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LOCAL STUDENTS LOOK AHEAD TO THEIR FUTURES (WENDY LAMOND PHOTO)
One of the busiest stations at the St. Marys DCVI Post-Secondary Fair was Fanshawe College.

St. Marys DCVI hosts Post-Secondary Fair

WENDY LAMOND
Independent Reporter

St. Marys DCVI hosted a post-secondary fair Oct. 29 so senior students could consider their options as they look beyond their high-school years.

In past years, the school hosted only one college or university at a time, making it a challenge for students and parents to attend as it was always during the day. Organizer Kara Stevens told the Independent that they decided to change the format and an evening

event with as many post-secondary institutions in attendance as possible, while also having apprenticeship and employment representation. The result: hundreds of students and parents eagerly looking for information on the next step for either their education or employment after high school.

More than 25 stations were set up in the large gymnasium and the trade-fair style format was open to all students wanting to investigate the next stage or just to get some information on the different institutions

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St. Marys outreach worker to go on leave for a year, replacement starting mid-November

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Though St. Marys community outreach worker Brittany Petrie will be taking a leave of absence for a little more than a year, the town will soon have a replacement outreach worker in place ready to serve St. Marys' most vulnerable residents.

St. Marys CAO Brent Kittmer told council at a recent meeting that Petrie would be on leave for approximately 12 months. In an email to the Independent, he said Petrie will return as the town's permanent community outreach worker in February 2026.

"We began the recruitment for her temporary replacement in October, with a goal of having a person in place by mid-November so that there would be no negative impact to those persons in the community who are supported by the role," Kittmer said. "We were very fortunate to have a number of good applicants, and have hired Sheena Lafortune, who will be starting on Nov. 18."

Lafortune, Kittmer said, has substantial experience in the social-services field with more than 20 years of experience in the Region of Peel and, most recently, the City of London. Petrie and Lafortune will have roughly four weeks of overlap before Petrie goes on leave to ensure a smooth transition.

"We don't expect there to be any challenges to

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St. Marys outreach worker to go on leave for a year, replacement starting mid-November

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the individuals and agencies that regularly connect with the community outreach worker,” Kittmer said.

Having worked as the community outreach worker since 2022, Petrie – a lifelong St. Marys resident – offers facilitation, education and referrals for residents who require socio-economic support.

Duties of the community outreach worker include

supporting residents through sensitive issues such as life skills, mental health, homelessness, addictions and legal matters among others; providing short-term support and facilitating community members’ connections to life-stability services; acting as a primary resource to educate council, staff and the community regarding social issues and supports that exist in the community; and delivering community education and outreach, including neighbourhood mediation.

The community outreach worker is a full-time position within the town dedicated to meeting and supporting community members of St. Marys by providing outreach services to optimize social determinants of health. This role is funded by the United Way Perth Huron and the City of Stratford until 2026 and, as part of the funding agreement with United Way Perth Huron, the town is required to track key performance indicators and report on an annual basis.

At a council meeting in August, Petrie presented a report outlining her work from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

“Overall, I supported 109 residents of St. Marys,” Petrie said during the meeting. “This level of support very much differs. Some people are ongoing case management which means I’m meeting with people sometimes a couple times a week, sometimes monthly, and

then there are other people just needing that short-term or interim support until they are connected to other resources or supports.”

In her role, Petrie serves as an access point for people who are unsheltered and need services and support. She can support those she helps with collecting and completing required documentation needed to secure permanent housing. Another key component of support offered through the outreach-worker role is homelessness prevention by ensuring at-risk households are connected to existing housing services.

Last year, Petrie also served on a number of local boards and committees including the St. Marys community wellness committee, the Huron-Perth Situation Table and the United Way’s St. Marys and area community committee among others. Petrie also helped facilitate a number of educational events and presentations including the town’s housing and homelessness consultation and a mental health and addictions 101 session for town staff and council in partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

“As always, we encourage those in need, anyone interested in making a donation to help those in need, or any interested agency to contact community outreach at communityoutreach@town.stmarys.on.ca,” Kittmer said.



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| *St. Marys Veterinary Clinic | *St. Marys Giving Tuesday Committee |
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Are your Giving Tuesday plans set? Please share them with us. Use the QR code to fill in your information or send us an email at givingtuesdaystmarys@gmail.com. Our goal is high! Last year 120 groups/organizations had a Giving Tuesday initiative, this year our goal is 121! Sign up now and let us help you promote your amazing project to give back to our community.



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Bravo

We have Bravos this week.

1) Bravo to the Stratford SPCA. There was a skunk in distress along the western stretch of the Grand Trunk trail on a very cold morning. I called them to report this and they came within 45 minutes. They wrapped the skunk in a blanket and took it back to the shelter. Considering they had to come from Stratford, I consider this exceptional service.

2) Bravo to the St. Marys Horticultural Society members who have volunteered six months of their time in six gardens around town in order to make St. Marys even more beautiful!

3) Bravo to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & St. Marys businesses, especially The Westover, The Creamery, Gilly's and Barista's, for showing the best of our town to the attendees of last weekend's Canadian Baseball History Conference. Barista's baking, warm from the oven, was a particular hit.

4) On Tuesday, Oct. 29, I was waiting to leave the Independent Grocer until the downpour of rain subsided. A kind gentleman asked if I had an umbrella. "Yes, but it's in my car." "Come," he said, "we'll use my umbrella and I'll walk you to your car." Then he kept me dry while I unloaded my groceries and got in my car. Then he took my cart back to the store. Sir, your kindness has lasted with me all week and I want you to know that you made a big difference in a small gesture. Thank you.

*Please note all Boos and Bravos must be signed in order to be considered.

Boo

We have no Boos this week.

Bravos and Boos are submitted by community members and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the St. Marys Independent.

Quote of the Week

"I had never experienced, nor have since, anyone whose heart was so filled with love. He walked around with his heart wide open, and he treated everybody as if they were the most important person he'd ever met. He was the Light. No shadows."

- Oprah Winfrey on the death of her friend, 91 year old legend Quincy Jones, winner of 28 Grammy Awards.

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Have you heard something humorous around town that you think might be of interest to others? Either email them to us at info@stmarysindependent.com with the title "Overheard at The Coffee Shop", call 519-284-0041 or drop by the office to let us know!



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Holiday season starts with Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade and Winterlights display

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Staff Contribution

Christmas is looking festive and fun this year in St. Marys!

The holiday season begins in St. Marys on Friday, Nov. 15 as Santa Claus will arrive in St. Marys via the Kinsmen Santa Claus parade. The Kinsmen are planning a traditional parade with a departure from the Pyramid Recreation Centre (317 James St. S) at 7 p.m. This year's parade will follow its familiar route up James Street, west on Queen Street through the downtown, then south on Water Street where the parade will end.

Experience the illumination of more than 100 vibrant WinterLights displays at Milt Dunnell Field! Starting on Friday, Nov. 15, the displays will be lit every evening from 5-11 p.m. until Jan. 1, 2025. It's easier than ever to support this beloved display; simply visit www.townofstmarys.com/winterlights to

sponsor or donate. Community support helps to keep this magical tradition free for all to enjoy!

Holiday shoppers won't want to miss the St. Marys Craft Show, happening on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pyramid Recreation Centre. Featuring over 100 tables, the craft show is the perfect place to find gifts for everyone on the holiday shopping list.

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 23, Downtown St. Marys hosts their two-day Merchants' Open House. From Saturday to Sunday, participating downtown merchants will offer promotions and festive giveaways. This year's event will feature horse and wagon rides and, of course, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Find more information on all Town of St. Marys Christmas activities at www.discoverstmarys.ca/happyholidays.

Be sure to follow the Town of St. Marys' Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for more information and updates as events draw near.

The St. Marys office for adult learning programs is moving Nov. 13

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Staff Contribution

The St. Marys office for adult-learning programs of Perth is moving.

As of Nov. 13, adult learning will be located at the St. Marys Public Library (15 Church St. N).

Adult Learning will continue to offer its full slate of educational programming at its new location. Service hours will be Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments for times outside of hours and Saturday are available upon request.

Adult Learning can be contacted by calling its current phone numbers (519-284-4408 and 226-374-8231) until November 12, 2024.

After November 12, 2024, Adult Learning Staff can be contacted by calling the St. Marys Public Library at 519-284-3346 or send general inquiries to adultlearning@town.st-marys.on.ca.

For more information about Adult Learning's program and services, visit www.adultlearningperth.ca.

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Seniors of the Week



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If you would like to nominate someone for Senior of the Week, Contact us at 519-284-0041 or info@stmarysindependent.com.

Perth -Wellington MPP Matthew Rae announces additional OMPF funding for St. Marys

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Staff Contribution

Pert-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae recently announced the Ontario government is increasing the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026 and increasing St. Marys' local funding amount this year by about \$36,200.

The OMPF is the province's main general-assistance grant to municipalities.

"Our government is stepping up to provide additional support to our municipal partners, an additional \$785,400 for Perth-Wellington," Rae said in a press release. "Our rural municipalities will benefit from this additional funding, allowing us to continue building stronger and safer communities together."

For 2025, the OMPF will include an immediate increase of \$50 million to provide \$550 million in unconditional funding to 390 municipalities. The \$50 million enhancement will be targeted to small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base. This funding will assist municipalities in providing critical municipal services to people across the

province.

In 2025, St. Marys will receive a total \$624,300 in OMPF funding. Perth South, meanwhile, will get an additional \$39,700 for a total of \$455,800 in OMPF funding.

Ontario has been steadily increasing support to municipalities. From 2019-2023, key provincial support to municipalities grew by over 45 per cent. In 2023 alone, the government provided almost \$10 billion to Ontario municipalities through key transfers. This includes increasing the Homelessness Prevention Program to \$654 million annually, as well as enhanced support for northern and rural communities, such as the nearly \$2-billion Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).

The province is working with municipalities to build more homes for people and families. Ontario has invested nearly \$2 billion in critical housing- and community-enabling infrastructure through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, complementing support already being provided through the Building Faster Fund.

This year's OMPF funding as provided by the Ministry of Finance for Perth-Wellington municipalities is as follows:

Municipality	Additional Funding	2025 OMPF Funding Total
North Perth	\$ 186,900	\$ 1,867,800
West Perth	\$ 97,200	\$ 1,088,700
Perth East	\$ 112,600	\$ 1,268,600
Perth South	\$ 39,700	\$ 455,800
St. Marys	\$ 36,200	\$ 624,300
Minto	\$ 47,900	\$ 1,521,500
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Total	\$ 785,400	\$ 9,358,300

Weekend Quiz

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- 1) What are November's two birthstones?
- 2) In what year did Sportsnet cut ties with Don Cherry?
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- 4) Who wears orange in Scooby Doo?
- 5) Who plays Dexter in Dexter?
- 6) In what country is the Taj Mahal located?
- 7) The "Venus de Milo" is a statue of what goddess?
- 8) Psychology is the study of what?
- 9) Which Beatle had dyslexia?
- 10) In what ocean do typhoons occur?

