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St. Marys welcomes new Ice Cream Cart



By Jake Grant

Residents of St. Marys are in for a delectable treat this summer as Giselle Duval unveils her 'Ice Cream Cart' to the community. Since moving to town from British Columbia five years ago, Giselle has always been passionate about selling ice cream and cold sweets as she did in B.C.

"Ice cream makes people happy and I wanted to bring something fun for families and kids to enjoy," Giselle exclaimed. Her Ice Cream Cart has been open since July 7th and she has already been overwhelmed with positive responses from the community.

Giselle's boyfriend, Tim Andrew, who moved to St. Marys with her claims he had a permanent smile when reading comments on social media.

Usually located at the Milt Dunnell Field (The Flats) Giselle offers a variety of treats such as: multiple Chapman's milk chocolate ice cream, healthy WholeFruit fruit bars, frozen Oreo bars and popsicles. In the future, Giselle hopes to acquire a van for her ice cream to navigate St. Marys' challenging terrain and continue serving local residents.

Traffic and parking stall closures for Stonetown Heritage Festival

Please note that the following roads and parking stalls will be closed on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. due to the Stonetown Heritage Festival:

- Queen St. from Church St. to Thomas St.
- Water St. from Jones St. E to the Water St. N Municipal Parking lot

Vehicular traffic will be limited on the section of Wellington St. between Jones St. to Station St.

A detour route will be marked out with signage for those needing an alternate route.

Milt Dunnell Field will be closed to vehicular traffic from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. and the trestle (Sarnia Bridge) will be closed to pedestrian traffic from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. so that live music and fireworks can be safely enjoyed.

No public parking available at the Opera House lot during the festival.

Alternative downtown parking lots:

- Jones St. E (behind the Adult Learning Centre)
- Elgin St. (Canadian Tire Parking lot)

Free Shuttle Service

Park at or walk to the Pyramid Recreation Centre (317 James St S) for a ride to the festivities downtown. The shuttle will run on a continual loop from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The shuttle pick-up/drop-off locations will be at the St. Marys Friendship Centre (Entrance C), Town Hall and Milt Dunnell Field.

Event details

For more details about the event, please visit www.discoverstmarys.ca/festival.

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Town hosting Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Event on July 22

The Town of St. Marys is hosting its next Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Disposal Day on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Operations Centre (MOC) located at 408 James Street South (enter off South Service Road). It is open to residents of St. Marys and Perth South.

Items that will be accepted at the

disposal event include:

- Acids, aerosol cans (full), antifreeze
- Bases, batteries, bleach
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs), fluorescent tubes
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asked to remain in their vehicles at all times as materials will be unloaded by trained staff.

Please note that the MHSW depot that was located at the St. Marys Landfill has now been closed, and MHSW material will no longer be received at the landfill.

For more information about waste disposal services in St. Marys, visit townofstmarys.com/MHSW.

Gastrointestinal Outbreak Declared Over at St. Marys Memorial Hospital

An outbreak of gastrointestinal illness at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) – St. Marys Memorial Hospital has been declared over.

The outbreak had been confirmed on the Inpatient Unit on June 29, 2023.

“The impact on our patients, their families and on our entire health care team during an outbreak is significant,” says Erica Jensen, Manager

Quality, Patient Safety and Infection Control.

“Being able to declare the outbreak over is a testament to our team’s dedication and commitment to ensuring a safe environment and I thank all for their efforts.”

The virus responsible for the outbreak was identified as Norovirus. Norovirus is commonly referred to

as the stomach flu and causes an infection in the stomach and intestines.

This infection is not caused by the influenza virus. Norovirus is very contagious and has been linked to outbreaks of vomiting and/or diarrhea in daycares, schools, long-term care homes, cruise ships, camps, dormitories, restaurants, households and other places where people gath-

er in groups.

Visitors are reminded about the importance of handwashing when spending time with their loved ones in a hospital environment and that they should not visit if feeling unwell. “Handwashing really is key in helping to prevent the spread of illnesses,” adds Jensen.

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COMMUNITY —

A new way to share the bounty of the St. Marys Farmers' Market

Market now accepting donations to Library's pantry program

The bounty at the St. Marys Farmers' Market can now reach more homes, thanks to a new initiative between the market and the St. Marys Public Library.

Market customers and vendors alike now have the ability to donate food items purchased at the weekly market directly to the St. Marys Public Library's "Friends of the Library Fridge" and Library Pantry.

Both the Fridge and the Pantry started in September 2022 as a means to offer members of the St. Marys Community, who live with food insecurity, an opportunity to access free food without judgement or a screening process. Both can be accessed during the Library's operating hours.

Donating via the Farmers' Market is simple: simply purchase your items of choice and place them in the donation box under the red welcome

tent at the Market entrance. Donations will be delivered to the Library once the market is over. The Friends Fridge has a freezer, so frozen items are welcome in addition to fresh.

The St. Marys Farmers' Market is located at the North end of Milt Dunnell Field ("The Flats") in St. Marys. It operates Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon until the end of October.

The Market has plenty of selection now that the growing season is in full swing but there are still spaces available for local farmers and growers interested in selling produce or frozen meats. The Market is also looking for a vendor interested in selling breakfast items for customers to enjoy on site. Potential vendors can contact the Market manager at stmarysfarmersmarket92@gmail.com.



St. Marys Farmers Market board chair and vendor Ann Slater, left, and market manager Dee Skeith show the market's new donation box for the St. Marys Public Library's fridge and pantry, which allow for nonjudgmental access to food for those who may need it.

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Revitalization of Water Street continues



By Stewart Grant

As I enjoyed a patio lunch at Gilly's Pubhouse on Saturday, the continued revitalization of Water Street was apparent all around.

Across the road, Braden Furtney of Libra Interiors could be seen applying sharp black paint to the commercial space exterior of the Opera House. Towards Queen Street, a crew worked on the new patio for Gilly's "Eats & Treats" while further down at the corner, Green Haven will be moving into the former Stonetown Coffee location. Towards Jones, Square One Skate Shop was receiving good reviews in their new interior at the former Pass It On.

Lisa Fewster, proprietor of The Wine

Lab and member of the St. Marys BIA, commented to the Independent about the continued progression of Water Street.

"The street's got a very old world sort of feel to it," she said. "Everybody's got the flowers out and everything's colourful and most of the buildings are looking good. Tracy [at The Flour Mill] started it, and it's spread."

Furtney said that, beyond the exterior painting, the new Toronto-based owners of the Opera House have been doing a great job making improvements to the building. Recently, new granite countertops were installed in one of the apartment units and it was freshly painted from top to bottom. This type of work will continue on other units in the future.

Bravo

1) The first Bravo goes to Braden from Libra Interiors, for a magnificent paint job at the Opera House block. The whole block is transformed to make it highlight what a beautiful building it is.

2) A big bravo to the three wonderful young boys that were out riding their bikes on July 4 and stumbled across a debit card on the sidewalk. They were extremely quick to match the logo to Meridian and bring the card right in and ensure that the card got back to its rightful owner. The Member had just left and came right back in a panic and was so relieved that someone had turned it in. Thank you for being so honest and kind and doing the right thing! The staff at Meridian and the Member thank you and are very grateful!

Boo

We have two Boos this week.

1) My Boo goes to the condition of Trout Creek across from the LCBO. Is there nothing the Town (or Upper Thames) can do to clean up some of the mess?

2) The second Boo goes to those who do not sign Boos when submitted to the Independent. We like to check some of these so a name would be helpful for verification, because sometimes we do not understand what is being written.

*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

"We worked really hard, and there was good will and good intent from both groups, but it is just too challenging and too uncertain an environment right now"

Postmedia and owners of Toronto Star end merger talks with no deal

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THOUGHTS
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I've never had so much trouble finding parking on Water Street.

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COMMUNITY —

AllWheelsPark donation of the week



The steering committee for the Rotary All Wheels Park wishes to make honourable mention of our friends at the St Marys Independent Newspaper for their weekly donation of space to accommodate our "Donors of the Week". These profiles help to keep the repair and expansion of the Town's skatepark in front of the community, highlighting our grassroots effort to raise the necessary funds. We are most grateful! Pictured back row from left, Wendy Lamond, Tyler Carruthers, Stewart Grant, and Spencer Seymour. Front row, Cindy Boakes, and June Grant. Visit www.townofstmarys.com/allwheelspark for more info.

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STONETOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL



This year's Stonetown Heritage Festival takes place on July 14 to 16 and features family-friendly activities, diverse food options, vendor's market, live music and dance and a fireworks show.

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Senior of the Week



Our Senior of the Week is Al Callender who will be celebrating his 84th birthday on July 31. Al spent most of his working years at a manufacturing company in downtown Toronto. In 2017, he and his wife Jackie moved to St. Marys to be closer to family. You can find Al at Tim Hortons every day enjoying his double chocolate donut.

