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Staff at Foodland Prevents Fraud



Pictured from left to right is Glenn Bailey (manager), Wanda Mossey (cashier), Corey McKay (owner). (Contributed photo)

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023 shortly after 11:00 a.m. the Stratford Police Service was contacted by staff at the Foodland, located at 84 Wellington Street, in the Town of St Marys, regarding a possible scam.

It was learned that an 89-year-old resident of St. Marys attended the store to purchase gift cards for an unknown person on the phone. The cashier, Wanda Mossey, recognized the situation as a scam after asking the customer several questions, and attempted to talk the customer out of making the purchase.

The Stratford Police Service attended to assist with the situation when the customer insisted on buying the gift cards. Together, the officer and the staff at the store were able to convince the customer that the phone call she received was a scam and helped put measures into place to prevent further problems.

The Stratford Police Service would like to extend thanks to the staff at Foodland in St Marys for recognizing this situation and preventing a fraud from occurring. Cashiers, as well as other retail employees, can play a powerful and important role in fraud prevention by engaging customers in conversation about their purchase and asking some very simple questions. Further to the staff at Foodland, we would like to thank all retail employees for playing a role in fraud prevention every day.

If you have been the victim of a fraud please contact us at 519-271-4141 or contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre to report the incident.

Residents offered rare look inside historic Church Street building

Town hosting open house at former Mercury Theatre

For the first time in nearly two decades, the doors of the former Mercury Theatre building are being opened to the public.

On Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., the Town of St. Marys is hosting an open house at the historic site, now known simply as 14 Church St. N. The event is part of the public engagement process for the Town's Downtown Service Location Review.

The review is being done to determine

the best use of 14 Church St. N and the Town's other downtown service locations: Town Hall, the St. Marys Public Library, and the St. Marys Train Station. The goal is to make it easier for residents to access municipal services in the downtown area.

"We purchased 14 Church St. N with a vision of creating a campus of municipal services in the core," says Brent Kittmer, CAO. "Now we're turning to

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COMMUNITY —

Latest “Sunshine List” released

6 from St. Marys, 3 from Perth South

By Frank Doyle

The Province has released the latest ‘Sunshine List’ which includes all public employees who make more than \$100K per year. In Ontario there are close to 267,000 on the list.

St. Marys has 6 on the list who are CAO Brent Kittmer at \$151,215, Andre Morin Town Treasurer \$130,984, Fire Chief Richard Anderson at \$124,529, Jed Kelly Director of Public Works, \$113,788, Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services \$104,388 and Grant Brouwer Director of Building at \$103,155.

In Perth South CAO Rebecca Clothier is at \$139,777, Kenneth Bettles, Director of Public Works \$112,315 and Clerk Lizet Scott is listed at \$101,425.

Other local notables include Stratford CAO Joan Thomson \$200,797, Perth County CAO Lori Wolfe \$178,659, North Perth CAO Kriss Snell \$167,981. Stratford Police Chief Greg Skinner is at \$241,673, Andrew Williams President and CEO HPHA is at \$309,602 and Dr. Miriam Klassen head of the Health Unit is at \$330,982. And for the record Premier Doug Ford is at \$208,974.

Rotary All Wheels Park donation of the week



Community support is building. Thank you Cathie Szmon!

Residents offered rare look inside historic Church Street building



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the public to ask what those services should be, where they should be located, and how they should be delivered.”

All residents are invited to attend the open house at 14 Church St. N to learn more about the Downtown Service Location Review. Attendees will have an opportunity to explore parts of the building, speak to staff, and share feedback on the project. Those who plan to attend should wear warm clothing and closed-toe shoes.

Residents will also have a chance to

provide input through a public survey, which will open on April 1, 2023. The survey will be available through the Town’s website; printed copies will also be provided at Town facilities.

For more information about the Downtown Service Location Review, including a list of services currently offered in the downtown core, visit www.townofstmarys.com/servicereview. Questions about the project can be directed to Brent Kittmer, CAO at 519-284-2340, ext. 216 or bkittmer@town.stmarys.on.ca.

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Participants will be greeted at St. Marys United Church at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and will receive their gift bag and coupon book. After a morning of exploring our downtown shops, we welcome them back to the United Church for a catered lunch (Cherie Thomson - Beyond the Kitchen Door) and fashion show (featuring O’Grady’s Clothing and Accessories, Sun Rayz Boutique, Lauren Whitney Lifestyles, and The Boutique at St. Marys Memorial Hospital). During morning registration, guests are invited to sign up for either a 30 minute afternoon presentation, “Come Into My Kitchen” at St. Marys Museum, or an historical walking tour ... or to continue their downtown shopping.

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Saturday May 6, 2023

event is only \$60. Payment is required by April 28, 2023.

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- purchase ticket at The Flower Shop and More, 147 Queen St., St. Marys, ON

Meet Me in St. Marys is hosted by Celebrate St. Marys, a group of 8 enthusiastic women who love to plan events and share their beautiful town.

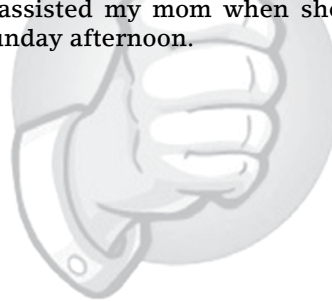
Like and “follow” Celebrate St. Marys on Facebook, to get a preview of all the special discounts and free gifts being offered for the Meet Me in St. Marys event.

Bravo

We have two Bravos this week.

1) Bravo to Heather and the lovely staff at O’Grady’s clothing store! They went out of their way to help me make some beautiful wardrobe choices for my 95 year old friend who couldn’t come to the store herself to shop. I was even able to take some items to her house for her to try on. And Heather carefully layered them on hangers to show options with shawls. My friend was delighted and so enjoyed discussing and trying them on! Thank you for creating a lovely experience for both my friend and me, and for taking such good care of your customers!

2) Bravo to the residents on Ann Street who assisted my mom when she fell on Sunday afternoon.



Boo

We have one Boo this week.

1) Boo goes to those people who let their cat(s) run loose outside, only to mess on neighbors’ lawns or gardens, scare or kill birds that others are trying to enjoy, plus they bring home diseases & sometimes get run over. This is not a good situation with so many birds around now that it is Springtime.



*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

“Our labour unions cross borders. So do our sports leagues. Baseball, basketball, hockey, listen to this, hockey. I have to say, I like your teams except the Leafs. I’ll tell you why. They beat the Flyers back in January, that’s why.”

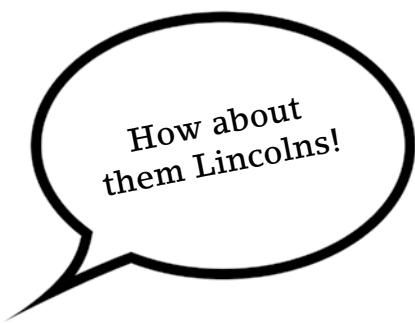
US President Joe Biden in his visit to Ottawa last week.

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THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

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Happy memories never wear out. Relive them as often as you want.

Home is the place where we grumble the most, but are often treated the best.

If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.

Patience is the ability to idle your motor, when you feel like stripping your gears.

COMMUNITY —

Spring Scrapathon well attended



On Saturday, March 25th the Friendship Centre held their Spring Scrapathon with 108 ladies attending. It was a wonderful day of fun, food and friends scrapbooking together. All the funds raised from the silent auction went to support the St. Marys Senior Services. Thanks to everyone who helped out and made this day a success. Mark your calendar for the annual Scrapbooking Garage Sale to be held on April 28 and the next Scrapathon on September 30. Pictured are the volunteers L to R, front row - Annie McLellan & Kendra McLellan; middle row - Jane Cousineau & Faysie Telfer; back row - Colleen Brandt, Lynda King, Yoli Jakus, Sue Kittmer, Ruth Robinson & Joan Doupe. (Nancy Bickell photo)

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Phone: 519-271-2646

Email: brent@shackletons.ca

Stonetown Crier



The latest municipal news from the Town of St. Marys

Pet Licenses

Have you paid your 2023 animal licensing fee yet?

By licensing your pet, you are helping to ensure that they are returned to you promptly if they ever get loose and are picked up by Animal Control.