This week's answers are found on pg. 35



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Beautiful fall sky at night



(AMY MCINTOSH PHOTO)

Pictured above is a beauty of true fall colours over the dairy barn of Moy Hall Farms north of St. Marys, west of Avonbank, in Perth South. Amy McIntosh along with her husband, Rob, snapped this picture as the sun was setting at the end of their evening dairy chores. They are part of a Holstein family farm, taking over from Rob's parents, John and Mary McIntosh, who, in turn, took over from their parents. The picture shows that living on a farm can be colourful in many ways as the seasons continue to change in beautiful southern Perth County.



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St. Marys DCVI hosts Post-Secondary Fair



Students Abby Martin and Guin Jester were at the fair to start gathering information for their next steps.

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and options available after graduation. There were not only schools onsite for the fair but also representatives from the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Centre for Employment and Learn-

ing. Vice principal Ian Moore led information sessions on the application process for both colleges and universities that included important dates, offers and school-support options. He also encour-



(WENDY LAMOND PHOTOS)

Vice principal Ian Moore ran some information sessions on the application process for universities and colleges.

ages those in attendance to decide how far away from home they are prepared to be after high school.

This is an exciting yet stressful time for students, so having the opportunity to investigate all options becomes a

priority, even for those who still have a year or two left in high school.

Judging by the large crowd of people in attendance, this format seemed to work well and the school plans on making it an annual event.

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Community Living St. Marys and Area welcomes Stevie Bees' Trans 101 workshop

EMILY STEWART
Independent Reporter

Community Living St. Marys and Area (CLSMA) invites the community to learn more about being an ally with the transgender community and creating safer workspaces.

CLSMA will host the Creating Safe Spaces at Work workshop led by Stevie Bees on Nov. 14. The interactive workshop featuring Bees' Trans 101 presentation will focus on how to destigmatize transgender people with topics such as pronouns, washroom etiquette, terminology and types of transitions. Bees will also talk about safe spaces and intersectionality with being neurodivergent.

In a joint statement sent to the St. Marys Independent, Don Dingwell and Kelly Arbuckle, members of CLSMA's diversity, inclusion and wellness committee, said the workshop is part of the organization's mandate to create "a community where everyone belongs."

"We hope to facilitate connections and equitability for all people," the statement reads, "including the larger community and our employee workspace by hosting speakers who speak about their multiple layers of diversity. Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect."

Bees, who uses they/them/him pronouns, is an advocate for the

2SLGBTQIA+ community and runs Stevie's Safe Spaces.

Along with public speaking and Trans 101 workshops, Bees also designs t-shirts, pins, stickers and hoodies advocating for equality. Their "protect trans kids" t-shirt went viral from a photo of David Tennant of BBC's *Doctor Who* wearing it. Bees sold more than 3,000 t-shirts and \$10,000 in proceeds went towards the Greyson Jones Memorial Scholarship for transgender high school students who have the same qualities as the late Jones.

"We are very excited to work with Stevie as they are passionate advocates of trans issues and knowledgeable about the lived experience of creating a safe space for themselves and others who share their diversity," Dingwell and Arbuckle said.

So far, the attendance list is growing with participants eager to learn more about being an ally with the transgender community.

"If you believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness and respect regardless of who they are, or want to learn how to help them feel accepted and safe, then this speaker event is for you," the statement reads.

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. and will be at the CLSMA on 300 Elgin Street East in St. Marys. To register, send an email to ddingwall@clstmarys.ca.

St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation 50/50 jackpot winner



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Congratulations to the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation's October jackpot winner, Dorothy Taylor of St. Marys, who won \$7,005! Proceeds from the 50/50 lottery support St. Marys Memorial Hospital, helping buy essential medical equipment. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets this month. Tickets for our November draw are available online at trellis.org/stmarys5050 OR at the Foundation Office in the hospital, just past switchboard on your right. \$250 Early Bird Draw - November 7, \$500 Early Bird Draw - November 14, Jackpot Draw - November 28



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Christmas Community Dinners to return for fourth year

EMILY STEWART

Independent Reporter

Anyone who would like a turkey dinner for Christmas day but can't host one of their own can have a chance to have one from the community.

St. Marys resident Rachael O'Neill Roberts and a group of friends are gathering materials to cook Christmas dinners for whoever wants them for the fourth year. O'Neill Roberts and her friends raise money for ingredients so O'Leary's Creamery can prepare the dinners. The group is accepting monetary donations, turkey donations and names of people who would like a Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings, desserts and cookies, along with toys for children

"Everybody should get something on Christmas day," O'Neill Roberts said.

O'Neill Roberts began the initiative in 2020 after losing her job amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Financially, she and her husband were doing okay, but she thought about others who also lost their jobs, families with children, and those who were alone that year for Christmas.

Each year, more than 100 people in the community will receive a Christmas dinner through this program.

"I remember thinking the first time I did it, 'If we get to 20 people, that would

be really good,'" O'Neill Roberts said.

She added that when she first posted about the Community Christmas Dinner fundraiser, there was an outpouring of donations and e-transfers from the community.

"I got emotional," she said. "It was very moving to see how the community really looks after each other."

The Community Christmas Dinners are dropped off to whoever wants one, regardless of income or circumstances.

"It wasn't a matter of if you can't afford a Christmas dinner; that's not what the initiative was. It was if you just want a Christmas dinner," O'Neill Roberts said. "So, maybe if you're by yourself or you couldn't go to family members for Christmas. Whatever the case may be, it was just a non-judgment. You say you want a Christmas dinner, we'll drop one off for you."

Residents can also nominate people in the community who might like a dinner. O'Neill-Roberts does more of the organizing than she does the deliveries, but said that when she dropped off some meals, she learned how lonely the holidays can be for some people.

"Sometimes it's the only interaction people will get over the holiday," she said. "There's a lot of lonely people out there and everybody deserves something special."

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Thank a veteran as St. Marys remembers

WENDY LAMOND

Independent Reporter

As previously posted, there will be three events that will be taking place in town to honour our veterans. The first will be on Saturday Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both the St. Marys Legion and Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Club will be hosting Veterans' Decoration Day at the St. Marys Cemetery. This event was previously known as the Veterans' Flag Planting Ceremony where family and friends of veterans that are buried there can place complimentary flags at the grave sites. Flags can be picked up at the cemetery chapel on Nov. 9.

The next event being held will take place on Sunday Nov. 10. The Legion will hold its annual parade and ceremony marching from the St. Marys Legion to the cenotaph at town hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a Remembrance service to follow.

A reminder to drivers: Church Street will be closed between Station Street and Queen Street from 12-2 p.m. Queen Street will also be closed between Peel Street and Church Street during this time.

On Monday, Nov. 11, Mayor Al Strath-



(WENDY LAMOND PHOTO)

Every year from the end of October until after Nov. 11, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a pledge to honour Canada's veterans and show their support for the sacrifices made, past and present. Legion member Tom Jenkins proudly displays his poppy in this photo.

dee will lead a Remembrance Day Service at the town hall cenotaph at 10:45 a.m.

"We appreciate the sacrifice of all who have served," Strathdee told the Independent. "We are grateful for the

contributions of the local veterans clubs that worked so hard to pay respects and educate us to appreciate their service. St. Marys has a rich tradition of military service. Lest we forget."

Queen Street will again be closed between Peel Street and Church Street from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for this event.

The service taking place on Nov. 11 will be livestreamed on the Town of St. Marys Facebook page for those who are unable to attend. The stream will start shortly before 10:45 a.m. Once the ceremony is done, people are encouraged to visit the museum and the exhibit launching on the same day, Behind the Battlefield: War on the Home Front.

On Friday Nov. 8, a short Remembrance Ceremony will be held before the Lincolns game at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Veteran Banners have also been hung throughout town honouring and remembering our Veterans.

Legion member Tom Jenkins told the Independent St. Marys has always supported the Legion's events in previous years and he is looking forward to seeing everyone come out to honour all veterans.

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St. Marys Museum to launch exhibit showcasing war on the homefront on Remembrance Day

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As locals honour those who served and are serving in the military during this year's Remembrance Day ceremony, the St. Marys Museum will launch a new exhibit highlighting an often-forgotten but no-less-important piece of the war effort during the first and second world wars.

On Nov. 11, the museum will open its Behind the Battlefield: War on the Homefront exhibit showcasing the hard work and dedication of locals who may not have served overseas during WWI and WWII but did serve important roles at home that supported the war efforts all the same.

"We have our military gallery upstairs and we try to do a different annual exhibit up there; if there's a specific military anniversary, we'll focus on that, or the installation of that exhibit tends to align with our interns being onboarded, so if they have a specific military history (of interest), we'll focus on that," museum curator Amy Cubberley said. "Izzy (Mitchell), our intern, was assigned to kind of run with that exhibit and she had more of an interest in the homefront, and that's one we hadn't done in many years."

"There is some interesting history there related to our local history as well, so that's what we've gone with."

The exhibit, which will run until November 2025, explores what it took from those left at home to support a total war effort.

Locally, that included the planting of victory gardens on residential properties across town so local families could feed themselves and boost wartime food production for Canadians at home; the advent of many cutting-edge agricultural practices still in use today with the goal of boosting yield and efficiency, many of which were pioneered by local junior-farmer clubs; the encouragement of near zero-waste lifestyles by locals with used items like razor blades and tin cans being donated by local families back to the war effort to be recycled and reused; and the production of grenade casings by a mostly female workforce at the local Maxwell's factory.

"That became a primarily female workforce during the war," Cubberley said. "They manufactured primarily farm machinery, but during the Second World War, they got a contract to produce arms, so there were actually 2.5 million grenades produced in St. Mary. Maxwell's is a foundry, so the casings were made here, but the actual explosives were added at a top-secret government facility. They were just making the shell of the grenade here."

"... We have a number of grenades in our artifact collection, and grenades are still found in the community. As a child, my brother and some neighbourhood kids had a metal detector and found a grenade. The factory was on James Street, kind of

backed onto the train tracks, and I suspect they were just tossing the defective ones out the back door or something."

According to Cubberley and Mitchell, without the commitment to the war effort by those on the homefront – especially during the First World War – the world as we know it today could have been very different. While the production of food, munitions, rubber and other necessary supplies were greatly impacted by the fighting in Europe and Britain, Britain's relationship with its colonies – something the Germans didn't have – allowed it to continue producing the goods it needed to support the war effort and was one of many factors that tipped the scales in favour of our troops.

"A lot of Canadian society as we know it today was set up, put into place during the homefront years," Mitchell said. "Agriculture, a lot of recycling initiatives, our income-tax system as we know it today was almost entirely set up during the First World War. We tend to have a very heavy focus on military with a capital 'M' during Remembrance Day, which is, of course, super valuable and absolutely worth remembering, but it's also worth remembering that the war effort was a lot more than just the front lines."

