Drive-by shooting in St. Davids has neighbourhood on edge

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

St. Davids residents who live near a house that was shot at in a targeted drive-by shooting say they are nervous and worried.

Niagara Regional Police are seeking at least two men after four shots were fired at a home at 31 Kenmir Ave. early Sunday.

Erika Johnson, who lives across from the targeted house, said she now feels nervous letting her dog out at night.

“If we weren’t in the process of moving, I would’ve gotten more cameras,” she said in an interview, adding she will feel more comfortable once whoever is responsible for the shooting is caught.

Another Kenmir Avenue resident, Nadia Black, shared the same sentiment, saying it was “shocking” that a shooting happened in such a “quiet” neighbourhood.

At the time of the shooting, neighbour Lee Harag said he and his wife Stéf heard some noise but didn’t know what it was. About 20 minutes later, 10 police cars with a canine unit showed up. Harag said.

“It is very strange,” Harag commented, noting he would expect something like this to happen in Toronto, not in NOTL. “I might install security cameras.”

However, one area resident who insisted on remaining anonymous, said she is not worried and said she thinks St. Davids is “still a safe neighbourhood.”

Just after midnight an unidentified man fired at least four shots into a residence on Kenmir Avenue.

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Cannabis growers in Niagara double in one year

Jill Troyer
The Lake Report

By any measure, the business of growing cannabis in the Niagara Region has doubled in the last year.

The number of commercial growers has gone to six from three; the number of square feet to two million from one million, and the number of employees in the industry is growing rapidly.

Since cannabis was legalized, Statistics Canada reports that cannabis-related jobs grew substantially, by 266 per cent, and Ontario has the lion’s share of those jobs.

“The highest level of cannabis-related employment was in Ontario, an estimated 5,700, representing more than half of the national total. Ontario is the province with the largest concentration of licensed producers,” according to a Statistics Canada report.

And Niagara has “two of the three largest producers in Canada. The third is in Leamington,” says Blake Landry, manager, economic research and analysis for the Region of Niagara.

Tweed Farms in Niagara-on-the-Lake was here first. It started growing medical marijuana in NOTL in 2014, and is still the largest.

Jordan Sinclair, vice-president of communications for Canopy Growth Corporation, which owns Tweed, says the operation in NOTL has expanded from the “35,000 square feet it began with, to one million square feet, and is a major part of our overall production capacity.”

Canopy Growth purchased NOTL winery Coyote’s Run for $10 million in May, and Sinclair says “it was a good business decision” to buy the winery, which is adjacent to Tweed Farms. “Canopy is look-

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The bylaw has been sent to the council committee and Cherpita says there will be a “public open house in September, where we’ll make a presentation and invite public comment.” A staff report is expected to be presented to council’s committee of the whole on Sept. 9. A notice of motion by Coun. Stuart McCormack outlines details of the proposed new bylaw, including extension of the prohibition on new operations until July 2020. One licensed producer in Pelham, Cannt Trust, recently ran afoul of Health Canada, violating its licence conditions by growing more plants than it was licensed for. Since then, its CEO and board chair have been fired, stock prices have plummeted, and its inventory has been put on hold.

In a statement, Health Canada said that consequences could range from “compliance promotion and awareness, which are intended to educate and prevent non-compliance, up to measures intended to correct non-compliance or address a public health or safety risk, such as the issuance of a warning letter, suspension or cancellation of a federal licence, the issuance of a ministerial order, or the issuance of administrative monetary penalties (up to $1 million).”

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The shooter was a rear passenger in an older, possibly early 2000s, four-door silver Volkswagen Golf, police said. The group had a light blue patch on the front passenger door and the front silver rims are different than the rear silver rims.

The vehicle was spotted in the neighbourhood several hours prior to the shooting, investigators said.

Members of the force’s forensic service unit examined the scene for evidence. No bullet hole was visible from the street.

The photographer is trying for partners to use the property to produce wine,” he explained.

For now, Sinclair says, Canopy has a “contract with a third party to take care of the vineyard operations.” But Tweed Farms is no longer an oddity in the area, having been joined by five other producers so far, with more seeking to grow cannabis in the region. An outdoor cannabis operation has been proposed on Airport Road in Niagara-on-the-Lake, though formal approval has not yet been requested.

Landry says the Niagara Region is attractive to licensed producers. “We have experience and expertise, as well as significant existing greenhouse facilities. We also have a tradition of producing food and beverages. There is a very high concentration of horticultural support here, we have capacity, and talent.”

Niagara’s microclimate is also attractive to producers, since it allows them to save on energy costs, he says.

One of the new operators in the region is Aleafia Health, in Grimsby. “The Niagara Region is blessed with a workforce with tremendous experience in greenhouse horticulture, along with a unique climate that has made the decision for Aleafia Health to call the region home an easy one,” Aleafia CEO Geoffrey Benic said in a statement. Aleafia has a 160,000-square-foot greenhouse ready to go, just waiting on final approval of its licence from Health Canada.

“We have a core team in place already and they are working at some of our other facilities and will move over to Grimsby when it’s licensed. When we get the licence, we would ramp up hiring immediately and build up to the full team in five to seven weeks,” says Nicholas Bergamini, vice-president of investments relations for Aleafia. “We’ll employ 80 to 100 people there.”

For Landry, the growth in Niagara is unprecedented. “I’ve never seen this kind of growth in a sector, this just boomed.”

But this is just the beginning, he says. “Given the rapid pace that this industry is evolving, I suspect that these statistics will change significantly over the next one to two years.”

The economic impact is expected to come from more than just growing cannabis. “The real economic opportunity will come from processing and services,” he says. “That could include greenhouse technical companies, electrical controls and various types of expertise.”

The wine industry has the highest value add of any agriculture industry, and cannabis may rival that.”

There are already several cannabis industry players in Niagara, including Avid Growing Systems Inc., which provides turn-key cannabis cultivation systems.

Another, Hamilt Agri-Cultural Processing Solutions, is developing products to use to process cannabis, such as small scale trimmers and extractors.

And Niagara Falls is home to the Grow Up Cannabis Expo, which is the first cannabis industry conference and exhibition in Canada. This year it will be held from Sept. 12 to 14, and organizers expect 5,000 people to attend.

Landry predicts the next wave of growth will be in cannabis edible products, saying “cannabis edibles and beverages are not legal yet, and present a big opportunity for Niagara. It’s so new at this time, that we are only starting to see the various products and applications that are being developed with cannabis... this is a nascent area of the industry. Once edibles become legal, we’ll see.”

Edibles will be legally available by mid-December. Landry says that there are companies actively “investigating production of edibles, and looking to set up facilities.”

Sinclair says Canopy Growth has no plans to produce edibles at Tweed Farms in NOTL. Production of cannabis products will continue to be centered at its’ headquarters in Smiths Falls, Ont.

Mishka Balsom, president and CEO of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, also notes there’s “a huge interest in edible cannabis and refined liquids” and that may have a significant impact on tourism in the region. “But it’s so new, we have to wait and see how it will develop. There are high risks and great opportunities.”

Balsom notes “it’s a new industry, and when it grows so fast, there are growing pains.”

Those growing pains include complaints from residents who live near the new or expanded facilities about the smells coming from greenhouses growing cannabis. In Pelham the expansion was so dramatic council imposed a one-year moratorium on any additional facilities in March 2019.

In June, NOTL town council extended an interim cannabis bylaw prohibiting new cannabis operations and expansions within the municipality for one more year.

Coun. Wendy Cherpita says the town’s cannabis committee, after extensive consultation and information gathering, has drafted a new cannabis bylaw that “would prohibit any outdoor cannabis growth in NOTL, and limit any new greenhouses to industrial areas.”

The committee wants to be sure the bylaw “protects our existing fruit and grape industry, as well as our beautiful landscape,” Cherpita says.

**Blake Landry, manager, economic research and analysis for the Region of Niagara. **SUPPLIED
Joan King is keeping Terry Fox’s dream alive

This year’s Terry Fox run is on Sept. 15 at Simcoe Park. Run organizer Joan King says she receives tremendous support and another $3,865.05 was raised through school events.

Terry Fox wanted to take a stand and run for cancer research and Joan King aims to keep that vision alive through fundraising events and organizing the Terry Fox Run in NOTL on Sept. 15.

The run takes participants through a five-kilometre stretch starting at Simcoe Park, travelling up King Street to John Street, then following Ricardo Street to King, and back to Simcoe Park. A video outlining the route can be found on the town’s website notl.org.