Beyond just peace of mind, the registration fees also help maintain the dog park in St. Marys.

The deadline for the \$25 animal license fee is March 31. After that, the fee will increase to \$35.

Details: townofstmarys.com/petlicences



Ice Rentals

Spend your next party, event or celebration at the coolest place in town - our ice rink!

There are plenty of ice rental times available in March and April at the Pyramid Recreation Centre.

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Details: townofstmarys.com/skating or 519-284-2160



Swim Instructor Course

Want to become a swim instructor?

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Register: townofstmarys.com/activenet or 519-284-2130



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Senior of the Week



It was hard to get 80 candles all lit at the same time without burning the building down at the "Sugar Shack" but Alex Strathdee, who had a birthday on Sunday, celebrated it at the "Standeaven Maple Sugar Bush", north of St. Marys, while boiling maple sap. The semi-retired farmer from the suburbs of Avonton has enjoyed making maple syrup for more years than he can count and he was always hoping to do it to the age of 80 which now he has done. Happy birthday, Alex Strathdee, and dozens of neighbours and friends in attendance hope there will be many more.

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

Weekend Quiz

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- 1) What are the only two planets in our solar system that do not have moons?
- 2) Which US state was Joe Biden born in?
- 3) Who is next in line to the British throne after King Charles III?
- 4) Which Stephen King novel takes place mostly in the fictional Overlook Hotel?
- 5) What do Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien's initials stand for?
- 6) What is the best-selling novel of all time?
- 7) Elon Musk is the CEO of which global automotive brand?
- 8) Which process converts sugar to acids, alcohol or gases?
- 9) In 1952 Albert Einstein was offered the Presidency of which country?
- 10) What is Tiger Woods' real first name?

This week's answers are found on pg. 27

COMMUNITY —

Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance COVID, Cold & Flu Care Clinic Closing

Due to a steady decline in patient volume, the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's (HPHA) COVID, Cold and Flu Care Clinic (CCFCC) will be closing.

The last day of operation for COVID-19 testing will be Thursday, March 30 and the last day for physician assessment will be Friday, March 31, 2023.

Testing began in the Emergency Departments of each of HPHA's hospital sites in March 2020. By June of 2020 a drive-thru COVID-19 Assessment Centre opened at the Stratford General Hospital.

In November of the same year the Assessment Centre moved to the Stratford Rotary Complex. Physician, or clinical, assessments were introduced in October of 2021. In September of 2022, the Assessment Centre relocated to its current location at the Stratford Medical Centre – Stratford Family Health Team office.

In December 2022 the Assessment Centre became known as the CCFCC and featured an expanded clinical assessment eligibility to individuals experiencing a wide range of respiratory symptoms along with COVID-19 testing and antiviral treatment.

To date over 54,000 PCR tests and over 2,000 clinical assessments have been completed. "The contribution this team has made to the quality of our

local health system during the pandemic has been outstanding," says Andrew Williams, President and CEO. "As we close our CCFCC a huge thank you is extended to our community partners including the Stratford Rotary Complex, the wonderful staff at the Stratford Family Health Team, Emad Salama of PrinceRx Pharmacy for generously paying the parking fees for all the CCFCC patients and, of course, all the staff and physicians that worked tirelessly to provide this service."

For patients seeking COVID-19 assessment, testing or antiviral treatment after March 31, 2023: Contact your family doctor; or visit Ontario's COVID-19 web page (www.ontario.ca/covid19) to find a local pharmacy who offers COVID-19 testing and treatment.

Residents of Huron and Perth are encouraged to continue taking actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses including masking in public spaces, keeping up-to-date with vaccinations, washing their hands and staying home when sick (unless seeking medical care).

If you develop severe symptoms requiring medical attention, such as shortness of breath, chest pain, loss of consciousness, or confusion, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.



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Health Unit seeing pertussis cases in Huron Perth

Similar to other areas in southern Ontario, Huron Perth Public Health is seeing cases of pertussis in children. In 2022, there were three cases; in 2023 to date, there have been 21 confirmed cases. Pertussis, also called whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial illness.

"The illness can be serious for infants younger than 12 months of age who are not vaccinated, or who have not received all doses of the pertussis vaccine," says Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health for Huron Perth. "Young children have the highest risk for severe complications, such as hospitalization and death, if they get sick."

Pertussis symptoms usually develop within five to 10 days after exposure to someone who has pertussis. The illness begins with mild cold-like symptoms and may progress to severe coughing that can last for two weeks or longer. Some children will make

a whoop sound, gag, or vomit while coughing. Pertussis spreads easily through respiratory droplets when someone who is sick coughs, sneezes, or talks, or through direct contact with objects used by that person.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent pertussis. The pertussis vaccine is part of Ontario's publicly-funded vaccine schedule and is available through family doctors and public health. The vaccine is given at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age, followed by booster doses at 4-6 and 14-16 years of age.

Delays in routine immunizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic may partly explain the increase in cases. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children stay up-to-date with routine immunizations. Pregnant individuals can receive a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) immunization to protect their baby from pertussis after they are born, and before they can

receive vaccines. Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) immunization when pregnant is estimated to protect about 90% of infants less than three months of age from the illness.

If you or your child are sick, stay home except to seek medical attention. If your child has symptoms of pertussis, contact your primary care provider as soon as possible. Avoid contact with others, especially young children who are unvaccinated or not fully vac-

nated against the illness. In addition, wash hands often, cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, and clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces.

For more information:

Huron Perth Public Health: 1-888-221-2133

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Total of 76 acres including 56 workable acres (more or less) and 20 acres of bush and an old gravel pit sown in hay, systemically tiled. This property contains no buildings and is subject to a hydro easement.



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MILES of Music at new home-based lessons studio

By Stewart Grant

"My Inspiration, Learning, Enjoyment & Success". Not just the basis for a great acronym, these five words say so much about what is in store at the MUSIC MILES lessons studio of John and Michelle Vallance of St. Marys, located at their home at 47 Ontario Street South.

Both musicians and retired schoolteachers, the couple is excited to once again share their passion of music with younger students (ages 5 and up) now that we are coming out of the pandemic.

Many local residents may recall Michelle Vallance from her 10+ years teaching music and drama at St. Marys' Holy Name of Mary School. She also spent part of her 17-year teaching career at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Kinkora. Meanwhile, John is known locally for leading a group called Music in Antiqua, which was an ensemble (2010-16) for children who were interested in playing the recorder beyond the basics that were taught in school. The group traveled as an ensemble and performed concerts in many places.

With their newly-opened home studio, the couple offers a variety of music lessons, including piano, voice, recorder, harpsichord, music theory & history. The majority of their lessons are in-person at their Ontario Street home, though online lessons are also available.

Spending time with Michelle and John for this interview, it was clearly evident that their studio is place to learn while having fun at the same time. And this fun applies not just to the teacher and students but also encouraged for parents and caregivers.

"There's a lot of laughter," said Michelle. "We enjoy ourselves tremendously and the essential thing is having the support of parent(s) for their child. In a lot of situations, the parents will sit right in on the lesson, and it's great because when the child learns a



Michelle and John Vallance pose at the grand piano within their studio at 47 Ontario Street South. The piano was a cherished gift for the couple's 25th wedding anniversary piano gift from Michelle's late father. "It's beautiful and we would love for young people to play it," said Michelle. (Stewart Grant photo)

certain concept, what I do is I then have them teach their parents, which is wonderful. When the child has to explain what they are learning and demonstrate, that's where they take the skills they're learning and put them into use right away. That's a lot of fun for the parents and the parents are learning also."

"I encourage parents or grandparents or caregivers... please sit in and watch. Just like in sports where relatives can go to the arena, in music they can do the same thing in the artistic way. Get to know us and see

how we do this. The parents also learn how to setup a good environment at home for their child/grandchild. They can help setup a place of comfort for the practice area."

The Vallances are like many teachers in that the best part of the experience is seeing their students succeed and even surprise themselves on what they can accomplish. "What I've always liked to see is when somebody who was more on the shy side really comes out of their shell. That was always the most rewarding thing for me," said John.

