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BEAUTIFYING DOWNTOWN WITH PUBLIC ART (GALEN SIMMONS PHOTO)
St. Marys Business Improvement Area (BIA) board chair Megan Feeney stands next to one of eight downtown utility boxes that could be beautified as part of the BIA's utility box art-wrap project.

St. Marys BIA calls for artists to help beautify downtown utility boxes

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local artists and those with a connection to St. Marys will soon have an opportunity to help beautify downtown through the St. Marys Business Improvement Area's (BIA) utility box art-wrap project.

Recently, the BIA put out a call for artists on social media seeking those interested in creating original art wraps for between four and eight utility boxes in downtown St. Marys – at least in this first phase of the project. The idea, explained BIA social-media and marketing manager Sara Bradford and BIA board chair Megan Feeney, is to

help make downtown St. Marys more welcoming and attractive for visitors and locals alike.

"I've always been interested in public art and how it brings absolute vibrancy and another cultural element to any downtown space, specifically," Bradford said. "I love its capacity to tell a story and I think downtown St. Marys deserves to have its story told in a really special way that's vibrant and connective and draws people in. Also, utility boxes are darn ugly; there's no reason why they can't be beautified."

"It's one of those things that people don't notice are an eyesore until they've been

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Tampon Tuesday event held in St. Marys

WENDY LAMOND

Independent Reporter

Many people are unaware that menstrual-hygiene products are one of the most requested yet least donated items at local food banks.

Because of this very reason, in 2009, Mandi Fields of London began the program, Tampon Tuesday, which has been launched in many communities across the country. It involves a social, pop-in gathering of people looking to make a difference by donating menstrual-hygiene products.

Julie Jeffrey was looking for a way to help in St. Marys and, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, hosted the town's first Tampon Tuesday event. Access to these necessities can be a challenge, especially for those living in poverty or in a vulnerable position. Jeffrey will split the donations between the Salvation Army and the St. Marys Public Library pantry program.

Deputy mayor Brogan Aylward said a few words on behalf of the town, stressing the importance of these events to help remove the barriers and make it easier to assist those that are struggling.

"I want to thank all those that came out for the first St. Marys Tampon Tuesday," Jeffrey said. "I am overwhelmed and my heart is full to see the outpouring of support for this cause. I will be donating on Friday to the Salvation Army and the public library."

She is hoping to continue these events every other month with the next Tampon Tuesday event to be held in late November in the hopes of helping residents with financial strain over the Christmas season.

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wrapped beautifully with something. Then they tend to stand out.”

While the project originally stemmed from an idea submitted by Bradford as part of an ultimately unsuccessful grant application, at its July meeting, the BIA board voted to allocate \$10,000 from its reserves to move forward with it. At St. Marys council’s Sept. 10 meeting, the project was approved and the BIA, along with its partners on the town’s heritage committee, were given the green light to start looking for two or more artists to drive the creative vision for the utility box art wraps.

Based on the town’s consultations with STEPS Public Art, a Canadian charity that helps municipalities prepare for the beautification of public spaces through art with guidance from public-art plans, town director of corporate services An-

dré Morin told BIA board members at their July meeting that the estimated cost of commissioning an artist to create an original work and then wrapping a utility box with that art is between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

“I think it’s really important to work with artists that have a point of view,” Bradford said. “We’re not here to tell them what to create. We’re here to foster their ideas and creativity as long as it’s safe enough to fit in with what the heritage committee and the council feel okay about. They do, essentially, have to approve of any art created.”

“We don’t know for sure if we’re doing four or eight boxes for the first round because we’re running out of time (this year). ... In the first, initial stage, we want to focus on sort of the history and heritage of St. Marys. There’s such a rich history of downtown business and

really celebrating that. ... I don’t think that it’s highlight nearly enough.”

Bradford said artists could also find inspiration from the natural areas within St. Marys, but at the end of the day, the BIA board and its partners will let the artists selected for this project follow their inspiration and provide the creative direction for the art that will ultimately adorn the downtown utility boxes.

“Just because this is a project being funded by the downtown business improvement area, I want to make sure the artists aren’t thinking it has to showcase business and transaction,” Feeney said. “This is about getting people into the downtown. Historical content – absolutely – but whatever speaks to them. A lot of these people, we’re hoping, have some ties to St. Marys and the memories it has built, so I’m hoping we’ll see their St. Marys through their eyes.”

Currently, the BIA board’s artist selection committee is not looking for specific artistic submissions. They’re looking for artists to provide a portfolio of their work and a brief explanation of how they are connected to St. Marys. Special consideration will be given to artists who have created public art in the past, but that is not a prerequisite for this project. The names and portfolios of artists who apply for this project but are not selected will be kept on file for future art projects undertaken by the BIA.

Artists have until Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m. to apply for this project and the selection will be made by Oct. 7. Visit www.townofstmarys.com/en/doing-business/About-the-BIA.aspx to find the project request for proposals document which includes more information about the scope of the work and how to apply.

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Tampon Tuesday event held in St. Marys



(WENDY LAMOND PHOTO)

Organizer Julie Jeffrey and deputy mayor Brogan Aylward show a small portion of the donated feminine hygiene products during the first St. Marys Tampon Tuesday event.



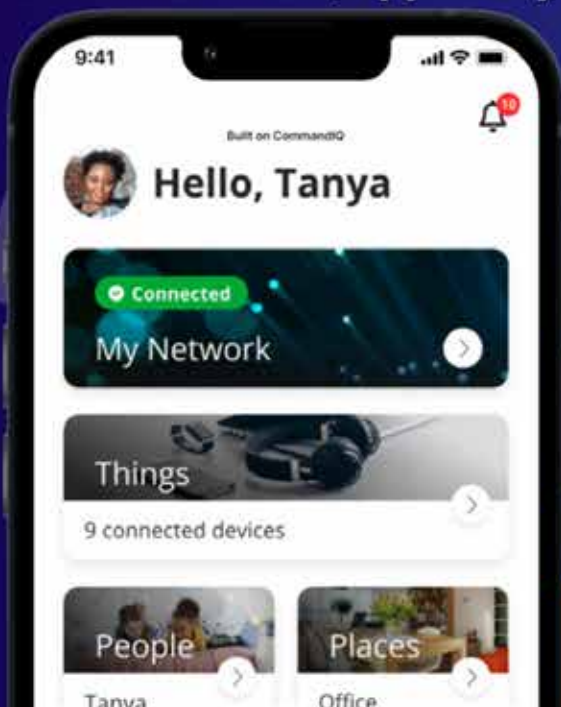
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- Reach out to the Salvation Army about helping a family through the Christmas Season. They will provide information on specifics about what a family needs. Collect the items over the next few months and have it ready for Giving Tuesday.
- Reach out to a social service agency (Optimism Place, St. Marys Library Food Pantry, Salvation Army, House of Blessing, Emily Murphy Centre, Children's Aid and Shelterlink to name a few) and ask what their needs are. Create a list and share within your group. Come together on Giving Tuesday to collect everything and make the delivery.
- Volunteer as a group with an organization, the benefits are many. As a group you will be working together, learning about an organization and the organization will benefit from your efforts.
- Reach out to the schools to see if they need mittens, hats or socks to have on hand for children who may need them.
- Socks! They are the most appreciated thing for people who are living rough, do a sock drive and donate them to organizations that support unhoused people.
- Get together as a group and write Christmas Cards or make small gifts for folks in Nursing and Retirement homes.
- Reach out to the Friendship Centre to see if they need assistance with Meals On Wheels - volunteer as a group and take turns.
- Sponsor a "free skate".

Talk about Giving Tuesday at your next meeting, the ideas will start to flow, do something that "speaks" to your group and strengthens your "neighbourhood".

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Bravo

We have Bravos this week.

- 1) Bravo to the young lad who returned my change purse which had my drivers license in it. It fell out of my pocket when I was down at the river.
- 2) Bravo to the nice couple who returned my wallet to me via the town hall's drop box. I can't thank you enough. Everything was there. Shows that there are still good people in this world.

Boo

We have Boos this week.

- 1) Boo to the pet owners who use the school grounds to run their dogs, but overlook their responsibility to clean up after they do their business. Multiple times over the past several weeks there has been an unwelcome deposit left in areas where students play and learn. Please be more responsible when using the space after hours - for the sake of our children.
- 2) Again this morning while waiting to turn right onto Queen Street from Wellington street, two cars that were parked, used their parking spots as turning lanes. I was fourth car in line and three ahead were going straight through. The second vehicle didn't even have the courtesy to use a signal indicator. These are NOT turning lanes. A police officer downtown could increase revenue significantly by these and many other infractions! But the parking spot/turn lane issue is the worst.
- 3) Boo to ourselves at the Independent about last week's Boo about the kayak launch pad getting shut down while the weather was still good. We should have researched this further and noted that the agreement between the town and Upper Thames stipulated that the dock must be shut down by Labour Day, otherwise the town would not have had approval to install it.

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

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

Quote of the Week

"People are frustrated and the idea that maybe they want an election now is something that my opponents are trying to bank on because ... people are taking a lot out on me for understandable reasons. I've been here and I've been steering us through all these things and people are sometimes looking at change."

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sharing on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert on the frustration of Canadians.

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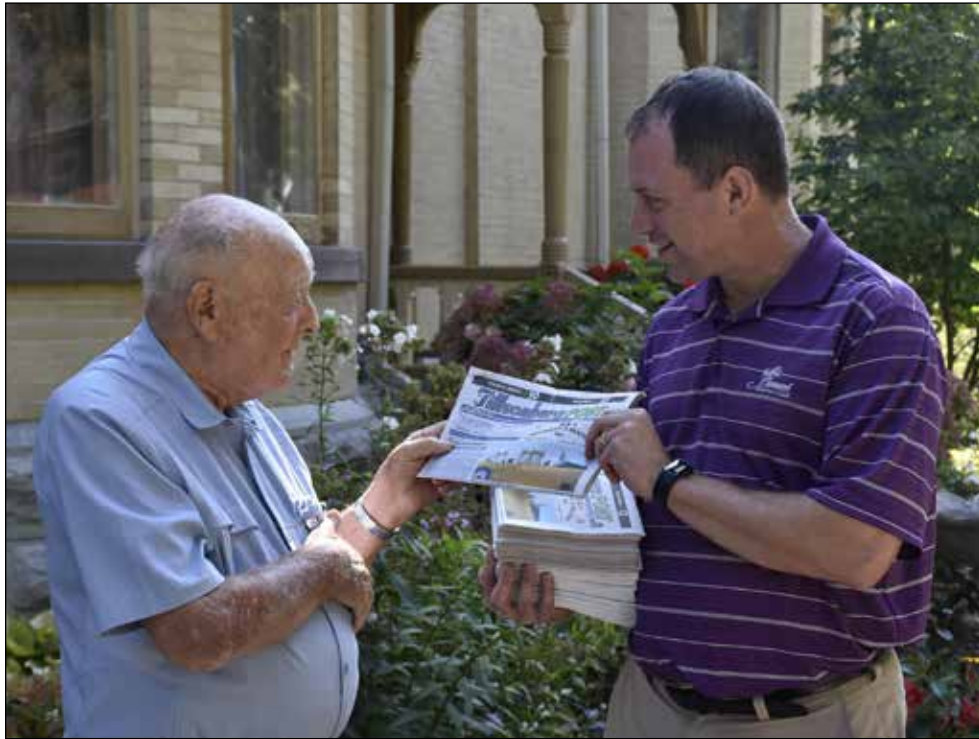
Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after everyone else has let go.

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

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Expanding local journalism beyond St. Marys



(TILLSONBURG POST EDITOR JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

The local journalism initiative that Frank Doyle founded with the *St. Marys Independent* has now reached two new communities as of this month. Last week, Grant Haven Media publisher Stewart Grant presented the very first copy of the *Tillsonburg Post* to 96-year-old Bill Pratt, who had operated the *Tillsonburg News* back in its heyday. This week, Grant Haven will launch its 10th community newspaper when the first edition of the *Simcoe Advocate* is delivered to Norfolk County. To see the new publications, visit www.granthaven.com or stop by the *Independent's* office at 36 Water St. S.

