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A Bale or Two makes quite a difference



Thanks to the efforts of the St. Marys BIA Beautification Committee, a nice touch of autumn colour has been added to the grey sidewalks of the downtown. Pictured above on Tuesday morning is BIA board member Dan Troyer, in front of the former "Buck or Two" location at 125 Queen Street East. Troyer says that this seasonal effort is just one of many strategies that are being planned by the Beautification working group that consists of Cathie Szmon (Peak Realty), Shelley Bonnett (Lauren Whitney), Chantal Lynch (Hyggeligt Fabrics), Lisa Fewster (The Wine Lab), and Chaire Chapple (The Yoga Chapple). The porch packages around the downtown were completed by Green Haven Garden Designs and the street pots were provided by the new owners of the Flower Shop and More. (Stewart Grant photo)

Participation up for most Town-offered services

By Stewart Grant

Apart from the availability of sufficient childcare, it was a mostly positive report to Town Council last Tuesday as Director of Community Services Stephanie Ische reviewed usage figures of various town-offered

services.

Quarry attendance for the year was an impressive 27,873. While this number did not quite match the 2022 record total of 31,793, Ische was pleased with the total given the large

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Several exciting events and activities planned for Fire Prevention Week

St. Marys firefighters spread the message of "Cooking Safety Starts With You"

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 8 to 14 and the St. Marys Fire Department is sending the important message of "Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay attention to fire prevention".

"This year's focus is cooking safety" says Fire Chief Richard "Andy" Anderson. "Our goal is to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fires when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe."

According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; cooking is also the leading cause of home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths.

"The St. Marys Fire Department wants our citizens to be more aware of when and where cooking hazards exist, along with ways to prevent them," said Fire Chief Richard "Andy" Anderson. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign will work to promote tips, guidelines, and recommendations that can help significantly reduce the risk of having a cooking fire."

The following are important cooking safety rules that everyone should follow:

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that

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COMMUNITY —

Town encouraging charitable and volunteer groups to apply for community grants

The Town of St. Marys is encouraging charitable, non-profit and volunteer organizations, sports groups and service clubs to apply for its Community Grant Program. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$5,000 cash or \$2,000 of in-kind funding for their project, event, or initiative.

Past grant recipients have included St. Marys Community Dinners, the Kinsmen Club of St. Marys, the Thames River Clean Up, the St. Marys Curling Club, the Piecemaker Quilt Show, and

many others.

Interested applicants should review the Town's Community Grant Policy and application form at www.townofstmarys.com/grants. Eligible projects must support one of the following pillars of the Town's Strategic Plan: culture and recreation, balanced growth, economic development, and housing.

Applicants must be located in or provide services to the St. Marys community. External applicants will only be

considered if they can clearly show that any funding received will have a direct, positive impact on St. Marys. All applicants are required to demonstrate financial need and proof that other funding sources have been considered.

The deadline to apply is November 30, 2023. Council will make all funding decisions after the 2024 budget process. Decisions will be made based on local needs and priorities, the Town's strategic goals and the approved mu-

nicipal budget.

Organizations that receive funding in 2023 are reminded to submit the required documents for the 2023 grant when submitting their application for 2024.

Questions and/or completed applications should be directed to Denise Feeney, Deputy Treasurer, at 519-284-2340, ext. 238 or dfeeney@town.stmarys.on.ca.

Several exciting events and activities planned for Fire Prevention Week

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are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.

- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels.

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off

the burner.

- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

The St. Marys Fire Department has organized a variety of events and activities for Fire Prevention Week:

October 12: Sparky Visit and Swag Bag Booth

Stop by Your Independent Grocer St. Marys from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and get a reusable St. Marys Fire Department bag (with important fire safety information and swag). Meet firefighters, see Sparky and get a photo with one of the St. Marys fire trucks!

October 14: St. Marys Fire Department Open House

Members of the St. Marys Fire Department are excited to host the entire community for an open house event. Firefighters will open the doors from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Enjoy sta-

tion tours, fire truck and equipment demonstrations, new inflatable fire safety house, fire prevention display, the Stratford Police, Community Outreach "I've Got Your Back 911", three delicious food vendors (Campbells Catering, Donut Diva and Pierogi Queen), refreshments and a chance to meet the local firefighters and Sparky too!

For more information on Fire Prevention Week 2023, visit the Town's website (townofstmarys.com/firepreventionweek), Facebook page (facebook.com/stmarysontario) and Twitter account (twitter.com/townofstmarys).



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EDITORIAL —

Our library is “much more than just a collection of books”

By Stewart Grant

At the recent Town Council meeting of September 28, Library CAO Sarah Andrews and Library Board Chair Cole Atlin had the opportunity to present on the topic of how libraries contribute to community.

In the case of St. Marys Public Library, its impact on the community is incredibly meaningful and varied.

Andrews recalled that one of the key strategic pillars of the library is “building strong communities”, and it does that by being a welcoming public place where residents can congregate and provide social support every day but also during times of need. The proof is the numbers: in the period since January 1, 2022, St. Marys Public Library has welcomed 58,494 people through its doors.

Libraries are also designed to be “Opportunity Institutions”. At St. Marys Public Library, Andrews spoke of their goal of “engaging and supporting lifelong learning”, and this is done at both the library and through the Adult Learning Program of Perth. Examples of these services include learning sessions, access to technology and collections, and programs and services including the Ukrainian Mentorship program and the Food Pantry.

Of course, libraries are traditionally known as “holders of valuable collections”. In the case of St. Marys Public Library, some 142,082 items have been loaned out to the community since January 2022. Not just

books, but items which can promote local cultural experiences such as the lending of parks and museum passes... or even kayaks!

The library provides meeting space – an opportunity for people to connect. It can be a place not just to read or to study, but to enjoy games and puzzles with others, be social and find support. Our library also provides access to guest speakers, collections and programs to engage people with their own culture and expose them to other cultures. It is also a place where people can find connections to other town services.

As a Carnegie Library, this institution in town doubles as a helpful resource for tourists as well as being a tourist destination itself. During the recent Doors Open, an impressive 278 guests passed through the hallways of the St. Marys Public Library.

Our library helps build skills throughout a lifetime. For child development, it hosts preschool programs, EarlyON programming, reading programs, literary supports and more. Later in life, it remains a destination for building skills, whether it be through ways such as language learning software, writing and book clubs, the maker-space service, Ukrainian Mentorship program, Living Library events and the Cookbook Club.

As Cole Atlin summarized, our library is “much more than just a collection of books”. If you haven’t visited the St. Marys Public Library in recent years, you might be surprised at everything that is offered.

Bravo

We have 1 Bravo this week.

1) Bravo for the cornstalks, bales of straw, pumpkins and huge pots of mums beside the benches in the downtown area. What a great idea to dress up the front of 125 Queen st (formerly Buck or Two) which has been vacant for years. It makes for a much more positive shopping experience.

Boo

We have 1 Boo this week.

1) Last week while enjoying the nice weather, we drove down to the flats. There we witnessed a man along the other side of the river, throwing his yard waste and cut branches down the riverbank and into the Thames River. Was very discouraging to see! Imagine if we all threw our yard and tree waste into our beautiful Thames River.

*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

"But if I'm sitting down, and that boat's going down, and I'm on top of a battery, and the water starts flooding in, I'm getting concerned. But then I look 10 yards to my left, and there's a shark over there. So I have a choice of electrocution or shark, you know what I'm gonna take? Electrocution. I will take electrocution every single time."

Donald Trump, weighing in on the safety of electric-powered boats at a campaign rally in Iowa on Sunday

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It looks like Trump Tower might soon just be named Tower.

Have you heard something humorous around town that you think might be of interest to others? Either email them to us at info@stmarys-independent.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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- October 3 to 6, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., area north of Trout Creek and east of the Thames River
- October 10 to 13, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., area west of the Thames River
- October 15, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Queen Street East (downtown core)
- October 16 to 20, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., area south of Trout Creek from the Thames River to James Street, including James Street South
- October 23 to 27, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., area south of Trout Creek and east of James Street



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Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is Evelyn Matthison.

Evelyn will be celebrating her 100th birthday on October 28, 2023. She is the mother of four children, 9 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren and loves being involved in their lives. She lived on the family farm near Avonton, then St. Marys, the village of Avonton, in Stratford and now is at Kingsway Nursing Home. Evelyn always carries a deck of cards with her and is ready to play a game of euchre, crib or any card game with family and friends. At Kingsway she loves going to all their wonderful programs, especially anything to do with music.