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) How many triangles are on a backgammon board?
- 2) What geographic term for a bay derives originally from the Greek word kolpos meaning bosom?
- 3) What condiment brand features the Palace of Westminster on its label?
- 4) The Hundred Years War, during the 13th and 14th centuries, was fought between which two countries?
- 5) In 1834 who invented raised point writing using a six dot system enabling the blind to read?
- 6) The archaeological site of the ancient city of Troy is in which country?
- 7) What country's name derives from an Iroquois word for village?
- 8) Which Shakespeare character is known as The Moor of Venice?
- 9) What is the previous and common alternative name of the Indian city Mumbai?
- 10) Which city, home to Coca-Cola HQ, hosted the 1996 Summer Olympic games?

This week's answers are found on pg. 27

COMMUNITY —

Kenyan farmer participating in Foodgrains Bank project wins conservation agriculture farmer of the year

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is proud to be supporting the efforts of a Kenyan farmer who has been named the 2023 Conservation Agriculture Model Farmer in Eastern Africa.

The prestigious award was given to Margaret Kageni from Tharaka Nithi County for her expertise and the biodiversity on her farm, which boasts at least 27 different types of crops on three acres.

These include arrow root, maize, green gram, cowpeas, bananas, lablab, cassava, sweet potatoes, brachiaria grass, yams, pumpkin, pawpaw, mangoes, beans, lemon, passion fruit, kale, tomatoes, pepper, khat, Napier grass, pearl millet, and custard apple.

Before starting conservation agriculture, Margaret and her husband were receiving very low yields from their farm, even after high investments in inputs and energy.

In 2017, Margaret started to participate in a conservation agriculture program, including trainings, extension services and accompaniment by community-based lead farmers, implemented by Kenyan partner, National Council of Churches Kenya.

The training, funded by Foodgrains Bank through its Canadian member agency United Church of Canada, encouraged Margaret to try conservation agriculture on a quarter acre of her farm – taking her harvest from 270 kg per acre under conventional farming to 1,080 kg per acre with conservation agriculture.

Despite living in an area prone to drought, which causes hunger, Foodgrains Bank technical advisor John Mbae says Margaret has never lacked good harvests since she implemented conservation agri-



culture techniques on her farm.

"Even during low rainfall, her crop has always looked good compared to her neighbours.

"Due to the biodiversity at her farm, she has been able to maintain a food-secure family and have production throughout the year... she is proud and happy that three of her children have successfully completed post-secondary education while two are still in school."

Not only does Margaret produce crops using conservation agriculture, she also engages in livestock production, agroforestry and kitchen gardening – "a clear example of the power of diversification," Mbae says.

Now, Margaret gives back by supporting other farmers in Kenya to start conservation agriculture on their farms, by providing training to visitors from both within and outside her county. Mbae, who nominated Margaret for the award and has worked closely with NCKK, will be visiting Ontario this week to meet with Canadian farmers.



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St. Marys Kinsmen and Kinettes have an award-winning year



Pictured, from left, outgoing President Chris Swarhout, active member Ken Hutton, new member Ron Cummings, incoming vice president David Bage, Kinette of the Year Julie Shackelton, active member, and District one bulletin award winner Sandie Vanderschot. (Photo by Wendy Lamond)

By Wendy Lamond

The St. Marys Kinsmen and Kinettes wrapped up their 2022/2023 Kin year at June meetings after another very productive year. Serving the Community's Greatest Needs is the club's motto and certainly fits the bill when it comes to these dedicated community members.

You will see the names of the clubs associated with events like Kin Summerfest, Kinsmen fruit sale, Kinette Easter Egg Hunt among so many other endeavors. What many don't see is the time that these volunteers commit to projects that help make our community better for everyone.

A sure sign of promising things to come for both clubs are the installment of new members this year.

The Kinsmen installed ten new members: Austin Connolly, Lorne Culbert, Trevor Schram, Daniel McCallum, Ron Cummings, Jay MacPherson, Thomas Redman, Sam Triemstra, Ken Andren and Scott Jackson. This brings their total number to 22 members with two more to join in the new Kin year.

The Kinettes also installed two new members, Leslie Monroe and Brandy Sudyk which will give them 17 members to start in September.

On June 3rd the District One convention was held in Woodstock. President Chris Swarhout, on behalf of the club received the Phil & Vicki Scalas Vibe District Council award for gaining at

least 4 new members.

District 1 showed 4% growth in new members which is a huge feat in service clubs in these busy times.

Sandie Vanderschot for the 2nd year in a row, took home the District One John Brooker Bulletin Vibe District Council award. The award is for the most outstanding bulletin that promotes effective communication with the club and recognizes the effort put in by the editor.

At the last meeting of the Kin year in June, a hard-working Kinette is awarded the Phyllis Spearin Kinette of the Year award. This award is picked by the Kinette Club and goes to a deserving candidate that has shown dedication and willingness to help wherever needed. This year's winner was Julie Shackelton. Julie was co-chair on the tribute Garth Brooks concert at the United Church, participated in all the projects and brought in a new member.

The Kinsmen of the year award is presented after Kin Summerfest later in July.

Outgoing president for Kinsmen is Chris Swarhout and incoming is Cliff Sterritt. Outgoing president for Kinettes is Wanda Mossey and incoming is Terri Iredale.

If you are interested in learning more about the Kinsmen and Kinettes, they can be reached at stmaryskinsmen-club@gmail.com or stmaryskinette-club@gmail.com

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Changing the stereotype of the scary dentist visit

St. Marys Dentistry innovations improve patient experience

By Stewart Grant

Historically, one of my least favourite experiences is to go to the dentist, even though I know that it's good for me.

Recently, however, I sat down with Dr. Michael Nixon - not for one of my regular dental appointments - but to learn about all the innovative changes they've been implementing at St. Marys Dentistry to make patient experiences more positive.

It's been 12 years now since Dr. Nixon took over the dental practice which formerly resided at the Knox building on Church Street. In 2014, the current facility was built at 520 Water Street South and Dr. Karl Weselan joined the practice that same year, working together under the St. Marys Dentistry banner. The staff would also like to welcome new dental associate Dr. Reem Amayem to the team, as she joined in June.

Dr. Nixon has continued to invest in education in the years that have followed his 2009 graduation from Western University's dental school. One of the products of this education is that the practice now offers orthodontics, traditional braces and Invisalign.

"In the interest of trying to stay current, keep my skillset up, and learn new things to keep my mind occupied, I started getting into something called Clear Aligner therapy, which is what many people know as Invisalign," said Nixon.

Clear Aligner therapy is a treatment that involves moving teeth orthodontically, but without braces. Instead, a see-through plastic shell fits over the teeth to gradually align them into a better position. The most popular demographic for this type of treatment is adults, mostly women, from ages 18 to 50.

Nixon took a mini-residency last year to broaden his skillset in this area. He also clarified that it was not a full university residency, thus he is not classified as an orthodontist. "There are definitely cases that I don't take on for that reason, because you've got to work within your own comfort zone, where you feel that you can help somebody," Nixon said. He has a strong relationship with Dr. Lui Redigonda at Stratford Orthodontics and often refers more complex cases there, or to dental offices in London if that's more convenient for patients.

The extra training that Nixon gained through the mini residency has allowed him to take on traditional braces (brackets and wires) as an ad-

junction to his standard dental services. Dr. Nixon says that costs involved with braces at St. Marys Dentistry are about 20% less than an orthodontist office. Initial consultations are provided at no charge and with no obligation, and this applies not just to current patients but also first-time patients.

3-D scanning a game changer

Throughout the various elements of the dental practice, use of a state-of-the-art 3-D scanner has provided benefits of improving the accuracy of measurements and also the comfort level of patients.

Dr. Nixon explained, "Instead of taking a goopy impression, this 3-D scanner wand takes about 20,000 photos per second and then it stitches them all together to make a 3-D rendering of the teeth and the arches. It's extremely accurate. This is what I use to make crowns, which is a porcelain shell which goes over your tooth. With this technology, it keeps it to one appointment (instead of two), with just one freezing, no goopy impression, and precision-milled; it fits like a glove."

"With this unit, I can not only make crowns, but I can do full arch scans of people's teeth so for my mouthguard clinic, which is coming up in August, the goopy impressions are gone. In the past, kids would be gagging - it's hard on the kids. This is way easier. I just take a scan of the arch on the top, send the model to the 3-D printer, print the models, and then vacuum-form the plastic to the model. Then the kids can get their mouthguards done without having to take a goopy impression."

3-D technology also assists in producing nightguards that help preserve people's teeth.

"A lot of people have teeth-grinding habits and it ruins people's teeth," says Dr. Nixon, referring to fallout which includes split teeth, root canals, broken teeth, and general pain. "What a nightguard does is when you wear it at night, instead of grinding on your teeth, you grind on the nightguard."

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Dr. Michael Nixon poses with some of the 3-D scanning and printer technology utilized by St. Marys Dentistry to improve the overall patient experience. (Stewart Grant photo)

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COMMUNITY —

Lionel Venne's "Northern Journey"

An exhibition at the St. Marys Station Gallery



Born in 1936, Lionel has created art since he was a young child. He has lived since 1983 in Elk Lake, Ontario (population 420). His art reflects his love for the Northern landscape which he interprets in varied ways. Venne uses a range of materials that create texture in his paintings, collages, tapestries and sculptures. In viewing his unique work, one is drawn to the tactile nature of the artwork.

