Bernardo, in our community, is synonymous with evil," Baldinelli said during a news conference in Ottawa on Sunday.

The conference comes on the heels of a decision to move Bernardo out of a maximum security facility and into a medium security prison.

Bernardo is a convicted murderer of two teenage girls, Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy, and a rapist of 14 women.

Marcia Penner, a Niagara-on-the-Lake resident and childhood friend of French, joined Baldinelli and Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre at the press conference.

"We need to bring justice back to the victims and their families once and for all," Penner said at the news conference.

Poilievre called the choice to transfer Bernardo to a medium security facility "unacceptable and outrageous."

Contrary to what the Liberal party has said about Bernardo's transfer, Poilievre said the party in charge does have the power to keep Bernardo in maximum security.



NOTL business owner Marcia Penner speaks at a news conference with MP Tony Baldinelli and Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre. SOURCED

Poilievre said in a press release that the Liberals could have "reversed the decision" by ordering Correctional Services Commissioner Anne Kelly to force repeat murderers to serve their "entire sentences in maximum security."

Baldinelli, who represents Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, told The Lake Report that families are repeatedly traumatized when stories about Bernardo resurface.

They are traumatized every two years when they testify at Bernardo's parole hearings, he added.

Baldinelli says the move to medium security is only possible because of an amendment to the Corrections and Conditional Release Act.

"They called it the least

restrictive environment in determining placement for offenders," he said.

Baldinelli wants to reverse the 2019 amendments and reinstate a standard set by the Conservative government in 2012, which places offenders according to a standard of "necessary restrictions."

Baldinelli said he did not have a clear idea of how the transfer would impact the restraints on Bernardo, but was concerned the switch would get him access to day passes.

Under the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, medium security prisoners may be granted "an unescorted temporary absence" for medical reasons, community service, family contact or personal development.

These absences are capped at 15 days and can only occur three times a year for medium security prisoners.

Temporary absences are granted by the Provincial Parole Board and subject to conditions, including whether or not the inmate presents "undue risk to society."

Maximum security prisoners are not entitled to temporary releases.

"If you're classified as a dangerous offender, and involved in multiple murders, you should be spending your time in a maximum security institution," said Baldinelli.

"Paul Bernardo should spend the rest of his days behind bars," he added.

The Conservative MP said some violent criminals just can't be rehabilitated.



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Polish soldiers remembered during annual ceremony

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A small plot of land at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church brought members of the Polish community from across North America to Niagara-on-the-Lake this past weekend for a day of remembrance.

A large crowd gathered at the church's Haller Army Cemetery on Sunday to honour the Polish lives lost to the 1918 flu pandemic and the First World War.

This is the 106th annual pilgrimage, which falls on the second Sunday of June – often known as Polish Sunday.

Members of the Polish community across Canada and the United States like Witold Dzielski, the Poland Ambassador to Canada, and Magdalena Anna Pszczółkowska, the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto, gathered at the cemetery on Byron Street to pay their respects.

More than 60 scouts from across Ontario, a Toronto biker group called the White Eagles and Niagara-on-the-Lake's Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa were also in attendance at the ceremony.

"I've been coming here



The 106th annual pilgrimage to the small plot of land at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, known as Haller Army Cemetery, was held on Sunday afternoon. A ceremony was held in honour of the Polish lives lost during the Spanish flu and the First World War. **Read Ross Robinson's praise of the event on Page 24.** SOMER SLOBODIAN

for a long time because young people, you know, they give their life for the freedom of Poland (and they were training here," said Victoria Nawrot, the treasurer for the Canadian Polish Congress Niagara District.

This Niagara chapter of the Canadian Polish Congress organizes the ceremony every year.

Between 1917 to 1919,

more than 22,000 soldiers of Polish descent came to Niagara from Youngstown, N.Y., to train with Canadian-Polish soldiers at Camp Kościuszko, known today as the Commons.

"They were from the United States, Canada, even from Brazil, and they were signing up to train to fight World War One for the freedom of Poland," said Henry Soja from the Niagara Pol-

ish group.

In November 1918, the army assisted in the liberation of Poland, which was split into three parts owned by Germany, Russia and the Habsburg monarchy since 1795.

After 123 years, the country achieved independence.

Haller Army Cemetery is the final resting place of 25 of the 41 Polish soldiers who died of the 1918

influenza, also known as the Spanish flu, while training in Niagara.

Teresa Arnold, who grew up in Niagara-on-the-Lake and is Polish, would come to the cemetery every Polish Sunday. She visited with her parents, who are now buried at St. Vincent de Paul.

"It's wonderful that it keeps the history of why this piece of land is considered Polish land," she said.

Nawrot says people call the small plot of land "Little Poland."

The pilgrimage also honours Elizabeth Ascher, a Niagara-on-the-Lake woman who was not only a journalist for The Standard, but one of the reasons the Polish cemetery at St. Vincent de Paul exists.

Ascher took care of the Polish soldiers during the influenza outbreak and later helped create the small cemetery where some of the soldiers are now buried.

According to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, soldiers called Ascher the "Angel of Mercy" because of all the aid and kindness she provided to soldiers.

"She was like a den mother to them, she took care of them when they were sick," said Soja.

Ascher maintained the cemetery until she died in 1941. Arnold said her legacy wasn't really celebrated until recently.

"I don't remember that as a child being celebrated. It's kind of nice that they bring that history out," said Arnold.

Now, every year during the annual pilgrimage, flowers are laid on her grave site at the cemetery at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Tourism NOTL's picnic dinner paints Peller Estates white

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

It was a Friday night to remember for many at Peller Estates Winery.

Niagara-on-the-Lake hosted its White Effect Dinner on June 9, an annual all-white party that, for Jessica Taylor, Tourism NOTL's manager of events, marks the start of summer for NOTL.

"It represents the art of wine country," she told The Lake Report.

The soiree had a strict dress code of nothing but white clothes, inspired by the practice believed to have begun in the late 1980s in France.

"We took the elegance

and the social aspect to create something special for NOTL," Taylor said.

The White Effect Dinner involved more than just a dress code, though.

Attendees reserved a table for eight and were tasked with planning a picnic dinner and table decor fitting into the all-white theme.

In total, 144 tables were created, each decorated with unique table settings and decor.

At the table where NOTL residents Marion McLean and Kevin Moore sat, they went above and beyond with head-to-toe white Western wear.

"Our table theme is Yellowstone — without the blood," joked Moore.

Arlene Nugent said that her cowboy boots were sourced from her mother-in-law and heavily inspired by her daughter Kasey, a country singer.

"This is such an incredible event and we're still amateurs, we didn't even know you needed balloons," Nugent said.

McLean and the gang said they will be back for next year's festivities, even more ready.

Aside from outfits, immense planning goes into table settings and food.

Some guests opted to get catering from Peller, including flatbreads and pizzas, while others went for more elaborate picnic set-ups with spreads includ-



Selma Pacheco, right, and her table brought out a fully homemade spread of food for the White Effect Dinner, including charcuterie, bruschetta, fruits and salads. JULIA SACCO

ing charcuterie boards, dips and more.

Selma Pacheco and her table had quite the elaborate homemade spread, sourcing everything but the wine themselves.

"We wanted to do apps,

keep it simple," she said.

The table had bruschetta, charcuterie and desserts plated on glassware brought from home. Even the lettuce used in the salad was grown in her backyard.

"The flowers are my

anniversary flowers from Sunday, to be economical," she said.

As they dined and socialized, guests enjoyed the musical stylings of George St. Kitts Band all throughout the evening.



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Pillitteri family celebrates 30 years in business

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different countries,” he said.

Slingerland, who married Gary and Lena Pillitteri’s daughter Connie, recalls stories of how the winery bloomed out of a farm Gary started after immigrating to Canada from Sicily.

He said the Pillitteris had an affluent life in Sicily before the economy collapsed after the Second World War. They left the island for Canada in 1948.

“Things were dangerous. There was no future for his children,” Slingerland said. Slingerland explained that before there was any talk of wine, Gary Pillitteri ran a produce stand, mostly focusing on tender fruits and vegetables.

“We’ve extended our roots in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Each of us intended to do better, and I did,” Pillitteri said in his speech.

He said the first order of business was chasing out all of the pigs.

They purchased the Niagara Stone Road property

in 1965 to start Pillitteri’s farm, following a pig farm there before them.

“The town of Niagara-on-the-Lake never thanked us for getting rid of those pigs,” Pillitteri joked.

Slingerland and his wife Connie followed in these footsteps, starting their own farm shortly after marriage.

When the winery finally did open in 1993, it came as a relief to him and his wife, who had lost all of their revenue to a weather disaster.

A major hail storm in 1986 wiped out everything they had, Slingerland said.

“All of a sudden it was all about a young family and how they were impacted by a tragedy,” he said.

Ever since then, the family has been working closely together within the winery.

Slingerland became involved with the winery when it opened 30 years ago and remains the director of viticulture today.

He says a strong familial bond and connection with

NOTL is what has kept the business going for so long.

While Pillitteri served as a member of the House of Commons of Canada from 1993 to 2004, the family took over to make sure the winery continued to function.

“We’re all coordinated together, for nine family members to work well together all the time takes organization,” Slingerland said.

There are currently 27 family members dispersed around NOTL, four of them being doctors, Slingerland added.

Some children and grandchildren intend to work in the winery as the next generation.

“I think my great-grandson over here is going to take over,” Pillitteri said during the celebration.

His faith in his children is evident in how he credits them for the winery’s success over the last 30 years.

“It was our kids: that’s the next generation,” he said.