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

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amount of rain days experienced this summer. She shared that the three top attendance days this year at the Quarry were Saturday, July 22 (837 patrons), Sunday, August 20 (797) and Sunday, September 3 (831).

At the St. Marys Museum, Ische reported that attendance is starting to resemble pre-COVID levels. In August alone, 768 patrons visited the Museum, with 54 locals and 106 tourist taking part in museum tours.

A few of the many other positive highlights included:

-Attendance of 475 (and \$1,272 raised) for the Melodies at the Museum series in August.

-Increased participation in PRC Summer Camp, with 350 children this year versus 308 in 2022.

-Improvement in canteen utilization at both the PRC and the Quarry. This includes a successful partnership with New Orleans Pizza which resulted in 3,522 slices being sold at the Quarry alone. Total Quarry canteen revenue outpaced 2022 levels by \$5,379.

-Bookings at the PRC have been very strong. With ice allocation complete, there are only 5 hours of prime time left – setting a record for the most ice sold. In addition, PRC room rental bookings have increased. Swim-or-skate birthday rentals are catching on, there are a number of public skates scheduled, and there are 20 large rentals at the PRC between now and the end of the year – some of which are multiday rentals.

-An average of 30 children per day at the Youth Centre since it opened for the season on September 11.

-A record high of 465 swim lesson registrants for this fall

On the negative side, the Child Care waitlist maintained by the town is up to 459, which includes 179 infants, 135 toddlers, and 88 preschoolers. This is not a problem unique to St. Marys as it remains a significant challenge to secure enough Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) to meet the growing need.

“We are working with the City of Stratford to come up with solutions,” said Ische. “We’re going to be looking at different programs in the future,” referring to strategies to increase the number of home-grown qualified ECEs.

Demonstrating the various layers of the issue, Councillor Marg Luna asked Ische, “of those 459 children on the list, if staffing wasn’t an issue, how many could you accommodate?”

Ische replied, “We’re full. We have zero space right now. We have 88 spaces within our current child-care centre. If we were to build another centre, you could maybe put another 100 spots in, but with another 100 spots you’re going to need 35 staff. So those are the types of things to look at. It’s not a quick fix. We are meeting with Stratford regularly... we know people are struggling and we know people need care, and people are desperately trying to work on it. We’re not the only location experiencing this, it is everybody around us, it is not St. Marys specific.”

Weekend Quiz

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- 1) In what year was the flip phone invented?
- 2) The bassoon belongs to which instrument family?
- 3) True or False. The color red is made up of shorter wavelengths than blue.
- 4) What is the largest island in the world by area?
- 5) How many gold medals does Michael Phelps have?
- 6) What country is the biggest polluter?
- 7) Who wrote “The Great Gatsby”?
- 8) What is the most dangerous jellyfish?
- 9) The currency used in Israel is known as what?
- 10) What type of tree produces acorns?

This week’s answers are found on pg. 31



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1953 graduates meet at Social 31



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All Wheels Park donation of the week



Special thank you to Mayor Al Strathdee and his wife Gloria for their generous donation to the Rotary All Wheels Park which is rapidly taking shape on James Street south. Community support continues to be marvelous. Please visit our website where all donations are listed. www.townofstmarys.com/allwheelspark

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COMMUNITY —

Stop sign may be the answer for a safer St. Marys intersection

By Rachel Atkinson

During their September 20th meeting, the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) had an interesting discussion about traffic safety, with much focus on the intersection of Jones and Church Street.

Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works, presented a report during the meeting that included details regarding the Road Network Safety Plan, which Kelly described as a “toolkit” that provides different options for solutions. These solutions include what would be considered “passive outcomes” or things that would not change the traffic flow in St. Marys, such as warning signage and speed reductions.

He went on to explain how adding a stop sign at the top of Jones Street would not be considered a passive outcome, but rather a more invasive approach since it would involve changing the design and adding a new traffic control. “Those invasive type things have effects that just ripple out through the road network,” Kelly stated.

According to the radar signs, speed does not seem to be the issue in this area. Based on Stratford Police data, most of the incidents are due to a failure to yield.

When discussing the possibility of a stop sign being added to the top of the hill, Councillor Marg Luna expressed some concern about this location during the winter and how it could be unsafe, suggesting that Jones Street Hill should only go one way. Jeff Wolfe, Infrastructure Services Manager and Project Lead on the Road Network Safety Plan, commented saying that

this would be changing the road network and the way it operates, which would require a third party to assess the impacts.

Some interesting points were brought up regarding locals avoiding the area completely since it is known to be difficult for driving; not only because of the yield sign, but also visibility issues due to a large old tree and other vegetation. Removal of this tree was added to the list of possible solutions.

Though there are many factors to consider when it comes to this difficult area for traffic safety, the main takeaway from police data is that failing to yield is the primary source. Some CPAC members felt as though a stop sign would be a clear-cut solution to this.

Mayor Strathdee stated that he feels strongly that they need a stop sign in that location. “I think for us to say we’re not going to put a stop sign there is ignoring what the data is telling us. I think people make choices whether they go up the hill or not.”

Concerns surrounding the stop sign causing safety issues, especially in the winter, were addressed. Jeff Wolfe stated that “It’s possible by putting a stop sign on, we could have more

fender benders where somebody rolls back into somebody behind them, however the risk of that type of incident, maybe it’s higher than what we’ve been experiencing, but it’s not a T-bone accident where you have a high risk of a real serious injury.”

Another interesting perspective was brought to the table when discussing the addition of a stop sign. The stop sign may cause the intersection to be more frustrating for people to

use, therefore in the winter, drivers may decide to use Park Street instead of Jones Street. The stop sign could deter people from using that intersection altogether, especially during poor driving conditions.

The CPAC have compiled a list of options for council to review. The options include advanced warning signage – hidden intersection signage, removal of Church Street on-street parking space in proximity to the intersection, removal of trees in proximity to the intersection, removal of hedges and vegetation, and lastly, converting Jones Street eastbound from a yield condition to a stop condition.

The subject is set to go to council on October 10th. The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for October 18th. Meetings are open to the public and can be viewed on the Town’s YouTube page.



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COMMUNITY —

Firefighter Connor Byers named Firefighter of the Month for October

This October the St. Marys Fire Department is pleased to announce Connor Byers as its "Firefighter of the Month". Byers joined the St. Marys Fire Department as a firefighter in 2021.

"Firefighter Connor Byers was selected as Firefighter of the Month for his tenacious drive to better himself through continuing education," said Fire Chief Richard "Andy" Anderson. "He takes every opportunity to learn and develop into a top performer as a firefighter. He is a member of the Ice/Swiftwater Rescue "Go Team." It's a very important position to hold because of its unique challenges and technical training that is required to perform the duties and responsibilities under extreme conditions."

"I became interested in becoming a firefighter while looking for a great career with near unlimited learning potential. After going through one of the fire academy programs in Texas, I decided that it is what I'm looking for," says Byers.

"Firefighters train on average four times a month for a total of eight hours, in addition they attend scheduled department weekend training," says Byers. "Firefighters are also provided with the opportunity to attend Re-

gional Training Centre's, hosted by neighbouring municipalities to further their interests in Fire Prevention, Public Education, Company Officer and other specialized (e.g., water/ice rescue) programs."

The department's Fire Chief develops a strategic training plan for each calendar year focusing on the components set by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the Ontario Fire College firefighter curriculum.

"Over the last few years, we've seen a lot of new technology and tools coming into the fire service," said Byers. "We are now entering a new era of the next generation of firefighter safety tools. With these changes we learn to accept and adapt from our old ways of doing things."

Connor grew up in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and has been living in St. Marys for three years. Off duty, Byers spends a lot of time at the gym, trying out new cooking recipes, seeing friends and family, and walking his dog, Mia.

"Byers is a hardworking firefighter you can always count on to take care of members of the community as well as other members of the department," said Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Edwards. "He is a great guy to have on our team."



