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## Time to Change your clocks and batteries



Cindy Boakes from the St. Marys Independent and Brian Leverton, Chief Fire Prevention Officer, would like to remind everyone to not only turn your clocks back one hour this weekend but also to change batteries on all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. In the background photo is the late Frank Doyle who always made sure this important bi-yearly reminder was included in the newspaper. (Wendy Lamond photo)

As the November 5th, 2023 time change approaches, St. Marys Fire Department reminds residents to make another change this weekend that could save their lives - "Change the Batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms."

The message is simple, and this 5-minute habit could be life saving. Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often the victims

never wake up. Changing smoke alarm batteries, testing these alarms, and reminding others to do the same are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries.

"Working smoke alarms provide an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape," said Chief Fire Pre-

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## Town encouraging residents to engage in the 2024 budget process

The Town of St. Marys is currently drafting its 2024 budget and it wants residents to participate in the process. The municipality is offering ratepayers several opportunities to weigh in over the next few months.

The first is coming up this Saturday, November 4, 2023, with Coffee with Council. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Flour Mill and is a chance for ratepayers to enjoy a free drink while asking questions about the budget. Several members of Council are planning to attend.

Formal budget meetings will begin on November 21 at 9:00 a.m. Another meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. on December 5. Two additional meetings are planned for January 9 and March 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will take place in the Municipal Operations Centre Boardroom (408 James St. S).

The budget is developed by Town staff, based on input from residents and Council. It shows how the municipality spends tax dollars to deliver services, like road maintenance, garbage and recycling collection, and childcare. The draft budget for 2024 proposes a 4.62 percent property tax increase to help fund municipal services over the next year.

The increase will support affordable housing initiatives, the Community Improvement Plan, and additional Town-run events. It will also help finance services like PC Connect and major projects like sewer pipe rehabilitations, pool repairs, and reconstruction work on Wellington Street.

Ratepayers can share thoughts on the budget by attending Coffee with Council or any of the budget meetings. Questions can be asked during the meet-

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# Town hosting public meeting to consider changes to building permit fees

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys will hold a public meeting on the 28th day of November 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Operations Centre Boardroom (408 James Street South) in order to consider a proposed increase in fees pursuant to Section 7 of the Building Code Act.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT – The Town

of St. Marys is proposing to amend By-law 91-2022, being a By-law to set the fees and charges across the municipality. Specifically, there are fees set in accordance with the Building Code Act respecting construction, demolition, change of use, occupancy, transfer of permits and inspections. The Town of St. Marys has reviewed the building permit fees under Sec-

tion 7(b) of the Building Code Act. The effect will be to increase the existing fee structure.

Information including estimated costs of enforcing and administering the Building Code Act, the amount of the proposed fee(s) and the rationale for changing (or imposing) fees will be provided in a staff report. The report will be available on the Town's

website no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, November 24, 2023.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and has an opportunity to make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed fees.

Dated at the Town of St. Marys this 30th day of October 2023.

# Time to Change your clocks and batteries

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vention Officer Brian Leverton. Unfortunately, approximately two-thirds of all fire deaths occur in homes where there are no working smoke alarms. And don't forget the batteries in your carbon monoxide alarms."

While you are changing the batteries, take a moment to check the age of each alarm in your home; smoke and carbon monoxide alarms don't last forever. Look for the manufacturer's expiration date on the back or the side of the alarm. If any smoke alarms (battery operated or hardwired) are

over 10 years old, or if the unit is so old its age cannot accurately be determined – replace them right away!

Like smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms also wear out, (just because the test button works does not mean the sensors inside are functioning). Carbon monoxide alarms need to be

replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions or every 7 years.

For further information contact St Marys Fire Department  
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# Town encouraging residents to engage in the 2024 budget

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ing or can be emailed in advance to the Town Clerk (clerksoffice@town.

stmarys.on.ca). Meetings can also be viewed live on YouTube.

Questions about the budget can be

directed to Andre Morin, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer at 519-284-2340, ext. 217 or amarin@town.

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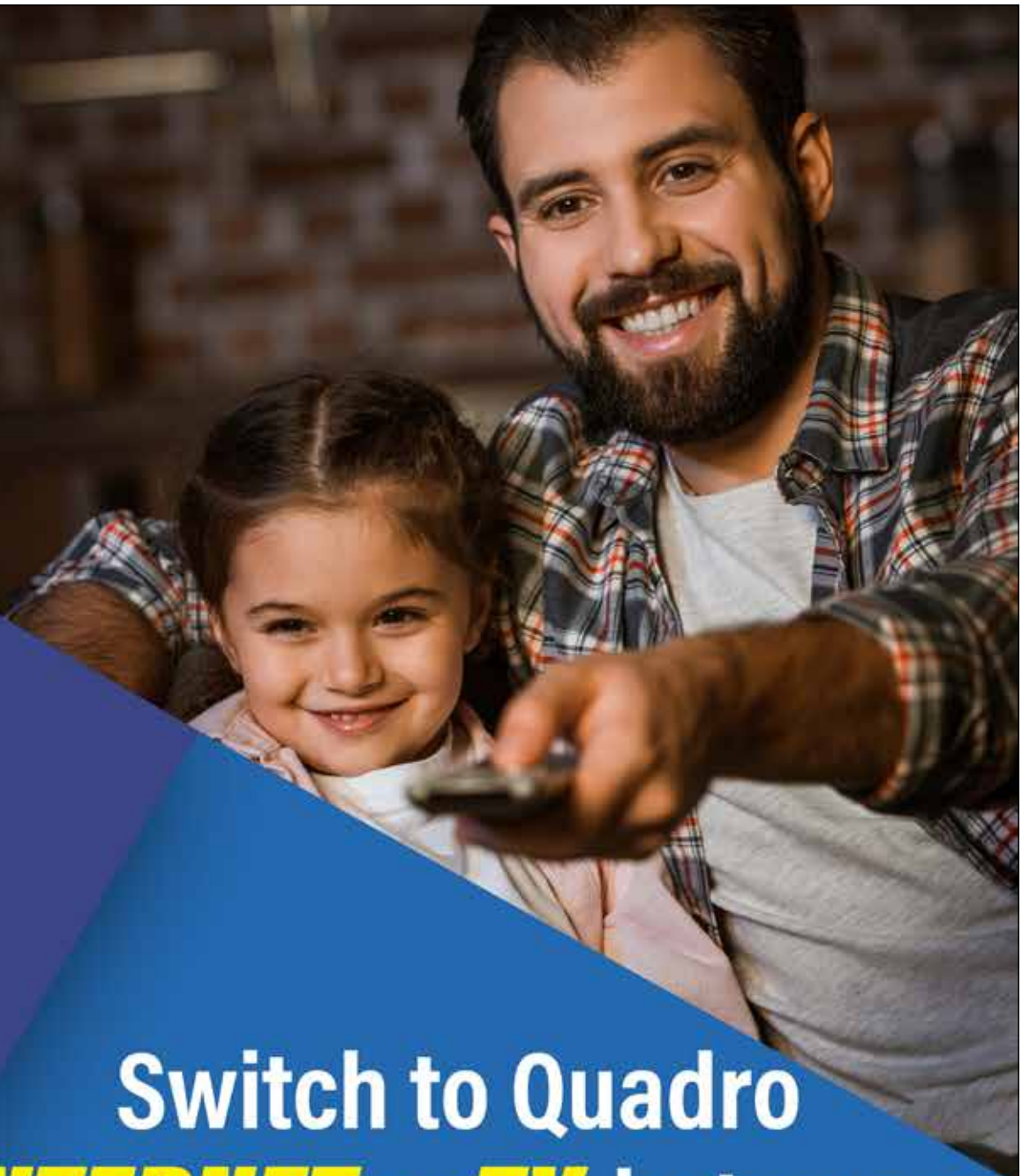
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## EDITORIAL —

# Wear your neck guard and wear it right



By Spencer Seymour

The hockey world is grieving following the tragic loss of Adam Johnson, a former NHL player who was playing hockey in England and died after an errant skate blade slashed Johnson in the neck.

In the days following his passing, the term 'freak accident' was used by the club for which Johnson played and quoted by numerous media outlets. While a situation like this is both a rare occurrence and likely not intentional, describing it as a 'freak accident' somewhat minimizes what should be taken from Johnson's passing.

Thankfully, neck guards have become much more widely used and mandated in minor and junior hockey, although despite the NHL having seen cases such as Clint Malarchuk and Richard Zednik, they inexplicably don't mandate the use of such

equipment. One has to wonder how a league can claim to have a functioning Department of Player Safety and not require its players to wear potentially life-saving equipment.

The NHL's incompetence aside, it is reassuring to know that kids playing today are required to wear neck guards. However, the slight discomfort of the neckguards does make some young players reluctant to wear them or they may not fasten them as tightly or accurately as would be required to offer full protection.

Johnson's tragic passing, however, is more than a 'freak accident.' The pain being felt by Johnson's family and friends is worth more to the rest of the hockey community than a passing headline or a forgotten tragedy. If you play or you have someone in your life who does, please make sure they are not only wearing a neck guard every game, but they have it fastened correctly.

