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Running for her dad, and all other dads



This photo of the Greene family (from left: Katie, Laura, Sean, Charlotte, and dog Benji) was taken last October when fundraising for the Brain Tumour Association of Canada. Last week, Grade 4 student Katie participated in and fundraised for the Little Falls Public School Terry Fox Run in honour of her dad, and for all other dads.

By Stewart Grant

Forty-three years after Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research, his spirit endures. One of the reasons for this is that cancer affects so many people – everyone has a loved one who has

been impacted.

At the 2023 Terry Fox Run at Little Falls Public School which was held last week, Grade 4 student Katie Greene ran with a special purpose – in honour of her dad Sean.

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Attendance Up for Doors Open St. Marys

By Stewart Grant

Despite some last-minute challenges, the 2023 instalment of Doors Open St. Marys was a big hit.

Hodges Funeral Home (funeral preparations) and Riverside Bed and Breakfast (illness) were unable to participate, which meant that some juggling by town organizers was needed, including moving Peter Rice's art exhibition to Riverwalk Commons at 84 Water Street South.

With 14 participating sites on Saturday, there was still plenty to see around town, including St. Marys Museum, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, St. Marys Public Library, Town Hall, Station Gallery, Broken Rail Brewing at the old junction station, and St. Marys' five historic churches.

Per discussion with St. Marys Cultural Services Manager Amy Cubberley, the day was a great success.

"Attendance sheets are still trickling back into the museum, but based on what I've seen so far, our numbers were up substantially from 2019 and 2021 events and were also much heavier on out-of-town traffic this year."

At the Museum specifically, Cubberley indicated that in 2019 there were 87 visitors, with a pretty much 50/50 split between locals and tourists. In 2021, there were 120 visitors, with slightly more than half being local. This year, she said "we had 166 people, with 75% being out of town".

She noted that Museum visitors came from various places: London, Mississauga, England, Hamilton, Kitchener, Listowel, Stratford, Whitby, Rockwood, Oakville, Dundas, Wingham, Waterloo, Woodstock,

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Running for her dad, and all other dads

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Katie's mother, and Sean's wife, Laura Greene spoke recently with the Independent.

"Tragically, Sean was diagnosed with inoperable glioblastoma, brain cancer, in November 2021. The life expectancy is typically 8-12 months, one of the most deadly and hardest cancers to treat," she said. This form of cancer is rare, with fewer than 1,000 cases a year in Canada.

"Sean, the warrior he is, has exceeded all expectations. This is a man who is truly loved by many and has admirable strength. Our story includes the impact to our young family with daughters, ages 9 and 12.

"Our girls are always very supportive of the Terry Fox Run, but this year it also comes with overwhelming support of many in our lives as well as the St. Marys community," Laura said.

Katie established a fundraising campaign on the Terry Fox website that was entitled, 'Katie's run for her dad and all the other dads'.

Laura said, "Recently Sean has been admitted

to hospice and as you can imagine this year's run is very close to our heart. We started by canvassing our family and friends for donations with a goal of \$250. Very quickly upon posting Katie's page, many community members also shared her personal page. The donations began to rise quickly. Katie's sister Charlotte is in grade 7 at DCVI. Charlotte's teacher heard of Katie's page and reached out to me to ask permission to share Katie's personal donation page with the parents of Charlotte's classmates so they may show Charlotte additional support through donating on Katie's page."

To date, Katie's personal donation page has not only achieved her \$250 goal but also smashed the entire LFPS goal of \$2,500 by raising \$3,297.

Laura said, "As community members, we are truly moved by how so many are lifting up our girls and family as we face the reality of losing their very beautiful father."

The campaign, 'Katie's run for her Dad and all the other Dads', is still available online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/39222/page/164596>.



Attendance Up for Doors Open St. Marys

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Guelph, Milverton, Glencoe, Toronto, Harriston, Brantford, Grand Bend, and Rostock.

She added, "Anecdotally, most of the folks I interacted with at the information tent were day trippers from 1-2 hours away. Many were carrying shopping bags and asking where they

could get lunch downtown, so I suspect the shops and restaurants did well."

As noted on the Town of St. Marys social media accounts this week, a huge thanks and much appreciation goes to all of those involved in making Doors Open St. Marys a success. This

includes all of the volunteers sharing their time and knowledge, those at the various participating sites for their preparation and for opening their doors, and all the attendees who travelled from near and far.

The next Doors Open St. Marys event will be in 2025.

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COMMUNITY —

United Way highlights needs in community, announces goal at St. Marys hoedown

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) launched the 2023/24 campaign on Wednesday at the St. Marys Golf and Country Club and announced a campaign goal of \$2,508,598 to meet the needs of the St. Marys community as well as vulnerable people across Perth-Huron.

“Now more than ever, we’re seeing people in the community struggling as the cost of everything continues to rise,” said Ryan Erb, UWPH executive director. “Our partners are also affected, so they need more funding just to maintain their current service levels.

“As an organization, we’re also committed to sustaining our Urgent Needs Fund to offer an additional resource to people facing an immediate, pressing need, whether that’s an unpaid utility bill, or groceries to feed a family. Together, what all of this means is UWPH must raise more than ever before to help ensure vulnerable people get the support they need. There’s no doubt these are

challenging times, but the support St. Marys consistently shows for UWPH initiatives — whether that’s the NOURISH Equal Access Market or the St. Marys Community Developer and Support Worker — demonstrates the passion and commitment people have for this community. We appreciate everyone joining us Wednesday night and we look forward to a great fundraising year.”

Hosted by Joanie and Claire Chapple from the Yoga Chapple, last Wednesday’s event featured a BBQ buffet, line dancing, a silent auction, corn-hole, and other fun games with prizes highlighting the needs of vulnerable people in the community. Town of St. Marys CAO Brent Kittmer also spoke.

UWPH would like to thank St. Marys Community Hoedown sponsors Cascades Containerboard Packaging – St. Marys, Tremblett’s Your Independent Grocer St. Marys, the St. Marys Golf and Country Club and the Yoga Chapple.



Pictured from left, Ryan Erb, Steve Ireson, Pam Zabel, Leslie Edney, Rob Edney, Kim Ross Jones, Don Dingwall, Gwen Bradley, Claire Chapple, Joanie Chapple, Lisa Stacey and Chris Schroer (Photo by LAFS Photography/Lori Anne Franklin)

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EDITORIAL —

A Tribute to the late Sheila Greason

By Wendy Lamond

When you hear the words giving, selflessness, caring, kind, humble, who is the first person you think of? For me, since I met her at the age of 8, it will always be Sheila Greason. Sadly, our community lost this caring soul last week who embodied all of the descriptions above.

When I moved down to the Wellburn Cheese factory halfway through grade three, I was a very shy kid and terrified to have to switch schools. According to my mom, when Sheila met us and took me by the hand, she knew I would be cared for by this amazing lady. Shortly after, I started bringing home stickers, stuffed animals and little toys from school. Having to assure my parents that I wasn't stealing from other children, they learned that this was Miss Greason's way of rewarding her students in her own kind manner. Luckily I had her for grade four as well.

I was also lucky enough to have

Sheila as a Sunday School Teacher and youth group leader later on at the East Nissouri Union Church.

When I was reading the condolences on facebook it is easy to see that I am just one of the many numerous people that Sheila had an impact on.

Whether she was teaching, driving people places, helping for the FoodGrain project or volunteering countless hours of her time, she always put others first and even through her pain she dealt with daily, she always did it with a smile and a kind word.

The world needs more people like Sheila that give unconditionally and even after they are gone, will always be thought of as giving, selfless, caring, kind and humble.

When you are out and about next time make the effort and take the time to help someone in need or just smile and pass on some kindness because that is what Sheila would do.

Bravo

We have 1 Bravo this week.

1) A bravo to our hardworking local post office staff. They have been so supportive of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and everything we are doing to support and improve literacy on a local level right here in St. Marys. The staff share how great it is to see the children's excited faces when they come in to get their gifted monthly books. Hearing that reminds us how important the program is and helps to keep us going. Hats off to you!

Boo

We have 2 Boos this week.

1) Boo to whoever brought their dog into the post office after hours, let it poo on the floor and proceeded to leave it there for someone else to pick up.

2) Boo to some people who are too busy on phones to say hi. We still need to communicate!