Participants can walk, run, bike or rollerblade, and are asked to donate whatever they can. Donations of $20 or more will be issued a tax-receipt. King said all she asks for is $1 a person.

“That was Terry’s vision, wasn’t it? Just one dollar from each person in Canada. Terry only wanted one dollar, we have a population of about 15,000 and I think we got to $10,000 (in 2007). Now we’re at $113,538.43 was raised through school events.

Terry Fox took the reigns of the charitable run in 2007 and has been striving to bring more awareness and raise more money for the Terry Fox Foundation ever since. She said she answered a call for volunteers to help organize the event and has had a hand in revitalizing the charity to the community-wide engagement it has become today.

“I’m a retired teacher, I used to just do it at school with the kids. Then when I came down to do the community run, there was nobody here. They had put a note in the paper saying we need someone to organize a run down in Niagara-on-the-Lake or we’re going to lose it,” she said.

“I thought, ‘Well I’ll step up to the plate.’ It’s something that we can’t lose,” King added.

It’s the support of the community that King said has made the event so successful the last several years.

Since the Terry Fox Run first came to NOTL in 1991, the community has raised $789,708 for cancer research and the foundation.

“It’s just so nice the way the whole community comes together for a good cause, and they’re willing to donate or support in some way,” she said.

Terry Fox’s vision was simple; she said, though it wasn’t easy. She said she’s inspired by his drive to do more and the message that one person can make a big difference.

“He was in a hospital and he saw suffering and he wanted to do something about it. Look how he was suffering. Running a marathon a day for 143 days. Oh, my gosh, how can it be possible. ‘Miracles happen,’ he said. And even if he didn’t finish, it had to continue,” she said.

“That’s what we’re doing. He passed the torch to us to continue this dream, this vision.”

Before the walk on the 15th, those wanting to help raise money for the cause can do so at aTrivia Night on Sept. 6.

Tunefor Terry music trivia night will take place at the community centre at 7 p.m.

King recommends purchasing tickets for a team at a table of eight. Individual tickets are $20 and can be purchased at the door or by contacting King at 905-262-8899, or Yvonne Grecco at 905-468-3055. Seating is limited so registering in advance is recommended.

“It’s going to be a really great time,” King said.

Planning for the run on Sept. 15 started in May, she said, with a conference in Toronto kickstarting the year’s fundraising goals, though she said she starts to “blitz it closer to the date.”

“Not only is it about raising funds for cancer research, it’s also about bringing together community, friends, people. It’s remembering those who we’ve lost, supporting those who are still fighting, and just honouring those who have won the fight. It’s just so refreshing to see everyone there and enjoying the moment,” King said.

King lists many community supporters of the run this year: The Kinsmen who are holding a bike and wine tour on Sept. 14, are donating proceeds to the foundation; Grape Escape Wine Tours purchased almost 60 shirts for their team to wear during the weekend of the run and have been collecting donations in-store leading up to the event; Stage Coach on Queen Street is donating proceeds from its pancake breakfast on Sept. 15 to the foundation; The Sandtrap golf course donates pizzas for the run day and after the run, the Rotary Club does a barbecue; Walker’s Country Market donates fruit for participants; and Tim Hortons has coffee and treats for all the participants, she said.

“There’s so much more to it than just raising money. It’s such a rewarding thing to do,” King said.
Soaring examples of community spirit

A colourful NOTL sky. DAVID ISRAELSON

Editorial

Soaring examples of community spirit

Richard Harley
Editor

Every day in this town there is some reminder of just why we’re so proud to write about it.

Yea to the Chautauqua Residents Association for a successful corn roast on Labour Day. After last year’s was rained out, it was great to see neighbours and community members out enjoying the last day before school.

Yea to students young and old going back to school, and to parents, teachers, principals, bus drivers, yard monitors, and everyone who helps make sure our neighbourhood kids can learn in a safe environment.

Yea to Niagara for opening its new innovation centre, and to the Marotta family for its generous donation of $1 million toward education in NOTL. It’s great to see businesses supporting our local college.

Yea to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Society & Museum for bringing the Canadian Forces Snowbirds down yet again for a close-up and intimate experience with residents. No doubt some young pilot will be inspired by the experience of meeting some of Canada’s finest pilots.

Yea to Joan King for continuously breathing life and spirit into NOTL’s annual Terry Fox Run. People like King keep our community one of the nicest places to live.

Yea to Sentinel Carriages for opening up its farm for people to come and see how the horses are cared for.

Yea to migrant workers like Rocky McKenzie, who truly are crucial to the area’s tender fruit harvest. These are some of the hardest working people one will meet, having flown across the world to work and provide for their families back home.

Yea to Grape Escape Wine Tours for its campaign to outfit farm workers with lights for their bikes, and to the volunteers who showed up to help install them. Community spirit isn’t lacking in NOTL.

editor@niagaranow.com

A memorable camp experience for NOTL girl guides

Dear editor:


Along with 1,200 other girls, we canoed, kayaked, swam, participated in rock climbing and high ropes courses, did archery and outdoor sports, hiked, and sang our way through seven wonderful days.

We learned about STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and the environment, participated in leadership and service projects, enjoyed arts activities, and explored the communities surrounding Doe Lake on our out-trips.

We met and became friends with girls and leaders from across Canada and the world, and were inspired by the words of Sarah Wells, a Canadian Olympian (and our keynote speaker).

We had the opportunity to talk with the adult leaders of Canadian Guiding and share our ideas and vision for the organization and future Girl Guides.

And most importantly, we had fun!

On behalf of the 136th Niagara-on-the Lake LEAP Unit, we would like to thank all of the service organizations, businesses and residents of NOTL that supported our unit’s goal to attend LEAP 2019.

We are especially thankful for the financial and in-kind support of the NOTL Kinsmen, St. Davids Lions, members of Niagara Lodge No. 2, as well as Phil’s Valu-mart and Niagara Trailers.

As well, we are thankful for all those who provided support for our cookie sales and fundraisers, and to all of the residents of NOTL who bought cookies or provided donations, both big and small.

We couldn’t have attended without all of you – thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Megan Gilchrist, Guider NOTL

Not a fan of Justin Trudeau

Dear editor:

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake a few weeks ago, I was reminded of the election this October and thought of his many “popu- lar” headlines.

I decided to make a list of some of them:

The budget will balance itself.

He broke ethics laws four times, with the Aga Khan – and now with SNC Lavalin.

He paid $10.5 million to a convicted criminal.

Invited a Sikh man convicted of attempted murder to dine with him in India.

Changed illegal immigration to irregular immigration to suit his agenda.

Gave the Clinton Foundation $20 million for Planned Parenthood (abortion clinics).

Grooped a news reporter in Creston, B.C.


Met with Paster Steve Long, a Canadian Baptist minister, who said Trudeau told him, “Evangelical Christians are the worst part of Canadian society.”

When asked which nation, besides Canada, he admires, said: “You know, there’s a level of admiration I actually have for China because their basic dictatorship is continuously breathing life and spirit into NOTL’s annual Terry Fox Run. People like King keep our community one of the nicest places to live.”

Trudeau told the world he was rather fond of Fidel Castro, a dictator.

What happened to Trudeau’s promise of transparency to the Canadian people? I have four words to describe Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: deceptive, deny, dismiss, deflect.

George Warcken
Virgil

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Megan Gilchrist, Guider NOTL

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FOR THE RECORD

A Colourful NOTL Sky

A Colourful NOTL Sky. DAVID ISRAELSON

Contributors:

Norm Arsenault:
If everyone in Canada reduce their weekly garbage by 1 lb per week, that is the equivalent of removing 18,000 tons of garbage from landfills!! In Niagara-on-the-Lake that equates to 9 tons per week removed from landfills. In Niagara, 50% of our garbage is compostable. Think about it!

Positive Power +

with Patty Garriock

Everything comes to one who waits...providing that one works while waiting.
The power – and danger – of political populism

Michael Eagen
Special to The Lake Report

As we prepare for an election here in Canada, it might be worthwhile to consider alarming trends in democratically elected legislatures around the world.

We are quite familiar with the cult of leadership in autocratically governed countries with Kim and Putin being good examples.

However, there appears to be an increasing number of individuals who are being elected in democratically governed countries based entirely on perceived attractive traits to such a degree that they become the face of the political party they represent.

Of course, Donald Trump is one of the best examples, but Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine and Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines are given celebrity status and therefore get free passes on personal objectionable behaviour because “they are getting things done.”