As uncomfortable as it may be to wear, the physical pain of a laceration to the neck from a skate blade, and the emotional pain from such an incident that is felt by you and those who love you, are infinitely worse. Every game, every practice, no matter what, please wear your neck guard and wear it right.

Because it's the right thing to do. Because it could save your life. Because freak accidents can happen, but you can take steps to prevent them.

## Bravo

We have 4 Bravos this week.

1) Bravo to the town for installing the new tourism directional signs throughout the town. They look good and should be effective. Great Job!

2) Bravo for so many banners being hung to celebrate and honour those who sacrificed their comforts, and many their lives, so that we might experience peace and freedom. These are banners that truly deserve to be so honored.

3) A hearty Bravo to all our local farmers and vendors who brought their wonderful produce and products to us at this season's outdoor St. Marys Farmers' Market. Thank you! I, for one, am going to really miss you.

4) Bravo to Town Council to taking steps to improve visibility and safety at the corner of Jones and Church Street.

## Boo

We have 2 Boos this week.

1) Boo to the town for unnecessarily cutting down a historic tree on the corner of the Church & Jones intersection. In the upcoming months, we will see how little this actually deterred the number of accidents in that area. There needed to be stop signs put up - not recklessly removing a tree that was not impeding visibility.

2) Boo to the man at the Mudmen concert on Friday that ordered two double shots of whiskey and failed to pay for them. The money you spend at the Legion goes towards the Veterans and Service Clubs.

\*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

*"There's nothing better than a world where everybody's just trying to make each other laugh".*

**Matthew Perry who was found unresponsive at his home on Saturday at the age of 54. Perry played the character Chandler Bing on Friends for the whole 10 seasons.**

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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!

**COMMUNITY —**

# Overnight winter parking ban coming into effect November 1

## Ban ensures safe and effective snow removal during winter season

The Town of St. Marys is reminding residents of its overnight winter parking ban, which will come into effect on November 1, 2023, and will remain in place until April 30, 2024. The ban prohibits on-street parking on any municipal roads and municipal parking lots between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 a.m.

The parking ban ensures staff can safely, effectively, and efficiently clear snow from local roads, making St. Marys safer and more accessible. Vehicles are also prohibited from parking on sidewalks and boulevards. This allows staff to clear the sidewalks for pedestrians and those with mobility devices.

Downtown residents who do not have

access to overnight parking during the winter months can apply for a parking permit. Permit holders are assigned a dedicated parking spot in the Water St. N, Elgin St. E, or Jones St. E parking lots. Parking permits are also available at the Opera House parking lot for certain downtown properties. Visit [townofstmarys.com/parking](http://townofstmarys.com/parking) for more information and to apply for or renew a parking permit.

Town staff will be notifying the Stratford Police Service of non-compliant vehicles. Motorists that continue to park on streets, sidewalks or boulevards will be asked to move, or could face a ticket from the police. Residents can also call the police's non-emergency line at 519-271-4141 to report non-compliant vehicles.

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## Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is Bob Doupe. Bob celebrated his 79th birthday on Monday, October 30. Bob has been married to Joan for 55 years and they have two children, Stephanie and Jeff, and four grandchildren - Matthew, Lauren, Emmett and Gabby. Bob was born in London but has spent most of his life in St. Marys. He enjoys watching hockey and baseball.

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

## COMMUNITY —

# All Wheels Park donation of the week



We are very excited to announce our first Benefactor pledge of \$25,000 from Saputo, for the Rotary All Wheels Park on James Street. This generous gift helps us get closer to our fundraising goal and is so appreciated. Pictured are plant manager, Mitchell Johnson and some of his team. Please visit our website to see all our donations. [www.townofstmarys.com/allwheelspark](http://www.townofstmarys.com/allwheelspark)

## Weekend Quiz

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- 1) What rock musician played in both Nirvana and Foo Fighters?
- 2) What is the birthstone of November?
- 3) True or False. Antarctica has a national sport.
- 4) What children's book did Forrest Gump keep in his suitcase?
- 5) What bird, extinct by 1681, was named after the Portuguese word for "stupid"?
- 6) In what continent is 4 considered an unlucky number?
- 7) What are the 3 primary colors?
- 8) In what year did Roman Empire fall?
- 9) What type of race is the Melbourne Cup?
- 10) What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet?

This week's answers are found on pg. 35



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## Get a head start on holiday shopping at the St. Marys Craft Show



This year's St. Marys Craft Show on November 18th boasts almost 100 tables of hand-crafted goods.

Each year, the Friendship Centre's St. Marys Craft Show draws hundreds of local and area shoppers looking for one-of-a-kind, hand-made items.

Last year's Craft show was a huge success, and the Friendship Centre can't wait to welcome shoppers back for another crafty display! The Craft Show will take place at the Pyramid Recreation Centre on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"There's something for everyone at this year's Craft Show," St. Marys Senior Services Program Coordinator Thomas Redman says, "We're excited

to have over 50 talented vendors this year showcasing almost 100 tables of hand-crafted goods. It's a great place to kick-off your shopping for the holiday season."

Admission is free, although donations to the food bank are appreciated. A light lunch will be available to purchase on site with proceeds benefiting seniors' programs in St. Marys.

Questions about the event can be directed to Thomas Redman at 519-284-2340, ext. 621 or tredman@town.stmarys.on.ca.



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# Brian Benner celebrates 35 years with Canadian Tire

By Wendy Lamond

It's not very common these days to see someone celebrate a 35-year milestone of service for one employer. However, on October 11th Brian Benner from Canadian Tire did just that. His Canadian Tire Family surprised him the day of his anniversary with letters from some of the previous Dealers, cards, and a cake.

We caught up with Brian to congratulate him and to talk about the changes that he has seen over the last 35 years.

When Brian first started, the Canadian Tire store was on Water Street where the Thrift Store is now. At that time, it was geared more towards men and was the spot to go on Saturday mornings for your tools, etc. Over time it gradually became more of a family store with options for women and children's products. Brian started out working on the floor and through his career, he has advanced his way up to be the general manager.

The biggest change that Brian has encountered over the years was the introduction of the ESL pricing system. Back in the day everything was



priced manually which was very time consuming. By using electronic shelf labelling, the time it took decreased allowing for a lot more product skus to be available.

He also was involved in the move of the store from Water Street to its cur-

rent location where the old Saan store was, allowing for triple the space. Brian saw the end of the Canadian Tire Money distribution but did let us know that it is still accepted and can be transferred to your rewards card.

Throughout his 35 years with the company, Brian has seen a big turnover in

the Associate Dealers that have come to the St. Marys store, 17 to be exact. All had different ideas and unique personalities.

Current Associate Dealer Angie Kim told us that they still have Brian's cover letter and resume on file from when he applied all those years ago.

Angie also credited Brian for being the go-to-person that she learned from when she started in St. Marys.

"He has a great work ethic and always starts early and stays late and genuinely cares about the store" Angie commented.

When asked why he stayed all those years Benner contributes it to the Canadian Tire company itself.

"They are a great company to work for and the people are great". Brian said.

Not quite ready to retire yet, Brian hopes to continue working for the foreseeable future.

Benner never felt like he needed to look for a new job for change as over the years change came to him in the form of new seasons and new staff allowing him to stay at the St. Marys store where he wants to be.

Congratulations Brian!

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## McCully's Hill Farm annual Harvest Festival



McCully's Hill Farm held their annual Harvest Festival on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month of October. Pictured above, the Steckly family had a great time playing in the straw. There were lots of activities going on throughout the farm for children to participate in. Pictured, from left, Hudson, Foster, Sawyer, Merrick and Isla. (Nancy Bickell photo)



Pictured, from left, Addison Cook, Addison Hyatt and Hailey Schmidt picked out the perfect pumpkins at McCully's Hill Farm Harvest Festival. (Nancy Bickell photo)