*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

"On Friday, September 22, in my remarks following the address of the President of Ukraine, I recognized an individual in the gallery. I have subsequently become aware of more information which causes me to regret my decision to do so. I wish to make clear that no one, including fellow parliamentarians and the Ukraine delegation, was aware of my intention or of my remarks before I delivered them. This initiative was entirely my own, the individual in question being from my riding and having been brought to my attention. I particularly want to extend my deepest apologies to Jewish communities in Canada and around the world. I accept full responsibility for my actions."

- Hon. Anthony Rota, M.P., following revelations that a Ukrainian WWII veteran recently honoured at the House of Commons had fought for Nazi Germany.

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Taylor Swift has been quietly hanging out with Travis Kelce until she writes a song about him.

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

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COMMUNITY —

Generous Donation from the Harlton Family



The Harlton Family generously donated \$30,000 to the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation to go towards the the Here For You Today, Building For Tomorrow capital campaign. Pictured left to right: Back Row: Ben & Adriane Harlton, Erin & Brett Harlton, Pat & John Harlton. Front Row: Alisa, Alex, Alison, Noah, Will & Leila Harlton. (Contributed photo)

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Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is John McCarthy. John was born in St. Marys on September 21st and other than brief periods of time in Peterborough, St. Pauls and Milverton he has lived the majority of his life in St. Marys. He has been married for 47 years, with four children and five grandchildren. If not in his new garage with his 2 dogs, he tries to get in a few games of golf during the season.
Happy 70th!

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

COMMUNITY —

LCBO helps address local #unignorable issues



St Marys LCBO annual Campaign for #locallove United Way has started. Make a donation alongside your in-store purchases until October 8th and support United Way initiatives to improve social services access, nourishing food, 211 information services and Urgent Needs Funds. Customers are asked to add \$2, \$5, \$10 or more to help address #unignorable issues locally in St. Marys and area. (Contributed photo)

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5. How many litres are in a gallon?
6. What planet is Jar Jar Binks from?
7. What is the world's largest coral reef system?
8. Bobby Fischer was the world champion of what sport?
9. How many stages of sleep are there?
10. What is Jupiter's largest moon?

This week's answers are found on pg. 31



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Dugout shelters built by Optimist Club of Kirkton-Woodham



The Optimist Club of Kirkton-Woodham recently upgraded the second ball diamond at the Kirkton Community park. They built two new dugout shelters to match the ones previously built at the main diamond. Construction crew volunteers and their sons are: Cliff Thomson, Tim Shute, Bevon Shute, Vernon Thomson, Don Richardson, Steve Hern and Jordan Thomson. Absent were Bill Denham, Ellard Brandt, Harvey Harkness and Brian Richardson. (Contributed photo)



TOWN OF ST. MARYS Water Flushing Program

The Town of St. Marys will be flushing all water mains and hydrants between October 3 and 27, 2023.

| Date(s) | Times | Locations |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Oct. 3 - 6 | 7 AM - 5 PM | Area north of Trout Creek and east of the Thames River |
| Oct. 10 - 13 | 7 AM - 5 PM | Area west of the Thames River |
| Oct. 15 | 6 PM - 12 AM | Queen St. E (downtown core) |
| Oct. 16 - 20 | 7 AM - 5 PM | Area south of Trout Creek from the Thames River to James St., including James St. S |
| Oct. 23 - 27 | 7 AM - 5 PM | Area south of Trout Creek and east of James St. |

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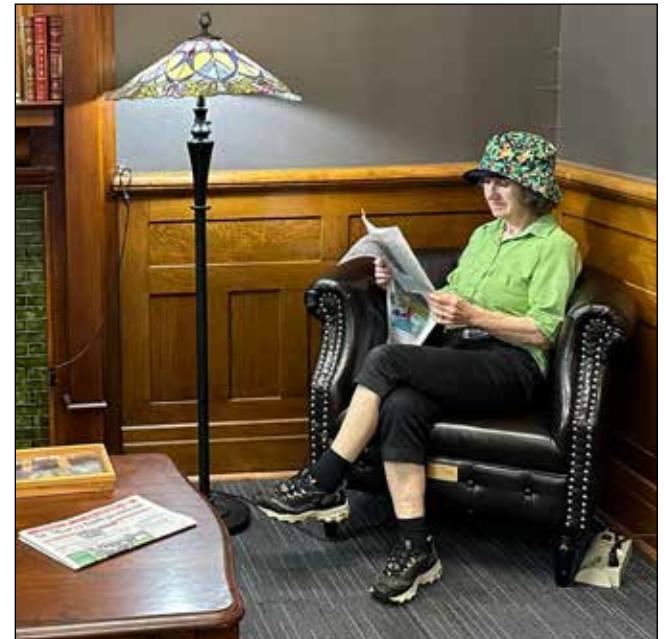
Doors Open - An opportunity to explore St. Marys historical landmarks



The St. Marys Museum, constructed of locally quarried limestone in 1854, was one of the many stops in the Doors Open event held on Saturday, September 23. The Museum contains a great number of original features installed in 1854: pine flooring, four fireplaces, plaster crown moldings, high ceilings and strange sets of small rooms off larger chambers.



Another stop on the Doors Open event was the Via train station which also houses the Station Gallery. Pictured is the gallery's curator, Cameron Porteous, standing beside a creative digital portraiture designed by Maaïke Roosendaal.



The reading room named the Arthur Meighen Room at the St. Marys Library is a comfortable setting for Sue Boyd to relax in during the Doors Open event. The St. Marys Library was built in 1904-05 from St. Marys limestone to complement the neighbouring Town Hall. An addition to the east, containing new offices and a children's area, was completed in 1988. (Nancy Bickell photos)



Veteran Affairs Canada defines a veteran as “any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who successfully underwent basic training and is honorably released”. This includes personnel who served as reservists. There is no minimum time required in service, and no need to have seen military action.

It is possible that service men and women who served for even short periods of time may be eligible for monetary awards in compensation for injuries that can be related to their time in uniform.

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The Provincial Service Officer, Britany Campbell, will be visiting the Perth Regiment Veterans Branch 236 St Marys during the week of Oct 11-13. Her job is to use a variety of resources to assist veterans in obtaining all awards they are eligible for. Anyone who would like to discuss a possible claim with her is urged to call the Branch Service Officer, Reg Rumble 519-661-7446 no later than Sept 28 to set up an appointment.

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Evan's Touch the Truck was the largest one yet



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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Perth South passed By-law No. 34-2023 on the 19th day of September 2023 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. This by-law amends the Perth South Zoning By-law to include a definition regarding Second Dwelling Units.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Perth South not later than the **10th day of October 2023** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection and accompanied by the proper fee.

Further details regarding the zoning by-law amendment regarding Second Dwelling Units can be found at the Township of Perth South website at www.perthsouth.ca on the News page or by contacting the Clerk.

Dated at the Township of Perth South, this 20th day of September 2023.

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SPORTS —

Lincs quell Cyclones, sink Sailors at GOJHL Showcase

By Spencer Seymour

A little bit of luck and a whole lot of tenacity resulted in the St. Marys Lincolns leaving the GOJHL Showcase Tournament in Elmira with a pair of 3-2 victories last weekend against opponents from the league's other two conferences.

When the Showcase concluded, the Lincolns sat atop the Western Conference as the only undefeated team with three wins in as many games so far this season. One of those wins came in the Lincs' Showcase-opening battle against the Listowel Cyclones, a skilled and grizzled group with high aspirations this season in the Midwestern Conference. The game was the first of the day on Friday and thus was played at 10:30 a.m., a time that Head Coach Jeff Bradley admitted was tough for both teams.

"Hockey players are creatures of habit and they usually have a routine or habits throughout the day," said Bradley. "In our conference, we don't play very many early or mid-day games, so waking up for a 10:30 game disrupts that routine but it does it for both teams. Listowel showed they were a little more ready to go in the first but I thought we got going in the second and third."

"[Listowel] is a really good hockey team who have put a lot of their eggs into this year's basket. They have a lot of good players and they compete incredibly hard. They were a really good test for us and I think it was perfect preparation for a team like LaSalle, which we know is going to be a tough game this Friday."

The early start time contributed to a somewhat sluggish start by the Lincolns in the first period, falling behind 1-0 just 79 seconds into the game on a goal by Ben MacRobbie. The Cyclones outshot St. Marys 13-9 in the opening frame. Bradley said that, at the end of the first, he felt the Lincolns had been challenged to match Listowel's intensity.

"This early in the season, you get asked a lot about what the team is and what the identity is. It's tough to pinpoint it this early but Listowel is a smart, deep, puck-moving team and they played us incredibly hard. After that first period, I think we wanted to see if we could compete as hard as they were and we were happy to see that we did just that in the last 40 minutes. Rather than just let teams come at us, I think we showed that we can come at other teams."

