



John DeLorenzi's photo shows NOTL's smoggy skies.

## No soccer, schools keep kids indoors, fires banned due to smog

Somer Slobodian  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

Smog from wild fires forced cancellation of all NOTL soccer practices and games Tuesday and Wednesday, and will keep District School Board of Niagara students indoors at least on Thursday.

"It's the right move, but it is hard to do after keeping the kids off the field during COVID," NOTL Soccer president Carrie Plaskett said in an email to The Lake Report.

"Hopefully, we can get the kids back playing as soon as possible."

The move came at the urging of the Ontario Soccer Association and the Niagara Soccer Association.

The school board told parents in an email Wednesday that it will keep monitor the situation.

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## Pride crosswalk vandalized – twice

Evan Loree  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

With a little soap, water and degreaser, it's as if it was still brand new.

Town staff spent some time

scrubbing the new rainbow crosswalk clean on Tuesday after it was vandalized twice last week, says the town chief administrator Marnie Cluckie.

After the new rainbow crosswalk was marked up by vandals twice in two days, the town's

leaders agree there's still work to do.

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa thinks as a society "we're making improvements," but that we're "unfortunately not done yet."

He suggested that the vandals

represent a small minority in the community.

"There's a large group of people out here that don't think this is cool," he said of the vandalism.

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## Rainbow raised at Crossroads

Inclusive flag raising ceremony aims to help all students feel welcome



Crossroads students gather outside the school to raise the Pride flag for the month of June. Story on Page 2. EVAN LOREE

## Massive new pollinator garden at Southbrook a win-win

Jill Troyer  
The Lake Report

A hardy group of volunteers has taken on the daunting task of planting 5,000 native pollinator plants on 1.8 acres of land

surrounded by vineyards at Southbrook Winery.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake project is a collaboration between Southbrook and Land Care Niagara, for mutual benefit.

"This is part of a monarch

butterfly habitat restoration program," explained Mike Weber, a species-at-risk technician for Land Care Niagara.

"So, we've got a couple of different kinds of milkweed going in here, as well as

all the native pollinators to provide habitat for adults as well as all the larval stages of the monarch butterfly."

Other plants include dense blazing star, heath aster and green headed coneflower.

"Hopefully it will be a

good place for the monarchs to come. And it's great to have a symbiotic partner," added Weber.

The same plants that attract monarch butterflies



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Members of the Crossroads Brave Space Club with the rainbow flag raised last Thursday for Pride Month. From left, Marley Clements, Benjamin Gray, Bradley Gray, Nova Versteegen, Ryder Rempel, Lilia Kanters, Ellie Moussi, Anwen Marriot and Emily Miarecki. EVAN LOREE

# Crossroads Brave Space Club a safe place for students

Evan Loree  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

Gender just isn't that important to Ryder Rempel. Ryder was right at home among his friends in the Brave Space Club when they raised the Pride flag at Crossroads Public School on Thursday afternoon. The 13-year-old student was visibly excited to be part of the raising and was proud "to be my own self." Shortly after raising the flag, Ryder disappeared into the school to sell freezies to other students, all the proceeds of which go to Quest Community Health Centre, which provides health care for the 2SLG-BTQ+ community. Crossroads principal Kate Fish said the flag raising and freezie sale were organized by the Brave Space Club, an inclusive group for students to express their gender safely and openly wherever they might fall on the spectrum. Ryder's journey began about a year ago when he told his mother, Kristin Burr-Rempel, he felt uncomfortable wearing girl's clothes. "As he's growing, he's recognizing he's kind of got a foot in both worlds," she told The Lake Report. For Burr-Rempel part of

the beauty of her son is he just doesn't really care. She recalls a moment with Ryder when he was trying on shirts and she told the child she could see the strap of their sports bra. "That's alright, it doesn't really matter," Burr-Rempel remembers Ryder saying. When asked how he'd like to be identified in this story, Ryder told his mom it doesn't really matter. What does matter to the family is that their child's confidence has skyrocketed since he made the decision to wear boy's clothes and use the name Ryder. "He was really confident about it," Burr-Rempel said. After talking about it with his mom, the family changed his name that night. "And off we went – and never looked back," she said. Both Burr-Rempel and Fish said they've seen immense improvement in Ryder's social and academic confidence. Fish refused to take any credit. "Everybody's journey is their own. And we're just here to support them," she said. In the two years she's been at Crossroads, she and the rest of the school staff have worked really hard

to build an inclusive and diverse environment, she said. Last year the school celebrated Pride Month for the first time. "This event, last year, paved the way for a student to come out the following day," Fish said. "It had a huge impact on her as an educator. "To have created an environment where even just one child feels more comfortable being who they are, that's pretty gratifying," she said. Ryder's grandmother Karen Burr was also at Crossroads school for the flag raising and she says the family is taking the child's transition in stride. "We don't know whether this is a forever thing. We just take it day by day," Burr said. She said the family still gets lots of questions about what bathroom Ryder uses. "We're going to encounter that wherever we go," she said. According to board policy, students are permitted to use the bathroom which "best corresponds to the student's lived gender identity." The same policy advises that, to prevent bullying, it may be necessary to educate a student's peers about their gender identity.

In addition to that, Fish says Crossroads has a universal bathroom for any person who feels uncomfortable using the segregated bathrooms. She hopes kids won't be bullied for their gender identities. "Optimism isn't a strategy, though," she added, so she and the rest of the team at Crossroads try to resolve bullying on a case-by-case basis. Sometimes that means reaching out to families, having open conversations with all parties, and teaching conflict resolution strategies. "We're all equal. And if we can treat each other as equals, it minimizes opportunities for kids to feel poorly about themselves," Fish said. "Trying to reduce it proactively, I think it helps." Burr-Rempel is more concerned about the bullying beyond the classroom. "We've got school trustees that don't think my kid is OK," she said. She was referring to Natalia Benoit, NOTL's trustee on the Niagara Catholic board, who wants the board to reverse its policy allowing schools to wave the Pride flag. St. Michael Catholic school in NOTL will be flying the Pride flag this

month, board spokesperson Jennifer Pellegrini said in an email. Benoit also has faced heavy criticism for comparing the Nazi flag to the Pride flag in a now-deleted YouTube video. "The director of education and the chair of the board have publicly expressed their disappointment in Trustee Benoit's choice of words," Pellegrini said. Her proposed policy changes, viewable on the Catholic board's website, would also make it impossible for Catholic schools to fundraise for a "social policy campaign or activity." "The district's role is to teach students how to think, not what to think, thereby keeping classrooms as places of education, not indoctrination," Benoit said in her motion to change the Catholic board's policy. She made exceptions for teachings of Catholicism "as expressed in the catechism." Pellegrini said the board "places great emphasis" on the issues of diversity and equity in its four-year strategic plan. As well, 2SLGBTQ+ students have equal access to mental health services in the event that they may be struggling with gender identity, she said.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, negative reaction came swiftly after the installation of the long-awaited rainbow crosswalk on Anderson Lane last week. The same day Crossroads raised the Pride flag, the rainbow crosswalk was defaced by a driver doing "doughnuts" in the intersection and burning rubber tire tracks into the fresh paint. The next day it was damaged again. As well, the crosswalk was described as indoctrination and criticized on social media as inappropriate after the town unveiled it last Tuesday morning. Burr-Rempel said, "There is definitely a polarization here that is happening," but adds that this is not the time for people to be quiet. "At this age, he's pre-pubescent. He doesn't need to fit a box," she said of Ryder. He's just a kid who doesn't want to look like a girl, she said. "Does it really change who the kid is by putting them in a gender box?" she asked. As far as she is concerned, it certainly does not. People interested in learning more about Quest's Rainbow Niagara Services program can do so at its website.



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# Town ‘not daunted’ by vandalism

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And Cluckie said she sees a bit of a “silver lining” in the response of residents who have been overwhelmingly positive in their feedback to the town.

“I think we probably should have had a camera on there right from the beginning,” said Richard Mell, a member of the town’s diversity and equity committee.

He pointed out it would be simple to install one on the side of the firehall near to the crosswalk.

Cluckie says a security camera was the first solution discussed by staff and they installed one at the firehall near the crosswalk Monday morning.

To date, she estimates that the town has spent \$20,000 on the crosswalk, a third of the estimates made by commenters on The Lake Report’s social media page. “This is a symbol of inclusivity and to have someone damage it challenges the values that are important to the town,” Cluckie said.

After investigating the first incident, staff were reluctant to call the markings vandalism, she said.

“The second time, it was much darker. They were big dark circles and this was an incident that occurred in close proximity to the first,” she said.

A Niagara Regional Police official told The Lake Report the markings were caused by an “unknown suspect(s)” who likely used a motorbike and an ATV to leave burnouts in the concrete.

“There is very limited information that has come forward from the public,” Const. Phil Gavin said. “We don’t have any actionable information.”

He urged people to check security camera footage between the morning of May 30 and the evening of June 1, and also let police know if they have any information about someone driving a dirt bike or ATV in the area in that period.

Coun. Erwin Wiens said he originally was “relatively agnostic” on the crosswalk when council first discussed it, but after seeing some of



Above: George Webber, a member of Niagara-on-the-Lake’s diversity, equity and inclusivity committee, examines a new set of darker tire marks on the rainbow crosswalk Saturday morning. Left: The Town of NOTL cleaned the marks, but they’re still visible. JULIA SACCO

the vitriol posted online and the vandalism, he’s more supportive of the idea.

The backlash “is not acceptable. It’s not tolerable. It’s not inclusive and it’s not what the town stands for,” Wiens said.

And he said it’s “foolhardy” that people take issue with the cost of the crosswalk.

“We spend money for a lot of things in the (tax) levy that we think are important. Inclusivity is one of those things,” he said.

He added that the town also uses tax dollars to pay for flowers.

The town has yet to install four more Pride benches as well. The first of them was vandalized in November.

“I am concerned,” Wiens says. “But not daunted. We won’t be intimidated by vandals.”

Mell worries that the crosswalk, along with other symbols of inclusivity, will draw bigots out of the woodwork.

“I don’t think it’s a reason to not push forward,” he said.

After The Lake Report posted news of the vandalism to Facebook, Mell found a comment on it that summed up his feelings.

“Pride is important, because somewhere out there, there’s a confused teenager who still thinks maybe being dead is better than being gay. And that’s not OK,” he said.

Mell, who identifies as gay, says he’s one of the lucky ones because he doesn’t get much pushback and is very confident with who he is. But he worries about youth who may still be “figuring things out.”

“Social media is a garden for negative messaging.”

JAMIE KNIGHT  
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Enzo De Divitiis, chair of Niagara Pride, agrees that Pride’s symbols draw the attention of bigots, but said the backlash is one of the reasons it’s important to push the message.

“Visual representation is very impactful and meaningful, which is exactly why they damage them,” he said.

People deface inclusive symbols to dampen the spirits of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, he said.

Neither Mell nor De Divitiis were surprised the crosswalk was marked up, but both were disappointed.