The Art Intelligence of Lionel Venne

"Artificial Intelligence" (A.I.) is much in the news of late—its potential to affect, for good or ill, every aspect of our lives. To ensure that this technology is aligned with humane values, we also need the voice and vision of Venne—his Art Intelligence.

Venne has said that making his home in Northern Ontario has freed him of distraction, the bane of modern life. Living simply among lakes and trees and big sky has allowed Venne the capacity to experience and connect

with an elemental intelligence so as to access his own inner landscapes. Much of Venne's art partakes of Expressionist principles, in which the goal of the artist is not to represent the natural world in "realistic" ways, but to render it as an experience and as a means to express the artist's own subjective reality.

Lionel Venne's reputation as an educator and artist (watercolours, acrylics, collage, sculpture, printmaking and textile arts) is recognized across

Canada and around the world.

Northern Journey, an exhibition by Lionel Venne opens at The St Marys Station Gallery on Heritage weekend, Friday July 14. A reception follows on Saturday July 15, 1pm to 4pm.

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COMMUNITY —

Stonetown Smokers attend Border City BBQ Masters Competition

By Lauren Eedy

Over the Canada Day weekend on Sunday July 2nd, four St. Marys culinary enthusiasts entered the Border City BBQ Masters Rib & Chicken Smoking Hoedown Cook-Off at the Ciociaro Club in Windsor. Proceeds from this event went to Feed the Need Windsor and the Kids First Foodbank.

Dubbed the 'Stonetown Smokers', the St. Marys team consisted of Dan Troyer of Troyer's Spices, Chef Nathan Brown, grill/smoking expert Daryl Leslie and Luc Leslie.

Using Troyer's Spices, the gentlemen practiced diligently weeks ahead of the competition, meeting three times to get their cook times down to a science. As Chef Brown says, "Everything was timed to the minute".

The competitors had to prepare three dishes, one as a mystery meat they were given upon entry at the event. Six Judges were selected to rate the 21 teams who entered from both sides of the border with Stonetown Smokers finishing a promising 10th place.

Daryl Leslie says, "the goal is to attempt to present the judges with a 'clean bite' as when competing with food there is a very fine line as far as a competition goes. Most people find it over the top with lots of spice & sugars and each Judge only gets one



bite so you're trying to pack everything into that, which can be a lot for eating a rib.

There were lots of serious barbecuers and lots of comradery. It was a great day, lots of fun and we learned a lot. Would love to do it again." Each dish was rated out of 4 categories, each worth 25%: appearance, aroma, taste, and texture. All meats used were supplied from Windsor. Leslie later found out they placed 8th in ribs!

Chef Brown cooked chicken thighs in a 'Shichimi' rub created for him at Social 31 which consists of an array of Korean spices which can be

purchased at Troyer's Spices. He trimmed the thighs, removed the skin and used the rub on the chicken before reattaching the skin and cooking. He then added Troyer's Rotisserie 8 Spice seasoning on top and finished with a strawberry reduction prepared by Dan at the event. He says, "Dan can do 16-32 mesh pepper mixes/rubs. He will create your own custom mix in your desired quantity and make any BBQ rub you want." To illustrate the preparation required and put into this entry, he requested 18 chicken thighs to present the Judges with six uniform pieces.

Daryl Leslie chose ribs where he explained for this competition everything is packed into a one bite taste. "Most people want to taste the meat smoke at a competition versus eating." Taking into consideration that six Judges were tasting 63 BBQ dishes in total, this is understandable. He adds, "we placed where I hoped for a first time entering."

For the third entry, the mystery meat challenge, the team were given a rack of lamb. Using Troyer's Peppercorn Char Crust, he let the meat speak for itself. He also recommends their Garlic peppercorn Char Crust for lamb.

"It was a good experience overall, if you have the opportunity to attend a competition, do so. You get food shoved in your face all day!" said Daryl Leslie. And Chef Brown said it was a wonderful moment to hear them being called for 10th place, "All the way from St. Marys, Ontario, the Stonetown Smokers!"

If you would like to see more photos and videos of this event, check out Troyer's Spices Facebook page and be sure to check out the variety of herbs, spices and seasonings their store has to offer whether you go to their brick and mortar location on Queen Street West or their online store at troyersspices.ca .

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COMMUNITY —

Thanks from The Front Porch Show

By John Stevens

"Hello, hello! The Front Porch Show!" This familiar song will have to be tucked away in the memories of quite a few people. The show is officially announcing its cancellation.

Why? What started as a meager 30 people on the lawn of 96 Robinson Street watching a show performed on the porch grew to about 250 sitting in lawn chairs in 4 degree weather for its first Christmas show in 2017. These numbers prompted a move to Cadzow Park where it maintained a faithful following.

The online crowd was faithful too. People would tune in from all over Canada and the United States to watch this quirky show about St. Marys. We even had some from distant places like the U.K., Turkey and Sweden.

The best way to describe the show is something similar to a late-night talk show, but with a totally local flavour. Through it we became aware of a diversity of musical talent and interesting people that call this place home.

One of the running gags on the show was the very limited budget it operated with. Generous donations by the Town, Rotary, and people who slipped us money from time to time helped the purchase of some improvements. Some prompted us to put out a donation bucket at the shows. This idea was rejected. We wanted this show to be a gift from everyone involved to the people of St. Marys. If people wanted to give, they could find a way through other private means (and a few did).

When you added the numbers who watched the show at Cadzow with the online viewers, I think it's safe to say that our annual audience exceeded ten thousand annually, all with virtually no budget. The Santa Claus Parade got over four thousand views alone.



However, the contributions of the cast, crew, guests and musical guests were the reason the show worked. People participated unselfishly because of the love of the show and the love of the town. It showed and the live crowd responded accordingly. A huge thank you and shout-out is in order for all of these people.

Then Covid hit and The Front Porch Show struggled to find alternate ways to deliver its homespun brand of entertainment purely about St. Marys.

After Covid, crowds diminished. Regardless, the two-fold mission statement of promoting the town and sending one person home happy wasn't a huge issue in cancelling the show.

The effect of Covid probably was more felt with the cast and crew. After two years of inactivity, people had simply moved on to other interests. Life happens. The prospect of spending

of the necessary number to do the job properly. It seemed the right time to pull the plug – at least for now.

If there are people who would like to become the next generation of the show, you are welcome to discuss this with John Stevens. However, recent appeals for reinforcements on social media were met with silence. Regardless, there are still stories to tell.

The production gang still intends to stream the Santa Claus Parade live, and there just might be another Christmas show.

So thank you, cast. Thank you, crew. Thank you, guests. Thank you, musicians. And thank you to those who watched the show.

However, let's close off with the joyful magic that those associated with the show created for seven years. It was a great run. It was a lot of fun. It promoted the town, and at least one person – and perhaps a few more – went home happy as the show ended with these words.

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Sunday evenings putting on the show didn't have the same attraction. There was talk of doing the show bi-weekly or even one summer special. Still, you need a cast and crew, and there was no guarantee of having a full roster

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SPORTS —

U14 Rockies win four straight

By Spencer Seymour

The Red Rock Construction U14 St. Marys Rockies had a successful series of outings last week, finishing with four wins in as many games between last Monday and Saturday.

Last Monday, the Rockies defeated a strong U15 Exeter OBA squad 14-9. Rockies' pitchers Ben Ewing and Parker Levy combined for the win. Vaughn Barr was an offensive standout, reaching base on all four of his at-bats and scoring three runs.

The following night, the Rockies were back at it against Goderich at Rotary Field and came away with a 15-3 win. A solid offensive performance by the entire group helped the home side jump out to an 8-0 lead after just a single inning and they never looked back. On the mound, Peyton Wynands and Harper Murrell were steady as usual and combined for the win.

A few days of rest followed the back-to-back contests before the U14 Rockies travelled to Flesher-ton to play a doubleheader against the U15 Selects. In game one, the Rockies came away with what Head Coach Justin Ewing described as a "thrilling" 9-8 victory. Trailing 7-6 entering the seventh inning, the Rockies exploded for three runs to gain control of the game.

Hayden Wright and Harper Murrell got the big hits for the Rockies. Zach Larmer came in late and locked down the win, pitching the sixth and seventh very effectively. One of the highlights of the game was catcher Ben Ewing throwing out the potential game-tying runner who was attempting to steal third in the bottom of the seventh, one of four runners Ewing caught stealing during the day.

In the second half of the doubleheader, the Rockies continued their winning ways thanks in large part to a six-run offensive output in the first three innings en route to a 7-6 victory.

Coach Ewing told the Independent that the doubleheader was an opportunity to experiment with their rotation while also continuing to build on their high-octane offensive success.

"We used seven pitchers in the two games," Ewing explained. "We viewed the day as a good opportunity to get as many players on the mound as possible. By the second game, both teams had a pretty good idea of what the others were going to do."