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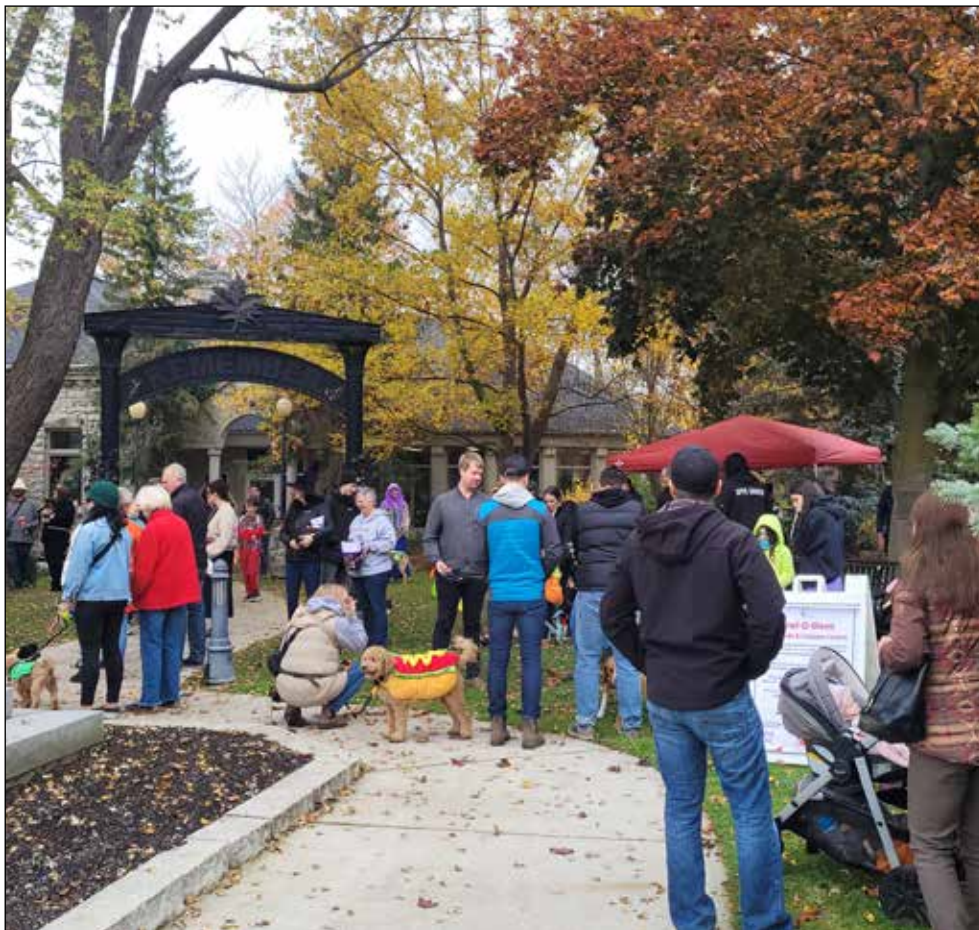
## Spooktacular St. Marys



There were many trick or treaters downtown on Saturday participating in the town's Spooktacular event. From left, Owen Plociennik, Emma Plociennik, Scottie Hiscock, Angie Reid, and Leni Hiscock.



Barb and Ross Sriver and their dog Sophie participated in the pet parade.



There was a great turnout for the pet parade on Saturday that started at the cenotaph and went down to Water Street.



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On October 26th, a cash donation was made to the Salvation Army from the Kinettes Fill the Fridge 2023 lottery. From left, Jen Morris (CTS Manager), Terri Iredale, President of the St. Marys Kinettes & Leslie Monroe, Kinette. (Nancy Bickell photo)



Marlene Forman (left) accepts a donation from Kinette Kim Anderka in support of the annual Teddy Bear Reunion. (Contributed photo)



The St. Marys Kinette Club made a generous donation to the Foundation for Enriching Education Perth Huron, specifically the nutrition program at Little Falls Public School. Pictured from left to right: Office administration Marcia Thomson, Kinette Kim Anderka and Vice-principal Lori Turk. (Contributed photo)

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## SPORTS —

## U16 A Boys win lively battle over Dorchester

By Spencer Seymour

There was no shortage of entertainment last Wednesday at the PRC when the St. Marys Legion U16 A Boys St. Marys Rock defeated the Dorchester Dragons 3-0.

Head Coach Gord Cookson was pleased with the effort of his squad in the contest.

"Tonight was a really good game for us," Cookson told the Independent. "The boys moved the puck well which created a good amount of space for ourselves and helped us get a lot of chances, especially after the first period. Parts of the game we kind of got sucked into their kind of game and we started taking penalties we shouldn't be taking but it all came from the boys trying to stick up for each other."

The game saw a total of eight penalties called with four for each team. Five of the game's eight penalties came in the first period. The only goal of the opening frame came on one of the Rock's man advantages when Evan Ballantyne put St. Marys up 1-0, assisted by Nathan Wolfkamp and Andre Mollet. The Head Coach added that he was impressed with the opportunities his team found while on the powerplay.



Simon Taylor snipes a goal by the Dorchester netminder during last Wednesday's St. Marys Legion U16 A Boys St. Marys Rock game, a 3-0 shutout victory over the Dragons. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)

"We got quite a few chances and did a lot of things well that put us in spots to get those chances, we had good looks on the powerplay. I think we could capitalize on more chances than we did. We need to hit the net a bit more and be a bit quicker on the stick. We're in a very fast league so when you get the puck on your stick, you have to be ready to fire it."

The two other goals for the Rock both came in the second frame, starting with the second of the night for Evan Ballantyne with the lone assist coming from Jared Ballantyne. With one second left in the period, Simon Taylor scored an unassisted marker. In net, Luke Binning earned the shutout with a strong, steady showing, said Cookson.

"Our goaltending was good too. Luke [Binning] deserved that shutout. He didn't have to make a ton of saves but he had to make some big ones at key times and he made all the saves we need him to for us to get the win."

All but four members of Cookson's team that won a U15 Provincial title are back together this season on the U16 squad, although two more players from that team were in the lineup last Wednesday as affiliate players. The bench boss believes that experience will help the group play the style that Cookson's staff is preaching quicker and more effectively, while also acknowledging that the stronger competition will be a big test for the group this year.

"It's good for the systems and structures that we want to implement because so much of the team is familiar with what we want to do and understands how we want them to play. It makes the chemistry early on in the season a bit stronger. I think there is going to be a lot more learning this season because we're playing against a higher level of competition but all the tools are there for these boys, it's just getting the repetition in and putting it all together."

## 'Most complete game' of season earns U18 A Boys first win

By Spencer Seymour

They may have white-knuckled their way to the final buzzer but the St. Marys Cement U18 A Boys St. Marys Rock picked up their first win of the season last Thursday in a 2-0 nail-biter over the second-place Dorchester Dragons.

Head Coach Adam Zurbrigg had rave reviews for his team's overall effort following the back-and-forth contest.

"That was our most complete game of the season," Zurbrigg told the Independent. "The effort was really good. They had high intensity. They played together as a team better than we've seen them do so far this season. We have a bunch of guys who haven't played together too much. They get along great and they're starting to figure out how to play with one another as a cohesive unit."

In every game so far this season, the

U18 A Boys had allowed the first goal. However, they flipped that script last Thursday just over five minutes into the game when Colton Henderson potted the game's first goal and the eventual game-winner. Assists went to Grayson Boreham and Adam Turner. The goal came during a strong first period for the Rock, whose fast, grinding style was on full display.

"The first was our best period of the year. We petered off a little bit in the second and third which I think was due to us using up a bit too much energy in the first. As the year goes along, our conditioning is going to be something we work on but if we play most periods similar to how we played the first, we're going to be really tough to beat."

A key point of the game came when goaltender Josh Ballantyne stopped a shot but it managed to squeak through and sit ominously in the blue paint for

several seconds before a St. Marys defender was able to clear the puck out of danger. Zurbrigg recognized it as a key moment in maintaining the team's positive feeling in the game.

"We've given up a lot of early goals so far this season. Confidence and momentum have been major parts of the story of our first few games this season. For us to get that first goal fairly early in the game and then not having that one go in and get on the right side of that kind of situation were pivotal parts to us getting the win."

The aforementioned Ballantyne turned in a great performance in the St. Marys net to earn the shutout.

"Josh was stone-cold for us. He made a lot of big saves, withstood two powerplays at the end of the game and probably made half a dozen saves in the last two minutes. He was focused and really on his game. I liked how he

was out attacking and being out high in his crease and he did a great job controlling rebounds but when one did pop out, the defence did a great job clearing them away."

Zurbrigg also mentioned a small but vital play made by one of the team's skaters in the dying moments of the game that not only aided Brock Chessell in scoring an empty-net goal with one second left but, in the process, also helped secure the team's first win of the season.

"Toughness is something we talk a lot about and one play that stands out in my mind is late in the game, Callum McIntosh chipped the puck out of our zone and, in the process, took a big hit which ultimately helped us win the game. For us, toughness doesn't need to be punching a guy in the head, toughness is taking a hit to make a play that helps your team win the game."

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**SPORTS —**

# U15 A Boys double up Dorchester in season's first win

By Spencer Seymour

Offensive improvement was the storyline last Thursday when the A.N.A.F. U15 A Boys St. Marys Rock defeated the Dorchester Dragons by a score of 6-3 at the PRC. It was the team's first victory of this season.

Head Coach Dan McIntosh told the Independent that the key to the team's victory was their play in the offensive zone, as evidenced by the six goals the Rock posted.

"We've been working a lot on what we're doing in the offensive zone," said McIntosh. "Our zone entries can get a bit better so I think that's something we'll be tightening up but I think we did some really good things when we got in the zone. We've been focusing a lot on our cycling of the puck and that was what I was really happy to see is how they were able to execute on the puck movement elements that we've been preaching."

St. Marys led 2-0 after one period with goals coming from Hayden Wright and Jack Turner with Wright's goal coming with the Rock short-handed. Wright put up his second goal of the game in the middle frame



Ben Ewing scores on a breakaway during the A.N.A.F. U15 A Boys St. Marys Rock game last Thursday. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)

on a powerplay followed by a goal by Ben Ewing just 36 seconds later. Dorchester finally stopped the bleed-

end of the second, Kolton McAllister responded for the Rock.

Both teams potted a powerplay marker in the third, including the second tally of the evening for Ewing. Harper Murrell earned the victory in goal for the Rock. McIntosh further elaborated on his team's strong performance, specifically citing their time in Dorchester's zone along with the Rock's special teams.

