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Community comes together to help Richards family



From left, Marcus Horenberg, Lincoln Richards, Bram de Wit, and Natalie de Wit pose with a few of the pumpkins that were for sale at Saturday's fundraiser. If you wish to still donate to the family, the Go Fund Me account can be reached at www.gofundme.com under Support for Lincoln. See full story on pg 7. (Contributed photo)

Council moves to address controlling factors of Jones/Church accidents

By Stewart Grant

At their October 10th meeting, St. Marys Town Council reviewed recommendations that arose from the recent Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting regarding the safety concerns at the Jones Street East and Church Street South intersection. On average, this intersection incurs an accident about once every three months.

Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works, presented a formal report to council on the subject, and led off by acknowledging St. Marys' unique geographical and heritage characteristics that don't allow for cookie-cutter solutions.

"One of the issues we have in St. Marys is, a lot of our traffic patterns, the speed, the (lower) volume, they don't

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Halloween fun in Spooktacular St. Marys!

Candy, costumes, and much more in store to mark Halloween on October 28

Saturday, October 28 is shaping up to be scary good in St. Marys as our community celebrates Halloween with activities for all ages!

The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. at the St. Marys Farmers' Market located at the north end of Milt Dunnell Field. Stop by the red pick-up truck for a photo opportunity with family or in your Halloween costume! The market will be collecting donations for the St. Marys' Salvation Army Food Bank.

The St. Marys Museum is hosting two Cemetery Walking Tours at the St. Marys Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Attendees can expect a brief history of St. Marys cemeteries, a walk through the cemetery highlighting unique and significant graves, and a tutorial on how to research your own ancestors using cemetery resources. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person; pre-registration is required by contacting the museum at 519-284-3556.

Four-legged friends are invited to take part in the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest. Those wishing to participate are asked to review the guidelines online and arrive outside Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. Participants and pets will walk down the sidewalk to Water Street and back up to Town Hall for treat bags and pet costume prizes, sponsored by Pet Valu St. Marys. There will also be a professional photo opportunity for pets, sponsored by Kristine Tanner, Peak Select Realty Inc. Brokerage.

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COMMUNITY —

Veterans to be recognized at three events for Remembrance Week

St. Marys will mark Remembrance Week 2023 with three events

On Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the St. Marys Legion and Army and Navy will host Veterans' Decoration Day at the St. Marys Cemetery (150 Cain St.). Loved ones of veterans interred at St. Marys Cemetery are invited to receive complimentary flags to place at veterans' graves. Flags can be picked up at the

cemetery chapel on November 4.

On Sunday, November 5, the Royal Canadian Legion will hold a ceremony and parade. The parade will march from the St. Marys Legion to the Town Hall cenotaph at 12:30 p.m.; a service of remembrance will follow. Church St. will be closed between Station St. and Queen St. from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Queen St. will also be closed between Peel St. and Church St. at this time.

Finally, Mayor Strathdee will lead a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Town Hall cenotaph on Saturday, November 11 at 10:45 a.m. Queen St. will be closed between Peel St. and Church St. from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the event.

The November 11 service will be streamed live on the Town of St. Marys Facebook page for those unable to attend in person. The stream will start shortly before 10:45 a.m. and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/stmarysontario. A Facebook account is not required to view the live stream.

Halloween fun in Spooktacular St. Marys!

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downtown businesses! Show off your costumes to merchants who will be handing out candy from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Look for the Halloween decal in the window of participating downtown businesses.

Those who prefer to laugh through spooky season can get their tickets to

St. Marys Community Players' matinee performance of 'Opening Night', a comedy by Norm Foster. The 2:00 p.m. show takes place at the Town Hall Auditorium.

For more information on Spooktacular St. Marys, visit www.discoverstmarys.ca/halloween and follow the Town of St. Marys' Facebook and Instagram accounts for updates.

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St. Marys Presbyterian 175th anniversary service

There was a Presbyterian congregation in St. Marys in 1848, meeting in homes before a church was built. That was before Canadian confederation.

There have been a lot of twists and turns along the way for what was originally First Presbyterian Church. There was a split in 1878, resulting in Knox Presbyterian being created on Church Street across from the Anglican and United churches. In 1953, they reunited as St. Marys Presbyterian Church.

Here we are now, 175 years later adapting to life in the 21st century. Like many churches, we have had to wriggle in the past few years during COVID. Who would have thought that we would be broadcasting our services live on the Internet?

And everything has brought us to this very special weekend, 175 years in the making. We hope to celebrate with church members, family and friends as we mark this momentous milestone and move forward.

The anniversary sermon, The Joy of God's Grace, will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rick Horst, the church's minister from 1987 to 2004. After Rick left, he became the minister of St. An-



drew's Presbyterian Church in Barrie. He was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 2011. He retired, after almost 15 years at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, in

2019, and is now an itinerant minister, filling in when needed.

About this weekend in to St. Marys, Rick says, "I am genuinely excited to

be returning to St. Marys Presbyterian Church after these many years. I have the fondest, life-long memories of the congregation, of 'the town worth living in,' and of the numerous volunteer associations (Hospital Board, Baseball Hall of Fame, Slo-pitch, Legion Padre, Ministerial Association, etc.) which enriched my seventeen years there. It was truly a gift to serve such an excellent community, and I'm very much looking forward to seeing old friends and new faces at worship on Sunday as we celebrate 175 remarkable years of God's grace!"

The Rev. Dr. Rick Horst won't be the only minister in attendance. Recently retired, Rev. Gwen Ament, serving from 2010 to 2023, will be with us as we dedicate the new electronic sign as part of our 175 years of Presbyterian faith in 'the town worth living in' and our commitment to moving forward with the times. It will be an opportunity for those in attendance to catch up on what these ministers are doing.

The service promises to be a memory of the past with a look towards the future. Why not plan on attending this momentous milestone of one of the active churches in our community?

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WEDNESDAYS 10-5

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Bravo

We have 5 Bravos this week

- 1) To Snapping Turtle Coffee and the Flower Shop for continuing to host the bike rack for patrons downtown to use (in addition to the coffee discount).
- 2) To all those choosing to help our Ukrainian friends who we read about each week in the newspaper. Thanks from all of us.
- 3) A bravo to the St. Marys Legion for the work they have done at the front of their building. It helps to make traffic more visible to drivers at that corner.
- 4) Bravo (but mostly, thank you!) to the neighbours who greeted us with housewarming gifts over the last couple of months. Not only did your gestures welcome us to the neighbourhood, they also highlighted the wonderful produce, floral shops and artwork St. Marys has to offer.
- 5) A big bravo to the hard-working team at St. Marys Landscaping. Those guys really go above and beyond!

Boo

We have 3 Boos this week

- 1) To the other commercial stores who could easily place one central bike rack for their shoppers to also use.
- 2) To the residents who choose to dump yard waste into our river. It has a negative impact. We have curbside pick-up and a free, yard waste depot to use so there is no excuse. The river has enough challenges without adding stuff to decompose and reduce oxygen for our fish and wildlife. Think about the damage you cause and don't dump!
- 3) A boo to the individuals who continue to destroy the beautiful flowers downtown. On more than one occasion I have seen people ripping flowers out of businesses' flower boxes and the downtown pots. These flowers and plants are for everyone's enjoyment, and it is our responsibility to respect and care for them. Let's hope that this behavior does not continue so we can work towards creating a more vibrant and welcoming community.

*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

"At times when it's looking dire, the game's kind of slipping away, you need that ... For Auston to come through and have a start like that, that's good for him and really good for us."

- Toronto Maple Leafs Coach Sheldon Keefe on Auston Matthews getting a hat trick and being the fastest Leaf to make it to 300 goals in the home opener against the Canadiens.

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Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Amalgamation Information Sessions

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to start the process to amalgamate the four hospital corporations of the HPHA - Clinton Public Hospital, St. Marys Memorial Hospital, Seaforth Community Hospital and Stratford General Hospital.

Community members are invited to attend a virtual Information Session to learn more about the amalgamation and provide feedback. Sessions will take place via Zoom. Two session options are available:

October 23, 2023 at 12 p.m.

October 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.



RSVP to Sue Davey, Executive Assistant at 519-272-8205 or susan.davey@hpha.ca to receive the Zoom link in advance of your chosen session.



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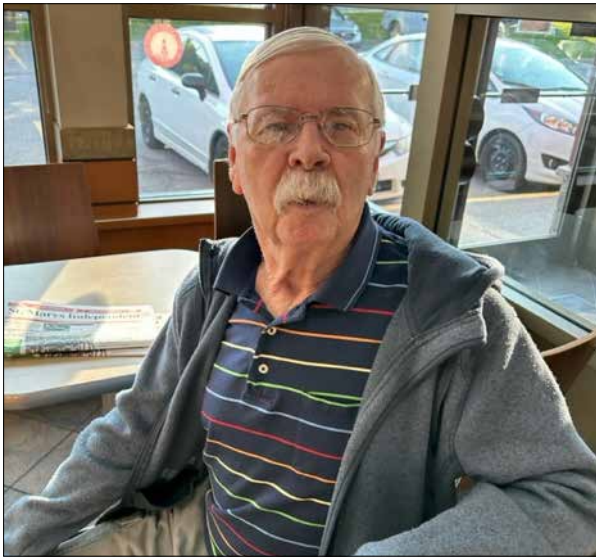
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Senior of the Week



Our Senior of the Week is Gord Shaughnessy who will celebrate his 73rd birthday on October 23. He and his wife Sherry have been married for 50 years (June 30) and have lived in St. Marys for the last 48 years. Gord was previously the office manager at Hutton Transport. Gord and Sherry have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Gord's message to all is "Keep Smiling".