It’s not a new reaction. De Divitiis remembers 10 years ago, when Pride first flew its flag in Niagara Falls, it was stolen within a half-hour.

Jamie Knight, a lawyer who also sits on the town’s diversity committee, said it’s a small minority who

would take the time to vandalize the crosswalk.

He said he wasn’t going to get “too excited” about the “wrongdoing” of a few bad actors.

And like Mell, he was also encouraged by the supportiveness of the Niagara-on-the-Lake community.

Since The Lake Report’s first story on the vandalism was posted to Facebook Friday it has received thousands of views and more than 600 comments, a mixture of supportive, hateful and misinformed viewpoints.

“Social media is a garden for negative messaging,” Knight said in an interview with The Lake Report.

“I guess they feel emboldened on social media to say things that they wouldn’t say directly to somebody in a normal conversation,” he added.

The hostility that does exist, Knight said, is probably caused more by misinformation and ignorance than by anything else.

George Webber, another committee member, said he doesn’t want to jump to conclusions and call the vandalism hate.


“Hatred is too powerful. It’s too powerful a word,” he said.

He wonders if it isn’t more a case of teenage delinquency, “just people being silly, people being dumb.”

De Divitiis thinks whether the act is one of hate or delinquency, “It’s still wrong.”

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Left: Members of the Royal Canadian Regiment in Italy. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA  
Right: Corp. Robert Adam, in a photo from the Niagara Falls Review.



## Niagara Chamber names business award finalists

Staff  
The Lake Report

A Niagara-on-the-Lake distillery, the Pumphouse Arts Centre, an Old Town hotel, a bakeshop and two young professionals in hospitality and insurance are among the finalists for the 19th-annual Niagara Business Achievement Awards.

The awards, organized by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, this week named the finalists in 10 categories.

Winners will be unveiled June 15 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Catharines.

Among the 2023 NOTL nominees are: **Spirit in Niagara Small Batch Distillers** (in two categories, excellence in agribusiness and outstanding new business), **Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre** (not-for-profit), **124 on Queen Hotel & Spa** (tourism and hospitality), **Budapest Bakeshop** (two categories, tourism and hospitality, and outstanding new business), **Caroline Sherk of the Verge Insurance Group** (young professional category) and **Alyssa Waldes of the White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa** (young professional category).

The full list of finalists is below:

**Business of the Year:** Beatties Business Products, Regional Limousine, Merani Hotel Group.

**Environmental Leadership Award:** Cheekbone Beauty Cosmetics Inc., Links for Greener Learning, Little Chief & Co.

**Excellence in Agribusiness, Farming & Rural Achievement:** Adam's Flora, Pie in the Sky Farm and Bakery, Spirit in Niagara Small Batch Distillers.

**Excellence in Business Award (26 employees or more):** Firefighter Services of Ontario Ltd., Merani Hotel Group, Post Foods Canada Inc., Verhoef Electric (2012) Inc.

**Excellence in Business Award (up to 25 employees):** Regional Limousine, Starnotch Costumes and Garment Design, Water Superstore.

**Excellence in Business, Not-for-Profit Award:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara, Community Support Services of Niagara, Niagara Health Foundation, Port Cares, the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, Well-spring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.

**Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality:** 124 on Queen Hotel & Spa, Budapest Bakeshop, Dispatch Restaurant, K2 Group, Rustic Retreat Glamping Dome

**Outstanding New Business:** Adam's Flora, Budapest Bakeshop, Dine Niagara, Mom Dukes Authentic Jamaican Cuisine, Spirit in Niagara Small Batch Distillers, Splashtown Niagara.

**Technology & Innovation Award:** Adjective Noun Studios, Business Link Media Group, FSD Robotics.

**Young Professional Award:** Alyssa Waldes, White Oaks Resort; Shianne Stephens, City of Port Colborne; Krystal Snider, Collaborative Community Solutions; Tisham Mohammed, Scotiabank; Rani Parihaar, Axzora Group Pvt Ltd.; Caroline Sherk, Verge Insurance Group.

Special awards will be bestowed on the following recipients:

**Community Leadership:** Dr. Robyn Bourgeois, Brock University – for leadership that has been a significant force for good in the community.

**Entrepreneur of the Year:** John Peller, Andrew Peller Inc. – celebrating an entrepreneur who has made an outstanding contribution to business and the economic prosperity of Niagara.

**Innovative Leader Award:** Hatch – awarded to a prominent business that is leading its industry through innovation, research and development.

**Builder of the Year:** Vince DiCosimo, Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites – presented to a company that has helped transform the region through new building and construction.

# THE MONUMENTS MEN

## Corp. Robert Craig Adam, killed in liberation of Italy

*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

While many Canadians were fighting in Western Europe in 1944, a Canadian division was immersed in bloody battles in Italy.

Public focus seemed to be more on what was happening in the Battle of the Scheldt in the Netherlands and far less on battles to break the Gothic Line in Italy.

Of course, those who had sons and husbands fighting in Italy paid close attention to the less frequent newspaper accounts of the war to drive the German army from that country. Such was the case of the family of Robert Craig Adam of St. Davids.

Robert Adam, born in St. Catharines on Jan. 29, 1917, was the son of David Brackenridge Adam and Mary Augusta Hutt.

Robert lived most of his life in St. Davids and attended St. Davids Public School. After graduating he worked as a machinist and truck driver based in Kincardine, Ont.

It was there that he met Millie Rosetta and they were married there on Sept. 23, 1938. Afterward, the couple moved to St. Davids, where Robert found employment with Bright Farms in Niagara Falls. He and Millie remained childless.

By 1942, a great number of young men were involved in fighting the Second World War, which might have motivated Robert Adam to join their ranks. On July 17, 1942, he drove to Hamilton and enlisted in the 2nd/10th Dragoons.

He underwent basic training in Debert, N.S., and the army granted him leave and train tickets to return to Niagara in late November and early December 1942.

When he left Millie to return to Camp Debert at the end of his leave, she moved to Stamford Centre.

Soon afterward, Adam was shipped to England, disembarking on Jan. 7, 1943. He was assigned to

the 3rd Canadian Division Infantry Reinforcement Unit and his training was intensified. He would soon be in action.

Canadians had suffered severe casualties in the Mediterranean theatre of operations, in the liberation of Sicily and the struggle to drive the enemy from Italy.

Adam was assigned as a reinforcement and shipped to "the Med" to join the Royal Canadian Regiment. He arrived in North Africa on July 10, 1943, coincidentally the same time that the regiment was involved in the landings for the invasion of Sicily.

He reached his regiment while they were driving inland, rapidly pushing the enemy before them. The Canadians were withdrawn on Aug. 7, 1943, just before the final collapse of German resistance in Sicily.

On Sept. 3, the Royal Canadian Regiment took part in the invasion of Italy.

For the next year Adam was in the thick of fighting as the Germans were pushed back. The German army contested every metre of land given up, inflicting serious casualties on the Allied armies struggling to liberate Italy.

Canadian losses in the campaign, including major battles in the crossing of the Moro River, the Battle of Ortona, and the capture of

the Liri Valley, were severe. Robert Adam survived without a scratch.

He was promoted to corporal on Aug. 23, 1944, as his regiment was poised to attack the strong German Gothic Line of fortifications and defensive positions.

On Sept. 6, the regiment was tasked with taking a German strongpoint. Corp. Robert Adam led his section of 10 men in the assault.

Thirteen men of the Royal Canadian Regiment were killed that day, and twice that many wounded, primarily by machine-gun fire from the German entrenchments. Adam was among those severely wounded.

He had been hit in the right arm and chest. He was rushed by medics to the casualty clearing station and eventually to a British field hospital.

By December his recovery was in doubt. Back home, news of his severe wounding had been published in the local newspaper after Millie received a telegram from the army.

This was followed by the news that he was "seriously ill." He was moved to Number 15 General Hospital on Dec. 5, 1944, and died of his wounds two days later.

Robert Adam lies in the Caserta Military Cemetery in Italy and is commemorated on the Queenston cenotaph.

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# Wine industry pioneers plant first new vines at Lailey Vineyards

Jill Troyer  
The Lake Report

Under warm sunshine and blues skies on Friday, the first shovel went into the ground at Lailey Vineyards to plant new vines on the property.

That shovel was wielded by Donna Lailey, who was there with her husband David. The couple founded the vineyard in the 1970s.

New owner Matt Turkmen said it was important to him for the Laileys to plant the first vines in the renewal of the vineyard.

“They are a part of this property forever. I thought it was more meaningful to name a block in the vineyard after each of them than to dedicate a building



Above: A happy toast after the first new vines were planted. From left, David Lailey, Donna Lailey, winemaker Ann Sperling, and new owner Matt Turkmen. Right: Donna Lailey puts the shovel in the ground to plant new Cabernet Sauvignon vines. DON REYNOLDS

or boardroom to them,” he said.

“I am thrilled that he is the one doing the replanting, because I know he will do the very best job possible,” said Donna Lailey.

“It’s exciting for me to see what’s going on,” she added.

The old vines on the property are being gradually replaced, in part because of neglect by previous owners from 2015 to 2021, before Turkmen bought the property.

Other factors in the decision to replant include damage to the vines

due to extreme cold the winter before last, and the presence of grapevine viruses.

The whole vineyard will be replanted over the next three years, beginning with the blocks named for Donna and David Lailey this season.

# Town implements fire ban amid dry weather

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The town will also be implementing an open-air burning ban as of Thursday morning.

Smoke from forest fires in Ontario and Quebec has blanketed Niagara this week.

“Poor air quality will continue into the weekend,” said Andrew Korchok, manager of public health at the Niagara Region, in an email to The Lake Report.

According to The Weather Network, the air quality in Niagara-on-the-Lake was “unhealthy” on the air quality index as of Wednesday afternoon, posing a risk to everyone, particularly vulnerable groups.

As of Tuesday, there were 31 active fires in the north-eastern Ontario. The closest fire to Niagara is northeast of North Bay.

There have been 167 fires in Ontario this year compared to 78 from last year.



Smoke from forest fires in Ontario and Quebec have caused a fog in the sky. EVAN LOREE

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks recommends staying indoors with air conditioning, avoiding places with heavy automobile traffic, stocking up on needed

medications and reducing strenuous activities.

Korchok also recommended drinking plenty of water, checking in on high-risk friends and family, and monitoring symptoms such

as irritated eyes, shortness of breath, coughing and mucus build up.

Everyone is encouraged to monitor air quality updates on [www.weather.gc.ca/air-quality/pages](http://www.weather.gc.ca/air-quality/pages).



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# Pollinator gardens on heritage trail will help insects thrive

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A resident group has been working as hard as bees to create pollinator gardens along the heritage trail.

Protect Our Pollinators, a group of five NOTL women wanting to save pollinating insects like bees and butterflies, have been busy planting trees and preparing new pollinator gardens along the Upper Canada Heritage Trail between John and Paffard streets.

“It’s going to be a beautiful thing,” said Sandra Ozkur, a volunteer with Protect our Pollinators as well as the communications coordinator for Niagara Beeway.