"I was pretty happy with that game overall. You can of course look at a couple of shifts and recognize that at times, they weren't what we wanted them to be but as a whole, I think we got a good performance. We were pretty good on the forecheck, we were quick to the puck, and we were moving it, especially on the powerplay, we saw some good creativity in our puck movement."

"We also were good on the penalty kill," McIntosh continued. "I thought we did a good job getting in shooting lanes, taking some opportunities away, and helping our goaltender out. They did a nice job of rotating and covering for each other when we were shorthanded."

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## SPORTS —

# Lincs find much-needed win in Komoka

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys Lincolns got a breath of fresh air in the form of a 3-1 win over the Komoka Kings last Saturday in the second half of a back-to-back thanks in large part to a goal drought of one of their key forwards coming to an end. The night before, the Lincs dropped a back-and-forth contest against the London Nationals by a score of 3-2 in overtime.

Head Coach Jeff Bradley told the Independent after Saturday's win in Komoka that he felt the team played two solid games and were happy they got rewarded for their efforts against the Kings.

"Honestly, it was the same kind of game as the night before against London," said Bradley. "I thought, from top to bottom, everyone played well. We continue to be really good defensively which we feel is really important but we're having a bit of a tough time putting the puck in the net. Looking at the stats after the game and seeing the chances we got, we definitely felt that we could have scored a lot more than we did. Their goaltender made a lot of really good saves."

The only goal of the first 40 minutes of the game came in the first period when Luca Spagnolo buried his first goal of the season with just under four minutes left in the opening frame. Jaden Lee and Ryan Hodgkinson picked up the assists. Spagnolo scored again at the 4:57 mark of the third period, this time on a powerplay with assists going to Lee and Josh Cornfield. Bradley noted the importance of the usual top-six linemates, Spagnolo and Lee, to rejuvenate their offensive production.

"It was big. We needed him and Jaden [Lee] to get back into a groove and play at the level we know they are capable of playing at. They are obviously big parts of this team so seeing Luca get two and having Jaden in on both of them is hopefully the first step to those two getting on a big roll."

The Kings scored their only goal of the contest in the seconds following the end of a St. Marys penalty with Brody Fraleigh scoring his fourth of the season. It was the only blemish on an otherwise strong night in goal for Colby Booth-Housego who made 26 saves to get the win.

Almost exactly 10 minutes after Spagnolo's second of the game, Chase MacQueen-Spence potted his seventh of the season, a second-chance opportunity after a net-front scramble involving Colton Henderson and Jimmy Schiedel, both of whom picked up helpers on the goal. The goal came on a night when MacQueen-Spence seemed to be experiencing a night of misfortune with the puck refusing to cooperate despite his best efforts.

"Chase is obviously an incredibly talented player, it was good to see him get one," noted Bradley. "Sometimes, when things aren't clicking for you, you try to do different things but our message to him was just keep playing your game and doing the things that make you successful and pucks will start going in. That's what he did, he kept working hard and he got rewarded for it."

The Lincolns' lineup was notably different due to Marcus Dashevsky missing the game for school-related reasons and Ethan Weir getting called up to the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs. Bradley said he was pleased with how everyone handled the significant line alterations.

"I think everyone handled things really well. There were quite a few adjustments that everyone had to

make with Ethan and Marcus out and everybody did well. People got opportunities that they don't normally get and played with linemates they haven't played a ton with and everyone handled it really well."

One night previously, the Lincolns played a solid, responsible game against the London Nationals on home ice, but, unlike what would happen the next night in Komoka, the Lincs came out on the losing end, dropping the game 3-2 in overtime. The Head Coach, looking at how well his group stuck to the gameplan, didn't see too much to complain about.

"It was a good game. London really played well, especially in the third, I thought we had a couple of good periods in the first and second and then they were able to give us a big push in the third which we expected. Us being shorthanded for much of the third obviously didn't help us with the momentum but overall, I thought we played well."

The only goal of the first period came off of a powerplay snipe by Weir, his fourth of the year. The London native has scored in three straight games for the Lincolns and has points in each of his last four. His line along with goaltender Booth-Housego, who had a 32-save performance, stood out to the bench boss.

"Colby was really good for us in net. There were definitely some important saves that he had to make. [Ethan] Weir's line with [Noah] VandenBrink and [Bily] Van Sumeren continued to be very good. As a whole, though, I think everyone played a solid game and it was unfortunate that we didn't get the end result we wanted."

Talan Palmer got the Nationals on the board with a shorthanded goal off a two-on-one break by the London penalty kill. Close to 10 minutes later, however, a feed by Van Sumeren found Ryder Livermore in the slot who backhanded home his first as a Lincoln to retake the lead heading into the final 20 min-

utes of regulation.

In the third, a steady stream of penalties coupled with a strong finish by the Nats allowed London to tie the game at two apiece with the first of the season by Nolan Baldwin.

"The penalties we took were part of it but when you're playing a good team like London and they are down going into the third, you have to expect that they are going to bring a strong push and that's what they did. I thought we handled it pretty well considering most of their chances came on the powerplay.

"Then, you're in overtime and both teams are one shot away at every moment and they got that one shot," Bradley continued. "It can go either way when you've got two good teams in overtime. We hit a post and their goalie made a great save on a two-on-one so we had some really good chances but we just couldn't bury enough of them. We're trying really hard right now to get more pucks in the net and it starts with getting good chances which we are so we know those goals will come."

The overtime winner came off a tight-angle shot by Baldwin for his second of the game.

Defensive responsibility is arguably the most important tenant to the Lincolns' style of play. However, the bench boss did note that, given the overwhelming talent of the team, they are pushing for more goals which Bradley believes they will find.

"We're trying to put an emphasis on being hungrier around the net and I think they're doing that. The guys are playing their guts out and you can't tell a kid to shoot two inches higher when the goalie makes an unbelievable backdoor save or shoot two inches lower so it doesn't hit the crossbar. We know we're doing good things and we believe that as long as we keep doing those good things and we're hungry around the net, that more goals will come."



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**SPORTS —**

# St. Marys bowlers capture medals at Fall Masters



On Sunday, October 29th, six YBC bowlers from St. Marys Bowling Lanes competed in the Fall Masters Tournament at the Fairmont Lanes in London, including Bridget Stevens, Nate Sims, and James Van De Gevel, pictured above. Stevens won the high series medal with a score of 387. Sims captured the highest points above average in a single game with plus 46 points. The high single flat medal was awarded to James Van De Gevel with a score of 141. The team of Van De Gevel, Nathan McKeen, and Scott Rinn placed fifth out of 22 teams. Stevens, Natalie McKeen, and Derek King placed 14th. Sims and Landon Ball were part of the team that finished 12th. (Contributed photo)

# Strong two-way effort puts U13 C Boys back in win column



By Spencer Seymour

The Home Hardware Building Centre U13 C Boys St. Marys Rock got back in the win column last Wednesday with a 4-1 win over the visiting Dresden Jr. Kings.

Head Coach Jayden Rooney told the Independent that he was happy with his team's performance at both ends of the ice.

"Our forecheck was really good, we did a nice job at getting traffic to the net," said Rooney. "I liked how we were backchecking and blocking shots as well. They tried to get a lot on our net but the guys did a good job getting in front of them."

Ben Becker led the charge for the Rock offensively, scoring two of the team's four goals. Cam Hughes and Jude Schlotzhauer each also found

the back of the net. Rooney detailed what the team's focuses had been going into the contest.

"Going in, we had been focusing on getting more pucks on net and pressuring the puck carrier, both on the backcheck as well as in the offensive zone to try to create turnovers. We've also been trying to continue making good passes, keeping our heads up, and getting good, hard shots, and I think they did a good job on all of those."

"We've really started to click early on in this season," Rooney continued. "Especially with us getting a few wins piled up right off the bat, it gets the boys fired up and excited to come to the rink and play as a team which I think has translated into more success on the ice."

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## SPORTS —

# Sr. Boys volleyball team wins two, plays well in Saturday tourney

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys DCVI Senior Boys volleyball team won both of their league games hosted at the local high school last Tuesday.

In their first game of the day, the Senior Boys took on St. Anne's and the first set was controlled largely by the Salukis, who won the opening set 25-17. The second set, however, saw the St. Marys side falter with too many hits being sent too far or outside the boundaries. St. Anne's even things up, taking the set 25-21.

The Salukis bounced back in a big way in the third set, taking it 25-14 and securing the win in the process. Head Coach Stephen Chateauvert admitted that the team's in-game consistency was a bit of a roller coaster, despite being happy about his team getting the win.

"We were a bit up-and-down," Chateauvert told the Independent. "We played in a tournament [on October 20th] and even though we only advanced to the semis, we played really well all the way through. It felt like we had finally found the consistency we had been searching for so I had high hopes for today and we didn't play poorly or anything, but we couldn't find that same consistency."

Although the set-by-set scores were a bit tighter than in game one, it was more of the same for the Salukis in their second match of the day when they took on South Huron. After St. Marys won the first set 25-23, South Huron responded by taking the second by a score of 26-24. In the third set, the Salukis closed it out with a 25-20 score in their favour to claim the victory.

Chateauvert said it's a positive sign that the team



R.J. Martin takes flight and smashes the ball over the net during the St. Marys DCVI Senior Boys volleyball team's game against St. Anne's. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)

is resilient enough to weather in-game storms and believes, if the team can maintain a high energy level, that they have the capacity to be a very strong team in the Huron-Perth loop.