"The thing that is so significant about the world wars is this is total war; this is all-encompassing, every area of society is focused on pushing forward the war effort. It totally makes sense that the people whose lives were on the line are at the forefront of our remembrance, but I don't think it has to be one or the other. It's also worth remembering all the people who participated in blood drives who gave their blood, who did charitable programs to knit bandages for civilians and soldiers on the front line. Pretty much everyone contributed to the war effort."

The St. Marys Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.



(GALEN SIMMONS PHOTO)

St. Marys Museum curatorial and programs assistant Izzy Mitchell holds one of the 2.5 million grenade shell casings manufactured by the Maxwell's factory in St. Marys during the Second World War.



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Inner Wheel Club of St. Marys celebrates 50th anniversary

WENDY AITKEN

Contribution

Oct. 15 marked the 50th anniversary of the Inner Wheel Club of St. Marys. Members celebrated by enjoying dinner at Naina's Indian restaurant.

What is Inner Wheel?

It is an international women's organization that promotes friendship and fosters international understanding. There are 4,000 clubs worldwide (100,000 members in 100 countries) with four NGO members at the United Nations.

Inner Wheel gives women the opportunity to connect and use their intelligence and capabilities to benefit society at large. It has only one requirement, and that is the desire to serve.

The Inner Wheel Club began 100

years ago in Manchester, England when Margarett Golding, a nurse, initiated the first meeting. Fifty years ago, it was president Marguerite Douglas who accepted the charter, giving the Inner Wheel Club of St. Marys official status.

Although the number of club members has dropped since 1974, the Inner Wheel Club of St. Marys continues to serve the community by supporting a number of projects including the food bank, GOALS breakfast program, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, the United Way, Stonetown Heritage Festival, Winter Lights, Station Gallery, To St. Marys With Love, and the All Wheels Park.

Learn more about the Inner Wheel organization on the internet or contact Wendy Aitken at 519-284-2110.



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Members of the Inner Wheel Club of St. Marys, from left to right, Leonor Brockwell, Cathy Grogan, Nelda Oliver, Vicky Vine, June Cunningham, Marie Stevens, Wendy Aitken, Diana McQuirk, Denise Fergusson. Absent is Janet Uren. They celebrated the local chapter's 50th anniversary Oct. 15 with a dinner at Naina's Indian restaurant.

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Local community groups have less than a month left to apply for up to \$5,000 through community grants program

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As the Nov. 30 deadline for applications closes in, local charitable, non-profit and volunteer organizations, sports groups and service clubs now have less than a month to apply for up to \$5,000, or 25 per cent of eligible costs, through the Town of St. Marys' community grants program.

For 2025, the draft St. Marys budget includes a total of \$56,000 for one-time community grants intended to support projects, initiatives and events by St. Marys community organizations that serve the town.

Last year, funding went to 16 different organizations including the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, the Kinsmen Club of St. Marys, the St. Marys Legion, the Giving Tuesday committee, the St. Marys Ringette Association, the Lincolns, and the St. Marys DCVI and St. Michael Catholic Secondary School scholarship programs among others.

"The town really values a lot of these programs that these grants are used for," said St. Marys finance

manager and deputy treasurer Denise Feeney. "It's important to keep these programs going."

Interested applicants should review the town's community grant policy and application form at www.townof-stmarys.com/grants. Eligible projects must support one of the following pillars of the town's strategic plan: culture and recreation, balanced growth, economic development, or housing.

Applicants must be in or provide services to the St. Marys community. External applicants will only be considered if they can clearly show that any funding received will have a direct, positive impact on St. Marys. All applicants are required to demonstrate financial need and proof that other funding sources have been considered.

"Definitely, if you're going to apply, read the form pretty carefully," Feeney said. "One of the biggest criteria we're looking for is, for this grant, you're eligible for up to \$5,000 but 25 per cent of your total costs for your function, so it's important to make sure you have kind of a detailed budget or financial summary of what that program will look like."

As far as the process for approval or denial of grant applications, Feeney said staff will review the grant requests received by Nov. 30 and make recommendations on which applications should be approved and how much money should be allotted based on local needs and eligibility for council to consider in early 2025.

Applicants will be made aware of council's decision at some point after that meeting.

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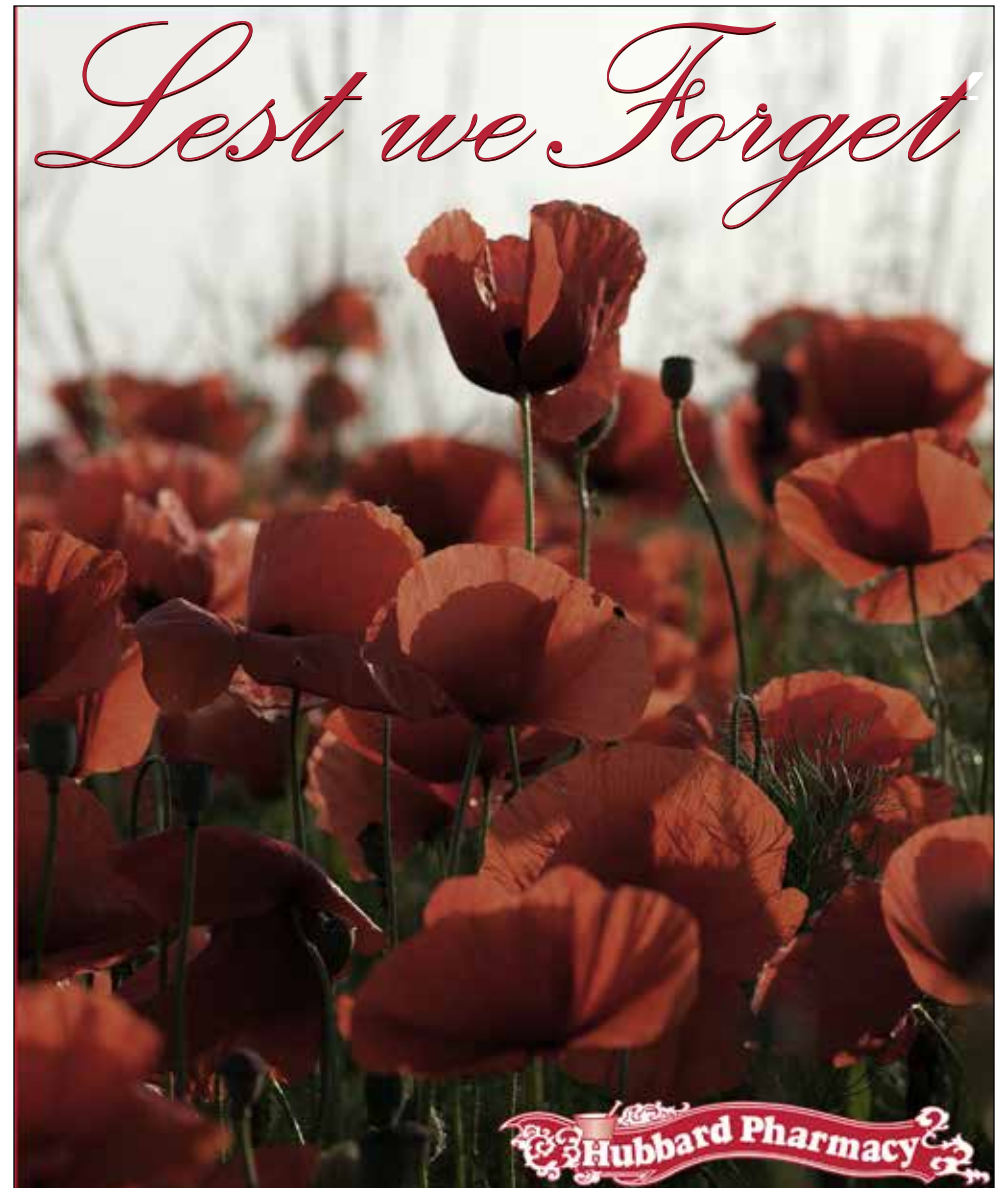


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Lincs sweep interconference games as Bradley hits 100 wins

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

The St. Marys Lincolns kept their winning ways going with a pair of victories over the Caledonia Corvairs and Welland Junior Canadians and, in doing so, helped their head coach, Jeff Bradley, hit an impressive milestone.

Bradley, coming up on just the third anniversary of assuming the position, won his 100th game as Lincs' bench boss in their 5-0 shutout over Welland on Nov. 3. Bradley called it a "special" night in his coaching career.

"It's amazing how fast time flies," said Bradley. "It's right around a week short of three years since I was hired, so it's pretty cool. To me, being able to hit 100 wins already just shows how fast this organization has moved in a positive direction and all the good things it has going for it, from the president, to the GM, the board and volunteers, and the fan support. The whole package is outstanding."

To give Bradley the chance to hit 100 career wins in Welland, the Lincolns had to withstand the hard-hitting Corvairs from Caledonia, who came out of the gates strongly, outshooting St. Marys 14-7 in the first period. However, Colby Booth-Housego shut the door, which, according to the head coach, allowed the Lincolns to settle into the game and the Corvairs' highly physical style.

"That is a team that traditionally is a top team in their conference and I'm sure they came in with a point to prove, and they put us on our heels a little bit in the first period. But still, I thought in that first period, even though we weren't the ones pushing the pace, we weren't really giving up any high-danger scoring chances. A lot was from outside and, thankfully, Colby held us in the game until we got our footing underneath us in the second and third when I thought we played exactly how we strive to."

Bradley elaborated on his feelings about the opening frame, noting they were still executing the fundamentals of their gameplan well, even as the Corvairs got control of the game early on.

"I don't think it's that we played all that poorly. We aren't necessarily the same type of team as Caledonia. We talk a lot about defending responsibly, whereas they are a big, physical team, so we had to adjust a bit to what they were



(MCGINNY PHOTOGRAPHY PHOTO)

Luca Spagnolo brings the crowd to their feet after scoring his second of two goals on Nov. 1 against the Caledonia Corvairs. As of the Independent's press time, Spagnolo leads the entire GOJHL in multi-goal games with four.

throwing at us. It's not that we aren't a physical, hardnosed team; we certainly have those elements. It's tough to be at your absolute best in every way for 60 minutes every night and, in this case, it took us a period to fully acclimatize to that part of the game.

"We were still taking care of what we needed to," Bradley added. "We were outshot and they had more puck possession in the first, but we still managed to get pucks out when we needed to, dump pucks in when we needed to, and take away the slot chances. We stayed disciplined for the most part, and we got saves when we needed them. We have plenty of guys who know how to weather the storm."

In the second period, the Lincs evened the game out and got rewarded when Luca Spagnolo snapped a four-game scoring slump with his ninth of the season, set up by Jacob McLellan. Julian Stubgen also picked up an assist. Just over five minutes later, Spagnolo tapped in a one-timer fed to him by Jaden Lee to score his second of the period and give the Lincolns a 2-0 lead.

The pair of tallies gave Spagnolo four multi-goal games so far this season, which, as of the Independent's press time, leads the entire GOJHL.