“Our intention is to have it, in a couple of years, be full of blossoms and butterflies and bees,” she added.

The purpose of this project is to educate the public on the importance of pollinating insects, renaturalize the trail and provide a place where bees, moths, hummingbirds and butterflies can flourish.

It “helps to bring awareness regarding the decline of pollinating insects,” said



Sandra Ozkur, left, and Klara Young-Chin from the group Protect Our Pollinators stands at one of the pollinator gardens the group is building along the heritage trail. SOMER SLOBODIAN

Marah Minor, the town’s community engagement and communications coordinator.

A few weeks ago the group, with permission from the town and the Upper Canada Heritage Trail committee, did a major cleanup on the trail by tearing out a bunch of wild vines.

Protect our Pollinators is collaborating on the project with town staff, volunteers from the heritage trail committee and town council.

The group also had 15 pollinator trees planted

— this included a mix of serviceberries, cherry and eastern redbud trees.

A basswood tree was also planted and is dedicated to the Goettler Family Foundation, who donated the funds for the pollinator project to help renaturalize the trail and to help with educational signage.

The trees will be a part of one big pollinator garden, said Ozkur.

The group also laid down organic hay where some of the pollinator beds will be.

“What we’re doing here is trying to smother out

these invasive species,” she said.

The hay is an environmentally safe way to not only get rid of weeds and invasive plants without the use of chemicals, but also to provide compost and hold moisture in the soil which allows the pollinator plants to grow.

Some invasive plants found along the heritage trail include goutweed, Manitoba maples and English ivy.

Though the group’s work will be ongoing, their goal is to have the three pollinator beds finished by the end of the month, said Klara Young-Chin, a member of Protect Our Pollinators and Friends of One Mile Creek.

Other members of the Protect Our Pollinators group include Janet Trodgon, Betty Knight and Vicky Downes.

Young-Chin’s house backs onto the heritage trail. She’s been involved with the Friends of One Mile Creek since 2003 and in 2010 helped plant 85 native trees along the pathway.

“Most of the native trees that you see here have been planted by the Friends of One Mile Creek,” she said,

pointing around to the large tulip trees along the trail.

Soon the group will be adding shrubs, grasses and flowers to the new pollinator beds which will create a full ecosystem.

Ozkur said it’ll take about three years to properly establish the garden.

She believes it’ll also increase the bird population in the area since there will be more caterpillars — more caterpillars mean more food for birds.

A baby chickadee, for example, will stay in the nest for up to 16 days and needs about 500 caterpillars a day — which means it eats upwards of 8,000 caterpillars in a span of just over two weeks.

Once the gardens are complete, the trail will be a pollinator corridor, said Young-Chin.

She believes corridors are important because of the lack of natural areas in town due to urbanization.

“So you want to have a smooth corridor, where they (insects) can have their stopovers and feed on nectar and pollen,” said Young-Chin.

All of the work along the heritage trail is being done

by volunteers, said Ozkur.

“The town assumes that this is a naturalized area and does not maintain this area,” she said.

The town does mow the lawn, and will continue to water the plants until they become established, said Young-Chin.

Young-Chin encourages residents to think about starting their own pollinator garden in their yards — no size is too small.

In fact, many years ago, she tore up the grass in her front yard and made her own pollinator garden.

She explained that to make one, people should include plants that bloom in the spring, such as butterfly milkweed, wild columbine, and foxglove, plants that bloom in the summer, such as black-eyed Susans, and flowers that bloom in the fall, such as asters.

This is what is called a continuous bloom: it gives pollinators a constant source of nutritious food, no matter the season, said Ozkur.

Once everything is completed, the group hopes to have a grand opening to show the community what they’ve been working on.

# Plants attracts wasps that help protect vines from leaf hoppers

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also draw insects that are beneficial in the vineyard. One in particular, the parasitic wasp, is helpful in combating leaf hoppers in the vineyard.

Leaf hoppers are tiny bugs that can cause big damage.

“They puncture holes in the leaves. So, then I’m losing chlorophyll and then after the chlorophyll, I’m losing photosynthesis,” said Len Van Hoffen, vineyard manager at Southbrook.

That’s where the parasitic wasp comes in.

“It’s almost like a science-fiction movie,” said Van Hoffen.

“The parasitic wasp stings the adult leaf hopper and then lays its eggs inside it. As the new parasitic wasp grows, it kills the leaf hopper.”

Southbrook is certified organic, biodynamic and sustainable, so insecticides are not in its toolkit.

“The only weapons I have for the leaf hopper are the parasitic wasp and a clay spray, which can make the surface of the leaves too hard for the hoppers to puncture.”



Volunteers plant 5,000 native pollinator plants at Southbrook Winery. DON REYNOLDS

But Van Hoffen tries to avoid spraying the vines with clay, since it can inhibit growth.

Instead, he has created an inviting buffet for the wasps.

In addition to the new monarch garden, Van Hoffen attracts the helpful wasps with the cover crop planted between the rows of vines.

“We’ve planted five different species of clo-

ver, and alfalfa and native grasses. My thinking is that throughout the growing season, something is blooming at all times. There’s always something here for a parasitic wasp,” said Van Hoffen.

“They’re like any other bee, they want the nectar. So there’s always something blooming for them to feed on.”

Southbrook uses a wide range of practices to be as

environmentally friendly as possible.

A huge array of solar panels produces electricity that gets fed back to the grid, “but all of the hydro we use in our winery production is covered off by that,” said Van Hoffen.

He’s also looking forward to a new purchase.

“We have a deposit on an all-electric autonomous tractor that actually drives itself and we will have zero emis-

sions from that machine. It’ll all be fed from solar.”

Weeds are not sprayed at Southbrook, they’re removed mechanically.

When the vines need to be watered, it’s done with a drip line. “We use drip irrigation, which is a way of watering without losing water to evaporation, unlike those big sprays you see,” he said.

Fertilizer is compost from the winery’s property.

“There’s another 75 acres in addition to the vineyard and that’s where the animals are. There are cows, pigs and chickens. The farmer there basically gets the land for free and then I take all his manure, compost it for 18 months, and then it gets spread on the vineyard. So the whole place is a closed loop,” explained Van Hoffen.

Organic vineyards are permitted to use copper sulphate sprays to control mildew, but Van Hoffen has a lofty goal on that front.

“My goal is to reduce our fungicide use by about 80 per cent.”

“I hooked up with a company out of Simcoe that has been able to isolate which bacteria in the soil feeds the amoeba and then feeds

the nematodes (microscopic roundworms), who then poop out usable nitrates,” he said.

“So they brew the bacteria and then we apply them to the soil and on the vines, and then the leaf is actually so much harder that the powdery and downy mildew just can’t get a hold,” he said.

“We did a test block last year and the vines were greener and the bunches were bigger. This year we’ve already done one application.”

So the new pollinator garden is just one more feature at Southbrook that supports its organic practices, while simultaneously supporting monarch butterflies, an endangered species.

Weber noted, “It’s not generally that Land Care Niagara finds a landowner who’s willing to donate or to provide so much land for a site like this. This is definitely by far our biggest site.”

The new plants will need to be watered as they get established, but eventually they’ll be very low maintenance, just doing their job of attracting beautiful butterflies and parasitic wasps alike.



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## Smog covers the sun



A haze in the sky from forest fires in Ontario and Quebec blocks the sun in all parts of town. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks recommends staying indoors with air conditioning. EVAN LOREE

## Editorial

# We need to be better than this

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

Not once, but twice last week within days of the installation of Niagara-on-the-Lake's rainbow crosswalk, someone vandalized it by driving vehicles on the new paint and doing “doughnuts” to burn rubber into the surface.

A classless act.

Was it hate? Youthful stupidity? Outright bigotry toward the people the rainbow is meant to celebrate and acknowledge: the LGBTQ+ community, including people of colour, our Indigenous population?

Without more evidence, we'll probably never know. But it was someone among us.

Perhaps one of the saddest aspects of the whole affair is that the vandalism was totally expected.

In fact, NOTL's diversity equity inclusion committee had urged the town to budget for vandalism repairs when the crosswalk was a subject of much debate.

Modern-day social media chatter is seldom a reliable barometer of public opinion in our experience. It can be a messed-up microcosm of parts of society that we always knew existed but in “the good old days” didn't have a public platform.

Now, keyboard warriors often are prone to saying things online that they might never utter in public.

They espouse ideas ranging from righteously good to reprehensibly awful, misinformation, disinformation and ... well, you get the picture.

When The Lake Report disseminated its first news stories and photographs online late last week about the damage inflicted to the crosswalk within days of the paint drying, many people were quick to loudly decry the behaviour.

But it seemed that at least an equal number chose to tell the world in no uncertain terms just how fed up they were with the whole Pride agenda and people's sexuality being flaunted and shoved down everyone's throat.

“Well, that's my opinion” and “freedom of speech” (an American concept; in Canada we have freedom of expression) were bandied about readily.

The message from many was “I don't have anything against them, but ...” and what about “straight Pride.” And then there was the concern about children and indoctrination and agendas – and more.

It was sad to watch unfold.

While we debated whether to turn off commenting, in the end we decided it might be better to let people vent – so the rest of society could see just how divided we seem to be on an issue that is not about “special” rights, but fundamental “human” rights.

The rainbow symbol is a powerful symbol for a long-marginalized community whose members are here to stay and have no plans to cower and hide.

Are acceptance, understanding and tolerance really so difficult? Is the LGBTQ+ community and a

rainbow on the road really such a threat to the status quo that people need to fight back against the tide while many others shout about how unfair or unnecessary it all is?

Many, including this publication, have talked about “how far we've come” and how far we still have to go – as if human rights abuses, bigotry and vandalism can just be neatly explained away.

Last we checked, it was 2023. Why can't we be better than this?

Thankfully, one of the first positive social media comments we read last week inspired some hope. It came from Phil Leboudec, the respected Virgil grocer and community volunteer.

Under our story headlined, “NOTL's rainbow crosswalk vandalized three days after installation,” he cut straight to the heart of the matter: “Thus explaining why Pride month and the flag is required in the first place.”

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## Hoping for quick repair to damaged sidewalk

The following letter to Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa was submitted to The Lake Report for publication. In response, the mayor forwarded the issue to a staff member to arrange a service request.

Jack and I live on Field Road in Virgil and our sidewalk was dug up in the fall due to a sewer problem at our neighbour's house.

It has been months and there is still no repair in sight.

I called the town a few days ago at 9 a.m. and at 10:30 a town employee was here to investigate and did some measurements. A great response.

I got a call from the



Writer Teresa Bell says she's been waiting months for the town to repair a piece of the sidewalk near her home.

engineering department in the afternoon to say that the sidewalk will not get repaired till July.

I was livid. Why so long? It's already close to six

months already.

Jack walks daily and he is now 92. He has had two mini strokes that affected one leg, so exercise is important for him. Walking

across this broken sidewalk is now difficult.