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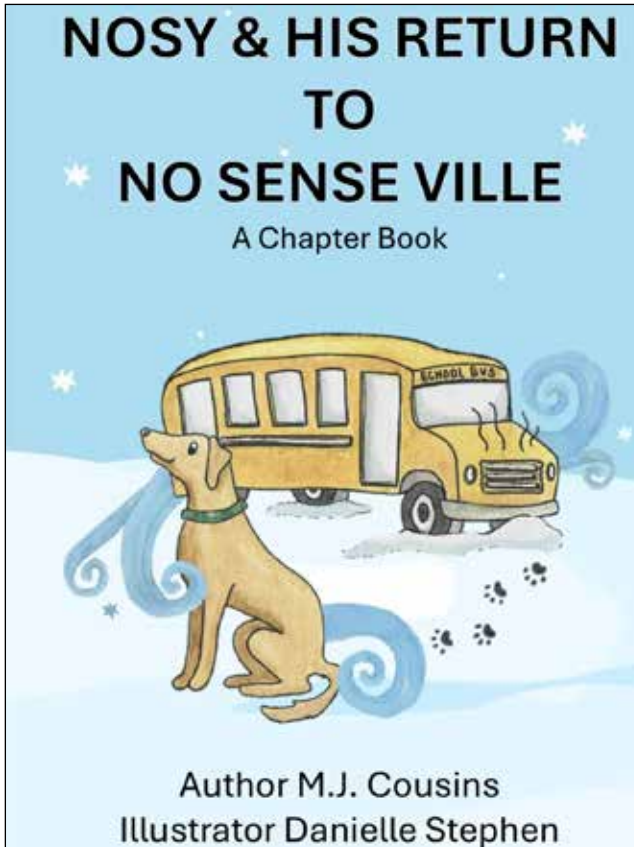
Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is Margaret Teskey who was born in Kent England in 1939. She turned 85 on Sept. 25. She came to Canada in her early 20's and lived in Toronto. There she met and married her husband Paul. She has a son and a daughter, two grand daughters and a grandson. She lived in Waterloo for 30 years and moved to St. Marys two years ago with her daughter. Margaret has made several friends in St. Marys and has become involved in many activities through the Friendship Centre. She enjoys knitting, gardening, flower arranging and dining out with friends.

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

Local author donating book-sale proceeds to food bank



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

Above left, welcome to the little town of No Sense Ville where the Dog of Wishes plays an important role. Nosy the Dog who has the ability to know about danger before it happens returns and again uses his powers to rescue and save. Above right, St. Marys author Jackie Cousins.

STEWART GRANT

Publisher

St. Marys author Jackie Cousins has recently launched a new children's book entitled Nosy and his return to No Sense Ville.

The premise involves the little town of No Sense Ville where the Dog of Wishes plays an important role. Nosy the Dog has the ability to know about danger be-

fore it happens, using his powers to rescue and save.

The book, along with Cousins' previous book, No Sense Christmas Poems, will be for sale downtown at Lyric Flowers with all proceeds donated to the town's food bank. All her books are also available on Amazon, however the purchase of books in town guarantees a donation to the food bank.

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8. What kind of animals only eat plants?
9. What are your chances of getting a natural 21, or blackjack?
10. Who does William Shatner play in Star Trek?

This week's answers are found on pg. 32

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Huron-Perth sees its first-ever program for children whose family members have cancer



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The Wellspring Stratford staff look forward to welcoming children and their parents on Oct. 19 for the first monthly event to be hosted as part of the Just Show Up program.

JULIA PAUL

Independent Reporter

Wellspring Stratford is running its first-ever Just Show Up program for children that have been affected by a family member with cancer.

On Oct. 19, children ages 6-14 are welcome to attend this free event which includes pumpkin carving, potion-making and a few spooky stories at the Falstaff Family Centre from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"It's really recognizing the need within the community and knowing that a cancer diagnosis impacts every member of the family," said Todd Goold, registered social worker with Wellspring Stratford. "So, having this specifically for kids, it's a way for kids to connect. Even though it is a social program, it doesn't focus on group therapy necessarily; those conversations naturally happen when you get a group of kids or youth together to share space.

"This is one of the reasons why we decided to go ahead with the Just Show Up program – just to provide kids with this opportunity to share space together, to kind of understand and know that these kids around you all have a same commonality. They have a parent, guardian or grandparent affected by cancer diagnosis. (Through this opportunity) they are able to form supportive friendships and hopefully reduce that social isolation that comes along with (having) a parent impacted by cancer."

Wellspring Stratford is hoping to continue this program monthly. Next month, participants in the program will go rock climbing at Pursuit Climbing in Stratford on Nov. 16 from 9-11 a.m.

"We would love to make this an annual (program), (but) it does depend on getting participants in the door and showing up," said Goold.

"It's quite exciting for us in Stratford

because it's our first children's program ever," said Lisa Stacey, manager of Wellspring Stratford. "Usually Wellspring across Canada, a lot of the programming (is) for adults. ... In London, last year, they started running this program and they had great success there, so we wanted to try it in Stratford. We know that Stratford is such an incredible community; to have a program like this to help young children and parents and grandparents that are going through a difficult situation like this in their lives, we thought we would try and see if we could help some families."

A second new children's program offered by Wellspring, Children's & Parents' Program, is a free, eight-week program for children ages five to 12. Starting Oct. 16, parents and guardians and their children will come together for a family meal catered by Black Angus, a conversation about having cancer in the family and to learn tools to help the children understand more about cancer and express their feelings.

"There's a lot of parents, a mother or father being diagnosed with cancer, that come in to get support from us or their caregiver or partner, but the children have never got help. If we could branch out to one more ... family member, because I know a lot of parents ... they said one of the hardest things, themselves, is how do you tell your child that you have cancer? There has been need in the past; now we have this opportunity to try it in Stratford. We got a very generous donation from the Optimist Club of Downie to be put towards the children's program. It lit the fire for us to start these two programs, the Children's & Parents' Program and the Just Show Up program.

If interested, contact Lisa Stacey at lisa@wellspringstratford.ca or call Wellspring Stratford at 519-271-2232. Registration closes on Oct. 16 at 12 p.m.

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GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Though it's still a few months away, the St. Marys Giving Tuesday committee is encouraging local residents, businesses, service clubs and everyone else to start brainstorming how they can give back on Giving Tuesday this Dec. 3.

Committee chair Julie Docker Johnson helped bring the global, Giving Tuesday movement to St. Marys back in 2017 when her business at the time, The Flower Shop, and 16 other local businesses each came up with creative ways to give time, attention, effort, money or anything else they could think of back to local charities that were close to their hearts.

"It was about the give back," Johnson said. "It's not necessarily about money; it's about time, it's about effort, it's about energy, it's about involvement."

That year, 17 different charities and organizations benefitted from the generosity of those businesses and, since then, participation in Giving Tuesday by St. Marys businesses, service clubs, schools and residents has increased exponentially each year regardless of whiteout blizzards, global pandemics or anything else that might stand in its way.

The committee, which is supported by Giving Tuesday Canada and helps locals come up with creative ways to give back each year, has also come up with new and unique ways to encourage local giving. Perhaps the most notable among those was the chair auction hosted at St. Marys United Church in 2022 to raise money for the church's community dinners, which had taken a hit during the COVID-19 pandemic and needed the roughly \$5,000 raised to keep the free community meals viable.

Last year, the committee decided to take a step back from event planning and instead launched a Giving Tuesday campaign to encourage neighbours to give back to one another and the community as a whole.

"I thought, 'We've got to get back to basics,'" Johnson



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Pictured are members of the St. Marys Giving Tuesday committee. From left are Julie Docker Johnson, Jackie Cousins, Maureen Hengeveld, Julie Shackleton, Ellen Bettger and Heather Douglas. Not present for the photo are Jean Rowcliffe and Marilyn Haywood. Photo courtesy of the St. Marys Giving Tuesday committee.

son said. "All these people have moved here, nobody knows their neighbour because we haven't seen anybody in years, and then new people have come and they don't even know how great this town is because they haven't had the opportunity to meet their neighbours (during the pandemic). St. Marys is grand because we are a community of neighbourhoods that work together always.

"So that's where the theme, 'Won't you be my neigh-

bour,' came from. ... A neighbourhood can be a downtown street, it can be the street you live on, it can be the arena that you sit in with your kids during hockey practice, it could be the pool you sit at when your kid does their swimming lessons. Those are neighbours. We broached it ... for people to do whatever they thought a good neighbour does, whether they shovelled their neighbour's laneway or they made soup for someone who's had surgery. It's about gathering as a neighbourhood. Get your street together; have a block party – things that we hadn't done in a long time."

Whether it was just about giving to each other or hosting a neighbourhood event in support of an important local cause, Johnson said the Won't You Be My Neighbour campaign was a huge success, leading the committee to continue it for this year's Giving Tuesday.

Johnson said this campaign is not about making more work for people. The way neighbours and neighbourhoods give back can be as simple or as elaborate as they want and, if they begin working together and planning now, the impact of whatever they do can be huge.

"We start now because people get crazy busy when it comes to the holidays. We slowly plant the seed so when people are cutting their grass, they see their neighbours and they talk to their neighbours about this. Merchants are downtown, they see their neighbours and they start talking," Johnson said. "This gives people an opportunity to think about what (they can do) that means something to them.

"Nobody needs any more pressure. So, if it just organically comes together; someone's like, 'Oh yeah, they've been talking about this Giving Tuesday thing again.' Then suddenly, they could be somewhere and go, 'You know what? Why don't we start writing Christmas cards and take them to the nursing home (on Dec. 3).'"

For more information on Giving Tuesday or for inspiration on how to give back this year, email Johnson at jdockerjohnson@gmail.com.



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United Way's Unite-for-a-Bite hits St. Marys with Pay-What-You-Wish Soup Supper



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Last year's ticketed "hoe-down" event was a great success! United Way Perth-Huron is looking forward to the success of this year's donation event, the Pay-What-You-Wish Soup Supper.

JULIA PAUL

Independent Reporter

Each year, United Way kicks off their annual fundraising campaigns by doing something unique in every region.

Last year, United Way Perth-Huron hosted the "hoe-down" ticketed event in St. Marys which had a great turnout. This year, the local United Way teamed up with Chef Andrew Tutt to host the Pay-What-You-Wish Soup Supper at Tutt Co. on Oct. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m.

"Every year, we like to do a kick-off event and have something that is unique to each one of our regions," said Chris Schroder, community development manager for St. Marys and area with United Way Perth-Huron. "It's a great time, it's a fun time for us. Of course, it's our raison d'être. (It) is to raise funds so that we can do (the) important work that we do in the community.

"Our team this year, we were talking and wanted to do something community oriented and welcome for everyone. I've talked to Andrew Tutt a few times about doing a nice community-oriented event at his restaurant, which is a lovely restaurant and he is an excellent chef, so we just started talking about this and

took it from there."

This pay-by-donation event will be at Tutt Co. in St Marys. They have 40 seats in the restaurant and the chef is planning to serve 80 people or more. All ingredients come from the St. Marys Nourish Equal Access Market, turning fresh, local produce and meat into a delicious meal.

"We are hoping that when people come – I know the soups will be delicious – we want people to enjoy, sit down and be in community together, and then when it comes to paying their bill, they're going to pay what they want as a donation to United Way.

"The idea with this one is to do something inclusive where anybody can feel welcome to come and join us. If you only have \$10 and that's what you can contribute, then that's great! You are totally welcome and we want to sit with you and be in community. If you have \$100 to donate to United Way, that's great too! It all goes to the important work we're doing."

Come support the United Way and the community of St. Marys by joining the Pay-What-You-Wish Soup Supper at Tutt Co. (159 Queen St. E) on Tuesday Oct. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m.



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St. Marys DCVI holds Terry Fox Run raising money for cancer research



Teacher Ian Morton shares with students the journey of his cancer diagnosis.



A group of students make their way back from the run getting high-fives from Ian Moore, head of student services and physical education, and principal Petra Goetz.

WENDY LAMOND

Independent Reporter

On Friday Sept. 20, St. Marys DCVI held its annual Terry Fox Run.

The goal for the school was to raise \$5,500 for Cancer research and, as of press time, they have reached \$6267.61.

To kick the event off, there was an assembly held in the large gym. Guest speakers were Principal Petra Goetz and teacher Ian Morton.

Both shared their personal stories of how they have been affected by cancer with the engaged students.

Goetz lost her husband to the disease

when he was just 53 and shared with the students how it changed her family's lives, forcing them to make decisions and deal with the grief of losing someone that had been in Goetz's life for 30 years. She also talked about how to start healing by staying positive, moving forward and making a difference in the years ahead.

"Cancer impacts the person that has it but also effects family, children, parents, friends and all the people that love you, and there are so many people that have to travel this journey," Goetz said.

Next to speak was Morton, who is off on leave right now. Morton was diag-

nosed at the age of 49 with Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Morton shared his personal story about his diagnosis, plan for treatment and how this terrible disease has affected him. He also shared his personal experience of what some of the money raised is used towards like programs allowing nurses and doctors to come into the home and pharmacies delivering medication among others.