Top: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa made a speech during Pillitteri’s Friday festivities, noting the family’s many contributions made in the community. Bottom: A pizza platter by BarrelHead was part of the party. JULIA SACCO



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Cornerstone wants to **build** gym, classrooms

With growing congregation, church asks for permission to add to Hunter Road property

Evan Loree
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report



Cornerstone pastor Kevin Bayne says the church's congregation is growing. EVAN LOREE

While other churches are closing doors, Cornerstone Community Church is looking to open a few more.

The town is reviewing applications from the church to add a new gym, classrooms and play area to its property at Hunter Road.

It is also considering applications to change the zoning and property lines at its location on Niagara Stone Road.

At a town meeting Tuesday night, Cornerstone pastor Kevin Bayne told council the Niagara Stone property would continue to be a community space for the benefit of the town.

"As a church, we exist not for ourselves, but to help build a great community for us all," he told council.

However, the current lot includes a house and garage that Bayne would like to sever from the rest of the property.

He said the goal is to use the money earned from selling this parcel of land to fund the church's

activities and help with the cost of renovation and expansion at Cornerstone's Hunter Road location.

If the applications are approved, the lot on Niagara Stone will be cut into two parts. The portion occupied by the church will be rezoned to reflect the community use of the building, and the other will be rezoned for residential use.

"We've been blessed with what's really solid leadership," Bayne told The Lake Report.

He says the congregation is steadily growing even as other churches are closing down, like the now-defunct Christ Church McNab.

"We've kind of steadily grown for the last 15 years or so," he said. They adopted another congregation in 2018 when they first

acquired the property at Hunter Road.

Cornerstone Community Church is part of a larger denominational sect of Christianity called Mennonite Brethren.

Bayne estimates between 400 to 450 people attend the church's Sunday service at Hunter Road each week.

Bayne also thinks the congregation is growing because whenever new resi-

dents go looking for a new church, they "find us to be a welcoming community."

Bayne said the classrooms and children's areas will be used to support some of the children's programming they run on Sundays, but the new gym will be multipurpose.

"We've been really happy to be the home of Red Roof Retreat's day programming," he said.

But the space they provide to the charity is insufficient, and the expansion will help fix that.

He also pointed out the church runs a summer camp program and the addition of a gym would help to support the campers as well.

Susan Smyth, a senior planner from Quartek Group, presented the church's plans to town staff and residents in a short open house on June 6.

Resident Richard Guay, who lives nearby, said he wanted to know how the additional parking spaces in the plan would impact his property.

His questions were satisfied after Smyth said they would plant trees along the

property line to screen the neighbouring properties from the parking lot.

Smyth needs the town to relax restrictions imposed by existing bylaws on the property before the additions can be built though.

In her presentation at the open house, Smyth said the proposed addition would increase building coverage on the lot by 5.9 per cent for a total of 12.2 per cent.

The proposed parking expansion would increase the lot coverage by parking spaces to 35 per cent.

The existing bylaws cap the allowable parking spaces at 30 per cent of the lot, meaning the proposed changes would exceed the law by 5 per cent.

Smyth said the additional parking would be useful to the agricultural community which tends to drive larger vehicles like pick-up trucks.

The same bylaw also caps the maximum floor area at 2,800 square metres, but the changes would bump that up to 3,940.

Council will review the application from Quartek on July 11 in a public meeting.

Glitter galore for Ironwood visitors at celebration of Pride

Evan Loree
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report

There was an extra sparkle at Ironwood Cider House on Saturday afternoon, where patrons were taking part in celebrating Pride Month.

Katie Henderson was busy bedazzling faces with glitter at her little booth behind the Niagara-on-the-Lake cider house, ahead of an adult-themed drag show scheduled for the evening.

Henderson owns and operates GlitterMe Bar, which she says is Canada's first glitter bar.

Glitter bars, Henderson says, are a popular attraction across the pond in England, where she grew up.

"It takes face painting to a whole new level," Henderson said.

Several glittery customers milled about the picnic tables behind Ironwood while Angela Saltsman, a teacher visiting from Florida, sat for a glitter bomb at Henderson's bar.

Saltsman says it's been "especially hard" to teach in Florida, ever since the State passed the Parental Rights in Education bill, which "prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through Grade 3."

Saltsman identifies as lesbian, and says while her sexuality rarely comes up, "I'm not going to hide it."

Robyn Brown, Ironwood's event co-ordinator was one of the more glittery staff members on the Ironwood lawn.

Sitting with fellow co-worker, Devon Ryback,

Brown said an unexpected car accident nearby somewhat reduced the amount of business they'd been expecting.

Ryback, who was joined by her son Easton Grier, told The Lake Report it was important to her he learns that "love is love."

The sentiment was shared by the operators of the Blue Lady, a food truck that often caters Ironwood's events.

"Love is love: it don't matter," said Greg Mackenzie who operates the Blue Lady with his partner Olivia.

"What two people do, so long as they're consenting adults, has no impact on your life," he added.

Mackenzie says his daughter is pansexual and will support her no matter what.



Ironwood event co-ordinator Robyn Brown shows off her glitter for Pride. EVAN LOREE



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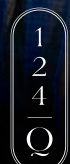
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American Robin's nest



Lake Report photographer Dave Van de Laar captured these robins nesting outside his kitchen window on Line 1 Road on Sunday. They've been there for about 14 days. One flew away Wednesday and he expects the rest will follow suit soon.

Editorial

NOTL the real winner at pickleball tourney

Richard Harley
 Editor-In-Chief

It was a Niagara-on-the-Lake sports event for the history books — another notch in our town's belt after last year's Canada Games.

The NOTL Pickleball Club held the first-ever NOTL Classic pickleball tournament on the weekend, attracting more than 300 players, about 150 of whom were from out of town — and even some international talent.

The growing sport and the professional presentation attracted hundreds of spectators.

A congratulation is in order for everyone who helped put it together.

From the opening reception at NOTL! Bar and Lounge at 124 on Queen, to the actual exhibition matches, to a community dinner and dance party, this was a masterfully planned event and everyone involved should be proud to have been a part of it.

It was all exceptionally organized, well promoted



Players were in good spirits during the first-ever NOTL Classic pickleball tournament. It took more than 100 volunteers to put the event together. DAVE VAN DE LAAR

and impossible not to notice the hard work done by more than 100 volunteers (and we're told that number is not an exaggeration).

While we can't name all of those people in one editorial, there are a few people who deserve special mention, including tourna-

ment co-chairs John Hindle and Ian Lagden, operations co-ordinator Vince Serratore, sponsor liaison Joy Sanguedolce, social events co-ordinator Maggie Babcock and facilities and supplies co-ordinator Bob Denton.

And Steve Ferley, who

dedicated hours of time to ensuring the public would find out about the events in this newspaper.

And of course, the players — who gave us a great show over the weekend.

Congratulations to all. We can't wait to see what's in store for next year.

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Vandalism shows us why rainbow Pride crosswalk is **needed**

Dear vandals:
Thank you for your help in proving exactly why we need a Pride crosswalk in our town. ("Town 'not daunted' by vandalism of rainbow crosswalk," The Lake Report, June 8).
Your efforts have been widely noticed and I'm sure that even its critics can understand how real your targeted bigotry is. Your actions are a per-

fect reminder for any who would doubt that this level of intolerance exists within our bucolic little village.
A cowardly act committed by children who haven't been taught better, to be sure. But thank you for bringing the critics around.
We couldn't have done it without you.
Jason Chesworth
NOTL



George Webber, a member of Niagara-on-the-Lake's diversity, equity and inclusivity committee noticed a new set darker tire marks on the crosswalk last week. FILE

Community had **no say** in approval of crosswalk

Dear editor:
It is always the same defensive argument, that to express a different opinion or to even raise a question in the first place is seen as hateful.
The rainbow crosswalk represents only the opinion of a minority group and its supporters, who show no interest in whether this

represents the majority of residents whose opinions may differ.
In this case, majority opinion appears to be dismissed as being of no importance, even though this is a highly controversial and, to many, a moral issue and one that concerns the use of public property.
To make the claim that

this visual display, situated in Old Town, is an indicator to all that Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomes everyone is a false claim for obvious reasons.
The deliberate avoidance of a proper survey to determine public opinion before the crosswalk was approved undermines the importance of our democratic

process and this in turn no doubt angers many residents.
While in my opinion the responding behaviour is completely unjustified, it is not surprising that this leads some to carry out acts of common vandalism, which otherwise would draw little attention.
Derek Collins
NOTL

Specific plants to **attract pollinators** to your garden

Dear editor:
Further to columnist Joanne Young's point about growing native plants, ("The importance of pollinators," June 8), you can also select specific plants for your garden that attract beneficial pollinators.



Sweet black-eyed Susans are great for insects.