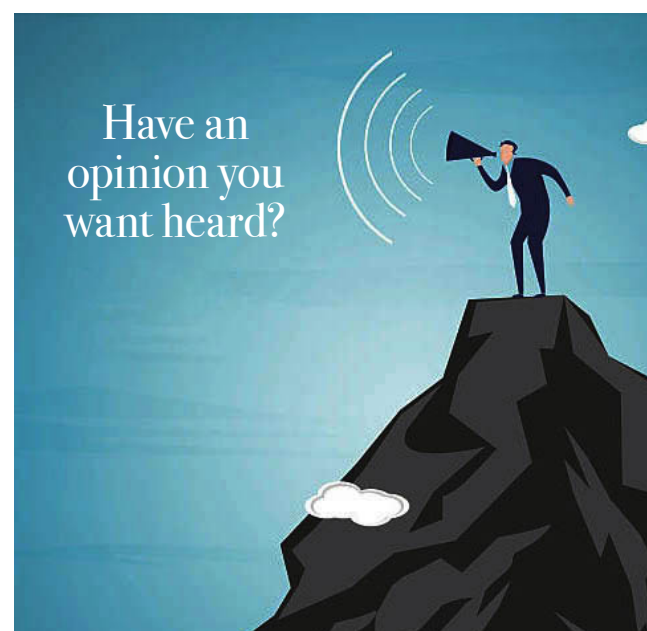
Many Pleasant Manor residents walk this route also and are using walkers. They detour and walk on the road although the traffic has now increased due to the road construction on Hwy. 55.

If one of our seniors falls or get hit by a car, who will be responsible?

Please help us be a safe village and get the sidewalk repaired ASAP. I think if this was in the Old Town it would already be repaired.

My tax dollars get paid on time, so I am hoping for a quick solution to this problem.

**Teresa Bell**  
**Virgil**



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## Town needs to ban fires due to extreme dryness



A haze in the sky casts a slight shadow over NOTL. The town has implemented a fire ban due to dry weather that is causing forest fires in Ontario and Quebec. EVAN LOREE

The following letter to Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and town council was submitted to The Lake Report for publication.

In case you are unaware, the provincial weather service has indicated that Niagara-on-the-Lake is in a tinder dry zone and should ban all open fires.

Please do not issue any fire burnoff permits till this situation has changed.

Perhaps NOTL town council or the region should make a public announcement about our predicament due to the fact that numerous areas in Canada are under siege by forest fires.

On another note, I have

contacted the NOTL fire department three times in two weeks about burn-offs and the one and only response I received was, "Can you be more specific about the location of the burn-off?"

Sorry, but that's the job of the NOTL fire department.

I'm sure they have a supervisor who can attend a general location and see the smoke plume rising in the air and narrow down the location that way.

**Tom Simmonds**  
**NOTL**

**Editor's Note:** Wednesday evening the town notified The Lake Report it would be implementing a fire ban early Thursday morning.

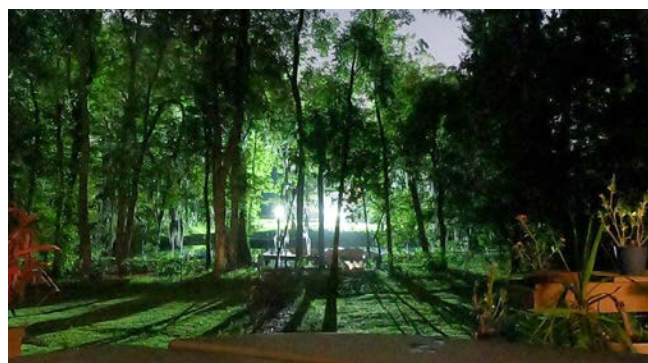
## Town hasn't yet taken action on light pollution issue

Dear editor:

A big thank you to columnist Brian Marshall for pointing out the negative environmental and human impacts of high intensity lighting ("Of lights and rights and other things," Arch-i-text, June 1).

Considering the established harm to wildlife and people from light pollution and the steps municipalities across North America have taken to reduce it, he asks whether it is "time for our council to consider doing the same."

Readers may be interested to know the issue was first



An example of light pollution from a neighbouring home.

brought before the previous council at a committee-of-the-whole meeting in July 2019.

The town's environmental advisory committee (of which I was then a member)

sent a detailed report and draft control bylaw to council in October 2021, and followed up with council again in May 2022.

At that time, town staff advised the matter was on

council's outstanding business list and "continues to be on the radar of staff."

So, no action after nearly four years, as current Couns. Gary Burroughs and Sandra O'Connor, who were members of the committee, are aware.

Residents who are concerned by the impacts of light pollution or disturbed by nuisance lighting at their own home and want action are encouraged to contact council through Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa.

**Paul Jurbala**  
**NOTL**



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# Straight lines, **curves** and historic house design



Brian Marshall  
Columnist

I have never made it a secret that I love to incorporate curves into my designs.

The correct juxtaposition of curves against straight lines creates a visual tension which is at once graceful and sensual. It draws the focus of and subliminally excites a viewer while relieving the severity of the building “box.”

Unfortunately, the correct use of this technique is something most modern architects have perhaps never learned.

It is simply discarded as either too expensive for the commodity housing developer or as running counter to the angular expression of the 21st-century modern style we’ve seen so much of over the last fifteen years.

When they do, apparently grudgingly, utilize curves, it is most often expressed with the occasional porthole window. Its location is more often dictated by interior requirements, rather than

adding to the exterior presentation.

In the past, I have spoken in this column about my ongoing love affair with the 1930s Art Moderne (or Streamline Moderne) architecture style, simply because the buildings evoke the visual equivalent of Coco Chanel’s iconic little black dress from the world of fashion. Elegance is achieved through its composition of clean lines and curves.

That said, the technique of juxtaposing curves against straight lines, to a greater or lesser extent, has been used to outstanding effect by architects throughout history.

Allow me to illustrate this by looking at a few examples of historic houses here in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At 165 Queen St. stands the MacDougal-Harrison House. The first thing one is likely to notice about the building’s facade is the brickwork that stands proud of the wall.

Reminiscent of the Roman Colosseum, relatively slender pilasters are capped with light brick impostes from which rise semi-elliptical arches, on both first and second storeys, creating an arcade.

Now, I’d like you to imagine this house without its arcade. The building’s facade, taller than it is wide and set very close to the street, would present three bays in which six openings would pierce a severe presentation that would loom over the pass-



Columnist Brian Marshall says it’s the curves in the arcade which lends elegancy to the MacDougal-Harrison House. SUPPLIED

ersby; an impression only accentuated by unbroken brick parapet end walls.

Even its main entry, despite the gorgeous fan and side lights, would be diminished within such sombre character.

It’s the arcade and more specifically, the repeating curved lines of the arches contained within the straight lines of the building form, which lift and lighten the facade to convert the presentation into formal, graceful and elegant.

To a lesser extent, you can see similar decorative arcades on several other period houses in town (e.g. Stewart-McLeod House at 42 Prideaux) as well as on the circa 1825 commercial building, Alma’s Store at 46 Queen St.

And, since we are on Queen Street, let’s slip over

to the corner at King Street where we will find the Niagara Apothecary where, using semi-circular arched windows, the circa 1866 renovation dressed this facade with its own arcade that delivers a comparable formal grace to a pretty humble building.

Next, let’s examine how a single correctly utilized curve can completely alter the impression of a facade by contrasting two very similar houses on opposite corners of Johnson and Regent.

Both Barker Hall (ca. 1831) at 46 Johnson and the Jones-Eckersley House (ca. 1833) across Regent at 58 Johnson are two-storey cubic form Regency dwellings with hip roofs and are clad in clapboard.

Each house was substantial and likely cost in the same range.

However, when we look at the first one, then the other and finally both, it is the Jones-Eckersley House which delivers a more satisfying and refined impression.

It is not the slight asymmetry of Barker Hall that causes it to suffer in comparison to its neighbour, but rather the single striking semi-elliptical arch above the main entry of the Jones-Eckersley house that serves to create a complementary tension (and relief from) all the straight lines which define this cubic building.

All through the Victorian era, curving lines were deployed to heighten that impression of “elegance” as defined by the societal taste of the time.

The pointed and segmental arches common in Gothic Revival houses (not uncommonly emphasized with dichromatic brick), the semi-circular arches of the Italianate, Second Empire, and Romanesque designs, the porch and eave brackets of all the aforementioned styles, the expansive curving porches of the Queen Anne homes and eyebrow dormers seen on Arts and Crafts houses are all examples of the effective use of the curve in historic design.

Just to be clear, simply introducing curves into a design does not necessarily result in a better end product. It is the correct use

of the curve which accomplishes this result.

Let’s imagine a simple symmetrical two-storey commercial building design with five bays. In each of the four shouldering openings, we will install large single full-height (ground level to three feet below the roof eaves) rectangular windows, while in the fifth centre bay, we will create a semi-circular arched opening with a double main entry door and large single window rising above.

Now, if we maintain a single continuous maximum height across all the openings, the impression will be a smaller, less welcoming, entry invitation.

Nor can we allow the impost points of the arch to exceed the height of the eaves due to the likelihood of ruining the building proportions.

To achieve that exciting tension, we should begin and end our arch level with the top of the shouldering openings such that the entry is welcoming but not overwhelming.

In my opinion, some of the best architectural designs combining both curves and straight lines today are coming out of a new generation of Chinese architects. It is worth a Google to see.

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

## Sunday is a **time to remember** fallen at Polish soldiers burial plot



Ross’s Ramblings

Ross Robinson  
Columnist

This Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm, a ceremony of remembrance will be held on Byron Street, in a quiet corner of the St. Vincent de Paul cemetery.

Yes, friends, let’s take a big step out of our usual rambling lives to pay our respects to the thousands of brave young people who left their comfort zones to fight for the cause of freedom.

They personified the Polish soldiers’ motto: “For your freedom and ours.” Indeed, let us remember the fight for freedom continues to this

day – in Ukraine and several places around the world.

Our fortunate lives here in Niagara include McLaren car showcases, pickleball tournaments and strawberry festivals, meanwhile millions of people live in war zones hearing emergency sirens and the wailing of the wounded and dying. It is just so unfair.

Due to policy differences with the United States, in 1917 and 1918 some 22,174 young Polish Americans crossed the Niagara River from Youngstown to join hundreds of Polish Canadians for military training.

Think of the logistics of this project: Feeding, medical, sanitary and accommodation, as little old Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomed thousands of military personnel.

Camp Kosciuszko was located here in NOTL, on the Commons. Just imagine the conditions: living in tents through the winter, the heat of the summer, and the rains and winds. Day after day,



A ceremony of remembrance for Polish soldiers who died of influenza during training in NOTL will take place on Sunday.

week after week, training to go back to Poland to defend their country.

Sadly, 41 young Polish soldiers died of influenza during their training. This burial plot honours them, along with Elizabeth Asher, a non-Polish NOTL nurse who risked her own safety caring for many sick soldiers.