"Our defence got better and better as the game went along. It helps when the pitchers are throwing strikes and there is a lot in play. Both Peyton and Parker did a great job pitching. Hitting is our bread and butter and we got a very balanced attack from the top of our lineup to the bottom."



Donovan McGregor leaps up to make a catch in the outfield during last Tuesday's Red Rock Construction U14 St. Marys Rockies' game. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

Developing skills on display in U11 HP Girls win

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys Cement U11 HP Girls came away victorious thanks to an excellent performance last Tuesday, defeating Lucknow One by a score of 15-12 at Teddy's Field.

Co-Head Coach Erin Holliday told the Independent that she along with the entire coaching staff were very impressed with the young squad's play and continued development.

"We have a great group of girls who have significantly improved their communication skills," said Holliday. "They are more often calling plays and working together to get the ball where it needs to be."

With six pitchers who are playing the game for the first time, including the three who stepped onto the mound on Tuesday, Holliday says that she and her fellow coaches Kelly Massellis and Kyle McCutcheon are thrilled with all six as they continue to grow in their positions.

"All of our pitchers are developing their skills well, especially because they are all first-time pitchers. Kenzie [Shackleton], Camille [Crummer], and Ellie [Carradine], who pitched for us on Tuesday, and our three other pitchers, are all new to baseball this year and have taken up the challenge with determination and a desire to improve."

"We also have two U15 girls assisting us, Gracy [Schlotzhauer] and Billie [Sedley], who have been particularly helpful in mentoring our girls in both pitching and catching."

On the offensive side of the plate, Holliday added that the young hitters have steadily improved at tracking incoming pitches and picking their moments to swing the bat.

"When the pitches are there, all of our girls have done very well hitting and bringing in runs. We have no doubt that they will all continue to improve their skills and baseball knowledge as the season progresses."



Pictured on the left is Clare Jacobs taking a swing at the plate during the U11 HP Girls' game last Tuesday. On the right, Kenzie Shackleton stares down a Lucknow batter as she lines up her next pitch. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)



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SPORTS —

Juggernauts back in win column with gritty effort

By Spencer Seymour

The fourth division St. Marys Juggernauts snapped a four-game losing streak last Friday night at the St. Marys DCVI field with a 3-1 victory over the Woodstock Stallions.

The four-game slide started on May 30th with the team then not playing again until June 18th. The rust hindered the squad who dropped four straight between the end of May and June 29th before finally breaking the streak last Friday. Player-Coach Braiden Weston told the Independent that the team has been working hard in practice and it finally paid off as they were able to shake off the rust.

"It feels really good to get our first win after going on a bit of a skid the last three games since having close to three weeks off, guys coming back from injuries, and a few of the guys being new dads. All of that made jumping back into things and getting the results we were looking for pretty tough."



Paolo Linares buries the fourth-division St. Marys Juggernauts' third goal of the game on a penalty kick last Friday against the Woodstock Stallions.

Paul Reymer put up the Juggernauts' lone goal of the first half before Jaden Shiell and Paolo Linares found the back of the net in the game's second half. Weston expressed high satisfaction with the team's willingness to flood the opposing keeper with shot

attempts.

"We played with a lot of confidence in our shooting, we had a ton of shots on net. In the past, I think we've tried to be a bit too fancy at times but we really did a good job of getting balls to the net. If we continue that, I think we're

going to keep having positive results."

On the opposite side of the ball, the Juggernauts were even more impressive, with countless blocked shots throughout the game and an insatiable tenacity when defending.

"We've always prided ourselves on our defensive ability. There are quite a few games where we may not be winning in the ball possession numbers but we feel totally comfortable because we stick to our assignments, we pick our men, and we play that man-to-man style really tight, especially in our third of the field. These guys aren't afraid to put their bodies in front of the ball to help the keeper out."

"Our teamwork from start to finish was excellent," Weston continued. "Guys were always picking each other up if something didn't go quite right. I loved how dominant we were in the middle of the field. We played a strong, structured game, and in the second half specifically, we were doing a great job of winning battles."

Wilding brings 'experience, maturity' to Lincs' forward group

By Spencer Seymour

Wesley Wilding, a native of London, Ontario who spent last year with the Richmond Generals of the United States Premier Hockey League, was announced as signing with the St. Marys Lincolns last Friday. In 33 games with the Generals, Wilding recorded 23 goals and 46 points.

General Manager of the St. Marys Lincolns Pat Powers told the Independent that the team's latest signing, who turns 19 years old later this Summer, brings a veteran presence that currently isn't overly abundant in the team's young-yet-skilled forward lineup.

"Wesley is a crafty forward that will add a play-making element to our

forward group," Powers said. "He will add a touch of maturity to our rookie core with his experience out west and down south. He is a heads up forward that will make others better around him."

Powers further explained the value of adding a player with more experience to the Lincolns' squad, which currently boasts just four forwards who will

be 19 or older by the end of this year.

"The depth of our forwards is our strength. We can roll four lines of skilled forwards out who can also outwork the other team. That said, adding some more experience to our forward group is a huge benefit for us because someone like Wesley is not going to be overwhelmed playing against other older players."



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On the left, Charlie McCutcheon dashes to first base during the Happy Valley Health Team U9 HP game last Tuesday. On the right, Emily Ewing takes a strong swing at a favourable pitch.



On the left, Jacob Hahn looks to put bat on ball during the Kinsmen Club U9 Blue game last Tuesday. On the right, Jack Becker splashes his way onto first base.



The St. Marys Firefighters U11 OBA boys sprint back to the dugout. This past weekend, the squad battled hard in the Mitchell Astros U11 Tournament. (Contributed photo)



Members of the U14 Boys Tier Three One St. Marys Storm celebrate a well-deserved goal by Dominic McGurkin during the team's game last Friday.



On the left, Mac Hern battles to get the ball out of the U14 Boys Tier Three Two St. Marys Storm game last Friday. On the right, Jaxon Brown makes one of his many good saves.



Nick Simon in mid-flight as he lines up a kick during the U10 Boys Tier Two St. Marys Storm game this past Sunday at Meadowridge Field.

SPORTS —

Full schedule of Pickleball action

A full lineup of pickleball matches took place last week at the St. Marys courts.

Some notable night matches had Tracy Aldis and Matt Payette face off against Tyler Grenda and Barry Stone. Aldis and Payette took an early lead but Grenda and Stone mounted a comeback late in the match. Payette went all out with a forehand winner to close the match 11-9.

In another close match, Barb Nicholson and Kevin September took on Jody Stone and Elizabeth Hill. This match went to the wire with Stone and Hill taking the victory 12-10.

In a battle of youth versus veterans,

Dan Ferguson and Cate Hishon took on Denis Dumont and Merlin Leis. Ferguson and Hishon leaped to an early lead but Dumont and Leis found their gold medal form and prevailed with a win of 11-9.

Tracy Marshment and Dwayne Henderson mixed it up with Ian Moore and Jody Henderson in a strategic match of soft play at the net and cross-court dinking. Jody Henderson confused the opposition with well-placed shots down the line followed by winning drives by her partner. The Hendersons will be playing mixed doubles at the Ontario Provincial Championships in Collingwood on September 21-24.



On the left, Matt Payette makes a forehand smash on way to winning a close match. In the middle, Chris and Lisa Evans close out a long rally with a backhand winner. Chris and Lisa are the owners of Brickhouse Paddles, a St. Marys-based business that makes quality pickleball paddles. On the right, Jody Henderson shows good form making a low volley during a gruelling match. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

Hot start lifts U10 girls to victory

By Spencer Seymour

Head Coach Corey Graham called the quick-strike beginning by the U10 Girls Tier Three St. Marys Storm "one of the best starts" to a game the team has had all season and cited it as a major reason the team defeated South Huron 7-1 this past Sunday.

"The girls held their formation, they defended to earn the ball early, and let their passing lead them to an early goal," Graham raved. "From there, the girls were focused and dialled in. They forced turnovers, attacked with speed and distributed the ball to each other. With that commitment, they were able to score four times in the first half."

Graham added that he was pleased with how that strong first half continued into the second half of the contest.

"Great defence led to great offence. The girls have really learned how to let the ball do the work. They have learnt their formation and how to utilize it in the game to lead to success. Overall, It was a fun game and the girls deserve a lot of credit."

The team's excellent performance was a testament to the group's ability to pick up the lessons of their practices, Graham said.

"The biggest improvement this year is the girls are buying what we're selling at practice, so to speak. We work on our structure and various situations in the game. We spent time on kick-ins and where to be positioned for success. In the game [on Sunday], the girls connected for a goal from a set play that was practiced three days earlier. That was a huge coaching moment to see that play out."



Evie McAllister hunts down a loose ball during the U10 Girls Tier Three St. Marys Storm game this past Sunday. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

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SPORTS —

U17 Storm continues early-season dominance

By Spencer Seymour

As has become routine so far this season, the U17 Boys Tier Two St. Marys Storm left the St. Marys DCVI pitch with a dominant victory this past Monday, cruising to an 8-0 win over St. Thomas.