One naturally asks why this trend is occurring and the answer may in the works of José Ortega y Gasset who wrote about the rise of fascism and communism in Europe in the 1920s and 30s.

He held the view that local cultural traditions were lost as small states were unified with others, as happened in Germany, Italy and Russia.

This left citizens confused by new economic forces as well as technological changes.

The First World War loss plunged countries into free fall and allowed Hitler and Mussolini to provide simple solutions to complex problems and emphasize strength through unity.

They both used newspapers and radio to deliver the message and hence the formula was established.

Today, TV, radio and the internet have together allowed the cult of personality to emerge in the same way in democracies.

These leaders observe the world in crisis; mass movement of people escaping war and poverty; loss of jobs in industrialized countries; growth in the gap between rich and poor.

The rise of violent crime usually accompanies these issues and citizens at home become fearful and suspicious of “others” – notably newcomers or people who look “different.”

The response from would-be leaders? “I have all the answers and if we all pull together, I can solve all the problems.” Trump brought this view to the forefront when he recently said that he is the Chosen One with regard to solving the Middle East issue.

These individuals have been assisted by mass media, which tend to see politics as a blood sport with sound bites and gotcha reporting.

Witness the relentless polling by media companies so they can tell the public who is winning and losing support in an election which might be a few years away.

And when an election occurs, the emphasis is on the “winner” of the debate or the personal style of the leader instead of platforms or policies.

This tendency undermines serious discussion of issues and allows a person like Trump and others to find scapegoats; the Chinese cheat; Mexicans are rapists and killers; all intellectuals are elitist and naive and also to simplify problems with slogans such as “Drain the swamp” or “Make America Great Again.”

In Canada, we are also falling into the pattern of seeing Trudeau or Scheer or Singh as the “party” as opposed to the leader of a collection of members of Parliament who have their own viewpoints and make important contributions to policy which benefit citizens.

One can reach a few conclusions as we observe how leader-dominated democracies operate today.

We will likely see more shoot from the lip policy initiatives since these populist leaders come to believe they are brilliant and special.

Let us buy Greenland, let us reduce ward boundaries, let’s give police in Philippines the power to kill crooks.

Koch family in the United States has funded hundreds of campaigns for politicians who are on the side of climate change denial and advocate for the removal of environmental protection laws.

In Canada we are seeing an increase in third-party advertising by various interest groups in an attempt to sway federal or provincial policy. Anti-immigration billboards or pro pipeline TV ads can lead to public policy decisions which do not represent the majority of Canadians.

But if historical precedent is a guide, the outcomes for populist-based democracies are quite clear. The struggling democracy of Russia has been hijacked by Putin as he has seized control by dint of his celebrity personality and his influence with the KGB.

The U.S. election of 2020 will be a rejection or acceptance of the cult of leadership. A win for Trump will further fracture the social fabric of a country already badly divided.

Gun control, Obamacare, environmental protection and other programs likely will disappear as Trump becomes the Republican Party.

In Canada, we know that when the U.S. sneezes, we catch a cold. So, a populist leader is problematic when it comes to honouring trade deals or funding NORAD.

It’s awkward if we are seen not as an ally but as a bothersome neighbour.

We, too, have to be vigilant if we wish to avoid the election of federal and provincial leaders who are not simply sloganeers, but are measured in style and informed about the issues which are of importance to Canadians.

Let us hope that the upcoming election is about policy and not personality and that we are not seriously divided in the process.

Michael Eagen lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Dear editor: First and foremost, I am thrilled Niagara-on-the-Lake is attracting throngs of tourists. Many bike rental companies are thriving because of this. I am more than happy to see these folks enjoying a healthy activity while enjoying our town and I welcome their tourist dollars here. We can coexist happily and without incident. But, I live in St. Andrews Glen, across the road from the NOTL Community Centre, the newly planned and expanded day care facility and the firehall, which are located on Anderson Lane at Niagara Stone Road. For St. Andrews Glen residents, the only exit is from Balmoral Drive. Now we face many cyclists out for a pleasure ride and often travelling in groups. These folks (many without helmets) seem blissfully unaware of the dangers while exiting town, and travelling on the same side of the road as the Old Winery restaurant that they often ride in large groups. According to the Region of Niagara, there is a legally mandated bike path on this side of the road. But it is too narrow and becomes non-existent as the road approaches the Old Winery. The gravel on the right side at this point is an accident waiting to happen. Cars are now travelling upward or over 70 km/h and passing these cyclists. At the restaurant, in the dip of the road, there is an obvious barricade on the opposite side for those attempting to cross over to safety and access the path on that side of the road. I have addressed my concerns regarding many of the safety issues in this part of Niagara Stone Road to the Region of Niagara, several times over four years, to no avail. A stop light suggestion, which would eliminate many problems at the very busy intersection of Anderson / Balmoral / Niagara Stone Road, has been ignored and flatly denied as a challenge to traffic flow. Hmmmm. No clearly painted “cycle” symbols on the road or shared path are evident and do not appear to be in the plans. A directional arrow sign or symbol on the pavement ahead of the Balmoral intersection sending the cyclists across the road is the very least we can do, if this intersection is not in the plans for a serious traffic-calming solution. We, as a community, need to welcome these tourists and make them feel more comfortable in their activity, as other communities (like Toronto does along on the lakeshore) with highly visible signs and painted cycle symbols on the pavement of highly travelled roads. Paint is inexpensive and can be refreshed annually. What will it take to get the town and region to address this particular concern that many share with me? Another injury or even worse, another Niagara-on-the-Lake fatality?

Mary Gallagher Birkholz
NOTL

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Dear editor: I am dismayed by some of the articles in your last issue, (“Falling into the Lake,” Aug. 29), and the values I interpret them to present. Namely, that erosion is a bad thing. Please note that the idea that erosion of the shoreline is damage, or that it is destructive, is an opinion, not a fact, and I do not share that opinion. I am in full support of Parks Canada’s policy of laissez faire with respect to the shore erosion west of Old Town. Erosion is a natural process and a fascinating and dynamic one. The shore and the beach are alive and the changes can be delightful to see. I treasure the new experience every time I walk at Niagara Shores Park. I enjoy the swallows and eagles, the challenge of scrambling over the snags of the fallen trees, and the delicate tracery of roots dangling above the beach. There may have been some justification for the work done on the shoreline which runs along the golf course and Fort Mississauga, but I mourn the loss of that wild beach and its intricate fracial beauty, a beach I had known and loved for nearly 60 years, in winter and summer. It is now a sterile, industrial environment. The life of the beach has been flattened. I feel that we ought to try not to interfere with, or battle against, natural processes but adapt as necessary with as light a touch as possible. Unintended consequences are a given and it may be that the rapid rate of erosion of the shoreline is an unintended consequence of human interference in the ecosystem such as dredging or control of the flow into the St. Lawrence. However, I don’t see the erosion of the shoreline as “devastation” or “loss” but as ongoing transformation of the landscape which both preserves — nesting habitat for bank swallows, the sand beach — and evolves. The changes have become more rapid in recent years as we have had some extreme weather but I would be so very sorry to see them halted and the shore frozen in time and confined in space. That would destroy its dynamism and its life.

Christine Earl
NOTL

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town, region need to implement more safety measures for cyclists

Dear editor: To the tragic, unnecessary death last week of Ze-...
Newark Neighbours needs warm items for fall, winter
Suzanne Vailant Special to The Lake Report

Our summer is winding down and our inventory is now low.

With fall around the corner, Newark Neighbours is in need of warmer clothing including hoodies, jackets, winter boots, bedding, towels and blankets.

A few of our volunteers had the pleasure of attending high school graduations in June for the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic School Board and presented $2,000 bursaries to seven students who reside in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

We wish the following students all the best as they continue on with their post-secondary education: Jessie Anne Jones, Rachel Kugler, Taylor Duerck, Shuta Ando, Jaden Tombs and Rosie Tait. The objective of this bursary program is to assist qualified students who are within the reach of Newark Neighbours’ charity work in Niagara-on-the-Lake, are graduating from high schools and are in need of financial assistance to pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

Thanks go out to the following for their kind donations: LCBO in Virgil and Niagara-on-the-Lake, the NOTL Horticultural Society and our local library for placing a food donation bin at the entrance of the library for the community to donate to our food bank.

The income from the retail shop provides the necessary funds to operate the most essential part of the Newark Neighbours operation, the food bank.

Our retail shop is located at 310 John St. (behind Riverbend Inn) is open year-round Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. From April to October we are also open Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except on statutory holidays) to accommodate the seasonal agricultural workers.