The confidence that is developed from advancing in music is a true life skill, which is one of the reasons why so many parents encourage their children to take an interest in music lessons from a young age.

"Communications is essential in today's world," Michelle added. "When students are learning different instruments, it also affects them in improving their math skills, communication skills, writing skills; there's so much in music that translates to other subjects."

"Students also develop the skills of how to learn effectively, develop the virtue of patience, and begin to instruct themselves. In time, students shall apply their techniques to give me a lesson based on the musical elements they have acquired to their stage in playing (they become the teacher and I the student). This is excellent for developing effective communication skills and confidence!" Michelle continued.

Music lessons at the studio are typically scheduled once per week, at durations ranging between 30 and 60 minutes depending on the age and level of the student. The studio also offers small group masterclasses for students to play/sing for each other and who enjoy the company of their colleagues. For more information on MUSIC MILES, please visit their website at www.musicmiles.net, give them a call at 226-921-1758 or email mvallance@rogers.com.

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Celebrate the joy of Poetry this April

By Alizon Sharun

The Nobel prize winning Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, wrote poetically that before the written word...poetry flourished, and that it is like bread, and should be shared by all.

The St.Marys Poetry Circle is thrilled that St.Marys Town Council passed our resolution to proclaim April as Poetry Month in the Town. In collaboration with local partners, we are presenting some exciting events throughout April in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Why the passion for poetry?

Good poetry stirs the heart and expresses, often in few words, the essence of our complex human emotions and observations. In our Facebook world of "like or dislike", poetry offers layers and colours of meaning, possibility and harmony, not to mention rhythm and song.

"Joy" is this year's theme. The League

of Canadian Poets' website, poets.ca offers more information about National Poetry Month and ways to get involved individually or as a group, whether you are a beginner at writing and reading poetry, or a seasoned fan.

Here in St. Marys, look out for poems attractively nestled in downtown windows through April. Assisted by the BIA, we encourage the poetic spirit of business owners to choose or write their own poems, or let members of the poetry circle choose a poem to display.

At Betty's Bookshelf, browse the poetry selections, some of which fly off the shelves. Sit in a comfy chair to read poetry while munching special "Joy" cookies available from Barista's.

We give you a warm invitation to attend local poetry events in April:-

Friday April 14, 7-9pm

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The St. Marys Poetry Circle meets on the last Friday of the month, 6.30 - 8.30pm to share poetry, our own or a favourite author's in an encouraging and stimulating atmosphere.

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SPORTS —

Lincs to make first trip to conference final in 17 years

By Spencer Seymour

For the first time since 2005-06, the St. Marys Lincolns will challenge for a Western Conference Championship title after eliminating the London Nationals in four straight games.

Head Coach Jeff Bradley said that, in his eyes, the win not only solidified the team's place in the conference championship series, but also their status as the premier GOJHL destination in the region.

"I think we cemented ourselves as the top team in this area," Bradley told the Independent. "You look at the playoff teams in this area, all of them got swept except for us. It's incredibly important for the future of this team for the fans and the players we're recruiting to know that we're the top spot in the area in this conference."

The Lincolns will meet the Leamington Flyers with the conference title on the line in what is a clash of unusually hot teams. With the Flyers also sweeping their first two playoff matchups, first the Sarnia Legionnaires and then the LaSalle Vipers, the conference final pits two teams who have yet to lose in the post-season. According to the Head Coach, the team is looking forward to what will be potentially the toughest challenge since he joined the Lincolns.

"We're excited for the next challenge [against Leamington]," said Bradley. "From the players to the coaches to the trainers to the executive, we feel like a team. When you go through important hockey games together as a group, I think it brings everyone closer and that's what it's doing for us. It's incredibly fun to be a part of."

Game One of the series will take place in Leamington on Thursday, March 30th, with Game Two taking place at the PRC the following day. The series returns to Leamington for Game Three on Sunday. All of the games will be broadcast live at stmarys-radio.com.

A key match-up will be Lincs' goalie Matteo Lalama and Flyers' goalie and former Lincoln Bryce Walcarius. Among Western Conference goalies who have played at least two playoff games, Lalama and Walcarius are first and second in save percentage (SV-%) and goals against average (GAA). Walcarius has a 1.71 GAA and 0.937 SV-% in seven playoff games, while Lalama enters the series with a 2.08 GAA and 0.943 SV-% in eight starts.

The top six Western Conference point scorers and 10 of the top 11 are all playing in this series. Leamington's Ryan and Connor MacPherson are both averaging at least two points per game, with the former sitting in first in points among all Western Conference skaters and the latter leading Leamington in goals. Meanwhile, St. Marys' Michael Elliston ranks first in goals in the conference with nine tallies in eight games.

Ryan MacPherson and Nathan Small are tied for



Forwards Adrian Stubberfield, and Cole Schnittker watch the action during a recent St. Marys Lincolns' playoff game. Along with Eric Smith, the trio all had big games in the 8-4 win over the London Nationals that sent the Lincs to their first Western Conference Final since 2005-06. Smith and Schnittker each had a goal, the latter being the game-winner, while Stubberfield posted two assists in Game Four. (Photo credit: Mike Chennette/McGinny Photography)

first in game-winning goals in the West. Small also leads all defenders in the West in points and has at least one point in every playoff game so far. Flyers' rearguard Koen Taves is second in points among defencemen in the conference.

Lincs sweep Nats in Game Four

Every time the Nationals scored once, the Lincolns scored twice. And even though the shot clock suggested a London onslaught, once again, the Lincs' defensive structure for most of the game kept the quality of the Nats' chances low.

"There's no quit in our group," Bradley explained. "We know when to push and when to contain a bit more. To have a team full of guys who are like that, who know how to respond, it shows the mental toughness of the team. They didn't want to leave it to Wednesday or Friday night, they wanted this series done as soon as possible so they could move on to the next one."

One of the few London players who had a good series against St. Marys was Sam O'Reilly and that continued with the London Knights' second-round draft pick capitalizing on a somewhat shaky start by St. Marys to open the scoring. However, the pat-

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tern of responding quickly started shortly thereafter with Elliston scoring his eighth of the playoffs just 59 seconds after O'Reilly's goal.

Approximately nine minutes later, two more goals in quick succession came, with Luca Spagnolo ending his goal drought and potting his first of the post-season. Just 14 seconds later, Talan Palmer tied the game back up at two apiece. With 33 seconds left in the first, Ethan Lamoureux scored his third of the playoffs to give the Lincolns a 3-2 lead heading into the first intermission.

In the second period, the Lincolns got some offence from an unexpected source with the trio of Cole Schnittker, Eric Smith, and Adrian Stubberfield chipping in two goals. Schnittker, the eventual game-winner, and Smith got the goals with Stubberfield earning two assists. Bradley credited the three forwards for being consistent contributors to the team's winning ways, even if those contributions don't always appear on the stats page.

"We rely on our top six guys to put up points and our bottom six to be role players but now, to get into the playoffs and have different lines stepping up, it's incredibly important. Cole, Eric, and Adrian are an incredibly important line for us, especially at home, so for them to get on the scoresheet was a really nice feeling for them and nice for their teammates to see. Those three go under the radar but they are incredibly important to the success of this team."

Bradyn Santavy got London's lone goal of the mid-

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SPORTS —

U16 Snipers dominant in 10-0 win over Kitchener

By Spencer Seymour

The U16 St. Marys Snipers were firing on all cylinders last Saturday when they picked up a 10-0 win over the visiting U16 squad from Kitchener.

Less than two minutes into the game, Charlee Henderson got the scoring started for St. Marys, followed by Kylie Robertson making it 2-0 just 20 seconds later. The Snipers' continued pressure resulted in two more first-period goals just a minute apart from another scored by Ella Taylor and Natalie Taylor.

One minute into the second, Abby Martin found the back of the Kitchener net to make it 5-0 St. Marys. Just two minutes and eight seconds later, the Martin struck again, putting the Snipers ahead 6-0.

Martin completed the hat-trick later in the third, while Robertson got her second of the contest and Leah Van Straaten and Megan Richardson also got on the scoresheet. Head Coach Rudy Taylor was beaming after the



Abby Martin scores one of her three goals in the U16 St. Marys Snipers' 10-0 victory over Kitchener last Saturday. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

game which he was thoroughly impressed by.