"Something we've been working on is staying energetic and enthusiastic no matter what is happening. It's such a mental game that you can't play any lower than high in terms of your energy level. If you do, you get a lot more ups and you're flying high, even

if you may be down on the scoreboard."

"We've certainly gotten better as the season has gone along at getting out of the low spots," continued Chateauvert. "It's nice for me to know and nice for them to know that even if they do get down in a game and lose that energy a bit, they have the ability to get it back."

The Head Coach further elaborated on the strengths of his group, flashes of which were seen during chunks of their two games last Tuesday.

"I do like the fact that we're continuing to attack the ball. We're just not finishing as much as we'd like to but we're putting ourselves in positions to score and I think the finishing is a matter of continuing to practice that. Our setting is pretty good and our passing is good but at times, we fall into a bit of a malaise of some sort where we lose a bit of the intensity we'd been playing with."

This past Saturday, the team went to Stratford for a tournament against teams from across Ontario. Chateauvert had glowing reviews for his team's performance, even though they bowed out in the quarter-finals.

"We had three goals for the tournament. We wanted to be consistently loud and constantly communicative, and we did quite well at that all day. We wanted that consistency energy and enthusiasm, and again, we did quite well there even when we were down in a game. We also wanted to increase our serving percentage and we were 'hit-and-miss' in that regard but that's something you can work on in practice and get better at. The biggest things for us were the consistency and the energy and I think they did a really good job in those areas."

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## SPORTS —

# U11 B Girls work their way to victory

By Spencer Seymour

The St. Marys Landscaping U11 B Girls St. Marys Rock may not have started exactly how they would have liked to, but they finished strong and, in doing so, claimed a 2-1 win this past Sunday over the Kitchener Lady Rangers.

Coach Mark Frayne said that one of the team's greatest attributes is their work ethic which, after a lackluster first period, they rediscovered and rode to victory.

"The last few games, we've been working really hard," Frayne told the Independent. "Work ethic is a big thing for this group and I think, in the first period of this game, we started a little bit slow. But, in the second and third periods, I thought we turned it around, we found that compete level and it helped create the lucky bounce that ended up being the game-winner."

Kitchener took the 1-0 lead in the first period before the Rock roared back to life in the middle frame, scoring twice in the middle frame. Molly Aarts scored first for St. Marys assisted by Jess Zwambag and Addison Hudson. Later in the period, a fortuitous bounce off of a Kitchener defender

redirected into the net with credit for the eventual game-winner going to Molly Haight.

Goaltender Evelyn McAllister and the rest of the Rock locked things down in the third to come away with the 2-1 victory. Frayne was impressed with the team's improvements at getting the play out of their own end.

"The number one thing that I think we saw them really take strides forward in was the girls' ability to get the puck out of our zone. That's something we've spent quite a bit of time working on and I think they did a good job at what we've been trying to work on. It just comes down to looking and keeping your head up, assessing your options and making the smart play."

"The other key for us that I think we can really take out of this game was how we were putting pressure on the puck," Frayne continued. "When we get it into the offensive zone, we've been really pushing them to be the first ones to the puck and while we didn't quite execute that as much as we would have liked to in the first, they turned it around in the second and third and did a much better job."



Molly Aarts taps a goal into Kitchener's net during the St. Marys Landscaping U11 B Girls St. Marys Rock game this past Sunday. (Photo by Spencer Seymour)



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# SPORTS —

## U9 C Girls enjoy great success in tournament debut

By Spencer Seymour

Ahead of their regular season opener, the St. Marys Kinsmen U9 C Girls travelled to Monkton for U9 Hocktoberfest hosted by the Central Perth Predators and came away with a 2-0-1 record.

In the first game of the day against the South Huron Sabres, the Rock came out of the gates flying with some early goals to take the lead for good. Mya Grose stood tall in the net and, in doing so, earned her first-ever shutout. Multiple skaters added a few more goals including Aspen Bond, who was named Player of the Game by the opposition.

St. Marys was back on the ice to face the Huron Heat in what was described as the game of the day. Both teams played great positioning and battled for every puck in the game. Bond and Addy Laidlaw potting goals for the Rock in a 3-3 draw. Player of the game honours as selected by the Heat went to Grose who made a dozen big saves to counteract the Heat goalie's like-

wise strong effort at the other end.

Game Three was against the host Central Perth Predators. Both teams, who had spent almost nine hours at the arena, dug in for the final game of the tournament. The Rock came away with a convincing victory thanks to an excellent team effort as evidenced by every Rock player getting at least one goal. Grose earned her second shutout on the day and, after scoring her first regular season goals, Savannah McGill-Liao was selected by the Predators as the Player of the Game.

Between games, the girls all participated in a Chuck-A-Puck for a prize, which was about the only thing that the Rock struggled with on the day. The coaching staff told the Independent that they were very proud of the girls for all the effort put forth over the one-day tournament. The staff were also proud of the professionalism and sportsmanship shown by the team in the pair of lopsided games while buckling their game down for their hard-fought game against the Heat.



The St. Marys Kinsmen U9 C Girls St. Marys Rock were in Monkton for the U9 Hocktoberfest tournament hosted by the Central Perth Predators. Pictured in the front row is goaltender Mya Grose. In the middle row, from left to right, are Coach Mike Kittmer, Sianna Sicilia, Lindsey King, Jillian Davies, Geneviève MacNeil, Aspen Bond, and Assistant Coach and Trainer Sarah McGill. In the back row, from left, are Assistant Coach Derek Laidlaw, Ella Stacey, Addison Poetker, Hailey Wilson, Adelyn Laidlaw, Savannah McGill-Liao, Adalyn Blake, Jacklyn Kittmer, and Assistant Trainer Matt Grose. (Contributed photo)

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COMMUNITY —

# The Quarry Room, now available to book for group events

By Wendy Lamond

A transformation has taken place at 13 Water Street South formerly occupied by G's Eats & Treats. It has now been revamped into the Quarry Room. This beautiful space will now be available to book private events, parties, group functions and meetings. The room will hold up to 60 people maximum but ideally would be comfortable with 15 to 55. There are 65" screens available connected to an input station for laptop use if needed. The Quarry Room is only for booked events but is available seven days a week with negotiable hours.

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The space is getting popular as owner Mike Bayer commented that they already have bookings well into the spring. The staff is looking forward to welcoming your group and will work with you to make sure you have everything you need.

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# COMMUNITY —

## Paving Completed on the Grand Trunk Trail

By Wendy Lamond

If you have been out and about lately at the north end of town you would have seen a lot of activity taking place on the Grand Trunk Trail. This stemmed from a Kinsmen project co-chaired by Chris Smith and Kenny Hutton to pave the trail east of Wellington St. right through to Glass St. and to add some lighting along that stretch. The paving step of the job was completed this week. According to Kinsmen member and Texo Terra owner, Chris Smith, "We are still waiting for the lights to arrive. It still needs a bit more landscaping and restoration

to be completed."

There were lots of people involved in this big project. Bill Richardson from Lavis was a big help and provided some senior guidance. Kent Robson from Robson Scrap Metal in town provided a flat deck to use with the rolloff to move the paver.

The following were on-site to assist: Norm Couthard, Jeff Wolfe, Todd Thibodeau, Alex Taylor, Texo Terra guys, Jason Chandler, Lewis Van Galen, Matthew Steward, Paul Scheuermann, Bill Richardson and Chris Smith. Also, a big thanks to an anonymous donor that helped see this project come to fruition.



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COMMUNITY —

# Memorial Banners displayed around town



Pictured, from left, are Tyler Bowering from Forman Electric, Mike Bannerman and Bob Houston from the Legion who were busy downtown on Friday hanging up the 'Lest We Forget' memorial banners honouring local Veterans. There will be 130 banners on poles outside and 42 hanging in the windows in local businesses. There will be a branch Remembrance Day parade and cenotaph service on Sunday, November 5th and a Town Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Saturday November 11th. (Wendy Lamond photo)



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## ST. MARYS GIVES 2023: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOUR?



St. Marys Giving Tuesday 2023 is dedicated to Sheila Greason - a true giver and a neighbour to many

“It was a Monday evening and we decided to go to our neighbourhood diner, The Sunset. We were leaving for holidays the next morning and this seemed like an easy and yummy option. I certainly wasn't thinking about Giving Tuesday, but that was soon to change!

We sat down, ordered our food and a woman came over with a lovely Fall decoration in her hands. “Here, she said, this is for you” I immediately said that I couldn't accept that, “Why?”, she said. I replied that it was too nice to give away. Her name was Donna and she told me that she made the centrepieces for the diner and that she'd given away four already. “Please take it,” and I did.

It wasn't five minutes later that another woman walked by our table, smiled and placed two twenty dollar bills on our table and moved to another and did the same.

At that point I was hit by a feeling of gratitude and a bit of shock, two amazing and kind interactions in ten minutes...

That's when I began to think about Giving Tuesday. I asked both women to come back to our table, I asked if they knew about Giving Tuesday. They'd heard of it but didn't know much. I talked about it a little and then they shared stories about why they do what they do. Their willingness to share was truly remarkable!