So this Sunday, let’s lend our support to the Canadian Polish Congress Niagara District as they welcome the Polish ambassador to Canada and other dignitaries to our peaceful corner of

our world for their annual ceremony of remembrance.

There will be military leaders from the Polish armed forces, political leaders and military music.

On a personal note, I have always loved Polish people, going way back to my high school days at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines.

Our teams were made stronger with my pals named Oblinski, Wolkoski and Olesinski. They were talented and tough, and lots of fun. Football, wrestling,

basketball and other sports.

Resilient, just like their ancestors back home in Poland, a nation so unfortunately located between Russia and Germany.

Poland was sometimes referred to as the battleground of Europe because armies had to cross Polish soil to find their enemies. National borders were renegotiated, new languages were forced on the people and the incredibly tough Polish people got up and got on with their new lives.

James Michener’s epic novel “Poland” limns the lives of the Polish people as they kept coming back for more punishment from their European neighbours.

It has been written that a “Pole is a man with a sword in his right hand and a brick in his left. When the battle is over, he starts to rebuild.”

So this Sunday, let’s take some time to attend the memorial ceremony at the Polish soldiers’ burial plot here in NOTL.

In 1992, not that long ago, the good people at St. Vincent de Paul Church gave a sizable plot of land to the Canadian Polish Congress, and it is now a well-maintained, elegant remembrance of the thousands of brave people who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom.

This cemetery plot is perfectly landscaped, indeed a reminder of the hundreds of thousands of white crosses, row on row, where the poppies blow in northern Europe: Young lives cut short, fighting war after war.

And have we learned any lessons?

On Sunday, make your way to the Polish soldiers’ burial plot in the St. Vincent de Paul cemetery, just off Byron Street, across from St. Mark’s Church.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin 12:30 p.m., followed by another gathering at the NOTL cenotaph on Queen Street.



# Archeology report on Black burial ground to **stay private** until revealed to council

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A report detailing archeological research at a historically Black cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake is being kept under wraps until it's presented to council, likely later this month.

The first stage of an archeological assessment was completed at the Niagara Baptist Church Burial Ground earlier this year, but George Webber, chair of the Friends of the Forgotten committee, says it's confidential until council reviews it.

The report is part of ongoing work to determine who is buried at the cemetery site, which bears only two headstones despite the possibility of up to 28 Canadian settlers being buried there.

"We've been waiting for this in order to give us

some direction as to how we should proceed," Webber said of the report.

The Friends of the Forgotten is a citizen-run committee focused on honouring and memorializing not only the men and women buried at the Niagara Baptist Church Burial Ground, but also at other Black cemeteries across Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The group funded the stage one assessment, which Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. conducted and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake commissioned.

The report includes information about the area's geography and history, the site's archeological potential and strategies to proceed to the second stage, according to a press release from the Friends of the Forgotten.

It's not confirmed when the stage one report will go to council, but Cluckie

said staff are aiming for the meeting on June 27.

"We are excited that we've hit this stage and that we have that comprehensive document because it really does allow us to move forward," she said.

During stage two, an archeologist will survey the land and look for archeological resources. The archeologist will rake over the surface in search of artifacts or anything of significance.

"We have to bring it to council to determine whether or not that's what they would like to do, but that would be the next stage if we're going to continue," said Marnie Cluckie, the town's chief administrative officer.

"Pending budget availability, town staff would be supportive of moving forward in that way," she added.

A stage two assessment would cost anywhere be-

tween \$50,000 to \$60,000, Cluckie told The Lake Report.

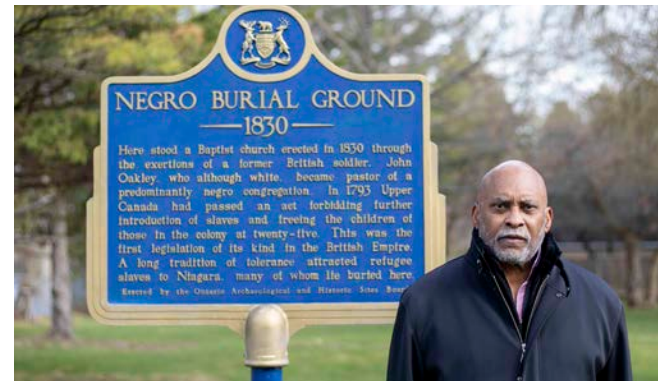
It's the first step required by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario before any work can be done on the site.

"Some options for revitalizing the site include creating a memorial, confirming the interments, mapping and possibly recovering any potential headstones," reads the press release.

Webber told The Lake Report the majority of the committee is in favour of exposing and restoring the headstones, especially after seeing it done at Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines recently.

However, Webber has some concerns about unearthing the headstones especially when it comes to costs.

Headstones could be deteriorated and as a result unusable, which would



Friends of the Forgotten committee chair George Webber stands at the Niagara Baptist Church Burial Ground. He thinks a memorial at the burial site would be more effective than unearthing the headstones. SOMER SLOBODIAN

require the committee to decide if they want to fix the headstones or make new ones.

"Every time you expose one, you have these issues to deal with, and every time you have these issues, you run into costs," said Webber.

"As a result of that, I have always been of the opinion that let's go with a memorial," he added.

He likes the idea of a memorial because a memorial recognizes a whole community that lived there, rather than just one individual.

What happens next all depends on if they get the

go-ahead for a stage two assessment, he said.

Cluckie said unearthing the headstones would require going through all of the archeological stages.

She added that as part of stage two, they'd probably have the archeologist create a conservation plan. This would help guide the town and the committee when it comes to digging up the stones.

According to the release, the committee has been reaching out to other jurisdictions, like St. Catharines, to learn more about their experiences with restoration efforts at historic burial sites.

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## NOTLers bring out old-school cars

Some people would jump at the chance to show off their vintage cars next to some of the most impressive vehicles in the world.

That's just what Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Jim Goetz and Michelle Wallis did.

During the McLaren supercar street party last Saturday, NOTL vintage car owners had the opportunity to flaunt their best machines in a worthy spot across from the McLarens.

Goetz's dazzling red 1958 Austin Healy model 100-6 was naturally a hit for on-lookers and car fans.

"As soon as I parked the car, a guy came up to me and said, 'This car is going to be the most popular of the entire show,'" Goetz told The Lake Report.

He is involved in the vintage car scene and an active member of the Niagara British Car Club, which is how he learned about the McLaren show.

"When I got the Austin Healy I was looking for a place to socialize with people who have a fellow interest in British cars," he said.

He added that there are a lot of people with mechanical knowledge on hand in the group.

"So, if you have to do some quirky thing come up they usually know how to fix it."

Wallis' black 1934 Rolls-Royce model 20/25 is almost entirely original and when in need of a tune-up, her husband Neil often is called upon.

"It looks like the ones that the Queen had been driving but it's a lower model. It's all original, aside from being painted in the '60s. And the back seat's leather was replaced then as well."

Having lived in town for under a decade, Wallis said they haven't been to many car shows but appreciated having one right in NOTL with the chance to chat and network.

"My husband is British and he just loves British cars and tinkering with them," she said.

As for her favourite car of the day, Wallis said Goetz's Austin Healy as a stand-out ride, among others.

"I think the old silver Jag (was a favourite too). That one was very cool."



# SUPER CARS ARE KIN

Luxury McLarens take over downtown NOTL for 60t



After Saturday's McLaren show in Niagara-on-the-Lake, you might be inspired to trade in your car – or maybe your house – to own one.

Gawkers, gearheads and F1 fans alike flooded Queen Street surrounding the 124 Queen Hotel and Spa for a showcase of supercar engineering and opulence last Saturday.

"I kind of expected there to be thousands of people, but to see it, in reality, is pretty unbelievable," said Alana Hurov, marketing director for Q124.

Hurov worked with the rest of the hotel's team to put together the one-of-a-kind event in only five weeks.

"It was a very quick turnaround," she said.

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa excitedly led a fleet of more than a dozen McLarens to Old Town while driving one of the luxury cars himself.

"I'd love to get one but I'd have to trade in around 10 of my cars," he said.

The supercars on display included one worth up to \$2 million U.S., Hurov said.

"The value of these cars is unbelievable," she said. "So we're keeping a very close eye on them."

Aside from the McLarens, car fans could catch a glimpse of a live painting of a supercar by artist Dar-

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McLarens rolled through Old Town on Saturday, giving people a glimpse of luxury for the carmaker's 60th anniversary. Bottom right: Darren Cranford completed a live painting of an orange McLaren as onlookers passed through the car show. DAVE VAN DE LAAR

# ING ON QUEEN

h anniversary event | By Julia Sacco

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goal was to get people into ts, shopping and support- nesses," said Hurov. ded that based on the of its inaugural run, the a show "has a strong d of becoming an annual



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# Inaugural tourney connects pickleball with **tourism**

Stephen Ferley  
Special to The Lake Report

After months of planning and organizing, the inaugural NOTL Classic pickleball tournament gets underway this weekend at Virgil's twin hockey arenas.

The schedule of tourney matches has been designed to give out-of-town players maximum opportunity to enjoy NOTL's tourism benefits, either before or after their games.

The weekend gets underway on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Meridian Credit Union Arena) with a series of professional exhibition matches featuring eight of the leading pros in Ontario, including Adam Eatock, pro at the NOTL Pickleball Club.

Tournament matches will run for the full day Saturday starting at 8 a.m. and using six courts at both arenas. Admission to all Saturday and Sunday matches is free.

In each of the men's and women's doubles there will

be nine groupings – three official skill levels within three age groups. The nine categories really become “sub-tournaments.”

And the schedule for each is self-contained with its own start and finish time – and its own medal presentation ceremony.

Committee member Vince Serratore explains, “From the very outset many of the out-of-town players told us they wanted free time to enjoy the tourist side of Niagara-on-the-Lake as well as the tournament itself.”

“We’ve scheduled it so that a player in, say, the doubles under-50 3.0 category can do some shopping in town before their matches or visit a winery or restaurant afterward – with or without a medal.” A major plus for both the tournament and the town.

The same nine “sub-tournaments” happen for the mixed doubles on Sunday. Play is scheduled to finish around 2 p.m., leaving ample time for any team to catch



Megan Richardson, 17, pictured with her parents Carol and Ken, is the youngest competitor in the tournament. SUPPLIED

the evening performance of “Gypsy” at the Shaw.

Television coverage will be extensive.

Jack Custers at Cogeco Your TV said “Cogeco will have a live feed from the arena. On the production side, Anthony Luongo and Rich Ewtuchovich have lots

of experience covering Niagara IceDogs hockey and Welland Jackfish baseball.”

“But pickleball is new to them. They’ve built special camera mounts and pre-checked all the angles. They’re looking forward to the new challenges.”

Anyone who can't make

it to the arena can tune in to YourTV Niagara channel 700 or channel 100 on Epico, all weekend long.

Spectators are invited to watch the action at both Virgil arenas on Saturday (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Admission is free and it is

a chance to learn about the sport while enjoying the games and the atmosphere.