"The girls played really well from start to finish," said Taylor. "Defensively, we were reading their passes,

checking the ring, and getting it back in our possession. The forwards then were moving the ring really well in the offensive zone. The passing was excellent and it helped us get lots of good shots."

As happy as Taylor was, he mentioned that he still wants the team to pass the ring a bit more.

"Our passing is really good, we just need to do it a bit more. I don't always like the breakaway shots, we still want to get three or four good passes every time we take the ring into the offensive zone before taking the shot. Having that elite-level ring movement makes us even more dangerous in the offensive end. You can move the ring a lot quicker with a pass than by skating it."

Taylor mentioned that he's been really encouraged by how the team's cohesiveness has grown, specifically over the course of the 2023 portion of the schedule.

"This team has really gelled together and become a true team. A lot of our development has happened off the ice this year, at events and tournaments, whether it's the team meals or hanging out at the hotel. The girls have bonded and come closer together and it's translated onto the ice."

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dle stanza, while Elliston picked up his second of the contest on the powerplay.

In the third, a desperate Nationals' squad switched goalies, sending affiliate player Carter Froggett into the game for the final frame as the team looked for a spark. Chase MacQueen-Spence made it 7-3 with his second of the post-season at 12:26. When London got a powerplay with six minutes and 12 seconds left in regulation, they elected to pull their

goaltender for a six-on-four man advantage. However, Jacob Chantler managed to fire the puck into the empty net to give the Lincolns their eighth of the game.

Riley Wood got the deficit back to four goals with an unassisted marker with 2:18 remaining, but the Lincolns managed to neatly lock the game down after that, cruising to an 8-4 win.

Bradley, who was an Assistant Coach on the Nats' bench prior to joining the Lincolns, didn't want too much of the spotlight but did admit that it was

a special feeling to defeat his former team.

"I try not to make it about myself but it is different than beating any other team, not just for me but for guys like Chantler, Elliston, Small, Cornfield, and Lalama. This was personal for them and it gave them extra motivation. For me, I have a lot of respect for the players, coaches, and trainers of that organization so I don't want to beat them personally. I had a lot of fond memories from my time in Lon-

don but it definitely is a good feeling to beat your former team."

"You could tell it meant a lot to the fans as well. It's a 400,000-plus-population city against a town of 7,000. We felt like the underdogs. We felt like there were a lot of people picking London to win that series and we took it personally. It was good motivation for us. We thought we were as good or better than London and we wanted to prove it."

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SPORTS —

Kaleb Pearson shines for UPEI in Cavendish Farms Cup

By Spencer Seymour

Even though they didn't end up coming away with a medal, the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) Panthers left the Cavendish Farms Cup as one of the big stories as the host of the tournament pulled off a major underdog victory en route to the Bronze Medal Game. One of the major reasons for their run to the final four was a strong tournament from St. Marys native, Kaleb Pearson.

The UPEI Panthers pulled off a major upset in their quarter-final game by defeating the University of Calgary Dinos 4-2, with one of UPEI's goals coming off of Pearson's stick. The Dinos finished their regular season with a 23-game winning streak that secured them first place in the nation.

Pearson spoke to the Independent recently and said that the energy of being the host city for the tournament propelled them to victory.

"All the boys were really fired up to get out and start the tournament in the right way," said Pearson. It was crazy to see the amount of fans that were out watching us and the student section was full and pretty rowdy. Everybody was juiced to play the first-ranked team in the country and we played it like it was our last game."

"The fans were truly unbelievable," Pearson continued when asked about the local fan support. "I've never experienced a fanbase at a game like that. There were plenty of loud chants and the fans helped give us some added energy and excitement and made it a really fun time. I definitely hope I can experience something like that again."

After falling in the semi-final to the University of Alberta, the Panthers squared off against the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) with the Bronze Medal on the line. The Panthers clawed back from being down 2-0 to tie the game two apiece, including with a goal by Pearson. A goal with less than a minute left in the second put UQTR en route to a 3-2 victory. Despite the result not being what anyone with the host team wanted, Pearson said that it was overall a very positive event to be a part of thanks to his Head Coach Forbes MacPherson and all of the organizers' efforts.

"It was a really good experience. The amount of time that the planners and Forbes [MacPherson], my coach, put into making it a special event was really impressive and it



(Photo credit: Mike Needham, University of PEI)

was a long time coming for UPEI. It was very well-put-together and for the players, it was a great experience to play teams we wouldn't normally face."

The St. Marys product lauded his team's ability to never quit or stop giving everything they had, from the win over Calgary through to the Bronze Medal game.

"The [Bronze Medal] game started a bit slow for us and we got down pretty quick by a couple of goals but we showed some good fight and got back in it. The boys never gave up and we fought to the end, not just in the final game but throughout the Cavendish Cup. Obviously, we would have liked to win a medal but we're proud of how we competed from start to finish."

MacPherson spoke to the Independent about Pearson's performance in the Cavendish Cup and said that he was very pleased with the 22-year-old's effort and consistency.

"He was at his peak performance of the season during that weekend," MacPherson raved. "His timing was very critical and essential for our team. Kaleb has exceptional skills in many areas that can make him a great player. He's continued to develop his game and really embraced the grind of being a hockey player."

Pearson was bashful in talking about his personal success in the tournament but admitted that he felt good about the effort he put in.

"I thought I was skating hard every game and trying to work hard every game. One of the reasons I came to

step and, ultimately, bring more than just a sense of pride and excitement to UPEI.

"We can compete with anybody," Pearson explained as he discussed what his takeaways from the tournament were. "We were the eighth seed going in so we were facing the top teams but we showed we can hang with anyone and that's going to be big for next year. For the guys that will be back to pass on to the young guys, that mentality of believing that we can take on anyone will be big. I want to help bring a championship to UPEI before my time here is over and that mentality will be a key to doing that."

MacPherson confirmed that Pearson will be tasked with a leadership role next season and described his vision for the St. Marys native's next step forward.

"He's going to have a massive role on our team next year. He's going to find himself in a leadership position next year and while he will continue to work on his own game and balance that grind I talked about, he's going to share the responsibilities as one of this team's leaders. Kaleb is a great person who comes from a great family. He has earned more responsibilities and opportunities and we're excited about where his game has come from when he first became a Panther as well as where we think it can go."

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SPORTS —

Unwavering resiliency the story of U18 B Boys' season

By Spencer Seymour

A season that was filled with heart-breaking, oh-so-close, one-goal games was capped off by a 6-5 shootout loss to the Lambeth Lancers in the championship game of the Shamrock playoffs for the U18 B Boys St. Marys Rock.

Owen Boyd scored a hat-trick for the Rock while Braeden Roth and Brock Chessell also each chipped in a goal.

Interim Head Coach Chris Chessell said that, after two goals in the first minute of the second period by Lambeth put St. Marys down 3-1, the team responded to the adversity very well.

"We had a bit of a slow start and got down 3-1," Chessell told the Independent. "They were challenged pretty hard on the bench and they dug deep and got it tied. We couldn't be more proud of that effort. We knew that Lambeth is really talented, they have some really incredible players and they were never going to go away."

With the back-and-forth affair sitting at 5-5 at the end of regulation, the game went into overtime. Both teams, seemingly cautious to avoid making



a costly mistake, failed to find a winning goal in the extra frame, requiring a shootout to solve the tie.

"That's a game that could go either way, especially as it gets into the overtime and the shootout," said Chessell. "Josh Ballantyne played a really good game for us in net and did everything he could to keep us in that game and give us a chance to win."

Chessell praised the team for their commitment to improving themselves and playing for their teammates.

"The character of this team is unbelievable. Everyone has great attitudes in that dressing room. We've been out of the OMHA playoffs for three weeks and yet we have 18 or 19 kids coming to practice twice a week without ever having to ask. And they don't just

come to practice, but they come and they work hard and they have fun. They love being around each other."

"Obviously, they're pretty upset in there right now but we're really proud of these kids and we hope that they feel proud of each other. They've been through a lot this year and they've always kept battling."

When asked what the story of the season is, Chessell said it has to do with the team's ability to keep coming back from adversity.