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

COMMUNITY —

All Wheels Park donation of the week



Special thank you to the St. Marys Kinette Club for their donation to the Rotary All Wheels Park which is rapidly taking shape on James Street. The community support has been amazing. Please visit our website where all donations are listed. www.townofstmarys.com/allwheelspark. Pictured, from left, Club Director Sherri Barber and Club President Terri Iredale. (Contributed photo)

Weekend Quiz

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- 1) What is the main ingredient in toothpaste?
- 2) Who was the Prime Minister of Canada during WW1?
- 3) What year was the first Tim Horton's established?
- 4) Which scientist developed the theory of relativity?
- 5) How long can an olive tree live for?
- 6) What is the capital of Russia?
- 7) In the show Family Guy, what is Peter's last name?
- 8) Who was the first band to play at the Las Vegas Sphere?
- 9) Who painted the famous artwork "The Scream"?
- 10) Who played Brent Leroy in the sitcom Corner Gas?

This week's answers are found on pg. 31



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Community Support for Young and Lincoln



Pictured, from left, Megan Horenberg, Carly de Wit, Brooke Horenberg, Aubrey Horenberg and Natalie de Wit (Wendy Lamond photo)

By Wendy Lamond

Despite the rain and wind on Saturday, our community once again showed its strong support to a family in their time of need. A bake sale and pumpkin sale by donation raised over \$8000 to help Young Seo and Lincoln with their financial burden while Young fights cancer. There were tons of goodies to purchase and pumpkins available to buy.

A big thank you to Barista's, Green Haven Bakery and Wellington Street

Bakery for your donations and to everyone that donated. Thank you so much!

"Your love and support of encouragement and positivity gave me the hope and strength I needed to keep going. Your selflessness and compassion made such a difference in my life, and I will never forget the kindness you showed Lincoln and me. May God bless you all" Young Seo commented on social media for the support that was shown.



Ffion Low stands with a small portion of what was donated for treats. (Wendy Lamond photo)

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Council moves to address controlling factors of Jones/Church accidents



At the southwest corner of Jones Street East and Church Street South, this mature tree will be removed and the existing hedge will be trimmed so to improve visibility for drivers going eastbound on Jones. The three closest parking spaces to the intersection will also be removed. (Stewart Grant photo)

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meet the provincial marks. There's never going to be a smoking gun that says, "Thou shalt do this". Effectively what we need is a 'made in St. Marys' solution for St. Marys problems."

Kelly's report recalled that in 2021, Town Council had directed town staff to prepare a Road Safety Network Plan so that a framework could be established to review the safety of each intersection against established standards and service levels. Within this framework, there are a myriad of factors to consider.

Specific to Church and Jones, Kelly's report said, "The Church Street South and Jones Street East intersection is an example of challenging road design. The intersection was reconstructed in the late 1990's, however, no real changes were made to improve visibility due to the existing structures, mature trees, and the elevations – thus, from a design perspective, the intersection exists as a nonconforming

intersection. Ultimately, due to these constraints it is not feasible to create the ideal intersection layout at this location without extreme measures."

A number of recommendations were presented to Council, including changing the eastbound sign on Jones Street from a yield to a stop sign.

Kelly noted that upgrading a yield sign to a stop sign is a low-cost change because there is existing traffic control there.

"When we start looking at things like one-way streets, new stop sign controls... things that are going to change the traffic pattern, we're going to have to send that out for third-party engineering review." This can greatly escalate costs, something that isn't desired in this situation. Although the accidents at Jones and Church are unwelcome, the accidents are generally "fender-benders" and are not occurring at significant, life-endangering rates of speed.

The Council discussion then moved to



the topic of "sight triangles", and the question of where the line should be drawn in terms of improving visibility – in terms of mature trees, a residential hedge at the southwest corner of the intersection, and nearby parking spaces.

Councillor Jim Craigmile added a perspective that is probably on the mind of many. "No matter what you do, you're never going to fix a bad driver or a speeder or what the root cause of some of these accidents may be."

Infrastructure Services Manager Jeff Wolfe, who worked closely with Jed Kelly on the traffic review, explained the overall rationale. "To Councillor Craigmile's point, any accident has many contributing factors, and what we're trying to do is to limit the number of contributing factors that we have control over. We can't control somebody having a bad day, we can't control nature... but what we're looking to do is, within our means, control as many things as we can."

After much thoughtful discussion, Council ultimately approved the recommendation of the Community Policing Advisory Committee and directed staff to implement the following options at the Church Street South and Jones Street East intersection:

- Advanced warning signage (hidden intersection signage)
- Remove Church Street on-street parking spaces in proximity to intersection
- Remove trees in proximity of intersection in accordance with the Daylight or Sight Triangle Requirements of the Zoning By-law
- Remove hedges and vegetation in accordance with the Daylight or Sight Triangle Requirements of the Zoning By-law
- Convert Jones Street eastbound from a yield condition to a stop condition


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Hometown Pop Queen Emm Gryner Performs at Historic Venue this Saturday

This Saturday, October 21st, 3-time Juno Award nominated recording artist Emm Gryner will perform an evening concert at the historic, newly-renovated Riverwalk Commons in downtown St. Marys, Ontario.

Emm Gryner, who has called St Marys home for almost twenty years, made waves this year when rock band Def Leppard took her "stripped down" version of their biggest hit, "Pour Some Sugar On Me" and re-recorded it for their classical crossover album, "Drastic Symphonies". The album was recorded with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Abbey Road Studios in London and features Gryner in lead vocal duties alongside Joe Elliott. The album has shot to No. 1 on the Classical Crossover charts.

Gryner also made international headlines in 2013 when she collaborated with Chris Hadfield on a version of "Space Oddity" recorded partially aboard the International Space Station and partially at her home in St Marys. The collaboration has received

over 200 million views on YouTube.

Gryner - who also wrote a best-selling book called "The Healing Power of Singer" - describes her music as "emotional piano-based pop" but this year, her tastes detoured into her influences from the 1970's and 1980's such as Steely Dan, Fleetwood Mac and The Doobie Brothers. The album, entitled Business & Pleasure can be defined as "New Yacht Rock", and features Nashville musicians who have performed with acts such as Toto, Michael McDonald, Hall & Oates, Taylor Swift and Dolly Parton among others.

The concert at Riverwalk Commons features veteran guitar virtuoso Iain McNally who is best known for being Amanda Marshall's touring guitarist in the 90's. The event starts at 7pm with doors opening at 6pm.

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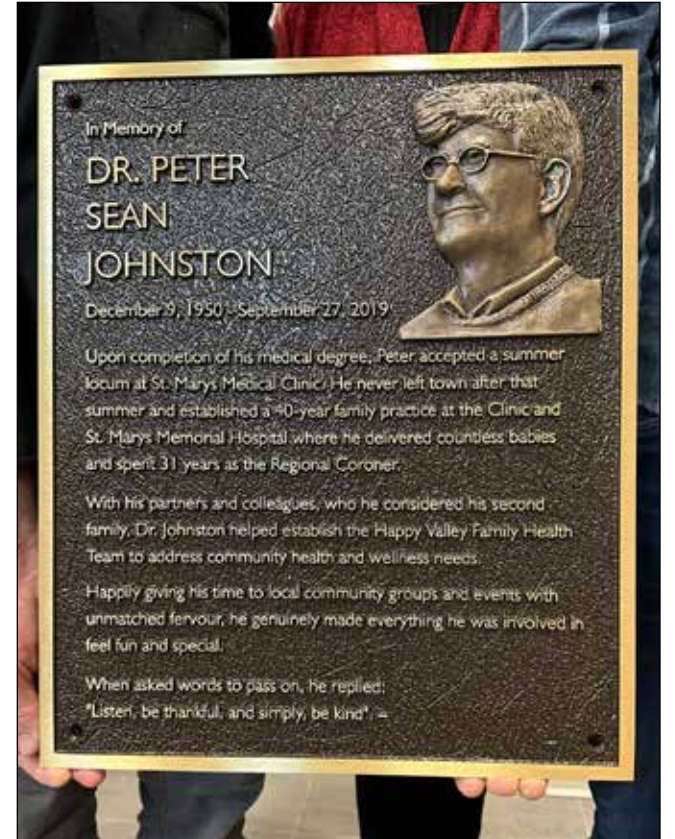
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SPORTS —

Lincs back in win column as multiple goal droughts end

By Spencer Seymour

A strong performance by the St. Marys Lincolns last Wednesday went unrewarded in LaSalle but they got back in the win column 48 hours later over the visiting Chatham Maroons.

The shots on goal against the Vipers were 42-34 in favour of the Lincolns, reflecting that, for the most part, St. Marys outplayed LaSalle in the game. However, according to Head Coach Jeff Bradley, errors at critical moments cost them the two points.

"I thought we played really well and we forced LaSalle to chase the game quite a bit," Bradley told the Independent. "Unfortunately, we got a bit unlucky on their first goal and then we basically gave them three goals. It was a case of us finding a way to lose and we need to start finding ways to win."

A back-and-forth first period remained scoreless until the 13:27 mark when Chase MacQueen-Spence snapped a three-game goal drought with an unassisted tally. The Lambeth native then scored at almost the exact same point of the second frame to make it 2-0 with assists going to Marcus Dashevsky and Adam Barkley.