Three minutes and 35 seconds later, a new-look line for the Lincolns extended

the lead to three when a three-way passing play ended in the sixth goal of the year for Owen Voortman. Newly minted linemates Ryan Hodgkinson, who was returning from an injury, and Chase MacQueen-Spence assisted on the goal.

Caledonia finally got on the board five minutes and 11 seconds into the third when Brody Leet jammed the puck over the goal line during a chaotic net-front scramble. St. Marys held the Corvairs off for the remainder of the night, however, while Noah VandenBrink iced the game with an empty netter with just 63 seconds left in the game.

Bradley credited his entire group for their well-rounded performance.

"The whole team was really good. I thought that it was a full-team effort. We rolled four lines and everyone was doing what we needed them to do. We tried out new penalty killers. The only things that were the same were the powerplay units. But all the guys that have practiced killing penalties got the chance to do it for us."

Much of the game saw a high level of physicality and chippiness, which the bench boss felt the Lincolns navigated well.

"They understood what the goal of the game was; get two points," Bradley told the Independent. "It's not to show who's a tougher team. The goal is always

to win. You see moments in the game where someone receives a questionable hit, or someone is getting punched in the face and we stand up for ourselves but don't want to take it over the line. That's the tightrope we're always trying to balance and, for the most part, I thought we did that well."

Youth plays starring role in 5-0 shutout in Welland

Some of the youngest Lincolns took centre stage when the team travelled to Welland on Nov. 3 and blanked the Junior Canadians 5-0.

Rookie goaltender Nico Armellin made 24 saves to earn his second shutout of the season, while first-year defenceman Hayden Barch scored a pair of goals, including the icebreaker just 26 seconds into the first period.

"Seeing Hayden get a couple of goals was amazing," said Bradley. "He is such a fantastic player. He works really hard, whether it's a game or a practice. He pays attention to all the details. He's very thoughtful in the way he prepares for and executes in games and practices."

Assisting on Barch's first of the night were fellow rookies Chase McDougall and Dylan Searles, who, along with linemate Tanner Ducharme, were praised by Bradley for providing a much-needed spark to the rest of the team.

"There wasn't the same energy in the building that we're used to in St. Marys, so one of the things we talked about was generating our own atmosphere and momentum, which is why we started the line of Chase, Tanner and Dylan. We knew they would get in hard on the fore-check and set the tone and put Welland on their heels. They did exactly what we wanted them to, and they got rewarded for it."

"That whole line, whether it's been Chase, Dylan and Tanner, or Chase, Dylan and Zander, they've played the same way," continued Bradley. "They've played some really good hockey, no matter what configuration we've used. They're responsible, they're physical and they do what we ask them to, and do it really well."

Although the Lincs' performance wasn't quite a masterpiece at times, Bradley felt the game as a whole was similar to wading through muddy waters, and thus, the end result left him

Lincs sweep games as Bradley hits 100 wins

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“It’s a tough one to expect a perfect performance in. It’s a long bus trip, we’re two-and-a-half hours from home and we got there a little bit later than we would have wanted. In a situation like that, you’re just hoping to get the two points and have things go as smoothly as they can. They did what they needed to do and that’s all you can ask from them. We’re happy to take the two points and move on to the next one.”

Bradley also explained how the Lincs went into the game with the intention of doing what their Friday night opponent had done to them 48 hours previously.

“You try to take some things away from teams that you play, and if you look at our game against Caledonia, they came into our rink and put us on our heels right away, which forced us to ramp up our intensity and emotion. It’s obviously not the same atmosphere in Welland as we have in St. Marys, but the goal was to do what Caledonia did in our rink. I’m not sure we fully accomplished that in the first period, but we did score first, and we heavily out-chanced Welland, so to me, it’s at least a decent place to build from.”

In the second period, MacQueen-Spence scored his fifth of the year, with assists going to Hodkinson and Rowan Reid. The goal gave MacQueen-Spence

points in 10 of his last 11 games. It also gave Hodkinson points in seven of his last eight, with the only exception being the Oct. 18 home game against Stratford in which Hodkinson exited during the first period due to injury.

With just six seconds left in the middle period, less than a minute into a double-minor slew-footing penalty assessed to Welland, Ryan Cornfield blasted a loose puck into a yawning net for his sixth of the year. Hodkinson and VandenBrink picked up the helpers.

With the Lincs getting the goal on a powerplay, they now have at least one powerplay goal in 13 of 15 games this season.

Barch and MacQueen-Spence each added their second goal of the game in the third, with lone assists on each goal going to Cornfield and VandenBrink.

VandenBrink heads into the Lincolns’ next game on Nov. 8 against the Strathroy Rockets on a nine-game point streak and with points in all but one of his 13 games this season.

After this Friday’s game against Strathroy, the Lincolns aren’t back at the Pyramid Recreation Centre until Nov. 29 as they play six straight games on the road, a stretch that includes trips to LaSalle, St. Thomas, Elmira and Sarnia, as well as two consecutive visits to Listowel for rematches of the 2024 Sutherland Cup Finals against the Cyclones.

Lincs add ‘76 championship team to stall sponsors



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As the St. Marys Lincolns continue to welcome stall sponsors as part of their dressing room, one of the franchise’s most successful teams in history has joined the list of contributors who have generously helped facilitate the renovation. Members of the 1976 Sutherland Cup Champion Lincolns’ squad recently presented a cheque for their stall sponsorship, which was not only made to help with the project, but also in memory of former Lincoln Doug Kennedy. Pictured from left to right are Lincs’ President Brandon Boyd, Paul Vanderspank, Brian Dundas, Cathy Alcombrack, Bob Binning, Mike Mattiusi, Richard Kennedy, Jeff O’Hara, Owen Hearn, and Perry Wilson. Not pictured were Bob Kennedy, Frank Teahan, Jack Valiquette, Randy Hildebrant, Warren Wilson, Gary Near, and Jeff Sayles. The Lincolns are still welcoming new stall sponsors from individuals and groups, and if you would like to learn more about sponsoring a stall, contact Lincs’ President Brandon Boyd at bboyd@lincs.ca or 519-520-0799.



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Seebach competes at U14 provincial rugby challenge

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

Andrew Seebach helped London St. George's RFC finish third at the U14 Ontario Junior Rugby Championship on Oct. 27.

The St. Marys native said the tournament came with a heightened competitive level as his team faced teams from across Ontario.

"We've competed in many tournaments, so we had that experience, but this one was a bit more intense during the games since it was against teams from all across Ontario," Seebach told the Independent. "The last game against Oakville, especially, was really intense as we had the chance to win the entire tournament."

London St. George's RFC, comprising players from multiple centres including Middlesex, Huron-Perth and Sarnia, won its first three games of the tournament against Oshawa, Markham and Iroquois First Nation before suffering their only loss to Oakville, the overall

winners.

Seebach explained his enjoyment of the sport and how being a part of his club's multi-regional collection of players has enhanced his experience.

"My teammates have become very good friends during the season. It's almost like we've been neighbours all our lives. Our coaches have been very good and calm, and they've taught us how to play together as a team. I feel I've become better at reading the opposing team and looking for gaps to run through. I've also gotten better at passing and tackling.

"I enjoy rugby because even though most people think it's a really aggressive and dangerous sport, it's really not," continued Seebach. "The culture of the game is very positive. Players, coaches and referees respect and are nice to each other. However, I admit that I do enjoy the physical nature of the game. Also, it has been an excellent way to meet and make friends with kids from all over Ontario."



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Andrew Seebach, a member of the London St. George's Rugby Club, helped his team finish third with a record of 3-1 at the U14 Ontario Junior Rugby Championship on Oct. 27.

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DCVI senior boys earn win heading into playoffs

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

The St. Marys DCVI Senior Boys volleyball team rounded out their regular season with a straight-set victory over Mitchell on Oct. 31.

Head coach Steve Chateauvert told the Independent the team accomplished their goal of building some momentum heading into the post-season.

"I'm happy with the result, obviously," said Chateauvert. "We talked before the match about needing to win in order to make the playoffs, and they went out and did that. It wasn't perfect, there are still several areas that we can improve in, but in the end, they did what they needed to do to get the job done."

The Salukis defeated Mitchell by scores of 25-19 and 28-26 in back-to-back sets to take the win.

According to Chateauvert, with the playoffs upcoming and the unbeaten squad from Stratford District Second-

ary School waiting for them, the team's intensity and aggressiveness will be key to pulling out the upset.

"First and foremost, our communication needs to be a bit better. We're often very quiet on the floor and I think we can benefit from being a bit more vocal out there. I'd also like to see us improve our energy and enthusiasm. At times, it looked like they were playing a little tight and not quite getting after it as aggressively as I want them to.

"If they level up those two things, I think we can do well," Chateauvert continued. "I think we could be one of the top teams in the league. SDSS is a really strong team. St. Mike's has a very good team who we played really tough at the start of the season. We had a good first set against Goderich (on Oct. 24), who is also a top-three team in the league. If we can ramp up our energy and communication, I think we can compete with any of those teams."



(SPENCER SEYMOUR PHOTO)

Trevor Aarts smacks the ball back over the net during the St. Marys DCVI senior boys volleyball game on Oct. 31.

U18 A Boys shine in clutch games of November Storm Classic

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

After a somewhat ho-hum record of one win, one tie and one loss in the round-robin of the November Storm Classic tournament, the St. Marys Cement U18 A Boys St. Marys Rock stepped up when it mattered most and won the tournament's top prize.

Head coach Gord Cookson told the Independent his team played their best hockey in the most consequential games.

"Overall, we played with a high intensity," said Cookson. "We were very solid defensively, which helped when we struggled at times to hit the net while getting our fair share of chances in the offensive zone. Thankfully, we settled in and started to capitalize on our chances in the quarters, semis and final when it really mattered."

After winning their first game of the tournament by a score of 4-2 over the Norfolk Knights, the Rock were blanked in two straight games, battling the South Muskoka Bears to a scoreless draw before falling 1-0 to the Mitchell Meteors.

Their second-place finish in Pool B set St. Marys up to face the Erie North Shore Storm in the quarter-final, and finally, the Rock got back on the score-sheet, quelling the Storm 4-1 to advance to a semi-final clash against the Strathroy Junior Rockets. Once again, the Rock came away with a 4-1 victory.

In the championship game, it was St. Marys who came out on the right side of a shutout, winning 4-0 over the Midland Junior Flyers to claim the tournament's

gold medal.

"U18-A hockey is very fast and back-and-forth. A lot of games are decided by who takes advantage of the opportunities they create in the game. We were 60 per cent on the powerplay and our penalty kill was around 88 per cent, so we were doing well at capitalizing on our chances and shutting down our opponents on theirs.

"Our five-on-five play was also very good," Cookson continued. "We were pretty dominant at even strength throughout the whole tournament, although we struggled to get our shots on net. But the boys were working hard and the result of their hard work finally started to show up on the scoreboard once we got into the elimination round."