A low-event second period went by without a goal from either team but

the Lincolns did balance the scales in terms of controlling the play, taking an 8-5 advantage on the shot clock. In what proved to be a very tight contest, Bradley said he felt the entire lineup turned in solid performances but mentioned a pair of players who especially impressed him, one of whom was taking on his former team in between the pipes.

"Everyone had a really good game," Bradley said. "Ryan [Hodkinson] continues to climb up the lineup and earn more and more respect from his teammates and his coaches. To see how Ryan is taking leaps forward this early is nice to see. I thought Carter [McDougall] was great. He made some big stops when we needed them to hold down the fort and let the guys in front of him regroup after the first."

The game truly broke open in the third period. Similar to the beginning of the first, the Cyclones had an early jump as Jack O'Donnell scored just one minute and 36 seconds into the period. Listowel hung on to the 2-0 lead for over 10 minutes before gritty work in behind the Listowel net by Matt Prendergast and Luca Spagnolo allowed the latter forward to send the puck out front for Chase MacQueen-Spence who banged home his first of the season.

Just under two minutes later began a series of fortuitous bounces for the Lincolns that would ultimately seal the deal in their favour. Luke Bogart moved down the wing and threw the puck toward the slot area. Somewhere along the way, the puck hit a Cyclones' body and ended up in the back of Listowel's net. With the game tied, the resurgent Lincolns continued to push until an even more fortunate goal found its way into the net. Along with Prendergast, Spagnolo also picked up his second helper of the game.

Prendergast, with two assists in the game, fired the puck onto the Cyclones' goaltender Dixon Grimes from centre ice. Grimes reached up to glove the incoming puck, however, it inexplicably bounced off the top of his trapper rather than getting cupped inside of it before floating over the netminder's head and the goal line. The lone assist on Prendergast's goal went to Ryan Hodkinson.

The bench boss recognized the luck of the team's two goals but felt, after a very strong third period by the Lincs filled with high-danger scoring chances, that they had earned the victory.

"Those were certainly fortunate bounces

for us but we had two chances at a wide-open net that didn't go in. That's hockey to me and if those goals don't go in, we don't win the game, but at the same time, if that Listowel defender doesn't get in the way of the two shots at an open net we had, we're right back in that position to be up 3-2. I think it all comes out in the wash and in the end, I thought we deserved to win."

Lincs withstand comeback, beat Sailors in overtime

The Lincolns returned to the Woolwich Community Centre 24 hours later for a clash with the Port Colborne Sailors. Despite the speed and skill at the top of the Sailors' lineup, the Lincs looked dominant for much of the contest, outshooting Port Colborne 28-13 in the first 40 minutes and 45-26 overall.

"I thought we played a better first period, a really good second period, and a really good third up until the five-on-three sucked a lot of our momentum away," explained Bradley, who went on to contrast the Lincs' two opponents at the Showcase. "They were two completely different teams. Listowel, being a more experienced team, had a more defined gameplan and you can pick out more of what they're doing, whereas there wasn't as much you could prepare for with Port Colborne aside from their high-end skill off the rush."

After a scoreless first, Colton Henderson potted his first goal as a Lincoln on a one-timer fed to him from behind the net by Bogart. The rookie defender from Grand Bend is tied for second on the Lincolns in points through three games. Wes Wilding also tallied an assist.

Later in the second, the Lincs' powerplay posted its first goal of the campaign with a tight-angle shot by Jaden Lee finding a way past Port Colborne netminder Isaac Gravelle. MacQueen-Spence and Josh Cornfield picked up the assists.

As alluded to by Bradley, the final frame appeared to be more of the same dominant play by the Lincolns until a five-on-three for close to a minute-and-a-half stunted their momentum and allowed the Sailors to get on the board. Later in the third, a slap shot through a maze of bodies got by St. Marys netminder Colby Booth-Housego to tie the game at two apiece.

After a failed five-minute powerplay for St. Marys, the game went to overtime and in the extra frame, Chase MacQueen-Spence fired a laser by Gravelle

to halt the Sailors' comeback and secure the win for the Lincolns.

The Head Coach said that the amount of high-end talent he had to send over the boards had him feeling very confident about the Lincolns' chances in extra time.

"We have incredibly skilled players. To be able to start with Jaden [Lee] and Luca [Spagnolo] and then follow that with Chase [MacQueen-Spence] and Noah [VandenBrink], and still have guys like Owen [Voortman], Ryan [Hodkinson], and Ryan [Cornfield], it's such a luxury because usually it's the best players who shine in overtime with the extra space on the ice so I think we were in a really good position to win when it got overtime."

Once again, not many of the St. Marys players left Bradley with a negative feeling, but his rookie keeper and some of the team's marquee names did come to mind when asked who he felt stood out.

"I thought Colby was awesome, especially considering it was his first junior hockey game. Noah [VandenBrink] didn't do too much skating in the weeks leading up to the season so it's nice to see him getting better every game. He could have three or four [on Saturday] and we know those are going to come for him. Adam [Barkley] was awesome as per usual. We didn't score as much as we would have liked but the chances were there for us and I think we're learning lessons every game."

In the first three games of the regular season, two returning forwards have been universally praised for their contributions and Bradley echoed the sentiments.

"Both Matt [Prendergast] and Jimmy [Schiedel] are in the same boat. These guys paid their dues last year waiting in the wings for opportunities and they have had very good off-seasons. Matt was one of the guys we were double-shifting in the third period against Listowel and he factored in on every goal.

"Jimmy is going to be our Swiss army knife this year," Bradley continued. "He is a great kid, he is incredibly smart and trustworthy, and being trustworthy leads to more opportunities. He can play wing or centre. He's great on the penalty kill and can slot in on the powerplay. He can play up and down the lineup and he's going to be incredibly important to us this year."

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SPORTS —

Craigmile team sizzles at Lincs' Alumni golf tourney

Eighteen foursomes play in near-perfect weather conditions Saturday at River Valley

By Pat Payton (Special to the Independent)

There were some great scores posted on a great day Saturday at River Valley Golf and Country Club.

The fundraising event was the St. Marys Lincolns' Alumni golf tournament and reunion, and 18 foursomes teed it up in near-perfect weather conditions at the scenic course just outside St. Marys.

Topping the field was the team of Jimmy Craigmile, Merlin Malinowski, Finn Wright and Hayden Wright. Finn, 15, and Hayden, 14, are Craigmile's grandsons. The group combined to fire a sizzling 12-under-par 53 to win the Texas Scramble format by a single shot.

The Craigmile team penciled in 10 birdies and an eagle (on No. 18) during their stellar round.

"Everybody contributed," Malinowski said. "We were phenomenal. Everybody did something on every hole. It was just a lot of fun and a perfect day," he added.

Teammate Craigmile agreed.

"Each of the four players all had their moments, so we all took turns," he said. "Merlin made two back-to-back



Shooting the lights out! The team of Jimmy Craigmile, left, Hayden Wright, Finn Wright and Merlin Malinowski fired a sizzling 12-under-par 53 on Saturday at River Valley G&CC. It was enough to give the group first place in the St. Marys Lincolns' Alumni golf tournament and reunion. The team had 10 birdies and an eagle during their stellar round. (Photo by Pat Payton)

putts on two holes that were key, but other than that we all chipped in. It was definitely a group effort.

"And I'd like to say that Jimmy and Merlin replaced Lever (Dale Levy) and Bobby (Hearn) with two longer hitters today," Craigmile added with a laugh.

Two eagles by Bolton group

Finishing second with an 11-under-par score of 54 was the team of John Bolton, Ian Bolton, Dan Schiedel and Tyler Grenda. They had eagles on No. 7 and No. 18.

Three foursomes came in with 10-under-par scores of 55. The first group was the team of Ed Parkinson, Gil Parkinson, Jim Hearn and Tom Miles.

The second team to post 10 under was comprised of Brian Hartwick, his sons Josh and Matt, and Bill Rysnik. Rick Fifield, his wife Sandy, Jack Valiquette and his brother Mike were the third foursome to finish with a 55.

There were also two 8-under-par scores of 57 posted on Saturday.

Individual prizes

There were some individual prizes as well. Among the men, Matt Hartwick had the longest drive on No. 1 and Hayden Wright was closest-to-the-pin on No. 17. Among the women, Debbie Lemmons had the longest drive on No. 7 and Lemmons was also closest-to-the-pin on No. 2.