Just 27 seconds later, the lead was cut back to one after a strange bounce off the end boards was pounced on by Andrew Kotevski. Before the end of the second, an offensive zone faceoff win by the Vipers was sent to the point with blueliner Ryan Clark firing a shot by Colby Booth-Housego. The rookie netminder finished the game with 30 saves.

In the third, another shot from the blueline got through a maze of bodies and sailed into the net, giving the Vipers their first lead of the night. Just under four minutes later, one of the team's biggest goal slumps was finally snapped with Noah VandenBrink jamming his first of the year. The game remained tied until the 18-minute mark when Connor Tucker got to the front of the Lincs' net to one-time the eventual game-winner into the St. Marys net.

Despite the undesired result, Coach Bradley had high praise for three members of the Lincolns' top six.

"I thought Marcus [Dashevsky] was outstanding for us. For me, that was his best game as a Lincoln so far. It was nice to see Chase [MacQueen-Spence] get a couple of goals and Noah [VandenBrink] get his first of the year, which he really needed and you could tell took some weight off his shoulders from the way he celebrated. He's been playing well and getting around five shots every game so finally getting one will hopefully propel him forward this year."

Lincs grit out win over feisty Maroons



Two days later, the Lincs hosted the Maroons at the PRC and were successful in avoiding four losses in five games.

The scoring was again opened by MacQueen-Spence who capitalized on a fortuitous bounce to get a partial break and give St. Marys the 1-0 lead just two minutes and 12 seconds in. Dashevsky earned an assist as did Ryder Livermore

Just under six-and-a-half minutes later, VandenBrink made it two straight with a goal on a powerplay deflection that extended the Lincolns' lead to two with assists going to MacQueen-Spence and James Sigmon. Before the first was done, Chatham managed to fight their way into a goal by Owen Kalp to cut the Lincs' lead in half.

Bradley said the game offered significant opportunities for depth players to step up and eat more minutes.

"We haven't really had a full lineup yet and we were missing two of our top centres, plus Blake [Elzinga] was sick. That gives other guys a chance to move up the lineup and step up to the plate. Every loss we've had, there has been some external reason that factored in but we stressed having no more excuses and doing whatever it took to win and I thought we did that."

After a scoreless second period, a span of two minutes and five seconds in the third saw two offensive slumps end. First, it was Owen Voortman potting his first of the season on a long-range shot catching goalie Patrick Sutherland flat-footed. Assists went to Barkley and Wes Wilding. Bradley was happy to see the Thunder Bay native join VandenBrink in getting his first goal of the campaign.

"It was great to see Owen finally get his first one. He had been looking for it for a while so it was definitely a relief for him and for us to see him score. When Owen is playing with that consistency and he is on his game, he can be an elite player for us so we definitely hope Owen can build on that."

Then came a tally from Matt Prendergast which

broke a five-game stretch without a goal and was assisted by Ryan Hodkinson and Luke Bogart.

The two quick St. Marys goals followed a controversial pair of disallowed markers at the other end of the rink. Twice in the first 54 seconds of the third, the Maroons came as close as could be to scoring only to have both potential goals waved off due to the referees determining that the puck didn't fully cross the goal line.

Despite the tough breaks in the third, the Maroons refused to quit, scoring two goals in just under three minutes to make it a one-goal game. However, the Lincolns held on for the 4-3 victory and after the game, the bench boss had several players who he felt were the team's biggest leaders on the ice.

"I thought Jacob [Montesi] had an awesome game, Ryan [Cornfield] was outstanding, and Marcus [Dashevsky] was great once again. Those three led the way for us. Jacob was physical, his game was simple and effective, and he was good with the puck. He played like a veteran. Ryan is an interesting one because he was an elite U18 kid and now he's coming in against older guys. With guys out, he had a bigger opportunity and we had talked with Ryan about seizing those chances and he did just that. And Marcus is just that face-first leader that every team needs. He plays the right way and plays hard. He has a lot of similarities in style and leadership to Jacob Chantler."

"To also see Chase [MacQueen-Spence] and Noah [VandenBrink] both score again and really start to find their groove and put pucks in the net is incredibly important for us and we're excited to see how both of them continue playing."

Bradley also explained how playing two teams who play such a gritty, hard-nosed style of hockey may help the Lincolns continue evolving the way they play.

"You can't always be the smartest person in the room. Even though you're competing against these teams, you're trying to admire what they're doing and take something from them that you can add to your bag of tricks. Seeing how hard LaSalle and Chatham played and seeing us being able to more than hold our own was positive for us."

"In Chatham's case, they had some guys missing so they had to play a certain way to try to beat us so we had to try to do the same thing but better. I think we did that but, while we want our guys to play physical and not back down, we also want to be disciplined and not take penalties after the whistle. We want them to back each other up, we just have to do it at the right time. But it's much better to have to reign it in a little bit than have to pull it out of them because it means our guys have that instinct that we want them to have."

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SPORTS —

U10 A Boys rise to challenges to earn first win of season

By Spencer Seymour

Head Coach Brent Kittmer told the Independent that, going into their game against the Dorchester Dragons last Wednesday, the Dunny's Source For Sports U10 A Boys St. Marys Rock were pushed to be better than they were in their season opener. They responded in excellent fashion, downing the Dragons by a score of 4-2.

"What I liked most about the game last Wednesday was that the boys rose to the challenges that the coaches placed on them at the start of the game," said Kittmer. "Our common message to the team this year has been to focus on what you can control, which is the effort they put into the game, and to start strong and finish strong. In our first two games against Dorchester, we didn't start or finish strong. The challenge to the boys before the game was to play the game right from the first shift and they rose to that challenge."

"So far this year we've struggled in the third period and the challenge

to the boys between the second and third was to ask them if the third period was going to beat them. They again rose to that challenge and finished the game strong, even when we were short-handed with less than a minute to play."

The strong start Kittmer spoke of led to the first goal of the game with two minutes left in the opening frame as Cameryn Stokes broke the ice for the Rock. Jakob Kittmer picked up the lone assist.

Early in the second period, Dorchester found the tying goal but St. Marys maintained their quality effort, ultimately retaking and increasing their lead to two with a pair of goals just two minutes and three seconds apart. First, Dean Feeney put the Rock ahead by one once again with an assist going to Kane Douglas, followed by the second goal of the contest for Stokes which was unassisted.

In the third, the Dragons cut the lead back down to a single goal halfway through the frame but the Rock did

a good job holding Dorchester off the scoreboard for the rest of the game. An empty-netter by Cooper Sass sealed the 4-2 victory for St. Marys. Kittmer felt that the key to the team's victory was their ability to out-battle their opponent.

"To me, the story of the game was that the boys out-competed Dorchester. When they didn't win a race to the puck, they did a much better job of winning the ensuing battle for the puck than they did in our previous games against the Dragons. I think our defence did a great job of pushing Dorchester to the outside and limiting them to very few quality shots.

"When they did get one, Franklin Anderson was able to make a key save," Kittmer continued. "Our forwards did a great job of getting the puck out of our end, putting pressure on Dorchester in their end, and we took advantage of the scoring chances we got. Overall, it was the most complete game of the early season from start to finish for us."

The tiger's-eye-esque theme of the night was rising to the challenge of their rival as well as the challenges from the coaching staff, an indication, said Kittmer, of several different key aspects of the team's mental fortitude.

"The fact that they rose to the challenge says a lot to me about the players' desire to improve and to buy into the coaches' message. We've been stressing to them that hockey is a great way to meet friends and have a good time at the rink, but for two hours, we also need them to focus on how they compete and play the game. The players really showed that they are starting to buy into that message, and I was very proud of them for coming out as strong as they did."

"After two lopsided losses, they could have decided that the game was lost before it started, but they didn't. They came out with a belief they could compete and I think they are starting to understand what they will need to do each game to compete and win."

U15 A Boys delivering water softener salt to raise travel funds



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SPORTS —

DCVI Sr. Girls basketball team wins two straight

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Senior Girls basketball team has won two straight after a gutsy one-point victory last Wednesday followed by a strong statement win this past Monday on home court.

Last Wednesday, the Senior Girls travelled to Stratford District Secondary (SDSS) for what was an incredibly hard-fought contest by both squads. In the end, however, Eden Sinnett's team-leading nine points along with eight of the other 11 players on the team contributing points lifted the Salukis to a 24-23 win over SDSS.

Head Coach Monica Ryan said the team's compete level was what allowed them to narrowly knock off the strong Stratford team in their home building.

"Our game with Stratford was a battle from start to finish," Ryan told the Independent. "Even though we struggled offensively, we had nine out of 12 players contribute points. Ellen Thorup scored a clutch free throw in overtime to secure the win. Our post defence highlighted by Paige Barr and Charlee Pickering kept their usually high scorers in check



and despite it being a challenging game, our girls gave 110 percent in all four quarters."

The Salukis were back home this past Monday for a clash against F.E. Madill and once again, St. Marys brought a strong effort which, this time, led to a higher offensive output. The Salukis downed the visitors 33-15 with Barr leading in points with 10.

"We worked on a different offensive system in this game and they were really patient and supportive of each other," Ryan explained. "Obviously, when

implementing new aspects like that, you're not always going to be perfect in every moment but the girls stayed positive and continued supporting one another which was key to eventually getting the win. The communication on the court was really good throughout and aside from a few lapses, we played great defence all game."

Once again, Ryan was impressed with the compete level displayed by the St. Marys Senior Girls.