Throughout the weekend, St. Marys enjoyed stellar goaltending, with Cookson noting their tandem of Trevor Aarts and Luke Binning alternating starts, and both were consistently excellent. Their strong play in goal, according to Cookson, helped the rest of the team play strongly in front of either netminder.

"Both of our goalies played great. They both made great saves when we needed them to. The whole team trusts both guys, and I think having that trust in them allows the rest of the team to play so well as a group in front of them. We ask a lot of our players at times, and they came and delivered this weekend. We're looking forward to our Silver-Stick tournament (Nov. 15-17), especially with the play the boys delivered this past weekend."

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DCVI Senior Girls masterful in quarter-final victory

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

Though they ran into the high-powered juggernaut, St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, in the semi-final and bowed out of the Huron-Perth Playoffs on Nov. 4, the St. Marys DCVI Senior Girls basketball team could be proud of their post-season showing after an impressive quarter-final win over Goderich on Oct. 30.

Despite the Salukis finishing fourth in the Huron-Perth standings with Goderich narrowly behind them in fifth, St. Marys was dominant in the quarter-final clash en route to a 52-12

win.

According to head coach Monica Ryan, the team's ability to evolve was on full display in their 40-point win.

"They were outstanding," Ryan told the Independent. "We continue to tweak our offence to add more dimensions to our game and they just adapt and improve each and every game. I thought it was a real team effort. We had lots of different people scoring, almost everybody got on the score-sheet, but if they didn't contribute on offence, they contributed defensively. Goderich came out really strong, but our defence wore them down."

Eight players scored for the Salukis, led by Eden Sinnett, who posted 10

points. Charlee Pickering and Anna Ropp each scored eight, while Marin Chateauvert and Libby McCurdy each added seven.

Meanwhile, on the defensive side, the Salukis held Goderich scoreless in the first quarter and gave up just one basket per quarter in the game's second half. Ryan noted the "bittersweet" nature of the game, as the team's seven graduating players were likely playing their final game on home court.

"I'm really proud of them. It was a little bit emotional because there are a number of senior students who are graduating. We have seven players who won't be back with us next year, so there were definitely some emo-

tions in this game. We all wanted to win this one and they did everything they needed to and then some to do it.

"Our intensity and focus were very good and I think those are key reasons why we've kept trying to add new things to our systems," Ryan continued. "We want to stay mentally sharp and dialled in and challenging them with new aspects of our game seems to help do that."

The team's graduating players include fourth-year students Abby Martin, Charlee Pickering, Eden Sinnett and Niko Taylor, along with fifth-years Leah Cookson and Anna Ropp and international student Sari Yamagishi.

St. Marys Aquatics Centre to be closed for renovations starting Nov. 11

Closure expected to last approximately six months

ST. MARYS INDEPENDENT

Staff Contribution

The Pyramid Recreation Centre pool is getting an upgrade.

The Aquatics Centre will be closed to the public as of Monday, Nov. 11 to accommodate renovations to the space. The project will involve installing a new HVAC unit and exhaust systems to improve air quality. Repairs will also be made to any parts of the Aquatics Centre that have experienced wear and tear.

The pool will be closed for the du-

ration of the project, but the Pyramid Recreation Centre will remain open for regular hours and continue to offer a variety of recreation and leisure activities, including:

- Arena and ice rentals: two indoor ice pads offering public skating, skating programs for all ages and ice rentals. For program details, please visit www.townofstmarys.com/skating.

- EarlyON Centre: free drop-in programs for parents/caregivers and children aged zero to six years. Visit www.townofstmarys.com/earlyon for more

information.

- Friendship Centre: activities and recreational programs for adults and people with differing abilities to support social, physical and mental wellbeing. Program information can be found at www.townofstmarys.com/friendshipcentre.

- Youth Centre: a safe and inclusive space for youth to socialize, encourage development and reinforce positive play. Visit www.townofstmarys.com/youthcentre for more details.

Work on the pool is expected to take approximately six months. Updates to

the project and a reopening date will be provided through local media, the town website (www.townofstmarys.com), Facebook (www.facebook.com/stmarysontario) and Twitter/X (www.twitter.com/townofstmarys).

Questions about swimming lessons, aquatics programs and pool rentals can be directed to Andrea Slade, aquatics manager, at 519-284-2340 ext. 623.

Questions about the renovation can be directed to Doug LaPointe, manager of recreation operations and chief operator, at 519-284-2340 ext. 645.




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South Perth runners enjoy great success at cross-country meets



Pictured is Victoria Pearson with her Gold medal, which she won at the Regional Cross Country event on Oct. 8. Pearson was one of 64 students from South Perth Centennial Public School to compete at the Regional event and one of 53 to qualify for the District event on Oct. 16. Along with Pearson, Helen Seebach, Jesica Zwambag, Ryan Zwambag, Paula Black, and Andrew Seebach all captured first-place finishes at the Regional meet as well. At the District event, Jessica and Ryan Zwambag both finished first in their respective divisions.



Pictured from left to right are Helen Seebach, Ashton Ropp, and Theo Shute. Seebach won a Gold medal, while Ropp and Shute both captured top-five finishes, along with Jacob Zwambag, Jase Broad, Reed Martin, Avaleigh Weber, Jeanette Black, Brayden Gowan, Attley Ehgoetz, Alex Wilson, Mark Richardson, Liam Barker, Dylan Jacobs, Oliver Snider, Amelia Weber, Lily Steffler, and Hayden Barker. Many of the South Perth Centennial athletes also did well at the District meet, with many finishing in the top 10.



Pictured from left are Jeanette Black, Avaleigh Weber, Peyton Foley, Jessica Zwambag, Grace Jacobs, Daisy Close, and Payton Nairn. All are members of the grade five girls' team that finished first in their age group. The grade four girls also had a strong day representing South Perth Centennial, coming in second in their division.



Pictured from left are Attley Ehgoetz and Ryan Zwambag. Ehgoetz captured a top-five finish, while Zwambag took first in his division. They are also two of South Perth's 53 athletes to qualify for the district event. The school's boys' team had a good day, with the grade four, five, and seven teams all claiming first.

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DCVI Junior Boys end regular season with dominant win



(SPENCER SEYMOUR PHOTOS)

On the left, Vaughn Barr serves the ball across the court during the St. Marys DCVI Junior Boys volleyball game on Oct. 31. On the right, Parker Levy leaps up to tip the ball over the net. The Salukis dominated the visiting squad from Mitchell to win the game in two straight sets by scores of 25-8 and 25-10. With the win, DCVI's Junior Boys head into the post-season in third place in the Huron-Perth standings, having won each of their last six games.

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St. Marys bowlers place top-five at Kitchener tournament



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The St. Marys Bowling Lanes sent three teams that finished in the top five of their respective divisions to the Bob Howie Memorial Tournament at Victoria Bowl in Kitchener on Nov. 3. Each team was comprised of a bantam, junior, and senior bowler. On the top is the mixed division trio of Aisla Fisher, Nate Sims, and Nathan McKeen, who had the strongest finish of the St. Marys contingent, placing second. In the middle are Tyler Sims, James Van De Gevel, and Jack Brockman, who placed third in the boys division. The girls team of Rory Brockman, Amanda Kittmer, and Natalie McKeen, pictured on the bottom, placed fourth. The St. Marys Bowling Lanes also send a special thanks to the Downie Optimists for covering their lineage fees.



Notice of Adoption of an Official Plan by the Corporation of the County of Perth

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth passed By-law No. 4003-2024, which is a Confirmatory By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting held on October 17, 2024. At the Regular Council meeting Council passed by resolution to adopt a new Official Plan for the County of Perth under the provisions of Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The 2024 County Official Plan ensures a vision for Perth County and a comprehensive strategy reflective of provincial policy updates and current community priorities and values. The 2024 County Official Plan is supportive of building community, ensuring environmental health, and informed land use decisions within the County.

The 2024 County Official Plan will replace the March 2024 Consolidation of the 1999 County Official Plan and those of its Lower-Tier municipalities, including: the January 2011 Consolidation of the 2010 Official Plan for the Listowel Ward in the Municipality of North Perth; the February 2020 Consolidation of the 2009 Official Plan for the Mitchell Ward in the Municipality of West Perth; and, the April 2015 Consolidation of the 1985 Village of Milverton Official Plan. The 2024 County Official Plan will act as an overall guidance document to ensure consistent policy implementation across the County and provide a clear planning framework that is easier to navigate.

Adoption of the 2024 County Official Plan concludes the County's municipal comprehensive review exercise which has been built upon extensive community engagement. The Plan has regard for matters of provincial interest and is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024. The Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth considered oral and written comments from members of the public, which resulted in numerous iterations to the 2024 County Official Plan text and schedules prior to its adoption.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the 2024 County Official Plan. The 2024 County Official Plan does not come into effect until the day after the Minister has issued a decision. Pursuant to Section 17(36.5) of the Planning Act, the Minister's decision is final as there is no appeal in respect of a decision of the approval authority where the approval authority is the Minister. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the Ministry's decision if a written request to be notified of the decision is made directly to County Staff or the Ministry at the following address: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Municipal Service Office - Western

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A copy of the 2024 County Official Plan, together with supporting studies and background information, is available at perthcounty.ca/NewOP. A hard copy of the 2024 County Official Plan is available for review at 1 Huron Street, Stratford during normal office hours.

DATED AT THE CITY OF STRATFORD THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

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COLUMNS

UKRAINIAN CORNER: Motanka doll, a symbol of tradition and resilience

OLENA OLIANINA

Independent Columnist

At the heart of Ukrainian culture lies one of the nation's most treasured artifacts – the motanka doll. These handcrafted, featureless dolls have been part of Ukrainian tradition for centuries, passed down from generation to generation as symbols of protection, hope and heritage. For many Ukrainians, especially those who have emigrated to Canada, the motanka serves as a connection to their roots, providing comfort and strength in challenging times.

A motanka is not just a toy or decoration; it is a sacred talisman imbued with meaning. Made entirely by hand and without the use of needles, these dolls are traditionally crafted from natural materials such as straw, thread and scraps of fabric. Each motanka is carefully wrapped or twisted, and its facelessness is intentional. Traditionally, the absence of a face protects the owner from evil spirits, as it was believed that souls could only inhabit objects with faces.

In Ukrainian households, motankas were displayed to safeguard families, bring good fortune and ward off negative energy.

As someone who recently arrived in Canada from Ukraine, the motanka has taken on a special significance for me. When I first crafted my own motanka, I felt a deep connection to my ancestors and my homeland. In the simple act of wrapping threads and tying knots, I could almost hear the voices of the women in my family who once made similar movements to create these protective



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

A motanka doll.

figures.

For me, the motanka embodies resilience and hope. Having faced the challenges of immigration far from family and familiar surroundings, this doll reminds me that, like many Ukrainians before me, I can endure and thrive no matter where I am. It is a symbol of strength that comes from tradition and

helps me build a new life in Canada while keeping a piece of Ukraine close to my heart.

How to make a motanka doll:

Creating a motanka is a simple yet meaningful process. Here's a brief guide.