Here's great advice from Toronto advocate and author Lorraine Johnson, quoting expert Heather Holm, who says "enhancing habitat with native flowering plants near fruit and vegetable beds will attract beneficial insects. These beneficial insects are crucial for pollination and for pest control."
Below is Holm's guide to native wildflowers that attract beneficial insects.
"I recently developed these beneficial insect handouts for fruit and vegetable growers for the

Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District (based in Indiana). These lists should be useful for anyone living in the upper Midwest or northeast. Just swap out a few of the plants for different species in the same genus if necessary. For example, Vernonia fasciculata instead of Vernonia

gigantea for those in the upper Midwest."
Follow the links below to download a free copy of each: "Wildflowers for Beneficial Insects: A Guide for Fruit and Vegetable Growers" – marionswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/MarionCountySWCD-Wildflowers-for-Beneficial-Insects.pdf
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The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Guide to Native Plants can help you choose what works for your garden space – npca.ca/images/uploads/common/Native_Plant_Guide.pdf

Johnson's fabulous book, "A Garden for the Rusty Patched Bumblebee," outlines all sorts of native plants and their benefits to pollinators and, thus, us. It is an excellent resource guide for choosing plants for your garden.
Also avoid invasive plants, which includes English ivy, periwinkle, Lily of the Valley, creeping Jenny, and the ever shared orange ditch daylily. They cause havoc to our environment and your microbiome in your soil.
The Ontario Invasive Plant Council's "Grow Me Instead" documents can be found at www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Southern-Grow-Me-Instead-1.pdf.
Betty Houghton Knight
Master gardener
NOTL

Crossroads is a **fantastic and inclusive** school

Dear editor:
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They are on the path to higher education and I have no doubt they will all continue through high school into university.
This is due to the leadership and teaching staff at Crossroads. I observe these kids day to day and can see all the positive aspects of their school experience.
As a former language

teacher in the Ontario educational system, I unreservedly commend Crossroads Public School for its very high professional standards and teaching and socializing prowess.
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Kaspar Pold
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Subdivisions **can be** contextually appropriate



Brian Marshall
Columnist

It should come as no surprise to the folks who regularly read this column that I am not a fan of the standard car-centric development model which creates isolated islands of cookie-cutter dwellings that are cut off from the greater community.

Lacking any semblance of architectural personality, without the green spaces, walkable internal connectivity or gathering places — all of which support healthy social interaction — these developments are simply warehouses of boxes in which humans shelter.

Indeed, after more than 70 years of this type of development, these islands have sadly come to represent the majority of housing options for Canadians.

But rather than spend time railing against everything that is wrong about this model, let's take a look at a development which stepped away from the paradigm to

chart a different path.

In the first half of the 1990s, Elizabeth and John Hawley contracted the prominent “new urbanism” planner and architect Andre Duany and his firm Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. to create a plan for the development of 43 acres at Niven and Mississauga streets.

To produce a superior design it is absolutely vital to understand the “sense of place.”

On an isolated estate property, that would involve embracing the topography and the natural features of the landscape to create a design which integrates therein.

When designing an infill, one must additionally encompass the existing streetscape's rhythm, architecture and various other factors in the immediate vicinity of the subject property to ensure the result will be contextually appropriate to the setting.

Now, if we can agree that a new development can be loosely referred to as a community within a community or an extension of an existing community, it would be logical to assume that any new design for a development that hopes to achieve contextual integration would be rooted in a similar understanding of that “sense of place.”

Sadly, this is a vital step that is very rarely undertaken by subdivision developers.

However, in this case, Duany's team did the deep



This five-dwelling terrace in the Village has character, says columnist Brian Marshall. SUPPLIED

dive and commenced a thorough study of Old Town — research which, amongst other things, included an architectural form and style inventory, street measurements, density patterns, existing rhythmic repetitions, setbacks, side yard spacing, building heights, etc.

On this foundation, filtered through the principles of new urbanism in the form of traditional neighbourhood development, in 1995 Duany's company completed a development plan that, once fully built out, would create a human-scaled cellular neighbourhood (see the March 2, 2022 Arch-i-text: “Cellular neighbourhoods”). The plan was to encompass a complete range of amenities and services necessary to realizing a well-rounded lifestyle for residents — all within a five-minute walk from their homes.

Not only that, the plan spoke to the eventual inclusion of venues (commercial, retail, entertainment and services) that would help to ensure that the new development was embraced and eventually would become socially integrated into the existing town.

A few short years after the initial plan was presented, the first homes had been completed and, by typical developer standards, the architecture (exclusively of the new traditional school) and presentation was startlingly unique.

Along a given street a five dwelling stucco terrace might abut a large board-and-batten detached home while a modestly sized one-and-a-half storey cottage could be the placeholder between a two-storey brick Georgian and a vernacular clapboard farmhouse. Roof types on

that street may include front gable, side gable, hipped and gambrel while the visual finished height of each building tends to vary in a fashion that is at once compatible and yet distinctive.

We can illustrate this by visiting one of the earliest completed streets, Samuel Street. At 15 Samuel St., we have what appears to be a one-and-three-quarter storey, symmetrical three-bay clapboard home in a saltbox form with a conservative main entry surround fronted by a two-way stair, similar to those found on Prideaux.

Across the lane is a stone clad, asymmetrical, two-storey home (which reads slightly taller due to its parapet end walls). It has a severe front door that is lifted by its semi-circular fanlight and front steps, which terminate directly onto the sidewalk.

Then at 21 Samuel St., similar in height (due to a higher roof pitch which has been pulled down tight to the upper windows to simulate one-and-three-quarter storeys) is the narrower façade of a board-and-batten clad vernacular home with a side “addition.”

This followed by a one-storey, five-bay clapboard “cottage” with a hefty exterior chimney stack that, in turn, gives onto the single-storey extension of a narrow shingle clad two-storey home with a front facing gable roof and deep wrap-around porch.

In all, these five dwellings demonstrate a carefully orchestrated rhythmic streetscape with varying heights, textures and stylistic components that suggest the organic development of a community built over a period of time by several people.

Moreover, the form of each of these individual houses seems to recall similar homes in Old Town.

However, typical of the New Traditional school of architecture, none of them are actually faithful reproductions of period homes but rather modern interpretations of historical designs.

The intent is to create a companionable resonance with Old Town architecture and thereby achieve integration without historical pretense or claim.

Perhaps the best example of this intent is the house at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Niven Road, which shouts an Italianate heritage while lacking almost all of the elements associated with style. It's a fine piece of New Traditional design.

If you haven't walked the streets of this village development, you should. It's worth the time to see what can and should be done by developers in NOTL.

Brian Marshall is a NOTL realtor, author and expert consultant on architectural design, restoration and heritage.

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Special to The Lake Report

Across the province of Ontario, residents and families are losing access to the frontline health care services they need.

In communities like Minden, emergency rooms are being closed. In the Niagara region, we have learned recently that urgent care centres in both Fort Erie and Port Colborne will be reducing their services.

And here in our community in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we are facing a situation where more and more families cannot get access to a family doctor.

We know across Niagara we need 91 more doctors to meet the needs of our population — and we need at least three more right here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Around 6,000 people in our town do not currently have a primary care physician, which means our existing doctors are seeing approximately over a thousand patients each.

We know we have the highest concentration of seniors in the Niagara region right here in the town. In fact, Niagara-on-the-Lake has one of the highest concentration of seniors across the country.

Because of this, access to primary care is especially important. Our community has been working hard, together, to ensure the town has access to nurse practitioner services for residents, which is an issue I have raised directly with the minister of health.

Our hospital system is

also facing an extraordinary staffing crisis, with many nurses, personal support workers (PSWs) and other frontline health care staff forced to leave the job they love due to three years of pandemic, burn-out, increased violence in hospitals and the financial impacts of Bill 124.

I firmly believe this provincial government, under the premier, has worsened the staffing crisis in health care that has led to reduced access to services for communities like ours.

We need a strategy — at both a local and provincial level — to ensure we address staffing shortages and make sure every resident in Niagara-on-the-Lake and across the province of Ontario has the health care they deserve, when they need it.

That starts with building up our health care infrastructure here in the town. We need to ensure that as

a community we have a coherent recruitment and retention strategy for primary care doctors that can serve every single resident in Niagara-on-the-Lake. I will also continue to work with all levels of government, including town representatives, the ministry of health and the provincial government to ensure we get nurse practitioner services for residents right here in our community.

I am also going to continue to work to get the new Niagara South Hospital built as soon as possible. Ever since I was first elected in 2014, I have been working to get this hospital built and I will continue that work to make sure that we have shovels in the ground this summer.

We then need to be bold with how we address the staffing crisis province wide. We should start by dropping the provincial government's appeal on Bill

124. This is a terrible law that has absolutely contributed to our staffing shortages — and it's not right that the provincial government is using millions of taxpayer dollars to fight a decision in court that ruled the law unconstitutional.

We also know, according to a report from the financial accountability office, the province is severely underfunding our public hospital system by approximately \$21 billion by 2027-28. We shouldn't be sitting on extra dollars we could be using to support our nurses, doctors and hospitals when our health care system is under this much pressure.

Finally, we need to be wary of the premier's push for privatization of health care services. While the premier promises it will make health care delivery more efficient, we know that data out of Quebec shows that equivalent surgeries in a private setting end up

being much more expensive than in public.

The CBC has reported average cataract surgeries cost \$1,137 in a private clinic versus \$782 in a public setting, and short colonoscopies were \$739 private as compared to \$290 public.

And while the premier promises that no one will pay out of pocket, we know there is potential for some patients, particularly seniors, to be upsold or be charged hidden fees.

We can't let that become a reality in the province of Ontario.

Working together with residents here in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we can build up access to health care for our community, for our province and for every single person and family to have access to the health care services they need.

Wayne Gates is the New Democrat MPP for Niagara Falls riding and the party's long-term care critic.



There are **no positives** in Marotta hotel proposal

The following letter to town council was submitted to The Lake Report for publication.

Attached is a drawing of developer Benny Marotta's proposed hotel, with the Prince of Wales hotel in front of it clearly showing the proposal is too big and a site plan showing the serious traffic issues.

Other points to consider:

It won't create any jobs for Niagara-on-the-Lake. Most staff will come from Niagara Falls or St. Catharines. The developer has no local consultants. No local builders will be used on the construction as they won't qualify for bonding for such a large project. Therefore, it won't benefit the community or its residents.

