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One of the traditional moments of spring is the blossoming of the beautiful magnolias around St. Marys, as seen in this photo looking west down Queen Street on Sunday afternoon. (Stewart Grant photo)

New opportunities at this year's Stonetown Heritage Festival

More vendors, more food and more fun happening July 14 to 16

The countdown is on for this year's Stonetown Heritage Festival, taking place July 14 to 16 – and there's many ways to participate in making the festival the best yet!

"We're preparing for a festival that will truly be bigger than ever," says Town of St. Marys Events Coordinator Alanna Bowes. "The Saturday of the festival will cover more of the downtown than in years past, with activities for all ages."

This year, attendees can enjoy an art

walk on the Riverview Walkway, more food, more vendors and a designated Kids Zone in addition to all the traditional Heritage Festival favourites.

There are also many opportunities for local businesses and artists to showcase their products. All application forms, as well as general festival information, can be found at www.discoverstmarys.ca/festival, the one-stop source for Heritage Festival information!

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Phase One of St. Marys Memorial Hospital Patient Room Rebuild Starts June 12

St. Marys Memorial Hospital is set to undergo one of the largest transformations in its history thanks to the generous support of the St. Marys Health-care Foundation and their donors.

As announced in November 2022, the Patient Room Rebuild project will see a number of improvements made to the inpatient care areas.

Highlights of the project include:

- New headwalls with updated clinical and communication services in all patient rooms
- Mechanical patient lifts
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- Hand hygiene sinks throughout both patient wings and support areas
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Phase One of construction will begin in the East Wing of the hospital on June 12, 2023. This phase will see 10 beds move to the expanded Integrated Stroke/Telemetry Unit at the Stratford General Hospital to allow for patient room construction to occur in a safe manner. It is expected this phase will take approximately eight months to complete.

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"We will transfer the patients affected by the construction to our Stratford General Hospital site at the end of May," says Andrew Williams, President & CEO. "Patients that are moved, or subsequently admitted, will be cared for by members of our St. Marys Memorial Hospital nursing and PSW team, so we will have no interruption in employment during construction."

Physician care for patients moved to the Stratford General Hospital site will be provided by the Hospitalist team.

"For those unfamiliar with the term, a Hospitalist is a doctor who provides care for patients at a hospital. They have the same education and training as your primary care and/or internal medicine doctor, but specialize in providing hospital care," adds Williams. There will be no impact to the operation of the Emergency Department and all other healthcare services will continue to operate as usual throughout the duration of the construction.

Parking at the hospital may be impacted slightly, with the loss of a handful of spots. The second phase

of the project is scheduled for early 2024 and focuses on the West Wing of the hospital. The total cost of this rebuild is over \$7.6 million with the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation already contributing \$2 million.

The Foundation has a current goal to raise \$3 million through the Here for You Today, Building for Tomorrow campaign, which will bring their total contribution to \$5 million. "The St. Marys Healthcare Foundation would like to thank this very generous community for the donations to this campaign," says Cindy Bilyea, Foundation Chair. "We would also like

to thank the HPHA for their commitment and leadership to this project. Continued exceptional healthcare for our patients will be secured for future generations with investments like this." Those interested in contributing to the campaign can contact the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation at 519-284-1332 ext. 3450 or info@stmaryshealthcare.foundation.

Donations may also be made via the Foundation's website at www.stmaryshealthcare.foundation or cheques can be mailed to Box 940 St. Marys, ON N4X 1B6.

New opportunities at this year's Stonetown Heritage Festival

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During the Saturday of the festival, a vendor marketplace will run down the center of Queen St. from Church to Water, as well on Water St. S toward Jones St. E. Local vendors are welcome to showcase and sell products, especially artisans and craftspeople! Community organizations that serve St. Marys are also welcome to participate. Application forms are available

on the website.

New this year, the Riverview Walkway from Queen St. toward Park St. will come alive on Saturday with an open-air art show, sale and demonstrations. Many artists have been confirmed but there is still room for additional artists to book a free space. Apply today via the website.

Food has always been a key part of the Heritage Festival, and this year

there will be more delicious options than ever! Food trucks and local businesses can apply online to be part of Saturday's Food Zone in the downtown. Thanks to the generosity of the Downtown St. Marys BIA, the event will also feature shaded seating in a refreshment tent to enjoy your meal or cool down!

Saturday evening starting at 5 p.m., there will be food truck offerings at Milt Dunnell Field to enjoy during an evening concert and the dazzling Rotary Fireworks at dusk.

forms for both events at www.discoverstmarys.ca/festival.

There are other ways for the community to get involved in the festival in addition to these vendor opportunities. Financial sponsors help support bringing entertainment to the festival; if you've not received a sponsorship package, please contact Bowes at abowes@town.stmarys.on.ca. Volunteers help bring the festival to life and hours are eligible for high school requirements; volunteer forms are also available on the website.

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COMMUNITY —

Jed Kelly breaks down the numbers at BIA meeting

By Stewart Grant

Those in attendance at the Monday, May 8th meeting of the St. Marys Business Improvement Area took in some interesting facts and figures provided by Director of Public Works Jed Kelly. Mr. Kelly's presentation covered subjects including downtown flower maintenance, parking utilization, road allowance policies, and snow removal economics.

Downtown flower costs:

One of the elements that helps beautify St. Marys each summer is the utilization of flower arrangements through flower boxes, urns, and hanging flowers. Costs for the 2023 program are projected at \$43,336, of which \$4,500 is contributed by the BIA. Flower purchases represent \$14,000 of the cost, while watering costs are estimated at \$29,336 (calculated by 76 average watering events between June and September, at an average cost of \$386.00 per watering event).

Parking utilization:

An internal parking study completed by the Town of St. Marys, with the help of some volunteers, has revealed that the amount of parking spaces in the

downtown is sufficient at the present time.

There are currently 354 parking spaces available to the public in the downtown core. Of these, there are 206 on-street parking spaces and 148 parking spaces spread across four municipal lots.

The Town's study, completed over a sample of 10 days between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in September 2021, found that average weekday parking utilization was 47%, while Saturday utilization was 43%. Maximum parking demand during the period was noted as being 62%.

During the sample, it was also noted that Queen Street spaces experienced more turnover than did the north-south streets, while the north-south streets were more likely to experience parking infractions. In total, the study found a 9% violation rate of the 3-hour on-street parking limit, while 9% also were found to violate the 8-hour parking lot parking limit (which has since been amended to 10 hours).

Kelly noted that while the Town's on-street and municipal parking lots sufficiently accommodate current parking demands, this would need to be revisit-



ed should there be a future intensification of housing in the downtown core.

Downtown Road Allowance Policy:

An overview was provided of the policies and procedures regarding the permitted use from May 15 to October 15 of the sidewalk and parking stalls for street patios, bistro tables and retail displays. Examples cited here included the patio at Snapping Turtle Coffee Roasters and the goods for sale on the sidewalk in front of Eclectic Treasure. One of the key provisions is that a walking path of at least 1.5 metres must be maintained at all times.

Regarding the utilization of on-street parking space, such as the Snapping

Turtle patio, these structures must front the appropriate business and be within a maximum use of 3 parking spaces. In total throughout the town, the total area of use of on-street parking spaces must not exceed 5% utilization. In the case of bistro tables used by businesses, these shall be of significant weight and have temporary anchoring to prevent displacement during high winds.

Should a business or organization wish to occupy or close any sidewalk or parking stalls, Public Works is the first contact that should be made to be guided through the process.

Snow Removal:

By-law 8-2008 requires merchants to clear (snow and ice) sidewalk fronting their business continuously from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The town will do a first "pass" early in the morning.

When snow storage in the downtown reaches 24" to 36" in height, the Town will initiate a "Downtown Clean Up", unless the upcoming weather forecast calls for warm weather which would naturally melt the snow. The average cost of a Downtown Clean Up is budgeted at between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per event.

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EDITORIAL —

Time to Keep Federal Advertising Dollars in Canada

By Paul Deegan, president and chief executive officer of News Media Canada

The Canadian government has supported journalism for generations. Since the founding of Canada's first newspaper, the Halifax Gazette, which dates to 1752, government advertising has been an important source of revenue for newspapers and has helped ensure that Canadians have access to high-quality Canadian news.

Twenty years ago, the federal government spent \$110 million on advertising, which was managed by 30 advertising agencies. Print newspapers and magazines accounted for about one-third of federal advertising spending, while internet advertising accounted for less than 1 per cent of the spend.

Last year, the Government of Canada spent a total of \$140 million on advertising, involving one Agency of Record for media planning and placement. While the one Agency of Record model is efficient, we are concerned with where scarce ad dollars are being spent.

Last year, just \$6 million or five per cent of federal advertising dollars went toward print publications. That is a far cry from the roughly one-third of twenty years ago. For comparison, government spending on Facebook/Instagram ads alone accounted for almost double what is spent on all print advertising combined. And the spending on Twitter, Snapchat, and TikTok combined was greater than all print expenditures.