1. Materials: Gather natural materials such as linen or cotton fabric, threads,

straw or cotton for stuffing, and colourful scraps for clothing.

2. Head: Start by forming the head, wrapping fabric around the stuffing and securing it with thread to create a round shape.

3. Body: Wrap fabric below the head to form the body and cross the threads at the chest, symbolizing protection.

4. Arms: Use a separate piece of fabric for the arms and attach them to the body. No needles or scissors are used to avoid "piercing fate."

5. Clothing: Dress the doll in traditional clothing made from fabric scraps such as embroidered shirts, skirts and headscarves.

6. Final Touch: The doll remains faceless, as it is believed that a face may attract spirits, while a featureless doll brings only protection and wellbeing.

The process of creating a motanka is accompanied by positive thoughts and good wishes for the future.

When I craft a motanka, I feel a special connection to my ancestors who passed this tradition down through generations. It is not just a craft; it is a way to carry a piece of the Ukrainian soul into a new world. And each time I see Canadians showing interest in this art, I feel proud of my culture and delighted to share it with others.

For me, a motanka is a symbol of the continuity of life and, even far from my homeland, making these dolls reminds me of the importance of preserving our traditions and passing them on to our children. It is another way to stay connected to Ukraine, even thousands of kilometres away from home.

Straight from the Shelves

LAURA MCASH

St. Marys Public Library

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Although sports lovers and gamer geeks usually find themselves in different social circles, they have one significant thing in common: they are fans of some-

thing. The same goes for music listeners, book nerds, and even movie buffs. The fascinating and unifying world of fandom is explored through a psychological lens by Michael Shaw Bond in his book "Fans: A Journey into the Psychology of Belonging". This book is available on Libby as an eBook and an eAudiobook.

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Ask the Arborist

By Joel Hackett | 519 272 5742 | jtsquote@gmail.com



Dear Arborist,

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Sawdust Concerns

Dear Sawdust Concerns,

There are three possible reasons for sawdust around your tree: Bores, Termites or Carpenter Ants. All three options are bad news. If it's a kind of bore, the tree is probably going to die, in rare cases you can treat. Normally, it's too late as the bore insect will kill the tree, and the end result is removal.

Termites or Carpenter Ants are normally a secondary symptom to a larger problem. Normally, both insects

target dead, dying, or decaying wood. So in most cases, the tree is already in decay and compromised. Although you can exterminate the insects, the overall problem will eventually exacerbate. However, with a proper inspection, you might find the tree can last a number of years, and does not necessarily need dealt with right away.

Sincerely

The Arborist

Joel Hackett is a certified Arborist residing in the St. Marys area. Currently, he spends most of the year running Joel's Tree Service. For contact call 519 272 5742 or email jtsquote@gmail.com

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Joseph Bruce Creech

MARY SMITH

Independent Columnist

J. B. Creech was hired as principal of St. Marys District Collegiate and Vocational Institute in 1961 when longtime principal, Erskine Evans, retired. The Creech family arrived in August and settled into a brand-new house on Rogers Avenue, just a short walk from DCVI. In September, Joe and his three children were ready to start new schools and the whole family became part of the St. Marys community. During his 12 years as principal, Mr. Creech ran an efficient, disciplined school, with the expectation of high standards from both staff and students. When he retired in 1973, he took on a new role: he became an expert at refinishing antique furniture and was known well beyond St. Marys for his skill at caning chairs. This week's photograph shows him demonstrating chair caning in the town hall auditorium during a summer festival in the 1980s.

Joseph Bruce Creech was born in Exeter on December 10, 1914, the son of Thomas Garnet Creech, a teamster, and Catherine (Kate) McDonald Creech. He had two older sisters, Grace and Rubie, and an older brother, Frank. In 1916, a younger brother, Ray, was born. The family had a sad loss in December 1918 when their father, Thomas, died during the influenza epidemic. Joe had just turned four at the time. To sustain the family, Kate Creech took in boarders and all her children made contributions to the household as soon as they were old enough to work. Joe started working part-time at local stores when he was 13 years old. He finished high school in Exeter in June 1932 with high marks and enrolled in Stratford Normal School in September.

He graduated as a teacher in June 1933 in the middle of the Depression and set out to find a job. He later recounted: "I wrote applications and rented a car or bicycled to see rural trustees in the area. Finally, I was hired at Union School Section No. 13 Stephen and Hay." The school was located on the north side of Highway 83, between the bridges over the Ausable River and Black Creek, in Sodom, an old logging community from the late 1800s. It was four and a half miles from Exeter where Joe still lived with his family. He wrote: "I understand that 400 applications were received for the position. Coincidentally, that was the same figure as the salary I received for the year - \$400! The grant from the township was to be whatever the teacher was paid, up to \$450. The trustees were told that the less paid the better, and I needed a start. So, at the age of 18 and for \$39.50 a month, and with a new CCM bicycle financed by my sister, I embarked on my teaching career. The school had a wood furnace. The water bucket was filled from a well at a farm across the road and some distance east. There were 11 pupils."

The following year, he moved to School Section No. 9 Osborne, (Bisset School,) and was paid \$550 a year. It was only a mile and a quarter from Exeter, but still a challenging bicycle ride in a rural Ontario winter. Joe was ambitious and took summer courses at the



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Joe Creech demonstrates the traditional craft of chair-caning at an event in the Town Hall in the 1980s.

University of Western Ontario. In September 1935, age 20, he became principal of Exeter Public School and continued in that position until 1942. Every year, he took further courses at Western and graduated in June 1942 with a general Bachelor of Arts degree. But World War II was on and in August 1942, Joe enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Because of his age and experience, he was not sent overseas but instead to the Air Force Training School in St. Thomas. After a four-month course, he became a corporal instructor in aero-engine mechanics. He continued as an instructor until the end of the war.

In February 1944, he married another young teacher, Mildred Jones Hicks from Usborne Township. As a married man, Joe had permission to live off base; the Creeches' first home was an upstairs apartment in a house in St. Thomas. After his discharge, Joe and Mildred returned to Exeter where he taught Latin and History at Exeter High School. (His university studies also qualified him to teach mathematics and geography at the secondary level.) From September 1946 to the summer of 1948, the Creeches lived in London while Joe completed an Honours Degree in History. Their first child, John, was born in May 1948, at St. Joseph's Hospital. During the summers while he was at Western, Joe worked in construction, as a house painter and at the Central Ordnance Depot in London. When he resumed teaching at Exeter High School in 1948, he also taught night courses at the RCAF Station at Cen-

tralia, and in the summer, did office or construction work. He was always working, and always upgrading his teaching qualifications. In 1954, J. B. Creech became the principal of Kingsville District High School. By this time, the Creeches had a second son, William. A daughter, Heather, was born a few years later.

The Creeches enjoyed their time in Kingsville, but Joe wanted the challenge of a larger school and accepted the position of principal of St. Marys DCVI in 1961. His years there were not without controversy. Mr. Evans had left large shoes to fill but Joe took control of the school. Some parents questioned his disciplinary methods, but he was backed by influential board members, themselves with children in high school. Although he brought some teachers with him from Kingsville, inexperienced recent graduates often had their first teaching position in St. Marys. Part of Joe's work as principal was to visit their classrooms, evaluate their work and offer constructive criticism. Undoubtedly some young teachers found this terrifying, but many went on to successful careers. Occasionally, he would have to take a class himself and was a lucid, memorable teacher. When he announced his retirement to be effective August 31, 1973, the Director of Education for the Perth County Board of Education wrote thanking him for the work he had done on behalf of his students and for the excellent leadership he had given his staff.

While J. B. Creech was no longer a school principal, he did not exactly retire. He now devoted himself full-time going to auctions and garage sales, and rebuilding and refinishing antique furniture. He enjoyed it all immensely and was a different man from the strict disciplinarian. He began a new career repairing and refinishing these antiques and became the person to go to with a treasured piece of furniture. His specialty was refinishing and re-caning old chairs, using the traditional method of weaving through holes drilled in the frame of the chair seat. Always a teacher, he gave very popular night school classes in caning - there are still products from these classes in St. Marys homes.

Mildred shared his interest and set him a challenge. Her great-grandfather, Francis Jones had been a furniture maker in Clandeboye, and his descendants had a number of his pieces. One was a large, pine kitchen cupboard, built as a utilitarian object, which was passed down and painted many times. Mildred tracked it down in a garage in Ilderton and sent Joe and their son, Bill, to bring it home. As Bill recollected, it was in bad shape: "Broken doors, mouse holes, peeling paint. We strapped one half to the roof of the car, jammed the other half into the trunk and brought it home slowly. Joe spent the next ten months restoring it." For Mildred, that cupboard always had the greatest value, especially following Joe's death in September 1988 in his 74th year.

When Mildred Creech died in 2017, her family donated archival material to the St. Marys Museum, that included genealogies and information about J. B. Creech's teaching career. It was the source for much of this column, along with personal memories from Bill Creech and Larry Pfaff, a good friend of the family.

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FROM THE GARDEN: The story of corn



NANCY ABRA
Independent Columnist

Every thing and being has a story behind their origin and their existence. And corn is no exception. Also known as maize, corn's history is long and complex, involving the domestication of a wild grass, the development of new varieties and the spread of the crop around the world.

Corn's scientific name is *Zea mays*. 'Zea' comes from the Greek word for grain, used to categorize the grasses that produce grains, including corn. The species 'mays' is derived from the Taino word for corn – 'mahiz' or 'mahis' which was adapted by the Spanish and eventually evolved into the English word, maize.

It is believed corn originated in Mesoamerica over 9,000 years ago. Ancient farmers selected kernels to plant from the wild grass, teosinte, native to southern Mexico which is still found there. Over time farmers selectively bred the plant to

develop larger seeds and starch in the kernels that was easier to digest. The cultivation of corn spread throughout the Americas. Corn was a staple of Indigenous peoples from South America, north to the Great Lakes region. They interplanted corn with squash and beans as companion planting and productive growing, known as 'The Three Sisters'. Corn remains a culturally significant plant for many native peoples throughout the Americas to this day.

The cultivation of corn spread in North America with native peoples teaching the early European colonists to grow corn. Explorers to the Americas brought corn back to Europe for food, cultivation and trade.

In the early 1900s, the development of hybrid corn created through various pollination techniques, resulted in a plant with traits of higher yield and/or pest resistance. Over the decades, selective breeding generated the broad diversity of corn varieties that are still grown around the world today.

Corn is important to the global economy and food systems for many reasons. It is a staple food for many developing countries. It is processed into a variety of products such as a sweeter starch for food as well as for cosmetics, corn oil, and industrial alcohols. Corn is used to produce ethanol, a cleaner-burning fuel that reduc-



es carbon emissions. Corn fibre is used in many industrial applications including bioplastics, insulation in cars, construction adhesives, package labels and biodegradable inks. It is also considered a carbon sequestration as it pulls Co2 from the atmosphere as it grows. But corn is commonly used for feed for livestock from large animals to small pets.