"It's amazing that one man's decision to run has lasted so long and raised so much money. One person made a massive difference," Morton said about Fox's choice to run across Canada raising money for cancer research.

After both speakers were done, the students headed out the west-end doors and made their way, either running or walking, around town and back up to the school where they were greeted with music, high fives and lots of smiles from staff and volunteers.

When Fox had to stop his run after his cancer returned, he had completed 5,373 kilometres and passed on his wish to all Canadians to keep these events going so money for research could continue to be raised, giving hope to millions.



Josh Gerber and Carson Jacobs are greeted with high fives from teachers Ian Moore and Megan Bryan.



An emotional moment as DCVI teacher Ian Morton, who is currently fighting cancer, returns to the school after the Terry Fox Run, getting a supportive hug from head of student services and physical education Ian Moore.

(WENDY LAMOND PHOTOS)

Crowd-favourites, the Mudmen, to return to the Legion



EMILY STEWART

Independent Reporter

Celtic band the Mudmen enjoy performing in St. Marys and will return to the town this fall.

The Mudmen will perform at the St. Marys Legion Hall on Oct. 18. The band held sold-out shows at the legion and St. Marys town hall previously. During the event, which will be for those aged 19 and older, the Mudmen will perform their new song, "The Old Legion Hall," which is about fun hangouts at legions.

"St. Marys has been great to us," the band's bagpiper, Robby Campbell, said. "The people are real and I'm from a small town and we've said, 'You know, we can be the big event of the week, possibly the month,' and I like that. I always say we have a good time and fun playing there. Crowds are always right and ready to join in, and have a great time."

The Mudmen play across Ontario,

Canada and at Celtic festivals in the United States. The band performed at London's Western Fair on Sept. 7 and will be playing in Thorndale on Sept. 27 at the Oxford Renaissance Festival, and Goderich's RC Legion on Sept. 28.

"We've been staying closer to home lately because it makes more sense with the price of fuel and hotels that, sometimes, you can make more money by saving money than to head out on the road and the big venture and the whole bit," Campbell said.

Lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist Colin Amey is also family oriented and prefers to stay closer to home.

"He likes to be home more than he's gone away," Campbell said. "So, we said we go on the road for two or three weeks; that's long enough. He misses his little daughter there and the whole bit."

Robby Campbell and his brother, Sandy Campbell, are known for stage banter and playing bagpipes but also handle the

booking and management for the Mudmen, and they find it easier to do that closer to home.

"It's nice to get back to your office and actually work. It's hard to do business on the road," Robby Campbell said.

Throughout their 26-year career together, the Mudmen have performed with the likes of Johnny Reid, Kim Mitchell, Natalie McMaster and the Irish Rovers, they released 11 albums, and they have performed more than 3,000 concerts. The band also performed at the home opening ceremony for the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames, the '84 Oilers Stanley Cup reunion, 12 Canada Walk of Fame ceremonies, three Memorial Cups, seven Grey Cups, two Special Olympics opening ceremonies and eight Molson Canadian Snow Jams – just to name a few.

The Mudmen also played for Queen Elizabeth II and had their music featured on Don Cherry's Rock 'Em Sock

'Ems, Coaches' Corner, and in several TV shows and video games. The band has also been working away on a documentary and a book for the past six years about their legacy.

"We've got our 30th anniversary around the corner. I'm hoping that's going to be, at the latest point, (when we) get it out ... but like my brother said, 'We've got one chance to release this and we've got one chance to do it right.' If we do it right, maybe it'll open some doors and someone else will want to redo it with a better budget and better programs and the whole bit."

Tickets for the Mudmen show at the St. Marys Legion Hall are \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door, and can be purchased either by calling the legion at 519-284-2267 or by visiting www.ticketscene.ca/events/47202. More information about the Mudmen can be found by visiting mudmen.ca.

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HPCDSB approves new strategic plan focused on faith building and student achievement

GALEN SIMMONS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Huron Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) has approved a new, three-year strategic plan focused on faith building in the wider school community, and continued and improved support of student achievement.

The board approved the 2024-2027 strategic plan at its regular meeting in August. The plan sets out ambitious targets for achievement in the areas of mathematics, literacy, STEM, career pathways and student attendance. The plan also looks to achieve goals in Catholic faith formation and it builds on previous successes in reaching the top 20 per cent in the province on measures of student achievement.

“At a high level, basically the strategic plan is rooted in a three-year spiritual theme,” HPCDSB director of education Chris Roehrig said. “The lion’s share of that work took about a year to accomplish. So, we met through what we call a communal discernment period, which is a period of prayer and listening and scripture with our community and came

up with the spiritual theme of ‘On Fire with the Spirit.’

“So, that’s the foundation for the plan. The three years will have sub-themes. One is ‘Awaken,’ the second is ‘Illuminate’ and the third is ‘Rejoice.’ So that really informs us of the spiritual foundation of the plan.”

On a practical level, the plan is focused around four key areas – faith formation; improvements in literacy and mathematics; improvements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and support for the trades; and improvements in student attendance.

Faith formation, Roehrig explained, is about challenging the board’s staff, students and adults in the wider school communities to more fully commit to their spiritual lives, and to support the families in their parishes with their transitions as they immerse themselves more in the Catholic faith.

When it comes to improving math and literacy among students, the plan has set a goal for HPCDSB students to be in the top 15 per cent in the province on EQAO assessments among English

school boards.

“We’re continuing to try and drive improvements in those two areas,” Roehrig said. “We’ve positioned ourselves in the top 20 per cent in the province, so obviously we’re looking to improve on those achievements. On the literacy side ... there’s a program in place to improve results for everybody, but then we’re also focusing on students who have needs on top of that as well, and it’s the same for mathematics.

“On the literacy side, it’s really rooted in the science of reading, which is sort of a new approach to reading that’s based more on scientific evidence, and with mathematics we’re just trying to be more precise in the classroom with what we want teachers to be doing with mathematics instruction.”

With respect to STEM and supporting career paths that lead to the trades, Roehrig said the board is building on past success. Students in STEM classes will have more opportunities to learn through real-life experiences in industries like robotics and coding.

“The whole experiential-learning program is rooted in strong partnerships

with the community, and particularly, the business community who have been traditionally very supportive for us,” Roehrig said. “So, we’ll be continuing to look to them to provide extended opportunities for students to learn in their settings.”

Finally, the school is aiming to improve student attendance by 20 per cent which, along with having students in class learning, has two other important benefits.

“What we noticed post-COVID was a real decline in overall attendance and we also notice that’s had effects in two main areas,” Roehrig said. “One is around student mental health and the second is around achievement. Our hope is obviously when students are at school and they engage at school ... that their mental-health outcomes improve and their achievement improves.”

To read the HPCDSB 2024-2027 strategic plan in full, visit <https://huronperthcatholic.ca/catholic-education/our-vision-our-mission/>.

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Garden containers recycling project an overwhelming success

NANCY ABRA

Independent Reporter

A few months ago, Heeman's Greenhouse together with London Environmental Network (LEN) announced they would host a horticulture plastic-container recycling event on the weekend of Sept. 6-8 at Heeman's.

They were hoping that gardeners would hold onto their plastic garden pots, cell packs and trays after their spring planting until the September recycling event.

Plastics are part of our daily lives and a major part of the horticultural industry. Even though there are different recycling programs, the containers used in this garden industry sometimes can be hard to recycle properly as not all municipalities can recycle all plastics. Hence, a number of these types of containers end up in our landfills.

The result of this joint recycling project at Heeman's was an overwhelming success, so much so that it took another weekend and more volunteers to help sort the piles of various horticultural pots, containers, cell packs and trays.

"After this recycling event, I couldn't help but feel a surge of pride," said Will Heeman, chief daymaker at Heeman's Greenhouse. "The community's response was exactly what we were hoping for and expecting. Seeing so many people rally to bring back plastics for a second life was heartwarming. We even received extra containers from local institutions like Cuddy Gardens and Huron Ridge Greenhouses. The interest from other garden centres and nurseries



(WILL HEEMAN PHOTO)

Volunteers at Heeman's Greenhouse stand in front of the 36 skids of recycled garden plastic collected during a recent recycling event at the greenhouse.

in our program is a clear sign of a strong desire for the industry and community to find a recycling outlet for these plastics."

When asked about the recycling symbols of these garden containers, Heeman replied, "One area that could be improved is the clarity of recycling symbols. Some plastics bear a stamp that suggest recyclability but in reality, they're unsuitable for recycling. Others lack any stamp at all, making it even more challenging to determine their re-

cyclability.

"I also would love to see more standardization of the containers – there are so many variations out there, and it is a big job to sort through and find the right sizes to stack these properly to be sorted and sent back." Heeman continued. "The plastic manufacturers can do a lot of work, but I'm encouraged that we can once again find a recycling option for these plastics, and I hope things continue to improve as time goes on."

Over the course of the two weekends

or 210 hours of collecting and sorting by Heeman's staff, LEN staff and 70 volunteers, they successfully sorted, stacked and prepared all the plastic containers and trays totalling 40 skids of these products ready for the next phase. The proceeds received from selling this plastic back to the producer will be donated to LEN as they continue their work in protecting the environment and helping the City of London and area be more sustainable.

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HPCDSB education director announces retirement next year

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While it's never easy to say goodbye, Huron Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) director of education Chris Roehrig feels the time is almost right to put a period at the end of his long career in education.

Roehrig, who has served as director of education at HPCDSB since 2019 and served in the same capacity with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDNB) for seven years before that, recently announced his upcoming retirement on Feb. 24, 2025. He will depart the school board as one of the longest-serving directors of education in Ontario.

"I've been told by folks you know when it's time and I think I came across that," Roehrig said. "For our system, we just launched a new strategic plan; I'm feeling the list of things I wanted to knock off when I started is either complete or down to the final stroke. So, it's time. I'm excited about what's next. It's really less about what I'm leaving behind and more about what I want to accomplish next."

"It's a been a long career. It's been 30-some-odd years, so I'm ready."

Feb. 24, 2025, is a date of particular importance for Roehrig as it will be 31 years to the day since he was first hired as a full-time teacher in 1994 at St. David Catholic Secondary School in Waterloo. But his teaching career began six years before that when, as a 19-year-old student at St. Jerome's University (University of Waterloo), he began working as an uncertified supply instructor at Catholic schools in Waterloo Region.

After leaving St. David, Roehrig taught at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School in Cambridge and Resurrection Catholic Secondary School in Kitchener before serving as vice principal at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School in Clinton and St. Mary's in Goderich between 2001 and 2008. In 2008, he was appointed superintendent of education at BHNCDNB before



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Huron Perth Catholic District School Board director of education Chris Roehrig will retire from his position on Feb. 24, 2025.

being promoted to director four years later.

"Any of our system accomplishments are really a result of the people around me," Roehrig said. "I can't take credit for them alone. The (HPCDSB) system's had several accomplishments in the last five and a half years; among them is our work in student achievement. We've positioned the board into the top-20 per cent in

the province in EQAO results and our grad rates are super high, so we're really proud of that."

Though it was an initiative pushed forward by necessity during the COVID-19 pandemic, Roehrig said he's proud of the board's efforts in incorporating information and computer technology into everyday classroom learning, including the deployment of Chromebook laptops with every student across the board.

"There's ubiquitous access to technology," he said. "COVID, which was another thing altogether, really accelerated and organized (education technology). We had to really bear down on work with our infrastructure and some of the back-end stuff to really make sure the work we did during COVID went as smoothly as possible. I'm quite, quite proud of that."

While Roehrig said he will miss both the people he's worked with and the everyday interactions with the communities he serves that he became accustomed to over the past three decades, he's looking forward to having more time on his hands to read the mountain of books he's been meaning to read over the last number of years, dedicate some time to self-discovery and soul-searching, and decide what's next for him in this new chapter.

"We are grateful for Chris' experience, vision and faithful leadership during his role as our director of education," HPCDSB board of trustees chair Mary Helen Van Loon in a press release. "He has been both guide and anchor through some very difficult, challenging times within the board and the greater community. His passion and dedication to faith formation and excellence in student achievement can only be matched by his love for our Huron-Perth system. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work alongside him."

Though he says the expectations for our school systems and the accountability of those who work within those systems are much higher than they were when he first started teaching, Roehrig believes the HPCDSB is in an excellent position to continue improving its service to students and their families now and in the future.