Today, digital advertising accounts for more than 50 per cent of all federal ad spending.

Social media companies operating in

Canada do not employ journalists and they are shielded from liability by Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code. They enjoy all the benefits of being a publisher without any of the obligations.

Digital search and social giants have contributed greatly to connecting people, businesses, and communities. Yet, there have been unintended consequences. While they provide the essential plumbing of our digital age, they have not figured out a way to separate the clean drinking water (e.g., fact-based news and information) from the sewage (e.g., fake news).

Trusted news sources provide an important filter that helps Canadians make informed choices. Real journalism, which is based on editorial judgment and rigorous fact-checking, costs real money, which comes from advertising and/or subscription revenue. Canadian news publishers employ real journalists, who adhere to strict editorial standards, and publishers can be held liable for their content. Yet, federal advertising dollars that once helped fund our newsrooms have shifted largely to Big Tech companies that benefit from our content.

Isn't it time for the federal government to align its advertising spending with its public policy goal of supporting accountable and trusted sources of information? Isn't it time to support the home team and keep advertising dollars, which support fact-based, fact-checked civic journalism, in Canada? The consequences of inaction are more misinformation and disinformation, a less informed and engaged citizenry, less robust public discourse, and a loss of community.

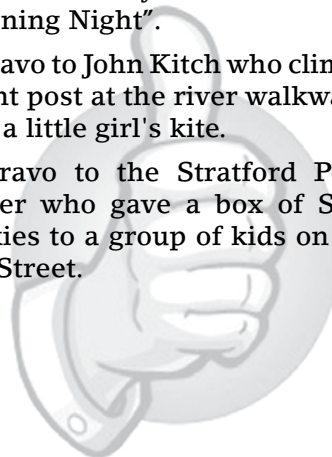
Bravo

We have three Bravos this week.

1) I would like to commend the St. Marys Community Players on their latest production of "The 39 Steps". It is an incredibly complex show with multiple costume (& accent) changes, props galore and physical comedy and they did a remarkable job! The entire cast and crew deserve an award! Kudos SMCP. See you in the Fall with "Opening Night".

2) Bravo to John Kitch who climbed a light post at the river walkway to save a little girl's kite.

3) Bravo to the Stratford Police Officer who gave a box of Smile Cookies to a group of kids on Station Street.



Boo

We have two Boos this week.

1) If you are the owner of a cute white cat with black spots, wandering the west end, please help out the small birds and critters and put a bell on him. Thank you.

2) Some Boos about trucks in Town are unjustified because in some instances some of these trucks are making deliveries and therefore have no option but to drive on certain streets.



*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

"The St. Marys Healthcare Foundation would like to thank this very generous community for the donations to this campaign. We would also like to thank the HPHA for their commitment and leadership to this project. Continued exceptional healthcare for our patients will be secured for future generations with investments like this."

- Cindy Bilyea, Foundation Chair.

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Senior of the Week



Our Senior of the Week is Jack Coddington who celebrated his 85th birthday on May 6. Jack is a lifelong resident of St. Marys and area and was the oldest of 12 children of Jack & Audrey Coddington. He spent most of his working years at Hutton Transport. Jack has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Happy Belated Birthday, Jack.

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

Weekend Quiz

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- 1) The U.S. actress Kate Hudson is the daughter of which famous mother?
- 2) Mother Theresa found her missionary in which Indian city?
- 3) Who is called the Mother of Modern Physics?
- 4) What flower is associated with Mother's Day?
- 5) Mother's Ruin is the other name of which alcoholic drink?
- 6) Who is the mother of Prince William and Prince Harry?
- 7) "Mamma Mia" is a hit by which pop group?
- 8) In 1972, who had a hit with "Sylvia's Mother"?
- 9) What was Pebble's mother's name in the Flintstones?
- 10) Who recorded the hit single "Mother and Child Reunion"?

This week's answers are found on pg. 31

COMMUNITY —

2023 Business Excellence Award Recipients

The Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce presented their 2023 Business Excellence Awards at a Gala at The Best Western Plus Arden Park Hotel on Thursday, May 4th. With a sold-out audience of close to 400 in attendance, the event celebrated the success of businesses in Stratford, St Marys, Mitchell and area over the past year in nine categories. Judged by a panel of seven judges, chaired by Krista Robinson (CEO Stratford Public Library) the awards are in their 27th year and reflected a history of business growth, commitment to professional excellence, innovation and community engagement.

The Judging Committee also included Dennis Goforth, (GoTech Networking Solutions) Lesley Spencer-Cooper, (Malt Staging) Heidi Rolleman (The Barkery) Bill Boon (Aisin Canada) Pam Angus (The UPS Store) Johan Bossers (A Touch of Dutch Landscaping).

Eddie Matthews, General Manager of the Stratford and District Chamber of Commerce said, "It's an evening to celebrate all area businesses and to recognize those who were nominated in the various categories."

Shelly Windsor & Franklin Famme acted as emcees for the evening and set the tone for the evening with humour and grace.

Award Winners

The Business Leader Award went to Don McDougall. The award was presented by Danielle Walker (RBC).

The Hospitality Award is presented to an accommodation and/or food business which has demonstrated exceptional commitment to customer service, staff knowledge, quality and consistency of product and enhancing the public stature of the community. This year's winner was Demetre's Family Eatery. The award was given by Laurie Stephens (MTE).

The Non-Profit/Charitable Award is given annually to a not-for-profit that has significantly contributed to the overall quality of life within the community and its citizens through programming and activities. The award was presented to Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth and was presented by Amber Schalk (BDO).

The Entrepreneur Award is chosen to honour an emerging business which has been exceptionally entrepreneurial in exploring opportunities, weighing risks, growing their operations and demonstrating both business achievement and steady financial performance. Travis Blum (IG Wealth Management) presented the award to Black Creek Mobile Veterinary Services.

The Commercial Award recognizes a business which provided services and/or products to individuals or businesses and which consistently has delivered excellence in service and support of their product or service. Jeff Stewart General Carpentry was presented with the award by Darren Johnston (TD Commercial Banking).

The Innovation Award is presented to a business which has invented or developed an innovative product or process resulting in measurable and substantial increases in one or more areas – revenue, productivity, job creation, reduction in costs, and improvements in service – of products, manage-



ment, manufacturing, customer service or technology. This year's award was presented to Stratford Perth Museum by Jessica Thompson (University of Waterloo - Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business).

The Manufacturing Award is chosen to recognize a manufacturer who has shown strong sales performance, taken advantage of growth opportunities, manufacturing or product innovation, and invested in new marketing initiatives. The award was presented to Lactalis by Lynn Eidt (Famme & Co).

The Service Award is given to a business who has demonstrated a continuing commitment to best practices in customer service and support. Humphrey Fleet Service received this year's award from Mitchell Sullivan (BMO Bank of Montreal).

The Professional Award goes to a professional practice which demonstrates best practices in all areas of their operation to ensure maximization of their capabilities and capacity through ongoing education, accreditation of employees and enhanced workplace opportunities. The award went to Grit Engineering and was presented by Jason Nevin (UPAuto).

The Retail Award is given to a retailer who has exhibited marketing and sales innovation, customer service excellence, and employee engagement. This year's winner was Wild Hog Country Market. The award was presented by Meredith Forget (Perth County).

The Business of the Year Award is awarded to a business which has demonstrated a commitment to professional ethics, excellence in customer service, a willingness to engage in innovation, an ongoing responsibility to its staff and an involvement in its community over the years. This year's winner was Humphrey Fleet Service. The award was presented by Joani Gerber (InvestStratford).

The Chamber thanks the Presenting Partner of the Gala, RBC Royal Bank, the Platinum Partner – investStratford, and the Municipal, Reception, Sweet Treat, Prize, Red Carpet and IT Partners as well as the Gold, Silver and in-kind Partners for their commitment to acknowledging business excellence in their community through the 2023 Awards Gala.

The Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce congratulates all the nominees and winners for their business success and the recognition by their peers of the contribution that these businesses make to our communities.

COMMUNITY —

2023 Business Excellence Awards



St. Marys Optometry was one of nine Stonetown businesses or organizations to be nominated for the 2023 Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards, along with Broken Rail Brewing, Delmar Foods, St. Marys Cement, Betty's Bookshelf, Lyric Flowers, The Flour Mill Food Shop, Perth County Ingredients Inc., and St. Marys Healthcare Foundation. Pictured above from St. Marys Optometry, from left to right, are Dr. Carol Venn, Mandy Verge, Mary Howorth, Maggie Banks, Melanie Morrison, and Dr. Erica Gagnon. (photo by Davidiam Photography)



With this year's Business Excellence Awards falling on "May the Fourth", Masters of Ceremony Franklin Famme and Shelley Windsor had some fun dressing up as "Obi-Famme Kenobi" and "Princess Shell-Leia", then called up Chamber of Commerce GM Eddie Matthews to play the role of Yoda. (Stewart Grant photo).