"We were given 19 hockey players, some had high-level experience, some didn't. But we all bought into the mentality of 'this is your team and we're going to find a way to be the best we can be'. The story, to me, is that they put their heads down and worked hard. They didn't get frustrated with each other when things didn't go their way. They never got on each other. They did the best they possibly could. They kept a positive attitude through it all and that's why we're sitting here at the end of March with 19 guys who love hanging out with each other."



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Hard-fought tie offers U12 Snipers momentum before Regionals



The U12 St. Marys Snipers skated to a high-energy 7-7 tie against the Elora-Fergus Edge last Saturday. Assistant Coach Jim Burlingham spoke to the Independent about the game and mentioned that the coaching staff was very happy with the battle that the U12 Snipers brought to the top-ranked Edge. "We knew it was going to be a challenging and physical game," Burlingham said. "The effort and tenacity the girls displayed was what we really liked from our team. They had a chance to win all game long and didn't make it easy on Elora-Fergus. That kind of effort gives us a lot of confidence with two regular season games left before our chance to compete for Gold at Regionals." (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)



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SPORTS —

U13 C Boys continue improving puck movement



Nolan Stewart makes a save during the Home Hardware Building Centre U13 C Boys St. Marys Rock playoff game last Wednesday. The back-and-forth contest against the Petrolia Oilers finished in a 2-2 deadlock with Dylan Chateauvert and Nate Hern scoring the goals for St. Marys. Head Coach Max Maddock called it "one of our best games" of the season thanks to the team's puck movement. "Our passing was really beautiful to watch," Maddock told the Independent. "We're getting our heads up and looking for their teammates. They're getting to the open space and it's helping them make those tape-to-tape passes which is really helping our group come together." (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

Ballantyne an OFSAA Champion with St. Mike's Warriors



St. Marys native Josh Ballantyne, pictured on the right, is an OFSAA Champion after St. Mike's Catholic Secondary School picked up a thrilling and improbable 5-4 victory last Thursday. Well into the third period, the Warriors trailed 4-0 against St. Mary's College from Sault Ste. Marie but pulled off a miraculous comeback, scoring four times before winning the title in overtime. (Contributed photo)

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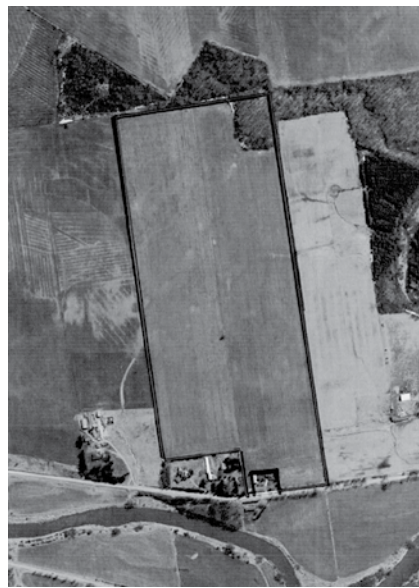
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SPORTS —

Lincs' Barkley a first-team All-Star



St. Marys Lincolns' defenceman Adam Barkley (pictured above) has been named a first-team All-Star by the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League. The 19-year-old Inkerman native scored 11 goals and 41 points in 47 games this season for the Lincolns, which put him tied for eighth in points among all GOJHL defenders. (Photo credit: Mike Chennette/McGinny Photography)

U11 B Boys doing 'little things' right



Talan Ward fires a goal past the Mooretown Flags' netminder last Wednesday in an exciting end-to-end game that finished in a 2-2 tie. Josh Becker, Head Coach of the Social Thirty-One U11 B Boys St. Marys Rock, said after last Wednesday's 2-2 tie against the Mooretown Flags that he is really happy with the improvement in his team's positioning, as well as their ability to do the finer details really well. "We've been really pleased with the little things that they're doing right," said Becker. "Chipping it in and chasing it down. Hit that red line, dump it in, and go in after it. The little things that they've done right this year are amazing." Becker added that the team's positional awareness has greatly improved, with players doing a better and better job at finding open space on the ice. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

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SPORTS —

U13 B Boys win Shamrock playoffs



The St. Marys Fire Department U13 B Boys St. Marys Rock turned in a hard-working, defensively-stifling performance on Monday night, supported by some strong goal-tending, which helped them earn a 2-1 victory over the Strathroy Jr. Rockets to win the Shamrock playoffs. The win was described as a "great way to end" the team's season, which has seen the U13 B Boys make big strides in their all-around team play. The Independent will have more on the final game and the team's Shamrock playoff run in next week's edition. (Photo credit: Spencer Seymour)

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Thorndale Lions Club still roaring after 75 years

By Nancy Abra

In the late 1940's, a couple of members of the St. Marys Lions Club contacted a few Thorndale area residents to see if there would be an interest to form a 'Lions Club' in Thorndale. As a result, the 'Charter Night' for this new Thorndale club was held on June 20, 1947 at St. George's Anglican Church, Thorndale with 42 eager members ready to serve and meet the needs in this community.

The Thorndale Lions Club have accomplished a lot over the decades. They have been a pillar in Thorndale and beyond. From the hand dug footings of the original Thorndale Community Centre to the building and maintenance of the Thorndale Medical Centre, and more recently, a substantial donation to the building of the new community centre, the Thorndale Lions have been leaders for the wants and needs of the community.

Even though Thorndale Lions' 75th anniversary was last year in 2022,

the club is celebrating this year, in the various events they have organized and are hosting. Last Saturday evening, the Thorndale Lions hosted their popular 'Social Gaming Night'. This has been an annual fundraiser since the 70's, interrupted only by the pandemic, and draws a large crowd from the community and beyond. It was a fun sold out evening of more than a dozen games of chance, ticketed raffles, food, drinks and socializing. This event also includes a 'elimination' draw with the last ticket drawn for a grand prize of \$2,000.

With the different events planned for this year and for the future, monies raised goes back into the community of Thorndale. The Thorndale Lions Club recently have pledged \$50,000 over the next five years to the St. Marys Memorial Hospital.

The Thorndale Lions Club is a dedicated and industrious club, focused on the needs and wants of the community in the past, now and for the future.



McCutcheon Farm Drainage continues with new local owners

By Nancy Abra

Warm handshakes and good wishes greeted Ken McCutcheon and his wife Mary at an open house in honour of his retirement. Approximately 180 family members, friends, farm clients and vendors gathered for this special afternoon at McCutcheon Farm Drainage, Nissouri Road, Thorndale which was hosted by Wayne and Marilyn Flannigan.

Ken McCutcheon purchased his first machine in the fall of 1976 and launched McCutcheon Farm Drainage in the spring of 1977. Over the years, his expertise and business developed and grew with many farm clients and various drainage projects, including a recent local project working with Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

McCutcheon stated, "the management of water is very important. Removing excess water in land areas improves and protects soil health and is the best environment for cropland. There has to be a good ratio of water, air and soil which helps to improve crop yields."

His wife Mary commented, "we are looking forward to retirement and helping out with our grandchildren. This afternoon has been such a nice retirement party for Ken that Wayne and Marilyn have put on for us."

Wayne Flannigan worked for McCutcheon Farm Drainage and as of March 1st is the proud new owner, saying, "I am honoured and thankful for the opportunity to continue this business. McCutcheon Farm Drainage has a rich history, and we are pleased to carry on this tradition with our family."