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Multicultural outreach program coordinator visits DCVI

WENDY LAMOND

Independent Reporter

Students at St. Marys DCVI recently had the pleasure of learning from Leroy Hibbert, multicultural outreach program coordinator for Luso Community Programs in London.

Hibbert, who has worked for Luso for almost 25 years, works with schools, community groups, organizations and businesses teaching cultural awareness, race relations, cultural competency and building bridges in the community.

Luso has been in business for over 40 years and offers programs such as the Multicultural Outreach program, youth programs, basic needs and community support, literacy and newcomer and immigrant services.

Hibbert travels to four school boards to speak with students of all grades but also has assisted in training with post-secondary students, parents, faculty of education staff, RCMP and OPP. He is there to teach practical tools on how to share and accept differences, whether they're cultural or racial, in an inclusive way.

The conversations that take place re-



(WENDY LAMOND PHOTO)

Leroy Hibbert, multicultural outreach program coordinator at Luso Community Programs in London, spent a good part of a week at St. Marys DCVI educating all grades on cultural and racial acceptance.

volve around cultural sensitivity, ways to communicate and how to juggle cultures. It is not uncommon for people to act one way at school but then different at home while honouring traditions and

practices that take place there. They often see students adapt quickly but adults sometimes take a little longer.

In his training, Hibbert likes to use practical tools to relate with students.

This could involve current issues in pop culture and music to keep the students engaged.

When asked how he decides what school to attend, Hibbert said it could be one dealing with a specific issue at that time but he also feels the need to visit as many schools as possible as cultural sensitivity and the need for guidance and education is always helpful.

The organization also does some work during Black History month through upliftment, education and awareness.

The basic needs and community support program is intended to help families that are struggling with food insecurity. A community resource portable is available where residents can access items like food, clothing and hygiene products.

All the programs that Luso offers are beneficial and help to knock down barriers.

Hibbert spent most of the week at DCVI, he loves being there and shared that the school board has been fantastic to work with. His calming presence is an asset and will help open conversations, prevent conflict and help newcomers feel at home.

St. Marys Fire Department hosting rib and pigtail dinner Oct. 10

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The St. Marys Fire Department's annual ribs and pigtail dinner is right around the corner.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, St. Marys' volunteer firefighters will serve dinner to raise money for muscular dystrophy, local sports and other charities. The dinner will take place in the community centre at the Pyramid Recreation Centre (317 James St. S).

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30-8 p.m., with the option of dining in or getting take-out. The cost is \$30 per plate and tickets can be purchased in advance from any

firefighter. The cutoff date for tickets is Oct. 3.

Kennedy's Restaurant & Catering will once again prepare the meal, which will include ribs, pig tails, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes and buns. The event usually attracts between 500 and 600 people.

"We're looking forward to serving up another great meal to raise much-needed funds for some very deserving charities," said Fire Chief Richard Anderson. "The fire department appreciates everyone's support of this annual event."

Questions about the dinner can be directed to randerson@town.stmarys.on.ca or 519-284-1752.

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Lincs' hot start continues with pair of wins

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Independent Sports Reporter

The St. Marys Lincolns stayed unbeaten and improved to 3-0-0 on the season with victories over the LaSalle Vipers and Chatham Maroons.

Following a week off after their home opener, the Lincolns returned to the ice Sept. 20 for a matchup against the LaSalle Vipers and came away with a 2-1 win, handing the Vipers their first loss of the young season. Head coach Jeff Bradley said he felt much better about his team's performance against LaSalle than he did about their first game of the year.

"Compared to our first game against St. Thomas, we were much more organized," Bradley told the Independent. "We knew LaSalle would be a big test with them being undefeated. They compete hard and skate well like they did last year, but they are definitely a lot more organized. But aside from a lapse of around five minutes in the second period, I felt we deserved the win. We have to clean up our special teams a bit, but overall, I was really happy with our game."

The lapse Bradley alluded to came in the second period and was punctuated by a goal at the 5:42 mark of the period when Jaksen Ward potted a powerplay goal to put the Vipers ahead 1-0 on a cross-ice one-timer. It was the second powerplay of the period for LaSalle, with the two St. Marys penalties being taken in quick succession. Bradley noted the two penalties back-to-back as being a key contributor to their lacklustre stretch in the second.

"It started when we were on when we were short-handed. We had two or three opportunities to clear the puck, but we didn't. We got tired while they had their best players on the ice, and that's the danger of being on a kill. If you give them second and third chances, you're giving the second and third chances to their top players while you're tired. It's going to make you look really bad and going to make them look even better.

"Momentum shifts over to them," Bradley added. "They're playing hot, they're feeling good and you

start to doubt yourself a little bit. At that point, you're looking for one line to turn that around. Fortunately for us, it was the (Ryan) Hodkinson line who got it started, then the (Luca) Spagnolo line, and then the (Ryan) Cornfield line, and it was back-to-back-to-back shifts that turned the tide in our favour."

The Lincs went into the second intermission down by a goal and couldn't solve LaSalle netminder Dante Bertolin until midway through the third when, just seconds after a St. Marys powerplay expired, Blake Elzinga fired a seeing-eye shot through a maze of bodies and into the Vipers' net, assisted by Noah VandenBrink and Jacob McLellan.

"We thought we had a lot of good opportunities in the first period but just couldn't put it in the back of the net," said Bradley. "We figured if we made life a little bit tougher on their goaltender, something good would happen, which is what happened on our first goal. It wasn't a huge shot, but it was a very smart, well-placed shot by Blake."

Just over two minutes later, the Lincolns' struck again, this time with the man advantage, with Cornfield finishing off a strong breakout by the Lincs' powerplay. VandenBrink and Hodkinson picked up assists on the goal, and both tallies were the first of the season for Elzinga and Cornfield.

Goaltender Nico Armellin made 18 saves in the win, including several high-danger opportunities. Most notably, Armellin made a spectacular stop in the second period, where he fell back and batted the puck out of mid-air before it could sail into the net. Lincs' defenceman Owen Kalp summarized his reaction to the stop following the game.

"That was the craziest save I've ever seen," said Kalp. Coach Bradley also credited Armellin for his strong performance.

"Nico was outstanding. There was the shorthanded breakaway they had, and then there was a big flurry for several minutes that included that big mid-air glove save. He really held us in the game during that stretch of the second period. We've got two outstanding goal-

ies. We're incredibly fortunate to have two boys like that."

Special teams lead Lincs to 6-2 win in Chatham

After a game in which the Lincolns felt their special teams weren't quite what they wanted, they more than corrected that issue 48 hours later when they travelled to Chatham and came away with a 6-2 win.

It was a penalty-laden start to the game for St. Marys, with the Maroons getting each of the first six powerplays of the game. Coach Bradley credited the team's penalty killers and goaltender Colby Booth-Housego in the game for their work while down a man, adding that "the special teams were a big reason we won."

"Sometimes, it's tough to keep your composure when you get into penalty trouble but we seemed to do a good job of that and the penalty kill and Colby stepped up big time. It's tough killing so many penalties, but momentum can be created from your penalty kill and that's what happened for us because of how well our guys did.

"We had six kills in a row, and if Chatham is capitalizing on those, then their confidence is growing while ours is dwindling. But it happened to be the opposite, we got a shorthanded goal and killed them all off. It's natural for any team, not just Chatham. If you aren't scoring on those powerplays, it will hurt your confi-

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dence, and it's tough to win when you're not playing with confidence."

The most prominent forward mainstays on the penalty kill were Hodgkinson, Owen Voortman, Luca Spagnolo and Jaden Lee, who Bradley praised for their aggressive penalty-killing abilities.

"They have the experience of the system we run, and it's been running really well for the last two seasons before this one. And now, this year, it's already starting to look like it's running well again. They're all very smart players who are good with their sticks. They know when to pressure the other team. They know when to back off. They all just understand the role and the system really well."

Although they weren't able to capitalize on their six consecutive powerplays, the Maroons did score the game's first goal when Atley Rogers slid the puck through the five-hole on Booth-Housego on a partial breakaway. However, almost exactly three minutes later, Hodgkinson banged home a loose puck in front of the Maroons' net to tie the game at one apiece. Before the first was done, while shorthanded, Spagnolo found a loose puck in the blue paint and banged it over

the goal line to give St. Marys a 2-1 lead going into the first intermission.

It wasn't until almost halfway through the game when the Lincs got their first man advantage, but when they got it, the Chatham penalties came in quick succession, with the Maroons getting called for too many players on the ice, followed less than a minute later by a double minor for kneeling.

The Lincolns' powerplay delivered as well as anyone could have imagined, scoring all three powerplay goals that were possible. First, it was the second of the game by Hodgkinson, which was followed by Jaden Lee's third of the year just 34 seconds later. Finishing off the trio of powerplay markers was the second of the night for Spagnolo, the third powerplay goal in just one minute and 59 seconds.

Bradley said it took a couple of games for the work in practice by assistant coach Brandon Greenside and the players to translate to in-game powerplay success, but when it did, it did so in a big way.

"Brandon (Greenside) has been working really hard on the powerplay but early on this season, it looked like we were

going to struggle with it. But Brandon and the guys kept working on it for a few days, and we spent a lot of practice time on it. Practice time is very valuable and it looked like it finally clicked and paid off in a big way for us."

Chatham's only powerplay goal of the game came in the third period when overage forward Connor Hunt scored his first of the season. Almost exactly two minutes later, Spagnolo answered for the Lincolns, netting his third of the game and the 40th goal in his GOJHL career. Booth-Housego made 37 saves to earn the win in goal.

Bradley was pleased with several players, including blueliners Kalp and Rowan Reid.

"For a guy like Rowan, he's a first-year player, he sat out (against LaSalle) as we're going through a rotation, but he's still looking to build off of previous games and practices, and he did that really well. And in Owen's case, it was a big game for him. He played in Chatham for two years. He's got friends, old teammates and old coaches at the game. He wanted to impress and he did that. Owen was definitely one of our best defencemen."

Up front, Bradley credited Chase MacQueen-Spence and Zander Kehego for their strong starts to the season.

"Chase always considered himself primarily an offensive player because of how skilled he obviously is and at this level, you sometimes see offensive players neglect the defensive side and the proper habits that make a team work properly. But thankfully, Chase isn't doing that. He's playing with a great attitude and he's really working hard at both ends of the ice. It's a lot of effort, a lot of positivity and a lot of hard work.

"Zander is very skilled, he's got great size and strength, and he can play anywhere," continued Bradley. "He was mainly a winger (against Chatham) but won almost all the faceoffs he took when he had to take them. The other players love him. He was really good in both games. I think that kid is going to be an unbelievable player."

The Lincs play a pair of 2024 playoff rematches this week, including when they host the Sarnia Legionnaires on Sept. 27 before going to Strathroy to face the Rockets on Sept. 28.

Lincs, hockey community mourns loss of Joe Gowers

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Independent Sports Reporter

The hockey community was saddened to learn of the sudden and tragic passing of Joe Gowers.

Gowers served as a trainer for over a decade in the GOJHL, a tenure that included time with the London Nationals and St. Marys Lincolns.

Lincolns' general manager Pat Powers worked with Gowers during their time with the Nationals and said Gowers was the type of person to "give you the shirt off his back."

"It's really hard to put into words what he meant to everybody because he meant something different to everybody," Powers told the Independent. "Every coach and every player went to him with a different need, and he satisfied all of those needs. He would drive across town to get something you needed. He would billet a player if you needed it on short notice. He meant a lot to so many people and I'm definitely going to miss his kind heart."

Gowers was also a fixture for much of the coaching career of Lincs' head coach Jeff Bradley.

"I was with him for six years in London and then also here in St. Marys. He was just a great guy to be around. I met him in my first year coaching in London. Joe was the head trainer when I got there and he was the head trainer until I left. He was a guy who I got along with great all the time. He loved the players. He loved his team. He was so proud to

be a National and, later, he was so proud to be a Lincoln.

"He was the first guy I thought of when we had a vacancy here," Bradley continued. "I remember he walked in two years ago to a game in Chatham and I hadn't seen him since I left London. We had a big hug and I tried to convince him to come to St. Marys and, fortunately, he came. As soon as he was a Lincoln, he was incredibly proud to be here. Every player loved him. I've had so many kids from when I coached London to those I had here reach out, and they couldn't believe it."

Anyone who knew Gowers knew he brought a very positive and fun vibe everywhere he went, as noted by Powers, who recounted Gowers' incredible kindness and sense of humour.

"First of all, Joe would be handing me gum and fresh water bottles at the start of every period," Powers said, joking fondly about an in-game ritual during his time as head coach of the Nationals. "We always had a lot of fun with Joe about his little goatee and missing a few teeth and he had a lot of fun with it and could give it right back. You always knew that he was a kind soul with a good heart."