Based on my experience designing building and managing many NOTL hotels, the parking being

proposed is only two-thirds what is needed, especially when there will be several wedding functions the same day.

Cars will park on both sides of Centre, Gage and Regent streets, making them impassible.

By comparison, the Pillar and Post hotel provides 325 parking spaces for a similar number of guest rooms and banquet spaces, or 50 per cent more than is being proposed.

Conde Nast Traveler's selection of Niagara on the Lake as "one of the 50 prettiest towns in the world" probably occurred because our residents have always prevented the town from being ruined by incompatible buildings proposed by unsympathetic developers.

There will be 13 driveways and streets opening onto the one block of King

Street between Centre and Gage.

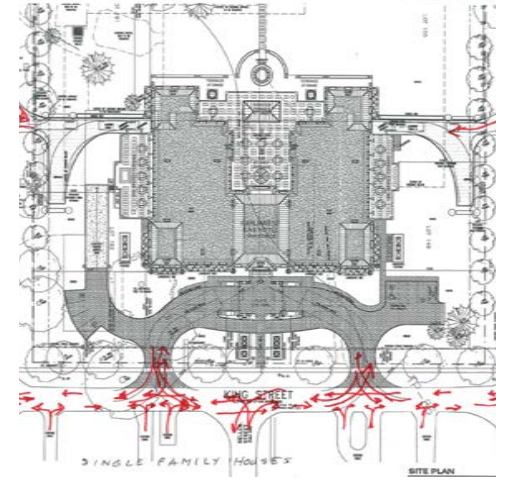
At check-in and check-out times there could be hundreds of cars making left turns in and out of the hotel site. See the attached site plan drawing showing where collisions will occur most frequently.

The proposed building is longer than Queen's Landing Hotel and 1.5 times higher than it, the Pillar and Post, and the Prince of Wales Hotel.

The proposed hotel is totally surrounded by small private homes.

All of the streets surrounding the site are narrow neighbourhood roads unable to handle the hundreds of cars and trucks travelling to and from the proposed hotel every day.

King Street will probably need to be widened and left turn lanes at Centre and



Letter writer Wayne Murray says a hotel at Parliament Oak isn't worth it because the jobs it would create aren't for NOTL residents and cars will be a nuisance. SUPPLIED

gage Streets will have to be provided. There may have to be stop lights at King and Mary streets to manage traffic flow.

There are hundreds of hotel rooms already approved on commercially zoned property in Old Town. So, there's no need for another hotel.

However, even if someone wanted to build one, it has to be in a commercial zone and comply with the town's height bylaws, just like the other hotels in NOTL.

In conclusion, the location is totally wrong considering

the zoning and the traffic issues.

What would you think about a building larger than Queen's Landing in the front yard of your house?

The exterior design is also totally wrong. It's a style that was traditionally used for institutional buildings in Europe at the end of the 1800s. There's nothing like it in Niagara and maybe not in this country and it exceeds the town's height bylaw by more than 50 per cent.

As you can see on the site plan drawing showing

traffic patterns, there will be countless serious collisions on the four streets surrounding the property.

Furthermore, this building won't provide temporary or permanent employment for Niagara-on-the-Lake residents, except the owner.

Hopefully, these facts will make you rethink any support for Mr. Marotta's hotel and encourage you to make a decision based on what is best for the community and not what is best for the developer.

**Wayne Murray, architect
NOTL**

Hotel at Parliament Oak site **doesn't fit** the neighbourhood

The following letter to town council was submitted to The Lake Report for publication.

The area surrounding the Parliament Oak school site is a very important established residential neighbourhood in the heritage character area of Old Town.

Would anyone have the audacity to propose or support a large commercial hotel and event space in the middle of

Rosedale in Toronto? In Forest Hill? In The Beach?

I would think not.

Then why is it being considered here in the middle of an established residential neighbourhood in the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake?

The site itself has very important historical and heritage attributes that are thoughtlessly and begrudgingly preserved and simply commercialized by this proposal.

If this proposal is supported in any way by staff or council, there is no longer any need for the Planning Act, official plans or zoning bylaws.

In fact, the profession of "planning" would be obsolete, the concept of "planning" becoming an oxymoron as developers would be free to build whatever, wherever and however they choose.

**Connie Tintinalli
Architect
NOTL**

Stop, thief! Who's absconding with the library's Globe?

Dear editor:

At \$8 a copy for the Saturday Globe and Mail, perhaps one can speculate as to why one of our fellow citizens, a patron of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, would steal the Opinion section of the Globe most Saturday mornings.

This has been going on for months.

The person must have some education to have an interest in what Andrew Coyne and others may write each week.

Sometimes, including this past weekend, the Arts and Leisure section is absconded with as well.



At \$8 a week for 52 weeks of the year, that adds up to over \$400.

Even if the library gets a discount, the amount still adds up to a sizeable chunk of change. And there's also the principle. It's just wrong.

So, this person of some knowledge and interests, will now qualify for

a charge of theft under \$5,000, and when caught will have much time to read in a very quiet place without windows.

Keep your eyes open for the culprit as you pass the fireside reading area in our public library.

**Bill Garrick
NOTL**

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Hot dogs have a cool time at dock

Aquatic summer league will be held every Thursday until the end of August

Somer Slobodian
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report

Dogs splashed into the weekend at the Meadow in Niagara-on-the-Lake for a sunny afternoon of showing off their best tricks — or just having fun taking a dip in the pool.

The Niagara Canine Conditioning Centre hosted the June Jumpstart dock diving competition on Saturday, kickstarting a summer of fun at the Meadow dog park.

The event on Concession 7 Road was an opportunity for dogs of all breeds to show off their dock diving skills, or try it for the first time.

“It’s a great bonding experience,” said Keri Evers, owner of the Canine Conditioning Centre, based in St. Catharines.

Dogs had two chances to show off their jumping skills — but had to do both in a span of two minutes.

Some dogs rocketed into the air with ease while others were a bit hesitant to jump into the chilly waters.

Breeze, Evers’ six-year-old Boston terrier, had no fear up on the dock.

That might be because Breeze is no stranger to the sport — or to competition.

She’s been to multiple world dock diving championships and has won flyball championships.

“What Breeze loves is fetch — and she decided that if she had to fetch in the water, then she would go fetch in the water,” said Evers.

She encourages others to try the sport of dock diving, noting that it’s an activity that requires very little training.

“You don’t have to be good at it. We just want to come out and have a good time,” she said.

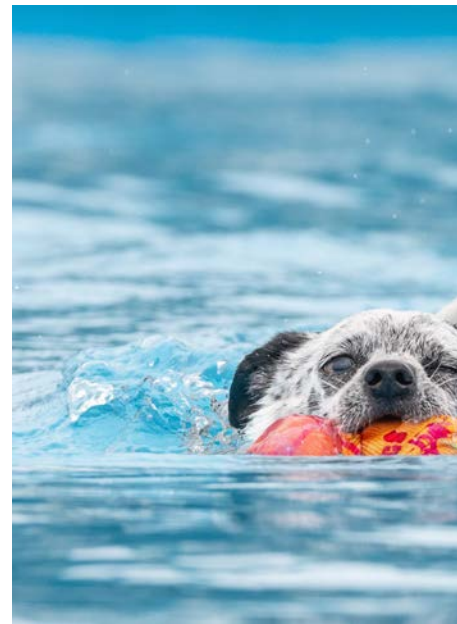
It’s a great form of exercise, said Susanne Rokos. She was there with her husband Zednek and their two bohemian shepherds, Zanna and Bosso.

Even though Zanna is 11-years-old and Bosso only has three legs, they jumped high into the air and made a huge splash during the competition.

Starting this week on Thursday and running until the end of August, Evers will be having a dock diving league at the Meadow starting at 5:30 p.m.

“The only requirement is that your dog likes water,” she said.

Anyone looking for more information can email diving@gmail.com.



Dogs of all shapes, sizes and activity levels, like Breeze the Boston Terrier (top right), participated in a dock diving competition. The centre will be hosting the dock diving league every Thursday afternoon until the end of August. PHOTOS BY DAVE VAN DIJK


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Week diving competition



on at the Meadow on Saturday on Concession 7. The competition was hosted by the Niagara Canine Conditioning Centre.
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This week's riddle is "Jeopardy!" style.
Category: "EYE"

It's a late or overnight airplane flight.

Last issue:

Category: **CONTAINERS**

Clue: In chemistry, types of these containers include Florence, Schlenk & Erlenmeyer.

Answer: Who is a flask?

Answered first by: Jane Morris

Also answered correctly (in order) by:
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2023 class of NOTL firefighter grads earn their **black helmets**

Evan Loree
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report

It's out of the frying pan and into the fire for the 2023 batch of Niagara-on-the-Lake's volunteer firefighters.

Eleven of NOTL's volunteer firefighters received their black helmets on Saturday morning for completing the town's 300-hour training program for firefighters and emergency service workers.

"As a recruit, you're typically running with the yellow helmet and then at graduation, we hand over a black helmet," fire chief Jay Plato told The Lake Report.

Each graduate received a certificate as well, Plato said.

Plato, deputy fire chief Darren Trostenko and Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa spear-

headed the ceremony with individual speeches to the new recruits.

"It makes us proud that we're able to still retain, to train, attract and recruit firefighters," Plato said.

"The volunteer model is important to the community," he added.

Plato described the cycle of training and preparing volunteer firefighters as a "non-stop process," with people coming and going with the completion of the program.

He added that the town's fire department offers continued learning opportunities to incentivize graduates to stay with the town.