Admission to Friday's professional pickleball exhibitions at the arena in Virgil costs \$10, payable at the entrance or by e-transfer to classic@notlpickleball.ca. Children under 12 are free.



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## 20 years later, Trojans celebrate big lacrosse win

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

Twenty years ago, the now-closed Niagara District Secondary School's lacrosse team made a bit of history.

On June 2, 2003, the NDSS Trojans took home the provincial title in a close 10-9 win against St. Peter's in Peterborough, a big feat for a small school.

To celebrate the anniversary of their big win, the 2003 Trojans reunited at the Sandtrap last Friday, exactly 20 years from taking home the championship.

"This was the first time we're all together and back and reminiscing," former team member Gary Friesen told The Lake Report.

Nearly the entire team was able to make it out

for the Sandtrap reunion, including former coach Bill Hope.

The Sandtrap was a perfect location because the players all know the pub's owners, Matt and Paul Dietsch, said Friesen.

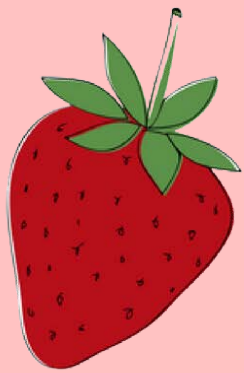
"Matt was actually on the first Niagara District Secondary School lacrosse team, the inaugural team."

Friesen, now a chiropractor in NOTL, was in Grade 10 when they took home the championship title and two years later became the team captain.

"We had the best lacrosse team in Ontario. That's the cool thing about it. Even though we were a really small school that would go on to close six years later, we had a great lacrosse program," he said.



The Niagara District Secondary School Trojans celebrated the 20th anniversary of their big win in 2003 at the Sandtrap last Friday. Some players still fit into their jerseys two decades later. JULIA SACCO



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# Native centre's basketball team wins **Battle for Turtle Island**

Evan Loree  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

After taking first place at an Indigenous basketball tournament in Winnipeg, the Niagara Regional Native Centre's boys' basketball team came home to proud and impressed parents.

The team played in the Battle for Turtle Island tournament at the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba from May 19 to 21, winning first place on the final day.

The native centre, located on Airport Road in Niagara-on-the-Lake, formed the new basketball team in January, but its coach says it's not so much a new program, as it is the return of an old one.

This team is made up of high school-age boys under 17 years old.

The centre used to run a basketball program under the leadership of Shannon and Blue Hill, said team coach Quinn Hill.

However, like so many other sports leagues, it shut down during the pandemic to help implement social distancing recommendations.



Second From left, Korde Hill, Miguel Funes, Malcolm Perrin, Danny Orr, Head Coach Quinn Hill, Brennan Middlemiss, assistant coach Braydyn Issac, Demarco Perry, Jackson Davis (barely visible), Zion Russell and assistant coach Max Grant. SUPPLIED

Hill said he played with the old team for about four years but took on coaching in 2019 after he was too old for the program.

In its first season back, the team is enjoying some early success after winning the Winnipeg tournament.

Hill said the team was short a few players entering the tournament as well.

"I think we went up with eight players to Winnipeg,"

he said. "They did really well, even being short-benched," he added.

For Hill, coaching is so much about pushing his team to win games as it is about passing on his experience and wisdom.

"I like giving back to the kids and teaching them stuff that I've learned over the years," he said.

"It teaches them a lot of

life skills as well."

Hill remembers when he first started playing he became close friends with Max Grant.

Now, he and Grant coach together.

"It creates those lasting friendships," he said.

Hill said he was surprised by how large the competition in Winnipeg was.

The native centre's team competes most often with

teams from Hamilton, Six Nations and other teams around southern Ontario.

"It was great to see just the level of competition – in the – within the native youth for basketball," Quinn said.

Hill doesn't necessarily see all the good the basketball program does off the court.

Marie Louise, a mixed-racial Mohawk woman who lives in St. Catharines, said her son, 15-year-old Zion Russell, took the initiative to try out for the centre's basketball team.

She was proud he did, she said, because she wants him to have a strong connection to his cultural identity.

While in Winnipeg, for example, the team also got to attend a powwow, where they saw firsthand how Indigenous communities celebrate their culture.

The basketball program at the native centre also provides an opportunity for Indigenous youth to connect with their culture, said Louise.

Through the centre, the players have access to positive Indigenous role models, Louise said, including coach Hill, who she said has "a lot

of good insights" into the community.

The program has been great for her son's academic performance, she said.

"In order to play you have to do your schoolwork," Louise said.

Academic performance is important to Louise, she said, as she works as an Indigenous graduation coach for the region's Catholic school board.

Her son doesn't just play on the centre's basketball team. He also is active in lacrosse and football.

She describes her son as being a little sluggish just a couple of years earlier before he started getting involved with sports.

The team meets every Monday and Wednesday evening at the DSBN Academy school in St. Catharines to practice.

Louise said she chose not to go to her son's tournament in Winnipeg, but she did get to watch him play at a tournament in Six Nations earlier this year.

"He's pretty serious about his game," Louise said. "I like seeing that side because you don't always see that in the day-to-day."



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The NOTL Soccer Club's Timbits division did a bit more than play soccer during their Saturday morning game. The sporty tots kicked the ball around, ran drills and even enjoyed a horizontal break in the sun. JULIA SACCO

## NOTL Timbits kick it around



## It's raining aces at the NOTL Golf Club

Staff  
The Lake Report

Lightning struck three times in just five days at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club as a trio of players each had a hole-in-one.

Lisa Allen (see accompanying story) started it off last Friday, then on Monday afternoon, playing in the Business Ladies league, Tara Di Leo aced the same hole, #4.

Not to be outdone, the men got into the act and during the WOOFs league on Tuesday, Brian MacIntyre had a hole-in-one on the 180-yard ninth hole. (Watch for more on the aces by Di Leo and MacIntyre next week.)

Club pro Keith Vant had earlier said that Allen's was the first reported ace of the 2023 season – and then the golf gods bestowed two more in short order.

Three men also shot even-par 36 on Tuesday in the WOOFs league to share top honours.

Big shooters were Don Allen, Harry Huizer and

Jim Meszaros. Larry Heim had low net and Ralph Rickard was closest to the pin on #4.

Last week, Patrick Craig won low gross with a 39 and Rob Lowe was low net. Jeff Jacques was closest to the pin on #4.

In Thursday men's league action, the past two club champs, Ricky Watson and James Grigjanis-Meusel, both shot 1-under 35 to win low gross. Earl Shore collected 26 points for best modified Stableford score.

Other winners: Zach Luis (longest drive #1), Jack Hanna (closest to 150 marker #2), Jim Cosgrove (closest to pin #4), Jim McMacken (longest putt #6, Joe Mulholland (longest putt #7) and Glenn Young (closest to pin #9).

Net skins shooters were Rob Chubey (#1), Peter Chilibeck (#2), McMacken (#6) and Don Stewart (#8). Sam Ridesic's birdie earned a gross skin on #2.

In Tuesday's nine-hole women's league, Charlotte Kainola and Barb Werner tied for first with net scores

of 33. Sharon Allen, Ruth Dowsett, Suzanne Watson and Helen McCallum all tied for second with 37.

Top gross scores were Suzanne Watson (47), Susan Horne and Werner (48) and Dowsett (50). Allen had the longest drive on #5.

In round two of the league's match play competition, Maureen Taylor, Cathy Saytar, Deborah Williams and Suzanne Rate were winners and advanced to next week's third round.

And it was "Putt for Dough" day in the 18-hole women's league on Tuesday morning, with points awarded for the fewest putts taken.

The winner was Sharron Marlow with 26 putts and 64 points. Tied for second were Christine Earl and Judy Mantle (30 putts and 60 points). Reigning women's club champion Louise Robitaille was third with 31 putts and 59 points.

Robitaille also had the top gross and net scores, shooting 78 for a net of 70. Other top gross scorers were Martha Cruikshank

and Yolanda Henry (89) and Lisa Allen (91).

Five women tied for second low net at 71: Marlow, Cheryl Yamamoto, Brenda Bell, Cathy Murray, Janice White. Henry was net 72.

It also was a big day for chip-ins, with six in total: Jen Meszaros had two, while Val Chubey, Mary Powers, Henry and White had one each.

Deborah and Grant Williams, and Dean McCann teamed up to shoot 2-under 34 in the Friday couples league's step-aside scramble.

In second with 35 were Adele Matthews, Michael Mott, May Chang and Kevin MacLean. Third with 1-over 37 were Sharron and Bernard Marlow, Janice and Jim McMacken.

Cal Cochrane was closest to the pin (#4) while Grant Williams and Bonnie Lamourie sank the longest putts on #8. Participant Kathleen Davie was singled out for having a hole-in-one at the St. Catharines Golf Club last week.

## Lisa Allen steps back and scores hole-in-one

Kevin MacLean  
The Lake Report

Every golfer dreams of acing a hole and for most it remains that, just a dream.

Niagara-on-the-Lake's Lisa Allen did it for the second time, scoring a hole-in-one Friday morning on the NOTL Golf Club's par-3 fourth hole.

Allen, one of the top players at the club, said the distance to the pin measured 121 yards.

It was a tough pin placement, over a large front bunker, with the hole on the back tier of the small green.

Standing on the tee, the group had an unimpeded view of the target.

"I considered the slight wind but knew that if I struck my seven iron well it would be too long," Allen said afterward.

"I stepped back from the tee about a club length and we all watched it land and continue up the tiered green to the pin and disappear," she said.

Her playing partners – Martha Cruikshank, Brenda Bell and Cathy Taylor – were whooping and hollering after the ball dropped.

And, of course, there were hugs and high-fives.

A neighbour on Queen Street opposite the golf course heard all the commotion and figured someone had done something special.

"The group behind us was on the third green and we probably made someone miss their putt," Allen said.

"But they were also making noise once they realized what happened."

It was the first reported hole-in-one of the season, though two others turned the trick since.

It was Allen's second ace, having done it previously on a short hole on a course in Florida.

History did not repeat itself on the back nine when Allen returned to the scene of her success. But her talent did shine through.

She knocked her shot out of bounds from the white tees, forcing her to play "three from the tee."

"My second ball had almost the same flight, with a six iron, but was eight feet left of the pin," she said.

"I made my putt, so I had a bogey."

Scoring a four after a two-stroke penalty for going out of bounds is a rare feat. Most golfers end up with a five. Or worse.

On Friday mornings several groups of women play in an informal league called the Quota Gals. They earn points for good scores – and a few loonies are at stake. Allen had a good day in the quota department.

She ended her first nine in fine fashion as well, hitting her tee shot on #9 to about 15 feet and winning closest to the pin honours (it was impossible for anyone to get closer than her ace on #4).

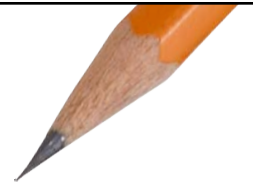
She made par on #9 and went on to shoot 90 on the day.