Outside of hockey, Gowers was a dedicated father of three children. He was also a prominent member of the Railway City chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse. The Independent offers its most sincere condolences to Gowers' family and friends.



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Spagnolo announced as 2024-2025 Lincs' Captain

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Independent Sports Reporter

Just 24 hours before their home opener, the St. Marys Lincolns officially announced their leadership group for the 2024-2025 season on Sept. 12, headlined by the team's newest captain, Luca Spagnolo.

Coming into this season, Spagnolo was a point-per-game player in the GO-JHL, registering 89 points in as many games. All but one of Spagnolo's games in the league came in a Lincolns' jersey. Spagnolo centred the Lincolns' most productive line in the 2024 post-season and posted 13 goals and 23 points in 24 playoff games, helping to lead the Lincs to win their first Western Conference Championship in 30 years and advance to the Sutherland Cup final. Spagnolo also served as an assistant captain last season.

Rounding out the leadership group are assistant captains Jaden Lee, Ryder Livermore, Chase MacQueen-Spence and Noah VandenBrink.

Spagnolo described his feelings about being named the team's captain and the rest of the Lincolns' leadership contingent.

"It's surreal," said Spagnolo. "This is such a great organization. They've treated me so well the last two years and I'm glad that they elected me to be the one to lead this team. I have a great support group this year with Jaden and Noah, who were assistants last year. And now, we've got Ryder and Chase as assistants, who I think are phenomenal leaders on and off the ice. So, I should have a lot of



Luca Spagnolo skates onto the ice during the St. Marys Lincolns' home opener on Sept. 13, the first time he took the ice wearing the captain's C on his jersey.

(SPENCER SEYMOUR PHOTO)

help and I'm excited for the challenge. It sounds cliché, but it's a dream come true."

The fans of the Lincolns greeted Spagnolo with a hero's welcome when he was introduced during the home opener on Sept. 13, a reception that Spagnolo described with tremendous gratitude.

"I was trying to hide my smile, but I really couldn't," Spagnolo said with a rye laugh. "The horns were going loud and everyone was cheering. You can't hide a feeling like that. It was honestly one of the coolest moments of my life. I looked up and I saw my parents in the

stands. They were cheering and smiling, so it was an amazing moment."

Spagnolo was also involved in another highlight of the Lincolns' home opener, joining last year's captain, Adam Barkley in unveiling the Lincs' Western Conference Championship banner.

"It was a really cool moment," noted Spagnolo. "I hadn't seen the banner before that. It was really big. Getting to share that moment with Adam; he's a very good friend of mine, we talked to each other a lot through the summer. He was a mentor to me. He was here when I first got here; he was one of the older guys and last year as well, I got to watch and see him grow as a leader. So, sharing that moment with him was one more great experience."

A vital member of the decision-making process that resulted in Spagnolo being named the captain was head coach Jeff Bradley, who explained why the Lincolns' brass ultimately decided Spagnolo was the right person to wear the C for the team.

"In our exit interviews last year, we asked all eligible returning players who

they think should be the next captain and Luca was an overwhelming favourite. There were other really good candidates; our team and our leadership group is full of them and they all offer us something different. Luca and I have a great relationship and he is highly respected by our players, our coaching staff and other players around the league.

"The dressing room is the players' room; it's not the coaches' room," Bradley continued. "I let them take care of that room as long as it's under control and in order. Sometimes, the coach's voice gets tuned out a bit. For example, last year, the players got huge credit for turning our season around by having a players-only meeting and Luca was a big part of that. We want that room to be taken care of and Luca can do that. He leads on the ice but he's also got a good voice in the dressing room."

The ever-humble Spagnolo, meanwhile, explained how he views the type of leadership he wants to provide.

"I want to be a guy people can look up to on and off the ice. I like to think I care about the team and everyone on our team. I try to present myself, treat everyone with respect and get the guys going. We have a lot of young guys on this team who are at school like I was two years ago, and I remember how the older guys were really helpful for me back then.

"I just want to be a guy that the younger guys come to if they have any questions about anything," Spagnolo continued. "And then on the ice, I'm going to work as hard as I can every shift, keep the guys calm and hopefully be someone people can look up to."

Reaching the heights the Lincolns ascended to in the 2024 playoffs created some of the most special hockey moments in the lives of a generation of fans and made the entire organization hungry for even more after coming just three wins away from the Sutherland Cup. Spagnolo succinctly stated the team's mission as he views it.

"I just want everyone to know that we're not here to take part; we're here to take over."

Lincs announce 2024-2025 leadership group



(SPENCER SEYMOUR PHOTO)

The St. Marys Lincolns announced their leadership group for the 2024-2025 season on Sept. 12. Serving as team captain will be 20-year-old forward Luca Spagnolo, pictured in the middle, while the team's four assistant captains will be, as pictured from left to right, Noah VandenBrink, Jaden Lee, Chase MacQueen-Spence, and Ryder Livermore.

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River Valley hosts annual club championship



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River Valley Golf Club hosted its annual Club Championship on Sept. 14-15. Pictured on the left is the Men's Champion Dave Tkaczuk, who finished atop his division with a total score of 155. In the middle is Jess Murray, who scored 160 to win the Ladies' title. On the right is Tom Osgerby, the Senior Men's Champion with a score of 152.

Vreveld wins St. Marys G&CC Men's Invitational



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Christian Vreveld won the 2024 Men's Invitational at the St. Marys Golf and Country Club on Sept. 14.

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Independent Sports Reporter

Christian Vreveld won the 2024 Men's Invitational tournament at the St. Marys Golf and Country Club Sept. 14.

The tournament had a slightly lower turnout of 40 golfers playing, partially because it was postponed from its original date earlier this summer due to inclement weather.

Vreveld, who won with a score of 75, told the Independent he was pleasantly taken aback to learn of his win.

"It feels nice to win a tournament again," said Vreveld. "I haven't won one since the club championship in 2014 at

the Stratford country club. This win was a bit of a surprise because shooting 75 isn't normally a good enough score to win, but the course was playing tough with challenging pin placements for everyone."

According to Vreveld, a sluggish start propelled him to tighten up his performance, ultimately resulting in his victory.

"Having a difficult start to the round when I bogeyed the first two holes made me play more aggressively, which paid off later. I found three birdies in the back nine, which were important and making a birdie on my third hole was key to me gaining some momentum.

River Valley ladies' league plays wrap-up scramble



(WENDY LAMOND PHOTO)

River Valley held their ladies' league wrap-up scramble tournament on Sept. 22. The winning twosome with a score of 58, pictured from left to right, was Agnes Segeren-Pethick and Lisa Phillips. The team took the closest-to-the-pin prizes on holes two and eight and also scored an eagle on hole 16.

DCVI junior girls basketball team wins season opener

SPENCER SEYMOUR

Independent Sports Reporter

The St. Marys DCVI junior girls basketball team got their season started with an energetic 29-11 victory over Central Huron on Sept. 18.

Head coach Tim O'Connor was happy with his team's performance in their first game of the season.

"This was a pretty good start for us," O'Connor told the Independent. "We have four solid veterans and 10 Grade 9s who haven't played a lot, and the Grade 9s are showing a lot of improvement. They got a lot better today. We played two games in a tournament on the weekend, so we may have had a slight head start, but the improvement over these three games has been excellent."

O'Connor saw improvement in the team's play at both ends of the court.

"They are working hard defensively and they move their feet, which is really good. I think we're getting better shots. They are thinking the game a little better and not just rushing to do the first thing that comes to mind. Even in the first half, we turned it over a lot with passes that might have been unnecessary, but they started getting more patient. They



(SPENCER SEYMOURPHOTO)

Charlotte Richardson puts up a free throw during the St. Marys DCVI junior girls basketball team's game on Sept. 18. The Salukis defeated Central Huron 29-11.

started looking for the second shot and moving the ball around better, and we got some good looks because of it."

Charlotte Richardson, one of the team's four Grade 10 players, led the

Salukis with 10 points. The rest of the team's Grade 10 leaders noted by coach O'Connor include Alanna Saville, who scored six points, as well as Holly Black and Regan Jones, who were especially impactful with their tenacity.

"Alanna, Regan, Charlotte and Holly set a good, aggressive tone right from the start," said O'Connor. "They are great role models for the other kids to follow and play with, and those younger players are able to watch them play with that aggressiveness and pick up on it. They're all starting to develop that mentality, and it's great to see."

O'Connor also discussed his early impressions of the group, which he believes will be a close-knit squad that surprised him with a special treat on his birthday.

"They baked me a cake for my birthday, and any team that makes me a cake on my birthday is alright with me," O'Connor laughed. "I think they're good with each other. I think they support each other. I love that, at the end of the game, we had a bunch of Grade 9s out and the Grade 10s were cheering them on and getting behind them. I think there's a good vibe that's developing on the team."

After their games this season, the junior girls perform a special cheer which pays tribute to former DCVI coach Gregg Blackler, who passed away earlier this year.

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Violet Holliday throws the ball from the outfield during a Stonetown Electric U13 HP Blue St. Marys Rockies game earlier this year.



Will Jacobs dashes from second to third base during a Social Thirty-One U15 WOBA Red St. Marys Rockies game this past season.
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Macindrivers end dynasty; Booze Brothers repeat in year-end tournament



(SPENCER SEYMOUR PHOTOS)

The St. Marys Men's Slo Pitch league hosted their year-end tournament from Sept. 19-22 and for the first time in over half a decade, the Tribe did not leave as the champions of the top division. Pictured on the left are the Macindrivers, who defeated the Tribe in the semis before claiming the 'A' Division's Championship Trophy by defeating the Jets 17-2 in the final. In the 'B' Division, the Booze Brothers, pictured on the right, captured the championship with an 11-10 win over the Bomberadoes.



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Uniondale Station holds annual BBQ Chicken Dinner



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The Uniondale Station of the Zorra Fire Department thanks the community for its support during the annual barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser on Sept. 5. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are Joel Terhaerd, Kyle Henshaw, Cpt. Dan Deboer, Jayden Deboer, district deputy chief Matt Hopkins, training officer Brian Stoesser, Cpt. Kelly Linton, Adam Knoop, Ben Dafoe, Matt Munro, Laura Sheldon and Dave Switzer. In the top row, from left, are District Chief Scott Matheson, Mike King and Rolf Haanstra. Absent is Brett Prekup.

Lucille McCurdy, a well-deserved community service award recipient



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Kirkton-Woodham Optimist president Roland Weber and event chairman Cliff Thomson presented Lucille McCurdy with the 2024 community service award on Sept. 13 at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre in front of 128 guests. Lucille, a resident of Woodham, has served as the postmaster since 1976, has been a member of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile for over 50 years, and was also very active in the Woodham United Church.

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UKRAINIAN CORNER: Walking the streets of Vinnytsia

TETIANA DIDKOVSKA

Independent Columnist

The cities of Ukraine and Ukraine as a whole have a rich historical and cultural heritage. For example, did you know that on July 1, 2022, UNESCO added borscht to the list of intangible cultural heritage in need of protection?

Each city in Ukraine has countless monuments, stories and legends, and today, we will introduce you to Vinnytsia.

Vinnytsia is a beautiful city in Central Ukraine, perfect for relaxing, walking and enjoying life. This city is known not only for its rich history but also for the numerous awards it has received. Vinnytsia has been recognized multiple times as the most comfortable city in Ukraine, and Vinnytsia lard is the tastiest in Ukraine.

The name "Vinnytsia" was first mentioned in a document signed by King Wladyslaw Jagiello on June 13, 1385, in Kraków.

Our first stop in this city is the Vinnytsia TV tower. At the time of its construction in 1961 it was the second tallest building in the world after the American skyscraper, the Empire State Building.

The mast of the TV tower stands at 354 metres, making it 30 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It was the tallest structure in Ukraine until 1973, when the TV tower in Kyiv was built. Currently, it ranks 17th among the



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

There is much to explore in the Ukrainian city of Vinnytsia from the underground Vunnytsia Dungeon to the dancing fountains and so much more.

world's TV towers.

Also, Vinnytsia is known for its dancing fountains. With almost two dozen fountains of various kinds which are differentiated by their size and the time they were built, the jewel in this collection is the light and music fountain on the water, "Roshen," which was built in 2011 and has since become a hallmark of Vinnytsia. This is the largest light-music water fountain in Ukraine and Europe.

The fountain raises water to a height of 63 metres, and its uniqueness lies in the special technology that allows it to be lowered to the bottom of the river for

wintering.