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- St. Marys Lincolns vs Komoka Kings at the PRC - 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 7

- River Valley Thanksgiving Tourney, call 519-225-2329 for details
- St. Marys Farmers Market at Milt Dunnell Field - 8 am to Noon
- McCully's Hill Farm Harvest Festival - 10 am to 3 pm
- Apple Self Storage Fall open house - 10 am to 2 pm
- North Missouri Church Thanksgiving Bazaar - 11 am to 2 pm
- Ken & Cheryl Firby anniversary open house at the Masonic Hall - 1 to 4 pm
- Joyce McKay 95th Birthday Celebration at Riverwalk Commons - 2 to 4 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Strathroy Rockets at the West Middlesex Memorial Centre - 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 8

- McCully's Hill Farm Harvest Festival - 10 am to 3 pm

Tuesday, October 10

- Community Dinner at the St. Marys United Church - 5 pm, Sponsored by Trouw Nutrition. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated

Wednesday, October 11

- Giving Tuesday information night at St. Marys United Church - 6 to 8 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs LaSalle Vipers at the Vollmer Culture Rec Complex - 7 pm

Thursday, October 12

- St. Marys Fire Department Sparky Visit at The Independent Grocer - 10 am to 2 pm

SPORTS —

Lincs snakebit by Vipers in heavyweight matchup

By Spencer Seymour

After a three-game winning streak to start the year, the St. Marys Lincolns suffered their first loss of the regular season, dropping last Friday's game to the LaSalle Vipers by a score of 4-1.

The story of the game surrounded the compete levels of both teams. In the first 20 minutes, the Lincolns largely controlled the play with the Vipers struggling to find their footing in the opening period. In the second and third, LaSalle's game plan of being gritty and hard to play against was executed to a tee, with the Lincolns struggling to respond to the hard-fought battle in which they now found themselves.

Head Coach Jeff Bradley indicated that, in his mind, the ultimate difference in who won and who lost was who battled harder.

"We have to compete," said Bradley, speaking on what the team needs to change ahead of their next game. "I would put our skill level and depth up against anybody, but to me, LaSalle looked like a team that was extremely driven and motivated to beat us. If we want to earn the right to be called the top team, we have to compete the way LaSalle did. We know we're going to get the best of every team we play so we have to make sure we can battle that."

The Lincs got off to a much quicker start than the Vipers with Jaden Lee scoring his third goal of the season just nine seconds into the first period on a swift backhand-to-forehand move after driving the net. Both Owen Voortman and Jacob Montesi picked up their first point of the season with an assist on the goal. Even though the shots were recorded as 11-8 in favour of LaSalle, the play in the first was largely dictated by St. Marys, which Bradley noted in his post-game comments.

"I was really happy with our first period. I thought we played really well. It was unfortunate that we couldn't score more than we did but I thought we dominated the play. But, in the second period, I thought they gave a bit more effort and we gave a little bit less, which evened things out. Them scoring late in the period put us back on our heels and we were expecting



St. Marys Lincolns' defenceman Ryder Livermore drops LaSalle Vipers' forward Andrew Kotevski with a big hit during last Friday's game at the PRC. (Photo credit: Mike Chennette/McGinny Photography)

a bit of a pushback in the third that didn't come."

"We have a very good team in terms of character but I think things have been going well for us in practice and in games," Bradley continued. "Our system play, our work ethic, and our compete have all been good so far, but as a result of those things, I think it felt like good things had been coming a little easy for us which ultimately came back to bite us against LaSalle."

The Vipers came out with a renewed focus on their gritty strategy but the game remained 1-0 in favour of the Lincolns until the final minute when Nicholas Graneiro potted his third of the campaign with just 19 seconds left in the period.

In the third, LaSalle scored two goals in three minutes and 40 seconds to make it 3-1, both on speedy rushes down the wing, first by Connor Chartrand followed by Patrick McManus. Adrian Manzo added an empty-netter at the 17:36 mark of the final frame.

Bradley admitted that the result was disappointing but also recognized that

games like last Friday's can provide valuable learning opportunities to a team.

"It sucks because we obviously wanted to win that game, just like we want to win every game. We wanted to maintain the record we had and pick up another two points. In the grand scheme of things, it's one game and we can either learn from it or get down on ourselves and I think, with the strong character we have in our room, I think it will be a learning experience."

"Winning a hockey game, especially against an opponent like that, is never easy. Nothing worth doing ever is. We will look at what went wrong, how to change it, and work to change it before the next game. We definitely had some positives, but we didn't have enough to win the game."

One of those positives that Bradley mentioned was the line of Wes Wilding, Colton Henderson, and Jimmy Schiedel. In a game in which compete level was, at times, an issue, that trio was widely praised for their tireless battling and checking on both sides of

the pick.

"Wes, Colton, and Jimmy were awesome," raved Bradley. "All three guys worked hard and played very responsible games. Wes is a really receptive player. You tell him something he could do a bit better or change and he goes out and does it the next shift. I thought Colton was great. He's a kid who all he wants to do is battle and that's exactly what he did every shift."

"Jimmy just always seems to do everything right. That's why he played as much as he did and why he was put on the powerplay and put up with MacQueen-Spence and VandenBrink. He earned everything he got [last Friday]."

Additionally, Bradley was impressed with the performances of first-year forwards Ryan Cornfield and Blake Elzinga.

"Ryan and Blake brought great energy and compete levels. They're used to playing against guys their age and them being the top guys on any team they're on but I think they're learning how to play against 19- and 20-year-old players. They're learning they need to bring something else aside from just skill. They need to bring that compete level and they did a great job of that against LaSalle."

On the back end, Josh Cornfield and Ryder Livermore turned in arguably their best game of the season so far as a blueline pair, while Carter McDougall turned in a very solid effort between the pipes.

"I thought Josh was outstanding. Ryder was really good. That was our top defensive pair in my opinion. They were physical, they were responsible defensively, and they made good plays offensively. Josh runs a really good powerplay. Ryder is always willing to get into the hard battles. I was really happy with just about everything both of them did. I was also pleased with Carter [McDougall]. He held us in the game, he made some big saves to keep us ahead 1-0, and I definitely don't think he was the reason we lost. Carter gave us a chance to win."

The Lincs return to the ice this Friday when they host the Komoka Kings before they hit the road on Saturday to visit the Strathroy Rockets.

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SPORTS —

Local Karate students preparing for World Championship

By Spencer Seymour

Several Stonetown Karate Centre (SKC) students, including those who will be in Orlando, Florida for the World Karate Championship later this month, were in London late last month for the Ontario Grand Nationals at the Carling Heights Community Centre.

In the 15-17-year-old Black Belt division, Sensei Jalyne Lorentz finished as the overall Grand Champion thanks to a great slate of results including a first-place finish in both Traditional Forms and Open Forms. Lorentz also took second in Creative Weapons and third in Traditional Weapons.

In the 15-17 Advanced Belt division, Marieke Van Lierop came away with a pair of first-place results, taking the top spot in both the Traditional Forms and Traditional Weapons.

Shannon Campbell finished third in the 35+ Advanced Women Point Sparring event. In the 42+ Adult Women Black Belt Point Sparring, Lisa Shel-



Pictured from left to right are Marieke Van Lierop, Lisa Sheldon, Jalyne Lorentz, and Shannon Campbell. The four Stonetown Karate Centre students competed in the Ontario Grand Nationals late last month and the latter three will be in Orlando, Florida later this month to compete in the World Karate Championship. (Contributed photo)

don captured the top spot.

SKC students raising money for WKC trip

for the WKC.

To help cover their travel costs, Shannon Campbell and Lisa Sheldon, two of the SKC students attending the World Championship, are collecting empty beer and liquor bottles and cans until Sunday, October 15th. Bottles and cans can be left on the porch at 153 Church Street North in St. Marys or you can call/text 519-709-0227 for pick up.

On Friday, October 6th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a bake sale will be held in front of Stone Home Creatives at 158 Queen Street East with a wide variety of snacks and baked goods being sold. To preorder, call/text 519-709-0227. In addition to the treats available, Sheldon's daughter will also be selling bracelets, while Stone Home Creatives is also currently selling a specially-designed candle with \$5 from every candle sold going towards the travel costs. You can also donate to Campbell's costs directly at <https://gofund.me/db144f8d>.

Fundraisers are underway and/or scheduled for the St. Marys contingent heading to Orlando this month



The Lincoln Alumni Group would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to our recent golf tourney at River Valley Golf Club.

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SPORTS —

Campbell wins St. Marys Men's Invitational

By Stewart Grant

St. Marys Golf & Country Club proved to be a formidable test on Saturday, September 23 when hosting its annual Men's Invitational event. None of the players in the field could do better than four-over-par, and three-putts were common on most scorecards as competitors took awhile to adjust to some of the fastest greens of the season.

At the conclusion of the shotgun tournament, three names were atop the leaderboard with scores of 76. This included St. Marys members Evan Bechtel and Kyle Heinbuch, along with Strathroy's Donnie Campbell who plays out of The Oaks Golf & Country Club.