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COMMUNITY —

Annual Firefighters' Breakfast draws a great crowd



The St. Marys Fire Department held their annual Firefighters' Breakfast on Sunday, May 7th. For many, it was their first chance to see the inside of the beautiful new Fire Hall that was completely renovated during the pandemic. Above right, volunteer firefighters Jim Burlingham and Kevin Edwards collected the nominal fee of \$10 which was fantastic value considering the quality of the breakfast which included scrambled eggs, fried eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon, toast, and coffee.

Below left, the lineup to enter the Fire Hall extended well down the sidewalk until morning showers required re-routing of the queue to the shelter of the Hall. Below right, from left to right, the lineup of breakfast servers included Dale Robinson (retired), Curtis Downham, Volunteer Student Reid Taylor, Volunteer Student Rachel Wilhelm and behind them is Brent Dundas (retired). (Stewart Grant photos)



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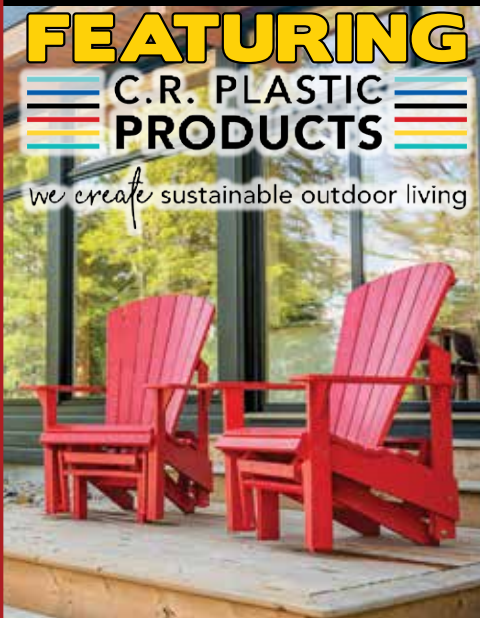
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St. Marys Public Library events - See Page 29

Friday, May 12

- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall auditorium - 10 am to 5 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion hot dog/sausage lunch at Noon
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 pm

Saturday, May 13

- St. Marys Farmers Market at Milt Dunnell Field - 8 am to Noon
- Legion Bake Sale, 9 am - Noon
- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall auditorium - 10 am to 4 pm
- Ken Kittmer 90th Birthday open house, 540 Emily Street - 2 to 4 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm

Sunday, May 14

- Mother's Day Community event in Thorndale - See Page 20 for a list of activities

Tuesday, May 16

- Last day to bid on items in the Harrington Community Auction - See details on Page 15

Wednesday, May 17

- St. Marys Kinettes Les Smith concert at St. Marys United Church - 7 to 9 pm

Thursday, May 18

- Kingsway Lodge Fashion Show - 1:30 pm, Clothing Sale - 2 to 4 pm

Kirkton Horticultural Society Hosts AGM

By Sue Boyd

"Thumbs Up for Change" was the theme of the OHA's (Ontario Horticultural Association) 2023 District 10 AGM. It was hosted by the Kirkton Horticultural Society and held at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Center on April 29 with 160 horticultural members attending.

It was a wonderful day, highlighted by 2 well known and inspiring speakers. Paul Zammit's topic was "Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners in a Changing World". Better known to many of us through this very newspaper, Paul Knowles entertained us with "The Cure for Gardener's Disease."

Both speakers left us with important messages. The goal of gardening is not "perfection", but lies in creating diversity using native plants that support insect and animal life. That includes food for ourselves. Also, we need to enjoy and appreciate our gardens as an evolving art form.

Everyone enjoyed the variety of plants and creative designs from the flower show, a catered lunch by Janice Mitchell, and the exchange of ideas from the other 19 Horticultural Societies.

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SPORTS —

Senior Girls take one of two in chilly trip to Goderich

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Senior Girls soccer team battled through just about everything except locusts last Tuesday in Goderich, coming away with a win and a tie.

DCVI took on a chippy Madill squad in their first game of the day whose style was another wrinkle that the Salukis had to get used to in addition to the frosty weather in which they played. After making a great save, a Madill attacker's hard drive to the goal pushed keeper Matt Luyten, causing him to drop the ball and allowing a tap-in and a 1-0 Madill lead.

The St. Marys team was determined to come back after that. In the second half, Alex Binning pushed through

Madill's midfield and defensive line and sent an excellent shot into the back of the net to tie the game one apiece. The Salukis ran out of time and Binning's goal would prove to be the last tally of the contest which ended in the 1-1 draw, but Co-Coach Rachelle Pearson told the Independent that she and fellow coach Christopher Huber feel optimistic about how they stack up against Madill should they meet again.

"We ran out of time at the end to take the lead but we were really pushing the play once we settled into the game," said Pearson. "We feel very confident in our team's skill level and their ability to battle through adversity that they had on display against Madill."

The Salukis were then in action later that day against the hosts of Goderich. During the first half of the game, Eve Greig perfectly curved the ball into the Goderich net to jump out to the lead 1-0. In the second half, Alex Binning made it three straight games with a goal to make it 2-0, the eventual final score. Luyten made some excellent saves in net and the team played strong defensively in front of the St. Marys keeper to secure the victory.

In addition to Binning who has been white-hot to start this season, Pearson mentioned Ava Ainsley as having a stand-out day last Tuesday.

"Ava was fantastic in both games for us," Pearson raved. "She was solid on

defence, had great footwork and set up some good offensive opportunities for our midfielders and forwards. Alex has obviously been great for us offensively with a three-game goal streak."

Pearson also praised the team as a whole for being able to grit their way through the less-than-desirable playing conditions in which they found themselves.

"I think the weather was a large part of the story yesterday," added Pearson. "It was a challenge to play in the very cold temperatures as well as the constant precipitation which alternated between rain and snow. The team pushed through and they were able to maintain control with a very slippery ball and field."

Senior Boys earn bounce-back win

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Senior Boys soccer team travelled to Goderich last Tuesday to face F.E. Madill, Goderich, and the snow, and after a tough loss in the first game in which the Salukis likely deserved a better result, they continued their strong play and came away with a win in game two.

DCVI's first game resulted in an unfortunate 1-0 loss to Madill but the Salukis were dominant in the game. However, the Madill keeper was unbeatable, keeping the St. Marys squad off the board with a stellar effort in between the pipes. Will Boreham and Isaac Zurbrigg had some of the Salukis' best scoring opportunities but

were unable to get past the goalie.

Head Coach Richard Farmer admitted that the loss to Madill hurt for a variety of reasons while acknowledging that he couldn't have asked much more out of his team.

"We were in Madill's half for the majority of the game and likely possessed the ball for around 90 percent of the game," Farmer told the Independent. "Madill only had two shots on net, but one was a really well-taken free kick that beat Jack [Switzer, DCVI's keeper]. The Madill keeper likely stopped at least 30 shots.

"Our shots weren't the best as the boys had a hard time getting power on their shots due to a slippery field. The loss

to Madill does hurt us and our chances for WOSSAA, making our other single A matches that much more important."

In the second game against Goderich, the scoring touch returned as the Senior Boys were able to comfortably beat Goderich 3-1. Jaden Shiell scored a hat trick and Charles Black had what Farmer called a "man-of-the-match" defensive effort.

"We did a better job getting wide and stretching the Goderich defence," said Farmer. "Jaden scored all three goals and all came off of rebounds. Carson Brock set him up twice with a shot and a cross and one of the goals came off of a Giuseppe Passarelli cross. Arthur Douglas had an excellent game and

probably deserved a goal himself."

Farmer explained that the team's biggest focus this season has been making their ball movement better with the hope of qualifying for WOSSAA coming up on the horizon.

"We have been working to become a stronger passing team in preparation for WOSSAA, assuming we make it, where the level of play is much higher. The passing game so far this season is much improved from last year, and they are communicating really well. We still need to work on using the width of the field more as the wingers are often left wide open, but I've really liked the improvement we've seen so far this year."

Junior Girls battle to tie against St. Anne's

By Spencer Seymour

The pitch in Clinton was more like a swamp that the St. Marys DCVI Junior Girls soccer team had to try to wade through last Thursday in their game against St. Anne's.

"The rain held off during the game which was great but the pitch was still incredibly hard to navigate," said

Head Coach Shana Pereira. "Players were ankle-deep in mud on half the field and both teams were slipping and sliding everywhere. Those conditions made it difficult to move the ball effectively."

Neither St. Marys nor St. Anne's were able to beat the opposing goaltenders due in no small part to the aforementioned playing conditions. Despite

that, there were positives to build from along with some areas of improvement identified by the coaching staff.

"Our defence was solid and we were good at getting the ball down the outside line. We also did a good job of trying to work through the conditions of the field. We do need more communication on the pitch to help our ball

movement get a bit stronger and our positioning on the field has the potential to be better, but we certainly like the way we're trending."

Heading into this week's schedule, DCVI's Junior Girls sat in second place in the Huron-Perth standings, one point ahead of Listowel.