According to Head Coach Sam Triemstra, the U17 squad has been showing an incredible amount of talent and skill so far this season.

“That was pretty typical for how we’ve started this year in our four-team division,” Triemstra remarked after Monday’s game. “When we have all our guys here, we’re usually pretty dominant. This is a really strong group of kids and it’s so much fun watching them play.”

Triemstra also noted that as potent as the team is offensively, evidenced by the final score, the team’s play off of the ball and the job they did protecting their end of the field was also impressive.

“We had some really good passing and did

a great job shutting them down. Our goalie made the saves he needed to but thankfully he didn’t have to stop too many. All the way around, we were doing an excellent job at winning all the battles and moving the ball.”

Carson Brock led the U17 Boys on the score-sheet, potting four of the team’s eight goals. Grayson Ropchan also connected for a pair of tallies, while Peyton Lobb and AJ Denomme each chipped in one goal. Fellow coach Alex Zulu praised the team for their “finish” on Monday night, with Triemstra adding that the team’s athletic prowess and speed are huge reasons for the group’s strong offensive abilities.

“We’ve got a lot of multi-sport athletes on this team so we’ve got guys who can run fast and run for the whole game,” said Triemstra. “Our offence mainly comes from the mid-field when we suck a defender in and get a through-ball. From there, we’re able to burn the other team with our speed.”



Carson Brock blows by a St. Thomas defender to get into the box and bury one of his four goals of the game this past Monday for the U17 Boys Tier Two St. Marys Storm. (Photo caption: Spencer Seymour)

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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Work and Industry in St. Marys in 1931

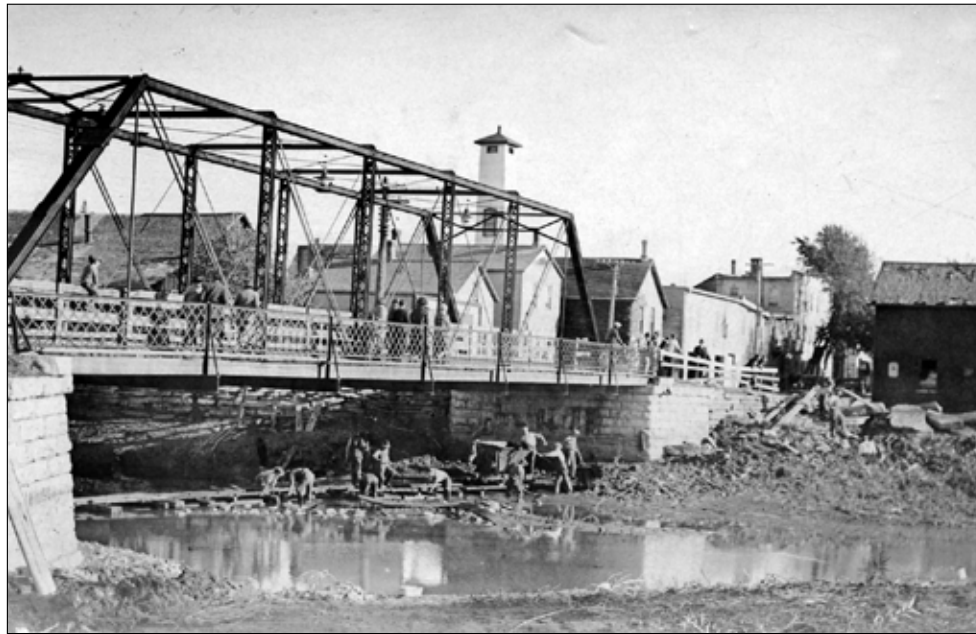
By Mary Smith

In 1931, the major industries in St. Marys were located in the east and south wards of the town. For purposes of both census enumeration and property assessment, Church Street South was the dividing line between the two wards. That is, all households south of Queen Street and between the west side of Church Street South and the Thames River were considered to be in the south ward. The properties south of Queen Street from the east side of Church Street South to the eastern boundaries of the town were in the east ward. The Wolverton Mill, C. Richardson Co. and the St. Marys Cement Company were in the south ward while Maxwell's Ltd., the J. D. Moore produce company, and some smaller industries, including St. Marys Wood Specialty, were in the east ward.

Through the 1920s, in the general optimism at the end of World War I, all these companies had looked to expand their operations. But then, as they were exploring new markets and developing new products, the depression hit. As the 1930s got underway, industries in St. Marys, as elsewhere, found it necessary to scale back to varying degrees. Similarly, in the downtown, new businesses opened following the war while others expanded and took on more staff. By 1931, some of these places were also cutting back. Data in the 1931 census give some indication of how economic conditions affected the work of St. Marys people.

The federal government had begun to collect information about unemployment in the 1921 census and, with additional stress on the economy in 1931, questions in this category were more specific. On the census form following the questions about occupation and industry was the column: UNEMPLOYMENT. Respondents were asked to provide – if applicable – the total number of weeks unemployed from any cause in the last 12 months. The follow up question was: “Of the total number of weeks reported out of work, how many were due to: No Job; Illness; Accident; Strike or Lockout; Temporary Layoff; Other Reasons.” The census returns for St. Marys indicate a number of people were out of work because they could not find jobs. These tended to be people with no particular skills or training who often gave their occupation as “Odd Jobs,” or young people seeking work for the first time. They were less likely to be hired by employers who needed to be cautious with money themselves.

A number of other local people had lost time at work through sickness or accident. Others, especially some who worked in smaller factories or



Municipal work projects during the depression of the 1930s, such as the dredging of Trout Creek, gave unemployed men the opportunity to earn money to support their families.

in retail, had experienced temporary layoff. Some had jobs that were clearly seasonal – farm labourers, for example – and had only worked part of the year. There were no unionized work places in St. Marys in 1931 and therefore no strikes or lockouts. Other causes for weeks away from work included a vacation and a death in the family. One man had not worked for a number of months because he had been in jail.

The value of this information depended on the skill and accuracy of the people employed to gather the data. In 1931, the four districts in St. Marys were fortunate to have enumerators who knew their neighbourhoods well and who completed the census forms accurately in clear, cursive script. (In previous censuses, this was not always the case. These early enumerators' errors – along with poor handwriting and careless spelling – mean confusion for researchers today.) In 1931, the enumerator in the east ward was Mrs. Findley Snoddy. Born Ethel Rae Hyde, she was the widow of Findley Hood Snoddy who died in 1929, age 36. Ethel was also born in 1893 and so would have been 38 at the time of the census. She lived on the north side of Queen Street, close to her assigned census sub-district. Her handwriting – neat and clearly-formed – is a delight to read on the digitized microfilm.

Nettie Fairbairn was the enumerator for the south ward. Born in 1874 on a farm just north of the St. Marys boundary, she moved into town after her father died in 1920 and lived on Water Street South. She knew St. Marys well, having attended the Presbyterian Church all her life. She was involved in the Women's Institute and, a direct descendent of early settler,

George Tracy, was very interested in local history. She enjoyed politics at all levels of government. Her father had been a Blanshard Township councillor; her nephew, David C. White, served on town council throughout the 1930s and was mayor during the years of World War II.

Miss Fairbairn's census sub-district contained some interesting groups of people. Many St. Marys Cement Company employees lived on Water and Wellington Streets, including a number of families from Italy. In the 1996 book, “Bravi, A History of the Italian Community in St. Marys,” Nettie Fairbairn was fondly remembered: “A Water Street neighbour, in the 1920s and 30s she taught many Italians how to read and write in English. Although she refused any payment, Miss Fairbairn's Italian friends would bring her baskets of fruit or baked goods in return for her kindness. She was affectionately known as La Maestra, the teacher, among her Italian students.” While some enumerators might have been challenged by the unfamiliarity of Italian surnames, Nettie Fairbairn recorded the Marcaccios, the Marzialis, even the Pennacchiattis in strong, confident handwriting.

A number of concrete block houses stood on both the east and west sides at the extreme south end of Church Street on St. Marys Cement property – some are still there today. Ethel Snoddy and Nettie Fairbairn shared enumeration of the residents of these houses, built by the company ca 1920 as accommodation for employees with families. Rent for a five-room company house was \$10 a month. This reasonable payment was one way that John G. Lind, manager of the St. Marys Cement Company, assisted his

employees during the depression. An excerpt from Bravi states: “Although the cement plant slowed down, it never closed completely. Management endeavoured to guarantee that even if there wasn't enough work for everyone all the time, what work there was would be shared so that workers always had some money coming in regularly.” This was undoubtedly done by the other large, established and relatively stable local industries as well. The census questionnaire did not ask the number of hours worked weekly – just the number of weeks worked throughout the year.

A cursory examination of the data seems to indicate that workers in large industries experienced fewer temporary layoffs than those who worked in smaller factories, were retail employees, or perhaps “domestics” – servants in private homes. Their positions were more precarious and more of them reported “No Job” or time laid off. For example, 65-year-old Thomas Sweetney had worked at the cement plant but his 24-year-old son, Thomas Jr., an apprentice toolmaker, had not been able to find paid work during the previous year.