The challenging par-3 holes of #2 and #7 at St. Marys brought a mix of highs and lows for each of the leaders. For Heinbuch, the uphill seventh was his final hole (since he had started the day on the eighth hole) and his tee shot there is one he would like to have back. After striking a tree and taking a terrible bounce to the left near #10 tee, a double-bogey was an unfortunate finish to an otherwise strong round. Interestingly, both Campbell and Bechtel recorded birdies on the same hole. But on hole 2, which is one of the toughest pars on the golf course, the roles were reversed as Heinbuch birdied it while Campbell and Bechtel each doubled.

After the scores were tallied, the Invitational playoff was contested on the par 4 8th hole. Director of Golf Brandon De Groote described the finish to the Independent as follows: "All had great drives, with Evan

and Donnie hitting the fairway with approximately 160 yards into the green, and Kyle was slightly left with 130 yards into the green. Donnie went first and placed it on the green, 25 feet from the pin. Evan missed left and found himself in the catchment area at the back of the green, and Kyle pushed his approach, nearly going out of play. Kyle's ball was lodged against a tree trunk, and after contemplating his shot for a few minutes he tried to hack it out to no avail. Evan chipped it on to around 20 feet, making Donnie putt first. Donnie sunk his impressive birdie putt (it had around 3 feet of break), winning the playoff."



Donnie Campbell was this year's winner of the St. Marys G&CC Men's Invitational on Saturday, September 23. (Contributed photo)

St. Marys Golf & Country Club Mens Invitational Leaderboard

1 Donnie Campbell (won in playoff)	76	+4
2 Evan Bechtel	76	+4
2 Kyle Heinbuch	76	+4
4 Bob Hearn	78	+6
4 Mark Vandenberg	78	+6
6 Jeff Langley	79	+7
6 Marc Anderson	79	+7
6 Richard MacKay	79	+7
9 David Johnstone	80	+8
9 Todd Holloway	80	+8

Payton recognized at Lincs Alumni golf tournament



The Lincolns' Alumni Recognition Trophy was presented for the first time September 23rd at River Valley G&CC, and it went to recently-retired sports reporter Pat Payton, who finished a 40-year newspaper career in St. Marys last December. Mike Mattiussi, left, and Jacques Cousineau, right, the first co-chairmen of the Lincs' Alumni group, made the presentation to Payton. (Photo by Scott Graham)



The Cousineau clan. The foursome of Anna Doupe, left, Jimmy Cousineau, Emmett Doupe and Jacques Cousineau played in the Lincolns' Alumni Group golf tournament on September 23 at River Valley G&CC. 18 foursomes played in the tournament which enjoyed ideal weather conditions. (Photo by Pat Payton)

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Minor Sports Scrapbook



Elena King takes a shot on goal during the U9 HL Girls St. Marys Rock game this past Saturday at the PRC.



Luc Sampson prepares for an opposition shot during last Saturday's U11 C Boys St. Marys Rock game.



Ella Stacey readies a shot with Adalyn Blake crashing the net during last Saturday's Kinsmen Club U9 C Girls St. Marys Rock game.



Aiden Hibbert fires a shot off a breakaway during the U11 LL Boys St. Marys Rock game this past Saturday.



Saskia-Lyn De Boer backhands the puck into the slot area during the Hitching Post U11 C Girls St. Marys Rock game this past Sunday. (Photos by Spencer Seymour)

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SPORTS —

Lincs, SMMHA host Western vs Laurier University game



Western Mustangs' goaltender Dylan Myskiw makes a save as Laurier Golden Hawks' forward Sam Rhodes drives the net in search of a rebound. Last Saturday saw the two universities play an exhibition game at the Pyramid Recreation Centre. Laurier won the high-octane contest by a final score of 5-1.



Golden Hawks' forward Thomas Lenart hounds Mustangs defenceman Anthony Allepot during last Saturday's university game between Western and Laurier. Half of the game's proceeds went to St. Marys Minor Hockey and the game was hosted in conjunction with the St. Marys Lincolns. (Photos by Spencer Seymour)

DCVI Junior Girls basketball squad wins season opener

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Junior Girls basketball team began their season on the road with an excellent offensive display, cruising to a 38-19 victory over St. Michael Catholic School of Stratford.

Head Coach Tim O'Connor said he was happy with the team's season opener.

"It was a good start to the season,"

O'Connor told the Independent. "We were a little more confident with the ball than I would have expected for our first game so that was really good to see. Claudia [Laino] and Libby [McCurdy] did a nice job establishing some tempo offensively and Charlotte [Richardson] and Marin [Chateauvert] were doing a great job finishing and putting up points."

Although the team struggled at times on the defensive side and had a few

too many turnovers, O'Connor still believed it was a positive way to begin the season. Leading the charge on the scoresheet were Chateauvert and Richardson who put up 12 and 11 points respectively. Regan Jones and Alanna Saville also added four points each.

Chateauvert and Naomi De Vries, the team's Captain and Assistant Captain, were credited with leading in the team's high energy level.

"We do have some things to work on but all in all, for the first game of the season, we did well against a solid team. The energy during the game and leading up to the game was good. Our Captain Marin and Assistant Captain Naomi were instrumental in that regard. We play St. Mike's again next Thursday and I expect them to be much improved next time out."

Chargers win final game of LAWSL season

By Spencer Seymour

A season of building up the team's cohesiveness ended recently in exciting fashion with the St. Marys Chargers winning their final regular season game.

Player-Coach Laura Van De Walle told the Independent that there was plenty of joy amongst the players following the 2-0 win over the visiting Strikers from Woodstock.

"Winning the final game of the season was an amazing way to end our season," exclaimed Van De Walle. "The whole team played tremendously, especially our goalie, Olivia Beckett.

She stopped numerous tough shots including a penalty shot. After we took the lead, we did our best to defend the lead. It was not only one of our best games of the season, but a really fun game to play as well."

Beckett earned the shutout in net while Kirsten de Jong started the team off strong with a goal only a few minutes into the game. Janelle Gras followed with the team's second goal later in the first half, with the Chargers hanging on for the two-goal shutout win.

According to Van De Walle, the victory represented the team's progression from the start of the year.

"We spent a great deal of our season trying to build up a new team as we had many new additions this year. Now, at the end of our season, everyone was working together, our passes were more accurate and our communication was beyond anything we would have seen a few months ago."

"Our team grew a lot this season," continued Van De Walle. "Near the end, we started to really come together. Our passes were more accurate, our shots more frequent, and our defence was significantly stronger. The longer you play as a team, the more you begin to work as a unit, so I'm excited for more seasons with this group."

Van De Walle added that she felt fortunate to play for this year's iteration of the Chargers who, despite their challenging season record, enjoyed their time together this season.

"I love being a part of this team because we have a great atmosphere regardless of whether we win or lose," Van De Walle said. "Through the pandemic, the numbers of women in sports decreased dramatically and I'm really happy that our numbers in St. Marys allow us to keep playing and potentially even continue growing. We are looking forward to another great season next year."

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SPORTS —

McEwan, Griffiths win River Valley Men's League



On Sunday, September 24th, the River Valley Golf and Country Club's Men's League closed out its season by awarding the championship trophy to Tony McEwan and Jeff Griffiths (pictured above). The twosome shot a six-under-par to capture the league title. (Contributed photo)

DCVI Cross-Country runners compete in London



The high school Cross-Country season continued for the St. Marys DCVI squad at the Springbank Park Invitational in London last Thursday, September 28th. Abe Bender, pictured above on the left, led the slate of strong results, finishing second in the Novice Boys race. Nic Brintnell finished fifth while Ben Robson came in 14th and Zach Matheson took 20th in the same category. Overall, the Salukis' Novice Boys came in as the top team. In the Novice Girls category, Charlotte Richardson finished fifth and Alanna Saville came in 24th. The Salukis dominated the Junior Boys division with Kaleb Dingman and Myles Clinton, pictured above on the right, finishing first and second. Bronwyn Hawkins took the 10th spot in the Junior Girls category, while the Senior Girls division saw Charlotte Clinton claim second and Abbey Taylor nabbing 15th. (Photos by Mark Dewan)

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COMMUNITY —

What's Open or not Thanksgiving Weekend

We have reached out to some local businesses regarding Thanksgiving and have confirmed that the following will be closed on the holiday Monday: Tremblett's Independent Grocer, Canadian Tire, Delmar Foods, the LCBO and the Beer Store.

Foodland, St. Marys will be open for regular hours.

The following hours will be in effect for Town of St. Marys facilities for the Thanksgiving holiday (Monday, October 9, 2023).

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Friday, October 6, 2023)

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Pyramid Recreation Centre

Pyramid Recreation Centre arena (ice programming to proceed as usual).