"Their desire really leads the way. They give a lot of themselves on the court and battle at both ends to try to win every moment and do what they can to help the team. Even when we don't quite execute exactly the way we might like, it's not for a lack of effort as they always work hard and want to win."

"We are also gifted in terms of having some very good size on our team which is a big help to us defensively," continued Ryan. "Having the size and strength that we have makes it harder for other teams to drive on us in our end and, as the season goes along, I think it's going to allow us to get even better at grabbing rebounds."

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Minor Sports Scrapbook



Goaltender Tyler McDonald fights through traffic to make a save during the U13 LL Boys St. Marys Rock game last Saturday.



Lincoln Vanderburg sends the puck toward the net last Saturday during the U9 LL Boys Three St. Marys Rock game.



Talon Sampson chases down a loose puck during the U11 LL Boys St. Marys Rock game last Saturday.



Netminder Parker Hawkes prevents a goal with a kick save during last Saturday's U19 St. Marys Snipers game.



Brody Pearson takes the puck to the net with Harvey Van Marr supporting behind him during the U9 LL Boys 1 St. Marys Rock game last Saturday.



Logan Oake scores a goal during last Saturday's Ashton Tire U15 LL Boys St. Marys Rock game. (Photos by Spencer Seymour)

SPORTS —

DCVI Field Hockey team finishes season strong

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Field Hockey team just missed out on making the Huron-Perth playoffs on a tiebreaker, but nevertheless, Co-Head Coach Jessica Chateauvert was very pleased with how the team finished their season, earning a win over Stratford District Secondary (SDSS) and a tie against St. Anne's this past Monday.

Their first game of the day saw the Salukis dominate the visitors from Stratford en route to a 5-0 victory. St. Marys got goals from Kiara McGregor, Eve Greig, Ashlynn Stewardson, Bronwyn Hawkins, and Ella Boersma. Raella Brodhagen earned the shutout win in goal.

Chateauvert told the Independent that the team came ready to play on the final day of the regular season.

"They really went for it," said Chateauvert. "They very clearly wanted the win in that game. They worked super hard to get the ball on the sticks of players who hadn't scored yet. Our defence scored a goal which was pretty awesome to see and they just played a really controlled but aggressive style."

Harvest Elliott scored the team's only goal in their second game of the day,



Alex Binning fires the ball down the field during the St. Marys DCVI Field Hockey team during one of their two games this past Monday. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)

a much tighter contest against St. Anne's which ended in a 1-1 draw. Chateauvert had high praise for the group following their second outing of the day.

"I think that was their best game. They were first to the ball, they were aggressive, and they moved the ball really well. I would say that's the best they've been this season in terms of moving the ball. We had every player

here for the first time this year and everyone made an impact when they were in the game."

The team experienced a large turnover to the roster from last season which Chateauvert said meant that this season was about the squad gaining valuable experience for the years to come.

"It was a big rebuilding year for us.

We lost most of our starters from last year. A lot of the individual skills have improved incredibly and a lot of our rookies showed really good improvement, with some of them even becoming starters pretty quickly."

"We only had three grade 12's this season so we've got almost a full team coming back next year," Chateauvert continued. "I think that leaves us with fairly high hopes that having a year of experience under our belts we will be back in the top four next year."

Chateauvert also mentioned the team's chemistry which developed through the season thanks in no small part to the team's other coach, Bob Ellison.

"It's a unique sport because it's grade nine to 12 so one of the important things for us was to see the veterans bring the younger players into the mix. I think they did a good job doing that and making everyone feel valued and important and overall, I think they came to really want to play well and win with each other and for each other. A big part of that was how Bob ran his practices. He is good at instilling team bonding and cohesion and it certainly translated when we got onto the field."



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SPORTS —

DCVI Jr. Girls Basketball team takes Silver at Rockaway Tourney

By Spencer Seymour

The hard-working St. Marys DCVI Junior Girls basketball team left the Rockaway Tournament in Kitchen-er with a Silver medal last weekend before scoring an impressive victory back in regular season play this past Monday on their home court.

According to coaches Ava Bettger and Tim O'Connor, the team had to contend with several tactical schemes that, up to this point, they had yet to come up against, but the Salukis did a good job not getting overwhelmed.

"They handled some on-the-fly adjustments really well," said Bettger. "We saw some different strategic elements in terms of some zone play and pressure that we hadn't really gone up against yet so they had to adjust in the games and they did so really well."

"My goodness, we competed hard," O'Connor added. "They had to adjust to things that we haven't had a chance to work on yet and they did so much, much better than I would have anticipated simply because we haven't spent time on those things yet. I was really impressed with how we broke the pressure."

Both coaches explained why they believed the Junior Girls were able to handle the tournament's challenging opponents as well as they did.



Charlotte Richardson drives past a defender during the St. Marys DCVI Junior Girls basketball game against F.E. Madill this past Monday. The Salukis won the game 27-14. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)

"They are really athletic," Bettger noted. "Even if some girls don't know basketball all that well, they know other sports and they're able to carry those skills over into these games. For example, hockey players know how to reverse the puck and in the case of our girls, they're able to bring that over so they know how to reverse the basketball."

"They are really coachable," said O'Connor. "Like Ava said, a lot of these girls play other sports so they

can bring over some of those skills, but also, they love to compete. They are not afraid of good competition and having to roll up their sleeves, so to speak. Marin [Chateauvert] and Charlotte [Richardson] were great at leading us through certain situations but when we talked in the huddle, everyone was listening and doing their best to take everything in and then go out and do it."

The team had little time to rest as, this past Monday, their league play con-

tinued with a game against F.E. Madill. The Salukis came away with a 27-14 victory. Marin Chateauvert led the way offensively with 10 points while Charlotte Richardson added nine and Chloe White cashed in on a couple of important baskets that helped the Salukis in key moments of the game.

Bettger praised the group for their continued excellence off the ball.

"They played a really hard game defensively today which I really liked to see. I thought it was really impressive the way they were keeping shots from going out and helping each other out which prevents the opposition from getting easy baskets."

O'Connor added that the team's "grit" was also a key factor in their victory earlier this week.

"We did come out of the half with a bit of pressure which we did once and today, I would say it was pretty good and created a few turnovers and some good baskets. What I really like about this team which we saw again today is that our players grind. As a coach, I love the victories when we have to grind and really work for the win. When you're not scoring a bunch of points, you can stay in it, stay determined, and fight through those moments and they've been doing that very well."

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SPORTS —

Veteran U12 Snipers dominant in season opener

By Spencer Seymour

The mostly-returning group making up the U12 St. Marys Snipers rode their experience and cohesiveness to great success last Saturday, defeating the visiting U12 team from London in a blowout in the Snipers' first game of the season.

Head Coach Evan Habermehl told the Independent that the number of returning players allowed them to be further ahead when it came to implementing and executing their strategies.

"We were able to put the things we have been working on in practice and exhibi-

tions to work in our first league game," Habermehl noted. "The large percentage of returning players allows us to continue to build on some of the skills from last year and additionally have a fairly cohesive group to start with. Since most of the team has already spent a year together, they are quick to mesh on the ice and support each other."

Lilian Johnston led the team in points in the game, scoring a pair of goals and adding three assists. Madison McCutcheon posted a hat-trick along with one helper to become one of three St.

Marys players to hit four points alongside Meredith Stokes who had two goals and two assists and Lilian Garniss who scored once and recorded three assists. Two players added a trio of points and five Snipers had a pair of points.

Habermehl was impressed with the team's ring movement to begin the new season which helped the team get four goals from their defenders.

"What was really nice was the girls' ability to move the ring a lot and include more of the defensive players and allow them to get involved in the offence.

Ring movement was one of our goals going in. We wanted to get the girls to pass lots and try to improve the movement of the ring in the offensive zone."

"The other big goal for the season opener was to have fun," continued Habermehl. "These girls play really well when they aren't putting too much pressure on themselves and the team. The defence has also been working on keeping the triangle in our zone and pushing out the other team, which they did well against London."

Pickleball Ontario approves "Grow the Game" initiative

Pickleball Ontario has approved the St. Marys Pickleball Association's (SMPA) application to "Grow Our Game" in St. Marys. This initiative recognizes and assists clubs that "Grow the Game" at the grassroots level in their community.

The SMPA has undertaken several initiatives to engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds, thereby contributing to the growth of the sport.

The initiatives include:

1. School Engagement: Introducing pickleball to students helps to create an interest in the game resulting in new, younger players joining the club and enjoying the game.

2. Community Events: SMPA participated in a high-profile celebrity match

with local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Stratford and council members to create exposure and awareness of the sport to people locally and in surrounding communities. Also, SMPA actively participates in local community events and fundraisers, including community meals, charity efforts and community walks.

3. Engaging Activities for Potential New Players: Fun Tournaments have been held where players switch partners and incorporate unique game twists, creating a welcoming environment for players of all skill levels. Also, by including pickleball flyers in welcome packages for new residents of St. Marys, new players are encouraged to join the sport.

4. Accessible Play: Beginner play ses-

sions are held twice a week to provide a comfortable platform for learning and practice. Also, collaboration with local businesses to sponsor club play and to encourage their staff to join beginner play sessions has been initiated. This synergy reinforces commitment to community engagement and growth.

5. Open Houses and New Player Involvement: Monthly Demonstration Days, partnering with Brickhouse Paddles a locally owned and operated pickleball paddle manufacturer, is an invitation to everyone to experience pickleball firsthand. In addition, SMPA has enrolled hundreds of participants in beginner clinics, many of whom have never played the sport before. The clinics employed a Level

1 Pickleball Instructor, equipped with IPTPA and PPR certifications, ensuring a quality learning experience. This initiative introduces pickleball to a diverse range of newcomers, directly contributing to the growth of the sport.