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SPORTS —

Strong results in first tourney for many SKC students

By Spencer Seymour

For many of the Stonetown Karate Centre (SKC) students who participated in the Midwestern Ontario Karate Tournament on April 30th in Listowel, it was their tournament debut. Despite that, plenty of local students returned home with strong results.

Of the 11 top-three finishes obtained by SKC students competing in their first tournament, two of them were top-spot placements in one of the various divisions. These first-place finishes included Parker Charfield, who placed atop the 6-7-year-old Novice division, as well as Anica Van Bakel, who came in first in the Kata 10-12 Novice division.

The second-place finishes for the students at their first tournament included Josh Lariviere taking second in 13-17 Advanced Kata. Lariviere also placed third in 13-17 Advanced Sparring. Lincoln Bordman also had a strong second-place finish in 6-7 Novice Kata.

Along with Lariviere's Bronze result, four other SKC students picked up third-place finishes in their debut tournament. Connor Gerrits took third in 13-17 Advanced Kata. Emily Gerrits finished second in 8-9 Advanced Kata. Alexandra Wilson placed third in both 10-12 Intermediate Kata and Weapons. Samantha Wilson came in third in 8-9 Advanced Kata.

Several students also earned solid fourth-place results, including Olivia



The Stonetown Karate Centre was well-represented at the Midwestern Ontario Karate Tournament on April 30th in Listowel, with many students picking up strong top-four finishes in their competitive tournament debut. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Lincoln Bordman, Samantha Wilson, Theodore Shute, Sophia Bordman, Emily Gerrits, and Parker Charfield. In the middle row, from left, are Colin Greve, Conner Gerrits, Fox Houston, Alexandra Wilson, Anica Van Bakel, and Jalyne Lorentz. In the back row, from left, are Kylie King, Marieke van Lierop, Joshua Lariviere, Kaela Hymus, Amara Haines, and Isabelle Lariviere. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

Bordman in 10-12 Intermediate Kata and Sophia Bordman in 8-9 Intermediate Kata. Colin Greve finished fourth in 8-9 Intermediate Kata on the boys' side. Serene Dennis earned fourth in 8-9 Novice Kata. Theodore Shute took fourth in 6-7 Intermediate Kata.

Sensei Jeremy Lorentz said watching so many of his students have such strong tournament debuts was a joy to

watch.

"The Midwestern Ontario Karate tournament was a great first-time tournament for a bunch of our students to experience the competitive side of karate. A lot of our students came back excited to try more tournaments in the future and that is a great thing. So many emotions with the uncertainty and nerves our first-time students felt

but they pulled through with lots of smiles and gained a huge confidence boost in the end."

Many of the SKC participants were more experienced, including Jalyne Lorentz, who had a clean sweep of first-place results in Kata, Weapons, and Creative Forms in the 18-and-under Black Belt division

Staying in the 18-and-under Black Belt group, Isabelle Lariviere finished first in Sparring, second in Kata, and third in Weapons. Fox Houston also brought home a first-place finish in Kata as well as a third-place result in Weapons.

In the coloured belt divisions, Marieke van Lierop earned first in Kata and second in Weapons in the 13-17 Advanced division. In the same division, Kaela Hymus placed third in Weapons and Amara Haines finished third in Kata.

In the 10-12 Advanced division, Kylie King earned second in Kata and third in Weapons. Lorentz was also thrilled with the efforts of his more veteran students.

"For our elite and national team students, this tournament provided more practice in the ring as they prepare for the WKC National event in Ottawa in the next couple of weeks. We can't thank our parents and families enough for supporting our students and cheering them on. We are truly thankful to have such an amazing karate family."

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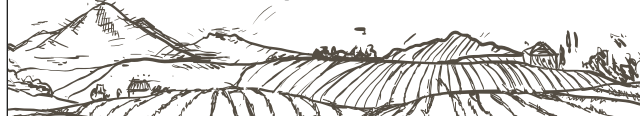
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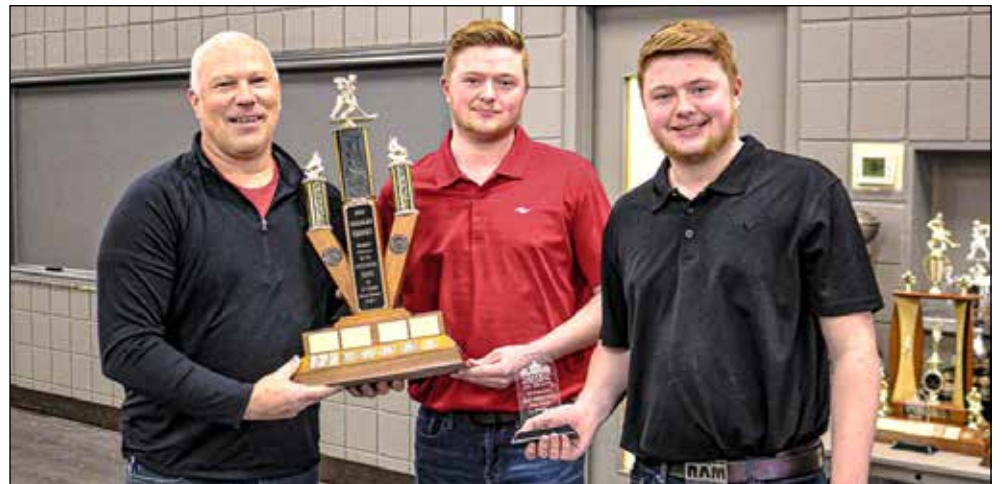
Pictured above from left to right is U18 B Boys St. Marys Rock Head Coach Adam Zurbrigg and the team's goaltender Josh Ballantyne, who won the Donald K. Mossip Memorial Award presented yearly to the most outstanding U18 goaltender. Ballantyne was described as the "backbone of the U18 B Boys and gave the team a chance to win every night."



Zurbrigg presented the Terry Crisp Award for being the most colourful and hardest working player to Ethan Brine. All of the awards were presented at the beginning of last Tuesday's SMMHA Annual General Meeting at the PRC. According to Zurbrigg, Brine was always "respectful yet challenged everyone to be better at their craft."



The Mike Mattiusi Award recognizing the most sportsmanlike player on and off the ice was presented to Lucas McCurdy. The Head Coach praised McCurdy as "a competitor who never complained and absorbed a ton of physicality" to help his teammates find more time and space on the ice.



The Bob Searles Award for the SMMHA's most outstanding player went to co-winners Owen Boyd (middle) and Ian Boyd (right), who were recognized as "two of the U18 B Boys' most consistently dynamic offensive weapons and all-around leaders." (All photos by Spencer Seymour)

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SMMHA presents OWHA Major Player awards



Pictured above from left to right are Don Scott, Head Coach of the U18 B Girls St. Marys Rock, and Lucy Petrie, who won the Lindsay Atkinson Memorial Award as the SMMHA's most sportsmanlike player on and off the ice. Petrie was described as "a pleasure to be around and a new member of the team who came in with a great attitude and did anything the team asked."



Naeve Goris (middle) and Hailey Scott (right) were co-winners of the Dixies Award as the most skillful and hardest-working players. All of the awards were presented at the beginning of last Tuesday's SMMHA Annual General Meeting at the PRC. Both were described as "giving 100 percent effort every shift and every practice, and able to go out at any given time."



The Doug Hicks Memorial Trophy for outstanding leadership went to Natalie Johnston. According to Coach Scott, Johnston "was always positive and worked incredibly hard in games and practice."



The Ernie Little Trophy for the most outstanding goalie was presented to Matt Luyten. Scott praised Luyten for "giving the [U18 B Girls] team a chance to win every game." (All photos by Spencer Seymour)

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SPORTS —

Depleted Junior Boys downed in Clinton

By Spencer Seymour

With their lineup thrown into the blender due to illnesses and vacations, the St. Marys DCVI Junior Boys soccer team was unable to overcome the St. Anne's Eagles and their rugged playing conditions, falling 2-1 in their trip to Clinton last Thursday.

Head Coach Scott Spillane told the Independent that, while the result wasn't what they had hoped for, he was happy with the way the team battled with pretty much everything going against them.

"The east end of the field was very muddy and made defending nearly impossible," said Spillane. "We had a speed advantage but again, the surface of their pitch nullified that tool in our arsenal, and it made it very hard to complete passes and make plays."

With their lineup having many absences, several players were thrust into new roles. According to Spillane, many handled the tasks admirably despite the less-than-favourable conditions.

"Simon Taylor was introduced at left

forward and had a very strong game, scoring the Salukis' lone goal of the contest and creating several chances on the wings.

"Owen Morris played valiantly at centre-back for the first time and shut down many of St. Anne's chances. Gavin Massie also had a really strong game at right-back by defending well and winning several 50-50 ball battles with his head and determined play. Diego Franco-Farmer shifted to a centre-back role and was very poised. He moved the ball forward well when

given an opportunity."

The Head Coach praised the group for their ability to remain in the game right until the end and face the adversity head-on.