We appreciate and value the generosity of our community. Your donations allow us to continue our mission of “Serving our Community with Compassion, Care and Concern.” Making this mission a reality would not be possible without all of our volunteers whose time and effort we greatly appreciate.

Sentinel Carriages offers farm tour
Dariya Baiguzhiyeva The Lake Report

Sentinel Carriages, a Niagara-on-the-Lake company providing carriage rides, are hosting farm tours this Sunday, Sept. 8, to provide more information about their farm operation and debunk myths surrounding carriage horses.

Fred and Laura Sentinel, who’ve been running the business for more than 30 years, will host the tours at their farm on 1055 Line 1 Road.

The interactive tours will run every hour, from noon to about 5:30 p.m. With a small group of ten to 12 people, the owners hope the tour will give people a chance to ask as many questions as possible.

People are advised to wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

“I think it’s going to be a fun afternoon,” Laura said. “I really hope people enjoy it.”

From history and pasture management to horse health and safety, the tours will cover six stations at the farm, starting at the office, where six different people, including the Sentineals and some carriage drivers, will talk about the farm life and carriage company operation.

“We really want to be transparent, there’s nothing going on here that we’re not a 100 per cent proud of. And we’re very proud of how we do things,” Laura said.

“Horses are part of our family,” Fred added. “It’s been difficult for us to hear accusations from the (animal rights) activists.”

Fred said one of the most popular misconceptions, spread by the protesters, is that most people think the carriage horse is exhausted when they see it resting in downtown.

“It’s untrue. The horse is so well-settled, it will go to sleep in the corner. We’ve done our job, the horse’s realized it has no fear of being a big bus coming by and it’ll not be worried,” he said. “It’s frustrating that (they) protest, take it and turn it into something else to promote their agenda and mislead the public.”

If people see a horse at the corner with his head down and asleep, it means the horse is happy, comfortable and relaxed, Laura added.

Another claim, which protesters make, is that retired horses are sent off for slaughter, Laura said noting their company has never done it nor will they ever do it.

“We have too much respect for our horses,” Laura told The Lake Report. “Once retired, they live the rest of their lives here or we have a group of trusted friends with horses who one of our retired horses might see them as a companion animal for another horse.”

But the Sentineals said they’re lucky and appreciative for the constant community support.

There will be videos and photos posted online for people who can’t make it to the tours. Some openings are still left for 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. slots. Anyone interested in a tour can contact Sentinel Carriages at (905) 468-4943.
Niagara College opens new innovation centre, named after Marotta family

Brittany Carter
The Lake Report

Tuesday was a day of fresh starts and new investments as community, innovation and future endeavours came together at the grand opening of the Marotta Family Innovation Complex at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

The family of developer Benny Marotta donated $1 million to the college for the new building at the Canadian Food and Wine Institute's campus.

The facility serves businesses and they were "simply an amendment to the bylaw," he said.

"To bring industry and innovation together, that's when magic happens," he said.

Niagara Centre MP Vance Badawey and St. Catharines MP Chris Bittle were also on hand and announced a nearly $13 million investment across Niagara Region by providing freezing, chilling and pool heaters, generators, heat exchangers and compressors.

The zoning bylaw has been in effect since 2010, said Craig Larmour, town's director of community and development.

"The cold storage facility has operated in this location for decades," Larmour said in an email response to The Lake Report. "The air conditioning unit and sound wall weren't illustrated on the approved site plan."

"It is possible that the units were installed prior to the August 2010 OMB approval, which may provide their location with legal non-conforming status," Larmour noted.

Coun. Allan Bishock, who has been addressing residents' complaints, said there are two sides to every story and he hopes a staff report will provide more clarifications about the site plan and its units. The town couldn't say when the report, which was supposed to be brought forward in September, will be ready.
As the provincial VQA Wine Support Program is coming to an end, some Niagara-on-the-Lake wineries are bracing up for what may bring.

Family-run Caroline Cellars is one of the affected wineries and with the program’s termination, the NOTL winery will stop supplying its wine to the LCBO, said owner Justine Lakeit.

Although the winery is “a small player” as it doesn’t sell a lot of wine through the LCBO, the VQA support program was “a huge factor” in the winery’s ability to do so.

The VQA Wine Support Program, overseen by AgriCorp on behalf of the provincial government, was a part of the renewed Wine and Grape Strategy, started in 2015. The five-year program, which will end in April 2020, provided grants to wineries by helping offset up to 35 per cent of the tax.

“Without that program, we won’t be considering any releases in the LCBO in the foreseeable future,” Lakeit said. “We’ll have to sell everything from here and that’s more disappointing to our customers who have always enjoyed purchasing our wines from the LCBO primarily when they can’t get down to Niagara.”

Caroline Cellars also participated in the LCBO’s Wines to Watch program, which allowed it to sell between 200 to 400 cases of wine over a four-month period, but the winery won’t be considering it now either, Lakeit said.

“The program made Ontario wines more competitive in the marketplace,” she told The Lake Report. “Ontario wines do get extra shelf space beyond our market share in the LCBO, but that’s one of the only perks for domestic products.”

In 2009, the provincial government launched a five-year Wine and Grape Strategy to provide support to the industry and help it grow by creating more jobs and increasing the number of VQA wineries, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs website.

Gross margin – the difference between revenue and cost of sold goods – is already a problem in the industry so the tax issue needs to be addressed first, said Ontario Craft Wineries president Richard Linley.

After the VQA support program ends, wineries and family farms will have to consider whether they will be able to afford to hire staff and do promotional sales or advertising, he said.

“We’re estimating about 75 per cent of the Ontario wineries and 30 per cent of the Ontario wine, in terms of volume, will exit the LCBO sales channel, likely over the next three to six months, if we don’t have some certainty from the government as to how our tax issues will be addressed going forward,” Linley said in a phone interview.

“The previous governments have treated our wines the same as imports. We can’t imagine them doing that in France or California or even B.C., and handcuffing local producers in this way.”

RICHARD LINLEY
PRESIDENT
ONTARIO CRAFT WINERIES

The non-profit organization, representing over 100 Ontario wineries and about 27 NOTL vintners, is asking the government to lift the 35 per cent import tax imposed on Ontario wineries, even if wine is 100 per cent grown and made within the province.

The full tax markup for a bottle of wine is between 95 and 100 per cent, Linley explained, up to 35 per cent of which was rebated back to the wineries under the support program.

He argued the Ontario wine industry is at a disadvantage compared to other industries in the world and across the country.

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Linley said, Connie Slingerland, chief financial officer at Pillitteri Estates Winery, declined to comment but said the winery supports Linley’s comments made on behalf of the industry.

Strewn Winery co-owner Newman Smith said the program’s end will affect not only his operation but all wineries as well.

“But what steps we’ll have to take (after the program ends) are unknown at this point,” he said.

Bianca Jamieson, the ministry’s media relations strategist, insisted the program wasn’t cancelled – it’s just ending – and the ministry is working with the industry to ensure wineries have time to adjust “their business plans to account for the program’s sunset.”

“The government remains committed to the success of local wineries and helping growers and the wine sector grow and succeed locally and abroad,” Jamieson said in an email to The Lake Report.

“At this time, the government is undertaking a comprehensive review of the alcohol sector to inform its plan to expand the sale of beverage alcohol into corner, grocery and big-box stores, and to grow market opportunities for wineries including VQA wines in Ontario. The Ministry of Finance is currently leading this review.”

Meanwhile, Linley said the winery organization will continue to lobby the government to ask for fairness for local producers.
Without the seasonal workers we would be dead. We wouldn't have an industry. Period.

KEN FORTH
PRESIDENT, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Migrant farm workers play crucial role in grape and tenderfruit farming

Rocky McKenzie: From small-town Jamaica to small-town Canada

Tim Taylor
The Lake Report

Rocky McKenzie knows long days. In the field by 7:30 a.m., sitting on a large upturned plastic pail, sharp pruning shears in hand, slowly moving along the rows, he's removing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that are not likely to mature. Thinning up to 40 per cent of the grapes helps the remaining crop to flourish. The vineyards are damp underfoot, the air is muggy and lifeless. This is crucial, often lonely work. The small Stratus Vineyards team must thin 60,000 vines on the 55-acre property over just a few weeks.

Devon (Rocky) McKenzie comes from Clarendon Parish, a little town called Pennants, deep in the heart of Jamaica's famous coffee country, 80 kilometres almost due west of Kingston. He first came to Niagara 17 years ago as a temporary farm worker, to work in the Stratus' vineyards. Rocky was 24 when he left home, a jack-of-all-trades, able to fix almost anything. He still does that and just about everything else, if it has to do with growing and harvesting grapes. Now, he's considered a team leader of the eight-man Stratus field crew.