This involvement solidifies SMPA's place as a caring and dedicated community partner and provides the opportunity to invite new players to try the game.

The SMPA would like to extend a special thank you to all of the businesses that sponsored play at the outdoor courts in 2023. The sponsors include Synterra Security, the Towne and Country Cheese Shoppe and Deli, The Flower Shop and More, Stonetown Artisan Cheese, and Stone Home Creatives.

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COMMUNITY —

“Bees and Butterflies” at the Station Gallery

Not since October of 2018 has the Station Gallery been able to mount an exhibition of Art by students from the Elementary Schools of St. Marys. On October 21, five years later, the students from Little Falls Public School and South Perth Centennial Public Schools will exhibit their drawings and paintings based upon a study of the pollinators in the area, The mystery of the “buzzy Bees” and the beauty of “fluttering Butterflies” has always fascinated young people and in an age where the pollinators environment is in danger, it is most important that everyone recognize the importance of these insects.

St. Marys Station Gallery has invited the local schools to submit works of art based upon a study of Bees and Butterflies. The schools have submit-

ted 20 images each of which the gallery has framed and mounted all to gallery standards.

St. Marys Station Gallery is also pleased to have The Rotary Club of St. Marys as a sponsor of this exhibition. The Rotary Club is known in the community for its support of the youth of St. Marys.

“Bees and Butterflies” previews at the St. Marys Station Gallery on Friday October 20 and opens on Saturday October 21 2023, with a reception at 1pm to 4 pm. All are welcome to meet and greet these young artists.

The Station Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday 11 am to 4:30 pm. Follow us at stmarysstationgallery@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram .



Stonetown Grans Fabric, Yarn & Notions Sale

By Nancy Vermond

The Stonetown Grans biennial Fabric and Yarn sale is coming up soon: 6 to 8 pm on Friday, Oct. 27 and 10am to 1pm on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the St. Marys United Church, 85 Church St. S. in St. Marys. Admission is free and most items are purchased “by donation”.

Donations of fabric, yarn, notions and needlecraft supplies can be dropped off at the church from 9am to noon on Saturday, Oct. 21 and/or Wednesday,

Oct. 25. (Please use the southeast door off the parking lot.) This is an opportunity to pass on the items you are not planning to use and to come to the sale to pick up what inspires you. All leftover items will be donated to other charities.


Proceeds from the sale will go to the grandmothers’ campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) (grandmotherscampaign.org). This charity works with grandmothers, who have been raising children orphaned by

HIV/AIDS, and other community leaders in 15 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, by funding projects chosen by the local people. SLF provides financial help for students, especially girls, enabling them to attend school, and works tirelessly to eradicate gender-based violence. The campaign provides peer support for grandmothers who are now recognizing their individual and collective power to make changes to their basic human rights at local and national levels. There is still

work to be done in removing the stigma related to HIV-AIDS. Over 35 million people globally are still infected with this virus, and many of them are young women and children in African countries.

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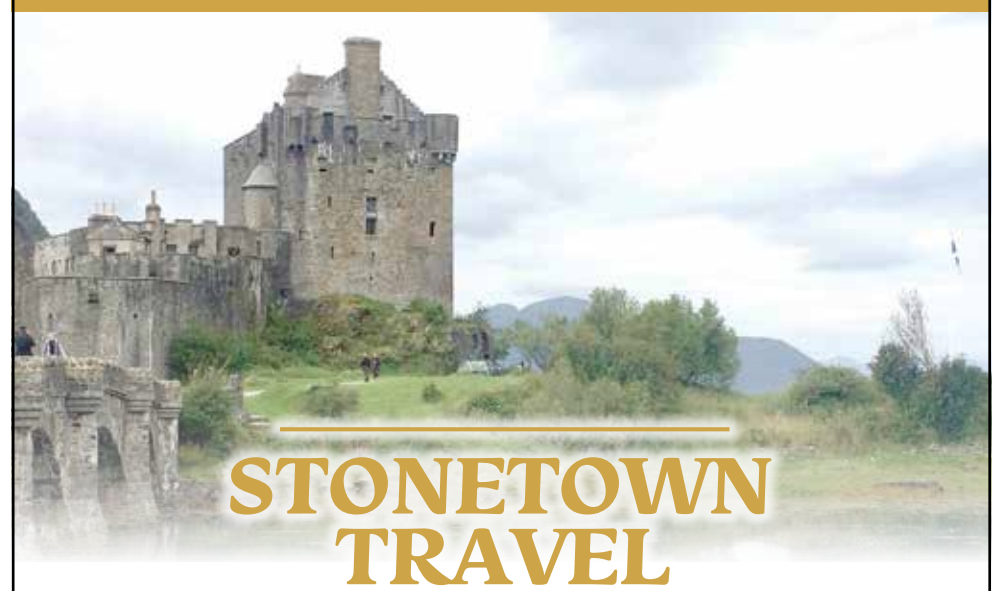
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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: St. Marys Presbyterian Church – 175th Anniversary

By Mary Smith

The majestic steeple of the Presbyterian Church has stood watch over St. Marys for 140 years. The Presbyterian presence in St. Marys goes back even farther to 1848 when a small group of worshippers, authorized by the London Presbytery, formed a church in the village. At first, this new Presbyterian congregation met wherever space was available. A coeprage on Wellington Street was a frequent venue. However, by the early 1850s, they had secured two large lots in the north ward, bounded by Widder Street to the south, Wellington Street to the west, and Church Street to the east. With volunteer help, members of the congregation cleared the site of trees and brush and constructed the first permanent church. The rectangular, frame building, 36 feet by 60 feet, was located on the northeast corner of Widder and Wellington Streets.

The building's interior was very plain with basic furnishings. The congregation used planks set on stumps until they could afford pews. There was no organ – in fact these early Presbyterians frowned upon instrumental music. A precentor, seated at the front beside the pulpit, led the singing. As the congregation grew, improvements to the interior were made and several extensions were rather haphazardly added. These add-ons did not enhance the appearance of the building. William Johnston, the well-known local historian – and a Presbyterian himself – wrote in his 1902 History of Perth County: "It seemed like a great mole-hill crowning a beautiful site and trying to crawl down into the valley." By the 1870s, the Presbyterian Church was the largest and wealthiest in St. Marys. Very aware of the inadequacy of their building, in 1873 the congregation started fundraising to build a new church. A considerable amount of money was raised and grand plans were made. But before construction could begin, a bitter schism developed within the congregation.

The exact reasons for this division within the church are lost in time. Perhaps the congregation had just become too large to remain unified. Perhaps it included too many strong personalities. There were, apparently, no major theological differences: both sides adhered to the principles of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. An interesting theory is that the schism was caused by Charles Darwin – or more specifically, by the publication of his book, *On the Origin of Species*. The theory that species (including human beings) evolved through the millennia generated great controversy in both scientific and religious communities when the book appeared in 1857. Two decades later, this controversy reached a small discussion group in St. Marys, Ontario – the Literary Society.

This group (men only) met weekly to discuss various topics. At one meeting, a well-travelled and well-read member of the society, John Gould, delivered a paper on Charles Darwin's theories. The Presbyterian minister at that time, the Reverend John McAlpine, also a society member, took great exception to Gould's presentation. In fact, he prepared a rebuttal, delivered a week later to a large audience in the town hall. He also sent his speech to the *St. Marys Argus* and the editor, sensing a good story, reproduced it in whole. It can be read on microfilm at the St. Marys Museum today. McAlpine was clearly very upset, seeing Darwin's supposed "scientific grounds" as "a distinct and deliberate attack on Scripture, designed to shake or, rather, destroy the faith of the believers." But Darwin was in



The Presbyterian Church, ca 1910. Except for some accessibility adaptations, this beautiful building looks the same today.

distant England and so McAlpine directed his attacks at Gould who lived nearby on a farm in Blanshard Township. Gould responded in the next issue of the *Argus*: "Why does man still hold that science and reason will endanger the church? I hail with delight every discovery in science, everything that enlightens man and develops reason, as calculated to promote truth and remove ignorance, superstition, bigotry and tyranny."

The controversy destroyed the good will and fellowship of the Literary Society and then had an impact on the Presbyterians. Some people in the congregation supported Gould's position; others disapproved of their minister's uncompromising and very public display of his opinions. In the spring of 1878, 118 members of the congregation applied to the Stratford Presbytery for permission to establish a second Presbyterian church in St. Marys. Permission was granted. Knox Presbyterian Church held its first service in the town hall in May of that year. The two congregations began construction of new churches at the same time. Knox built a white, brick building with a tower and spire on Church Street South, directly across from the Anglican Church. It was the first to open in October 1880. On Widder Street, the project faced a number of delays, but finally, at the end of March 1881, the congregation held the first service in their grand, new church which had an even higher tower and spire. Both new Presbyterian churches, by the way, included pipe organs. The day of the precentor had passed.

For the next five decades, the two churches – one in the south ward and one in the north ward – co-existed peacefully and even cooperatively. Knox Church survived two disastrous fires, rebuilding each time. Both endured the anxiety of World War I and both lost young men who had been members of their congregations. In 1918, the Presbytery decided it was time to reunite the two congregations and the church on Widder Street was closed. However, the decision had been made without sufficient planning or consultation and the union fell apart. First Pres-

byterian was reopened three years later in 1921. Soon after, both churches resisted another form of union. In 1925, the majority of the members of both local Presbyterian congregations voted against joining with the Methodists to become part of the new United Church of Canada.