Giving Tuesday is about people giving to others, what it is doesn't matter, it can be any gesture given from our hearts.

That's what I felt from the two women that Monday night. And supper was definitely yummy!

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# HISTORY —

## HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Earle Crosthwaite, Pharmacist

By Mary Smith

This is a special time of the year for downtown St. Marys. The Royal Canadian Legion Perth Regiment Veterans Branch 236 displays the wonderful banners honoring men and women who served in the Canadian Armed Forces. The 172 individuals shown on the 2023 banners served our country in many various ways. They may have been in the army during one of the two World Wars or perhaps in the air force, navy or merchant marine. They may have seen more recent conflicts, such as the war in Afghanistan. They were gunners, pilots, mechanics, nurses, navigators, medics, drivers, or they had some other integral role to play. Some of the banners show the faces of men who were killed in action or lost at sea – who never returned to their families. Others came home following their term of service and their families are still part of our community.

Earle Melvin Crosthwaite, a businessman in downtown St. Marys for almost 40 years, was a veteran of World War I, a charter member of the local branch of the Legion and long-time treasurer of that organization. Earle was born in February 1895 in Norwich, in South Oxford Township, the only son of Melvin and Elizabeth (Poole) Crosthwaite. He had two older sisters, Hattie and Jessie. Earle's father, Melvin, had worked with his father, Peter Crosthwaite, on a 176-acre farm on Lot 10, Concession 8, East Oxford Township. Peter died in 1884 and by the 1891 census, the Crosthwaite family had moved closer to Norwich where Earle was born. His father, Melvin, died in 1899 when Earle was just four years old, leaving his mother to manage the household and raise her three children.

Earle attended elementary and high school in Norwich. He was a good athlete and played on his school football team. When he graduated, he apprenticed to a chemist in St. Thomas and worked at a pharmacy in that city. He then was accepted into the Ontario College of Pharmacy in Toronto. At that time, the length of the formal program at the college was much shorter than it later became; much of a pharmacist's training took place during the apprenticeship period. Earle enjoyed his studies in Toronto and, in his spare time, took part in a number of inter-faculty team sports including soccer and hockey. He graduated with his pharmaceutical degree in 1917. In August of that year, the Government



From the left: Earle and Irene Crosthwaite, their friend, Laurene Wilson, and their small son, Jack, pose as part of a group photograph at the McConnell Club picnic in Springbank Park in 1925.

of Canada passed the Military Service Act, making military service mandatory, for the duration of the war, for all men between the ages of 20 and 45, if called. In accordance with the Act, Earle registered on October 11, 1917, underwent an initial physical and waited to be called up. Meanwhile, he worked in Toronto and, on December 13, 1917, he married 20-year-old Mary Irene Laughlin, in St. Thomas.

However, they were only able to spend a few months together. Earle Crosthwaite was ordered to report for duty on May 6, 1918, and his young wife returned home to St. Thomas to wait for his return. Earle's medical-related training was soon put to use. Soon after he joined up, the first cases of the terrible Spanish influenza broke out in Canada, affecting not only the civilian population but also many soldiers returning from overseas. Soon the pandemic was in full force and Earle spent the winter of 1918-1919 working in military hospitals in Hamilton and Burlington, where, according to his own account, "Patients were brought in at the rate of 300 a day." On November 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed. But there was still a great deal to be done. All the soldiers had to be repatriated and for several months in early 1919, Earle worked with the Transatlantic Conducting Service, travelling from Halifax to Liverpool to Southampton and back to Halifax again. Earle was

placed in charge of the dispensary for the hospitals on these ships for the many wounded among the troops being transported home to Canada. He also worked on railway transport between the Port of Quebec and Toronto. He was finally demobilized on August 14, 1919. According to the discharge certificate, Sergeant Crosthwaite was 24 years old, 5 foot, 7 inches tall, with brown eyes and brown hair. According to his final payroll records, as a married man, he had regularly assigned most of his army pay to his wife in St. Thomas. Much of this information comes from a profile of E. M. Crosthwaite, published in the *Journal Argus* on November 23, 1933, part of a long-running series: "The People We Meet." It is clear from the article that the writer, probably Lorne A. Eedy, liked Earle Crosthwaite and enjoyed talking to him.

Following his discharge, Earle returned to his profession as a pharmacist, working for a drug company in St. Catharines. A significant event for the family was the birth in 1920 of a son, Jack Laughlin Crosthwaite. Seeking the opportunity to go into business for himself, in 1922, Earle purchased a pharmacy in St. Marys from Frank McLean and the Crosthwaites moved to this community. The McLean drug store had been in St. Marys for several generations, first established in 1854 as the "Apothecary Hall" on the north side of Queen Street, midway be-

tween Wellington and Water Streets. The business relocated several times. When Earle bought it, for several decades it had been on the south side of Queen Street in the block of limestone buildings where the entrance to Meridian Credit Union is today. In 1925, Earle Crosthwaite purchased this building. A major tenant was the Province of Ontario Savings Office, established by the Government of Ontario in 1922. The St. Marys branch was situated directly on the southwest corner of Queen and Wellington Streets in what became known as the Crosthwaite block.

The Crosthwaites soon became active in the community. They attended First Baptist Church and Earle still occasionally played goal for the Knox-Baptist soccer team in the town league. However, by the 1930s, his favourite sport was lawn-bowling. Irene Crosthwaite joined the McConnell Club, a young women's service organization, formed during World War I to raise funds to support the troops overseas. It was named after William McConnell, who had been a popular member of their social group before he enlisted in September 1915. He was eventually sent to the Front and was wounded at Ypres. He died of his wounds on September 11, 1916. The McConnell Club continued as a social and community service club after the War and still exists today. This week's photograph shows the Crosthwaite family with a friend at the McConnell Club picnic in Springbank Park, London, in 1925.

Earl Crosthwaite was for many years a member of the municipally appointed Board of Health and served as the chair of that committee in the 1930s. He was also a member of St. James Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. He liked working on the property around his home at 31 Ontario Street South and, according to the 1933 article, had "improved it greatly the past few years." He also enjoyed fishing trips to Tobermory. The *Journal Argus* writer concluded that "Mr. Crosthwaite is regarded as an enterprising, capable and successful businessman. He is never known to grouse about conditions." When he died in August 1960, he was greatly mourned by the community. As mentioned near the beginning of this column, he was instrumental in establishing the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Earle Crosthwaite surely would have been pleased that veterans are still remembered in St. Marys today.

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# Fairies, goblins and characters of all sorts



By Nancy Abra

Last Saturday evening, West Nissouri Public School grade 8 class along with some of their parents, transformed the Thorndale Lions Community Centre into a 'spook'tacular event. They converted the community rooms into a haunted house and the gym became a carnival area with Halloween theme games with prizes, crafts and popcorn and cotton candy treats.

Lori Russell who headed up this event committee said, "This evening was a great success. The students had a blast setting all of this up and running the event." Russell remarked that there was approximately 350 people who attended and "at times

the line- up to go through the haunted house area was out the main doors and down the sidewalk". Admission to this Halloween event was by donation and money raised will go towards the West Nissouri Grade 8 year end trip and graduation in June.

As for other community input, the BGC youth group donated the popcorn and cotton candy supplies. I Love Thorndale (ILT) supplied the decorations. With the mandate to 'collaborate, engage and inspire', ILT directors are pleased that the youth of the community take an active role that benefits not only them but also the rest of the community of Thorndale.

# On a dark and spooky night



By Nancy Abra

By day, Matt Adams' house on Elliott Trail in Thorndale is a simple two-storey grey house with a few unassuming objects in his yard and a bony character standing by the home's entrance. But under the darkness of night, and special lighting, Adams home is transformed into the neighbourhood's haunted house.

"I have always liked Halloween," Adams stated. "When I bought my first house, I decorated the yard, and it has grown from there as I try to add a few decorations every year to change it up. This year's big addition is the 12ft skeleton."

Adam said he gets some help to set up his spooky haunted house from

a neighbour and family. "The word about our haunted house has spread around town" he said. "We get many visitors who slowly drive by, with windows down and kids looking and pointing. Last year we asked for donations for the local food bank in Dorchester. People were very generous. And we have continued this for this year."

Adams and his brother dressed up and become part of the haunted house, while his fiancée and sister-in-law also in costumes, greet the 'trick or treaters' at the door with candy. His haunted house was part of the self-guided Thames Centre Halloween Lights & Decoration Tour which ended on Halloween night.

# Thorndale Lions on track with pledge to St. Marys Hospital

By Nancy Abra

Last Sunday morning, the Thorndale Lions Club hosted their annual fall Community Breakfast. The gym at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre was a full house with over 300 people who came out to support the Lions, enjoy a full breakfast as well as catching up and visiting with friends and neighbours.

Lions' member, Keith Paterson who heads up the committee for this breakfast said, "We are delighted with such a great turnout. Many of our members are here to

cook, serve and clean up as well as a couple of young people came to help too. And we greatly appreciate the community who continue to support us."

The proceeds from this community breakfast are going towards the Thorndale Lions pledge of \$50,000 over five years to the St. Marys Hospital. Lions member, Dave Graham, who heads up this project, said that this is the third year of their pledge to the hospital and they are very pleased that they were on track to meet their commitment.