"It was just a great day," summed up Brian Hughes, who co-chaired the tournament along with fellow Alumni members Scott Graham and Rick Fifield. "The weather cooperated and we had a great turnout. And I think everybody had some fun.

"It's a great venue out here at River Valley. Everybody moves quickly through the holes," Hughes added.

There were five eagle 3's on the par 5 No. 18 hole Saturday. There were also 14 birdies recorded on the par 5 No. 1 hole.

St. Marys Lincolns Alumni golf tournament notebook

By Pat Payton (Special to the Independent)

—The Lincolns' Alumni Recognition Trophy was presented for the first time Saturday, and it went to recently-retired sports reporter Pat Payton, who finished a 40-year newspaper career last December.

Payton admits being caught off guard by the award, but was also very humbled by the honour. "I didn't see it coming, but when you receive an honour like this from your peers it's pretty special. From the heart, I thank everyone involved."

Mike Mattiussi and Jacques Cousineau, the first co-chairmen of the Lincs' Alumni group, made the presentation to Payton.

—Another special presentation. The Lincolns' Alumni Committee presented long-time fan and team volunteer Donna Aldis with a Life Membership Saturday. Alumni committee president Scott Graham made the presentation to a deserving recipient, and several family members were also in attendance.

Aldis is the daughter of Kelly Hearn, one of the team's founding fathers. Her husband, the late Jim 'Dusty' Aldis, was a member of the first Lincs' team in 1956-57.

—Three NHL jerseys were auctioned off Saturday that were all donated. All three were Maple Leaf jerseys — Nylander, Matthews and Captain Tavares.



St. Marys Lincolns' Alumni president Scott Graham presented long-time Lincs' fan and volunteer with a Life Membership Saturday at River Valley. Donna's husband, the late Jim 'Dusty' Aldis, was a member of the first Lincs' team in 1956-57. Aldis' grandson is current Lincolns' forward Jimmy Schiedel. (Photo by Pat Payton)

Former Lincoln and NHLer Jack Valiquette did a great job of auctioning off the three jerseys and a couple of other items. The three Maple Leaf jerseys

raised a total of \$1,375.

—Alumni group president Scott Graham spoke on Alumni committee objectives after dinner.

"It was a great day weather-wise, and I can't say enough about the (staff) here at River Valley," Graham said in his address. "And I'd like to thank everyone for coming today.

"It's a Lincoln organization that we all hold dearly," Graham continued. "It's been going since 1956, and it gives you an idea of how long this team has been operating. Our (Alumni) aim and ambition is to work along with the team and the executive, with the priority and emphasis on recognizing and acknowledging the guys who have played on this team over the years."

—There were some family groups on Saturday. Alumni president Scott Graham played with his sons Brett, Kevin and Sean. Greg Thompson played with his sons Kevin, Daryl and Jonny. Committee member Jacques Cousineau played with his daughter Anna, son Jimmy, and grandson Emmett Doupe.

—Saturday's Alumni tournament featured a delicious steak dinner, a great prize table, and a fundraising ball toss off the patio onto the No. 9 green. The ball toss proved to be a popular event as the green was covered with numbered golf balls.

—Money raised at Saturday's Alumni golf tournament will go towards honouring Lincoln teams of the past.

SPORTS —

“Meat and Greet” at Curling Club



Brett Weersink and Matt Gennings play some cornhole during the Meat & Greet event on Saturday at the Curling Club.



Pictured from left at Saturday’s Meat and Greet event are Sandra Ranton, Joanne Walden, Nora Walden (from Wiarton), Sue Walden (from Napanee), and Joy Uniack (from Honey Harbour).

Over 170 tickets were sold for the St. Marys Curling Club’s “Meat and Greet” event that took place last weekend at the Lind Sportsplex. Club General Manager and Head Ice Technician Jason Clarke told the Independent, “All proceeds from the event were dedicated to our capital campaign to make critical repairs and upgrades to our refrigeration plant, allowing curling to continue being a part of our com-

munity for many years to come. On behalf of the club, Clarke extended a special thanks to all the local business who supported this event and helped make it a success: Synterra Security Solutions, Delmar, The Butcher and the Baker, Cowbell Brewing Company, Broken Rail Brewing, Wellington Brewery, Pelee Island Winery, Campout RV, The Hitching Post, Quadro Communications, St

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Curling registration is now open, with many of the leagues filling up fast. Included in the schedule is a brand-new “learn to curl” league this year, which is an 8 week session with a combination of lessons and games for just \$100 + HST. For more information on activities this year at the club and memberships, please visit www.stmaryscurling.ca.



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DCVI golf team qualifies for WOSSAA



Pictured from left to right are Donovan McGregor, Nathan Wolfkamp, Griffin McGregor, and Adam Turner, members of the St. Marys DCVI golf team. Wolfkamp led the boys' contingent of the Salukis squad, posting a strong score of 73 to win the Huron-Perth Championship.



Pictured from left are Marin Chateauvert, Ragan Jones, Charlotte Richardson, and Cammie Lobb. All of the girls' members qualified for WOSSAA, led by Chateauvert who will compete in the 'A' Flight at WOSSAA. (Contributed photos)

U15 Red earns WOBA title

By Spencer Seymour

The Social Thirty-One U15 Red St. Marys Rockies capped off their undefeated playoff run by winning the Division One Consolation Championship over Listowel last Saturday at the Rotary Field on the grounds of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame by a score of 14-2.

Taking on the Listowel Legionnaires with the championship medals on the line, the Rockies were not only battling for the U15 first division's consolation title but also to keep their perfect playoff record intact. Entering Saturday's game, the U15 Red St. Marys squad won all four of their previous playoff outings.

Chase McDougall was given the ball to start on the mound and was very

efficient through the first two innings, consistently staying around the plate while also getting some help from the defence behind him. Shortstop Brody Higham highlighted the team's defensive focus, turning in two unassisted double plays in each of the first two innings.

The first of two major offensive outbursts in the game by St. Marys came in the second inning when Blake McIntosh hit an RBI single after several Rockies' batters were walked. The Rockies took a couple more walks before Michael Ewing hit a double that brought two runs over the plate, en route to putting the Rockies ahead 5-0 at the end of the second.

On the mound, McDougall shut out the Listowel hitters until the fourth

inning when the Legionnaires found a pair of runs to shrink the lead to three. McDougall helped himself immediately after in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home run to boost the lead back to four. McDougall's strong outing continued with a calm catch of a liner coming right back at him before tossing it to first.

The second and biggest offensive explosion for the Rockies came in the fifth inning, an eight-run surge that secured the win for St. Marys. Ewing posted a second RBI double as did Brody Cox and Owen Dittmer. The mercy rule kicked in to end the game and give the 14-2 victory to the Rockies.

McDougall finished two-for-three at the plate while striking out seven

batters and giving up just five hits in as many innings. Offensively, Ewing went four-for-four while Dittmer went two-for-four.

Co-Coach Chris Chessell told the Independent that the team's unblemished record in the playoffs was thanks in large part to the team's ability to wait for the right moments to swing the bat.

"Patience offensively was once again a large factor in the victory [last Saturday]," said Chessell. "Our batters battled to full counts to either take the walk or get a hit which extended innings and put pressure on the Listowel pitchers. That, combined with great pitching, was the story throughout the playoffs as the depth of our team really showed."



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Fares wins Provincial Lawn Bowling title



Alexis Fares (pictured in the middle) is a Provincial Champion! This past weekend, Fares competed in the Novice Girls Division of the Provincial Lawn Bowling Championship in Cobourg and came away with a first-place finish. After finishing second in round-robin play to qualify for the championship bracket, Fares took on Meredith Bee from Milton in the quarter-finals. Bee took a 7-1 lead early on but Fares stormed back to eventually win 17-15. After a strong 18-4 win in the semis against Sandra Pierre, Fares played a back-and-forth contest against Hanover's Katrina Carter in the finals. Carter appeared to pull ahead late, taking a 15-12 lead, but once again, Fares clawed back into the game and ultimately came out on top, winning 18-16 to claim the Provincial Championship. (Contributed photo)

Smale a Trainer for Bronze-winning Team Canada Fastball squad



St. Marys native Darren Smale, pictured, recently served as a Trainer for Team Canada's National Fastball Team that competed in the Pan-Am Championships held in Columbia. The six-team tournament also featured teams from Argentina, Columbia, Pere, the United States, and Venezuela. Canada defeated Argentina 1-0 in extra innings to claim the Bronze Medal and a spot in the World Cup which will be held from November 11th to 19th in Hermosillo, Mexico. (Contributed photo)

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Busy tourney schedule for local pickleball players



Members of the St. Marys Pickleball Association (SMPA) have had a busy tournament schedule of late. The Ontario Provincial Championship was held in Collingwood from September 21st to 24th. Denis Dumont and Merlin Leis (pictured) won a Bronze Medal in Men's Doubles, 3.5 division age 65+. Angela and Merlin Leis competed in the Mixed Doubles, 3.0 division age 50+ and placed fifth. All participants displayed strong play and good sportsmanship. A strong cheering section from the St. Marys Association was on hand in Collingwood to cheer on their friends. In other tournament play, the Stratford Pickleball Association held a tournament at the Pinnacle Field House in Stratford on September 16. Gary Cooper was the overall winner with Mike Ferguson coming in as runner-up, both SMPA members.