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HISTORY —

HISTORIC ST. MARYS: Historic Maps

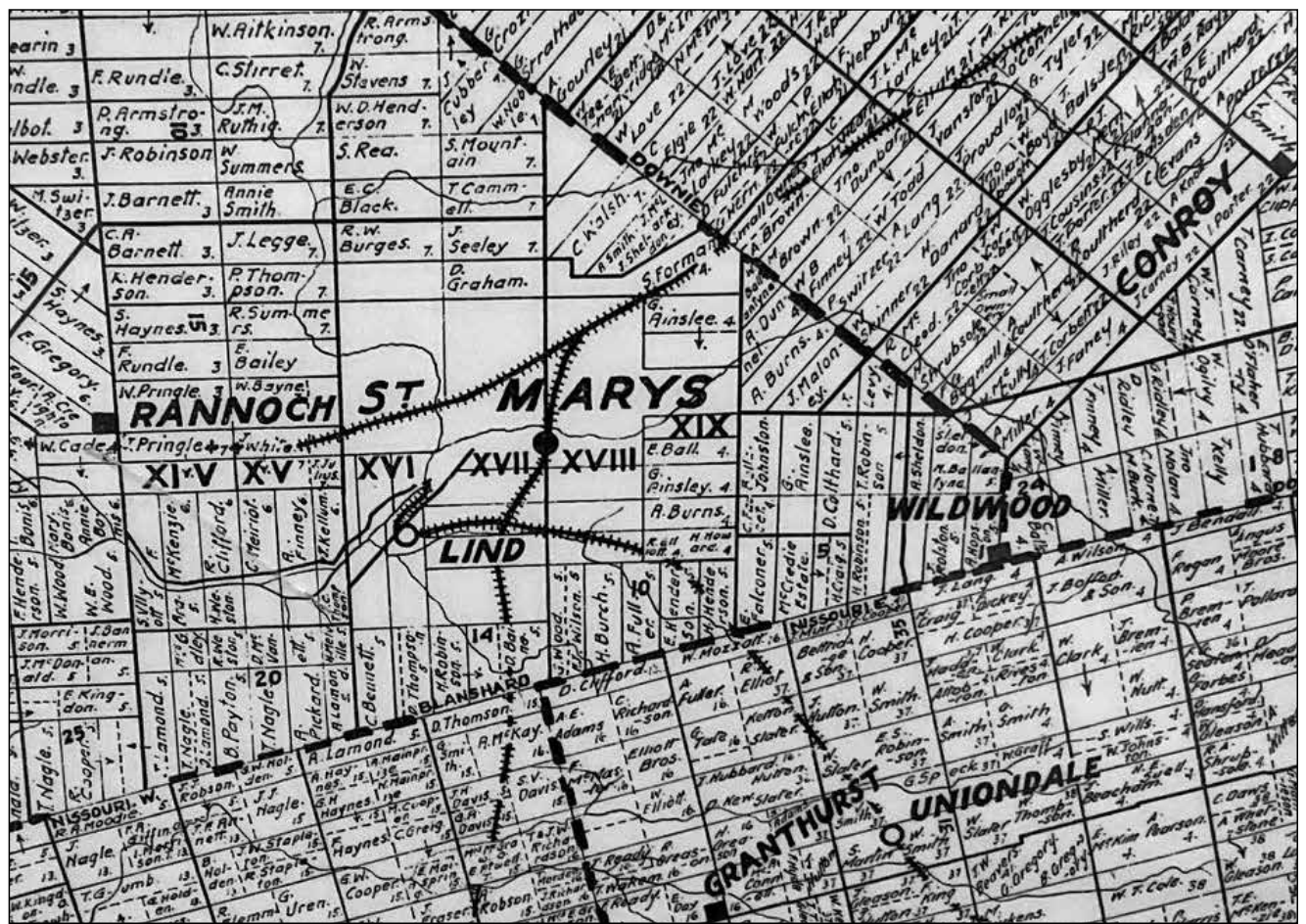
By Mary Smith

The image with this week's column shows a portion of one of the historic maps in the St. Marys Museum's collection. This interesting map was found among some old documents left behind in a house once owned by a local lawyer. The map, printed in 1924, shows the farm properties around St. Marys for several miles in each direction. Each farm is labelled with the name of the owner. The map is a very useful tool for researchers who might be trying to prove that their family was connected to a specific farm property at some time in the past century.

Of course, the map was not originally intended as a resource for genealogists. There are several dictionary definitions for "map." The simplest states: "A drawing or other representation, usually on a flat surface, of all or part of the earth's surface." Additionally, it may give "... a particular type of information about a particular area." What type of information was this 1924 map intended to provide? Unlike other maps of the same area, highways and county roads are not clearly shown, although township boundaries are marked. Concessions are also indicated in Roman numerals while farm lots have Arabic numbers. Railway tracks pass across the map, shown by dark lines with hash marks, probably meant to indicate railway ties. At the Junction within the limits of St. Marys, the Canadian National Railway line to Sarnia, crosses over a winding Thames River, going west through Rannoch, while the other line separates, going south towards London. One more line, the Canadian Pacific Railway, leaves the centre of St. Marys and travels southeast on its way towards Embro.

There is a helpful reference at the bottom of the full map – not shown on this small section. It explains that post offices are marked • – there's a post office within the limits of St. Marys. Not shown on this part of the map are the solid circles indicating post offices in villages such as St. Pauls, Kirkton, Woodham and Granton. Railway sidings are marked o. The Uniondale siding is at the bottom of the map and within St. Marys is the Lind siding, used at that time by the St. Marys Cement Company. Hamlets, such as Rannoch and Wildwood, are marked with a solid square (■). Within each farm lot, along with the name of the owner, is a small number. The reference at the bottom of the map explains that this number is a key to the rural mail routes. They are listed in the margin below the map. For example, the Cubberley property is at the top of this map, within Blanshard, on the township boundary with Downie. There is a number 7 beside the name. According to the key, this indicated that the Cubberleys were on Rural Route 8, St. Marys. Today this postal route no longer exists although Cubberleys still live on this farm.

Since this map was intended to provide information about farm occupants, rural post offices, and sidings, the section showing St. Marys is almost blank. However, the Museum's collection contains other maps that provide useful information about properties within the town. One of the earliest is reproduced in the opening pages of *Early St. Marys* by L. W. Wilson and L. R. Pfaff, a local history book first published in 1981. This map is based on a survey of St. Marys completed in 1858



1924 map showing farm properties around St. Marys

and shows the town's streets, laid out and named. Running east-west across the centre of this map is Queen Street, crossing the Thames River via a clearly labelled Victoria Bridge. Some interesting buildings are named. The first town hall on Water Street is shown near the river and, on the eastern edge of the map, a distillery and brewery is on the south bank of Trout Creek. The municipal lots along the most important streets have been surveyed and numbered. Most of these residential blocks were still vacant in 1858, but the lots were set out, ready for development. The old cemetery on Elgin Street is also marked on this map. In 1858, it too was ready for occupants.

Many people are familiar with the large historic atlases, produced for all the counties in southern Ontario in the late 1870s. The St. Marys Museum has copies of these atlases for Perth County and also for the adjacent counties. For St. Marys and area research, of special interest are maps for Zorra and East Nissouri in Oxford County, West Nissouri, and Biddulph in Middlesex County and Usborne in Huron County – all close to the boundaries of Blanshard or Downie Townships. The Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Perth, Ont. was published in 1879 by H. Belden & Co., Toronto. It contains maps of the entire county and each of the 11 original townships. There are also maps of Stratford, St. Marys, Listowel and Mitchell and smaller maps showing 18 of the county's villages.

These atlases were sold by subscription and there were different levels of subscribers. For a basic payment, the owner's name, occupation and location of his farm or business were listed in the Patrons' Directory, along with the year of his arrival in the county. Some subscribers paid more so that their pen-and-ink portrait or a "view" of their

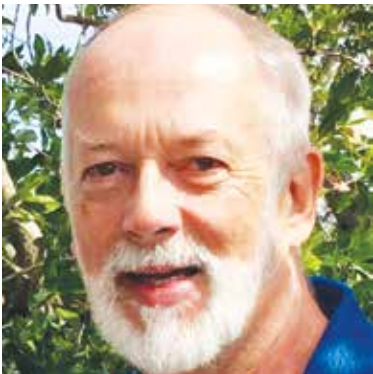
farm or business was included. Patrick Whelihan, Registrar for South Perth, paid for all three options. He is listed as one of the patrons from St. Marys, his portrait is included with those of other important men, and a lovely drawing of his farm property, Thorn Hill Place, on the northwest limits of St. Marys, takes up almost one-third of a large atlas page.