There were almost 100 people at the ceremony, Plato estimated, between the graduating class, their fellow firefighters and the families who support them.



The 2023 class of NOTL's graduating volunteer firefighters. SUPPLIED

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Ward Simpson named NOTL's newest Living Landmark

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

Ward Simpson's contributions to the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake span far beyond running one of its most popular pharmacies for over four decades.

His many contributions to fundraising and improving the town are all reasons why the founder of Simpson's Pharmacy has been named this year's Living Landmark.

This is the Niagara Foundation's 17th year hosting the Living Landmark Award, which recognizes community members who make outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Niagara.

Last week, the organization's director Jane Dagg reached out to Ward via phone call to let him know about the incredible honour.

"It was a total surprise. I was overwhelmed when I got the information," Simpson told The Lake Report.



Ward Simpson said his wife Oresta has been a major supporter of his volunteer efforts. SUPPLIED

He was at home with family when he got the call.

Born and raised in Welland, Simpson graduated from the University of Toronto with a bachelor of science in pharmacy in 1972, opened Simpson's Pharmacy in 1977 and moved to NOTL the following year.

"It's one of the best places in the world to raise a family," he said.

Since moving to NOTL, Simpson has sponsored multiple minor sports teams, was a member of the fundraising committee for the Meridian Credit Union Arena and community centre and has worked closely

with Red Roof Retreat.

Simpson said Dagg told him that his community involvement for the last 40 years made him a prime candidate for the award.

Simpson said he is most proud of his efforts in fundraising to improve the town's facilities.

"(The events) were fun to do and the community was strongly behind them," he said.

He added that he is happy to have set an example for his children, Sean and Lisa, who have both become pharmacists.

"I'm also proud to be succeeding Jim Alexander, the last recipient and a fellow Welland boy."

This year's Living Landmark Award dinner in celebration of Ward Simpson will be at the old courthouse on Queen Street on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through Jane Dagg at jdagg.notl@gmail.com.

Drum it down: Popular solstice celebration returns after hiatus

Julia Sacco
The Lake Report

Summer is a season to be savoured — and there's no reason to be quiet about it.

Luckily, you can make some noise to welcome the warmth next Wednesday during Drumming Down the Sun at Ryerson Park.

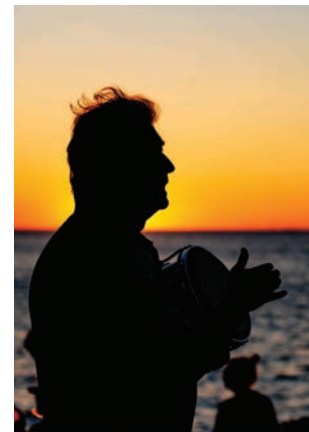
The annual celebration of the summer solstice returns after a three-year hiatus.

The evening will kick off with gentle yoga at 7 p.m., led by Ara Ribas, founder of AraYoga.

Yoga will be followed by a drum circle as the sun sets over Lake Ontario.

The drum circle will be led by Kevin Richard Hotte, master drummer and founder of Circular Motion, a drum therapy workshop.

Organizer Loretta Pietrobon told The Lake Report that while it's a drumming event, guests can bring whatever instrument they want.



Drumming Down the Sun returns June 21. FILE

"If you don't have musical skills, just bring something to drum or something to make noise with," she said.

"If people want to join in with another type of instrument that's more than welcome."

The celebration of summer is returning to NOTL for its seventh year, but it began 26 years ago in Port Dalhousie.

"Back in 2013 I went to Lakeside Park and thought, 'We can do this in Niagara-

on-the-Lake, we've got the perfect spot for it.'"

Pietrobon said she got in touch with Carla Carlson, founder of Niagara Nature Tours, and together they began the search for NOTL's perfect location. They started at Queen's Royal Park before settling at Ryerson.

"While Ryerson (Park) doesn't have washrooms and the parking is very limited now, it has a great sunset and that's the focus of the event."

Admission to Wednesday's solstice event is free, but donations are appreciated, Pietrobon said.

Donations will help cover expenses for the event, such as hiring the drum circle leader and yoga instructor.

"In a region where so many activities are focused during the summer, it's a natural way to acknowledge and celebrate our all-too-short summers," Pietrobon said.

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Niagara Clippers **declared champs** at annual cricket match

Somer Slobodian
Local Journalism Initiative
The Lake Report

The Niagara Clippers stepped up to bat against the Vineland Lions once again this year — and they came out victorious.

They beat the Lions 55-54 during the annual farm-workers cricket competition on Sunday at Veterans Memorial Park.

“We won it in fine style,” Clippers coach Elisha Prophet Steele told The Lake Report Sunday evening.

Before the game, Steele wasn’t afraid to say he was nervous, saying it could be “anybody’s game.”

He’s been with the Niagara Clippers for 28 years and has only lost two games. Sunday’s game marked the team’s 26th win.

In total, the game lasted for three hours and 20 minutes, typical for a T20 match (a shortened version of a multi-day game).

Workers from Tregunno Fruit Farms, including Duan Dallkins, Eswill Deane, Dennis Scarlette and Wayne Vincent, are on the Niagara Clippers and were excited



Duan Dallkins launches the cricket ball toward his opponent. SOMER SLOBODIAN

about the match.

“You get to enjoy yourself,” said Dallkins, who has been coming to work in Canada for six years.

They all agreed cricket brings people together.

“It’s a gentleman’s game, less confrontation,” said Vincent, who has been coming to Canada for 23 years.

Cricket is a popular sport

back in Jamaica and many players on the Niagara Clippers have been playing the sport most of their lives.

“It’s very important to the culture, so it’s nice that we can do this for the guys,” said Donna Brown, chair for the Caribbean Workers Outreach Program.

Dozens of farmworkers from farms across Niagara watched the game alongside

members of the community.

The annual cricket match is a way for workers to “connect with the sport that they love” and “show off in the community as well,” said Brown.

She believes it is important for members of the community to be able to come and watch the game, learn about it and celebrate with the workers.

“(There’s) nothing like sports bringing people together in a friendly way,” said Coun. Gary Burroughs.

There’s also some healthy competition, said Burroughs, but for the most part, it’s about getting people together.

Azziz Anjum owns a series of Baskin-Robins and Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen stores in St. Catharines and

Welland. Both companies sponsored the match and provided food and uniforms for both teams.

It’s important to give back to the community, said Waseem Mobashar, who was at the game representing Anjum.

“Sports are very important in terms of being active, and especially after COVID things were kind of gloomy. It’s very important that we support them,” said Mobashar.

NTwyne, a group that advocates for minority cultures in Niagara, also sponsored some of the prizes at the game.

The match is organized by the Caribbean Workers Outreach Program in collaboration with GateWay Community Church. People from Gateway, NTwyne and Niagara Folk Arts volunteered at the match.

The Caribbean Workers Outreach Program is interested in connecting with sponsors who can help bring functions like the cricket match to life, Brown said.

“We’re always looking for people who can support us as an organization so we can continue to do this.”



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Above: Tara DiLeo couldn't see her ball land in the hole. But that's where it ended up. Right: Brian MacIntyre scoops his ace out of the hole on the 9th green. SUPPLIED

A tale of two perfect golf shots

Kevin MacLean
The Lake Report

Tara Di Leo's most memorable golf shot (so far) ended up as a hole-in-one – and she didn't even get to see it unfold.

Playing in the Business Ladies league on Monday, June 5, she hit a straight tee shot, right at the pin on the short par-3 fourth hole at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club.

But a large, dangerous sand trap in front of the green blocked everyone's view of the hole itself.

"When I teed off, the ball bounced in the sand and then we weren't able to see where it went," Di Leo said.

When she and playing partners Bobbi Epp, Kim Legros and Susanna Brousseau walked up to the green, the ball was nowhere to be found.

Di Leo thought maybe it had bounced into a small bush behind the green.

"My teammate, Kim, went straight to the hole and started freaking out. It was in the hole," she said.

"We were all screaming and jumping up and down. The next team getting ready to tee off probably thought we were all nuts, but we were all just so shocked and happy. We couldn't believe it happened."

A relative beginner who started playing about three years ago, she used her driver on the hole, which is about 110 yards from the yellow tees.

"I'm not a very strong

golfer, so I needed all the power I could get. I think this is a one-time-only event for me."

She's never had an ace before. "Never even came close, only in mini-putt."

"I've been friends with Bobbi for years, but just met Kim and Susanna, and we have a lot of fun. This is my first year in any league."

The rest of her day on the course was "pretty much a mess after that. On the next hole, my ball went on the next fairway and almost hit someone," she said.

Di Leo, a mother of two boys, Michael and Nicholas, grew up in NOTL and lives in town. She works for the Meridian Credit Union and took up golf with her husband Alex during the pandemic.

"My husband thought that it would be a good way to go on a 'date night' when the golf courses were one of the only things open."

Her big shot was the second of three holes-in-one in a five-day stretch at the NOTL club.

And in a weird bit of serendipity, the first one, reported last week in The Lake Report, was scored by Epp's mother, Lisa Allen, on June 2.

"Bobbi was just talking about how we were going to channel her mom's luck when it happened."

Golf can be like that.

In contrast, Brian MacIntyre had an unobstructed view of his hole-in-one during the Tuesday



WOOFs league, less than 24 hours after Di Leo nailed hers.

With the pin about 180 yards away, "I used my #4 hybrid and hit the ball with a fade swing hoping to land just short of the green and maybe settle on the front of the green," MacIntyre told The Lake Report.