SMPA members also participated in the Niagara Region Championship at the Empire Sportsplex in Welland from September 8th to 10th. Dwayne Henderson and Matt Payette (pictured) won a Bronze Medal in the Men's Doubles 3.5 division age 19+. They won a best-of-three-game playoff, winning the last game 11-9. They narrowly missed going to the gold medal game losing a head-to-head howling match against the Wolf Pack. Carol Venn and Laurie Capogna won three games and placed fourth in Women's Doubles 3.0 division age 50+. Mike Richardson and his partner Patrick Donalds placed fourth in Men's Doubles 3.0 division age 50+. Megan Richardson and Matt Payette played in Mixed Doubles 3.0 division age 19+ winning one game in a tough division. (Contributed photos)



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- St. Marys joined the Giving Tuesday Movement in 2017 with 18 partners. In 2022 we had more than 70 partners and held an amazing community event that raised more than \$6,000.00 for Community Dinners that are held at the United Church.
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DCVI Cross-County runners compete in new season's first meet

By Spencer Seymour

The athletes making up the St. Marys DCVI Cross-Country team raced at London's Gibbons Park in an invitational meet on Thursday, September 21st and brought back some strong results in their first meet of the season.

In the Grade Nine boys category, Charlie Bender captured the first-place spot. Abe Bender and Nic Brintnell joined Bender in the top five, with Bender finishing fourth and Brintnell taking fifth. Vaughan Barr, Ben Robson, and Zach Matheson rounded out the Novice Boys contingent from DCVI and claimed the 13th, 14th, and 15th spots respectively. As a team, the Grade Nine boys came away as the top squad in the race.

Two of the top four spots in the Junior Boys division were claimed by DCVI runners, including Kaleb Dingman coming in third and Myles Clinton finishing right behind him in fourth. In the Senior Girls age group, made up of Grade 11s, 12s, and fifth-year students, Charlotte Clinton put forward a strong showing, finishing second.

On the girls side of the Novice division, Alanna Savile took 13th while Holly Black came in 24th. In the Senior Boys race, Charles Black took the 26th place.



Charlotte Clinton running during the Cross Country invitational meet held at Gibbons Park in London last Thursday. Clinton finished second in the Senior Girls race and was one of several St. Marys DCVI students to turn in strong performances at the first meet of the season. (Contributed photo)



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Grayson Gerber leans into a quick shot in the slot during the A.N.A.F U15 A Boys St. Marys Rock game last Thursday.



Raella Brodhagen pulls off a through-the-legs pass during last Thursday's U19 St. Marys Snipers game.



Ellie MacArthur takes a shot off the rush during this past Sunday's Home Hardware Building Centre U15 C Girls game.



Sophie Richardson launches a rebound on goal during the Hubbard Pharmacy U18 B Girls St. Marys Rock game this past Sunday.



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ARTS & CULTURE —

Underwater Wonders



Bonn Richardson's childhood painting "Swans Swimming in a Pond"

By James Giles and Bonn Richardson edited by Alice Rixson

Bonnie Richardson, simply known as Bonn, realized by the age of five that her desired life destination was to become a visual artist. She paints in her 'little wee studio' outside her home in St. Marys and calls it My Happy Place.

A long time St. Marys resident, she was born in North Bay, Ontario. Bonn spent countless hours outside, exploring and absorbing her surroundings. Not even considering or accepting her visual challenge that she was born with (monocular vision) as a disability, she simply adapted. "I have learned to accept the way I am and work with my eye issues. I may not be able to see what others see, but I can imagine and create" she says.

As a child, Bonn would return home from her outdoor adventures and spend hours painting and drawing, absorbing inspiration from the landscape to create her representational works of art. The first picture that she drew and one she still has is of swans swimming in a pond. Her secret elation today is sitting for extended periods of time observing light dancing on the river's water moving downstream and gazing at sparkling snowflakes that drift by her window.

While working in an office in her early 20s, a colleague convinced Bonn to take a painting class. "I registered at a local college for a watercolour course," she recalls. "The second my brush dipped into the water and the paint touched my paper, something deep inside woke up. The exhilaration I felt that day has led me to a lifelong love affair with painting as a way of expressing myself," she recalls.

Years of studying art books, enrolling in private classes, and producing many pieces of representational art has helped Bonn's artistic efforts evolve into the palette and the contemporary expressionistic style that now define her techniques.

Bonn has always found solace in nature, especially around water. She believes painting is about over-

coming life's adversities, finding and seeing beauty within chaos. "Whether painting a scene or a feeling, there is a certain amount of meditation involved to get me into my creative zone," she claims.

Bonn's unique approach to painting that she dubs working "underwater" helped her attain a Canada Arts Council Grant to exhibit her "underwater" works in London, Ontario. Her show was entitled, Healthy Water, Healthy Life. Bonn believes water and its prism effects are what inspires her images. The complexity and allure of water are constant sources of inspiration. "When I go into my studio with my 'en plein air' sketches, I sit quietly to bring up the memory of what I felt so I can paint from these experiences," she reveals. "In my journey of working with my visual challenges from birth, I have developed a textured way of painting that helps me know intuitively when I am done."

Her work over the past 30 years has exemplified many changes with one body of work evolving into another. Bonn's work has progressed into a contemporary expressive style. Painting in abstraction taught her how to paint feelings and emotions onto canvas and helped her tap into her unique voice. "I can paint moments that touch me freely and unhindered and I can access the landscapes of my own soul. There is tremendous freedom in that," she says.

With a focus on "working underwater" Bonn's first residency program is being offered in St. Marys at the Riverwalk Commons on Water Street on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm. It will begin with a brief description about the tools and equipment she uses, and will include a short film.

Painting classes will also be offered on Wednesday mornings throughout the month of October with the focus on "discovering the surprise and wonder of fluidity." Bonn will provide all supplies for watercolour classes.

Please register at rwcommons.com/ola/services/making-your-heart-sing-with-watercolour-workshop before October 1 and visit Bonn's website at

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COMMUNITY —

Johnny & Stacey entertain a large crowd at Broken Rail



Thanks to great weather and even better entertainment, a large crowd showed up at the Broken Rail Brewery on Sunday to listen to some live music by Stacey Frayne and Johnny Bowes, who go by their duo name Johnny & Stacey. This was the first gig the two have played together. Johnny has been singing and playing for 25 years and Stacey has been doing it for 15 years. She also lived in Galway, Ireland for 2 years where she shared her musical talents. For booking enquiries, the duo can be reached at johnnybowesmusic@gmail.com. (Wendy Lamond photos)

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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Practicing Law in Historic St. Marys

By Mary Smith

On January 1, 1857, on the front page of the first surviving issue of a locally published newspaper, the St. Marys Argus, Alexander Belch, the editor and proprietor, gave his advertising rates. Small ads or "squares" of six to 12 lines of type were \$1 for three weeks, \$3 for three months, and \$6 to run a full year. A smaller business card of five lines or fewer cost \$5 for a full year. In a column down the left-hand side of the front page was a series of these cards under the heading, "Business Directory." These little ads listed the services of professionals, such as medical doctors and surveyors, tradesmen including a tinsmith and a boot-maker, and merchants selling a variety of goods. The advertisers include some familiar names in early St. Marys such as McIntyre, Hutton and Whelihan.

The first lawyers to practice in St. Marys also made use of this inexpensive way to advertise. The entry at the top of the Directory in the first issue of the Argus is Leon M. Clench and by the second week of publication, James M'Fadden had added his notice. By 1860, a third lawyer, Edward Taylor Dartnell, also had a notice in the Argus. These three men listed themselves as attorneys, barristers, solicitors and conveyancers.