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COLUMN —

# WHAT'S FOR DINNER: Creamy Tuscan Shrimp Orzo



**By Lauren Eedy**

This is a 30 minute one pan meal and can be made gluten-free by using long-grain rice or GF orzo, dairy-free by substituting unsweetened coconut milk instead of cream. To reduce calories or carbs, use chopped cauliflower or cauliflower rice instead of orzo.

Orzo is similar to risotto but much easier to make! This is a perfect and simple weeknight meal.

Prep: 10m Cook: 20m Serves: 4

**Shrimp:**

- 1 lb raw shrimp large, peeled, and deveined 16-20
- 1 tsp smoked paprika

½ tsp Italian seasoning (thyme, basil, oregano, rosemary)

¼ tsp salt

¼ tsp black pepper

5 cloves of garlic, minced

2 tbsp olive oil

**Orzo & Sauce Ingredients:**

1/3 c sun-dried tomatoes in oil, chopped

1 c orzo, uncooked

2 c chicken stock

1 can artichoke hearts, drained

3 ¾ c fresh spinach

1 c heavy cream

Salt & pepper

**Method:**

-Season shrimp with smoked paprika, Italian seasoning, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

-Heat 2 tbsp of olive oil on med-high in a large skillet until hot. Add shrimp and minced garlic, cook for about 2m per side.

-Make sure shrimp are not

overcrowded to avoid steaming. You may have to work in batches. Remove shrimp to a plate.

-To the same, now empty skillet, add chopped sun-dried tomatoes, 1 c uncooked orzo, and 1 tbsp. olive oil. Cook the orzo on medium heat, stirring for about 2m until browned.

-Add 2c chicken stock and ¼ tsp salt, then reduce to a simmer (med-low) and cook for about 5-10m, occasionally stirring to prevent orzo from sticking to the bottom of the pan, until orzo is cooked through.

-Add spinach, artichokes, and cream. Stir everything on low-med heat until spinach wilts. Add seared shrimp to the skillet with the cream sauce and simmer for about 2m or more until everything is warmed through.

-Season with salt & pepper and more smoked paprika if desired. Serve with crusty bread or side salad.

\*You can store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days, reheat on stovetop

or in the oven at 350° for 20-30m.

**Gingerbread Crazy Cake (No Eggs, Milk or Butter!)**

Vegan ginger cake, also known as a Depression cake is delightful for the holidays and also makes an easy snack cake.

Prep: 15m Cook: 35m

**Dry Ingredients:**

1 ½ c all purpose flour

½ c granulated sugar

1 tsp baking powder

¼ tsp + 1/8 tsp baking soda

1 tsp cinnamon

1 ½ tsp ground ginger

¼ tsp ground cloves

¼ tsp salt

**Wet Ingredients:**

¼ c canola or vegetable oil of your choice

1 tsp pure vanilla extract

1 tbsp apple cider vinegar (or white vinegar)

¼ c molasses (un-sulphured)

1 c water

**Method:**

-Preheat oven to 350° degrees. Spray an 8x8 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.

-In a small bowl, add water and molasses, stir until blended and set aside.

-In a large bowl, add the dry ingredients and mix well. Make 3 depressions in the dry ingredients; 2 small, 1 large. Add vanilla to the small depression, vinegar in the other small depression and all oil to the large depression.

-Pour water and molasses mixture over the top and mix well until batter is smooth but do not overmix.

-Pour batter into prepared baking dish, bake on middle rack for approximately 35m. Check with a toothpick. Baking times may vary depending on the oven.

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# COLUMN —

## HOSTING UKRAINE: Coats, Costumes, and Other

By VJ Knutson

This time last year, I was meeting with sorority members from London, as well as local volunteers, to plan a Ukrainian Christmas. It was a huge undertaking, and as a result, we were able to supply gifts to 78 Ukrainians, as well as all the food to feed 158 people – cooked by our local Ukrainians.

This year, the big celebration will not occur, but I am contemplating ways to make sure that no one is left out. Our Tania is compiling a list of families, ages, sizes, and so on, and I'm wondering if we can do an adopt-a-Ukrainian family program or something. I'd love to hear some ideas from readers. I don't want anyone to be alone for this important celebration.

I mentioned in a previous column that I was starting to compile a list of needs for the Winter season. In response, I heard from Kristi Willson-Woolley, who contacted me to say she would be going to the Columbia outlet store and wanted to know if I knew of any family in need. Kristi also culled through her own wardrobe and as a result seven Ukrainians have coats. Thank you so much, Kristi!

Another special thank you this week



goes to Jane from Grand Bend. Jane first heard about our group from my sorority friend in London, and ever since has made regular contributions toward the Ukrainian families here. This past week, she and friends have been gathering winter clothes. I haven't actually met Jane in person, but hope to change that soon.

This upcoming Saturday (November 4th), we are planning to hold a gathering from 1:00 till 4:00 pm. Nothing formal, just bring a beverage, and a snack food if you're feeling ambitious. Mostly, we are overdue to get together and celebrate. All are welcome. I'm waiting for confirmation on the venue, so watch St Marys Life on Facebook or write

me for updates.

I've recently started to write a column for the Stratford Times as well, and one of the other writers contacted me to express her interest in conducting interviews about the housing needs and employment issues of newcomers. Anyone interested can contact me and I'll put you in touch with her.

Huron County Partners in Immigration in collaboration with the University of Guelph will be collecting data through a survey on the numbers of immigrants in Huron and

Perth counties. The survey is online from November 1st to 24th, 2023. The information gathered will help services focus on local needs in an informed manner. The survey is available in English, Ukrainian, Spanish, and soon, Arabic. If you know a new immigrant – temporary workers, international students, or refugee claimants, please encourage them to complete the survey. The survey can be accessed through [huroncounty.ca](http://huroncounty.ca). Look for Huron-Perth Immigrant Survey.

By the time this column goes to publication, Halloween will be over, although the candy effect will linger on. For Ukrainian children, Halloween is a new concept. It's been fun to witness the excitement. Tania's boy didn't really appreciate what was happening last year, but this year they were ready and eager for the big day to arrive. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Till next time.

(Reach me at [english.knutson@gmail.com](mailto:english.knutson@gmail.com))

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

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### Friday, November 3

- Royal Canadian Legion hot dog/sausage lunch - 12 Noon
- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Sarnia Legionnaires at the PRC - 7:30 pm
- SMCP performance of "Opening Night" at the Town Hall theatre - 8 pm

### Saturday, November 4

- Coffee with Council at the Flour Mill - 11 am to 1 pm
- A.N.A.F. Men's Dart league - 12:45
- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm
- SMCP performance of "Opening Night" at the Town Hall theatre - 8 pm

### Sunday, November 5

- SMCP matinee performance of "Opening Night" at the Town Hall theatre - 2 pm
- St. Marys Lincolns vs Chatham Maroons at Chatham Memorial Arena - 7 pm

### Monday, November 6

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

### Wednesday, November 8

- Happy Valley walk-in flu & Covid clinics at the PRC - 10 am to 5:30 pm
- Kingsway Lodge Bake & Soup Sale at Fairhill Lounge - 10 am to 2 pm
- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall auditorium - 10 am to 8 pm

### Thursday, November 9

- Friends of the Library book sale at the Town Hall auditorium - 10 am to 8 pm
- Stonetown Travel outlines upcoming travel offerings at the End Zone, PRC - 7 to 9 pm



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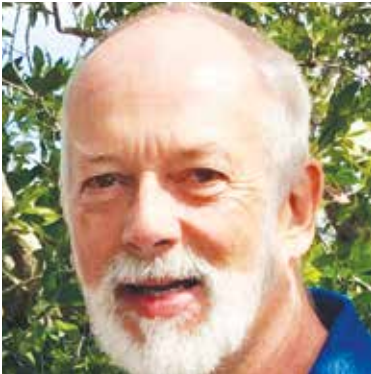
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## COLUMN —

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Confessions of a "master" distiller



By Paul Knowles

I am pleased to announce that I am a graduate of the Hensol Castle Distillery Gin School. Okay, let's be honest, there wasn't really a graduation ceremony or anything... but I did leave Hensol Castle Distillery with a bottle of gin I made personally, to my own unique recipe.

The visit to Hensol Castle was a fascinating part of a week I spent in Wales in September. I was included in a six-person media tour – six travel journalists from six different countries, escorted by a pair of hosts, one from Wales and one from England. That international combination of folks in itself was a wonderful experience.

The focus of the tour – my life is so hard! – was food and drink in Wales. The visit did not disappoint.

And it included a visit to Hensol Castle Distillery where we not only toured the place (a bona fide castle, now an event centre and distillery), learned a lot about the history of gin (including the horrible 18th century gin craze

that destroyed thousands of lives in England), and where we made our own gin, hopefully destroying no lives in the process.

Distilling your own gin is an intriguing exercise. Gin starts as pure alcohol to which the distiller adds a mix of botanical ingredients and enough water to reduce the extremely potent mix to a still potent but palatable 41% or so alcohol.

But here's the trick. While our host, Hugo Hodges, insisted that our gin had to include juniper berries, coriander seed and orris root, after that we were on our own, welcome to choose between about 100 various botanicals that we each thought might make a good gin.