In 1990, David White, Nettie Fairbairn's nephew, was interviewed about the depression for a research project at the St. Marys Museum. His recollections included the many transients who passed through town looking for a meal and a place to stay the night. Census enumerators across the country probably missed recording many of these people. As the depression continued, the municipality was required to step up assistance for local residents who were struggling. Although people were as thrifty and self-sufficient as possible, many still had difficulty supporting their families. The town's Relief Committee tried to be responsive; relief expenditures rose in the 1930s while other town services were scaled back to compensate. For those who were able, Mr. White explained, relief was conditional on working three or four days each week on town projects. One major project was the dredging of Trout Creek between its mouth and the Church Street Bridge. Some of the unemployed men listed in the 1931 census may be part of the crew shown in this week's photograph, hard at work below the Water Street Bridge.

The Depression ended with the outbreak of World War II in 1939. Suddenly jobs were plentiful. But for a full study of the specific impact on individual St. Marys residents, we will have to wait until 2033 when the federal government releases the 1941 census.

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A Growing Community Project

By Nancy Abra

All it takes is a simple idea on Facebook, some encouraging comments, “this would be a fun community thing to do”, “awesome idea”, “can we contribute to this?” and a fun community project was born.

Sharyl Vandendries shared that post about a London’s community’s rock snake on Facebook and received an overwhelming response to this idea. So, she proceeded to make it happen in Thorndale.

Vandendries knew this rock snake should be accessible to the community and not hinder any lawn maintenance. “There is an empty flower bed at the Thorndale Community Centre,” she remarked. “I called the municipality to see if we could use this place for our rock snake. The head of municipal facilities said I could as long as it didn’t interfere with the Thorn-



dale Horticultural Society’s plans for that flower bed.”

Every project needs a name. Vandendries proposed a contest to name

the rock snake. Dozens of suggestions flooded the Facebook page. “I chose Nisssssouri” was suggested by Robert Kuenzlen who received 15

‘thumbs up’ and won a large box of my yummy treats.

Vandendries stated, “a couple of us met at the flower bed by the community centre, to prepare a home for ‘Nisssssouri’, did some weeding, put up a sign and I left a box of rocks for people to help themselves. My daughter, Victoria and I painted his head and a few rocks to get him started. I asked the Thorndale Library if they could have a rock painting class to get ‘Nisssssouri’ growing”, remarked Vandendries. “And I am delighted that he is growing fast as the community contributes to him.”

The possibilities are endless when you have a community advocate, an idea and engaged community members. Check out ‘Nisssssouri’ next time you are at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre.

Thorndale Library celebrates Thames Centre Pride



By Jean Moir

The Thorndale Library saw over 50 attendees for Drag Storytime on Saturday, July 8 at 11:00am. Special Guests Panico and Johnny read, ‘Love’ by Stacy McAnuity, ‘A Family is A Family’ by Sara O’Leary, and ‘Be Who You Are’ by Todd Parr.

Thank you to everyone who took part – especially Johnny and Panico, who filled our library with stories, songs, and laughter in celebration of inclusion, diversity, and kindness. A spe-

cial thank you to the Rainbow Optimist Club and Thames Centre Pride for making the event possible.

Our Summer Learning program continues, and we encourage you to read for learning, joy, and prize ballots. We also have special learning programs planned for this summer so drop in to register and grab some veggies from our garden while you are here. For more details, call us at 519-461-1150 or email us at thorndale_staff@mid-dlesex.ca .

As one door closes...

By Nancy Abra

The end of June saw the closing of Zion United Church, at the northeast corner of County Road 28 (the Thorndale Road) and Clark Road. Zion United Church dates back 130 years and over these years has been an integral part of area families’ faith and the community. But with the lack of congregation support, they are not able to make it feasible to keep the church going.

Zion United Church has been part of a two-point charge with Thorndale United Church for many decades and membership is encouraged to transfer to the Thorndale Church.

Pam Wilcox, minister of these churches said in her message at Zion’s last service, “Because of the intention-

al work of some past ministers and these two communities of faith, this amalgamation feels more like bringing family together. We may be closing a building, but we are not ending a legacy, we carry it on with us... and all that was valued here with us into something new and something valuable.”

When asked about expanding her ministry to Brown’s United Church, located on 13th Line, northeast of Thorndale and south of St. Marys, Rev Wilcox replied, “Not only have we participated in the merging of our sister churches, but we have been given the opportunity to share ministries with Browns United Church. I am excited for the privilege of preaching from their pulpit and journeying with them in life and faith”.

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COLUMN —

HOSTING UKRAINE: What a Host Is Not

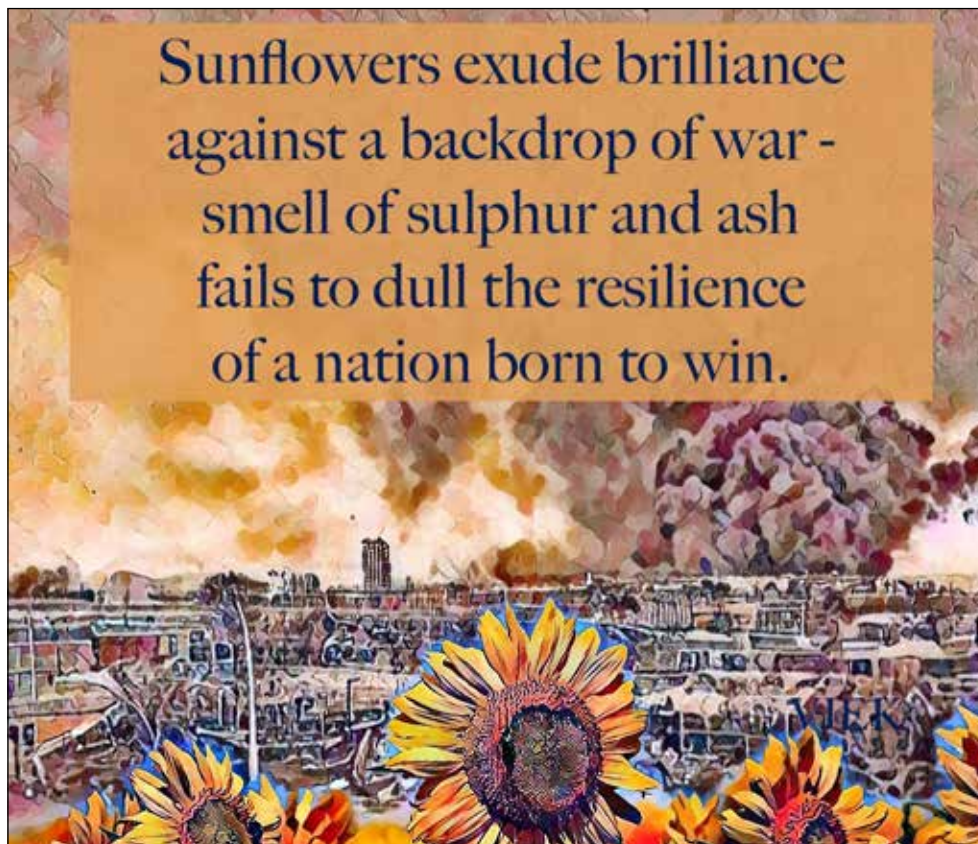
By VJ Knutson

Fifty individuals, in or around St Marys, have agreed to host Ukrainians in their homes.

That is fifty souls willing to set aside their routine lives and embrace the unknown. Hosts, to me, are heroes. And while I have elevated them to immortal status, I think it is important to be clear about what a host is not.

Hosts are not specially trained or experienced in dealing with individuals displaced by war. They are just people with good hearts willing to help. Settlement workers are educated in the nuances of helping new immigrants navigate Canadian policies and procedures. They may also be versed in dealing with the trauma of post-war life, and the special needs of refugees. Hosts are not.

Hosts are not landlords. They do not receive rent in exchange for accommodation. Nor are they hoteliers, or recipients of financial assistance from the government. While the refugee program may offer a stipend for host families, the program under which the Ukrainians find themselves in Canada is not a refugee program*. They are not privy to any of the benefits afforded refugees. Hosts cover 100% of the cost of having guests in their homes. In some cases, guests contribute to costs such as groceries. This is common courtesy and not subject to tenancy laws.



Hosts are not responsible for the guests in their home. They are not obligated to care for, educate, or make decisions for the families they are housing. Many go above and beyond just offering a safe space to stay, and this is a testament to the nature of Canadians, and our innate concern for others, not a requirement of the role.

Hosts are not millionaires. Most of us get by with two incomes, or a modest

pension. We have offered to help, as we recognize how difficult it is to get started in this country without a base. We also recognize that as Canadians we are very fortunate for all we have. If we are wealthy, it is because of the people we have welcomed into our lives. Relationships make us rich.

Hosts are not perfect. They are regular people, with unique flaws and goofy ways... and big hearts. They might not understand what their

guests are going through, but they mean well, and only want the best for everyone.