When Alexander Belch began his newspaper in the mid-1850s, the population of St. Marys was approximately 2,500 with a very well-populated farming area surrounding the village. There would have been considerable work for lawyers. As well as matters such as wills, estates and litigation, lawyers at that time did a great deal of conveyance work – legally transferring property from one owner to another. Land was a commodity and many people with some extra capital on hand invested by purchasing property. Frequently, undeveloped lots within the boundaries of St. Marys were purchased by persons with no intention of building on them. They assumed, usually correctly, that within a few years, they would be able to resell at a profit. Not only lawyers but also notaries and commissioners could do conveyances.

The earliest lawyers in St. Marys had different backgrounds, approached their work in different ways and their careers had different outcomes. Edward Taylor Dartnell was born in 1807 in Limerick, Ireland, a member of a large, well-educated, well-connected, Anglo-Irish family. His father, George Dartnell, was a prominent lawyer in Limerick and Edward worked as a barrister and solicitor in his practice. In 1832, Edward married Catherine Flemming Coote, a young widow from Dublin. Their oldest children were born in Ireland. When Edward, Catherine and family immigrated to Canada in 1850, several of their children stayed behind with relatives either in Ireland or in England. Their son, George Henry Frewen Dartnell, was a student at King's College, London, at the time.

The Dartnell family first established a home in Toronto where young George joined them and studied law with his father and under the tutelage of several prominent Toronto lawyers. He was admitted to the bar in 1857, his career flourished and he eventually became a judge. His father, Edward Taylor Dartnell, was not only a lawyer but also a landscape artist, painting in oils. Soon after he arrived in Toronto, he produced a large panoramic picture, "View of the City of Toronto" as seen from the island. Restored and in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum, it presents an idyllic Toronto waterfront in a distance across the harbour, the cluster of buildings very different from the cityscape viewed from the island to-



Ardmore Park, home in the late 1850s to the mid-1860s of Edward Taylor Dartnell, one of the first lawyers to practice in St. Marys. In this 1980s photograph, some of the remnants of the original landscaping can still be seen.

day. Dartnell also was for some years the editor of a Conservative Toronto newspaper, the British Canadian and Canada West Commercial and General Advertiser.

Edward Taylor Dartnell's reasons for deciding to leave Ireland at the age of 43 to bring his family to Canada are not known. It is even less clear why, in the late 1850s, he moved to St. Marys. He may have heard about this area from his cousin, George Russell Dartnell, a British Army Surgeon who, with several companions, visited the village on a hunting expedition in 1844, hiking north along the Thames River from London. He kept a journal of that trip and may have shared the story with family members. (Larry Pfaff's *Historic St. Marys*, 1994, contains a full account of Dartnell's impressions of St. Marys in 1842. The book is available at the St. Marys Museum and the public library.)

By 1857, travelling to St. Marys was less adventurous. Edward Taylor Dartnell and his family would have arrived by the Grand Trunk Railway. The telegraph and trains delivering daily newspapers would have made it possible to keep in contact with city affairs. But even so, living in this village must have been far different from life in the more populous areas the Dartnells were accustomed to. However, Edward purchased a beautiful, secluded property with a new regency-style limestone house, overlooking the Thames River in the west ward. He named his new country estate Ardmore Park and had the grounds landscaped to complement the lovely stone house. He set up a law office in Milner Harrison's building on Queen Street near the market square.

Dartnell owned Ardmore for more than 20 years. In the 1861 census, the family members living in the stone house were Edward, age 53, his wife Catherine, age 50, five daughters ranging in age from six years old to 26, and one son, age 14. The Dartnells' two youngest daughters, Ellen and Louisa, had both been born in Canada. But by the late 1860s, the Dartnells had left this area. Ardmore was rented out and Edward and his family had moved to the village of L'Orignal in Prescott County. Edward Taylor Dartnell died in Kingston in 1892.

James McFadden (sometimes M'Fadden or MacFadden) was born in 1821 in Canada West (Ontario)

to Irish born parents, James and Sarah Reid McFadden. No records have been found to tell where exactly he was born and attended school or where he studied law. However, by the mid-1850s he was well-established in St. Marys. He was listed as an attorney, age 40, in the 1861 census, married to the much younger Catherine McLean McFadden, age 23. They were Presbyterians. Their wedding was in January 1860 and, in August 1861, a notice in the Argus announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. More children followed: by the 1871 census, there were three daughters and two sons. One of the sons, James Junior, followed his father into law but was better remembered as an excellent hockey and lacrosse player, widely known in sporting circles.

James McFadden's law office was on Wellington Street North, just off Queen, and he apparently prospered. He was asked to run for town council but declined. According to the town's first surviving assessment roll in 1869, McFadden owned property in all three wards of the town. The property in the north ward was undeveloped but his lots in the south and west wards had houses and he was the landlord to two families. But by that time, the McFadden family had moved to Stratford. In 1866, James was appointed Clerk of the County Court and Registrar of the Surrogate Court. He held these offices until he died 33 years later in August 1899. He is buried in Avondale Cemetery beside his wife, Catherine, who predeceased him in 1894.

The third St. Marys lawyer advertising in the early issues of the Argus was Leon M. Clench. He has been recognized in previous Historic St. Marys columns as the father of world-famous violinist, Nora Clench, and as an inventor, craftsman and musician in his own right. His life as a member of the legal profession will be considered in next week's column along with one or two other St. Marys lawyers who were his contemporaries in the 1870s. All had an impact on the town.

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COLUMN —

FROM THE GARDEN: Garden Champions



By Nancy Abra

Over the decades garden design has transitioned. Foundation plantings of the 1970's were often composed of evergreen shrubs and perennials that provided year-round interest and contrast to the house design or structure. Fifty years later, the garden design has shifted to a more sustainable approach and low-maintenance plants, reflecting on the busy lifestyles of today. Mass plantings of grasses or small shrubbery with an eye-catching plant specimen drawing your attention has become popular. Most notably landscape designers and homeowners are choosing hydrangeas.

Hydrangeas are a genus of flowering plants native to southern and eastern Asia, as well as the Americas. They are known for their large, showy flower heads as they

create a focal point in a garden that attracts attention and admiration.

The name "hydrangea" comes from the Greek words "hydor," meaning water, and "angos," meaning jar or vessel. This name is fitting, as hydrangeas require a lot of water to thrive. They are often planted near ponds or water features. Hydrangeas are fairly low maintenance but they prefer moist, well-drained soil and should be watered regularly, especially during long dry periods. They are also hardy and versatile, with some varieties tolerating full sun or full shade but they prefer partial shade.

Hydrangeas come in a variety of species and cultivars, each with its own unique characteristics. There are basically six types of hydrangeas commonly grown in North America. The most popular is the *Hydrangea macrophylla*, originally from Japan, which has big leaves and large mop-head flowers. The *Hydrangea arborescens*, example 'Annabelle' is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with flat top flowers and is native to the United States. The *Hydrangea paniculata*, with varieties with com-

mon names such as 'PeeGee', 'Limelight', 'Little Lamb' to name a few, have cone flowers and make a stunning focal plant in any garden. They are originally from China, Korea and Japan. The other varieties are *Hydrangea quercifolia* or Oakleaf, also native of the United States, has cream-coloured flowers and lobed shaped leaves that turn red in the fall. The *Hydrangea serrata* (Mountain), and *Hydrangea anomala* or climbing all have different flower shapes, colours and growth habit characteristics.

One of the most distinctive features of some types of hydrangeas is their ability to change colour based on the pH level of the soil they are planted in. In acidic soil, hydrangeas produce blue flowers, while in alkaline soil, they produce pink flowers. This colour-changing ability has made hydrangeas a favorite among gardeners who enjoy experimenting with different soil conditions.

Besides being a champion in the gardens, Hydrangeas are popular in the floral industry. With their large, showy flower heads that come in different colors and shapes, they are also long-lasting and



versatile, and can be used for various occasions from weddings to funerals.

In addition to their beauty, hydrangeas also have a rich cultural significance. In Japan, they are associated with gratitude, apology, and understanding. They are often given as gifts to express appreciation or to ask for forgiveness. In some cultures, hydrangeas are also believed to have mystical properties and are used in rituals and

ceremonies.

Hydrangeas are long lasting flowering plants that bring color and vitality to our gardens. With their ability to change color based on soil conditions and their rich cultural significance, they are a favorite among gardeners and floral enthusiasts alike. Whether you're looking to add a focal plant to your garden or create a stunning floral arrangement, hydrangeas are a champion choice.