Rocky was part of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program that matches willing, skilled workers from Mexico and 11 Caribbean countries with farmers looking for hardworking employees for their farms during critical periods in their season. The seasonal workers program annually brings 20,000 workers to Ontario for up to eight months. More than 1,400 Ontario farmers participate in the program from 16 agricultural sectors, including dairy, fruit, poultry and swine.

Each year Rocky leaves his partner, Nalician, a stay-at-home mom for their three youngest children—10, 9 and 3 years—and comes to Niagara in the spring. They have two older children, one in university, another teaching school.

Like parents everywhere, Rocky wanted a better life for his kids. "I need to do well enough so my kids will have a better future," he says. "I could have worked in coffee and stayed at home. Everyone else did. But the economy was very poor. I thought: 'I need to get out of Jamaica.'"

For the first time this year, Rocky has become a full-time employee of Stratus. It's a new two-year visa designed to give the industry more flexibility with staffing. Rocky volunteered to try the longer period and says: "It's going OK, except for the cold!"

In fact, he's hoping another new program will soon allow him to get his landed immigrant status so he can bring his family to Canada.

Rocky is proud of the work he does, fighting all kinds of weather, biological and pest perils, to ensure the harvest that goes into the winery is the best it can possibly be.

"Stratus does it right," he boasts. "By hand. We handpick the grapes and then hand sort them. We pick one day and then go into the winery the next day, to sort and start the winemaking."

He says the first crush (harvest) for sparkling wine grapes likely will happen in early September. "We probably won't finish Cabernet Sauvignon until December."

Rocky thinks the rainy, cool spring weather may reduce this year's harvest by as much as 30 per cent. "But you never know", he says. "Mother Nature may be kind."

As he moves down the rows, he invokes Mother Nature's work often. He believes She explains why some vines die and some vines grow in strange ways. "That's just Mother Nature. You just never know.

Connecting with home used to be a challenge. "I remember when we only had a land line to call home. We had to buy a pre-paid calling card. It was $2 a minute, I think." Now with the help of his Bluetooth headphones and his cellphone, Rocky listens to radio from back home.

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home in Kingston. And he receives an almost continuous barrage of phone calls from family and friends, all the while patiently and diligently searching for and cutting away grape clusters that could inhibit the quality of the harvest.

As the conversation continues, it becomes easier to understand his Jamaican patois. Or maybe he is just being kind. When the whole crew is together, they create a language barrier around themselves.

Every fortnight, Stratus arranges a small bus to take the crew food shopping, usually in St. Catharines. Each worker prepares his own meals, in Rocky's case that means a lot of chicken and rice and peas. But he talks about many of his favourite Jamaican foods — goat's head soup, patties, ackee and saltfish, and so on.

Rocky and the crew live in what is dubbed "Jamaica House," at the back of the Stratus property near the winery's drive shed. They are just now picking vegetables from the little market garden they planted in front of the house. When his long day finishes, he spends time on a computer he bought locally and continues his conversations home.

"I don't go out much. You hear the bad news from everywhere — people being killed. It's not safe. I don't want to take a chance. So, I just stay home." Once in a while he and some of his mates attend services at the Niagara Mennonite Church just up the way on Niagara Stone Road. "I go to church regularly at home." Rocky talks with reverence about what he does and it's clear his 17-year commitment has earned the respect of Stratus management. Diana Sangster, Stratus Vineyard manager, speaks highly both of Rocky's contribution and the migrant workers' program.

The winery tries hard to get the same work team back year after year. "We're able to specify the workers they want," she says. "Most of these guys have been here five or more years, with many over 10 years."

"We take the time to train them, so they really understand our equipment and everything we are trying to achieve."

Stratus gets help, navigating the government program, from a third-party service, Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (FARMS).

FARMS is a private sector run, not-for-profit organization, governed by a board of directors, appointed from the agricultural sector groups participating in the program. Ken Forth is the president and board chair of FARMS. He's also a major broccoli farmer from the Hamilton area.

Forth says he believes in the value of the program. "I've been in the program for 50 years and I have one guy who has been with me for 35 of those years."

"We take the time to train them, so they really understand our equipment and everything we are trying to achieve."

Forth says his pride in his role seasonal workers have played in Canada's agricultural sector. "We've had migrant workers from other countries in Canada for over 100 years."

"We wouldn't have an industry. Period! It's not clear if Rocky really understands just how much he and his team mean to the success of Ontario's wine industry.

Perhaps we don't say it often enough.

Reporters notes: To get a real sense of Rocky McKenzie and his role in the industry, I needed to work a few rows in his boots. One cloudy, muggy morning a few weeks ago, Rocky and I rode our bikes along the rutted tracks to start thinning a block of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that were planted in 2001, Stratus' first year of operations. As we worked our way along opposite sides of the same vines, Rocky opened up about his life, his aspirations and his pride in his work. – Tim Taylor

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Left: Devon (Rocky) McKenzie thins Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at Stratus Vineyards. Removing 30 to 40 per cent of the grapes improves the remaining harvest. Stratus farms 60,000 vines, including 16 different grape varieties, on 55 acres. Right: Vineyard manager Diana Sangster. TIM TAYLOR

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### COMMUNITY FAVOURITES:

#### Legion Fish Fry every Thursday - 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge at the Community Centre, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.

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### Other Events

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- **NOTL Snowbirds 2019**
  - Niagara District Airport
- **NOTL SupperMarkets**
  - 9 p.m., The Village
- **University Women in Niagara**
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**LOCAL CALENDAR**

**Sept. 5 - Sept. 21**

**Wednesday**
- Sportball Niagara - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- Seniors Drop in: Casual Bridge - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- Seniors Fitness: Healthy Safe & Strong - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. / 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- St. Davids Art Group Exhibition (Monday to Friday through Sept. 13) - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - United Menonite Church (Red Brick Church)

**Thursday**
- NOTL Golf Classic Tournament - 10:30 a.m. - Royal Niagara Golf Club
- Seniors Drop in: Casual Bridge - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- Therapy Tails with Jasper - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- The White Effect Dinner - 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Queenston Heights

**Friday**
- Duplicate Bridge (Sancionted ACBL) - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- Mahjong Game: Drop in - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre
- Knit a Bit - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Public Library
- Moonlight Picnic 2019 - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre

**Saturday**
- Farmers' Market - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. - The Village
- Mori Gardens Fall Garden Seminar Series: Fantastic Fall Planters - 10 a.m. - Mori Gardens
- Walking Tours of Old Town - 11 a.m. - Queen's Royal Park
- SourPoloza Beer Festival - Noon to 7:30 p.m. - Court House, The Market Hall
- Niagara Grape & Wine Festival - All Day - The Village
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Snowbirds return

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

The Snowbirds will soar over Niagara-on-the-Lake next week — and if weather permits, a dive team will plummet from the sky.

The Saskatchewan-based Snowbirds team, also known as 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, will be back in town Wednesday, Sept. 11, taking off from the Niagara District Airport at about 4 p.m. for a 30-minute aerobatics show.

Nine of the 11 Snowbirds planes will be performing. In the morning, more than 200 students from six schools across the region, including Crossroads Public School, St. David’s Public School, St. Michael’s Catholic Elementary School and Vineridge Academy, will arrive to meet the team and learn more about the Snowbirds.

Preparations for the show started in April 2018, says Niagara Historical Society board member Mona Babin. A team of 23 handpicked committee members — responsible for different tasks from marketing to parking — has been meeting every month since January 2019 to nail down the logistics of the event.

Bringing the Snowbirds to town is no small task, she says, with the committee having spent 2,500 hours putting the event together so far. She says it will take 100 volunteers to help run the show, and two town councillors, Allan Bisback and John Wiens, have also been providing help.

“‘It’s been lots of fun,’” she says. “‘We have really collaborative meetings, which have been great.’”

The show is spiced up a bit this year, she says, with two new features having been added to this year’s show. Depending on the weather, “Geronimo! Skydiving Team” will perform at 3:30 p.m., and there will be a couple of other “surprises,” says Babin.

Air cadets from squadrons across the Niagara region will also be part of the show.

The Snowbirds performance will start at around 4 p.m. After the show, the Snowbirds team will be signing autographs in the general admission area. There will also be a meet-and-greet for VIP ticket holders.