Lisa Allen receives a congratulatory NOTL Golf Club flag from pro Keith Vant after her hole-in-one on the fourth hole last Friday. MAY CHANG



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**Across**

- 1. Gazes fixedly (6)
- 5. Chair (8)
- 9. Preliminary test (5,3)
- 10. Person of no influence (6)
- 11. Inability to sleep (8)
- 12. Soak up (6)
- 16. Easter bloom (4)
- 18. Young horses (5)
- 22. Audacious person (5)
- 23. Bicoloured (3-4)
- 24. Cry of approval (5)
- 25. Inward feeling (5)
- 28. Augury (4)
- 32. Species of goose (6)
- 35. Repair (8)
- 36. Intrude upon (6)
- 37. Septic (8)
- 38. Tavern (8)
- 39. Hair curler (6)

**Down**

- 2. Capital of Ontario (7)
- 3. Computer information (4-3)
- 4. Beach (6)
- 5. Instruction book (6)
- 6. Tooth-related (6)
- 7. Garments (5)
- 8. Elizabeth I was the last (5)
- 13. Computer memory units (5)
- 14. Periodical (5)
- 15. Dumb vessel (5)
- 17. Actor-singer --- Novello (4)
- 18. Like zirconia (5)
- 19. Get to know (5)
- 20. Brooked (5)
- 21. Exude slowly (4)
- 26. Moral (7)
- 27. Sleep (4-3)
- 29. Capital of Lesotho (6)
- 30. Beginner (6)
- 31. Spliff (6)
- 33. Invalidate (5)
- 34. Embarrass (5)

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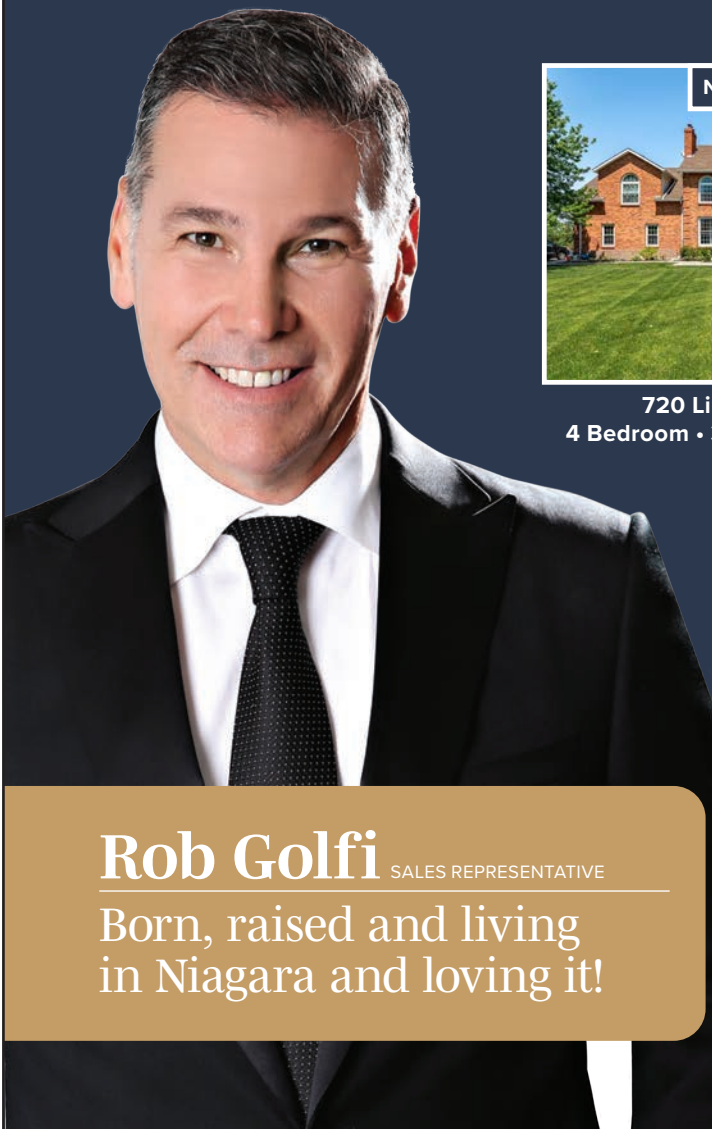
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# Seminar highlights crucial role of women farmers during Second World War

Somer Slobodian  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

An upcoming seminar at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum will shed light on stories of Ontario's often-unrecognized women farmers – who stepped up when their country needed them the most.

Co-authors of “Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz: Memories of Ontario Farmerettes,” Shirleyan English and Bonnie Sitter will tell the tales of the young women who worked long days out on the farms during the Second World War, called “farmerettes” by historians.

The presentation will be on June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the museum.

“It’s going to cover all aspects of farmerette life and why the girls, even today, still, call it the best summer of their life,” said Sitter.

Their book includes letters and experiences from southern Ontario’s forgotten farmerettes who volunteered to go live in camps and work on the farms to provide food for the population.

This is more than faraway history for English – she worked as a farmerette herself during the war.

Not only that, she was a farmerette for Sitter’s in-laws.

The two connected after Sitter came across an old photo of three farmerettes and started researching them. After finding out more, Sitter wrote an article about the farmerettes for a farming magazine called the Rural Voice in Blyth, Ont.

“The tiny two-by-two-and-a-half inch picture that could have been tossed in the garbage made me curious to find out why I had never learned about farmerettes in school,” said Sitter.

English wrote a letter

to the editor after reading Sitter’s article, and the two have been working together ever since.

When thousands of men’s lives were lost in the Second World War, factories and other male-dominated workforces were left short-handed.

In 1941, the Ontario Farm Service Force formed the Farmerettes program and recruited nearly 25,000 high school students.

Advertisements geared towards women appeared saying “We Can’t Fight If We Don’t Eat!” and “We won’t eat if YOU don’t help Ontario farmers this summer!” to encourage them to sign up.

“(The book) brought a lot of joy to a lot of women that thought they were never ever going to be talking about being a farmerette anymore,” she said.

The two women will share never-before-seen photos



Farmerettes enjoy their lunch break. SUPPLIED

of farmerettes, the perks of being a farmerette and the history behind them.

“They’re going to see where the girls live, they’re going to see the jobs they did, they’re going to hear about the fun they had,” said Sitter.

The farmerettes, between the ages of 16 and 18, weeded, picked and planted fruit and vegetables for upwards of 10 hours a day

for 13 weeks.

“One girl that we know wrote in her story that she was 15 but her mother changed her birth certificate so she could go with her girlfriends,” Sitter said.

The farmerettes not only learned important life skills but formed long-lasting memories and friendships, said Sitter.

Though the work was hard, Sitter said, “What the

girls really remember is the friendships and the fun that they had.”

Some girls went back as many as four times, she said.

The presentation will be held at the NOTL Museum at 43 Castlereagh St.

Admission is \$10 and free for members.

Call 905-468-3912, or email [aklassen@nhs.ca](mailto:aklassen@nhs.ca) to reserve your seats.



Allison Kocsis, Karlene Ouellette, Barbara Worthy, Shawna Butts and museum pup Louis were all in celebration of the museum’s grand 116th birthday on Saturday. The public was granted free admission all day. JULIA SACCO

## NOTL Museum celebrates 116 years of history

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum turned 116 years old on Sunday, with barely a wrinkle to show for it.

“We still look pretty good,” said Shawna Butts, assistant curator and educational programmer.

Every year, the museum celebrates its birthday by granting free admission to patrons on the date, June 4.

The museum opened its doors in 1907 as the first purpose-built museum in Ontario.

The museum’s leadership dubbed June 4 as Janet Carnochan Day, in honour of the Canadian historian and teacher who founded the Niagara Historical Society in 1895.

Butts explained that without Carnochan, the NOTL Museum would not be the institution it is today.

“She was instrumental in the opening of the museum,” she said.

“We’ve just started naming things around here after her: our museum truck is called Janet Truckohan,” she joked.

Today, the museum is still home to the original Memorial Hall building and its original opening proclamation.

“We were originally in the old courthouse,” said Butts.

The collection was moved to its current location to accommodate its large amount of artifacts.

Free admission coincided with the museum’s launch of its new exhibit on Chloe Cooley, a Black woman who became the catalyst for the British Empire’s first anti-slavery legislation in 1793.

“People can come in, walk around and enjoy the newly opened exhibition,” said Butts.

## Books at the Barn returns to NOTL June 17

Staff  
The Lake Report

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers’ Circle will again be showcasing local authors’ books on the weekend of the St. Andrew’s Strawberry Festival on June 17.

Books at the Barn will take place in front of the quaint red barn at 322 Simcoe St. on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., right across the street from the Strawberry Festival.

The gathering will be an opportunity to chat with local writers, perhaps purchase a book and get the author to autograph a copy.

Among those authors featured at the book fair are

Sally Basmajian, Sharon Frayne, Diane Martin, Paul Masson, Kathryn Recourt and Richard West.

In addition, Writers’ Circle author Randy Klaassen, who publishes books with local themes, will be displaying some of his press’s titles. For more information about the Writers’ Circle, please see <http://www.notl-writerscircle.com/>.

Sally Basmajian’s exciting new novel, “So Hard to Do,” tells the story of a mother and her daughter who inadvertently fall for the same man.

In this twisted triangle, can a happily-ever-after be achieved? Or will someone’s heart break and the

mother-daughter bond be severed forever?

Sharon Frayne’s “The Sound of a Rainbow” was selected by the CBC as one of the must-read young adult books for the spring of 2023.

It tells the story of Raven, a troubled 16-year-old whose divorcing parents have sent her to summer camp.

At first she hates it, but the challenges she faces eventually lead her to form friendships and develop empathy for others.

Diane Martin has published “When Time Stands Still,” a mystery/adventure book for children ages eight to 12.

Three siblings, Megan, Nicholas and Brooke, think they are going on an uneventful family vacation and couldn’t be more wrong. They find themselves investigating the mysterious disappearance, many years ago, of their great-great-uncle Jack.

Paul Masson has just published the fifth detective novel in his series “The ABC File.” It’s entitled “Evil in Summerland.”

Cameron and Carroll, Investigators, are asked to locate the daughter of a Canadian mining magnate.

This leads them to Ottawa and to the African country of Summerland. They try to unravel the threads connect-



Writers’ Circle members in 2022. FILE/RICHARD HARLEY

ing various events, but face mortal danger from those who do not wish the past to be disinterred.

Kathryn Recourt, a Canada Book Awards winner, will present her popular illustrated children’s series about Sir Archibald Droolsalot: “Big Dog Blues,” “Puppy Dog Blues.”

Richard West will have on display his intrigu-

ing sci-fi series about the Lightning People, who, though not immortal, live much longer lives than we humans: Titles include “Lightning People: Discovered,” “Lightning People: Entangled” and “The Hive Revealed,” as well as “Recollections of War,” an account of his parents’ memories of events in England during the Second World War.