Another iconic landmark of Vinnytsia is the water tower. This 106-year-old tower, located on European Square, was built in 1911 as part of the city's first water-supply system. Remarkably, the building still looks almost the same as it did back then.

Today, the water tower is an important part of the city's culture. It houses part of the museum exposition of the Memorial of Revolutionary and Military Glory and serves as a memorial to Vinnytsia soldiers who died during the war in Afghanistan (1979-1989). The tower stands

28 metres tall and offers an incredibly beautiful view of the city.

However, the most interesting and mysterious place in Vinnytsia is the Vinnytsia Dungeon, also known as the Vinnytsia Catacombs. This large labyrinth under the central part of the city hides various secrets in its dark depths, shrouded in legends and challenging speleologists from Ukraine and beyond. The emergence of Vinnytsia dungeons is associated with the need to hide from Tatar raids as early as the 15th and 16th centuries.

The Vinnytsia Dungeon has long been considered a mysterious and dangerous place; its reputation stretching back to ancient times. Many speleologists have recounted stories of unusual encounters in the underground labyrinths – ghosts, strange voices, screams, singing, music and other unexplained sounds. The Vinnytsia Catacombs form a three-level underground city dubbed by historians as the "ancient subway." Residents say the Vinnytsia Catacombs even extend under the Southern Bug River.

Vinnytsia's residents are deeply proud of their city and can talk about it for hours. We hope that, very soon, everyone who wishes to see this wonderful city and taste its delicious Ukrainian dishes will have the opportunity.

But there is still so much more to explore in Ukraine! To be continued.

Straight from the Shelves

LAURA MCASH

St. Marys Public Library

Join us on Friday, Sept. 27 for the final virtual Lunch and Learn hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. The session entitled "How Do We Address the Barriers to Reconciliation?" will be streamed upstairs in the Library at 1 p.m. We will also be streaming the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation broadcast from Parliament Hill on Monday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. Both events are free to attend and participants are encouraged to wear orange shirts in support of the Every Child Matters movement.

This Week's Recommendation

Written by the non-profit Orange Shirt Society out of Williams Lake BC, "Orange Shirt Day, September 30th" details the true story of Phyllis Webstad, a young indigenous woman who was forced to remove her orange shirt on the first day at Residential School. In addition to the origins of Orange Shirt Day, this book also contains resources for anyone wanting to make a difference in the lives of Indig-

enous people. You can find this title and others covering Indigenous issues, culture, and history in our Truth and Reconciliation display by the Queen Street entrance.

Up This Week

Fri., Sept. 27: Lunch and Learn (1 p.m.)

Sat., Sept. 28: Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 30: Parliament Hill National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Broadcast (3 p.m.)

Tues., Oct. 1: Cooking Club* (10:30 a.m.)

Wed., Oct. 2: EarlyON Play and Read (9:30-10:30 a.m.), Mahjong Intro (1-2 p.m.), Mahjong! (2-4 p.m.)

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September 19, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 Section 26(3)

Meeting Date:	October 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Location:	West Perth Municipal Office, 160 Wellington St, Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Perth will hold a Public Meeting on **October 17, 2024** during the County Council meeting scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m.** to present the New County Official Plan to the public and provide an opportunity for public comment.

A copy of the New County Official Plan, together with frequently asked questions, project updates, and background studies completed as a part of the Official Plan Review, will be available at perthcounty.ca/NewOP on **September 27, 2024**.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The New 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 New County Official Plan is supportive of building community, ensuring environmental health, and informed land use decisions within the County.

The New County Official Plan will replace the current County Official Plan and those of Lower-Tier member municipalities and act as an overall guidance document for municipalities across the County. The New County Official Plan ensures consistent policy implementation across the County and provides a clear planning framework that is easier to navigate.

LOCATION MAP

As the New County Official Plan will apply to all lands within the municipal boundary of the County of Perth, no location map is included with this Notice.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this matter, including information on how to participate in the public meeting and information about appeal rights, visit perthcounty.ca/NewOP, call 519-271-0531 ext. 419, or email newofficialplan@perthcounty.ca.

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FROM THE GARDEN: National Forest Week



NANCY ABRA

Independent Columnist

National Forest Week in Canada is celebrated on the third week of Sept., this year from Sept. 22 to 29. It began in 1920 as Forest Fire Prevention Week with the primary goal at that time to raise awareness about the dangers of forest fires. In 1967, this forest awareness week was renamed to National Forest Week to reflect a broader focus on the various values and challenges associated with our Canadian forests.

According to Natural Resources Canada, nearly 362 million hectares of forest covers approximately 40% of our nation's land area which is 9% of the Earth's forested land. The forest across Canada primarily comprises of coniferous trees that include spruce, pine, fir, hemlock and cedar that account for approximately 68% of the forested area. Broad-

leaf deciduous trees of poplar, birch and maple make up about 11% with the mixed woods of both coniferous and broadleaf accounting for approximately 16% of the Canadian forested area. (www.150.statcan.gc.ca)

Many cities and communities across Canada are busy during National Forest Week celebrating by planting trees to enhance parks and green spaces as well as educating the public about the importance of trees and our forests in their role in the environment. Trees are significant as they help improve our air quality by absorbing pollutants. Through photosynthesis, trees produce oxygen which is essential for the survival of most living organisms. Tree root systems help stabilize the soil, reducing erosion and preventing landslides as well as regulating the water cycle by absorbing and storing water which reduces runoff and improves groundwater recharge. Trees also provide habitat and food for a wide range of wildlife species.

Rising global temperatures and atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations as well as changing precipitation patterns are having an impact on our forests. They gradually adapt to climate conditions in



their geographic area and as the climate changes, the forest will change in response in tree stock and regeneration, structure and range. In turn, forests have an impact on climate change with their capacity to absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere during photosynthesis and store it in their biomass (trunks, branches, leaves and roots) and in the soil. This process helps reduce the amount of CO₂, a major greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.

Our forest also supports di-

verse ecosystems which are crucial for maintaining ecological balance and resilience against climate change. But climate change is impacting our forests with extensive drought conditions, especially in certain regions in Canada with increased vulnerability to diseases and insect intrusion. And wildfires affected by climate variability have increased in some Boreal Forests which covers approximately 75% of Canada's forested area and are expected to increase in frequency in years to come.

Celebrate National Forest Week and plant a tree or two. We can all learn more about how to promote forest conservation and significantly contribute to preserving our environment for future generations.

Resources: <https://www.cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-forest-week/>
<https://natural-resources.canada.ca/climate-change/>
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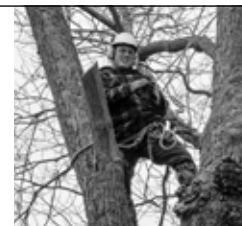
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By Joel Hackett | 519 272 5742 | jtsquote@gmail.com



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Cedar Troubles

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Most people don't remove it,

as removing and replanting is expensive.

However, if the cedars start to rot, break off, or uproot, then at that point something has to be done. An uprooted tree is a serious problem that should be addressed as soon as possible. Once a tree is uprooted, stabilizing the tree is rarely successful.

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: The Collectors and Restorers

MARY SMITH

Independent Columnist

Cardiff (Cy) Cline, whose various antique stores were described in last week's column, was a collector before he became a dealer. In June 1965, when Cy was still a men's clothing salesman, the *Journal Argus* published a long article, complete with the photograph that accompanies this week's column. It shows Cy and Mabel Cline in their "Canadiana Room," a new addition to their home at 140 Peel Street North. The unnamed reporter described it as "quite possibly the most interesting room in any private home in this district." Cy had it built two years earlier "as a show case for his ever-growing collection of authentic early Canadian furniture and other antiques."

Cy had discovered, in the course of his antiquing, that many pieces of Canadian furniture were being purchased by American collectors and taken to the United States. He decided to buy some of these pieces himself so that they would remain in Canada. He had always been interested in Canadian history and collecting artifacts relating to this history became a labour of love. The first large piece he bought was an old blanket box. Buying it led to the purchase of other furniture, some made in early Quebec, including the armoire that can be seen in the photograph. Some purchases were made closer to home; the Windsor chairs around the table in the photograph were bought at an auction at the former North Easthope Township hall. Cy and Mabel had installed a large brick fireplace on the south wall of their Canadiana room. The *Journal Argus* article explained that it was where "Cy keeps his collection of early Canadiana cooking utensils, a truly amazing display of ironware." The reporter believed, "A visit to Cy's home on Peel Street North should be a required item for students of Canadian history."

And there was more to come. A short time after the *Journal Argus* article, Roy Wildgust, from the Stratford bureau of the *London Free Press*, paid another visit to the Cline home. This time it was to find out about Cy's largest purchase yet – an entire log cabin! He had discovered it on the Floyd Dykes farm near Prospect Hill. It had originally belonged to the Peacock family who were early settlers in the area. Cy bought it and planned to take it down, one beechwood log at a time, and reassemble the cabin in his own back yard. That would give him additional space to store and display his Canadiana collection. The *Free Press* clipping in the St. Marys Museum files is undated, but it must have been written in the mid-1960s because Cy refers to the project as "my own private centennial project."

The 1965 *Journal Argus* article explained that Cy enjoyed restoring some of his purchases – removing layers of paint and refinishing them. Most of his antique furniture was made of pine, a soft wood. He found that chemical paint remover damaged the wood and so he



(PHOTO ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE ST. MARYS JOURNAL ARGUS)

Cy and Mabel Cline, in 1965, in their special Canadiana Room at 140 Peel Street North.

removed the old paint with a special scraping tool. In 1965, Cy had set himself the goal of refinishing one piece of furniture a month although he admitted that some larger pieces with intricate carvings required more time. Later this output increased when he worked with a colleague, Jack Gorton, who had a special homemade beeswax to finish each piece. Both Lorne Eedy and Larry Pfaff whose memories contributed to these columns, agreed that Ron O'Hara was an excellent refinisher. However, he was very selective in choosing the pieces he wanted to spend time working on. Larry pointed out that local carpenters, trained as cabinet-makers – the Mitchells, Glen Millson and Harold Levy – could all repair, restore and refinish old furniture beautifully.

They also agreed that for glass and china items, Ruth Irvine was the St. Marys authority. Ruth was born on a farm in Blanshard Township in 1902, the daughter of Henry and Mary Dinsmore. Her family later moved into St. Marys where her father was employed as a rural mail carrier. Ruth was an excellent student, consistently first in her class at the St. Marys Collegiate Institute. By the time of the 1921 census, she was 18 years old, had graduated from high school, and was a student at the University of Toronto. After she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she married Lancelot Irvine, a young high school teacher.

Lancelot was also from St. Marys – his extended family were longtime area residents. The Irvines were, in fact, related by marriage to the Dinsmores, and he and Ruth would have known each oth-

er all their lives. Born in 1896, Lancelot had been a University of Toronto student some years before Ruth began her studies there. In late 1915, he joined the student militia corps. In the spring of 1916, he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was sent overseas. In October 1918, just weeks before the Armistice, Private Irvine was gassed and sent to a military hospital in England to recover. A notation on his demobilization certificate in 1919 stated that he had fully recovered. On return to Canada, he qualified as a teacher, taught in Toronto and eventually became principal at Parkdale Collegiate. He intrigued his students with his stories of his service in the Great War. The Irvines' daughter, Mary Louise, was born in 1924.

When Lancelot retired, they moved

back to St. Marys. Ruth was a collector of fine antique china and glass and established a good business selling these beautiful pieces from her home. Like the local dealers in antique furniture, she attracted buyers from London and Toronto. Some fine examples were always on display in the front window of her house on St. Andrew Street, encouraging passers-by to stop for a closer look. She was fortunate that another east ward resident, Helene Ball, did amazing work restoring old china. According to Larry Pfaff, Ruth Irvine kept her busy. Lancelot Irvine spent his afternoons in a chair in the corner of the reading room at the St. Marys Public Library. He died in 1971. Ruth outlived him by 26 years, dying at the age of 95 in 1997.

Antique clocks, especially those made in Canada, like the ones from the Pequegnat clockworks, were a passion for some collectors. Local jeweller Gordon Smith had a fine collection, all restored to running order. George Werden was also very knowledgeable, a great source of information, not only about clocks but also about the many other artifacts that he and his wife, Marion, collected. Frank and Elsie MacKay had many old clocks – as well as a great deal of just about everything else! The MacKay clocks hung on all four walls of one room in their house. They all worked, and most were kept wound. For an unsuspecting visitor, it was startling when they all struck on the hour!