Truthfully, I drink gin rarely, but like my colleagues – including one teetotaler – I embraced the opportunity to play at being a master distiller for an afternoon. By the way, you can too. The whole experience, including an extensive tour, gin distilling, and a bottle of your own, personalized gin to take home, is available to the public at a cost of 99 pounds. Not cheap, but given its uniqueness and the chance to take home your unique bottle of gin, I think it's worth considering.

Back to the classroom. Hugo supplied us with laboratory scales, spoons, beakers, other glassware, a jug of water, a container of pure alcohol, and our own little copper still.

Now came the decision-making. Hugo had suggested we use only about 10 botanicals, which meant not using about 90. Plus, we already had three – juniper, coriander and orris root included as mandatory ingredients. (If it doesn't include juniper, it's not gin.)

I pondered the list of potential items for quite a while, sniffing bottles, crashing seeds between my fingers, making lists, crossing out items, making new lists. Eventually, I developed my own recipe which included various quantities (measured in grams and fractions of grams) of lemon peel, lime peel, basil, cherry, pomegranate, elderberry and grains of paradise (a species in the ginger family, closely related to cardamom). I didn't know that at the time. I just thought it smelled nice.

I measured each of the dry ingredients into the still (.56 grams of basil, .8 grams of lemon peel, 32 grams of juniper berries, 1.56 grams of cherry, and so on), added the alcohol, turned on the heat... and waited.

While we sat impatiently awaiting the production of our gin – it does take a while – we learned some more about the industry, and tasted some of Hensol Castle's product. Which gave me an idea.

I flew home with a 750-ounce bottle of gin. I had no idea what it might taste like so I decided to try an experiment. I invited a dozen friends to attend a blind gin tasting.



Hensol Castle, Wales, now home to the distillery. (All photos by Paul Knowles)

When they learned there would be food and an assortment of beverages later, they all agreed – even the non-gin drinkers (which may have skewed the sample).

We tasted four different gins, and my non-experts made notes. Now, let's be fair. Gin is not a drink that is usually consumed in its pristine state except by the most dedicated fans of dry, dry martinis. So sipping even small quantities of straight gin was a bit surprising to some. Yes, there was coughing.

The four gins I offered, in order (but they didn't know this), were Beefeater (a famous English gin, much loved in gin and tonics), my concoction, Api Gin Signé Macle (made from honey by the folks at Québec's Inter-miel), and Willibald Pink Gin (produced at Willibard Farm near Ayr, Ontario).

Intriguingly, all four of the

gin samples were the number one pick of someone in the group. The pink gin was the favourite, which might be seen as evidence that some in the group do not normally drink gin! Mine was not the favourite, which I choose to think was evidence of the same thing. Mine did tie with Beefeater, by the way.

And all four received more than one vote. Comments during the blind tasting about my own unique recipe varied: "smooth," "bitter," "a keeper," "paint thinner," "good flavor," "perfumey," "nutty," and "mild". So that settles that.

I will say that in my unbiased opinion, it makes for a great gin and tonic. Cheers!

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](mailto:pknowles@golden.net).



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Ruth was born on October 28, 1952 in St. Marys, the daughter of the late Murray and Florence McKay (nee Hunter). She grew up in a close-knit family and shared a special bond with her siblings, Janet McLellan (Larry) and Bill McKay (Deb). Throughout her life, Ruth exhibited a deep love for her family, and her relationships with her nieces Laura Truax (Rob), Sarah McKay Baxter (Matt) and nephews James McLellan (Teresa), Murray Christopher McKay (Spencer) and Nick McKay.

Ruth was always present in each of their lives for birthdays, holidays and special events, spoiling them as if they were her own children. This generosity extended to her great nieces and nephews Cassandra, Trenton and Logan McLellan, Samantha, Paytien and Caelyne Truax, Fox McKay and Billy Baxter and will forever be remembered fondly.

Ruth's life was marked by her passion for bingo, alley and lawn Bowling and helping others through her time with the Optimist club. She worked for many years at DeLong in St. Marys, Reliance in Stratford, Hammond Fuels/Goco and later on in life as a bus and taxi driver in the town of St. Marys. She had an incredible spirit and a warm heart that touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Ruth's kindness and generosity were unwavering, and she always had a smile to share or story to tell.

Ruth's memory will forever live on in the hearts of her family and friends. She leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and the enduring connections she forged with those around her. As we mourn her passing, we take solace in the knowledge that she is now at peace, surrounded by the love of those who have gone before her.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday November 8, 2023 at the St. Marys United Church, 85 Church St. S. St. Marys, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A burial ceremony will take place at the St. Marys Cemetery, 150 Cain St., on Thursday November 9 at 10:30 am, with a light luncheon and gathering to follow at the St. Marys United Church. All friends, family and acquaintances are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to St. Marys Healthcare Foundation in Ruth's name. Ruth will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in eternal peace. Online condolences at [www.hodgesfuneral-home.ca](http://www.hodgesfuneral-home.ca).

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*her husband Jack, her son Chris (Dawn), her mother Margaret Thompson, Freda and Charles Warner, and many brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, grand children and many friends.*

*Donna worked for many years at Campbell's soup, she also worked at New Orleans Pizza and at the end of her working career owned Tollgate coffee house where her and her husband Jack served many customers who became friends. She loved her customers and staff. It brought joy to her heart everyday.*

*Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial to be held at the Putnam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Donna's memory may be given to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences at [www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca](http://www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca).*

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*Thank you to the staff at Wildwood Care Centre for providing care and friendship to the past three years.*

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COLUMN —

# Straight from the Shelves

By Laura McAsh, St. Marys Public Library

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copy and as an eAudiobook.

### Up This Week

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Saturday, Nov. 4th: Dungeons and Dragons (10:30am)

Monday, Nov. 6th: Open 10:30am-8:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 7th: Cooking Club\* (10:30am), Euchre\* (1:00pm-3:00pm), Writing Club - All Ages\* (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday, Nov. 8th: EarlyON Play and Read (9:30am), FOL Booksale+ (10:00am-8:00pm), Mah-jong Intro (1:00pm-2:00pm, 6:00pm-6:30pm), Mah-jong! (2:00pm-4:00pm, 6:30pm-8:00pm), Books and Brews^ (7:00pm)

Thursday, Nov. 9th: FOL Booksale+ (10:00am-8:00pm), Euchre\* (6:00pm-8:00pm), Scrabble (6:00pm-8:00pm), FOL Social (7:00pm)

\*Registration required

+Located in the Town Hall Auditorium

^Located at Broken Rail Brewery (480 Glass Street, St. Marys)

# LOOKING BACK



By Amy Cubberley

## Brown cow

25 years ago (1998)

The Journal's Avonton correspondent, John Murray (Jack) Matheson, died peacefully in his sleep last week at the age of 74. He was the Avonton correspondent for 22 years.

Over 600 people from across Huron and Perth counties participated in the rural response rally in Stratford on Saturday to protest possible school closures.

Watch for deer! OPP report that there have been 22 car/deer collisions in Perth County in the past month.

Two truckloads of memorabilia from Toronto's Exhibition Stadium arrived in St. Marys this past week, destined for the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Among the artifacts they received are turnstiles, a CJCL radio broadcast desk, scoreboard, antique lights, and the main reception desk in the Blue Jays' lounge.

50 years ago (1973)

According to a head count carried out by the Huron Perth Assessment office, the population of St. Marys dropped in September of 1973 to 4,652, down from 4,754 in 1972.

Interest is growing rapidly in the latest Kinsmen venture: sponsoring a Santa Claus parade.

Davey Tree firm of London will be in town this week to remove trees and limbs around town classified in the dangerous category

A cow was killed in the morning fog on October 24 when it was hit near Fullarton by a truck driven by Frederick Bertrand. The cow, valued at \$360, belonged to John Brown. Damage to the truck was valued at \$500.

75 years ago (1948)

For the past few weeks Councillor G.E. Carr, who is convinced of the urgent need for living accommodations in St. Marys, has been working on the construction of two new apartment flats on the upper floor of his hardware building.

Tom Pinney, Royal Edward Hotel proprietor, is not sure what to tell his guests when they say, "Where shall I park my car?" On Monday evening a traveling man asked him if his car would be alright left on Queen Street in front of the hotel. Tom assured him that this was usually a safe and quiet spot. The traveler awoke to find his car with its nose crashed into the front of a neighbouring room with several hundred dollars in damage done to its body and fenders.

There were 55 persons in the United Church choir on Sunday morning for the final Centennial Services.

100 years ago (1923)

The Stratford Country Clubhouse was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning at a loss estimated at \$15,000.

The Nobel prize for medicine for 1923 has been awarded to Dr. F.G. Banting and Dr. J.J.R. MacLeod of Toronto for their discovery of insulin.

Many complaints have been made of dogs running at large about the town and of them doing damage in various ways. During the past week dogs attacked a large flock of sheep grazing upon Coupland Heights.

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- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Dave Grohl     | 6) Asia              |
| 2) Topaz          | 7) Red, Yellow, Blue |
| 3) False          | 8) 476               |
| 4) Curious George | 9) Horse race        |
| 5) Dodo           | 10) Omega            |

## SUDOKU ANSWERS

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