## EXPLORING PHOTOS WITH NOTL MUSEUM



### Fishing weirs in Queenston

This photograph, circa 1910, was taken just south of Queenston on the Canadian side of the Niagara River. The men are standing on one of the fishing weirs, which were created to direct fish into a catchment area. The fishermen would then scoop the fish out or raise the trap by a pulley system. Some of the fishermen in this area were James Wadsworth, David Derror (a member of the local Black community) and Joe Gabriel. For more on local fishing history, read “Destroyed: Commercial Fishing in Niagara” by Terry Boulton. Copies can be found in the museum’s gift shop.

## NOTL cadets want your empty bottles this Saturday

Somer Slobodian  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

The NOTL cadets’ bottle drive is back this weekend and they want all of your empty bottles and cans.

The 809 Newark Royal Canadian Air Cadets will be collecting refundable liquor, wine, beer bottles and cans on Saturday, June 10.

They will be at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 124, the Cornerstone Community Church in Virgil and the St. Davids Lions Club from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cory Abt, the squadron sponsorship committee chair, told The Lake Report that if those donating bottles so desire, “they can pop the trunk” when stopping by and “we’ll take them right out of the car.”

The money raised will go toward buying equipment used in the program, like engines for model rockets, teaching aids and general field training items, said Abt.

He’d like to see the cadets out in the field as much as possible now that COVID-19 has died down.

“The June bottle drive is kind of our prep for next year (in September),” he said.

He added that Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa wants to see the cadets at more functions, too.

“We think that’s fantastic and we love that idea,” Abt said.

The cadets usually hold two to three bottle drives a year. The next one should be around September.

After Saturday’s bottle drive, all the bottles will be taken to VanNoort Flower Studio, boxed up then cashed in at the Beer Store.

#### Drop-off locations:

St. Davids Lions Club – 1462 York Rd., St. Davids.

Royal Canadian Legion – 410 King St., Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Cornerstone Community Church – 1570 Niagara Stone Rd., Virgil.

# The curious case of short-lasting memory loss



**DR. BROWN**

Dr. William Brown  
Columnist

Forgetting the names of people, where you placed the car keys and the occasional appointment are common much beyond the age of 80.

We’re all guilty as charged and most of the time, those embarrassments and inconveniences are just that – not tell-tale signs of impending dementia, a stroke or anything else worrisome.

Sometimes memory loss is acute and lasts several days. That’s what happened to my father-in-law, Bob, when the family was vacationing in Barbados.

One evening at dinner, his speech became slurred, his mouth sagged on the left and his left arm and leg became mildly weak, none

of which he was aware of until I pointed out the weakness to him. This all cleared up within a few minutes, only to reoccur an hour or so later.

We took him to the local hospital – not very impressive in those days – and the decision was made for me to get him on the first flight back to Toronto and thence University Hospital in London the following morning.

On the return flight to Toronto, as we climbed to cruising altitude, the weakness reoccurred only to, fortunately, go away with nasal oxygen.

Once in Toronto, it was obvious Bob could not remember the several-hour flight from Barbados to Toronto, or rolling forward, the subsequent flight to London Ontario, admission to University Hospital and most of the following day.

Otherwise, Bob’s neurological examination was normal – except he was unable to remember what was said to him or even that we had been with him in his room a minute or so earlier, although longer-term memories were intact.



Imaging studies revealed a small ischemic lesion involving the right dorsal medial nucleus of the thalamus, which is part of the memory circuit.

Such discrete, localized lesions affecting the retention and recall of memory are rare – rare enough that my colleague who looked after Bob at University Hospital reported his case, complete with an MRI picture of the small thalamic lesion.

Occasionally, people in mid-age or later develop acute memory loss associated with no symptoms – other than a several-hour period in which they are completely unable to recall anything during this timeframe, nor anything several hours before the first symptoms.

Characteristically, these patients compulsively and repeatedly ask questions such as, “What’s going on?” and “How did I get here?” There are no other neurological signs or symptoms to suggest migraine, stroke or epilepsy or any other specific disorders as the cause.

In that sense, the disorder is a clinical syndrome of exclusion.

The disorder was first described in 1958 by Miller Fisher, a Canadian by birth, and Raymond Adams from Harvard University and the Massachusetts General Hospital. They gave it the name “transient global amnesia.”

Patients invariably recover with no deficits, although occasionally recurrences happen which are equally benign. Despite several extensive clinical studies,

no specific cause has been identified, although the features of the memory loss point to something happening somewhere along the memory circuit from the hippocampus to the thalamus.

Episodes may be triggered by some significant event such as extreme exertion, news of a death, sexual assault, severe pain or, according to a series completed by the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota’s farm country, “strenuous farm work.”

A migraine is sometimes associated with a cycle of spreading excitation followed by depression involving the neocortex, often involving the visual area.

The excitation period is marked by bright lights, dots or zigzags in the related visual fields and is usually followed by a period of neocortical depression in the same region of the visual field marked by temporary blindness.

Whether a similar physiological process might involve the hippocampus and/or thalamus in transient global amnesia syndrome is speculation and a reminder

that 65 years later, the cause of transient global amnesia remains a mystery – fortunately, a benign one.

Remember, the syndrome is very specific and deviations from the usual pattern might well be cause for serious concern.

To return to my father-in-law – none of us were aware that Bob had a two-year history of angina associated with brisk walking. That history suggested Bob might have had a “silent” heart attack in the days or few weeks before the transient ischemic attacks and later stroke.

If so, the latter might have been related to emboli from a previously-infarcted region of his heart. Evidence of such a series of events was found in subsequent cardiac studies.

Bob later confessed he had been reluctant to tell anyone about the angina. Sound familiar to some males?

*Dr. William Brown is a professor of neurology at McMaster University and co-founder of the InfoHealth series at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.*



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Plants placed and ready to go at the Newark Park Community Garden. JOANNE YOUNG

# The importance of pollinators



**GROWING TOGETHER** 

Joanne Young  
Columnist

This past Saturday, I had the privilege of helping to install a pollinator garden for the Newark Park Community Gardens on Niven Road, near Lakeshore Road and just outside Old Town.

Last year was this community garden's first year up and running. They rent out garden plots to anyone interested in growing, mainly vegetables.

Last fall, Julian Trachsel, coordinator for the gardens, approached the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society to see if they would be willing and able to help them with a special project: implementing a pollinator garden to help attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects essential to optimum vegetable production.

Of course, the Horticultural Society was excited to be a part of the planning of the garden. It donated the

plants and had some volunteers help them with the planting of the garden.

Over the last few years, we have been hearing, from many different sources, about the importance of attracting pollinators to our gardens.

With a sharp decline in the number of honeybees year after year, it is becoming increasingly critical we do what we can to protect them.

It isn't only the honeybees (which are not native to Ontario), though, that are in decline. It is such a bigger problem than that.

Honeybees are getting most of the attention because they are the one bee we all recognize. But, did you know that there are at least 400 species of bees native to Ontario alone and over 800 species across Canada?

More and more bee species are being added to the threatened species list all the time, and bees are not the only insect that pollinate flowers.

There are so many insects that we rely on: wasps, moths, butterflies, flies and hummingbirds are just a few of the important pollinators.

So, why is attracting pollinators to your garden so important? Did you know that at least 75 per cent of the food we consume has been pollinated at some point?

To put it another way, three out of every four bites of food that you eat depends on pollination. That is a staggering figure.

We are totally reliant on all these hard little workers for the very food we eat. Speaking with the gardeners at the Newark Park Community Garden shows how important pollinators are.

The gardens are located in such a beautiful park area surrounded by trees. It truly is a lovely spot. But, with very few flowers in the nearby area, it is not an area where there are a lot of pollinators.

Some gardeners mentioned to me that this past year the vegetable plants seem to have had a lot of flowers but very little fruit produced.

The reason, simply put, is that the flowers were not being pollinated. By adding a garden full of flowering plants, it will significantly help to attract the pollinators needed for a bounty of produce.

Planting native species is the best way to attract pollinating insects and birds. Native plants are those that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved.

Not only do native plants attract pollinators, but they are the ecological basis upon which life depends, including birds and people.

They provide the nectar that the pollinators depend upon to survive.

Does this mean that you must rip out all your plants and only plant native flowers? Of course not! Start small.

Looking to fill a gap in your garden? Consider planting a native species. Starting a garden from scratch? Check out the native choices and make sure to plant a few of them.

If we all added five native species to our gardens, it would make a world of difference.

Here are some of the perennials that we planted this past Saturday at the Newark Park Community Gardens: liatris (gay feather), eupatorium (Joe Pye weed), rudbeckia (black-eyed Susans), agastache (anise hyssop), echinacea (coneflower), Monarda (bee balm), rabidita (prairie coneflower), gaillardia (blanket flower), prairie smoke geum (avens), pennisetum (beard tongue), asclepias (butterfly weed) and panicum (switch grass).

So, let's do our part and consider planting some of these plants in our own gardens. It's such a small thing to do that will have lasting rewards.

*Joanne Young is a Niagara-on-the-Lake garden expert and coach. See her website at joanneyoung.ca*

## Obituary

### Marjorie Mikkelsen



Mikkelsen, Marjorie (MacLachlan) 1937-2023

It is with heavy hearts we bid farewell to our mom, Marjorie, on the 31st day of May, 2023, peacefully at home, with her children by her side. Beloved wife of Svend Mikkelsen (2017). Mother of Kristian and Inger (Christiansen), Paul and Darlene (White), Dana and Kevin (Foley), and Leslie and Ed (Schlosser).

Her grandchildren, Daniel, Emma, Carlene, Thomas, Valerie, Cameron, Alexandria, Tristian, Sebastian, and great grandchildren, Logan, Sawyer, Maya, and Oliver. Mom was passionate about her flower gardens and her quilting. Always loving and caring and strong in her faith. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Thank you to Dr. Bastedo and the amazing NOTL Palliative Care Team.

Another bright gem for His crown.

## William Ball

BALL, William Lawrence - Bill passed away peacefully at Hospice Niagara on Saturday, June 3, 2023 in his 88th year. Bill is forever reunited with his beloved wife, Jean (1994). Loving Dad of Brenda Petrunick (Kirk). Predeceased by daughter, Cathy (2016), and son, Jim (2017). Very proud Papa to Eric, Jack and Kate.

Bill developed a love of the sea, and fishing at a very young age in Niagara, which was passed down to him from generations of family. He was the happiest on a boat with a line in the water, sharing great conversation and definitely a few fish stories, with family and friends!

In most recent years, Bill volunteered at the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association, where he shared his passion and knowledge for the sport with many, including the organization of Kids Day fishing in Port Dalhousie for many years. Bill is also remembered for his 25 years as a volunteer fireman for the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. He was proud to be an active member of our community.

Bill will be missed by his many nieces, nephews and fellow fisherman.

As per Bill's request cremation has taken place. Service will be held at Saint Marks Church in Niagara on the Lake at 11am on Friday, June 9, 2023. Interment will follow at Saint Marks Cemetery.

In memory of Bill, donations may be made to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, St. Catharines Game and Fish Association (Kids Day) and Hospice Niagara.

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