"Overall, I am happy with our effort," Spillane stated. "If not for an unlucky St. Anne's penalty shot late in the game, it likely would have ended in a tie. Obviously, it wasn't the best set of circumstances for us going in but competed our boys as hard as they could."

Bradley: Lincs' Prospect Camp a 'huge success'

By Spencer Seymour

Instead of being in his usual position behind the bench, St. Marys Lincolns' Head Coach Jeff Bradley was in the stands this past weekend evaluating the team's Prospect Camp. With over 120 attendees making up six full teams, Bradley told the Independent that he was ecstatic with how the three-day event played out.

"It was a huge success," raved Bradley. "Our scouts and our GM did a great job at bringing in some really good talent for us to get a look at, and Brandon [Boyd, Lincs' President] and the volunteers did a good job at making it a good experience that felt close to a real game."

The three-day camp saw the six squads rotate through nine 45-minute games, culminating with the Green vs White game with the standard three 20-minute periods. Bradley believes the experience gave all of the attendees "bang for their buck."

"Obviously, with the number of players we had come to camp, not all of them are going to make the team next year. But everyone who came is spending their hard-earned money to have an experience and try out for a team so I think it's incredibly valuable not only for the players who do end up making our team next year."

Arguably the biggest reason the camp was such a positive in the eyes of the

Head Coach was the calibre of play and the amount of talent that made up the camp.

"I was really impressed with the level of play. I've seen eight or nine junior camps now and I've never seen a camp more competitive. Considering the number of players we had here, it

wouldn't have been hard for the level of play to get watered down at times but we didn't see a single kid who didn't belong in that camp. Taking the best 40 out of the whole camp was really tough and I thought the game on Sunday looked like a real junior hockey game."

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SPORTS —

Two St. Marys bowling teams finish top four of Howie tournament



Pictured in the photo on the left, from left to right, is the All-Star Boys' team consisting of Nathan McKen, Coach Kelvin Chamber, Tyler Sims, and Nate Sims. The boys took third place in the Bob Howie tournament held at Towne Bowl in Kitchener on Sunday, May 7th. McKen had the highest average in the Junior boys division, while Tyler Sims, playing in a division above his usual grouping, posted an average of 210. The photo on the right is the All-Star Girls' team. Pictured, from left, are Sophie Brockman, Coach Helen Brockman, Leia Slaney, and Natalie McKen. The girls placed fourth in the tournament. Sophie's 212 average was the highest average in the girls' division. (Contributed photos)

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SPORTS —








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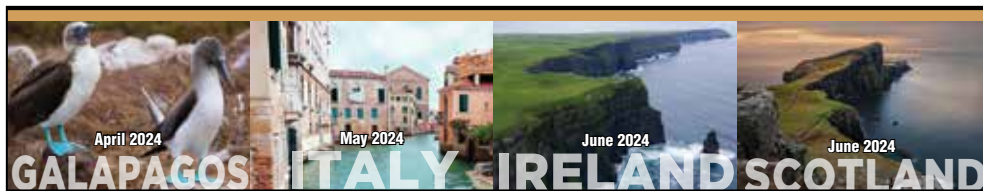
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'Wellness For All' at West Nissouri Public School

By Nancy Abra

Recently, on the evening of April 27th, the School Advisory Council (SAC) hosted a 'Wellness For All' at West Nissouri Public School (WNPS). Students, parents, yoga club members, dance club members, school staff and council participated in yoga and meditation. Rising Lotus Yoga Studio and Laughing Goat Yoga Studio of Thorndale conducted the yoga exercise in the school gym. Aligned Soul & Body of Thorndale conducted the meditation session in the school's library that evening.

Michelle Coghlin, chair of the School

Advisory Counsel said, "Four new yoga mats were raffled off and all the students walked out with their own WNPS 'Wildfire' water bottle. This event was a true testament to the commitment and dedication within the school and our community."

Coghlin added, "The Counsel is planning to host another 'Wellness For All' later in the fall. We are already starting to toss around ideas for the theme for that event. I have already had people from the community reach out saying they would love to be included in our event in their areas of expertise which will be wonderful."



Middlesex Jr. Farmers raise funds for mental health

By Nancy Abra

A couple of weeks ago, the Middlesex Junior Farmers held their annual 'Farmers Night Out' at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre. Besides a dance and social evening, they organized a live and silent auction to raise money for mental health initiatives for rural Middlesex County. Thanks to the generosity of the people who donated to the auction, and those who bid, they were able to raise an impressive \$4,000 for this cause.

The Middlesex Junior Farmers is a non-profit youth group for anyone between the ages of 15 and 29 to connect with peers and support their

communities by organizing and participating in betterment projects. This vibrant group is the local chapter of the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario. Members tend to be the rural youth but not all are from farms. Chapter clubs usually meet once a month and take part in a number of activities, ranging from sports, cultural events to interesting road trips within the county and throughout the province.

For over 75 years, Junior Farmers has played an important role in the development of leaders, most visibly in the rural and agricultural sector. They provide opportunities for young peo-

ple of all backgrounds, but especially those in rural Ontario, to take on the challenge of exploring their individual talents and potential to develop personally while being involved in improving their communities, networking, and having fun. Members are guided by the motto "Building Communities. Building Leaders" with the mission "to build rural leaders through personal growth, travel, experiences, and community betterment," as they conduct positive social and educational activities which satisfy their personal needs and interests while directing service projects which meet the needs of their community. (www.jfao.on.ca)

For their next project, the Middlesex Junior Farmers, as they did last year, will be putting up field crop signs across the county in 2023 to educate the public about the crops being grown at that location.

New members are welcome, please contact middlesexjf@gmail.com. It's a great way to connect with others and build friendships that will last a lifetime. At the same time, it gets you involved in your community and opens the door for opportunities to build leadership skills and travel within Ontario, Canada and internationally.

Update on the carillon at St. George's Anglican Church

By Sarah Watkin

The village of Thorndale once again can hear the melodic signalling of noon and 6 p.m. now that the carillon in the bell tower at St. George's on the Wye has been restored. Each day it signals the lunch and supper hour with a few minutes of chiming and can be easily heard throughout the main area of Thorndale. Put in place in 1996 and funded by memorial donations from church members, the sound of its chiming keeps their legacy a part of each and every day.

The previous speakers installed 27 years ago served without disruption,

daily and year in and year out, with no repair or maintenance. When they failed, a part had to be sourced and the proceeds from our annual Pancake Supper went to cover this expense. Upon further examination, it was discovered the speakers required replacing as well. Installation of the new speakers was achieved by cutting a space in the floor of the bell tower, gaining access from inside the church.

With the new equipment now installed, the music from the chimes at St. George's returns to being an element to the daily soundtrack of Thorndale's small-town life.

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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: The Coronation of King George VI

By Mary Smith

It may be an understatement to say that celebrations in St. Marys last weekend to mark the coronation of King Charles III were low key. Certainly there were die-hard royalists who set their alarms for four o'clock on Saturday morning and woke up early enough to watch television coverage of the procession to Westminster Abbey. But many other local residents didn't consider doing any such thing. It was better to catch up on sleep after many recent evenings of playoff hockey. Perhaps they caught coronation highlights in news reports. Or maybe they didn't bother doing that either. In St. Marys, the day was warm and sunny, the Farmers' Market opened for the season, lawn mowers were humming – many local affairs had greater priority. Still others, if they thought about the coronation at all, wondered why this seemingly archaic and irrelevant affair was even happening in a world of so many devastating events in places like Ukraine, Sudan and Haiti.

This was not the case in St. Marys almost exactly 86 years ago, the last time a king was crowned in England. In 1937, the local newspaper, the Journal Argus, devoted considerable space to the May 12 coronation of King George VI, the current king's grandfather. The world was in a precarious state at that time too. The Great Depression of the 1930s had affected many people. The town's relief committee was still trying to find ways to provide assistance for residents who could not find enough work to support their families. Overseas, the situation in Europe was ominous. Hitler, elected German chancellor in 1933, and now self-titled Fuhrer, had begun his relentless drive to dominate Europe. Not two decades after the end of World War I, the threat of another full-scale war was real.

In Britain, there was also unrest within the royal family. When his father, George V, died on January 20, 1936, his oldest son, Edward, was immediately proclaimed king. Edward, sociable and outgoing, had been a popular Prince of Wales. But as we remember, he had become romantically involved with American divorcee, Wallis Simpson. Edward wanted her to be his wife and queen. As this was unacceptable to the Church of England and to parliament, Edward had to choose between the crown and Wallis. Believing that he could not carry on without the support of the woman he loved, after a mere 11 months as king, Edward formally abdicated on December 10, 1936. Many people felt betrayed. An editorial in the Journal Argus expressed this opinion: "A sigh went up from the British Empire as word was abroad that the conduct of the king was unsatisfactory to his ministers and to millions of his subjects. A feeling that they had in some way been let down filled nearly every breast."