Following the difficult years of the Great Depression and World War II, First Presbyterian Church marked its 100th anniversary with a two-week celebration in June 1948. The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, Canada's ninth prime minister and a former member of the church, was guest of honour at a garden party held on the grounds on June 23. But by the 1950s, two Presbyterian churches in one town could no longer be sustained. The Knox and First Churches affiliated, with one minister and with combined services held in one or the other church on alternate months. This unsettling and awkward process continued from November 1953 until January 1960 when the Presbytery formally amalgamated the two congregations. However, it was another four years of dispute and controversy before the final difficult decision was made to retain the building on Widder Street and to sell Knox on Church Street South. This was a heart-breaking decision for loyal Knox Church members. But to everyone's credit, they worked together to renovate the Widder Street building, creating what was essentially a new church within the old stone walls. The process incorporated many elements from Knox Church including the two stained glass, memorial windows, installed on either side of the choir loft.

The congregation of the newly named St. Marys Presbyterian Church moved forward together, facing such challenges as the catastrophic collapse of a massive stone chimney in November 1988. It crashed through the roof, smashed pews in the sanctuary, the huge limestone fragments finally settling in clouds of dust and debris on the basement floor. Enormously relieved that no one had been killed or injured, the congregation rallied and began fundraising for repairs and renovations. Ten months later, the church was reopened and within a few months, all costs had been paid, thanks to spectacular fundraising efforts, a great deal of volunteer labour and support from not only members of the congregation but the entire community, aware that the survival of the Presbyterian Church was important to the town. The chimney disaster ultimately strengthened the church but changes continued. Ministers arrived and departed, some more popular than others. A general increase in secularization meant a decline in church attendance. Then the pandemic hit and all the churches in Canada were forced to shut their doors for months at a time.

St. Marys Presbyterian Church met this challenge by offering live-streaming of services and finding other innovative ways to keep in touch with and assist members. Following the end of Covid restrictions, today it provides not only programs within its own congregation but also other activities that show the value of a church working within a community. The many examples include support for newcomers to St. Marys, specifically the Syrian and Ukrainian refugees, a grief therapy workshop that is open to all, support for Change Her World and other overseas aid programs, and support of local programs that address food insecurity and other social issues.

This Sunday, October 22, St. Marys Presbyterians celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of their church, an occasion of great thanksgiving.

COLUMN —

WHAT'S FOR DINNER: A Traditional German Plate



By Lauren Eedy

The following two recipes are Fall comfort food in its most basic form. Traditional German staples: schnitzel and spaetzle are two of my partner's favourite meals and they are surprisingly both simple and affordable to make. Schnitzel is traditionally served with lemon, but you can amp this recipe up by making jägerschnitzel ("hunter schnitzel", served with a rich mushroom gravy), ziegeunerschnitzel ("gypsy schnitzel", served with a zesty bell pepper sauce) or rahmschnitzel ("cream schnitzel", served with a rich cream sauce). We are partial to lemon. A traditional accompaniment is spaetzle, which is a kind of German egg noodle often simply served with butter and parsley but don't let that stop you from trying one of the previously mentioned

sauce options. We also enjoy adding a leafy salad, red cabbage, or sauerkraut.

German Schnitzel (Schweineschnitzel)

Prep: 10m Total 16m Serves: 4

4 boneless pork steaks or chops, (to make Austrian Wienerschnitzel, use thin veal cutlets)

Salt & freshly ground pepper

½ c flour combined with 1 tsp salt

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

¾ c breadcrumbs

Oil for frying (use a neutral-tasting oil with a high smoke point)

Lemon and parsley for serving

Method:

-Place the pork chops between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound them until ¼" thick with the flat side of a meat tenderizer. Lightly season both sides with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

-Place the flour mixture, eggs, and breadcrumbs in 3 separate shallow bowls. Dip the chops in the flour, the egg and the breadcrumbs, coating

both sides and all edges at each stage. Be careful not to press the breadcrumbs into the meat. Gently shake off excess crumbs. Don't let the schnitzel sit in the coating or they will not crisp once fried. Fry immediately.

-Make sure cooking oil is 330°F. Don't let the schnitzel sit in the coating for too long! Use enough oil so that the schnitzels "swim" in it.

-Fry for 2-3 minutes on both sides until a deep golden brown. Transfer briefly to a plate lined with paper towels.

-Serve immediately with slices of fresh lemon and parsley sprigs or your choice of sauce. Serve with German spaetzle, French fries, or German potato salad and with a fresh leafy green salad.

German Spaetzle

Prep: 35m Total: 45m Serves: 6

2 c all purpose flour

1 tbsp minced fresh parsley

½ tsp nutmeg

6 large eggs

½ c milk (maybe less)

¼ c butter

Method:



-In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, parsley & nutmeg.

-In a separate bowl, lightly beat eggs.

-Alternate between stirring in beaten eggs and milk to the flour mixture until you have a smooth batter. Let batter rest for 30m at room temperature.

-Bring a pot of salted water to a boil.

-Pour spaetzle dough through a spaetzle maker or colander directly into the water so that small, elongated drops fall in.

-Boil until spaetzle rises to the top. Use a slotted spoon to remove spaetzle from water.

-Melt butter in a skillet over med-high heat. Place drained pasta directly into butter and fry for 2-3 minutes. Serve hot and garnish with more parsley.

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COLUMN —

HOSTING UKRAINE: What If The Hosting Arrangement Doesn't Work?

By VJ Knutson

Not all hosting arrangements work out. Sometimes personalities clash, or expectations exceed reality. There have been situations where it's been necessary to intervene.

"The host is holy," one of the Tanya's told me. "Ukrainians understand that they need hosts to help them orient to life here." They also recognize that the hosting situation is only temporary, and if it's uncomfortable, well...all the more motivation to find independence.

I'd say this is true of most guests. They are polite, humble, and grateful to the family who has agreed to take them in.

There was more than one case where the Ukrainian woman, having arrived with her young child, found herself in the home of a single man, who tried on the first night to get overly personal. These females were immediately removed from the homes and taken to a safe location. Now, we are careful about placing women with single men, for both party's sake.

Then there was the host that saw an opportunity to make a bit of money, and charged rent and a fee for meals before her guest had a chance to secure work. The host/guest relationship is not meant to be a business transaction. While some eventually work out a contribution to the overall household expenses, the understanding is that there be an

opportunity for the Ukrainians to get on their own feet. We helped the guest find another home.

Most recently, there has been a problem with a woman who jumps from host to host, playing on the sympathy of others. Claiming that she has been maltreated by a host who refuses to feed or help her in any way, she declares herself to be destitute. She asks for money, housing, and transportation costs. When she is pleading her case, she is very persuasive, but once she lands in the care of a new host, she changes her colours, becoming abusive and destructive. Many have fallen for her con.

Our advice in such a case is to be wary of anyone asking for money, and to do a bit more research before helping "a damsel in distress".

Misinformation sometimes fuels the conflict. Some guests believe that as hosts we receive money from the government and local charities. In some countries, hosts do receive a stipend, so I can see how this rumour started. Despite attempts to clarify that we do not receive financial support, some believe hosts are profiting and therefore, should host indefinitely. This is where having set limitations on the length of time a guest can stay helps. Hosts are temporary stepping stones, only.

Sometimes, the reason for a hosting situation to end is purely a change in circumstance: a child returns home, money becomes tight, or health concerns change the hosts ability to be charitable.

Understandably, a host needs to protect their own interests first.

Many people ask me the question: "What happens if the hosting situation doesn't work out." Hopefully, this column helps answer that question. There is a reason we call it a host/guest relationship and not a landlord/ tenant agreement. It is not a binding contract. It is a compassionate offering to help those, who have lost so much, get back on their feet.

I would like to end by emphasizing that the majority of situations result in deeper relations. We consider so many of the Ukrainians that we have had the honour of helping as extended family.

People are people: all of us flawed in some way. The best remedy for avoiding a difficult situation is to set clear boundaries, communicate expectations in advance, and follow through.

Till next time.

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By Nancy Abra

With the Thorndale Fall Fair now just a memory and in the 2023 history books, the Thorndale Agricultural Society have turned their focus on their next couple of upcoming community events ~ the Seasonal Social on November 25th and the 2024 Thorndale Dinner Theatre.

The 2024 Thorndale Dinner Theatre is planned for next February but there is a lot to do before then. The play 'Appearing This Evening', written by Anthony Keenleyside, a new playwright from the Ottawa area has been chosen. The auditions are completed. And the team of volunteers are eager to get things rolling with this production.

Kay Rogers, of the Thorndale area, will be directing the Thorndale Dinner Theatre's play. She is no stranger to the Thorndale stage and has been involved on and off since Thorndale Dinner Theatre's revival in 2007, mostly on stage. In 2008 she started 'Murder For Hire', a murder mystery

dinner theatre troupe which was very successful and the following 15 years kept her busy with that theatre company. By day Rogers is a Real Estate Appraiser another busy vocation. So, feeling the need to slow down some, she sold the murder mystery business last year. She said that she is not ready to completely hang up her theatre boots and is looking forward to getting more involved in the Thorndale Dinner Theatre.