Hosts are not survivors of war. War is something that most Canadians have not witnessed. Nor did we ever imagine it would happen in our time. But we do have a strong sense of justice and fairness. We believe in and support peace. We all pray our guests find it here.

Hosts are not superhuman. We get tired, and annoyed, and sometimes, we lose our patience. Mostly, Canadians are polite and have a good sense of humour. It helps us get by. The support of our friends, relatives, and community also helps us make a difference.

There are many things that hosts are not, and yet, these generous people continue to open their homes and welcome strangers. Maybe next time you meet someone hosting Ukrainians, give them a hug – speaking for myself, at least – I can tell you that hosts are not immune to a boost of kindness.

Till next time.

(*Ukrainians are here thanks to the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program, which allows them 3 years open work and temporary residency. They are responsible for finding their own employment, housing, and passage to Canada. Have a question, or want to help? Reach me at english.knutson@gmail.com.)

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WHAT'S FOR DINNER: Homemade Gnocchi



By Lauren Eedy

Homemade Gnocchi

Prep: 1hr Cook: 5m Rest: 20m Serves: 4

1 lb potatoes (clean but not skinned/no new potatoes)

1 c flour

½ tsp salt

2 eggs (room temperature)

Method:

-In a large pot, boil potatoes until tender, remove from pot and let cool, then remove the

skin. Pass through a potato ricer.

-Mix flour and salt. Place on a flat surface and make a well in the middle. Add potatoes and eggs. Mix with your fingers to form a soft dough, it should not stick to your fingers. On a lightly floured surface, cut small amounts of dough to form ropes and cut into ¾" (2cm) pieces, then slide each piece on a fork and squeeze a little. (This is optional. You can leave them without making a pattern if you want more rustic). Sprinkle with flour so they don't stick together and let rest for 20m before cooking.

-To cook: In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook gnocchi until they float to the top. Remove and pan fry if you enjoy added texture. Add to a sauce of your choice...see

the following recipe.

Creamy Lemon Gnocchi

Delicious, summery and quick to prepare, this dish is guaranteed to be on the weekly meal routine. Play on the original recipe found in the Canadian Milk Calendar.

Prep: 5m Cook: 10m

¼ c butter

1 lemon

2 cloved garlic, minced

1 shallot, finely chopped

1 c spinach

1 package (250 mL) shelf stable, refrigerated or home-made potato gnocchi

1 c 35% whipping cream

½ c freshly shredded parmesan

2 tbsp chopped fresh basil or parsley

Fresh black pepper and kosher salt to taste

Method:

-In a large, non-stick skillet, melt butter over med-high heat. Add garlic and shallot, cook for about 1m. Do not burn the garlic. Add gnocchi and pan fry, stirring for about 3m until golden brown.

-Meanwhile, using a vegetable peeler, remove 2 long strips of the zest from the lemon. Cut lemon in half and juice 2 tbsp.

-Pour cream and lemon zest into the skillet and bring to a boil. Add spinach. Cook, stirring for about 3m or until starting to thicken. Stir in cheese, lemon juice and basil. Cook for about 1m or until gnocchi are tender throughout and sauce coats everything. Remove from heat and

add fresh pepper and salt to serve. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.

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Which thing makes our home safe?

A lock.

What do call a snail on a ship?

A snailor

Take off my skin -- I won't cry, but you will! What am I?

An onion.

What can go up and come down without moving?

The temperature.

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

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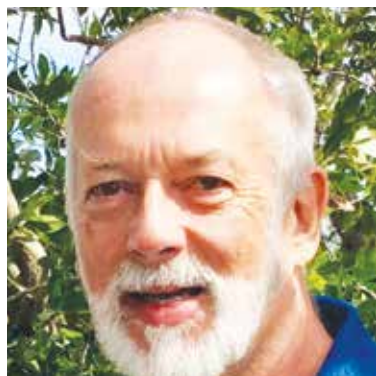
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COLUMN —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Philadelphia is a foodie paradise



By Paul Knowles

Since returning from my first-ever visit to Philadelphia, I have been asked several times to write about the culinary scene in that city. These articles, which have appeared in a variety of publications and websites, all focus on a new restaurant in Philly, just opened in May. The place is called "My Loup" and the hook, for a Canadian travel writer, is that the owner and chef is a Canadian, Alex Kemp. I have been happy to give Alex the exposure he deserves.

But here's the thing. "My Loup" is indeed terrific, booked up for the next two months. Alex is a great guy, and I have enjoyed all my interactions with him. And his partner, Amanda Shulman, is also an amazing chef in her own right. So, yes, they warranted the attention they got through my articles.

But the truth is, our dining and foodie experiences in Philadelphia went well beyond "My Loup" and my purpose this week is to tell all you foodies – or simply people who like to eat out – that

Philadelphia should be on your travel menu.

In just a few days in Philly, we experienced some incredible and widely varied cuisines. Starting only an hour or so after our arrival, we Ubered to a new Cambodian Noodle House called "Mawn", owned and operated by a young Philadelphia couple, Rachel and Phila Lorn.

"Phila", pronounced "Pee-la", was born in Philadelphia, but his parents are Cambodian immigrants who so fell in love with their adopted city that they named their son after it but got the pronunciation wrong. So "Phila" morphed into "Pee-la" and remains so.

The Lorns opened Mawn in March of this year; the night we were there, it was packed.

For those unfamiliar with southeast Asian cooking, the menu might be a bit intimidating but we plunged in. Phila told me that the menu is not strictly Cambodian recipes. "We incorporate many Asian cuisines" he said, encouraging me to try everything! I didn't regret a single choice.

Phila sent a few tasting bits to the table. I don't know what they were, other than... delicious. Then I ordered the squid special and khao soi off the noodle menu. It is a "noodle house," right?

It was great.

Our Philadelphia hosts were determined to keep our schedule busy and our stom-

achs full. The next evening, we were directed to a place simply called "South". Turns out, the full name is "South Restaurant and Jazz Club" and we were there to eat and to enjoy some excellent jazz. The emcee for the jazz show had some important advice – "Order the catfish". So I did. We also sampled the Caribbean salmon and some incredible tasty cornbread.

The place was hopping, the music was fine, and we were stuffed.

Night three they sent us to a hole in the wall in the Italian market district, a restaurant called Alma Del Mar. The owners had forgotten we were coming but after that got sorted out, we were escorted to a table in what appeared to be a garage under construction, with a tarp overhead. It did not look promising.

Looks can deceive. Our terrific meal included a delicious squid and shrimp ceviche, really well prepared octopus, a fine chicken dish and great Italian desserts – tiramisu and chiros.

One thing I learned. Many Philadelphia restaurants have a bring-your-own-bottle policy, and that included Mawn and Alma Del Mar, although in both cases, they took pity on me and a bottle of nice wine magically appeared on the table.

After our encounters with these four unique and excellent eateries, it was becoming clear that Philadelphia is indeed a foodie destination.



Dining while the jazz goes down at South. (Photos by Paul Knowles)

And two of our other experiences solidified that perception.

We wandered around the 74,000 square foot Reading Terminal Market, a public market that first opened in 1893. Today, it is home to 80 family businesses and focuses on fresh produce. It is interesting, from a southwestern Ontario perspective, to note that the market is mandated to include a certain number of Mennonite vendors who come to the market from nearby Pennsylvania farms and smaller communities.

More surprising was a visit to Philadelphia's outdoor Asian Market, held every weekend from April through October in FDR Park. Our Uber driver had never heard of it but when we finally arrived, the area was busy with shoppers, browsers, tasters, merchants, and cooks. Our hosts told us, "We do get a lot of people".

Yes, they do.

We sampled our way around the market, tasting jackfruit for the first time, sipping freshly pressed sugarcane juice, enjoying deep fried bananas, munching on freshly made spring rolls, and much more.

And we learned that there is a direct connection between these fresh markets, with unique produce and food, and the restaurant scene in Philadelphia, because as we moved from booth to booth in the Asian market, we encountered some familiar faces – Phila and Rachel Lorn from Mawn, out with their baby to combine some family time with sourcing produce to serve to their next set of adventurous foodies.

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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OBITUARY

MacKay



In Loving Memory of Robert Burns MacKay
December 28, 1944 – July 2, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) MacKay. Bob peacefully departed this world at London Health Sciences

Centre on July 2, 2023, surrounded by family.

Born on December 28, 1944, Bob was the son of Edith (Moffatt) and Burns MacKay. Bob grew up on the family farm and eventually took over. He was predeceased by his parents and beloved brother Rod. Husband to Laural (nee Schiedel) for nearly 52 years and father to Rob (Cassie), Amy, and Kathy. Brother to Rod MacKay (Judy). Brother-in-law to Ken Schiedel (Donna) and Joan Peters (nee Schiedel) (John, deceased). Grandfather to Lachlan, Aelwen, Ronan, Everett, and Kelton.