His brother, George, the Duke of York, was next in the line of succession and became king upon Edward's abdication. Unlike his older brother, when not on royal duty George enjoyed spending time quietly with his family. British newspapers made a great deal of this, introducing the world to his charming – and completely appropriate – wife, Elizabeth, and their two young daughters, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. The comparison between Edward and this conscientious, reliable family man could not have been more obvious. Edward VIII's coronation was to have been held on May 12, 1937; palace and government officials who



King George VI and Queen Elizabeth wave to crowds at the St. Marys Junction, June 6, 1939. John Eedy, photographer.

made up the planning committees agreed to keep this date for George VI's coronation. It was opportunity to provide an uplifting event for Britain as a distraction from the many, everyday anxieties. And it would be shared with other nations. For the first time, BBC radio would provide a live broadcast, transmitted around the world, describing the procession to Westminster Abbey and the lengthy coronation ceremony.

The Journal Argus of May 6, 1927, the issue published just before the coronation, described plans for the town's "proper celebration of the Crowning of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth." This article shared the front page with news about a serious local issue: cleanup following the disastrous, late-April flooding of the Thames River. The Journal Argus was able to report on May 6: "Good progress has been made in repairing the widespread damage to roads and private enterprises in the town occasioned by last week's flood." Basements in businesses along Water Street and on Queen Street East almost to Wellington Street had been flooded, with significant damage to merchandise in storage. Within the week, most of these businesses had almost returned to normal. Some stores were, in fact, concentrating on offering coronation "specials."

On May 13, the Journal Argus reported that in St. Marys on May 12, the celebrations, organized by town council, had gone smoothly. It was an official school holiday. Downtown businesses and private residences had responded to the call to decorate for the occasion. "The whole town, especially the main streets, were gay with flags, bunting and mementos.... Sharp at 10:30 on Wednesday morning, when practically every citizen had sat around their radios since four a.m. listening to the broadcast of the Coronation Ceremonies, the St. Marys parade formed up in front of the Armories (26 Water Street South.)" The parade was led by the Machine Gun Band, followed by D Company of the Perth Regiment under the command of Major J. S. Lind. Town dignitaries, ex-servicemen, floats entered by service clubs and local businesses, classes of school children, decorated cars and bicycles, and a troupe of

tumbling clowns made their way through the major town streets, arriving at the town hall at 11 o'clock. There a crowd had assembled for a public service. "The town council and municipal officers occupied the front balcony with the mayor in charge." The service included a "most eloquent" speech by Mayor Hub Dickinson, O Canada, and, of course, God Save the King. The weather held throughout the morning but, as the Journal Argus reported rather smugly, it rained on Stratford's parade and public celebrations, held in the afternoon.

Canada's affection for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth was enhanced two years later when the royal couple completed an exhausting, coast-to-coast tour of this country. On June 6, 1939, as they passed through southwestern Ontario, the royal train made a scheduled stop at the St. Marys Junction Station to take on water. Just about every resident of the town and surrounding countryside travelled to Glass Street to stand in the hot June sunshine for a glimpse of the king and queen. The crowd was rewarded when they came out of their private car and waved as long as the train stood at the station. John Eedy, photographer for the Journal Argus, took this week's picture which was used on the front page in the next edition of his family's newspaper.

The 1939 royal tour was an exercise in public relations – an attempt to consolidate Canada's loyalty when war – by this time inevitable – finally was declared. There is archival newsreel footage of the royal tour that shows the king and queen greeted everywhere across the country by wildly cheering, flag-waving crowds. From a historical perspective, one segment is particularly incongruous. When the royal cavalcade travelled through the streets of Vancouver, the news camera lingered on a group of happy Japanese-Canadian school children, all cheering enthusiastically. The king and queen responded with smiles and waves. In early 1942, these same children and their families, under the War Measures Act, had all their property seized and were sent to internment camps in interior British Columbia for the duration of the war – a dark segment of Canadian history.

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COLUMN —

HOSTING UKRAINE: Nostalgia and Reflection

By VJ Knutson

The onset of warmer weather encouraged a gathering of moms and kids in a local park – a good opportunity for our new arrivals to meet some of the Ukrainian community here. So important to know we are not alone, no matter what our challenges.

Chatter was nostalgic and reflective. The new face sparked memories of early fears. It was a chance to recognize how far each family has come. I marvelled at the children's command of English. How quickly youngsters adapt as long as there is a green field and a soccer ball to chase

The consensus amongst the parents was that I should write about their frustration with finding suitable childcare, especially as summer approaches. Most were too late in applying for camps, and an appeal to the town reveals that the process of creating more spaces involves hiring and training staff, and it may be too late. How do young families do it?

Even as we gathered, the last of the expected new Canadians was on her way. Born in the early morning of May 7th, little Mia joins Leo and Tommy, also recently welcomed into the world. At our house, 18-month-old Andrii is gaining comfort from his new trio of grandparents. A joyful time for this old heart.

Two weeks back, our neighbours, Wendy and Al Brown, initiated a second fundraising dinner at the Thames Valley Community Centre. Al and



Wendy prepared enough spaghetti sauce for the forty plus guests in attendance, and sold off the extras. A huge thanks to the volunteers who helped set up, served and cleaned. Hats off to North Star Restaurant who offered to supply and cook the noodles and to Tremblett's Independent Grocer for contributing food. The money raised will go directly to the Ukrainians in our community.

Another neighbour, Bob Cathcart, has donated a painting of Little Falls to be auctioned off or raffled to help the cause. He's looking for inspiration on how to proceed. Special prayers for

Bob, Wendy and Al, who have provided all this support in the midst of their own personal losses and struggles.

Thank you also to those who came

forward to help the two young men, who came to us via Toronto. Vadym says he feels as if he is living in a Disney movie and is greatly humbled and appreciative of the generosity of strangers. Both men are working long hours and look forward to gaining independence.

I am writing this column in a rare moment of quiet. Ric and Lesia are getting groceries, and the young family is out enjoying the day. I too am feeling nostalgic and reflective as we prepare to say goodbye to my 96-year-old mother. Looking through old photo albums and reminiscing with her about times gone by, I am in awe of my mother who has survived so much and even to her dying day, manages to uplift others.

Life continues to be a riddle – so many pieces, and none of them conclusive. We rally onward, and if we are truly blessed, we manage to help someone along the way.

Till next time.

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COLUMN —

WHAT'S FOR DINNER: Mother's Day



By Lauren Eedy

I would recommend using local products for these tarts if you are able. A wonderful puff pastry I swear by can be purchased at the Flour Mill on the corner of Queen & Water Street; this will save you a lot of time without sacrificing flavour.

Upside Down Pastries 2 Ways
Serves 6 Mini Tarts of Each Flavour

Asparagus Prosciutto & Gruyère

3 tbsp honey

6 asparagus stalks, bottoms removed.

6 rectangles Gruyère cheese

6 slices prosciutto

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, defrosted and cut into 6 rectangles.

angles.

1 egg

Method:

-Preheat oven to 350°F. On a parchment lined baking sheet, drizzle 6 small circles of honey.

-On top of each circle of honey, place down three asparagus tops. On top of those, place a rectangle of gruyere, then a rolled-up slice of prosciutto.

- Place a rectangle of raw pastry on top and gently press around the sides to tuck in the ingredients.

-In a small bowl, whisk together the egg plus a splash of water. Using a pastry brush, brush the egg wash on the tops of the puff pastry rectangles.

-Bake for 15-20m, until pastries are golden brown. Remove from oven and serve.

Blackberry and Brie

3 tbsp balsamic glaze

12 blackberries cut in half lengthwise

6 rectangles of brie, 1" long each

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, defrosted and cut into 6 rectangles.

1 egg

Method:

-Preheat oven to 350°F. On a parchment lined baking sheet, drizzle 6 small circles of balsamic glaze.

-On top of each circle of balsamic glaze, layer on slices of blackberry just enough to cover glaze. On top of those, place a rectangle of brie.

-Place a rectangle of raw puff pastry on top of blackberries and brie and gently press around sides to tuck in all ingredients.

-In a small bowl, whisk together the egg plus a splash of water. Using a pastry brush, brush the egg wash on the tops of the puff pastry rectangles.

-Bake for 15-20m until pastries are golden brown. Remove from oven and serve.

Jacques Pépin's Chicken Liver Pâté

Active time: 25m Total: 35m Serves: 6-8

Classic and elegant, this dish

comes together in minutes. Chicken livers are widely available in most grocery stores and butcher shops. The ones I'm using are from Seaton Ranch.

½ lb chicken livers, well-trimmed

½ small onion, thinly sliced

1 small garlic clove, smashed & peeled

1 bay leaf

¼ tsp thyme leaves

½ tsp kosher salt, plus more to season

½ c water

1 ½ sticks unsalted butter at room temperature.

2 tsp Cognac or Scotch whisky

Freshly ground pepper

Toasted baguette slices for serving

Method:

-In a medium saucepan, combine the chicken livers, onion, garlic, bay leaf, thyme, and ½ tsp salt. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally until the livers are barely pink inside, about

3m. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for 5m.