Times changed, and by the 1980s, people's enthusiasm for large pieces of early Canadian furniture had started to wane. Of course, true collectors never stopped their hunt for the treasures that they loved and were proud to own. But the several local stores that once had been filled with chests, tables, armoires, spinning wheels, oil lamps, hooked rugs, and butter bowls eventually all closed. In Toronto, although the Samuel family continued to support the Royal Ontario Museum, the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Gallery, once such a popular attraction, was also closed. Its wonderful Canadiana collection was transferred to the main building and interspersed among other exhibits.

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Thorndale News

A section within the St. Marys Independent

“Cows just wanna have fun” at 167th Thorndale Fall Fair



The 2024-2025 Thorndale Fall Fair Ambassador, Heidi Michitsch, with Thorndale Lions Club member Norm Jary and Thorndale Lil' Ambassador Kinsley Buck.



John Gysbers of Ilderton with Wade Gillespie, grandson of Reg and Sandy Elliott of Thorndale.

NANCY ABRA

Independent Reporter

“Cows just wanna have fun.”

As this year’s theme for the Thorndale Fall Fair suggests, people of all ages got into the spirit of fun, too.

The opening ceremony on Friday evening kicked off the weekend of the 167th Thorndale Fall Fair. Bridget Heeman, president of the Thorndale

Agricultural Society, welcomed everyone and shared some of her memories of competing in many fair entries and mounting excitement for fair weekend.

The evening continued with brief speeches from Thames Centre dignitaries, special appreciation honours, school fair and homecraft awards and the announcement of the 2024-2025 Thorndale Fall Fair Ambassador, Heidi Michitsch, followed by the enter-

taining Pie Auction. This auction of the homecraft prize-winning pies and a handmade quilt donated by Vera VanDenNieuwelaar totalled to almost \$12,000.

The Saturday morning parade of numerous antique tractors, cars, music, group floats and children led people to the fairgrounds where outdoor attractions, entertainment, carnival rides and horse and dog shows were set

for people to enjoy. Sunday was also packed with lots of activities, animal shows and the ever-popular demolition derby, which always draws a huge crowd.

Besides our bovine friends, as the theme suggests, it was a fun weekend for everyone. Bravo to the volunteers and their countless hours that made the 167th Thorndale Fall Fair a success.



The Thorndale Horticultural Society's float for the fall fair parade Saturday morning.

(NANCY ABRA PHOTOS)

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EDITORIAL

Unwanted graffiti needs to disappear and soon

STEWART GRANT

Publisher

St. Marys' great trestle bridge, known as the Sarnia Bridge because it connected Toronto to Sarnia along the Grand Trunk Railway, was completed way back in 1859. Six years later, St. Marys' Victoria Bridge was built. Both landmarks are notable historical and architectural achievements that help define "The Stonetown".

To the best of my knowledge, for the last 160 years or so, we haven't had anyone disrespectful enough to "enhance" these landmarks with graffiti. Or if they have, it was removed long ago.

That's precisely what we need to do with the graffiti that has been recently installed at Sarnia Bridge and Victoria Bridge. We need to get rid of it ASAP.

We need to nip this graffiti in the bud, before it spreads.

The situation brings to mind the "broken window theory," made popular in the 1990s by New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani but first put forth by political scientist James Q. Wilson, who noted that a broken window in a poor community, left unattended, signals that no one cares if windows are broken there.

"It's sickening," agreed Mayor Al Stratthdee when I spoke with him last week about the graffiti. "It's a headache. The stuff on limestone is very hard to remove as limestone is porous."

The photos posted on St. Marys Life about the graffiti last week generated a lot of comments, including a couple that made me cringe.

One young woman said this sort of thing is going to happen when there ar-

en't many options for teenagers in St. Marys. Aww, you're bored? You have no idea what boredom is. You've got the whole world at your fingertips. Try growing up in the '80s.

Someone else said that young people need a way of artistically expressing themselves. Sure – but there's a fricking process to follow. You can't just deface historic landmarks. We don't do that here.

Interestingly, the St. Marys BIA has just sent out a request for proposals to local artists to "help transform some of the utility boxes you see throughout downtown." The BIA is encouraging people to "bring some life to the streets via public art" and are "hoping to showcase and highlight our downtown's history, heritage and beauty."

This is an amazing opportunity for

artists, young or old, to get involved and to express their artistic side, and even get paid for it.

There's no question that graffiti artists exhibit high skill levels, that in the right place, and following the right processes, can be celebrated. But the recent installations at Sarnia Bridge and Victoria Bridge are a real stain on the Stonetown and they need to be removed as soon as can reasonably be done.

(Update: The Town of St. Marys was able to remove much of the graffiti on Monday using a process called soda blasting, costing roughly \$2,500 in total. Town CAO Brent Kittmer shared that the common tag in all the graffiti is "ROACH". If any member of the public has a tip on who ROACH is, they can call the Stratford Police Service at 519-271-4141.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The end of Little Caesars in St. Marys

Dear St. Marys,

We had been working diligently on our marketing plan for our 10th year anniversary on Oct. 14 to celebrate this amazing community and our amazing customers. But unfortunately, we write this letter to THANK YOU for 10 years of support!!

As many of you know, Little Caesars will be closing as of Sept. 29 due to the building being sold, and not being able to negotiate a lease at fair market value.

During the last 10 years, we have been so fortunate to hire over 70 students and many adults who are still with us today. To us, our staff were more than just employees; they were our "Little Caesars family" and we have been so fortunate to keep connections with many of them!

As far as the community goes, we were so thankful to be part of it – running fundraisers for families that were going through such tough times, Christmas drives, I'm not sure there was a sporting team we didn't sponsor in our 10 years, feeding many factories midnight shifts, as well as all our local schools!

As we sit here and reflect on the last 10 years, all we can say is a HUGE thank you for making it all possible!!

What's next? We don't know. Making sure our "Little Caesars family" is all looked after is our goal at this time, and after this, who knows what's around the corner.

THANK YOU!!

Pam, Dan and the Ryan family, St. Marys



(PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RYAN FAMILY)

Pam, Dan and the whole Ryan family thank the community for support over the past decade as they are forced to close Little Caesars in St. Marys.

Wind turbines a cause for concern

Dear Editor,

Prowind Renewables is a German based company that builds and operates industrial wind turbine projects in Europe and Canada, including 10 turbines at Gunn's Hill, south of Woodstock.

Prowind made a presentation to the Zorra Township council on Sept. 4. That presentation can be viewed on the Zorra Township YouTube channel, accessible through the township website. Prowind is proposing to build 16 to 24 industrial wind turbines in a 56 square-kilometre area between Road 119 and the boundary with East Zorra-Tavistock, the exact location of which they are not disclosing publicly.

These turbines would be up to 214 metres (702 feet) tall from ground to blade tip, which is 61 per cent taller than the Gunn's Hill turbines. It is reasonable to expect that the larger Zorra based turbines would be visible for up to 10 kilometres. Prowind claims that industrial wind turbines take up 0.65 acres of land, equivalent to a high-voltage transmission tower. In reality, a transmission tower requires an average of 0.066 acres, while the Gunn's Hill turbines have an average footprint of 2.03 acres plus another 0.65 acres when the access roads are included. That is 40 transmission towers for every wind turbine.

There have been many problems asso-

ciated with industrial wind turbines, as outlined at windconcernsontario.ca, including negative impacts on human and animal health, groundwater contamination, bird deaths, fractured neighbourhood relationships and unreliable energy production, etc. Not the least of these concerns is the loss of prime farmland, which the minister of energy and electrification has stipulated is to be avoided in future green-energy projects.

Zorra Township has some of the most productive farmland in Canada. It makes no sense to lose 40-65 acres of it to this project! Prowind needs support from Zorra Township council in order to have their application to the Independent Elec-

tricity System Operator approved. Zorra council can kill this project by passing a motion declaring that Zorra is unwilling to host industrial-wind-turbine projects. That is how East Zorra-Tavistock Township stopped a similar Prowind project earlier this year, and as a total of 157 Ontario municipalities have done.

I urge everybody who is concerned, and especially Zorra residents, to contact all of Zorra council to express your opposition. Contact information for the members of council is available on the Zorra Township website.

Sincerely,
Paul Mitchell, Ward 3 Councillor, Zorra Township

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LOOKING BACK



BY AMY CUBBERLEY

River Road Run

25 years ago (1999)

A trustee's motion to support a petition calling for the reinstatement of Bible readings and prayers in schools received no support from other members of the Avon Maitland District School Board at its meeting on September 14.

As of Monday morning, the unofficial fundraising total from this year's River Road Run, including registration, pledges, and t-shirt sales was \$3,800 but that is expected to rise. The winner of the men's 14km event was Wayne Riley of Kitchener. The ladies 14km winner was Sarah Miller. Marco Balestrin was the top local runner, finishing 25th overall with a time of 57:51.

50 years ago (1974)

The second double-headed parking meter to disappear in two days was reported Tuesday morning from the Water Street parking lot. It seems to be a test of strength of something for people to lift the meters, post and concrete base and all, and then toss them into the nearby creek. It may be necessary to weld the meters to crossed rails, buried underground.

It is now expected tenders will be called for in constructing six new low-cost housing units at the St. George and Widder Street corner sometime in November.

St. Marys Firefighters have been given the go ahead by the Ministry of the Environment to clean out and restock the local Quarry with game fish. The date for this public service will likely be sometime in October.

75 years ago (1949)

Despite the inconvenience of a broken leg, Ed Dunseith shipped two carloads of work horses to the lumber camps in Northern Ontario on Tuesday.

A young would-be advertising salesman who called up a number of local merchants soliciting business was the object of a local police search soon after his departure from town. Apparently failing to do any real business in the Stone Town, the young man left his temporary boarding house with a piece or two of the landlady's property in his luggage.

A vote in favour of installing a public water supply system for residents on the west side of the village of Embro was recorded at a public meeting in the town hall there Monday night.

100 years ago (1924)

Provincial Inspector G. Tustin of the Humane Society was in St. Marys this week. Mr. Tustin spent some days in the vicinity of the town and found conditions on the whole to be satisfactory. He came across a well-to-do farmer, however, down near Thorndale, from whom he found it necessary to take a horse and place him for the next sixty days in the hands of a veterinarian.

The Prince of Wales has left the United States, and now the front pages of the American press can go back to such subjects as murders and divorces.

Mary Mendelson, a pupil in the Ripley Public Schools, whose teacher was Mrs. L.D. Stanley, won the gold medal presented every year by the County of Bruce for the pupil gaining the highest marks in the June exams in the whole county. This is the third year that a pupil of Mrs. Stanley has won the coveted prize.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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PRC & Friendship Centre events - See the Stonetown Crier on Page 5
St. Marys Public Library events - See Page 28

Friday, September 27

- Royal Canadian Legion "hot dogs and more" lunch at Noon
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 p.m.
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Sarnia Legionnaires at the PRC - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

- St. Marys Farmers Market at Milt Dunnell Field - 8 a.m. to Noon.
- Browns School Car & Truck Show at Browns School - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Fabric sale at 256554 Sunova Crescent, Lakeside - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- A.N.A.F. Bob 'Linc' Lince memorial golf tourney at River Valley Golf Course
Must be pre-registered, be at the course by 10:30 a.m.
- Rodite Method open house at 106 Queen St. E. - Noon to 5 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 p.m.
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Strathroy Rockets at the West Middlesex MC - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

- United Way Pay-what-you-wish Soup Supper at Tutt Co. - 5-7:30 p.m.

Riddles

What has hands but cannot write or clap?

A clock.

What has stripes and goes through the air?

A basketball.

What gets wetter the more it dries?

A towel.

What has a neck but no head and arms but no hands?

A shirt.

I'm taller when I'm young, and shorter when I'm old. What am I?

A candle.

What is always right in front of you, yet you cannot see

it?

The future.

What has a tongue but cannot talk?

A shoe.

What has legs but cannot walk?

A chair.

What word begins and ends with the E but only has one letter?

Envelope.

What's full of holes but still holds water?

A sponge.

What breaks as soon as you say its name?

Silence.

- Word Search -

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The Riddle Kid OF THE WEEK

What do you call a pig that does karate?



A pork chop!

Carson Kittmer (21 mo)

Hey Kids... Every Riddle Kid that appears in the paper gets a FREE MILKSHAKE at the Sunset Diner!

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PET OF THE WEEK

Each Pet of the Week will receive a FREE treat bag from St. Marys Veterinary Clinic



Our Pet of the Week is Duke, an eight-year-old golden retriever. Duke loves his walks, playing with his stuffed animals and visits to Grandma and Grandpa's house. He is the treasured pet of the Boakes family.