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COLUMN —

HOSTING UKRAINE: We're In Business!

By VJ Knutson

New immigrants can't apply for permanent residency (PR) until they have been in Canada one year. For some of our local Ukrainians, they have already surpassed the year, and are in the process of applying. Others are fast approaching their eligibility date, and planning their approach. PR is achieved through a number of different pathways, including Humanitarian, Sponsorship, or employment related paths, just to name a few. It's all over my head, to be honest, but I do know that they need a year's job experience, and a certain level of English.

I mentioned in a recent article that several newcomers are interested in entrepreneurial pursuits. Kostia Kutyk started a business, Workshop BEARded CaT, in which he creates wonderful structures from metals. For those who follow Facebook, Kostia and friends were the ones who recently installed a wooden walkway for Peter Rice. From conversations with Kostia,

I know that his imagination and ambitions are far reaching.

Another trio have recently banded together to create a new company: Tan. Tan.Cleaning+. TanTan for Tanya and



Tania. The plus one is Tania's husband, Mykola. Between the three, they offer cleaning, home cooking, and handyman services.

Tania Romaniuk, whose family Ric and I first committed to host back in March of 2022, has an extensive background in restaurant and hotel management, and oversaw the operations of several cafés before coming to Canada. Three months before war broke out, she and her husband opened their own café, with daughter Sofiia as barista. This family's dream was cut short by the Russian invasion,

but fleeing Ukraine and the ensuing difficulties they encountered did not break her desire to recapture the dream. In the last couple of months, Tania has been cooking meals for the Rotary Club meetings, and hopes to be able to bring her skills into the home, elevating their level of service with an extra pampering touch.

Tanya Bila was an accountant in Ukraine, but like many who flee due to war, her credentials don't translate in Canada, especially when language is a problem. Tanya works at Cascades, and aspires to better her situation. In

the time that I have known her, she has evolved from minimal English to a level 6. She is excited to be starting something new, and says that cleaning is her passion.

Rounding out the trio, is Mykola. A plumber by trade in Ukraine, he built their family home, and has skills in all areas of home maintenance. Also employed at Cascades, Mykola hopes to make good use of his time off helping homeowners.

I hear through the grapevine that another Ukrainian is practicing his tattoo artistry in town, and of course, Nataly still sells her wares through the market in St Marys and Stratford.

So much new energy these newcomers are inserting into our community. I'm tired just thinking of how busy they are, but it doesn't surprise me. I think back to the first long weekend Ruslan (Nataly's husband) experienced in Canada.

"VJ!" he shared with me through Google Translate, "I never want to have another long weekend off again!"

To get in touch with any of the above, please reach me at english.knutson@gmail.com. Pictured are Tania and Mykola Romaniuk, and Tanya Bila. Till next time.

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Happy faces everywhere at the Thorndale Fall Fair



Caden Wonnacott - Reserve Champion Showman and his sister Allana - Grand Champion Showman with her Grand Champion calf.

By Nancy Abra

As the numbers are tallied and fair tables, display cases dismantled and stored away for next year, the Thorndale Agricultural Society executive and directors are very pleased with the results of this 166-year-old community tradition.

"It was such an awesome weekend" Amanda Elliott stated "with beautiful weather, and record attendance. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, supporters and incredible volunteers. And what a high note to finish my term as President of the Thorndale Agricultural Society. I am still overwhelmed. It was an amazing weekend with smiling happy faces everywhere."

The Thorndale Fall Fair weekend began with a large crowd attending the outdoor opening ceremonies of

speeches of greetings and well wishes along with the announcement of the 2023/2024 Fair Ambassador, Lindsay Sheppard, a 20 year old nursing student from the Thorndale area and awards to recognize longstanding volunteers. The pie and quilt auction is always the huge crowd pleaser. The bidding frenzy is lead by George and Heath Taylor as they take bids for the Home Craft prize winning pies and a beautiful handmade quilt graciously donated by Vera VanDen Nieuwelaar. The pie auction hit a climax when Nancy Harmer fulfilled her promise to her husband who has passed away a couple of months ago, that she would purchase a pie in his name with a bid of \$10,000. This year's auction was another record, raising \$18,550.00 for the Thorndale Agricultural Society.

The Saturday morning parade of nu-



Thorndale Fair 23-24 Ambassador Lindsay Sheppard, 20, is the daughter of Mike and Jill Sheppard of the Thorndale area.

merous antique cars, floats, children, music and tractors lead people to the fairgrounds where outdoor attractions, entertainment, carnival rides and horse and 4H livestock shows were set for people of all ages to enjoy. The pickleball tournament and first-time snowmobile drag race were new this year and were both very successful. From a reliable source, they will be back for another year in 2024. The ever-popular demolition derby always draws a huge crowd on Sunday afternoon.

In 1857 the West Nissouri Agricultural Society was established to organize a township fair exhibition which was staged on the farm of William Logan. That exhibition provided the opportunity for the community to come together to display crops, farm livestock and fancy items made for the home

and baked goods made in the kitchen. Fast forward to today, the exhibition of friendly competition is still prevalent. This years Home Craft Division tallied 980 entries with Mary-Lou Bontje receiving the recognition of the most winning points for this division's champion. There were also hundreds of School Fair entries from area children and numerous entries in the field and crop division too.

From its humble beginnings, the Thorndale Fall Fair has evolved over the decades and grown within a balance of rural and urban lifestyles. But the Thorndale Fall Fair has always maintained its rich tradition of cherished agricultural roots and rural community spirit as it continues to bring smiles on many faces.



Five year old Sadie Denomme - Thorndale Fall Fair Little Ambassador.



MaryLou Bontje - Home Craft Division Champion.

Riddles

- What has hands yet you cannot see but cannot write or clap? **The future.**
- A clock.** What has a tongue but cannot talk? **A shoe.**
- What has stripes and goes through the air? **What has legs but cannot walk? A chair.**
- A basketball.** What gets wetter the more it dries? **What word begins and ends with the E but only has one letter? Envelope.**
- A towel.** What has a neck but no head and arms but no hands? **What's full of holes but still holds water? A sponge.**
- I'm taller when I'm young, and shorter when I'm old. What am I? **What breaks as soon as you say its name? Silence.**
- A candle.** What is always right in front of you,

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- House
- Button
- Backline
- Pebble
- Hog line
- Free guard zone
- Slider
- Broom
- Blank end
- Shot rock



The Riddle Kid OF THE WEEK

What do you call a pig that does karate?



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Finn Reid (8)

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Straight from the Shelves

By Laura McAsh, St. Marys Public Library

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we are showing "The Walk a Mile Film Project". The project consists of five short documentary films: "Coming to Terms", "We are All Treaty People", "A Legacy of Struggle", "Targets & Heroes", and "The Way Forward". Each film educates while encouraging open conversations about the history and real lives of Aboriginal peoples all over Canada.

If you missed Wednesday's showing

of the project, join us tomorrow, September 29th at 3:00pm. This event is free to attend and there is no pre-registration required. The entire project is about an hour in length.

This Week's Recommendation

Skye loves to tell stories, just like her grandfather. Every story teaches something special if you listen closely enough. In "Storyteller Skye: Teachings from my Ojibway Grandfather", Skye tells four stories about North American wildlife and how they got their most prominent features: how Shi'gaag (skunk) got their stink, how

Amik (beaver) got their big teeth, how E'si'bun (raccoon) got their mask, and how Waboose (rabbit) got their big ears. She also tells of a great race between Ma'ii'gun (wolf) and Animoosh (dog). "Storyteller Skye" is written by Lindsay Christina King and illustrated by Carolyn Frank. You can find it in our Truth and Reconciliation display near the Queen Street entrance.

Up This Week

Friday, Sept. 29th: Special Presentation - The Walk a Mile Film Project (3:00pm)

Saturday, Sept. 30th: Open 10:00am-4:00pm

Monday, Oct. 2nd: Open 10:30am-8:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd: Open 10:30am-8:00pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4th: EarlyON - Play and Read (9:30am), Mahjong Intro (1:00pm-2:00pm, 6:00pm-6:30pm), Mahjong! (2:00pm-4:00pm, 6:30pm-8:00pm)

Thursday, Oct. 5th: Scrabble (6:00pm-8:00pm)



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OBITUARY

Marshall



Gerald Terrance "Jerry" Jerry passed away peacefully at LHSC - Victoria Hospital on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the age of 76. Cherished husband of Joan (Dykes) Marshall for over 53 years. Proud father of Kathy and Scott Roth of Coldstream, and Jeff and Angela Marshall of Prospect Hill. Adored grandpa of Helena, and Lachlan Roth; Siera (Jared), Abigail, Aubrey, and Jackson Marshall. Dear brother-in-law of Valerie (Dykes) and Cliff Thomson and family, Ron Dykes and family. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless dear friends. Cherished nephew to several aunts and uncles. Predeceased by parents Richard and Dorothy (Craney) Marshall and brother, John Marshall (Betty).