"My playing partners – Rick Janes, Brian Heer and Don Stewart – were impressed with the high fade and the guys were commenting on how the ball was heading for the pin."

It landed and rolled exactly as he had hoped.

And when the ball disappeared into the hole, "I was speechless but the guys were full of congratulations."

It was his second ace, having turned the trick in Florida about 10 years ago.

His #4 hybrid was working well for him that day.

"I used the same club to chip onto the green on #4 and #5, with the ball ending in pickup range both times," he said.

"The next time I used the #4 hybrid was on the ninth and I guess the club got tired of missing the hole," he joked.

It was a classic way to finish things off. An eagle from wayyy back – a bit like newly minted Canadian Open champ Nick Taylor.

MacIntyre said he's been golfing seriously for about 35 years and he and his wife Marion have lived in NOTL for three years.

His eldest son, Ross, is a musician with the Shaw Festival and dad enjoys golfing with him and Marion.

He said his foursome enjoyed a beer in the clubhouse after the round. Later, he and his wife had a celebratory dinner at the Prince of Wales.

Jim McMacken still top of men's league

Kevin MacLean
The Lake Report

Jim McMacken just can't do much wrong on the golf course these days, it seems.

He's been in the winner's circle almost every week in every league he plays in.

And last Thursday, he and Patrick Craig shot identical 1-over par 37s to lead all competitors in the NOTL Golf Club's men's league.

Stephen Levy and Todd Watson cashed in by accumulating 23 points in modified Stableford scoring.

Other winners: Al Demray (longest drive #1), John Kozik (closest to the 150 on #2), Paul Jacot (closest to the pin #4), Doug Hernder and Harry Huizer (longest putts on #6 and #7 respectively) and Reg Kennedy (closest to the pin #9).

Net skins winners were: Dan Regan (#1), Sam Ride-sic (#3) and Ben Berti (#6).

Gross skins, all birdies, went to: Craig (#2), Rob Reimer (#5), Huizer (#7) and Stephen Warboys (#8).

Meanwhile, the team of Suzanne and Charlie Rate and Janice and Jim McMacken shot an even-par 36 in the Friday Couples league scramble.

They were followed by Maria and Brodie Townley and Sue and Dave Gagne (38) and Carroll and Ted Baker and Margot Hickson and Ian Reece (39).

The foursomes of Sheila and Larry Blight, Susan and Gord Horne, plus the Baker, Hickson and Reece group won honorable mention for parring the ninth hole. All players could only use a 9 iron for every shot, including putting.

Closest to the pin winners on #4 were Bill Smethurst and Deborah Williams while the Gagnes sank the longest putts – Dave on #7 and Sue on #8.

Niagara's U19 men's team wins bronze

Kevin MacLean
The Lake Report

The Ontario Cup championship weekend didn't start out the way coach Jonathon Thorpe and his Niagara Rangers U19 men's basketball squad had hoped.

But they still were proud to bring home a bronze medal.

After a season in which the team had not lost a single player due to injury or illness, the Rangers were hit hard on the eve of the June 2 to 4 championship.

"We started the weekend with two of our starters with a stomach bug (NOTL players Chad Thorpe and Graham Midgley)," said Thorpe, the Niagara-on-the-Lake resident who coaches the regional team.

"And neither had eaten on Wednesday or Thursday," he added.

"Plus, we had our first player off the bench (Dylan Durlov) roll his ankle while trying out for a summer basketball team," the coach said.

"He did not play on Friday but toughed it out for the other three games and actually had a really strong game on Saturday afternoon."

Normally an offensive powerhouse with a strong

defensive mindset, the Rangers lost their first game Friday night 57-40 to eventual silver medallists the Barrie Royals.

Game two against the East York Eagles proved much different.

The Rangers played tough defence to neutralize their opponent's strongest player and pulled out the win handily, 73-49.

Next up against the Kitchener-Waterloo Vipers, "We were back to full strength and it showed" as Niagara pulled away in the second half for a 57-41 victory.

That first-game loss to Barrie proved costly, seeding the Rangers second overall, meaning they would play for the bronze medal on Sunday.

Niagara won decisively, 74-52 over the Collingwood Trailblazers.

Kai Schatz led with 24, Chad Thorpe added 16 and Ben Johnson scored 12, despite rolling his ankle halfway through the second quarter and not playing again after that.

"In all, it has been a fantastic season," Coach Thorpe said.

The Rangers ended the year with 19 wins and just five losses playing against some of the best teams in the province.



Hundreds of spectators packed the stands at the Meridian Credit Union arena in Virgil on Friday for the first-ever NOTL Classic exhibition match. RICHARD HARLEY

Pickleball tourney takes over NOTL

Inaugural competition attracted large crowds

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The Lake Report

For some pickleball players at the NOTL Classic pickleball tournament, the joy of the sport doesn't just come from scoring a point or serving an ace.

Just ask Lia Carlyle and Melanie Chittenden, both Niagara-on-the-Lake residents and teammates in the tournament.

The two met only six months ago — but you wouldn't know it from the way they interacted with each other.

"I think when we first met, we just kind of clicked," Carlyle said.

Carlyle has been playing pickleball for about a year, and Chittenden has been playing for about eight months.

The people you get to meet and play with are one of the great benefits of the sport, Carlyle said.

"The social part of it is incredible," she said.

Steve Ferley, one of the tournament's organizers, agreed.

"You enjoy it on the court, but you also enjoy the social aspect around it," he said.

When The Lake Report spoke to Carlyle and Chittenden on Saturday morning, they had won three out

of four games in the round robin.

They played a bronze medal match later on and, though it was a tight game, lost 15-13.

They were competing in the 2.5 level for the 50 to 64 age bracket.

The 2.5 division is for intermediate players who have not played in a tournament before, Carlyle said.

Shari Sartor and Terri Champion from Niagara-on-the-Lake also competed in the 2.5 level but were competing in the under-50 division. They won silver in the women's doubles.

Both started playing pickleball in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Pickleball Club after a friend told them about it.

"Once you try it, you fall in love with it," said Sartor.

NOTLers Brian Russell and Gary Jensen spoke to The Lake Report on Saturday after their first game, which they won 11-1. They competed in the 2.5 level in the over-65 division.

Russell not only likes to have fun, he likes to come out on top.

"I love to win, I always try my best," he said.

"If we're up 10 nothing, we're gonna go for 11 nothing," he added.

Both were introduced to pickleball by a friend.

The tournament ran from Friday to Sunday at the Me-

ridian Credit Union Arena in Virgil and was run by more than 100 volunteers.

Though it was a first for NOTL, Ferley said it ran smoothly with very few hiccups.

"The facilities are really nice," said Emily Hinton from Squamish, B.C., who was at the tournament on Sunday supporting her partner, Aaron Vickery.

"I've been to quite a few tournaments, and this is a really nice setup. And, they've organized it super well," she added.

She was at the tournament with her parents, Sara and Brad McMillan from Lion's Head, Ontario.

All three of them play for fun and enjoy how easy it is to pick up the sport.

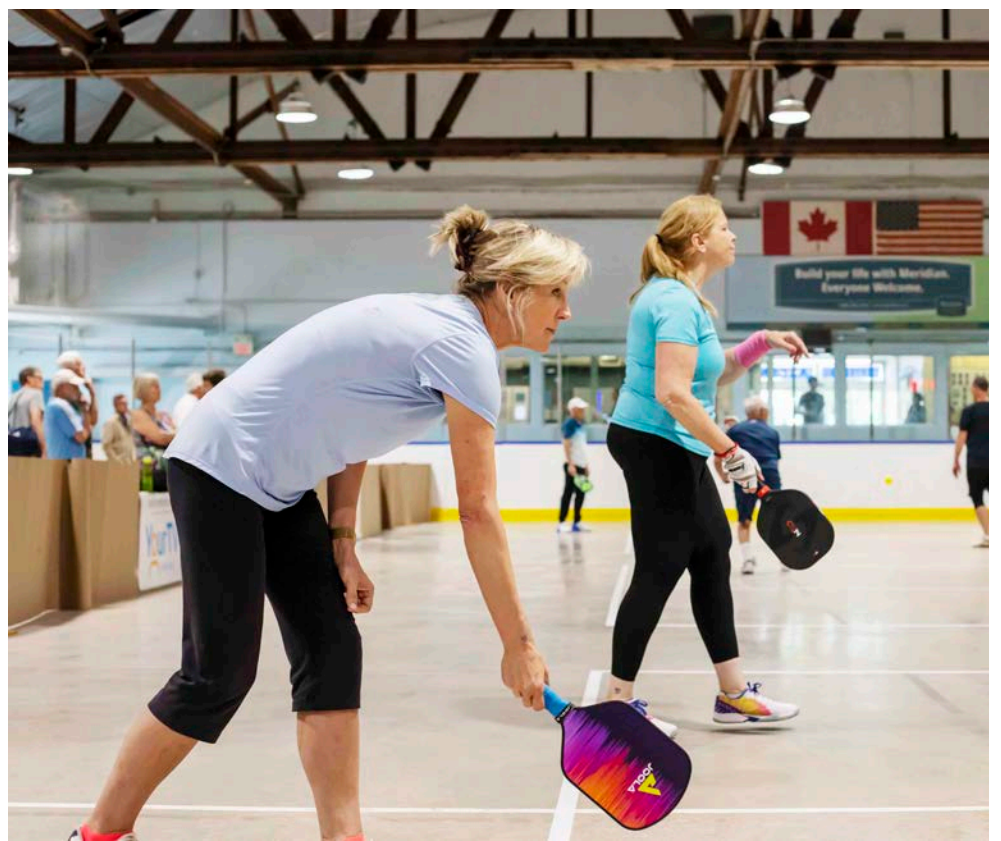
"We don't play quite as seriously (as Vickery), but it's just, we can all play together, which is such a nice thing," said Hinton.