St. Marys Train Station

VIA Rail Station will be open; however, there will be no GO Train service. Visit www.viarail.ca for train schedule.

Any updates will be posted to the Town website (townofstmarys.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/stmarysontario) and Twitter account (twitter.com/townofstmarys) as soon as they are available.

Packing up after a job well done



The final pieces of scaffolding were loaded up and taken away on September 25th following Robertson Restorations' completion of the Town Hall slate roof replacement project. (Stewart Grant photo)

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COMMUNITY —

Community Food Drive



On Saturday, September 30, two Fall food drives were held at Foodland and Tremblett's Independent Grocer. This photo was taken at the Independent and at this point of the day, the volunteers had collected three cartloads of groceries for donation to the Salvation Army. Pictured from left: Melanie Goad, volunteer; Gracie Dafoe, family service worker for the Salvation Army; Carson Goad, volunteer. (Nancy Bickell photo)

Annual Fall Scrapathon held September 30



A big thank you goes out to these volunteers for a very successful Fall Scrapathon held on Saturday, September 30. Front row: Ruth Robinson, Kendra McLellan, Annie McLellan and Faysie Telfer. Back row: Sue Kittmer, Yoli Jakus, Joan Doupe, Tom Redman, Jane Cousineau, Laura Good, Lynda King, Jenny Mikita and Carol Ledgley. The next Scrapathon will be held April 27, 2024. (Nancy Bickell photo)

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COMMUNITY —

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A big thank you to Tremblett's Independent and Foodland who generously donated the food.

The youth group, which meets the third Sunday of the month, is led by Lily Darling.

"I'd like to create a safe and open space for anyone

no matter their beliefs to come to." Darling commented.

The range of ages for the youth group is 4-9 but older kids are welcome as Darling would like to one day have an older youth group as well if there is interest.

Each month in the group there is a different activity as well as snacks and games.

If you would like more information regarding the youth group reach out to the Presbyterian Church at 519-284-2620 or email smpresch@gmail.com.

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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Leon Clench, Part One

By Mary Smith

Leon Moses Clench was the first lawyer to advertise in the first edition of the *St. Marys Argus*, January 1, 1857. Clench had recently arrived in the village and set up his law office on Queen Street, not far from the market square. In June 1857, six months after his notice appeared in the *Argus*, he married Eunice Cruttenden. The Cruttendens had been among the earliest families to settle in St. Marys. Eunice's father, Lauriston Cruttenden, a highly respected businessman, builder and mill owner, had arrived from Oxford County in the 1840s and prospered. At first his family stayed behind in Beachville. It had been settled earlier and his children could attend school there. Cruttenden went back and forth between the two villages but, in 1855, when he was established in St. Marys, he brought his wife, Permelia, his sons and daughters from Oxford County to join him.

The Cruttenden's home on Ontario Street in the west ward was a large, brick house on spacious property. The seven Cruttenden children included five accomplished daughters – Lauriston believed in education for girls as well as boys. It is easy to see how this family held an attraction for the 27-year-old bachelor, Leon Clench. As a well-educated young man, he would have been a welcome caller. Furthermore, he was musical and could add his singing voice to an evening's entertainment. The Cruttendens likely thought that the personable lawyer was an excellent match for their 19-year-old daughter, Eunice. And becoming the son-in-law of such a respected local man probably helped establish Leon Clench in his professional life in the village.

Leon did not, however, seem to have needed much help to establish himself socially. A close friend was a young physician, Dr. Adam Enoch Ford, who had recently set up a practice in St. Marys. Just a few weeks before Leon Clench married Eunice Cruttenden, Dr. Ford married her younger sister, Jane. The two families both lived in the west ward, near other Cruttenden family members. Their first children – Mary Clench and Julia Ford – were both born in 1858 and the cousins grew up together. Between the two of them, Leon Clench and Dr. Ford started a number of recreational and cultural initiatives in the community. They were founding members of the Mechanics Institute and together organized the town's first fundraising concert to acquire more books for the Institute library. The concert was held on December 13, 1861, in the auditorium of the old town hall. A surviving program shows that Clench appeared several times as a musical performer. The *Argus* of the following week reported that the concert had been an outstanding success, raising \$60 for the Mechanics Institute after expenses – not bad, considering tickets were 25¢ each!

With his professional qualifications, new family connections and many friends and interests, Leon Clench established a comfortable life in St. Marys. No contemporary local records have been found to suggest that other St. Marys residents knew or cared about the turmoil in nearby London, Ontario, within the Clench family throughout the early 1850s. Although Leon's father, Joseph Brant Clench, was the centre of the storm, other family members, including Leon, had helped precipitate the crisis that not only destroyed Joseph's reputation but also had far-reaching implications for First Nations communities in the region.

Leon Clench came from a very prestigious Upper Canadian family. His grandfather, Ralfe (or Ralph)



These pictures of Eunice Cruttenden and Leon Clench were taken in 1857, the year of their marriage. They are set in a small, hinged case that closes to protect them when they are not on display.

Clench, was a Loyalist and a prominent citizen of Niagara-on-the-Lake. He had distinguished himself during the American Revolution and again, with the British, during the War of 1812. As reward for his service, he had held many offices and was a judge, politician and farmer. Joseph Brant Clench, born in 1790, was the oldest of his 12 children. By his early 20s, Joseph also was on his way to a promising career. In 1812, he was a soldier on the Niagara frontier, along the Grand River, and at Amherstburg. His mother's family had been officials in the Indian Department and by the end of 1813, Joseph had joined the Department, beginning his service as a clerk at Fort George. He could communicate with speakers of Iroquoian languages and so was also able to do valuable work as an interpreter. A great deal can be learned from the entry for Joseph Brant Clench prepared by Daniel J. Brock in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* (vol. 8, University of Toronto/Université Laval, 2003 – accessed September 29, 2023). It indicates that although Joseph did advance within the Indian Department, his appointments did not happen as quickly as he had expected. There always seemed to be an element of disappointment at the various stages of his career.

In June 1816, Joseph Clench married Esther Serena Joseph Leon. According to a notice in the *New York Courier*, 16-year-old Serena was "the amiable and accomplished daughter of M. Leon Esq. of this city." The groom was "a son of that distinguished soldier and statesman, Col. Ralph Clench (and) is a young gentleman of the finest talents and holds an office of distinction." The *Courier* item went on to say that the union was an example of the relations between "the most wealthy and respectable families in the American states, and in the Canadas." The first of Joseph and Serena's children were born in Niagara. In 1829, the Indian Department transferred Joseph to York (now Toronto). Leon Moses Clench was born there in April 1830. By 1844, the Indian Department had placed Joseph Clench in charge of the entire Western superintendency – all the reservations in what today is southwestern Ontario and he relocated to Caradoc and eventually to London.

The oldest Clench children grew up and dispersed but Joseph and Serena's younger children were with them when they settled in London. Leon completed his education and became a lawyer. In 1853, his sister, Victorine, married another young lawyer, Francis Evans Cornish, just a month after she celebrated her 16th birthday. Her marriage could not have been a very easy one. Frank Cornish was clev-

er and successful as a lawyer. He became involved in municipal politics, served as a London alderman and became mayor in 1861. However, he is best remembered for his boisterous drunken actions, such as brawling, and riding his horse into the council chamber of city hall. He was suspected of corruption following every election win. The Cornish family later moved to Manitoba where Frank became the first mayor of Winnipeg.

By the mid-1800s, the upper echelon of London society was wealthy and well-connected. It took considerable resources to try to keep up with the most prominent families. Serena, raised in a prosperous, New York Jewish household, may have had expectations for herself and her children that Joseph's income could not provide. He may have been slow to realize the implications of her excessive spending. However, in 1853 – around the time of Victorine's wedding – he discovered that Serena and Leon had been intercepting money from land sales, intended for deposit in First Nations trust funds. Apparently overwhelmed to learn this, he seemed powerless to rectify the situation. The Indian Department inevitably became aware of discrepancies and sent in inspectors who found that more than £9,000 had been stolen. Joseph was suspended and appeared at a court of inquisition in August 1855. By this time he was alienated from his family, but he refused to name any of them in court. His health worsened and he retired to Carodoc Township. He died from apoplexy on February 22, 1857, just as Leon was embarking on his new career in St. Marys.

What were the implications of this defalcation for the Clench family and, more significantly, for the First Nations who had been cheated out of these misappropriated funds? What happened to the stolen money? Find out in next week's column.