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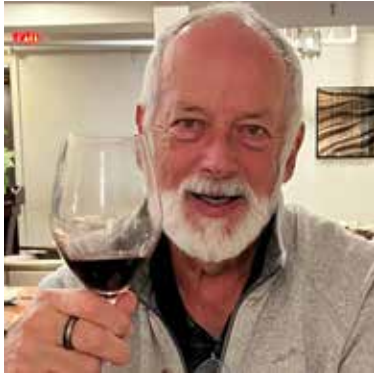
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Autumn Safety Tips to Help Keep Your Pets Happy and Healthy

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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Getting back to our roots in nature



PAUL KNOWLES

Independent Columnist

Benoit Paquette unlocked the door and welcomed us into the tiny house that was to be our home for the next two days. Paquette and his partner, Paule Rochette, are the deeply dedicated and passionate owners and operators of Hébergement aux Cinq Sens near the quaint village of Piopolis in Québec's Eastern Townships.

The tiny house was charming with a couple of possible quibbles. The bed was in a low-ceilinged loft, which demanded care when rising, and the indoor bathroom would not accommodate anything but urination. Any other "function" was to be carried out in an outhouse, located a short walk away through the forest.

"What had we gotten ourselves into?" I wondered.

It turned out we had gotten ourselves into something wonderful, a unique experience in which the minor inconveniences were vastly outweighed by the delights, discoveries and warm hospitality offered by Rochette and Paquette.

Hébergement aux Cinq Sens (literally translates to Accom-

modations at the Five Senses) is a member of the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada and its provincial equivalent in Québec. Rochette is from of the Huron-Wendat First Nation; Paquette also has Indigenous ancestry.

Paquette is also a trained biologist and a terrific storyteller. So, guests at Hébergement have the opportunity to walk with Paquette through the forest on this 20-acre site, where you discover the intricate interconnections of woodland life, and also learn Native Canadian wisdom arising from an intimate connection with nature.

As Paquette says, "What you love, it's easy to protect." The love Paquette and Rochette have for nature, for their Indigenous culture and for their unique project is evident in everything they do at their Hébergement.

Let's be clear, this is not luxury living. Hébergement aux Cinq Sens is deliberately designed to encourage guests to think about the increasingly pressing need to care for our natural world.

For example, the tiny houses have kitchens, but they don't have running water. There is a supply of drinking water and water for washing, but when you recognize that the small container on the counter is what is available, you instantly become aware of conservation and sustainability. The same message is clear when you walk the forest path to use the environmentally friendly hot, outdoor shower.

Paquette and Rochette certainly walk their talk. Paquette

has built a completely sustainable greenhouse that functions year-round. They can harvest fresh greens, for instance, in the dead of winter. And in the warmer months, they can enjoy the abundance of produce from the greenhouse and from their gardens, where they grow the three sisters of Indigenous lore – corn, beans and squash.

The couple have been operating Hébergement aux Cinq Sens for 16 years and continue to enhance the property. The tiny house we occupied is brand new, one of four in total, along with a cottage, four yurts and four campsites.

The limited number of accommodations means every guest can participate in small and one-to-one experiences like forest walks, tepee talks and star-gazing.

Our stay coincided with the first nights of the Perseids meteor shower. Paquette invited his guests to bring lawn chairs and sweaters, and sit in the meadow by the main house to watch the wonders in the sky. Hébergement aux Cinq Sens is in the midst of the Mont-Mégantic Dark Sky Reserve. There is very little light pollution, so the star-filled sky is an astonishing revelation to anyone used to seeing just a few faint points of light above some urban area.

As we scanned the stars and watched dozens of meteors streak across the sky, Paquette offered a seminar on astronomy, weaving in Indigenous stories about the constellations. It was a fascinating evening. Paquette and Rochette are completely bilingual, so Paquette



Our tiny house at Hébergement aux Cinq Sens. (PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

will do his talks in French, English or a combination of both, depending on the audience.

A key message in Benoit's stories is that we are far too accustomed to consider nature as something separate from ourselves. Not so, he insists.

"Nature and us, we are one. We are part of the threading."

"We have to tend to health, and health is nature. We have to get back into balance."

He discounts the popular "survival of the fittest" concept. Instead, as we sit in the midst of the forest, he tells story after story about how the plants of the forest support and even learn from each other.

"It's more about survival of the most cooperative," he says. "Cooperation is the way of going through change."

He lovingly strokes the bark of the oldest tree in their forest.

"This grandfather tree is 100 years old. It's a library of in-

formation" about survival and cooperation. And he draws an immediate parallel with Native Canadian culture.

"That's why the elders in the native community are so important. They're the library of information."

Paquette and Rochette are committed to offering a unique experience to their guests – a highly entertaining and inspiring visit, a bit challenging at times, that can be lifechanging in terms of your personal understanding of our role in the environment. They have set themselves a daunting task and they are succeeding, smiling all the way.

Paul Knowles is an author and travel writer, and President of the Travel Media Association of Canada. To contact Paul about travel, his books, or speaking engagements, email pknowles@golden.net.



Paule Rochette and the part of the garden where the "three sisters" grow.



Benoit Paquette playing a unique flute during a fireside event in the tepee.



Benoit Paquette weaving together stories based in the science of biology, and Native Canadian knowledge.

OBITUARY

Martin



In loving memory of Isobel "Liz" Teresa Martin (Franks) October 3rd 1948 - September 18th 2024

Isobel "Liz" Martin passed away peacefully with her loving family at her side on Wednesday September 18th 2024 at St. Marys Memorial Hospital after a short but courageous battle with cancer, she was 75.

Liz or Issy, as she was known to friends, was born in Bilbrook, Wolverhampton, UK. She attended Bowood and Abbots Bromley Private schools and was pleased to return to Abbots Bromley in May 2024 to participate in the schools 140 year celebration. She also attended secretarial college and became part of the first class of girls to complete driver training. Whether she was driving the Bentley for her work as a personal assistant or taking her sons to school on the narrow lanes, Liz was known to 'give it some welly'.

Liz met David Martin at a Junior Farmers event and they were married in 1969. They moved to Wales, where they added two sons to their family. Together Liz and Dave farmed in partnership for more than 50 years. Liz was known for her knowledge, kindness and patience with all animals. No one would have guessed that she'd grown up in the city. Liz was one to get stuck in with no time for complaints.

The Martin family immigrated to Uniondale Ontario Canada in 1989, where Liz hosted visitors to their on-farm Bed and Breakfast. There would be six more farms in their time in Ontario and each one, Liz turned into a well run and welcoming home.

Liz was predeceased by her husband Dave (2023), parents Leslie & Elsie Franks, brother & sister-in-law Ken (Sheila). Liz is survived by her boys Nick (Jaime) and Andy (Sadie). Grandchildren Dylan, Ethan, Scotty, Devin, Lauren, Kohen, Spencer, Kaden and Annabel. Brother-in-laws Colin (Christine) and Robert (Yvonne). Nephews and nieces, Garry, Jakki, Roland, Wendy and Joanne.

The family would like to say thank you for the exemplary care provided by Dr. Xenocostas and the staff at the Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre, the physicians and staff on the Oncology floor at Victoria hospital, as well as all the physicians and staff at St. Marys Memorial hospital. The care and compassion you brought to your work was greatly appreciated.

To respect Liz' wishes a private family burial will take place at Avonbank Community Cemetery. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Lufthansa
- 2. Jon Hamm
- 3. Maid of the Mist, Niagara City Cruises
- 4. Brad's Drink
- 5. Thomas Jefferson
- 6. Tendons
- 7. Geologist
- 8. Herbivores
- 9. 4.83%
- 10. James T. Kirk

OBITUARY

McIntosh



Donna McIntosh (Morrison) passed away peacefully, with her children by her side, at Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth on September 17, 2024 in her 86th year.

Predeceased by her beloved husband Dave McIntosh (2017). Mother of Brian Morrison (Leah), Bob McIntosh (Nancy), and Roger McIntosh (Ryan). Grandmother to Dana McLean (Brent), Lucas McIntosh (Jennifer), Russell McIntosh (Shelby), Matthew Morrison, and Elana Morrison (Curtis). Great-grandmother to Sophie and Ben McLean, Maia and Rori McIntosh, Lucas and Evelyn Morrison. Sister of Margaret Smith (William), Marlene Hoyles (Alex), Hilton Morrison (Lynn, deceased 2019) and David Morrison (Laura).

Also survived by nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother Jack Morrison (2020). The Funeral Service was conducted at the St. Marys United Church on September 23, 2024 with Rev. Robert Lawson officiating. Interment in St. Marys Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth or the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Dishman



DISHMAN: Kristy May 9, 1980 – September 21, 2024

Peacefully in her home, after a brief illness, Kristy was gathered up to her heavenly home on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the age of 44. Cherished daughter of Frank and Joan Dishman. Loving

sister of Tyler (Tal) Dishman, and Andrew (Catherine) Dishman. Dear aunt of Zachary, and Miles. She will be fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Kristy loved people, animals, art, music and watching reruns of Frasier. She faced the challenges in her life with courage and perseverance. She had a soft heart for people who were struggling and was kind and generous to everyone.

Visitation will be held at Haskett Funeral Home, 223 Main Street, LUCAN on Monday, September 30th from 6 – 8 PM.

Funeral service will be held at Community Bible Church, 24294 Adelaide Street North, LUCAN on Tuesday, October 1st at 11 AM. Interment Granton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ark Aid Street Mission, St. Marys Healthcare Foundation, Community Bible Church or a charity of your choice.

Many thanks to Dr. Gatfield and Dr. Bucur, who gave Kristy exceptional care.

IN MEMORIAM

White

In loving memory of a dear son and brother, DAVID WHITE (WHITEY)

June 25, 1986 – October 19, 2013

AND

A dear husband and father, RICHARD (DICK) WHITE

February 8, 1948 – September 29, 2023

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on.

Cherished memories never fade because a loved one is gone.

Those we love can never be, more than a thought apart

For as long as there is a memory, they will live on in our heart.

Loving you always. Missing you forever

Your loving family

IN MEMORIAM

White

In loving memory of Dick who passed away September 29, 2023 and his son Dave who passed away October 19, 2013.

Our destination is a place far greater than we know

for some, the journey's quicker for some, the journey's slow

And when the journey finally ends we'll claim a great reward

and find an everlasting peace together with the Lord.

Love the Hughes Family

IN MEMORIAM

Watkins

In memory of our wonderful mother Ivy who left us 26 years ago, 1998

To a Good life comes a peaceful end She died as she lived everyone friend

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We saw her suffer, heard her sigh We could do nothing but sit close by

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OBITUARY

Puttock



Vivian Jean Puttock (nee Martin) passed away peacefully at Kingsway Lodge, St. Marys on Sept. 23, 2024 in her 96th year.

Predeceased by her beloved husband John "Jack" Sidney Puttock (2001). Loving mother of Rob Puttock (Lissa), Kathy Iredale (Bruce), and Jean

McKinnon (Jon). Proud grandmother of Carrie (Adam Parker), Ryan Puttock (Angie Caines), Joe Iredale (Nichole), Jonathan Iredale, John McKinnon (Katherine) and Jay McKinnon (Brittany). Great-grandmother of Ava, Aiden, Zoey, Freya, Izzy, Alex, Nathan, Colton, Ryder, and Lina. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Vivian was born in Rodney, Ont. to the late Arthur and Rhoda Martin. Also predeceased by her sister Anne Conlin. Former resident of Ridgetown, Vivian and Jack moved to St. Marys in 1961.

Family and friends are invited to the ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, 65 Church St. S. St. Marys, on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 for visitation from 1 pm until the Funeral Service at 2 pm with Rev. Diana Boland officiating. Interment in St. Marys Cemetery. Reception to follow in the church hall. Memorial donations would be gratefully accepted to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian National Institute for the Blind or charity of choice. Arrangements with the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, St. Marys (519-284-2820). Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

THANK YOU

McCurdy

I would like to thank the Kirkton-Woodham Optimist Club for honouring me with the Citizen of the Year award. A big thank you to Cliff Thomson for arranging the special evening and the delicious meal. Thank you to the people who gave wonderful tributes, they were very well spoken with some laughs, and the two "Lucille" songs that were played were just perfect.

Also, thank you to my family, friends and Optimist members and their spouses for attending. It was great to see so many people.

Thank you for the gifts, cards, emails and text messages that I received and to the people that offered congratulations that night. I really appreciated all the kindness. It will be a night I will always remember.

Sincerely, Lucille

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