He was a community leader in his remarkable 31 years on London Police Service, reaching the rank of Inspector. He was known for his larger-than-life personality, strong handshake, and genuine interest in people. Jerry's second career as an entrepreneur led to the development of a flourishing tent rental business. He touched many lives as a mentor, hero in time of need, and man of steadfast honesty and integrity. His fierce determination and his love and dedication to family shone through in all facets of his life.

Visitation will be held at St. Marys Presbyterian Church, 147 Widder Street East, ST MARYS on Saturday, October 14th from 10:30 – 11:30 AM, where Jerry's memorial service will be held at 12 noon. A reception and time to share stories with the family will be held following the service at the Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street South, St. Marys. Cremation has taken place and Jerry will be laid to rest at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Donations to London Health Sciences Foundation or St. Marys Healthcare Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be forwarded online through www.haskettfh.com.

OBITUARY

McCurdy



Dorothy Evelyn McCurdy (Glanville), born in Usborne Twp on August 23, 1943, daughter of Charles and Greta, passed away in her sleep, with family by her side, at St. Marys Memorial Hospital on Sept 21, 2023 at the age of 80.

Predeceased by her husband Ross "Gus" (2002). Mother of Terry, Barry (deceased, 2019), Dianne Siertsema (Ken), and Randy (Sandra). Grandmother of Nicole, Hanna, Jessica, Kasey, Amber, Jackson, Mya, and Olivia. Great-grandmother of Hailie Mills. Sister of Gerald, Murray (deceased), Graham (deceased), Ray (Sue), Lynda Hartman (deceased). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Over the years, Dorothy was a volunteer with the Kirkton Fair, Farm Safety, Member of the Woodham United Church and UCW, and worked many years at Staffen's Grocery Store in St. Marys, retiring from the St. Marys Independent.

Cremation to take place. A graveside service will be conducted at the Kirkton Union Cemetery, 70411 Union Line, Kirkton, on October 3, 2023 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Marys and area Salvation Army and Food Bank. Arrangements with the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, St. Marys (519-284-2820) with on-line condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Brown



Lois Mabel Brown, resident of St. Marys and formerly of Smiths Falls, passed away at St. Marys Memorial Hospital on Sept. 22, 2023 with family by her side, at the age of 90.

Predeceased by her husband Ken (2015). Mother of Jeff and his wife Dianne Ferguson-Brown of St. Marys and Dave of Guelph. Grandmother of Dr. Kristin Brown and Steve Thompson, Kayla Brown and Colin Prytula, Aaron Brown and Tori, and two great-grandchildren on the way. Sister of Marilyn Kelly and Lila Powers.

Predeceased by siblings Larry, Leita Kerfoot, Lloyd, Jack, Ted, Freda Mayhew, and her parents Harry and Florence Cross. Lois is also survived by many, many nieces and nephews and their families.

Cremation has taken place with a private family interment in St. Marys Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation. Arrangements with the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, St. Marys (519-284-2820) with on-line condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Greason



It is with sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Sheila Norma Greason on Wednesday September 20th, 2023 at St. Marys Memorial Hospital.

Sheila was born in Stratford Ontario on July 31 st , 1942, to the late Norman and Hester Greason and grew up and lived on the family farm that she called home. She worked as a teacher for the Thames Valley District School Board having touched many lives throughout her career and always remembering each student with care. Sheila was always active in the St. Marys community and an ultimate volunteer who freely offered her time to many organizations and groups. Her philanthropic spirit will be missed by many groups and organizations including East Nissouri Union Church, St. Marys Community Living, Women's Institute, McConnell Club of St. Marys, Order of the Eastern Star, and more.

Sheila will also be remembered for the kind and compassionate care she provided to animals. She had a particular fondness for her beloved cats who provided much joy throughout her life. Dearly loved sister of William Greason (the late Sandra), cherished Auntie Sheila of Tamera Greason (Michael Aloisio) and Ashleigh Scott (Denny), and great-aunt of Mary Jane. Sheila will forever be remembered by an extensive network of extended family and friends all who loved her dearly and were a cherished part of her life.

As per Sheila's wishes cremation has taken place. A private family interment will take place at a later date. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life in the Community Hall at the Pyramid Centre, 317 James Street South, St. Marys Ontario on October 21st from 2-4 pm. Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

In keeping with Sheila's kind and giving nature, the family asks that random acts of kindness within the community be made in her memory. Arrangements with the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, St. Marys (519-284-2820) with online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

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LOOKING BACK



By AMY CUBBERLEY

Dog slower than molasses

25 years ago (1998)

St. Marys Town Councillor Dave Cunningham announced his resignation on Tuesday at a meeting of Town Council. Dave and June have put their historic Elgin Street home up for sale and have plans to move to Fergus where Dave has accepted a new job.

Bronwen Hazlewood, a former student at St. Marys DCVI, is a regional winner of the 1998 Ontario Business Educators Association advanced accounting contest. Hazlewood, 18, placed first in the regional division, and was one of more than 1,000 students who participated in the overall competition.

A group of local businesspeople have come together to lead the Phase Two fundraising initiative for the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The \$1 million "Field of Dreams" campaign is being led by chairperson Ben Waghorn.

50 years ago (1973)

Quite a building boom is going on in Lucan this season. At a conservative estimate, at least twenty-five new homes have either been built or are in the process thus far into 1973.

An estimated 150 gallons of molasses spilled onto the main street of Kirkton last Friday when a truck swerved to miss a dog. Fortunately, the molasses soon flowed off the road and soaked into the shoulder.

A modern aluminum and glass entranceway was recently installed at the front of Town Hall.

75 years ago (1948)

Frosts have nipped the flowers and vegetables in this district the past three nights.

Local police have been doing a good job of keeping the downtown poles free of advertising posters. They sprang into action Monday to remove several dozen blazing signs tacked up.

Cecil Judd has moved into the former Brooks building on Water Street North, purchased for him by the St. Marys Hospital Board, in exchange for his former home on Ingersoll Street. This latter house is being sold by tender to make way for new hospitals.

100 years ago (1923)

Germany is sending the United States a reparation Zeppelin. This air ship will be 650 feet long and more than 90 feet in diameter. Her car will accommodate 30 passengers, the arrangement being similar to the buffet car on all American trains. It is estimated the ship can travel from New York to Chicago in 12 hours and from Chicago to San Francisco in 30 hours.

Readers will regret to learn that Miss Margaret Jameson has been confined to her bed in her home on Wellington Street for over seven weeks with a diseased foot.

A pleasant evening was held at the Waistline Social at the Presbyterian Church on Friday. Each person who came in was met by a gentleman or lady with a tape-measure, and each one submitted to having a waist measure taken. The number of inches of waistline determined the number of cents paid for the evening's entertainment.

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Outlook and Excel and Word knowledge is required. Working knowledge of Simply Accounting, Quickbooks, and basic accounting knowledge would be considered strong assets, although we are willing to train the right person.

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No phone calls please.

We thank you for your interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



THE TOWNSHIP OF PERTH SOUTH SEASONAL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR / TRUCK DRIVER

The Township of Perth South is seeking a qualified equipment operator/truck driver who would be available to work on a seasonal basis for winter maintenance purposes from December 1st, 2023 until March 31st, 2024. Reporting to the Operations Manager, applicants will be experienced with the ability to operate various pieces of equipment, such as wheel loaders, road graders, and tandem dump trucks equipped with snow plow, wing, and sander. The operator may be required to perform other duties within the Public Works Department, along with other miscellaneous labour duties from time to time.

Applicants must have a valid "D" license with a "Z" endorsement. Experience in road and/or equipment maintenance would be an asset. This position is subject to weekend scheduling and 24 hr. call-out, with a minimum of 32 hours per week.

The salary range for this position is \$24.19 – \$29.69 per hour for 2023 and \$25.55 – \$31.36 per hour for 2024.

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed resume expressing their interest to the undersigned clearly marked as "seasonal operator" by September 30, 2023.

Fred Tranquilli, CAO
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