Corn is the world's second

most produced crop. According to Stats Canada, in 2021, Canadian corn farmers grew 14 million metric tonnes of corn for grain, primarily used for animal feed and ethanol but also to be used to make bread, chips and other baked products. Over one half of this corn is grown in Ontario. <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/01/en/plus/1526-corn-sweet-corn>

The growing of corn does not

stop in our farmer's fields. As gardeners, there are many varieties of corn we can grow in our garden, from varieties of delicious, sweet corn, flint or popcorn to coloured gem corn for fall decorations. Let's hope the story of corn continues for many years to come.

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Green Town Hall meeting held in Thorndale

NANCY ABRA

Independent Reporter

The Thames Centre environmental advisory committee hosted a Green Town Hall meeting last Monday evening, Oct 28 at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre.

The meeting was the second of two meetings organized by this committee with one held in Dorchester prior to this meeting.

The environmental advisory committee was established in June 2023 with Thames Centre Ward 2 Coun Danielle Lockie as its chair. The committee also consisted of five community representatives and Ward 1 Coun Tom Heeman.

This committee was formed to support and advise council in implementing environmental goals and policies of the Municipality of Thames Centre.

Their role includes promoting water and energy conservation measures, environmental sustainability, reviewing and promoting waste reduction, recycling practices and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as preservation, conservation and enhancement of natural-heritage resources.

At the Green Town Hall meeting, Heeman outlined the plan of actions of the environmental advisory committee. They have joined the Partners for Climate Protection program, a national network committed to reduce

greenhouse-gas emissions. Heeman briefly spoke about the energy audit for the municipality's buildings and the commitment to plant 50,000 trees in Thames Centre over the next 25 years, with 15,000 trees already planted this year.

As it is important to have resident and community members' input, an online survey was distributed a couple of months ago to gather information and feedback from the public regarding environmental issues that are most concerning. Heeman presented the results of this survey, which highlighted concerns for habitat restoration, hazardous-waste disposal, the heritage-tree program, the tree-planting plan and

biodiversity.

Following Heeman's presentation, the audience of approximately 30 people were directed to break-out sessions consisting of three stations – waste management, ecosystems and trees, and parks and facilities. In these sessions, there were active discussions and suggestions from residents with members of the committee recording the input.

"I am very pleased to see the number of people who came out tonight," Heeman said. "And we greatly appreciate the input and engagement from these break-out sessions which will be valuable for this committee and council going forward."

Mt. Olivet Lodge's fall event benefits Thorndale minor sports



(NANCY ABRA PHOTO)

Mt. Olivet Lodge member Scott Ivins presents a cheque to Jeff Fleming of Thorndale Minor Ball for \$600, half of the proceeds from the elimination draw held during the lodge's Family Night Oct. 26. Photo courtesy of Mt. Olivet Lodge

NANCY ABRA

Independent Reporter

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Mt. Olivet Lodge hosted a Family Night replacing their annual Octoberfest event, but retained their popular elimination draw.

This lodge-members Family Night included a barbecue of sausages, hot dogs and hamburgers, along with several salads and music provided by DJ Murray Lee.

The elimination draw of 250 tickets sold by lodge members took place be-

fore and during the meal. Winners of \$50 each were Betty Sutherland, lodge member Steve O'Neil, Jean Judd of London and Finlay McKercher of Seaforth.

For the final group of elimination tickets drawn, the winner of \$100 was Jean Barnard of Thorndale, \$200 went to Joanne Aitchison of Thorndale, and the final ticket drawn for \$500 went to lodge member Ted Bestard of Bryanston.

The profit from the evening's elimination draw was split between Thorndale Minor Baseball and Thorndale Minor Soccer teams.

Happy Halloween from Thorndale Hardware



(NANCY ABRA PHOTO)

Thorndale Hardware store owners Carly Woods and Emily Woods with their mother, Susan Woods (centre), decided to get in the Halloween spirit and dressed up to hand out sweet treats to Halloween visitors on Oct 31. Friends and supporters Bryce Darville, standing beside Carly Woods, and Graeme Askes, sitting in front, are also pictured. "This may be the start of an annual Halloween tradition," Carly and Emily Woods said.

Riddles

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| What do you call a snail with no shell? | Why did Peter Pan always fly and never stop? |
| Homeless. | Because he could never never land. |
| Why did the rope go to the doctor? | What word of only three syllables contains 26 letters? |
| It had a knot in its stomach. | Alphabet. |
| What kind of witch lives at the beach? | What did the bee say when he returned to the hive? |
| A sandwich. | "Honey, I'm home" |
| How did Burger King propose to his girlfriend? | How do you keep someone in suspense? |
| With an onion ring. | I'll tell you tomorrow. |
| What do you call a rabbit with the sniffles? | |
| A runny bunny. | |

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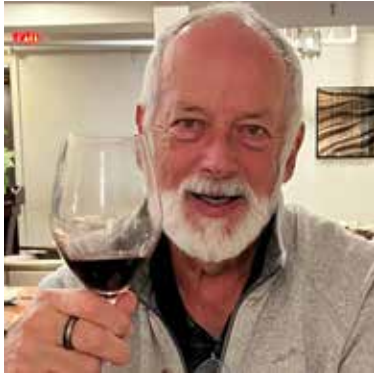
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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: The quest for the holy puffin



PAUL KNOWLES

Independent Columnist

I will admit, it's not up there with Indiana Jones' quest for the Holy Grail, or even Monty Python's hilarious attempt at the same feat, but it was truly a quest, nonetheless, and it did take years, and I finally realized my goal, which King Arthur never actually managed to do.

The object of my search was not a sacred vessel; it was a small, multi-coloured bird. To be specific, a puffin.

I have long wanted to see a puffin in its natural setting. It became something of an obsession. Over the years, I have visited a number of places that promised puffin sightings. I visited my sister who lives in St. Anthony, on the northern tip of Newfoundland. I saw whales and icebergs and guillemots. I even patted a beluga whale that had come into a small outport and was hanging around the docks (until a whale scientist told us to leave the whale alone), but no puffins.

I travelled to Ireland three times and hung out on the

Atlantic coast at astonishing places like the Giant's Causeway and the Cliffs of Moher. I saw plenty of posters advertising the availability of puffins, but no puffins.

I visited Yarmouth and the Acadian Shores region of Nova Scotia and fell madly in love with the whole area. It quickly became one of my favourite destinations in the world, except no puffins.

I have spent a lot of time in much-loved Cornwall, England, exploring coastal towns like Fowey, Marazion and Mousehole (pronounced Mawzel), travelling by boat along the shore, enjoying amazing destinations like Saint Michael's Mount and Tintagel, but no puffins.

So, when I started to plan my trip to St. John's, Nfld., earlier this year, I was determined not to get my hopes up. After all, every one of those places I have visited boast about their population of puffins. Every one of them post pictures of these cute, little birds. Every one offered nothing but disappointment to me.

So, I was not optimistic.

What took me to St. John's was the annual conference of the Travel Media Association of Canada. At these events, we work hard – really – but our hosts also treat us like royalty. One of the features of the conference was an afternoon whale-watching trip with O'Brien's Boat Tours.

I was pleased about this because, first, who doesn't want

to see whales and second, one of the O'Briens who own the boats is Con O'Brien, also lead singer of the Irish Descendants, a wonderful Newfoundland band that I brought to this area twice when I was executive director of a local arts festival.

So, it would be fun. But I did not get my puffin-oriented hopes up.

We headed out on the sea, bound for Witless Bay – an interesting name for a destination for writers, bloggers and public-relations professionals.

Perhaps an hour into the voyage, I spotted a couple of small birds floating on the waves. Could they be? Yes! I was actually seeing my first two puffins. I was very excited and then I realized I was actually seeing my first 200,000 puffins or so. The air was filled with oddly shaped, brightly coloured little birds. They were fishing, they were flying, they were floating, they were pooping on or near us; they were making an aged and jaded travel writer very, very happy.

The O'Brien trip was terrific. In addition to literally thousands of puffins, we saw lots of other sea birds – guillemots (old hat to me, of course), terns, kittiwakes, murre. They were interesting, of course, but they meant little to me because I was watching puffins.

On the trip back, we also saw whales. I enjoyed that too, but I have to confess I was still savouring the puffin sightings. After all, I had been years on the quest!



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A puffin in flight.

A few days later, I was part of a small group of travel journalists who got to tour the Irish Loop – the part of Newfoundland nearest St. John's. We stayed in terrific accommodations at Cliff's Edge Retreat, overlooking Witless Bay.

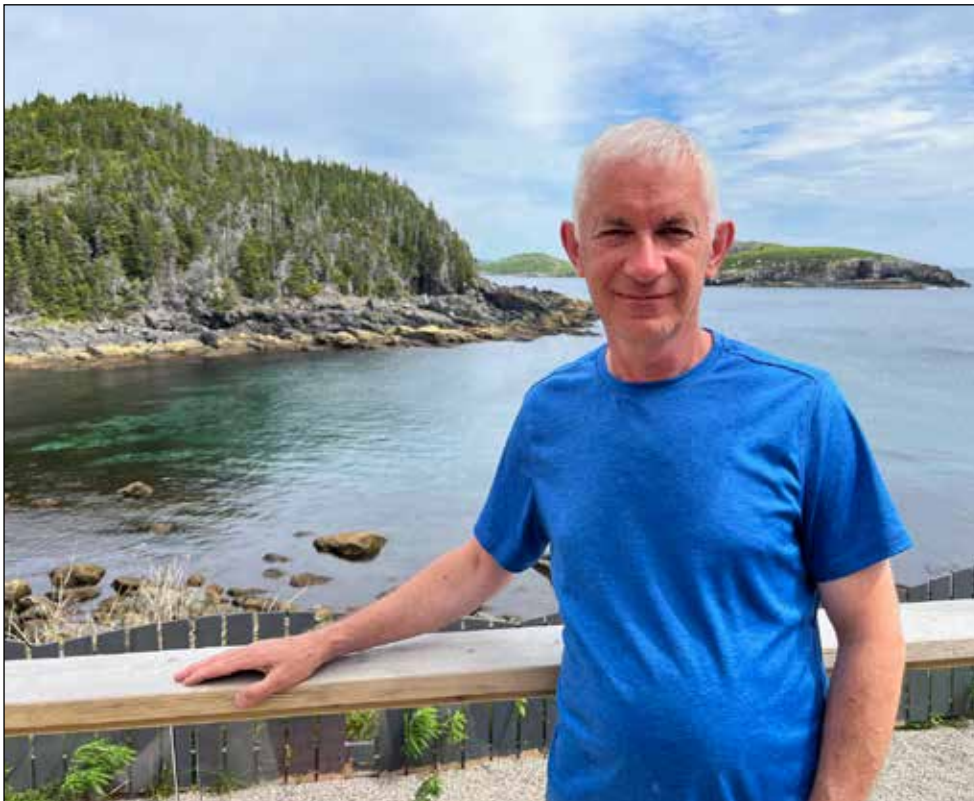
As I stood on my balcony taking in the amazing view, I realized I was yet again spotting puffins swimming near the shore and darting through the air. This time, it felt like they had come to me. Clearly, the puffins understood how hard I had worked to establish first contact and they were now feeling a bond with me.