The main value of the 1879 atlas, like the 1924 map, is that each farm property within the county is labelled with the owner's name. Even better, thanks to the Canadian County Atlas Digital Project that McGill University Libraries completed in 2001, 32 historic atlases covering 40 Ontario counties were digitized and made searchable. Thus, it is possible to bring onto a computer screen a map of any township in any county that existed in Ontario in the 1870s and also find the exact concession and lot of any farm owner in these counties. The website is: digital.library.mcgill.ca. It is fortunate that this website exists because the original 1879 Perth County Historical Atlas is now very rare. Copies are offered for sale on-line for more than \$1000 US. In 1972, a facsimile edition of the atlas was published by Ross Cumming, Port Elgin, Ontario. These later editions are used by libraries and archives as reference copies. If an institution is fortunate enough to own an original 1879 atlas, it is kept in the rare book collection. But even the 1972 editions now sell for several hundred dollars.

The St. Marys Museum has other historic maps, including fire insurance maps showing the buildings in the St. Marys core in the 1920s, and an interesting collection of old Ontario road maps – several pre-dating Highway 401. All of these have been helpful to researchers. For more information, contact the Museum by telephone: 519-284-3556 or by email: museum@town.stmarys.on.ca.

COLUMN —

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Mystery and wonder, in the dark



By Paul Knowles

It's a remarkable moment, one that stays in your memory for a long, long time. You're standing in a small, stone-built, domed chamber, deep inside an enormous Irish "passage tomb". You're surrounded by three alcoves, furnished with large, shallow stone bowls which once held human remains.

And then the lights go out.

It's pitch black. You know there are a dozen or so other people squeezed beside you into this small, walled space but you can't see a hint of that. And then you notice a ray of light, creeping along the low, narrow, rocky passage you followed into the heart of this tomb; soon it lights up the chamber, replicating the effect that happens naturally only once a year on the winter solstice.

You sense you have entered a deeply spiritual place, replete with arcane stone carvings but you're also marvelling at the engineering feats involved in building this enormous structure which has a diameter of 85 meters and

reaches 13 meters in height. Because it's ancient, this place now known as Newgrange is older than Stonehenge, older than the Egyptian pyramids.

This is a Neolithic (new stone age) monument, built around 3200 BC. That's more than 5,000 years ago.

Equally remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that Newgrange is just one of several impressive passage tombs located here in the site known as Brú na Bóinne, in County Meath, Ireland, eight kilometers from the town of Drogheda. Nearby are Knowth and Dowth, both significant monuments in their own right.

In fact, Knowth is probably more impressive than Newgrange in that it is larger than Newgrange, containing a large burial mound with two entrances, and 17 smaller "satellite" mounds.

Newgrange, however, demands a visit because it is the only tomb visitors are allowed to enter – always with a guide of course, on carefully timed and numbers-limited tours.

Dowth is also nearby but the usual Brú na Bóinne tour includes the recently re-invented visitor centre, Newgrange and Knowth.

My most recent visit to Brú na Bóinne was actually my third time to be at the site. (And yes, I'd happily go back again.) My first impression this time was that the changes to the visitor centre have made that place nothing short of spectacular.

They have completely

re-imagined the educational space, offering a walk-through experience that thoroughly orients the visitor to the story of the passage tombs and the people who laboriously constructed them.

The exhibits also offer clues but no solutions to the mysteries of the elaborate, geometric and circular carvings that adorn both the exterior and interior of the tombs. We can only speculate as to the details of the belief systems of these ancient ancestors of ours but these sites offer clear evidence that they did, in fact, believe.

And the exhibits also underscore the amazing scientific knowledge these Neolithic people had in constructing Newgrange to align with the winter solstice, in transporting the enormous stones that surround the structures and in building these remarkable passages.

If you plan to visit Brú na Bóinne, book ahead. The guardians of Newgrange and its neighbours are very committed to protecting their treasures. Visitor numbers are limited. The only access is via the visitor centre (ticketed entrance only), then by bus to the two most usual sites – Knowth and Newgrange. Your visit there is strictly timed.

The guides are great – leading you around the features at Knowth and taking you deep into the passage tomb at Newgrange.

It's one of those rare opportunities to not only experience



A smaller tomb at Knowth.

significant history – you cannot escape a feeling of sheer amazement, perhaps even awe, at the accomplishments of these ancient builders, craftsmen, artists and artisans who worked together as a community to build something we still don't come close to understanding.

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and entirely deserves the honour.

When you are in the area there are several other local attractions, although none as utterly impressive as the passage tombs. For instance, only nine minutes away is the site of the Battle of the Boyne (1690), which pitted the forces of deposed King James II of England and Ireland against King William II of England and Scotland. It's a complicated bit of history but the site is interesting and the walled garden, unrelated to war and conflict, is really good.

Half an hour west is the charming town of Kells, where the famed "Book of Kells" was kept for a period. St. Columba's Church in Kells, still a functioning place of worship, sits on an original monastic site. You can see ancient Celtic crosses, a monk's tower and inside the church, a fine replica of the Book of Kells.

Less than half an hour southwest of Newgrange is the Hill of Tara, reputed to be where the High Kings of Ireland were crowned. A few minutes west of Tara is the town of Trim, home of Trim Castle.

In short, you can spend several wonderful days in the neighbourhood of Newgrange, one of the "must-see" sites of the world.

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COLUMN —

FROM THE GARDEN: Easter's Passion Flower



By Nancy Abra

We associate certain plants and flowers with different seasons and holidays. For spring, many of us think of the snow drops or crocus as one of the first flowers in our garden. And then there are the bright yellow daffodils, colourful tulips and the fragrant hyacinths. The white lily is usually the most popular floral symbol for Easter. But for some people, the passion flower is held in the highest regard of their Christian faith for Easter.

When I worked in a local greenhouse some years ago, I was helping an elderly gentleman with some of the tropical plants. We came across the passion flower, *Passiflora*, in bloom. He asked me if I knew the story of this special flower. When I answered no, he began to share what was taught to him when he was a young boy in church about

Easter. It seems that the passion flower refers to the passion of Jesus in Christian theology. This wise and knowledgeable gardener went on to tell me what this unique plant meant to him.

He explained the flower has five sepals and five petals, which to him represents the ten faithful apostles that didn't betrayed Jesus. And the circle of tiny filaments is the crown of thorns that the Bible says Jesus wore. He continued to describe the three stamens symbolize the three crosses or some may say they are the three nails and then, the five anthers represents the five wounds of Jesus. The unique lobed leaf symbolizes the spear that went into Jesus' side. Seeing that the passion flower normally lasts for three days, he told me that stands for the three days Jesus spent in the tomb.

Throughout Europe, since the 16th century, the passion flower has been given many names, such as 'Christ's thorn', 'crown of thorns' and 'Jesus' passion'. But outside the Christian community, the passion flower also takes on other meanings. For instance in Israel, it is known as the 'clock flower', in Japan as the 'clock plant' and in many oth-



er countries in the world it represents something unique to those cultures.

Passiflora incarnata, is in a genus of about 550 species of flowering plants. This variety is one of the hardiest species. It is debatable for this area. It is considered a perennial for gardening zones 6 to 9 so it should be treated as a tropical here. It thrives with lots of sunlight and grows as a vine

with palmate 3-lobed and occasionally 5-lobed leaves. In its native habitat, the unique bluish-purple flowers are pollinated by insects such as bumblebees and carpenter bees to produce a fleshy fruit, about the size of a hen's egg, known as a maypop, and are very popular with the wildlife. This variety is also considered an herb. It is an important sedative used to treat

insomnia, anxiety, restlessness, and nervous disorders and incorporated in many commercial products.

Easter's passion flower is special and significant to many people here and throughout the world. For me, it reminds me of that wise elderly gardener who taught me so much. Maybe it will become one of your favourites for the spring season.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Mistaken Identity



By Ione Grover

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt evoked great curiosity and excitement. (Matthew 21:1-11) "Who is this?" people asked. What a brilliant choice he made to ride on a humble donkey. Riding on a horse would have signalled that he was a conquering king, ready to overthrow the oppressive Roman regime and liberate the Jewish people. Many people expected him to be that kind

of Messiah. But that was not who he was.

Jesus was not who people thought he was. He came to usher in a new way of being, based on radical divine love - love of neighbour and enemy. He was human but also fully connected to his divinity.

Are we also not mistaken in our identity? Usually others identify us based on externals such as appearance, gender, age, occupation, income, family status or worldly success. But these things constantly change, and so how can they reflect who we truly are in our deepest essence, which comes from our divine and changeless origin?