Babin is excited to talk about it. “You get to meet them and talk to them, take pictures and selfies, and get autographs,” she says. “You really get a chance to have a conversation with the Snowbirds and you can’t do that in a lot of large cities.”

The general admission area will have other activities to take part in, such as food trucks, vendors with Snowbirds souvenirs, and a vintage aircraft display.

Babin says anyone wishing to see them should get out this year, as she doesn’t anticipate the Snowbirds will be back in 2020. The last time the Snowbirds were in town was to perform as part of the Canada 150 celebrations.

But it’s “certainly a possibility for 2021,” she adds. VIP tickets are $45 for youth and $100 for an adult and are available to be purchased online until Friday, Sept. 6. The tickets include gourmet food, two tickets for wine and/or beer, two non-alcoholic beverages and a chance to meet the Snowbirds team members.

Online general admission tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door — cash only. Admission is free for children aged 12 and under.

The show is organized by the Niagara Historical Society and Museum.
Police launch safety blitz as new school year starts

Daria Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

After a summer of fun and leisure, Tuesday was not a usual day for six-year-old Grace Miarecki, who was starting Grade 1 at Crossroads Public School in Virgil.

She said she was a bit nervous moving from senior kindergarten into Grade 1. But Grace had plenty of support from her older sister, Emily, who started Grade 4 at Crossroads.

Eight-year-old Emily said she was most excited about gym classes as “you get exercised a lot.”

The Miareckis were among hundreds of children starting a new school year on Tuesday in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Grade 4 student Carson McConkey said he was looking forward to meeting new teachers and having recess time with the older children. Carson’s sister, Athina, who started Grade 2, said she was excited to spend recess time with her younger friends from kindergarten.

When Athina was in senior kindergarten, her friends were in junior kindergarten. Now, that her friends are in Grade 1, she is glad they’re going to have the same recess time.

The first day back is always hectic and Crossroads principal Gerda Klassens was busy from early Tuesday morning preparing and greeting new and returning students.

Tuesday also coincided with the 19th annual Traffic Safety and Awareness Day conducted by the Niagara Regional Police. Officers across the region were looking for drivers who were speeding, driving while distracted, not wearing their seatbelts, failing to obey a crossing guard and not stopping for a school bus.

By the end of the day, 73 tickets had been issued and 89 warnings given out across Niagara, police said in a news release.

Niagara Region has also implemented a new community safety zone at St. Davids Public School. The enforcement for the 1.10-kilometre zone, stretching from York and Queenston roads to Concession 3 Road, will start mid-September.

Police were at the school Tuesday handing out information cards and explaining the details about Community Safety Zones.

Officers will be at St. Davids during school hours over the next couple of weeks to inform the public about these new changes, the department said.

As of Tuesday, 10 Niagara Student Transportation Services school buses have been equipped with interior and exterior video cameras. The video footage can help bus drivers to file complaints if other vehicles fail to stop for a school bus with activated red flashing lights.

By the end of November, 100 buses will be equipped with video cameras, police said.

With the start of school, police reminded drivers to slow down in school and community safety zones. All drivers and cyclists must stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the road and when a crossing guard displays a stop sign.

Before turning or proceeding through a crosswalk, motorists must also wait until a crosswalk is clear from pedestrians and school crossing guards, police said.

Many set fines for speeding and traffic signal related offences in a community safety zone are also doubled.

Rotary adds inspiring messages to rocks at gazebo

Reader Submission
The Lake Report

There’s a new addition to the Rotary Club of NOTL’s “Rotary Rocks” near the gazebo at Queen’s Royal Park.

The club built a stone “amphitheatre” to reinforce the area and has now added the final piece, a large upright stone that is engraved with inspiring messages.

“The stone engraving at Rotary Rocks is meant to be a focal point at the park, giving people a place to reflect,” said club member Paul Lalonde.

The main stone cites Rotarian’s Four-way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

“The front face’s simple universal question is one that is meant to promote kindness, self-reflection, conversation and a call to positive action,” said Lalonde. “It’s also a question Rotarians ask themselves, which is why our logo is below the question. It’s a form of answer as well.”

The other side asks if you have made someone’s life better today, which is “how Rotary approaches all dealings and is a great motto for any dealings in life and business.”

“One kind act can change the world and, like Rotary, we hope people can be moved to change it for the better also,” he said.

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Tenacious’ female authors highlight NOTL literary series

Waverly Neufeld
Special to The Lake Report

Four female Canadian authors are coming to NOTL this fall for Niagara Parks’ literary speaker series, Canada’s Tenacious Women. The popular series will be held at the Laura Secord Homestead in Queenston and will take place on the second Thursday of each month from September to December.

The award-winning authors will offer their unique perspectives and published works at the home of one of Canada’s most well-known heroines – Laura Secord. Here is a list of the various authors and when to see them:

7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 12: Kim Fu – The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore
Fu is a west-coast author whose debut novel, For Today I Am a Boy, won the Edmund White Award and the Canadian Authors Association Emerging Writer Award. Her most recent novel, The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore, has received critical acclaim from the New York Times, and her writing has appeared in Granta, the Atlantic, enRoute and the Times Literary Supplement.

Oct. 10, Sharon Bala – The Boat People
Bala writes from a “cold rock in the North Atlantic” – St. John’s, Nfld. Her bestselling debut novel, The Boat People, was a finalist for Canada Reads 2018 and the 2018 Amazon Canada First Novel Award. In 2017, Bala won the Writers’ Trust/McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize for her short story Butter Tea at Starbucks.

Nov. 14, Lynne Marie Sherry – Where Mary Went
Indigenous author and Fort Erie resident Lynne Marie Sherry is a member of the Six Nations of the Grand River, with blood ties to the Alderville First Nations and Mississauga of the New Credit. Being an explorer, teacher and helper by nature, she finds expression and the opportunity to offer the healing properties of traditional knowledge, through her work as a writer, poet and speaker.

Dec. 12: Emma Hooper – Our Homesick Songs
Hooper is a Canadian author who resides in the U.K, where she completed her PhD in music-literary studies and lectures on commercial music at Bath Spa University. Her first novel, Etta and Otto and Russell and James, was published in 18 languages, and her second, Our Home sick Songs, was longlisted for the Giller Prize in 2018. As a musician, she plays viola, violin, vocals, and a number of other small instruments for clients, including the BBC, The Hearty, and Peter Gabriel, as well as for her own solo project: Waitress for the Bees.

Admission to each night of the series is $10, with a series pass available for $30. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, go to niagaraparks.com/coast or contact Laura Secord Homestead at 905-262-4851. There will be a wine and cheese reception with cash bar.

Shaw Report: Wonderful Cyrano will break your heart

Mike Keenan
The Lake Report

Some bad-asses are considered vulgar and bil ligerent, people who exhibit unpleasant and extreme behavior. Then there are those we admire such as Gen. George Patton, who sliced through the Nazis with his tanks.

Cyrano de Bergerac (Tom Rooney), the heroic French swordsman afflicted with a prolonged proboscis, heroically takes on 100 opponents one dark night while incurring only a single deep wound. In a sword fight while simultaneously composing and reciting a poem that ends with a final deft strike. Like contemporary super heroes such as Superman and Batman, he can accomplish anything that he desires – except tell Roxane (Deborah Hay) that he loves her.

In the first scene, he vanquishes Valvert (Courtney Chig Lancaster) in a sword fight while simultaneously composing and reciting a poem that ends with a final deft strike. Like contemporary super heroes such as Superman and Batman, he can accomplish anything that he desires – except tell Roxane (Deborah Hay) that he loves her.

His tragic flaw is low self-esteem, which dooms him, turns him into a furious lighting machine whom nobody dares encounter and forces him into an interme diate romantic role, aiding and abetting the handsome yet inarticulate, love-struck cadet Christian (Jeff Irving) in his from-a-distance courtship of Roxane, taken first by appearance and then by prefabricated words.

I watched Heath Lambert star as Cyrano at Shaw in 1983, and both Colin Firth and Christopher Plummer took on the demanding role at Stratford. Now, it’s Stratford heavyweight Rooney (oh so good in “Victory”) in his debut season at Shaw, and he is phenomenal, forcing all of the action throughout the play while probably humbling to himself Frank Sinatra’s signature song, “My Way.”

Set in 17th-century France, Kate Hennig translated and adapted Edmond Rostand’s verse, adeptly changing it to prose, thus allowing a modern sensibilit y, and Rooney runs with the freedom, cracking up the audience throughout the performance.