-Discard the bay leaf. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the livers, onion, and garlic to a food processor: process until coarsely puréed. With the machine on, add the butter, 2 tbsp Cognac, season with salt and pepper, and process until completely smooth. Scrape the pâté into 2 or 3 large ramekins. Press a piece of plastic wrap directly onto the surface of the pâté and refrigerate until firm. Serve chilled.

-*This pâté can be covered with a thin layer of melted butter, then wrapped in plastic and refrigerated for up to 1 week or frozen for up to 2 months.

-*Another suggested tip is to simmer down the liquid after straining the solids into the food processor. This is called a 'flavour bomb'. It's an extra step but recommended. Simmer all water out of liquid until you are left with a paste you can add to the livers in the food processor.

Enjoy and Happy Mother's Day

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COLUMN —

FROM THE GARDEN: A symbol of love ...



By Nancy Abra

For more than a century Mother's Day has been celebrated in Canada as an official special day for Mothers. This day has descended from many celebrations of motherhood, over the years, from the Greeks and Roman festivals to the Christian Mothering Day, which is observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent in England. In 1908 in the United States, Mother's Day became the official day to honour motherhood. Canada was one of the first nations to embrace this American version, the second Sunday in May, since 1909.

The emphasis is doing something special for Mom, such as chores, breakfast in bed or making her supper, gifts, cards and of course, giving her a colourful bouquet of flowers. Flowers are a token of appreciation and usually

symbolizes one's admiration. Carnations have come to represent Mother's Day since its first official celebration in 1908, because the founder Anna Jarvis' mother's favourite flower was the carnation.

Besides roses and tulips, carnations, *Dianthus caryophyllus*, are probably one of the most familiar flowers. It is native to the Mediterranean region and has been cultivated for over 2000 years. It is easy to grow and is considered a bi-annual, meaning the plant produces flowers on the second year of growth and then dies.

Our garden variety of carnations have a sweet clove-like scent. They grow to approximately 45cm tall and in part to sunny location. The commercially grown carnation grows to 80cm or more, with a slight scent and ranges in an array of colours, including different variations of those colours. There are the common colours of pinks, reds and white but through modification in breeding, hybrids produce unique solid and ruffled colours. The carnations offered at flower shops are lovely, but I still prefer the smaller, white, pinks and red carnations that grow in



my garden.

Carnation symbolizes love, whether it's a familial love, romantic love, or the love of a friend. Light red represents admiration while dark red denotes deep love and affection. Historically, the Christian symbol of the pink carnation depicts a mother's undying love while the white blooms represent pure love.

Besides giving our mothers flowers on her special day,

years ago many people honoured their Mother by wearing a flower, especially a carnation. Red or pink if your Mother is alive and white if she has passed on.

A memory that resonates with me is when I was a little girl sitting in church on Mother's Day Sunday and almost everyone wore a flower of some sort or another. My mother would pick some colourful violets or pansies

from her garden and makes us all little posies to wear in church on Mother's Day. I remember feeling sad when I saw most of the choir were wearing white carnations, as I knew their mothers were gone. Even though my little corsage wasn't a pink or red carnation, I was very happy my mother was sitting beside me. It's strange how a simple flower can impact a memory that has lasted all these years.

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- Who is bigger? Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger, or their baby?
The baby, because he is a little bigger.
- Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because the baby had to play inside
- Why did the monster's mother knit him three socks?
She heard he grew another foot.
- Why did mommy's gift arrive the day after Mother's Day?
It was choco-LATE
- What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?
It's time to go to sweep
- Why did the kids give their mom a blanket for Mother's Day?
Because they thought she was the coolest mom
- What did the mommy cat say when her kittens brought her warm milk on Mother's Day?
This is purrrrrfect
- What did the mama tomato say to the baby tomato?
Please catch up
- What kind of flowers are best for Mother's Day?
Mums

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Word List

- Appreciation
- Comfort
- Devoted
- Forgiving
- Gifts
- Guidance
- Kisses
- Laughter
- Love
- Nurturing
- Protective
- The Best
- Flowers
- Jewellery
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Lincoln Jones (8)

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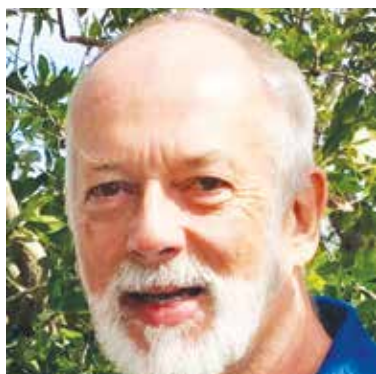
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COLUMN —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: When alligator bites are a good thing



By Paul Knowles

The plan was to spend one night and one day in the Orlando area en route to destinations further south. So is there anything for visitors to do in Orlando?

Okay, I am well aware of the obvious answers. The world's greatest collection of theme parks for starters. And yes, I plan to return some day to take in some or all of them.

But we opted for something different. We chose alligators, to be precise. We saw alligators in captivity, alligators in the wild and alligators nicely prepared, in small bites, on our plates.

We were at Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures, a destination a few kilometers south of Kissimmee/Orlando, located on Lake Toho. And if you happen to be planning a visit to Disney or its theme park neighbours, I suggest you set aside half a day to visit Boggy Creek.

The airboat ride is the highlight of the visit but there is plenty more to do here as

well. There is a small exhibition of animals, including a congregation (yes, that is the proper collective noun) of alligators.

Newly constructed is a small but charming butterfly enclosure which also has turtles, ducks and lizards in house.

There is an eatery called the Boggy Bottom BBQ where the menu includes, of course, "alligator bites". In this case, it is human biting alligator – my preferred option. And they are tasty.

The airboat ride through the shallows of the lake, part of the "Central Florida Everglades", gets you up close and personal with dozens of species of birds as well as unexpected beasts, the most unlikely of which were beef cattle, standing in fairly deep water, munching on water plants. Apparently, the cattle spend a significant amount of their browsing time in the lake. And it would seem that the alligators and the cattle have negotiated some kind of truce.

Because there are alligators. The pilot of our airboat suggested the lake is home to some 8,000 of them although it isn't clear who does the census. We saw baby gators and some adults. The males can reach up to 14 feet long; females, closer to nine feet. Either is entirely big enough to be avoided.

I'm a bird lover. Although not an official "birder", I

was delighted to spot over two dozen species of birds during our trip – green herons, great blue herons, egrets of various types, limpkins, moor hens, coots, bald eagles, ibises, kingfishers, anhingas and more. I mentioned to our driver that I had noticed all these birds and he said with a grin, "Good for you. You spotted about a quarter of the 85 or so species that live here."

Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures was launched almost 30 years ago with one airboat. Today there are 12 boats and the site's executive director, Nick Romeo, told me there are more on order.

He says that the attraction is constantly seeking to improve and expand. The place now includes a native Indian Village where resident Native Americans offer demonstrations and educational events. Boggy Creek is focused on developing more programs that focus on environmental activities. One example – the inhabitants of the butterfly enclosure include a small flock of bobwhite quail which are endangered in Florida.

The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day; there are a variety of ride packages, the least expensive a half-hour tour for \$35. I suggest trading up at least to the one-hour adventure.

There are also after-hours tours – sunset and night-time options. Nick says the



The least likely inhabitant of Lake Toho! (All photos by Paul Knowles)

night-time tours are the most dramatic as the pilots shine lights on the wetlands and the light is reflected in hundreds of eyes!

I admit that I became a fan of Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures and would strongly recommend a visit. Even if, like us, you only had one day or just a few hours to spend in the area.

And I would also happily recommend the hotel we stayed at – the Drury Plaza Hotel in the Disney Springs Area of Orlando.

Being in the midst of a road trip, we were really only looking for a bed for the night. We did have a very comfortable bed in a lovely suite but we also got much more. A view of the Disney fireworks, for example. And the generous on-site dining. Your room includes a more-than-ample

breakfast buffet and, more surprisingly, a complementary "light supper" that may not be gourmet food, but is certainly good stuff – pulled pork sliders, baked potatoes, veggies, salad, hot dogs and more. Fast food, but done right. Plus, a drinks ticket. When I went to collect some wine from an admittedly limited selection, I discovered the ticket actually covered three drinks per person. Adequate wine and free!

All in all, our stop-over in the Orlando area which lasted only about 19 hours turned out to be a road trip highlight.

Go see the alligators. Bite one for me.

Paul Knowles is an author and travel writer. To contact Paul about travel, his books, or speaking engagements, email pknowles@golden.net.



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COLUMN —

Straight from the Shelves

By Laura McAsh, St. Marys Public Library

Our Writing Club is undergoing a transformation! The club has morphed into three clubs: The Write Stuff (all ages), Write On (ages 10-17), and Write of Way (ages 18+). The Write Stuff meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Write On is held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm with Write of Way directly following at 7:00pm. These clubs remain a safe and productive space for skill building, idea sharing, and resource collaboration. Writers of all levels are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring works-in-progress to the workshop. To join any of these clubs, email lmcash@town.stmarys.on.ca for the Zoom link.