Throughout his life, Bob's calling was clear—he was meant to be a farmer. His dedication to agriculture and the love for his cows, dogs, and cats were evident in every aspect of his life. Bob always had a deep love of fishing. For him, 14 hours on a lake would pass in the blink of an eye. Over the years Bob and Laural spent much time at their beloved cabin.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Gatfield (Happy Valley Family Health Team), the staff at the Stratford Dialysis unit, and London Health Sciences Centre for the exceptional care provided to Bob. Cremation to take place.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada (<https://kidney.ca>, National Office 880-5160 Decarie Blvd. Montreal, QC H3X 2H9) or an organization of one's choice. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

THANK YOU

Walker



The family of the late Jean Walker sincerely thank friends and neighbours in the St. Marys Community for the many acts of kindness extended to her and to us over the last few years and upon her passing.

We remember the Thames Valley Residential Retirement

Community where Mother enjoyed living for the past 15 years. We thank the Happy Valley Clinic and Dr Kim Gilmour for many years of care. We are especially grateful to Leah and the team at Home and Community Care Support (Stratford), and we acknowledge the kind efforts of McCarthy Place and Cedarcroft Place in the last few months. Special thanks are sent to the wonderful Personal Support Workers, and we remember the kindness and service of Adeline, in particular.

The care and compassion extended by Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth for Mother's final days will be forever remembered. We also thank Reverend Canon Robert Lemon, Rector of St James Anglican Church, Stratford for his timely support.

St. George's-on-the-Wye Anglican Church, Thorndale has been a place of faith and community for the Walker family for over 75 years. Married in this church in 1951, it seemed only right that Mother's funeral, like Dad's, should be there. We thank the church family and Capt. Rev'd Quenton Little.

Mother taught us much about love and thoughtfulness. Even in her final times she was remembering birthdays that needed cards and notes. She was grateful to so many that supported her, and now we add a special note of gratitude to all those as well.

Sincerely,

Diane and Mike O'Shea, Katherine and Jim Grieve, Steven and Jane Walker, Melanie and Vern Thomson, Bob and Lyn Walker, and Tim and Teresa Walker and their families.

OBITUARY

Martin



In loving memory of David Henry Martin

January 9th 1937 – July 5th 2023

David "Dave" Henry Martin passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday July 5th at the age of 86. Born in Wombourne Staffordshire, UK Dave helped

work on his family's small holding from a young age.

When Dave was 17 his family moved to Rhodesia, South Africa where he lived for ten years before returning to Staffordshire where he met his wife Isobel 'Liz' (nee Franks). They embarked on a career in farming in Wales, milking 70+ British Friesian cows and adding two boys to their family.

After a few years Dave and Liz relocated their farming operation to Devon England where they began cash cropping. Never afraid to take a risk, Dave and family emigrated to Canada in 1989, purchasing a 100 acre farm in Uniondale Ontario where they would cash crop and move into sheep farming. Dave quickly became a successful and well-respected member of the sheep farming community. He introduced the Ile de France breed to Ontario to improve the quality of sheep flocks. His immense knowledge was often called upon.

During their years in Ontario Dave and Liz would move to and renovate properties in Meaford, Neustadt, Lakeside, Clear Creek and Princeton before retiring to the Thorndale area. Dave added his special touch to each. His work ethic was second to none. An avid soccer fan Dave could always be found on the weekend watching his beloved Wolverhampton Wanderers from his favourite armchair.

Dave is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 54 years, Liz. Sons Nick (Jaime) and Andy (Sadie). Grandchildren Dylan, Ethan, Scotty, Devin, Lauren, Kohen, Spencer, Kaden and Annabel. Brothers Colin (Christine) and Robert (Yvonne). Nephews and nieces, Garry, Jakki, Roland, Wendy and Joanne. Predeceased by his parents Godfrey and Emily and brother Ken (Sheila).

The family would like to extend a heart felt thank you to Dr. Josh Burley, Carol Ramsdale and all the medical staff involved in his care. To respect Dave's wishes a private family burial will take place at Avonbank Community Cemetery. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

CELEBRATION

Dick

Celebration of Life for Jack Dick
Saturday, July 22, 2023
St. Marys Legion from 2 – 4 PM

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IN MEMORIAM

Mills

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Gone, but not forgotten - Verna and family

COLUMN —

Straight from the Shelves

By Laura McAsh, St. Marys Public Library

Our second Movie in the Park of summer 2023 is tomorrow night at dusk at Cadzow Park! Join us for "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish", a thrilling adventure story about the swashbuckling and milk-guzzling fairy-tale feline who finds out that he's used up 8 of his 9 lives. Attending the movie is free, and so is the popcorn! Bring your own blanket or camp chair for maximum comfort and consider packing the bug spray. This event is made possible by our generous and hard-working Friends of the Library.

This Week's Recommendation

This week's theme for the Summer Program is Lost in Space. There are so many wonderful facts about our universe and a great way to learn some of them is with National Geographic Kids' "1,000 Facts About Space" by astronomer Dean Regas. Learn about the birth of stars, what makes up the tail of a comet, the robot visitors on Mars, and so much more. You can find "1,000 Facts About Space" in our children's non-fiction section. Its call sticker reads

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Up This Week

Friday, Jul. 14th: Crafty Tales (9:30am), Funday Friday – Stone Home Creatives Workshop (1:00pm), Movies in the Park – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (Dusk @ Cadzow)

Saturday, Jul. 15th: Dungeons and Dragons (10:30am), Game Days (1:00pm-4:00pm)

Monday, Jul. 17th: Crafty Kids (10:30am-12:00pm), Club SMPL (1:30pm-3:00pm)

Tuesday, Jul. 18th: Reading Help (10:00am-12:30pm), Wonder Workshop (1:30pm-3:00pm)

Wednesday, Jul. 19th: EarlyON – Play and Read (9:30am), STEAM League (10:30am-12:00pm), Mahjong Intro (1:00pm-2:00pm), Reading Help (1:30pm-3:00pm), Mahjong! (2:00pm-4:00pm), Scrabble (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Thursday, Jul. 20th: Mahjong Intro (6:00pm-6:30pm), Mahjong! (6:30pm-8:00pm)

LOOKING BACK



By AMY CUBBERLEY

Babies be born elsewhere

25 years ago (1998)

The obstetrics department at St. Marys Memorial Hospital, which has been the birthplace of St. Marys and area citizens for almost 48 years, will close on September 11.

After executing a search warrant at a Fullarton residence, officers seized over 1,150 marijuana plants in various stages of growth with an estimated street value of \$292,000. Police also seized a quantity of sophisticated growing equipment.

The Stonetown Heritage Festival this past weekend featured works of arts from 25 to 35 local artists at several locations around town. On display were oil paintings, watercolours, town sketches, and printmaking.

50 years ago (1973)

The finishing touches for the new picnic shelter at the Flats were recently completed in time for the fair. Kintore Boxes Ltd was the contractor for the project.

Regardless of the path along the Water Street swim quarry between the guard rail and the new fence, youngsters persist on spreading across half the roadway while walking along this stretch, creating a definite traffic hazard in this area.

Attendance at the swim quarry last Sunday is believed to have set a new record with an estimate of 1,200 in attendance.

All set for a clean sweep? The Town's new street sweeper, with about \$16,000 worth of bright yellow self-propelled brooms and water spray, was delivered last Friday morning and had its first test on James Street North that afternoon.

75 years ago (1948)

The Board of Works has been busy marking out parking areas on downtown streets this week.

Kelly Hearn's Coronation Dairy building on Queen Street East is well along towards completion of walls and roof.

At least one local service station got many compliments for its clean restrooms this past weekend. American visitors found the accommodations at Graham Motors among the best anywhere - at least a number of them took the trouble to say so with certain enthusiasm.

Members of the 1st St. Marys Ranger Company presented a travelling case to Miss Shirley Cull on the occasion of her trip to Bermuda.

100 years ago (1923)

Inevitably the ranks of older residents of St. Marys are thinning out. Death came suddenly to Mr. Edmund Hanham at his home in the West Ward on Sunday evening last.

Miss Howard's pupils were treated to an evening at the St. Marys Theatre by their popular teacher this week.

Dr. Thomas J. McInnes of Sarnia, a graduate of McGill University has leased apartments in the Gregory block. He was in town one day the past week making the necessary arrangements for his new medical practice.

In the Inter-church League Series, the postponed game between the Anglican and Methodist teams was scheduled to be run off on Tuesday evening. The Methodists finally forfeited the game to the Anglicans on account of players not showing up.



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

St. Marys Public Library events - See Page 25

Stonetown Heritage Festival July 14 - 16 - See Page 28 for a full list of activities

Friday, July 14


- Station Gallery opening of Lionel Venne's Northern Journey - 11 am to 4:30 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion hot dog/sausage lunch at Noon
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 pm

Saturday, July 15

- St. Marys Farmers Market at Milt Dunnell Field - 8 am to Noon
- Station Gallery reception for Lionel Venne's Northern Journey - 1 to 4 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm

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Saturday, July 15

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- 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Army & Navy Air Force Club Bavarian Gardens with live music
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