Ferley said a lot goes into planning a tournament of this size, but he'd like to see it run again in the future.

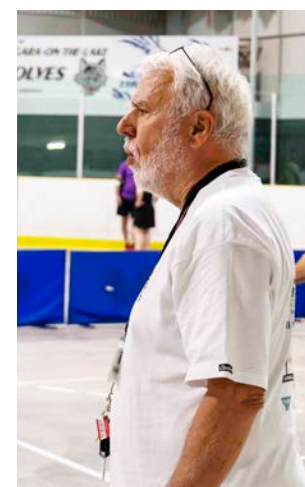
"We've had literally over 100 people volunteering, that's a huge demand to put on people, but I think they're willing to do it again," he said.

"That's the impression that we get."

— With files from Evan Loree



Top: Melanie Chittenden, left, and her partner Lia Carlyle poised for a match. EVAN LOREE
Bottom: Susan Sampson returns the ball during a match on Saturday. DAVE VAN DE LAAR



Left: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa stands with professional players who competed in the inaugural NOTL Classic pickleball tournament exhibition matches. Middle: NOTLers with their medals. From left, Mark Beamer and Karen Kennedy (silver), Vince Serratore and Cheryl Schwartz (gold), Mary Ann Enns and John Hillan (bronze). Right: Tournament co-chair John Hindle.

Tournament results include lots of NOTL names

Steve Ferley
Special to The Lake Report

The organizers of last weekend's NOTL Classic pickleball tournament can look back with pride on a hugely successful event.

The tourney kicked off with professional exhibition matches on Friday evening, featuring eight leading pros from across Ontario.

NOTL club pro Adam Eatock said, "It was amazing to see the one stand virtually full and to be playing in front of a crowd of maybe 300 or 400. They certainly made their presence felt.

Exactly what we like to see and hear."

In the tourney itself, NOTL players took home a host of medals across three skill levels and three age group subdivisions.

GOLD for NOTL in the men's doubles went to Ron Pychel and Enzo Mancuso (3.5 skill level; 50-64 age group). Ken McGillivray (with Jim Miles, 3.0; 65+) and David Bell and Damien Mendez (2.5; 65+). In women's doubles, gold went to Margaret Sartor (with Karen Northgraves, 2.5; 65+). In mixed doubles, Tracy Booth and Danny Wiess (3.5;

under 50), Mary Jane Sferazza and Ed Blundell (3.0; 65+) and Cheryl Schwartz and Vince Serratore (2.5; 65+) all collected gold.

SILVER NOTL medal winners in the women's doubles were Tracy Booth and Shirley Anker (3.5; 50-64), Terri Champion and Shari Sartor (2.5; under 50). In men's doubles, Jerry Eitze and Ken Forstinger (3.5; 65+) collected silver. In mixed doubles, Shirley Anker and Colin McAdorey (3.5; 50-64), Denise Hattin and David Bell (3.0; 65+) and Karen Kennedy and Mark Beamer (2.5; 65+) all

took home silver.

BRONZE medal winners from NOTL in men's doubles were Mark Beamer and George Schachtschneider (2.5; 65+), Patrick Donalds (with Paul Kenny (3.0; 50-64) and John Hindle (with Bob Jean (3.0; 65+). In mixed doubles, bronze medals went to Enzo Mancuso (with Christine Bozek, 3.5; 50-64), Stephanie Howcroft (with brother Nigel 3.0; 65+), Melanie Chittenden and Stewart Istvan (2.5; 50-64), Mary Ann Enns and John Hillan (2.5; 65+) and to Sari Paje (with Mike McAninch, 2.5; under 50).

Reflecting on the tournament, its co-chair Ian Lagden commented, "We couldn't have run an inaugural event of this size without huge volunteer input. We had over 100 local volunteers in areas such as front desk reception, facilities, food and beverage, liaison with sponsors, IT support in 'the war room,' referees, court monitors, TV colour commentators and social event organizers. These things don't just happen. The members put it all together. And, I should add that the town staff and the arena staff

could not have been more helpful."

Local television coverage by Cogeco Your TV went very smoothly with the team headed by Jack Custers, manager of programming and community relations, able to stream live action on all three days across the Niagara region and to most of Cogeco's local Ontario stations. A first for both the sport and Cogeco.

And a big thank you to The Lake Report for being our print media sponsor for the tournament and helping to spread the word.



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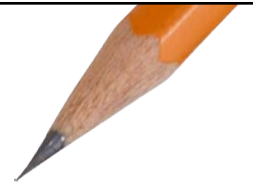
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Information Centre #2

Glendale Secondary Plan Update

Overview

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

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

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

Purpose

The first Public Information Centre for the Glendale Secondary Plan Update was held in November 2022. The purpose of the upcoming Public Information Centre will be to:

- Provide an overview of the purpose and scope of the project
- Share a draft Land Use Concept for the area
- Present the work that has been completed since the first Public Information Centre
- Explain the next steps for the project, including opportunities for public participation
- Provide an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments and feedback

Public Information Centre Details

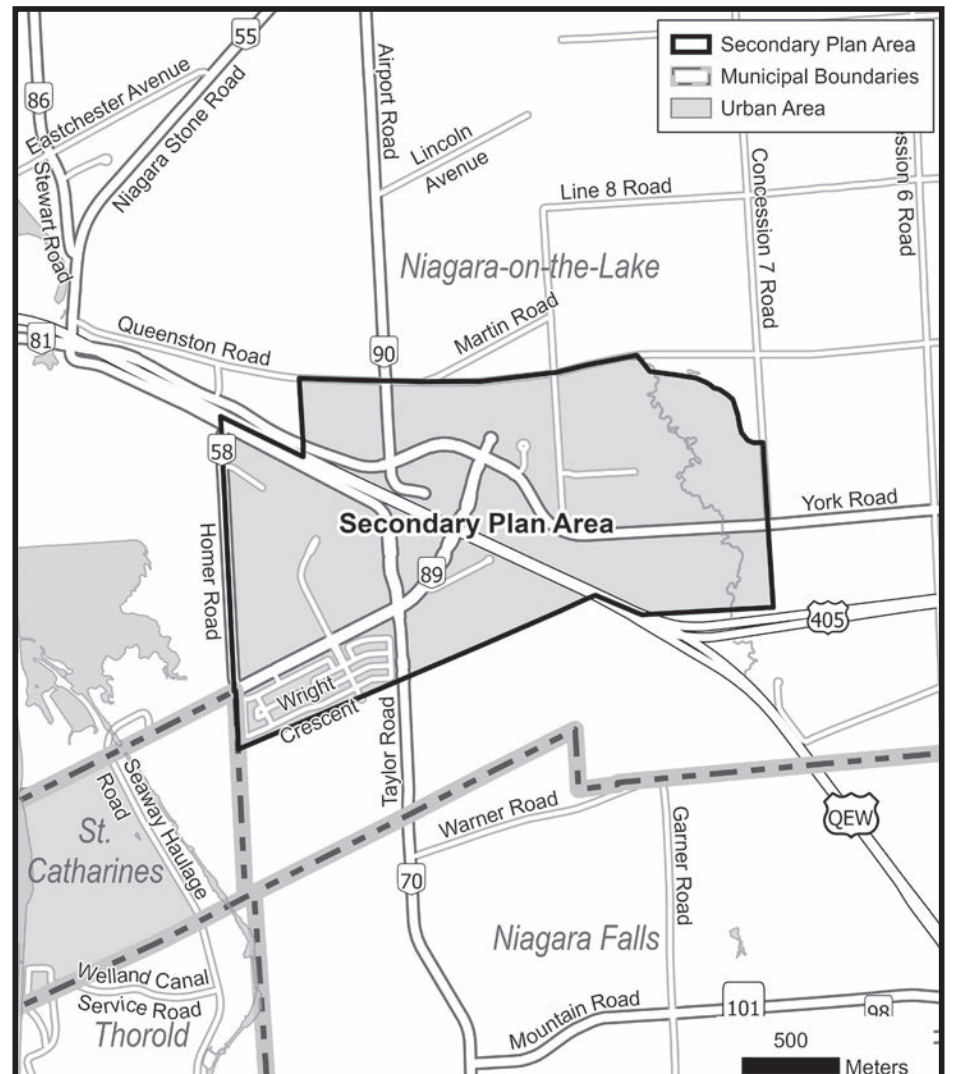
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn, Garden View B
500 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake

More Information

For more information about the project, timeline and background, please visit niagararegion.ca/projects/glendale-secondary-plan-update or contact:

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EXPLORING PHOTOS

WITH NOTL MUSEUM



St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is gearing up for the Strawberry Festival this weekend and our Tiny Museum will be there with one of our travelling exhibitions. This week's image is brought to you by artist Betty Lane, who lived in town in the 1940s. The congregation of St. Andrew's was established by 1794, possibly earlier. The original church was destroyed as the American forces retreated from the town and set it ablaze in 1813. Construction of the present church of St. Andrew's began on May 31, 1831. James Cooper was the architect of the building and it mirrors the New England influence on many of the homes that were built in town after the War of 1812. Members of St. Andrew's Church are treated to one of the most stunning pulpits in the area. The pulpit and sounding board were fashioned by John Davidson, a local joiner and were a gift from church member and benefactor, John Young. When the new church was complete, pews went to the highest bidder. The least expensive pew went for £8 and the most expensive went to Jared Stocking for £40.