"Appearing This Evening", Rogers stated, "has a cast of unique and fun characters and should appeal to the young and old alike. It has an entertaining story which the followers of the Thorndale Dinner Theatre will really enjoy. Our dinner theatre has always been a great community event," Rogers added, "and for newer residents in Thorndale it is a wonderful opportunity to come out and get involved in the community. I am really excited to be directing the 2024 Thorndale Dinner Theatre."

Show Dates: February 17, 18*, 23 & 24, 2024 (* Matinee Performance)

**Appearing
This Evening...**

A Play by Anthony Keenleyside

Small Business Week ~ Oct 15-21st

By Nancy Abra

Every year since 1979, the third week in October is designated small business week in Canada. This week is to celebrate and recognize the importance of small businesses' contribution to the economy of Canada and their local communities.

According to December 2021 Government of Canada statistics, there are 1.21 million businesses with employees in Canada. Of that total, 1.19 million or 97.9% are small businesses with 100 or less employees. Breaking that down further, 74.1% of that total have less than ten employees. More than one half of the total of small businesses in Canada are concentrated in Ontario and Quebec. <https://is->

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Some say small businesses are the backbone of our country as they benefit the community in which they operate in many ways. For example, small businesses, especially in the retail and food service sectors, create job opportunities for local young people. Small businesses also contribute to the local economy. When customers patronize local businesses most of the money ends up circulating back into that community. Usually, the owners of these businesses tend to shop locally also, using local services, all of which encourages economic growth within that community.

Small businesses also help build the community's identity. Whether they

are a bakery shop, restaurant, or a unique retail store, etc, these small businesses are an icon of that community and part of the local landscape. Also, successful small business owners incline to be innovative and creative entrepreneurs which encourages more originality in growth

within that community but also a more diverse marketplace.

For information on the small businesses in the community of Thorndale, check out <https://www.ilovethorndale.ca/businesses/>

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- What comes down but never goes up? **Rain.**
- What did Delaware? **A New Jersey**
- What do you call a person with a tree for a briefcase? **A branch manager.**
- What did the calculator say to the other calculator? **"You can count on me"**
- Why were the pirates so good at singing? **They were working on the high Cs.**
- What do prisoners use to call each other? **Cell phones.**
- What did one NASCAR driver say to the other? **"Do you want to crash at my place tonight?"**
- Why do gorillas have broad fingers? **Because they have large nostrils.**
- Why is a snake lucky? **Because you can't pull its leg**

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The Riddle Kid OF THE WEEK

What has a ring but no finger?



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Jacob Hibbert (4)

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Our pet of the week is Millie. She is a 10 week old Calico cat that likes to sleep all day and play all night. Millie would like to wish her owner, Shyann Mills a belated happy birthday.



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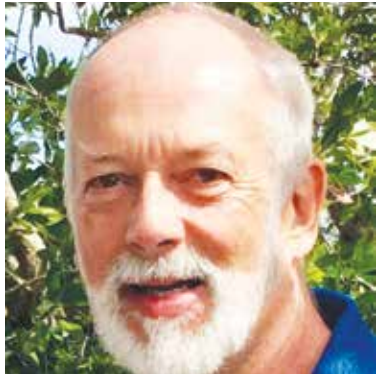
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COLUMN —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Getting prepared for the "airport experience"



By Paul Knowles

Once upon a time much closer to the days of my youth, I was checking out of a bed and breakfast in Broadway, England. My host knew that I was flying home to Canada later that day. She noticed my jacket and dress slacks, and said, "You're dressing for an upgrade!"

She was right. In those days, if you showed up dressed in "business casual" attire, you might get moved up to the elite seats.

That was all part of an era when air travel was, if not exactly fun, at least tolerable. Not a word I would use to describe the experience today.

Today, it's tough and demanding. It's like going to the dentist, a good idea, and often necessary, but seldom all that much fun.

I was thinking about these things during a layover in Dublin last month. I flew on Aer Lingus, and I would have to say I enjoyed the flight as much as any in the past year. I was bound for Bristol, England, then by car to Wales.

The folks who arranged my trip had scheduled a lengthy layover in Dublin airport, and I had seven hours to kill. It irked me when I discovered there was a flight to Bristol leaving shortly after our arrival in Dublin. Why was I destined to sit for a full working day in an airport, awaiting my next, one hour twenty minute flight?

Turns out, there was a very good reason. Arising from which, and departing from my usual approach of highlighting a great travel destination in this space, I am offering three or four tips for travellers.

One: when they offer a longer layover, take it. Flights seldom arrive on time. In my case, our flight landed about half an hour late. But even if you were catching a connecting flight, you had to pass through Customs. At 6 a.m., or so, there was exactly one Customs officer on duty, and one problem passenger had bunged up the whole system.

I was surrounded by people whose connecting flights were leaving or had left.

So don't mess with short connecting times. You may make your flight, but more probably, you may lose hours or days because your arrival was later than your departure. Schedule a few hours at the airport and you have a much better chance of arriving at your eventual destination as planned.

Two: Be careful with car-

ry-on. All of my travel-writing colleagues share one conviction... it is better to go carry-on. There are just too many stories of lost, checked luggage. But when you do use carry-on only, remember that airlines are getting tougher about sizes. My favourite carry-on no longer qualifies as a carry-on. When I got it, it matched acceptable measurements but it no longer fits in those metal frames they can use to reject over-sized baggage. So yes, carry-on only, but keep it small and, if possible, soft-sided.

Three: Prepare for your airport experience. Staffing is an issue. This applies to everything from security to customs to baggage handlers to ground crew. I sat on a plane in Bristol for at least twenty minutes until a bus finally arrived to take us to the terminal. Again, I heard several fellow travellers commenting that this wait had disconnected their connections.

You never know what part of your trip is going to take a lot of time – check-in, security, customs, flight delays, or all of the above. So when they say be at the airport three hours early – in the case of a big airport, like Toronto – do it. Of course, given what the Brits call Sod's Law, if you do arrive three hours early, you'll probably be at your gate 20 minutes later. I was, both ways on this most recent trip. So be sure you have something to occupy you while you languish in the waiting area: a



Having a pint can be quite pleasant; having seven before boarding a plane leads to what the author (shown) calls "Layover Hangover", to be avoided for your own good and the good of your fellow passengers. (All photos by Paul Knowles)

book, or an e-book, or your favourite digital game, or a list of 100 emails you have been meaning to reply to. Please, though, do not take this opportunity to phone your deaf Uncle Henry. Or find an empty lounge before you start yelling into your phone.

Four: Please avoid Layover Hangover. In Toronto, in mid-afternoon, I was seated across a table from a very nice gentleman. He was extremely pleasant, if more conversational than I was hoping for. Very conversational in fact. Because he was also very tipsy. He was chugging back glasses of red wine like water on a hot day. And he was dedicated to the task to the point where, when they began to board our plane, he ordered yet one more glass to down before he headed for the gate.

I know that airline staff are supposed to reject drunks,

but this dude was somewhere between quite mellow and inebriated, and managed to make his way onto the plane. Where, I am guessing, he had another drink or two.

On the plane, I wasn't seated anywhere near him. But I would not have wanted to be. So, as much as I personally enjoy a drink (or two), please avoid setting yourself up, and those seated near you, for a layover hangover.

Flying isn't as much fun as it once was but if we want to travel (and I do, I do!), it's usually the only option. So, be sensible and proactive. And bon voyage!

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



Making it all worthwhile: while flying is often challenging, the destinations (here, the Brecon Beacons in Wales), make it all worthwhile!



The author flew on Aer Lingus, Toronto to Dublin, then Dublin to Bristol, on a plane accessed by bus and then a stairway.

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Trevor McKnight



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Harley & Wyatt & your extended family

THANK YOU

Graham

The family of Ruth Graham would like to express a sincere thank you to Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home for all their help and compassion shown during a difficult time. Thank you to the Celebrant Stephanie Martin for a meaningful service, and wonderful tribute, to Tim Horton's for the lovely donation to the luncheon, to the Legion ladies for providing the luncheon, and to Lyric Florist for the beautiful flowers. Thank you to the staff and volunteers at Kingsway Lodge, to all family and friends and to anyone who made donations in memory of Ruth Graham. We are truly grateful.

The Family of Aunt Ruth Graham

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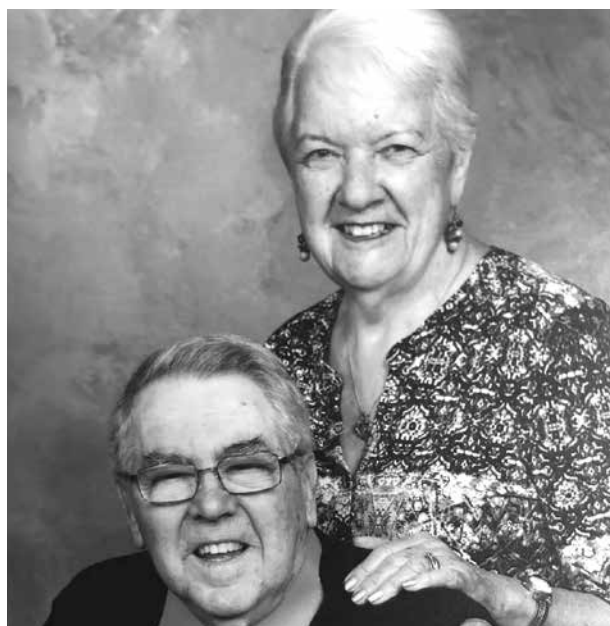
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for Bev and Isa Rabbets

Sunday, October 22nd

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**Celebration of life for
Ken Cole of St Marys**

October 22/23 at 1:00pm - 4:00pm
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CELEBRATION



**Please join Kim Massey &
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October 28 at the St. Marys Legion to
celebrate their 65th birthday

Starting at approximately 7 until 11 following
the meat draw and elimination draw.