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COLUMN —

WHAT'S FOR DINNER: Ultimate Autumn Comfort Food



By Lauren Eedy

It's pumpkin spice season. Personally, I'm not big on pumpkin spice flavoured things unless it's pumpkin pie, which is a specialty of mine, but I came across this Rice Krispie recipe below which I think can become an easy to make exception! A pleasant alternative to the traditional treat, these are a great seasonal treat that everyone can enjoy.

As nights continue to get cooler, one pan recipes are also a go to. This butternut squash gnocchi recipe is simple and quick enough for a weeknight as it only takes about 40 minutes to prepare but also is sophisticated enough you can serve it on a special night, provided you roast and purée the squash beforehand.

Creamy Butternut Squash with Sausage, Thyme, and Sage

Prep: 20 Cook: 20 Serves: 4

3 large Italian sausages, casings removed

1 tbsp olive oil

1 ¼ c or 1 package of gnocchi

1 c heavy cream

½ c chicken broth

1 c butternut squash purée*

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 tbsp fresh sage, chopped

2 tbsp fresh thyme

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Method:

-*Total cooking time does not include roasting the butternut squash. You will only need a cup of purée so store the leftovers in the fridge or freezer in an airtight container for future use.

-*Preheat oven to 400°. Cut squash in half and scoop out seeds and fibre. Brush squash in olive oil and place on the baking sheet cut side down. Bake for 30 minutes, remove from oven to cool. Flip over to speed up this process. Once cooled, the skin should

peel over very easily. Place in a food processor or blender working in batches if necessary and process until very smooth and almost creamy. Season with salt and pepper if desired.

-Remove sausage from casings and slice.

-Heat 1 tbsp olive oil on medium heat in a large, high sided skillet.

-Add sausage and cook on medium heat for about 4 minutes on one side without turning, to brown. Flip over the other side and cook 2 more minutes.

-Add uncooked potato gnocchi, heavy cream and chicken stock to the same skillet. Bring to a boil under medium heat and stir everything well. Cover with lid and allow gnocchi to cook for about 5 minutes while the sauce boils.

-Now add butternut squash purée, and minced garlic. Bring sauce to a boil on medium heat, reduce to low medium, stir everything well. Cook for about 3 more minutes ensuring gnocchi are cooked. The longer you cook the sauce, the more it will

thicken. Remove from heat when desired consistency is achieved.

-Stir in half the fresh sage and half the fresh thyme. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

-TIP: use your best judgement about salt, if the sausages are salty you may not require any additional salt

-When serving, top with fresh sage and thyme. I like to make crispy thyme as a garnish. To make, coat the bottom of a skillet with olive oil until shimmering and add sage leaves in a single layer, cook for 30 seconds and watch very closely. Remove to paper towel until ready to use.

Pumpkin Pie Rice Krispie Treats

Prep: 10m Total time: 1 hr 30m Yield: 18

3 tbsp unsalted butter

1 bag of mini marshmallows

6 c Rice Krispies Cereal

¼ tsp vanilla extract

¼ tsp ground nutmeg

½ tsp ground cinnamon

1/8 tsp ground cloves

1/8 tsp salt

¼ c canned pumpkin

2 oz. pure white chocolate or white chocolate candy melts, melted (optional)

Method:

-Grease a 9x13 pan with non-stick cooking spray.

-Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in pumpkin purée and cook until warmed through. Fold in the mini marshmallows stirring frequently until marshmallows are melted.

-Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt.

-Let marshmallow mixture cool at room temperature for 20 minutes (cooling helps to avoid soggy treats). Add the rice Krispy cereal and stir until combined.

-Pour mixture into prepared baking pan, spread out evenly and gently press down with a rubber spatula. Refrigerate to set for at least 1 hour. Cut into squares and drizzle with melted white chocolate if desired.

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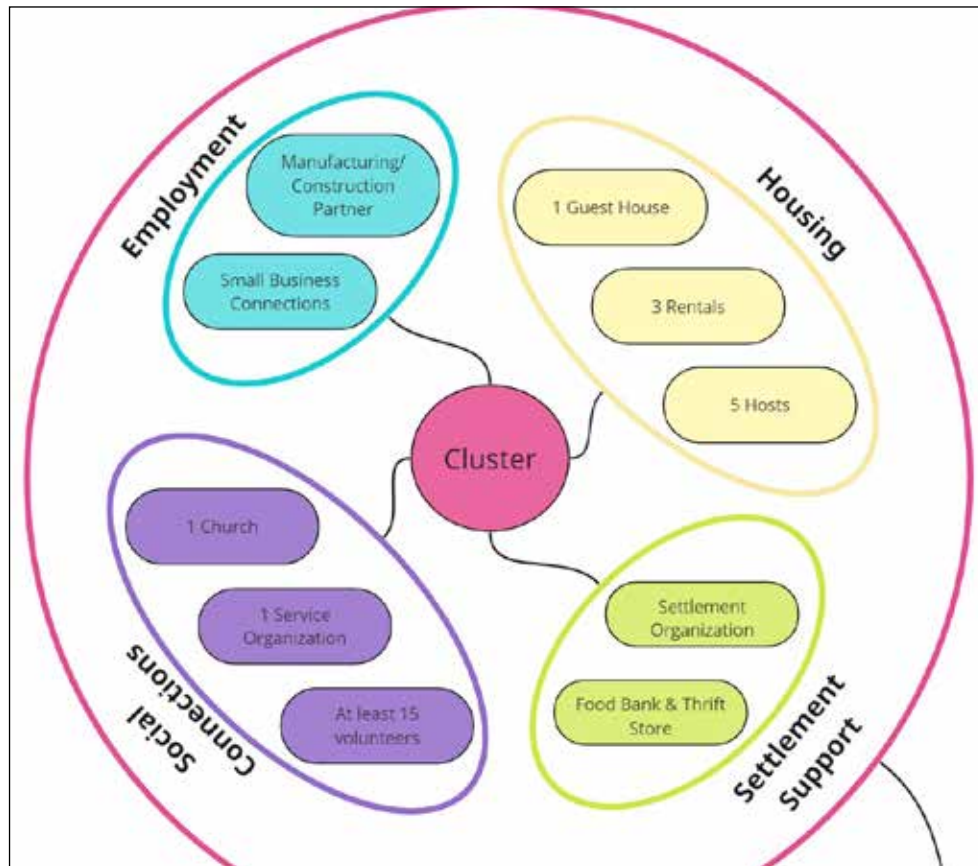
HOSTING UKRAINE: So Much to Think About

By VJ Knutson

No guarantees on this post. My brain has had a workout this week, from which I'm not sure I'll recover. Permanent residency (PR), fundraising, and upping support for an anticipated influx of Ukrainians have all been on the docket.

CLEO Connect is an information and training service for community workers in Ontario. They offer 60-90 minute sessions offering facts and Q&As, clarifying our laws. This past week the topic was 'How to support clients who are making a Humanitarian and Compassionate application'. There was a lot of information to absorb, but it was useful. Still not sure how it all applies to Ukrainians in the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program, but it helped me understand part of what our newcomers are facing. The humanitarian avenue is only one path to PR, and I am still not informed enough to make recommendations.

The second meeting I attended had to do with fundraising for Alina Shyshkivska's cirque training. Alina's work permit and visa are held up in governmental red tape, and as much as Ric has reached out for help from local MPs, answers are slow to come. Until then, she needs \$550 per month to continue her training. We were able to raise enough funds to date for August and September, and thanks to a generous donor, October is now covered. Alina is anxious to be able



to work and support her own goals, but in the meantime needs our help. Friday, I had a conversation with Stephanie Goertz of the Waterloo Region Grassroots Response to the Ukrainian Crisis. She, like me, is concerned with hosting Ukrainians. The WR Grassroots group is a well-organized collaboration of volunteers that addresses all the needs of this population. One of the things their group

has come up with is to create transitional housing for Ukrainians, where they can land, complete the necessary paperwork, find a job, and move on. Transitional guest houses in the KW area can hold up to 22 individuals. In Palmerston, there is a house for 8-10 people. In Milverton, they can house 8. WR Grassroots has created a model of support that they are interested in sharing with other com-

munities and offering to help build. "We are creating tool kits and systems and ... building relationships with provincial business associations", Stephanie explains. They anticipate a crisis of incoming Ukrainians as the government has set a deadline of March 31 for the 1 million Ukrainians who have applied to come to Canada. Applicants either have to decide to come or lose this benefit.

The model that WR Grassroots is using is pictured here. While this 'hub' model can work with hosting situations, Stephanie would like to see more transitional housing that can accommodate larger numbers of immigrants at a time.