Or maybe the attraction was the fish they were feeding on in Witless Bay.

Witless Bay, by the way, is a well-protected ecological preserve, so it is guaranteed that if you go there at the right time (I was there in June), there will be all manner of seabirds, as well as whales and perhaps icebergs.

I have found that Newfoundland and Labrador is high on many travellers' bucket list, and Canada's newest province deserves to be. So, do go, and if you go, be sure to say hi to the puffins for me.

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Cliff's Edge Retreat owner Craig March.



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OBITUARY

Vermond



Nancy Vermond of St. Marys Ontario, passed from this earthly life at Stratford General Hospital on October 31, 2024, at the age of 82. Predeceased by her parents, Walter and Kathryn Hopkins, her brother Jerry Hopkins, her sister Patricia Burke, and first husband Harrison

Simms, Nancy leaves behind her beloved husband, Louis, sister Judi Connolly, daughter Victoria Perry, sons Patrice Simms (Eleanore) and Seth Reidy (Katie), five grandchildren: Chris Perry, Asia and Julian Simms, Asher and June Sawyer-Reidy, and three great grandchildren, Jayden, Serai and Jevani Perry. She will also be missed by several nephews and nieces, as well as her Canadian family and many beloved friends.

Nancy lived her early years on a farm near Dayton, Ohio, where she loved exploring the forest. As an adult, she lived much of her life in coastal Maine before coming to Canada in 1996 to marry Louis. After moving to St. Marys from Toronto, Nancy and Louis started the St. Marys Storytelling Festival, and Nancy became a volunteer storyteller in the schools.

She was active in the Stonetown Grans, a chapter of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, Cadzow Village Nature Day, and the Elder Circle. Her favourite activities included 5-Rhythms Dance, Azul movement, Japanese sumi-e painting, making greeting cards, and front yard gardening. She was grateful to have lived in the caring community of St. Marys. Written by Nancy.

A gathering to honour Nancy's life will be held in January. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the St. Marys Public Library or the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation. Online tributes at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Cruickshank



Laura Cruickshank passed away at Kingsway Lodge, St Marys, on Saturday, 2 Nov 2024 in her 102nd year. The daughter of Bertha (Schmidt) and Nelson Plant, she was born and grew up on a small farm near Listowel, Ontario, with five brothers and four sisters.

Life was not always easy. She lived through the Depression years – she often said, “We didn’t have much but we never went hungry” – and during WW II she worked in London, Ontario. She was even a member of a volunteer Bren gun crew among her London wartime activities. In 1942 she gave birth to a son, Richard, whom she cared for dearly. Facing the world as a single mother, she worked hard to provide him with the best upbringing possible. In 1951, she moved to St Marys to work at the newly opened Memorial Hospital, and she remained in St. Marys for the rest of her long life.

During the past two decades, generous assistance from the people at the St Marys Friendship Centre and the remarkable Marylynne Anderson allowed her to remain in her own home. Her final year was at Kingsway Lodge where she received exceptional care from all the staff. Her final instructions were that there be no funeral but that everyone celebrate her century in their own way and do so happily. She leaves behind her son, Dr Richard Plant, and niece Carolyn Plant whose many visits always cheered Laura.

Donations could be made to the St Marys Friendship Centre. Online tributes at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Elliott



Shirley Joan Elliott - March 18, 1934-November 1, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grannie, who departed this life peacefully on November 1st in her 91st year. Shirley Joan Elliott was born March 18, 1934, to the

late Gerald and Tilly McIver. Shirley was a devoted wife to her late husband Bill with whom she shared 55 years of marriage until his passing in 2009. Together they raised a loving family of three sons Steve (Bernie), Reg (Sandy), Patrick (Jane) and daughter Lori (John) who will forever cherish the values and love she instilled in them. Her great love continues through her cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren; Nadine (Michelle), Daniel; Cheryl (Rob) (Wade and Beau); Greg (Linda) (Hannah and Owen); Jennifer (Braden) (Lily, Kyla, Gracie), Nicole (Scott) (Kamryn and Callie), Shawn (Diane) (Billie and Addie), Brooke (Nick); Victoria, Robert. Each of whom brought immense joy and pride into her life.

Shirley was the gentle matriarch and center of our family. Shirley enjoyed hosting family events, gardening, travelling with Dad, shopping, and time with friends. Shirley loved the Thorndale fair and was the home craft queen more than once. Together, Shirley and Lori won the London Farm Show mother/daughter baking contest. Her baking was well known, particularly her scones from the tearoom and her award-winning Thorndale Fair apple pies! Shirley was a member of the United Church, Thorndale Women's institute and the long-running card club called the Rinky-Dinks which she loved. Shirley always had a kind word and a sense of humour. She was the happiest at home surrounded by family, especially the visits from the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Shirley together with Bill participated in many things Thorndale and to commemorate how much a part of the community Shirley and Bill Elliott were, there is a donated bench placed in front of the Thorndale Lions Hall in their honor that says “Thorndale- Forever Our Home.”

Resting at Brock Visser Funeral Home in Thamesford. A private family ceremony has been held; a celebration of Shirley's life will be held at the Thorndale Lions Hall Sunday, November 24th 2:00-4:30pm.

Memorial donations can be made to Thorndale Lion's Medical Center, or St. Mary's Hospital

THANK YOU

Finnie

The family of the late Keith Finnie would like to thank everyone for the care and support shown to us in our time of need. Also special thank you to Andrew Hodges Funeral Home and Rev Mark Wolfe for your encouraging words and kindness. Also to our incredible farm community for harvesting the soybeans and corn, your kindness will never be forgotten. We are truly blessed to live in this community.

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LOOKING BACK



BY AMY CUBBERLEY

Seeking asylum

25 years ago (1999)

Arthur Meighen Public School principal Ron Aitken told the students that if they raised \$4,000 at the school's annual Activity-A-Thon fundraiser, he'd dress up like Mimi from the Drew Carey Show. The students ended up raising more than \$5,000, which meant that principal Aitken had to come through with his pledge. Volunteer Lynn Scheuermann helped Mimi put on her makeup before a school assembly on Friday.

At least one St. Marys councillor will be opposing the opening of the Town's LCBO outlet on Boxing Day this year. Councillor Kerry Campbell said he will bring forth a motion at the next council meeting to create a bylaw which would prohibit the opening. A letter was received from the LCBO asking council if any such bylaw already existed. The LCBO has permission from the province to open on Boxing Day if it chooses and is apparently considering doing so at select outlets. Mayor Hahn suggested the St. Marys population may not be big enough to warrant the LCBO opening on the annual holiday.

50 years ago (1974)

A recent study on the twin quarries along Water Street South revealed a water depth of only 21 feet at the deepest spot. The depth of the swim quarry was generally estimated for years as 30 feet at the deepest location.

Pamela Wave, a three-year-old Perfect Wave filly, owned by John and Norma Levy of St. Marys, recorded her maiden victory at Western Fair Raceway last Thursday night.

Excepting a few black and white ducks downriver, the St. Marys waterfowl roundup has been completed. The swans are in Stratford, Murray Mitchell has the geese, and Bob Favacho Jr. has the ducks.

75 years ago (1949)

The abundant apple crop this fall has brought prices of this favourite Canadian fruit down to the lowest figure in many years. Some farmers are selling Northern Spy apples for as low as \$1.00 per bushel.

Lou Marshall wonders if this is a record. He planted peas along with other green feed on his farm on the eastern outskirts of town in September and now the peas are bearing well-developed pods full of juicy green peas.

Extensive alterations to the interior of the former Rumsey-Bryan home on Wellington Street are being made these days by the new owner S. Ross Marriott. Mr. Marriott intends to use the property as a funeral home with living quarters on the upper floors.

100 years ago (1924)

There were more citizens in attendance at Monday night's Council meeting than have been at the sittings all told since the present body took office. In fact, there were far too many for the capacity of the Council Chamber, and members were forced to stand out in the hallways and adjoining rooms. Apparently, everyone in town had heard of the petition that was to be presented by the women of the town in connection with future law enforcement. The Board expected a delegation numbering perhaps a dozen, but they were underestimating the vivacity of the women of the town, for when the long line of ladies had filed in, they numbered 50 or more.

Chief W. Young was notified by citizens in the North Ward on Monday afternoon that a strange woman was roaming about. The Chief called up the asylum authorities in London and found out that a woman answering her description was missing. Accordingly, the wanderer was taken into custody until a matron from London arrived and escorted her back to the asylum.

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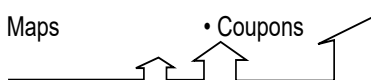
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PRC & Friendship Centre events - See the Stonetown Crier on Page 5

St. Marys Public Library events - See Page 26

Friday, November 8

- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion "hot dogs and more" lunch at Noon
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 p.m.
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Strathroy Rockets at the PRC - 7:30 p.m. There will be a short Remembrance Day service prior to the game

Saturday, November 9

- Veterans' Decoration Day at St. Marys Cemetery - 9 a.m. to Noon
- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Christmas in the Country craft show at 7107 Cobble Hills Rd - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Station Gallery opening reception of "Memories of the Big Band Era" - 1-4 p.m.
- Jeff & Lawrie Bell's milestone birthday party - 2-5 p.m. At Downie Optimist Community Centre, 3185 122 Road, St. Pauls
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 p.m.
- York Street Thought Process concert at First Baptist Church - 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 10

- Christmas in the Country craft show at 7107 Cobble Hills Rd - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion parade from the Legion to town hall cenotaph - 12:30 p.m. A service of remembrance will follow.

Monday, November 11

- Remembrance Day ceremony at the town hall cenotaph - 10:45 a.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day supper - Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m.
- St. Marys Museum exhibit 'Behind the Battlefield: War on the Home Front' opens

Wednesday, November 13

- Covid 19 & flu vaccine clinic at the PRC - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Capital gains tax seminar at Thamesford Library - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tavistock Men's Club supper - Pick-up only at Tavistock Memorial Hall - 4-7 p.m. Call 519-655-2286 or 519-655-3573 for tickets
- Friends of the Library social at the library - 6:30-8 p.m.
- St. Marys Lincolns vs LaSalle Vipers at Vollmer Culture Rec Centre - 7 p.m.
- Municipality of West Perth "Council Corners" at Black Donnellys, Russeldale - 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, November 14

- Community Living "Creating Safe Spaces at Work" workshop at 300 Elgin St E - 6 p.m.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) Topaz and Citrine
- 2) 2019
- 3) Nov. 11
- 4) Velma
- 5) Michael C. Hall
- 6) India
- 7) Aphrodite
- 8) Mind & Behaviour
- 9) John Lennon
- 10) Western Pacific Ocean



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