Cadets collect bottles

The 809 Newark Royal Canadian Air Cadets kept busy on Saturday by packing refundable liquor, wine, beer bottles and cans. Once all of the donated items are sorted and boxed up at VanNoort Flower Studio they will be brought to the Beer Store. All of the money raised will go towards buying new equipment and teaching aids.

So much fun in NOTL – and celebrating freedom



Ross's Ramblings

Ross Robinson
Columnist

Could we have had any more fun in NOTL last weekend?

A sold out pickleball tournament at the two arenas in Virgil, with over 300 entrants — Dominic Ventresca and his Dominators tennis group showed former athletes can still “bring it” on Saturday morning.

The Sam Roberts Band at the Jackson Triggs amphitheatre. A very competitive cricket match in Veteran's Memorial Park for farm-workers, sponsored by Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, with Baskin Robbins ice cream for dessert. Some 200 proud Volkswagen bugs rallying down Queen Street on Sunday afternoon. Live music and lots of dancing at

the Irish Harp Pub and the Olde Angel Inn on Friday and Saturday nights.

Now, let's ramble over to the St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery on Byron Street — and add in a serious reminder that our freedoms were hard won at a terrible cost not that long ago.

A large number of locals and visitors commemorated the 106th anniversary of the founding of Camp Kosciuszko, with a moving, perfectly organized and emotional ceremony at the Polish Soldier's Burial Plot.

We paid homage to the more than 22,000 young Polish-American soldiers who came to Canada to train at the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Camp right here in NOTL. They later joined Gen. Joseph Haller and the Polish army to fight for freedom, rights and to bring about peace in their homeland.

Forty-one of them died of influenza while training here in 1917 and 1918.

Just think of the logistics of having this number of military personnel in NOTL. Feeding, medical, accommodation, sanitary ... It boggles the mind. Where did they all



Some 70 members of the Polish Scouting Association of Canada attend the memorial ceremony in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sunday. ROSS ROBINSON

go to the bathroom?

The ceremony was organized under the leadership of Zofia Soja, president of the Canadian Polish Congress, Niagara District. They dodged a bullet under threatening weather, with all musical cues hit perfectly.

The several speakers all delivered moving messages and they all respected the “three Bs” of public speaking. “Be brief, be sincere and be seated.”

Almost the entire two-and-a-half hour ceremony was conducted in Polish. The event started promptly at 12:30 p.m., with the Royal Canadian Legion Polish Veterans band from

St. Catharines leading us in the Canadian, American and Polish national anthems (the Polish anthem is called Hymn Polski).

Happily, the organizers had “overspent on sound,” which allowed the hundreds of people to hear every musical note and every word from the speakers. Huzzah! Yes, I am rambling a bit, but each year the ceremony has a profound effect on me. We have a very special way of life here in Canada. Our rights and freedoms didn't come easily, but we tend to forget the horrors of wars fought mainly in Europe.

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa eloquently welcomed every-

one to our town and assured the assemblage that NOTL recognizes the importance of this cemetery plot and the memories of brave Polish volunteers.

Witold Dzielski, the Polish ambassador to Canada, told us that the people of Poland remain well aware of the significance of this Polish Soldier's Burial Plot in Canada. Just two months ago, the vice-president of Poland and several high ranking Polish military officers were in Ottawa on official business and made a side-trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake and this meaningful and perfectly maintained cemetery. They remember.

Of particular note were the roughly sixty young Polish-Canadians who were representing Chorągiew Harcerzy, the Polish Scouting Association in Canada. These sharply uniformed scouts joined the march to our cenotaph on Queen Street for final speeches and musical numbers.

According to their leader Stan Reitmeier, there are some 1,600 members of Chorągiew Harcerzy in Canada, mostly in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. They study military history and learn the Polish language, in the attempt to keep Polish culture relevant.

While we in Canada tend to take our freedoms for granted, Polish people work very hard to remember and honour those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Even today, Poland is a leader in accepting refugees from the horrible war in Ukraine.

So, NOTLer nation, let's mark June 9, 2024 on our calendars and attend the 107th anniversary of Camp Kosciuszko here in our peaceful part of the world.

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Attracting hummingbirds is easy, says Joanne Young. Just use a feeder with the right mixture of water and sugar.

Attract hummingbirds to your garden



GROWING TOGETHER 

Joanne Young
Columnist

Who isn't amazed by the sight of a ruby-throated hummingbird? They are indeed a marvel of the natural world.

To think, these little creatures can fly up to 25 miles per hour or faster if the wind is pushing them.

They can zip along going in any direction even backwards. Their wings beat an average of 53 beats per second. That's right — per second.

While flitting about your garden, their heart rates can reach 1,200 beats per minute with a resting heart rate of 600 beats per minute.

Those are some amazing statistics. Besides all that, they are awfully cute to watch.

With burning all those calories, they require a good supply of nectar to replenish their resources.

Feeders
Ruby-throated hummingbirds are easy to attract to feeders because they are intensely curious.

They will not hesitate to approach any red object, even including red clothing, looking for potential food sources. They also are attracted to orange and pink items.

Place hummingbird feeders near the flowers you wish to attract them to, and near windows where you can watch these little birds close up.

Feeders should be set out in mid-April to provide food for the earliest arrivals.

The best nectar solution to offer hummingbirds at any time of year is a 4-to-1 mixture of water and sugar. Honey and other types of sugar are not recommended, and food colouring should not be added.

Higher concentrations of sugar are not recommended in cold weather because hummingbirds have very basic kidneys and cannot easily process excess amounts of sugar. Excess sugar concentrations could harm or even kill hummingbirds.

Protein solutions are not recommended either. The hummingbirds will find protein sources in the environment.

Glass feeders are recommended because soft plastic can break down in heat and sunlight, potentially adding chemical residue to the nectar.

Choose a feeder that is easy to take apart for cleaning. Clean the feeders with warm, soapy water

and rinse well every three to four days in cool weather and more often during the hot summer months.

Feeders should be left out in the fall until freezing becomes a problem.

This will not prevent hummingbirds from migrating but will provide a food source for late migrants. It may also attract the attention of a wandering rufous hummingbird, a rare winter visitor of Ontario.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds provide hours of entertainment at the feeders as the aggressive males chase rival hummingbirds, other species of birds, and even butterflies and bees.

Plants that attract hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are guided by visual means, and are especially attracted to certain shades of red. Many red-coloured flowers just happen to be good sources of nectar, a clever signal from Mother Nature. They also prefer flowers with a tubular shape.

When choosing a location for plants that will attract hummingbirds, find an area that gets full sun for the better portion of the day.

Hummingbirds appreciate the warmth from the sun and will be guided more quickly to the plants you have placed to attract them. Also, nearly all the plants that they prefer like full sun exposures, oddly enough.

Encourage hummingbirds to visit your prop-

erty by planting flowering material that will provide nectar from spring through fall. Also, provide fresh water in a birdbath if you don't already have a water feature.

Don't give up looking! If you don't see any action the first season, wait another year or two and just enjoy the flowers in the meantime.

Alter the times you go out in the garden until you figure out the favourite feeding time. And remember to keep as quiet and as still as possible.

Some of the flowering shrubs that will attract hummingbirds: azaleas, butterfly buh, flowering quince, mimosa, weigela and beauty bush.

As far as flowering vines: honeysuckle, morning glory, scarlet runner bean and trumpet vine are good choices.

For perennials consider planting bee balm, cardinal flower, columbine, coral-bells, daylilies, delphiniums, foxglove, hostas, agastache, liatris, penstemon, red hot poker, scabiosa, and summer phlox.

Some annuals that attract hummingbirds are cannalilies, cleome, fuschia, nicotina, salvia and shrimp plant.

Let the hummingbird watching begin!

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can continue helping cats in need.

If you have some spare room in your house and are looking for a bit of company, you could consider becoming a foster parent for a cat in need.

NOTL Cats Rescue is a volunteer-based organization in Niagara-on-the-Lake that helps stray and abandoned cats and kittens find new homes.

It does this by providing proper medical attention for the animals as well as putting them in safe foster homes until they are adopted.

Currently, the organization is seeking at least three foster homes for its adult cats.

Being a foster parent to a rescued cat is simple and has many advantages, says Tanya Rice, a volunteer with NOTL Cats Rescue.

"It's of no expense out of your pocket," she said.

Rice said the rescue provides food, toys, a scratching post, litter and transportation to and from medical appointments.

She said it's a great option for someone looking for a companion who doesn't want 100 per cent of the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Fosters are important, said Rice, so the rescue

The rescue tries not to refuse any cats, she said, but if the rescue's facility becomes full and there are no available fosters, then they have to refer people to Lincoln County Humane Society.

The rescue currently has five adult cats in its care and more than eight newborn kittens.

"I would say, right now, if we could find some three new foster homes, that would be wonderful," she said.

But as more kittens, strays and rescues arrive, and they will, the more foster homes will be needed, she said.

People from outside of NOTL have reached out, said Rice, but the rescue is hoping to have foster families in town, to make it easier for veterinarian appointments and meet and greets with potential adopters.

"As a local rescue, we would never refuse the help (or) the assistance, but we would prefer the foster homes to be in Niagara-on-the-Lake," she said.

The rescue is also looking for more volunteers to assist with driving cats to appointments. To become a foster or volunteer, reach out to NOTL Cats by heading over to Notlcats.weebly.com.



Phoenix is one of more than eight newborn kittens. The kittens are currently at NOTL Cats Rescue. SUPPLIED



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