"Could you help by mentioning us to as many churches and community groups as possible over the next few days," Stephanie asked. "If they have interest, we would be happy to talk about building their capacity to support Ukrainians."


Stephanie's undaunting enthusiasm inspires me, but as I mentioned, by the time I spoke with her Friday, I was brain dead. I did manage to think of our local employers and how they continue to struggle to keep up their workforce. Even my tired mind recognizes there is a link here.

So much to think about. Till next time.

(Reach me at english.knutson@gmail.com)

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By Nancy Abra

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The Thames Valley Central Model Railroad, an offshoot of the East London Railroad Club was founded in 1965. In the early years the club had many homes, mostly temporary, some used for storage. Club members would take turns hosting meetings and building modules in their basements or in their garages. In 1999, the Thorndale Fair Grounds became the permanent home for this model railroad club.

The club currently has twenty-six members, sharing their skills, from

woodworking to the detailed scenery and kit building, in maintaining and building the various components of their intricate and impressive model railroad display. The club's mandate is to provide a creative and interactive atmosphere for all members regardless of age, experience, or knowledge. They have bi-monthly meetings as well as some gather at the clubhouse on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to run their trains and catch up with the latest news of the hobby they enjoy so much. The highlight every September is the Thorndale Fall Fair when they open their doors for people to come in, see the working railroad display and talk to the members about this unique hobby.

The Thames Valley Central Model Railroad is one of the many community groups listed on www.ilovethorndale.ca/community/. But for more detailed information, check their website at <http://tvcmmc.org>



Nicklos Biro, club secretary of the Thames Valley Central Model Railroad Club.

Saved by the Beep

By Nancy Abra

'Saved by the Beep' is a province-wide campaign initiated by the Ontario Fire Marshall with fire departments throughout the province taking an active role in promoting Ontario's first 'test your smoke alarm' day on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

In their part in this campaign, five members of the Thorndale Fire Department, including Thorndale District Chief, Ken Armstrong, and joining them, Thames Centre Fire Chief, Nick Dorgen, visited West Nissouri Public School last Thursday morning. They went into every classroom and talked to the children on the importance of smoke alarms and how they work. They challenged the children on this 'Saved by the Beep' day, to get their parents to test their smoke alarms to make sure they were in working order.

Last year there were 133 fire fatalities in Ontario, the most in twenty years. The majority of these fires did not have a working smoke alarm in the home. Statistics show that working smoke alarms save lives. Since March 2006, smoke alarms have been legally required to be installed on every level of a residence in Ontario. (www.newswire.ca/news-releases/fire-marshall-announces-test-your-smoke-alarm-day)

Fire Prevention week is from October 8th to 14th. Thorndale District Chief, Ken Armstrong said, "This year's official theme year is 'cooking safety starts with you'. Cooking is the cause of almost one half of all home fires and the leading cause of home fire injuries. And remember to test your smoke alarms. They save lives."



Thorndale Firefighter Marc Allely talking to the children of Ms. Adams grade 1 & 2 class.

Whats happening at the Thorndale Library

Happy fall from everyone at Thorndale Library! We have a lot of great programs coming soon. It's a Good Knight for Chess, our monthly chess program, starts October 4 at 6:00pm. Registration required.

No School Tomorrow—Movie Night Tonight, our family movie night, is October 5 at 5:00pm. We'll be watching Monsters, Inc.!

Celebrate World Card Making Day with us on October 7 at 11:00am. Registration required.

Don't Worry, Be Crafty! Our monthly adult paint night starts October 25 at 6:00pm. Registration required.

To register, please visit library.middlesex.ca/events or contact staff.

We hope to see you at our drop-in

programs, too! Storytime is on Tuesdays at 10:30am, and Afterschool Hangout runs Thursdays at 4:30pm.

Middlesex County Library's 2023 Reading Challenge continues! October's challenge: read a book with an orange or black cover—SPOOKY! Use NoveList to find this month's book. First, visit bit.ly/MCLnovelist and log in with your library card number and

PIN. Then, do a search and scan your results for black or orange covers. Happy reading!

Please drop in, call us at 519-461-1150, or email us at thorndale_staff@middlesex.ca with questions or to register for upcoming programs. See you at the library!

Riddles

What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?
 put it into water it vanishes?

An ice cube.

A deck of cards.

What do you call the father of all sodas?

What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile?

Pop.

A clock.

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?

Footsteps.

Your name.

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

What can you catch but not throw?

Seven.

A cold.

Where would you take a sick boat?

What is the richest nut?

To the dock.

A cash-ew.

What is made of water, but if you

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The Riddle Kid OF THE WEEK

What two things can you never eat for breakfast?



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Aiden Hibbert (9)

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PET OF THE WEEK

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



Our pet of the week is Lucy, a 13 week old husky/border collie cross, rescued by Greg and Janina from way up North. Lucy is the little sister to Teyha, a previous pet of the week. Lucy loves playing with Teyha outside and can't wait to find out what snow is like. Her favorite thing is belly rubs.



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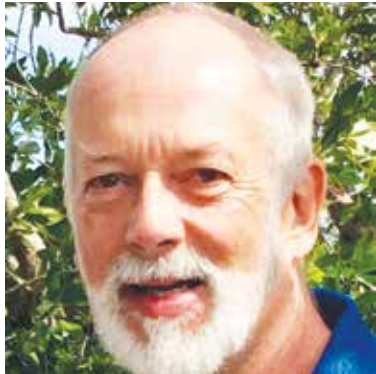
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COLUMN —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Plunging out of my comfort zone



By Paul Knowles

You've heard the saying, "a fish out of water"? Well there was plenty of water, but I, clearly the fish in this metaphor, was a bit reluctant to get wet. Eventually, I took the plunge and then again and again and by the time we left the Spa Le Finlandais, I realized I could quite enjoy such an experience.

I should explain: the Spa Le Finlandais is like nothing I, personally, had ever seen before. It's a facility in Rosemere, Quebec (just north of Montreal, in the southern-most part of the Laurentians) and bills itself as the home of "Saunas of the World."

Saunas plural for sure. I actually lost count as a nice young person named Michael gave us a whirlwind tour. All I can say is – a lot. There are a lot of opportunities to get really, really hot.

And then and this is the tricky bit, to get really, really cold.

I was significantly outside my

comfort zone. I know nothing about saunas and nothing about a facility such as this. What I do know is I'm not a fan of any polar bear plunge. But we were the guests of Valerie Fortier and her colleagues at Tourism Laurentians, and Valerie, who is never lacking in enthusiasm, energy, or ideas, thought we should begin our visit to her

The first thing I noticed as our tour began was that even though this was a weekday, the place was busy. There are, in truth, at least ten or 12 saunas, each with access to an icy plunge pool. There are also warm swimming pools, places where you can use salt to exfoliate yourself (look it up!), and many, many silent lounges for zen-like contemplation. Every one of these rooms/pools/baths was in use by many very relaxed patrons.

According to Michael, the Spa Le Finlandais prides itself on bringing together sauna experiences from around the world. From the mystic Mediterranean, there is the Moroccan Lounge, the Aromas of Egypt sauna, and the Turkish bath. From the exotic east, visitors enjoy the Infinity Pool of Indonesia, the Japanese sauna, or the Gazebo of Meditation (I am not making this up).

Of course, Scandinavia is a

major contributor. There's a Viking Sauna, a Finnish sauna, a Swedish sauna, and Icelandic thermal baths. There are also transparent chairs called "Helsinki Bubbles" which invite you to float in a lovely warm pool. I mention these specifically because whoever designed them most expressly did not have me in mind. While lithe young things gracefully curled into their bubbles, I stuck out in all directions, my neck bent against the back, my legs akimbo. In short, the experience was indeed, short.

There's a Russian sauna (nasty comments come to mind, but I will refrain) and a unique, domed hut called the Temazcal Mayan Sauna. This was one of the saunas we used and it was quite pleasant. An innovation here was that music played and tranquil images were projected onto the ceiling of the dome as we sweatily relaxed.

Then, of course, straight into a plunge pool that would have pleased penguins or polar bears. And the staff insists that this is only fully effective if you immerse yourself completely in the frigid water. So I did. Not happily, but I did.

The overall idea as I understand it is that you relax in the warm pools (which I must admit are very comfortable indeed at about 102 degrees Celcius), then spend some time in a sauna (we started



The innovative Temazcal Mayan sauna, where quiet music and projected images are part of the experience. (All photos by Paul Knowles)

in what Michael said was a "beginner sauna", quite similar to such things one sees at rec centres or in back yards), but moved on to other, more elaborate saunas including one that is rated at 180 degrees Celcius.