Rostand’s verse, adeptly adapted and translated by Kate Hennig, shines through the transformation to prose. Rooney, as well as costumes, wigs, makeup and prosthe cisms that are extraordinary.

This is the story of unrequited love for both Cyrano and Christian, secretly married to Roxane to foil the evil commander De Guiche, played perfectly by Patrick Galligan, who whisks them away to war before the marriage is consummated.

And thus the pathos of the final scene where Roxane languishes, visited by Cyrano by Edmund Rostand, translated and adapted by Kate Hennig, directed by Chris Abraham, played perfectly for many years. The woman sitting beside me was so taken that I heard her exclaim to her friend, “I’m coming back to see this again!” Ah, the power of the broken heart.

Cyrano by Edmund Rostand, translated and adapted by Kate Hennig, directed by Chris Abraham plays until Oct. 20 at the Royal George Theatre, 85 Queen St., Niagara-on-the-Lake, shawfest.com or 1-800-511-7429.
Shaw Festival spends $330,000 for new audio equipment

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

The federal government has given the Shaw Festival $330,000 for upgrades to the Festival Theatre. The funding is a matching grant paid through Heritage Canada’s Cultural Spaces Fund for the purchase and installation of a new audio equipment for the main 856-seat theatre.

The Shaw raised the other half of the matching funds from its own operations, said Tim Jennings, the festival's executive director.

The federal money was received in March but the announcement was made late last month by Melanie Joly, the minister of tourism.

The new equipment will be installed in January. In 2016-17, the Shaw, a non-profit organization, received $2.77 million, which was spent on a variety of operations from renovations and solving accessibility issues to purchasing equipment and new seats for the Royal George Theatre.

With the Shaw Festival being one of the largest tourist destinations in the area, seven per cent of the theatre’s annual operating budget comes from various levels of government, said Jennings.

Tickets on sale for new Bravo Niagara! season

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

Tickets and Flex Packs are now on sale for Bravo Niagara!’s 2019-20 season. Eight performances are planned for the sixth season, with four of them taking place at St. Mark’s Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The new season will kick off on Oct. 19 with soprano Measha Brueggergosman’s performance at the recital hall at FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines.

Israeli-born Canadian cellist Ofra Harnoy will take the stage at St. Mark’s Church on Nov. 30. The five-time Juno Award winner will perform at 7:30 p.m. The next show in NOTL will be by London-based classical guitarist Miloš Karadaglić. His solo recital, following the release of his fifth album, Sound of Silence, is at 3 p.m. on March 15, 2020.

Three Broadway performers – Jason Forbach, Siri Howard and Joseph Spieldenner – will entertain the crowd at St. Mark’s with a wide range of “heartfelt tunes.” The show will start at 7:30 p.m. on May 2, 2020.

Cho-Liang Lin and Jon Kimura Parker will conclude the season as they perform classical music by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Brahms and more. Their performance will start at 3 p.m. on May 3, 2020.

Purchasing a Flex Pack of three or more concerts comes with exclusive benefits, including discounted prices and the first chance to buy future tickets and Flex Packs before they go on sale to the public.

For a full list of performances and venues, visit www.bravoniagara.org.
Across
1. Eyots (5)
2. Rill (9)
3. Eyots (5)
4. Rill (9)
5. Rubbish (5)
6. Not in any circumstances (Poetical) (4)
7. Recall past experiences (9)
8. Incantation (5)
9. Swift (5)
10. Russian sleigh (6)
11. Allow to enter (5)
12. Having the form of a song (5)
13. Sister of Mary and Lazarus (6)
14. Resident of e.g. Nairobi (6)
15. Plan (6)
16. To allow to enter (5)
17. Plan (6)
18. Cemetery (9)
19. Stage play (5)
20. Storage building (9)
21. Cuban dance (5)
22. Plan (6)
23. Workshop machinery (6)
24. Locations (5)
25. Professional killer (6)
26. Workshop machinery (6)
27. Pressed (6)
28. Oil source (5)
29. Workshop machinery (6)
30. Part of speech (4)

Down
1. Plan (6)
2. Plan (6)
3. Throw out (5)
4. Plan (6)
5. Scratched (6)
6. Mayonnaise (5,8)
7. Lazy (13)
8. Storage building (9)
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The Lake Report is looking for puzzle makers who would like to help develop this page. We are seeking both standard and cryptic crossword writers. editor@niagararow.com
Greens win Matrimonial, Mantle aces #4

Kevin MacLean
Managing Editor

Ginny and Paul Green have won what is probably one of the toughest titles to win at the NOTL Golf Club this season. The lanky lefty popped a gap wedge over the front bunker on the par-3 fourth hole, landed his ball about five feet from the pin and rolled it right in. With the bunker blocking his view, Mantle wasn’t able to actually see his second career ace on that hole.

But assistant pro Ricky Watson, member Paul Dickson and club champ Joe Doria watched it all unfold from the #5 tee and shouted out the good news. Mantle, unfazed as ever, wasn’t finished there, however. He continued his torrid play for the next 14 holes, adding a few birdies, sinking putts, hitting pins and had a long run of pars to shoot a stellar round of 2-over 38-36=74. It’s one of the best scores posted all year at the club.


Men’s league: Joe Doria won low gross Aug. 29 with a 2-over 38. He also took a $40 gross skin for a birdie on #5 and was closest to the pin on #8. Larry “Ace” Mantle warmed up for his impending hole-in-one by being closest to the pin on #4 and netting a birdie (and gross skin). Bob Cheriton took the big money with a net skin on #5, worth $236. Other winners: Closest to pin: Ted Wiens (#2), Arthur Wosinski (#9). Long drive: Mike Scott, Ron Planche. A Flight winner: John Sobal (22 points), B Flight: Tom Elliott, Jack Hamma, Mike Freel (23 points). 50/50: Alan Dickson ($175).

WOOFS: Daryl Fry’s even-par 36 was best score of the day on Aug. 27. Ray Lauge took low net and Ted Wiens won the hidden hole (#3). Wiens also was closest to the pin on #4. 50/50: Randy McCartney.

Writers’ Circle: The Gift — Irma’s solution

Irma burst through the front door with her two golden retrievers in tow. She was out of breath and perspiration was running down her face despite the cold weather.

“Are you alright?” David, Irma’s husband, rushed up and grabbed the dogs’ leashes. She threw her coat on the hall bench and kicked off her boots. “I’ve got to find something of The Gift, I shared the story of five friends who encountered a magical spirit. She gave them an enchanted tea that could transform the women to the idealized version of themselves at half their age. They were given three days to decide whether they would accept the gift. This is Irma’s story.

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“You only have to be there to experience the joy on faces of the children and having the ability to have fun and then receive a very nice gift box at the end.”

Betti Lauster, CEO of Community Care, told The Lake Report.

Irma’s solution

It’s very special and it helps 125 families to ensure the kids start school on the right foot,” she said.

Henry Schein has been running its back-to-school program in Canada for 14 years. The program, originally established in Melville, N.Y., in 1998, helps children to get ready for school by providing them with clothing and school supplies.

Throughout the year, Henry Schein’s employees also raise money to provide each child with $100 worth of clothing and supplies. Henry Schein identifies recipients by partnering with local non-profit organizations. In this case, Community Care provided a list of clients in need.

Catharine Wickabrod of Henry Schein said the company partnered with Old Navy and Nike. On top of two or three outfits of clothing and a pair of new running shoes, each child received a backpack full of school supplies, healthy snacks and a dental hygiene package.

The annual Back to School event, hosted by Henry Schein Inc. and Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, provided school supplies to 125 children.

Henry Schein supports 125 children back to school supplies

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva
The Lake Report

More than 120 children started the new school year with confidence thanks to a Niagara-on-the-Lake company’s back-to-school program.

Henry Schein Inc., a medical and dental supplies distributor, in collaboration with the non-profit agency Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, provided 125 children in need with clothing and personalized boxes of back-to-school supplies.

The company held a barbeque at which the children received the goodies and enjoyed a variety of activities. There also was a free dental screening service available for the children.

“I also discovered something new,” said David. “We got to the restaurant, it was bustling with Friday night regulars and tourists. There was a young man fiddling up a storm on the corner stage. Irma asked for a table in the back room.

“The waitress walked in and said, ‘Then fish and chips for both of us.’

“This must be some story,” said David. “We normally reserve the onion rings for special occasions.”

Irma reached into her purse and retrieved a leather-bound journal with 2019 tooled in gold on the cover. She had been recording her experiences, ideas and short stories for nearly 55 years.