All are welcome to stay and party on!

OBITUARY

Mann

Helene Marie Mann passed away at Kingsway Lodge, St. Marys, on October 9, 2022 at the age of 97. Predeceased by her husband Arnold (2009). Helene is survived by her sons Rick and Terry, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family burial will be held in St. Marys Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

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OBITUARY

Hunter

Marjorie Grace Hunter (Wright) passed away at Wildwood Care Centre, St. Marys on October 14, 2023 in her 104th year.

Predeceased by her husband Clifton William Hunter (1954). Mother of Robert, deceased (Joyce), Ronald (Bernice), Gail Lamond (Duncan), Edward, deceased, Lynda Logan and Louis (Sharon). Survived by grandchildren Jacalyn (John), Lisa (Colin), Jim (Lori), Jane, Judy (Brian), Terri (Jim), Joanne, Brenda (Rob), Penny (William), Stanley, deceased, Janet (Chris), Travis (Val), Greg, and Kyle (Teresa), 14 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. Sister of June Keller and Barb Whiting (Norm) and predeceased by several brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Remembered by many nieces and nephews and their families.

Visitation at the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, 47 Wellington St. S. St. Marys (519-284-2820) on Thursday, Oct 19 from 2 – 5 pm. The Funeral Service will be conducted at the ST. MARYS UNITED CHURCH, 85 Church St. S., St. Marys on Friday, Oct 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Robert Lawson officiating. Reception in the church hall with interment in Exeter Public Cemetery to follow. Memorial donations may be made to Golden Years Wildwood Care Centre. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca

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PRC & Friendship Centre events - See the Stonetown Crier on Page 5
St. Marys Public Library events - See Page 29

Friday, October 20

- Royal Canadian Legion hot dog/sausage lunch - 12 Noon
- Station Gallery reception for new exhibit "Bees and Butterflies" - 1 to 4 pm
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Strathroy Rockets at the PRC - 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 21

- Hazardous & special waste disposal day at the MOC, 408 James St S - 8 am to Noon
- St. Marys Farmers Market at Milt Dunnell Field - 8 am to Noon
- Stratford Coin Show at the Quality Inn, Stratford - 9 am to 3 pm
- Apple Self Storage open house - 10 am to 2 pm
- McCully's Hill Farm Harvest Festival - 10 am to 3 pm
- Station Gallery opening of new exhibit "Bees and Butterflies" - 11 am to 4:30 pm
- Rob & Sophia Scott 50th Anniversary celebration at Knights of Columbus hall, Stratford - 2 to 4 pm
- Celebration of Life for Carl Pelkmans at 922849 Road 92, Lakeside - 4 to 7 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm
- Emm Gryner concert at Riverwalk Commons - doors open 6 pm, concert 7 pm
- Bob Wilhelm retirement celebration at River Valley Golf - 7 to 11 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Sarnia Legionnaires at Pat Stapleton Arena - 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 22

- McCully's Hill Farm Harvest Festival - 10 am to 3 pm
- St. Marys Presbyterian Church 175th anniversary service - 10:30 am
- Celebration of Life for Ken Cole at River Valley Golf Course - 1 to 4 pm
- Bev & Isa Rabbets 60th anniversary open house at St. Marys United Church - 2 to 4 pm

Monday, October 23

- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance virtual information session - 12 Noon. Call 519-272-8205 to receive the Zoom link
- St. Marys Community Dinner at the St. Marys United Church - 5 pm. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated

Wednesday, October 25

- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance virtual information session - 7 pm. Call 519-272-8205 to receive the Zoom link

Thursday, October 26

- SMCP Preview performance of "Opening Night" at the Town Hall theatre - 8 pm

LOOKING BACK



By AMY CUBBERLEY

Uniondale Cheese closing

25 years ago (1998)

Rhonda and Dan Cousins of St. Marys will be honoured during Canadian Foster Family Week. The Cousins have been foster parents for five years. In Perth County, approximately 45 families are presently caring for 60 children from newborn to 18 years.

Arthur Meighen School has been added to the Avon Maitland District School Board's possible closure list. That disconcerting news was revealed during a board meeting last week in Stratford. Downie Central near St. Pauls is also on the list.

The Uniondale Cheese Factory, which has operated for more than a century, will close at the end of the month. There are currently 12 employees at the factory which makes primarily Italian-style mozzarella cheese, along with several specialty cheeses.

50 years ago (1973)

Yoga instruction has been added to the fall recreation program according to Rec. Director Len Love.

From what we can gather, the bid from a London man to have the present cab licensing system amended to preclude more than one operator in town has been turned down by members of Town Council.

Firefighters were called to the home of Eric Taylor, Queen St West at 11:40 a.m. on Monday. The damage was confined to a fire in a clothes dryer and subsequent smoke damage.

75 years ago (1948)

The keen demand for cement brought farm customers into town as early as 6:20 a.m. on Tuesday morning for the lineup in front of local supply stores.

Affable citizen Mr. James Savage, who was severely injured in an accident on the highway east of St. Marys some months ago, is now able to be out and about the downtown area. He has lost quite a number of pounds since his mishap but is making good progress.

Some folks are thinking seriously of renaming the Thames River in St. Marys vicinity, the "Green River", owing to the large amount of a leafy type of algae that covers the surface of the water. This plant growth springs from the Avon River and is claimed to be due to the effluent from the Stratford Sewage disposal plant.

100 years ago (1923)

A number of citizens of St. Marys have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of creating what will be known as the Helping Hand Fund, to aid our former Street Foreman, Jack Lucas. As the citizens well know, he has suffered severely this past year at great expense, and is still fighting to regain his health.

Yellow and black automobile license plates, a vivid yellow background with black, embossed lettering, will adorn Ontario's motor vehicles during the 1924 season. They will be made by the St. Thomas Sign Co and will cost the Government 12 ¾ cents per pair.

It is thought that three of the Kingston Jail breakers who recently robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto were in Aylmer one day the past week and worked a day at picking apples.



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6	2	5	4	3	1	9	8	7
4	8	1	9	7	5	2	6	3
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HELP WANTED



NOW HIRING Receptionist/Admin/Clerk

Accounting and tax practice needs a front desk person for receptionist and administrative duties as well as input of client accounting and tax records, banking, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and our in-house accounting. As well as keep supplies stocked and cleaning duties.

This position has generally flexible hours July through January, and full-time February to June with extended hours throughout our busy season. This role is a contract.

The successful candidate must be friendly and personable, professional, detail oriented, good with numbers, and have strong computer skills, good organization skills, and able to multi-task in fast-paced environments. The position requires someone who is self-motivated, and able to work both independently and as part of a team.

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.

Being able to maintain the absolute privacy and confidentiality of client matters is paramount.

Willing to start immediately, or for the right person within two weeks.

Please drop off your resume at Daryl McClure & Co CPA Professional Corporation

119 Water St S, St. Marys, or email to success@mcclureandco.com, or fax to 519-284-2878.

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



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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:

CASUAL REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE

This position requires the ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment and excellent communication skills. The Happy Valley Family Health Team has a mandatory vaccine policy.

Please forward resume by October 30th 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

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We are looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant to work within our team.

Competence with Excel, Word and Power-Point using Apple computers is necessary. Experience with Telus Health EMR is an asset. Required abilities include time management, organization, self-direction and flexibility with an ability to work as a professional member of a multi-disciplinary team. The Happy Valley Family Health Team has a mandatory vaccine policy.

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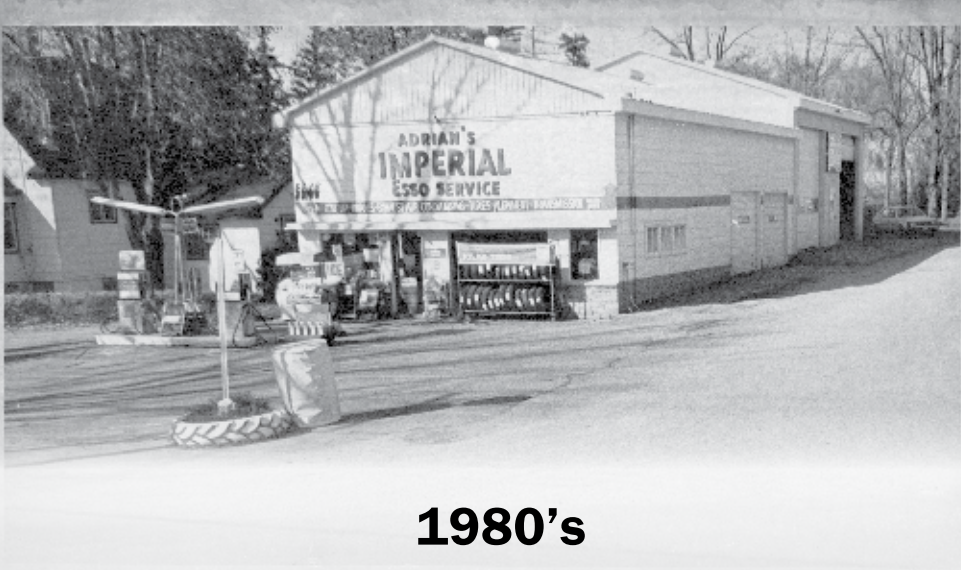
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