Then into the plunge pool, relax a while, move to the warm pools (many of which had falling water massages), back to a sauna, and repeat.

There were folks there who, I am guessing, were following this regimen for an entire day, with occasional breaks for cucumber water or other beverages and snacks.

The facility sits on the banks of the Riviere des Milles Iles and there are hammocks, chairs and tables set up on the riverbank just in case you haven't had enough wetness in the saunas, the plunge pools, and the warm baths.

It's actually all terrifically relaxing.

The place, founded in 2012, keeps expanding. Michael showed us two brand new, unique barrel saunas that were attracting a lot of attention, and the nearly completed Turkish bath.

An all-day pass to the Spa Le Finlandais is just over \$100; four hours will cost just over \$50 (more on weekends). Honestly, for the feeling of total relaxation you get, I think it's a pretty good deal.

Even if you only get up to your knees in the freezing cold plunge pools.

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The Viking Sauna, one of the newest installations at the Spa Le Finlandais.



A waterfall in a warm pool that doubles as a massage feature.

OBITUARY

Graham



It is with deeply saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Ruth Graham on Friday, September 29, 2023, at Kingsway Lodge at the age of 97.

An amazing woman we have loved, adored, and cherished for many years. Ruth will be deeply missed. We were blessed to have had such a

wonderful and knowledgeable woman be a part of our lives for as long as we have. She taught us all so much with the many stories she shared, or a cute little song she would sing.

Known as Aunt Ruth to everyone, she was born on November 4, 1925. She loved her family and attending family reunions. She enjoyed spending time at Tim Hortons where she would meet her many friends. Aunt Ruth supported many charities over the years, and she worked as a secretary at Scoville Delong from the time she left high school until retirement. She was very knowledgeable about the old St. Marys buildings and the beautiful heritage St. Marys has to offer. Aunt Ruth loved all sports and was an enthusiastic Blue Jays fan. In her younger years, she belonged to the St. Marys bowling league.

Ruth owned her own house on Queen Street, where her mom and dad lived with her. As many know, she loved to pull dandelions, garden, and was proud of her raspberry and lilac bushes. She watched all sports to support her nieces and nephews in St. Marys, and she also supported many local functions in St. Marys. When Ruth's younger sister Faye passed suddenly at a young age, Ruth stepped up and assumed a mother figure role to her children.

She was not only a mother figure to her children she took them under her wings and taught them the ways of life. We have all been left with fond memories that we will hold onto forever. Ruth was surrounded with love until the very end. She set the bar high with her unwavering knowledge, pride, and wisdom. Aunt Ruth passed with much dignity and grace and is now reunited with her family whom passed before her.

The family of Ruth Graham would like to express their gratitude and sincere thanks to Dr. Trevail for always having Ruth's care and wishes first. They would like to thank the doctors, nurses, support, and volunteer staff at Kingsway for all their kindness, care and support over the years.

Cherished aunt of Elaine (Carl), Jack (Linda), Shirley (Gary), Heather (Rick), Sharon (Todd), Tom and their families. Loved by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. Adored by many extended family members and friends Predeceased by her parents Bertha and William, and by her seven brothers and four sisters. Cremation has taken place.

At Ruth's request there will be no formal services held. A private family interment of ashes has taken place. To celebrate a life well lived, family and friends will be received at the St. Marys Legion, 66 Church St. N, St. Marys, on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. for a time of remembrance and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, sympathy may be expressed through donations to your favourite local charity of your choice. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

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.haskettffh.com.

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Better Together, Julie

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CELEBRATION

Pelkmans



"Carl" Carolus Henricus Maria Pelkmans in his 79th year, who passed away on August 24th 2023, will have a celebration of life hosted by his family on Saturday, Oct 21, 2023 from 4 pm to 7 pm at 922849 Road 92, Lakeside ON. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation may be made to the Parkinson Society of Southwestern Ontario. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca

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LOOKING BACK



By AMY CUBBERLEY

Saving South Perth

25 years ago (1998)

A public meeting at South Perth Centennial could help determine the school's future. The Rannoch-area school community reacted quickly to last week's announcement that South Perth was one of 14 schools listed for possible closure by the Avon Maitland District School Board.

Friday was the first meeting of the new St. Marys and Area H.I.G.H. group. Six families assembled to launch the homeschool support group which is a satellite of a large London body of the same name. The acronym H.I.G.H. stands for "Homeschoolers in God's Hands" and is a cooperative support group welcoming homeschooling families of various denominations.

The Grand Trunk Trail Committee organized a three-day event during which the trail became accessible to folks who would otherwise not be able to see what all the recent publicity has been about. Brent Cubberley of Canadian Cart Sales offered two carts to start but ended up loading five carts on the last two days to transport folks across the trestle.

50 years ago (1973)

Local firefighters were called to the Dewberry apartments, Widder St east, at around 3 a.m. Tuesday when a furnace malfunction resulted in considerable smoke but no fire.

The village of Tavistock has received authorization for the construction of 17 additional senior citizens' housing units, bringing the total in that centre to 27 units. Local senior citizens may well be forgiven if they grumble about the slowness of such authorization coming to St. Marys.

75 years ago (1948)

George Stevens, electrician with St. Marys Cement Co., is making good progress in Stratford Hospital in his recovery from severe burns of the face and arms, which he suffered while at work on Monday. Mr. Stevens was injured while apparently closing the switch on an electric motor control box. Fortunately, he was wearing a hat at the time of the accident and his scalp was not burned, nor were his eyes injured.

"Rusty" is an intelligent pigeon. Joyce and Jeanette Griffin of Motherwell brought home a baby pigeon in May. It is now a real pet, goes out for cows and to the mailbox resting on their heads. Last week "Rusty" followed the kids to school and pecked on the windowpane and Mrs. Crawford, the teacher, shut him in the porch until school was out.

The 40 to 50+ pound pumpkins in White Bros. store window are the product of Wm. Hutchings' garden.

100 years ago (1923)

The horticultural society held the last flower show of the season in A.B. Creighton's show window on Saturday. In comparison with the former shows held, this final one proved the most successful.

J.C. Makins has been instructed by the St. Marys Lacrosse Club to commence legal action against the Hamilton Lacrosse Club, "Guy" Smith of that Club, the OALA and the AAU and for damages in connection with the protest.

On Tuesday while Mrs. Frank Sager was visiting her sister, Mrs. J.M. Oliver, North Ward, a very painful accident happened to her little two-year-old boy, Roy. While playing with a lawn mower he had the little finger on his right hand taken off. Dr. Stanley and the nurse were called.



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| 1) 1996 | 6) China |
| 2) Woodwind | 7) F. Scott Fitzgerald |
| 3) False | 8) Box jellyfish |
| 4) Greenland | 9) New Israeli Sheqel |
| 5) 23 | 10) Oak tree |

SUDOKU ANSWERS

9	4	2	7	5	6	1	8	3
1	3	6	8	4	9	5	7	2
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5	2	7	6	8	4	3	1	9
4	1	9	3	7	5	2	6	8
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- Possess a valid D License with a clean driving record.
- Have or willing to obtain Transportation of Dangerous Goods Certificate.
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HAPPY VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The Happy Valley Family Health Team is a dynamic team of professionals including 11 Family Physicians, Dietitian, Pharmacist, Mental Health Workers, Addictions Counsellor, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and administrative support.

We currently have an opening for:

FULL-TIME PATIENT FLOW COORDINATOR

The Patient Flow Coordinator will be responsible for calling patients from the waiting room to the exam room, collecting and documenting height, weight, temperature and blood pressure in the Electronic Medical Record as required. Will also include administrative duties as assigned. The Patient Flow Coordinator must be able to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team. The Happy Valley Family Health Team has a mandatory vaccine policy.

Please forward resume by October 16th 2023 to:

Happy Valley Family Health Team

Attention: Kimberly Lang, Executive Director

268 Maiden Lane

P.O. Box 1120

St. Marys, ON

N4X 1B7

stmmc@stmmc.ca

Thank you to all applicants who apply.

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Happy Valley Family Health Team welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

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Stonetown Travel Ltd. seeks a responsible and skilled individual to join our team as:

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Duties would include:

- Payroll administration
- Accounts payable and receivable
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- Invoicing
- Preparation of monthly financial reports

Our successful candidate would need to be:

- Detail-oriented
- Cognizant of working in a confidential environment
- Proficient with Microsoft Office products
- Knowledgeable in accounting
- Self-motivated and willing to assist team members as needed
- Willing to learn a computer program designed for travel agencies

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