Her older sister, Sarah, bought Irma her first journal for her 10th birthday. It had become a tradition. Until a few years ago, Sarah gave her a new one every birthday, each with a unique cover and the first page containing a personal letter to Irma.

By the time Irma finished reading her account of what happened I was thinking about how lucky we were to find each other and what an incredible life we’ve had.”

“I got so excited about what happened, real- ized that there are magical forces in this world, that a veil had been lifted and I now knew this other reality existed, I started emulating people we knew that had done research in this area, could analyze what is in the nitch, and imagining a series of podcasts where we would track down other people who have experi- enced similar things. Mon- day morning I’m meeting Ray Chelmsford at his lab so he can test a sample.”

“I also have another crazy idea. The memory the tea conjured up for me was when I went to the doctor with Sarah and we learned that she had Alzheimer’s. Reliving that day, now knowing how quickly it has progressed since then, was absolutely devastating.”

“Do you think it will work on her?” David got up and sat next to Irma on the bench seat. He put his arm around her. “What’s the plan?”

On Monday afternoon Irma and David went to visit Sarah. On Tuesday they returned home with their 35-year-old research assistant whom they just hired to begin their new venture – In Search of Magic.

To be continued ...
Exploring Photos: with Jim Smith

Exclusive to The Lake Report

Parliament Oak School, 1957

I failed school every year except Grades 6 and 7, from which I was pushed forward as I was too old to hold back. I often got the strap, sometimes twice a day, and often twice a week for minor things like disturbing another student in class. We would start school at 9 a.m. and we had an hour and a half for lunch. We got out a 4 p.m., but there were no buses for public school in town. This 1957 picture, taken at Parliament Oak School, shows the boys and girls baseball teams. Our principal, Mr. Brunton, is seen on the left and our teacher, Mr. Nightingale, in on the right.

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Craft made and perfect

Brian Marshall
Featured

The Industrial Revolution was a societal whirlwind. Change was the norm as enterprising innovators continually challenged the way things were done in virtually every field of endeavour. New processes spawned different and varied demands on the workforce. Managerial roles multiplied and a new middle class developed.

As the years went by, it seemed that the rate of change increased almost exponentially. By the late 1800s the majority of folks were feeling somewhat shell-shocked and longed for the slower, simpler days of their youth.

Period perfect craftsman. BRIAN MARSHALL

It was this desire for an alternative to the mechanistic ethos of the Industrial Revolution that architects (among others) responded to with the Arts & Crafts style. Born in England, what became the central tenet of this movement were originally penned by John Ruskin, who believed that true morality, art and nature were directly associated with acts of craftsmanship.

An early convert to the philosophy, William Morris nearly singlehandedly drove the establishment of Arts & Crafts by creating medieval styled guilds to produce extremely successful furniture, stained glass, wallpaper and textiles.

And it was Morris who commissioned architect Phillip Webb to develop a residential house design based on the Anglo-Indian bungalow form.

Following the local tradition of shingle and board buildings, the brothers drew liberally from elements and stylistic cues of both Japanese and Swiss wooden residences.

The result was informal and brilliantly crafted houses set into the landscape and incorporating natural rustic materials, large low-pitched roofs with gables, sleeping porches and banks of windows.

They were charming, easy to build and inexpensive; a formula the growing new middle class found irresistible.

“Great responses from the article. We have been approached at least five times with ‘hey, you’re that guy in the paper.’ One thing’s for sure, everyone in town reads your paper front to back! Great use of our marketing funds and great article.”

- James Green
Owner, Ravenshead Homes

Yum - recipes

Local recipe book planned for 2019

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On the cool, wind-swept beaches in Kitty Hawk, N.C., history was being made in the dawn of the 20th century.

On Dec. 17, 1903, at 10:35 AM, two brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, took off from the sand dunes at Kitty Hawk, N.C., and made what is now known as the first successful powered, controlled flight. They flew for 120 feet, covering a distance of 10 feet and proved to the world that man could defy the laws of gravity and fly under his own power.

The Wright brothers' achievement was a thrilling moment in human history. Their flight of 1903 was the first of many that would follow, setting the stage for the development of air travel and aviation.

The Wright brothers' flight was a testament to the power of innovation and the human spirit. Their determination and perseverance in the face of challenges and setbacks is a reminder of what is possible when we dream big and put our minds to it.
We invite you to submit photos and stories for consideration in this section. Send your submissions to editor@niagaranow.com for a chance to be featured.

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The Golden Plunger

**With Betty and Jane**

Hinterbrook

The Plunger Team was meandering along Lakeshore Road when we came upon Hinterbrook Estate Winery. As we entered the winery it had a distinct feel of “artistic peace,” much like an art gallery, with a unique selection of wines displayed in small groupings. The Nomad label speaks of the true expression of the land with artwork depicting the spirit of Canadians. The phrase coined by fellow sports enthusiasts, “We The North,” comes to mind when enjoying this winery. While drinking in the atmosphere we learned that unique cab franc grapes are used to make Hinterbrook’s popular Franc Blanc wine. As the Plunger Nomads visited the privy we noted the attention given to hygiene and cleanliness. The restroom was brightly lit and was accessible for all seeking comfort on their journey. Guests of the winery are encouraged to design a personal Nomad label, becoming a part of this story.

Top: Sonny and Judy D’Mello are the Garden of the Week 12 winners for their B&B property at 481 Gate Street. Bottom: Brian and Jackie Lonergan are the last winners of Garden of the Week contest. Their award-winning garden is on 155 Loretta Drive. PHOTOS BY BRITTANY CARTER AND DARIYA BAIGUZHYEVA

**Gardens of the week**

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Leo and Lucas Pillitteri work hard selling lemonade to raise money for Team Pillsy at Riverview Cellars on Saturday afternoon. BRITTANY CARTER

Do NOTL residents Glenn and Debbie Young have the gardener’s magic touch or is the town’s superior soil the secret? A 12-foot-tall patch of sunflowers has blossomed in front of their Niagara-on-the-Lake home. Glenn says the giant plants grew from seeds that were part of a Cheerios promotion to help the bee population. It’s such a standout that people have asked to take selfies with the towering sunflowers, he said.

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Willy Janzen and Bob Forbes of NOTL Kinsmen Club stand next to a new club sign which was installed last Thursday. The previous sign was damaged in hit-run accident earlier in June. DARIYA BAIGUZHYEVA

**3/5 Gold Plungers**

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This town’s history is much more intricate and detailed than many know, like Dave and Doris Kent who were just a few of about 20 locals and tourists who joined the Niagara Historical Society and Museum’s guided walking tour of Old Town on Saturday morning.

The one-and-a-half hour casual stroll through some of the defining landmarks and important moments of NOTL’s history taught walkers some obscure and unknown facts about the historic village, while also providing a behind the scenes look into the crowded core of town.

Kent said it was one of the best guided tours he had been on, and he’s attended many, both with his wife and on his own, he added. He travels to Europe often and makes it a habit to jump on tours and learn a little bit of the history of each place he stays, at home and abroad.

Though he says he considers himself fairly well-versed in NOTL’s past, there were several things he said he was surprised to learn.

“I think probably how many times they moved Brock’s body once he was dead, the poor guy,” Kent said.

Sir Isaac Brock was exhumed and reburied four times, the group learned during the walk.

He says he was also pleasantly surprised to see Steve Steele guiding the tour. The two flew together as pilots for nearly 40 years with Air Canada and haven’t seen each other in several years. “He and I flew together years and years ago. It was a lot of fun,” Kent said.

Steele talked about the town’s war background and the relations and conflicts between the US and Canadian troops, the group learned about the town’s beginnings.

“Often people know they are from a later date. They quickly look it up to provide an answer. If an answer isn’t readily available in his knowledge base, he takes the time to quickly look it up to provide an answer,” Steele said.

The leisurely stroll is both relaxing and informative, bringing new residents of town, born and raised locals and tourists from around the world to embark on a morning journey through NOTL’s historic Old Town.

The group is invited to peruse the museum at their leisure after the tour, the yellow sticker worn throughout serves as an entrance to the museum and can be used immediately or at a later date.

Steele encourages the group to check out his favourite exhibition piece, Sir Isaac Brock’s hat, with its own intriguing history.

The museum’s Walking Tours of Old Town take place on Saturday’s and Sunday’s at 11 a.m. from June to September. The museum also hosts a variety of other tours and events, which can be found on the website at nhsm.ca.

Steve Steele leads the Old Town Walking Tour hosted by the Niagara Historical Society and Museum. BRITTANY CARTER