This Week's Recommendation

Most people associate essays with school. Classroom setting or no, essays are a great way to convey information and even a story. A great example of this is Samantha Irby's collection of essays in her book "Wow, No Thank You". Samantha's dry and

dark humour is on full display as she writes about aging, maintaining a home, marriage, and more. Find "Wow, No Thank You" on Libby (as an eBook and an eAudiobook) as well as in print form from Stratford.

Up This Week

Friday, May 12th: Crafty Tales (9:30am), Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale (10:00am-5:00pm)

Saturday, May 13th: Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale (10:00am-4:00pm)

Monday, May 15th: Mahjong Intro Sessions (6:00pm), Mahjong! (6:30pm)

Tuesday, May 16th: Makerspace Demo Days (2:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm), Crafternoon (2:00pm-4:00pm), Crafterdark (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Wednesday, May 17th: EarlyON Play and Read (9:30am), Mahjong Intro Sessions (1:00pm), Mahjong! (2:00pm), Write On (6:00pm-7:00pm), Write of Way (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Thursday, May 18th: Open 10:30am-8:00pm

LOOKING BACK



By Amy Cubberley

Mistaken identity

25 years ago (1998)

For the second consecutive year, the Westover Inn received two stars in the new 1998 edition of the national restaurant guide, "Where to Eat in Canada". The Westover is one of 64 restaurants to have been awarded two stars.

All eight hospitals in Huron and Perth Counties have unanimously endorsed an innovative partnership agreement. The partnership board will continue to be called the Joint Executive Committee and will have three members from each hospital board. The Joint Executive Committee has agreed that there should be one CEO for all eight hospitals.

A work crew from McLean-Taylor Construction was busy the past week installing railings along either edge of the Sarnia Bridge, just north of downtown St. Marys. The former railway bridge is being made into a pedestrian walkway, high above the Thames River.

50 years ago (1973)

According to the office of the Ontario Fire Marshall, St. Marys had 23 fires for a total loss of \$22,042 during 1972. The five-year average for St. Marys is 25 fires and loses of \$25,811.

We can't help but wonder how the sidewalk snow-plow operator is going to blow the walk along the east side of the Peel Street South hill next winter. Utility poles are embedded in the new sidewalk, one at almost dead centre.

Eleven members of the St. Marys Kinsmen Club were hard at work on sunny Saturday with their fencing project along the roadway of the swim quarry.

Several local youngsters took part in the 25-mile Band Walkathon to Sebringville and back last Saturday. Nelson Graham, aged 12, completed at least part of the walk barefoot.

75 years ago (1948)

A light aeroplane which approached the town from the north-east just before dusk on Saturday evening made two attempts at landing on the Hooper farm, north of town. The pilot apparently came down to the fence-top height the last time over the farm but decided against landing at the last minute.

A painful case of mistaken identity is reported to have occurred at the entrance to a building where a dance was in progress on Saturday night. A local man had his nose broken by another man who mistook the unfortunate one for an entirely different person with whom the attacker had an argument earlier in the day.

Public and separate school students in our town will come home from classes wearing a small white patch on their shoulders next week. These patches, which look much like a first-aid band, will be the result of the Tuberculin Patch Test Clinic to be carried out by the Public Health Nurse. The patch is to be left in position for 48 hours when it will be removed by the Public Health Nurse, who is hoping for the cooperation of all mothers and fathers so that none of the children remove the patch or get it wet.

100 years ago (1923)

Yesterday was one of the worst May days in the memory of most St. Marys people. It rained and snowed throughout most of the day, the entire precipitation as measured by Mr. Cameron amounting to four inches.

Unknown persons broke into Jacob Butman's Shoe Store on Water Street during Friday night or early Saturday morning and carried off a large amount of merchandise valued at six hundred dollars. Entrance was made by a cellar window at the rear of the building, after which the side entrance opening on to the post office alleyway was unlocked and the goods loaded into a waiting auto. Several suits, a case of ladies' fine shoes, several parcels of work shirts, and fine shirts, socks and boots were taken.

As will be seen by advertisement of the local Board of Health in another column, legal proceeds will be taken against persons maintaining a nuisance on their premises after the 15th day of this month.

Citizens who were unable to attend the Verdun Minstrel Show in St. James Church recently, will have that opportunity on Wednesday evening next at the Woodham Orange Hall.

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Lost for a moment in that day
Memories, sweet gifts from you
To allow my heart a breath
To let me be lost for a moment
To remember life not just death.*

Love Bonnie

IN MEMORIAM

Betteridge



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*Don't think of her as gone away,
her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one,
Just think of her as resting,
from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
where there are no days or years,
Think how she must be wishing,
that we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away,
And think of her as living,
in the hearts of those she touched,
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OBITUARY

Himburg

Phares Himburg, age 93, formerly of Milverton and Lucknow passed away peacefully at West Perth Village, Mitchell with family at his side on May 2, 2023. Born in Waterloo, September 1, 1929, son of the late Clarence and Gladys (Ashcroft) Himburg.

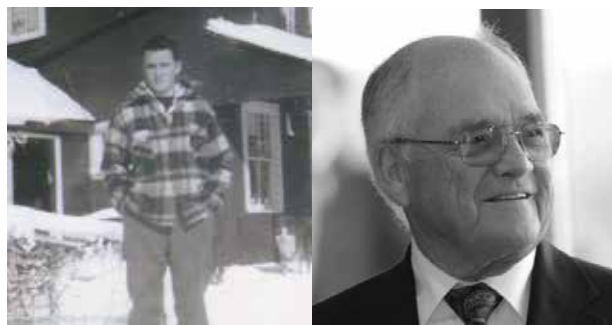
Beloved husband of the late Anna (Noble) who predeceased him in 1986. Loving father of Patricia Yost (Robert) and Glenn Himburg (Chris). Grandfather of Victoria Eckhardt (Steve), Valerie Yost (Travis), Casey Himburg, Aaron Himburg (Jennifer), Steve Himburg (Jennifer), Shanna Himburg (Shawn), Angela McNulty (Russ), Jessica Kaufman (Marcel), Carol Anne Brenner, Jared Brenner (Carly), Anna Beattie, Kevin Beattie and many great grandchildren.

Predeceased by son Phares John Himburg, daughters Margaret Brenner, Nancy Gail Beattie, dear friend Gladys Moon and siblings Gladys, Fred, Clare, Harry and Margaret.

A family graveside service took place at St. Marys Cemetery. A celebration of Phares's life was held in the Reception Centre of the W.G. Young Funeral Home, 430 Huron Street, Stratford on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to West Perth Village, Mitchell through the funeral home. 519.271.7411 www.wgyoungfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Robinson



With sadness we announce the passing of Gordon Robinson of St. Joseph Island on Sunday April 23 in his 70th year.

Husband of Sigrid (Cording) for 37 years. Father of Sarah Robinson of Alberta and Lois (Rayed) Aziz of England and 2 grandsons Aiden and Brandon

Aziz. Dear son of June Hodgson of Exeter. Brother and brother-in-law of Michele (Steve) Haberer, Paul (Heather) Robinson and Dean (Wendy) Robinson. Predeceased by brother Graham (1995) and his father Bob (2011).

Gordon was a well respected cabinet maker and trim carpenter. He was involved in many community organizations including the Jocelyn Fire Department, St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 in Richards Landing. Cremation has taken place. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

OBITUARY

Matthison



Gwendolynn "Lynn" Jane Odbert Matthison, age 74, of Stratford, passed away peacefully at Spruce Lodge (Stratford) surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Born in St. Marys, daughter of the late Clarence and Gwen (Cookson) Odbert. Lynn is survived by her husband of 52 years Reg Matthison. Proud and loving

mother of Erin (Jason) Richardson, Greg Matthison, Ashley Matthison and special family friends Jon Anderson and Samantha Ruddy. Loving grandmother of Kyle, Avery, Jake, Jack, Kate, Claire, and Grace. Lynn will be remembered by her brother Garry and his wife Linda and niece Tara (John) Boudreau and their son Emmett. Also survived by her mother-in-law Evelyn Matthison, brother-in-law Murray Matthison (Dolly), sister-in-law Louise Monteith (Brian), and brother in law Ross Matthison and along with her many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Lynn was predeceased by her father-in-law Jack Matthison.

In Lynns earlier years, she was heavily involved in the St. Marys Marching Belles, Majorette & Drum Corp. and the St. Marys Marching Band. She worked 30+ years for the Royal Bank and upon retirement she became involved with the Perth County Archives and her own family history. She loved clogging, line dancing, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Reg and his family would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at Ritz Lutheran Villa and Spruce Lodge for all the outstanding care and compassion given to Lynn. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Family and friends are invited to Lynn's visitation on Monday, May 15, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the W. G. Young Funeral Home, 430 Huron St, Stratford. Lynn's funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m... In lieu of flowers and as expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made directly to Spruce Lodge Foundation, Ritz Lutheran Villa or to a charity of your choice through the funeral home website. www.wgyoungfuneralhome.com

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