Today in the news, we hear mostly about all the terrible things happening in the world such as violence, climate disasters, poverty and human

rights abuses. But beneath all this turbulence, I see a quiet evolution taking place where more and more people are waking up to their higher selves. They are learning to live their lives more in love than in fear and more in service to others than centered on self.

I don't have much hard evidence to back this up, but I have heard story after story both on the internet and from what people have shared with me personally, stories of how people are waking up to their true authentic selves. Sometimes this happens after they have gone through a life crisis such as a severe illness or a major loss. Are there enough people making this transition to make a real difference in the world? Not yet, but I am convinced that a slow shift is taking place from fear to love,

as more and more people are learning to live their lives, trusting in divine guidance. For me, chronic pain is my teacher, teaching me daily to let go and trust God whenever fear arises.

I will give you two examples of people who went through major life transformations. One was a very dear friend of mine, now deceased. She overcame many obstacles in her life including an abusive childhood, a traumatic first marriage and recovery from alcoholism. Denise was one of the most joyful, peaceful and loving human beings I have ever met. She radiated this peace and love to everyone she met and made a real difference in many people's lives.

Another example is Father Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy In-

dustries in L.A., an organization devoted to the rehabilitation of gang members caught in the vicious cycle of violence. As well as providing many practical services, Father Boyle offered unconditional love to these tough gang members who are feared by most people. They in turn passed it on to others. Love really can heal.

These two people followed their hearts and we can too. Lent can be a time to reflect on who we truly are and what the unique gifts are that we have to offer the world. It doesn't have to be something big. The important thing is not just what we do, but that our actions come from the heart. Whatever we do from a place of love will benefit others and ourselves. May God's love and light guide each one of us on our journey.

COLUMN —

WHAT'S FOR DINNER: Overnight Easter Brunch Recipes



By Lauren Eedy

Easter can be a hectic holiday, but it doesn't have to be with these two easy, prep the night before brunch recipes. I don't often make casseroles, but I do appreciate them on a long weekend as it gives me more time to spend with family, to relax and to focus on the main event: supper.

The eggs benedict casserole featured this week is just as tasty as the classic without the hassle. Simply assemble the night ahead and bake the next morning for a savoury and elegant brunch. The same can be said for the blueberry French toast casserole - the cream cheese and berry combination make it almost

like a dessert!

Eggs Benedict Casserole

Prep: 25m + Chilling
Bake: 45m Serves: 12

12 oz peameal bacon, chopped or protein of your choice (I like smoked salmon)

6 English muffins, split and cut into 1" pieces

8 large eggs

2 c of 2% milk

1 tsp onion powder

¼ tsp paprika

Hollandaise sauce:

4 large egg yolks

½ c heavy whipping cream

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp Dijon mustard

½ c butter, melted

Minced chives, optional

Method:

-Place half the bacon or protein of choice in a greased 13x6" baking dish. Top with English muffins and remaining protein. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk and onion powder, pour ovetop. Refriger-

ate, covered overnight.

-Preheat oven to 375°. Remove casserole from refrigerator while oven heats. Sprinkle the top with paprika. Bake, covered, 35m. Uncover and bake 10-15m longer or until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean.

-In the top of a double broiler or a metal bowl over simmering water, whisk egg yolks, cream, lemon juice, and mustard until blended. Cook until mixture is just thick enough to coat a metal spoon and temperature reaches 160° whisking constantly. Reduce heat to very low. Very slowly drizzle in warm melted butter, whisking constantly. Serve sauce immediately with casserole, add chopped chives if desired.

Tips:

-To thin the hollandaise, add more lemon juice or a splash of water. To thicken, add more melted butter.

-You can store leftovers covered in the fridge

for 2-3 days.

- You can also add asparagus, different cheeses, nutmeg or other forms of protein to the eggs benedict. I for example love smoked salmon.

Blueberry French Toast

Prep: 30m + Chilling
Bake: 55m Serves: 6

12 slices day-old white bread, crusts removed (or bread of your choice, I like sourdough or brioche)

2 packages cream cheese

1c fresh or frozen blueberries

12 large eggs, lightly beaten

2c of 2% milk

1/3c maple syrup

Sauce:

1 c sugar

1 c water

2 tbsp cornstarch

1 tsp lemon juice

1 c fresh or frozen blueberries

1 tbsp butter

Method:

- Cut bread into 1" cubes, place half in a greased 13x9" baking dish. Cut cream cheese into 1" cubes and place over bread. Top with blueberries and remaining bread cubes.

-Whisk the eggs, milk, and syrup in a large bowl. Pour over bread mixture. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

- Remove from refrigerator for 30m before baking. Preheat oven to 350° and bake, covered for 30m. Uncover and bake for 25-30 more minutes until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.

- Combine sugar, water, cornstarch, lemon juice in a small saucepan until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook, stirring until thickened, 3m. Stir in blueberries and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until berries burst, 8-10m. Remove from heat, stir in butter and serve with French toast casserole.

Tip:

- If using frozen blueberries, do not thaw.

- You can opt for 1 package of cream cheese and increase the amount of blueberries if you wish.

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- Royal Canadian Legion hot dog lunch at Noon

- A.N.A.F. meat draw - 6 pm

Mudmen concert at the Town Hall - doors open 7:30 pm, show at 8 pm

- St. Marys Lincolns vs Leamington Flyers at the PRC - 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 1

- Town of St. Marys open house at the former Mercury Theatre building, 14 Church St N - 9 to 11 am

- Royal Canadian Legion meat draw - 5 pm

Sunday, April 2

- Purple Hill Special Opry Show - 2 pm

Monday, April 3

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- What do bees do with their honey? What happens to the duck who flies upside down?
- They cell it. He quacks up
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Word List

- Cookbook club
- Kids Trivia
- Book club
- Storytime
- Spice club
- Movie in the park
- Writing club
- Earlyon Visit
- Play and read
- Kayak rentals
- Living library events



The Riddle Kid OF THE WEEK

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Melany Smith (10)

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Another member of the Young family is LUCY, an 11 1/2 yr old domestic short hair who loves napping in her condo by the living room window in the morning sun, chasing that annoying little red dot (laser pointer) around the house and curling up with her humans for extra long cuddles.



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COLUMN —

HOSTING UKRAINE: Seniors

By VJ Knutson

“My children want me to move close to them.” It’s a common topic of conversation for seniors. My own daughter has suggested I could live in an apartment “just around the corner” and “pop by anytime.” Sounds ideal...for her.

Those of us of a certain age, have re-established ourselves post careers and raising children. We have found interests, joined clubs, become active in our church or volunteer work, and built a friendly community of supports. Uprooting to live closer to our children, while it appeals at a heart level, means giving up a lot.

At the same time, there is the recognition that our energy, our health, and our capabilities are waning, and it begs the question: What comes next? Fear is a natural response.

Throw in the complication of war, and I can only imagine the decision-making process is even more riddled with ‘what ifs’. Five seniors have made the choice of immigrating to our area. Two alone, three with family. From this Grandmother’s perspective, it’s a brave and inspiring act.

Bonnie and Chuck Forron, in Granton, have recently welcomed their second Ukrainian family, consisting of Mom Iryna, son Maksym, and Grandma Liudmyla. Anticipating their arrival, Bonnie did much research into how to help her aging guest. Would her drugs be covered? It appears so. Would she have access to Old Age Security? No. Ontario Works offers some monies, but it is minimal and must be re-applied for often.

Bonnie writes of Liudmyla that “she was a head chef before retiring.” She decided to accompany her daughter to Canada to assist with childcare. I know it couldn’t have been an easy choice. But Liudmyla, like so many others, is making the best of her new life, and the Forrons are benefitting. “She spends several hours a day trying to learn English and



spoiling us with delicious meals and treats.” (Photo displays one of her creations)

Another Liudmyla has joined her daughter and grandson in Exeter. Heidi and Harold’s current guest family have brought their mom along as well. Recently, Bonnie arranged for the seniors to meet for coffee at the Snapping Turtle. Lesia stopped by after her shift at the Independent.

Lesia, like the other Liudmyla, who has been hosted twice in St Marys, came on their own.

“Do you think your mom will ever come?” I ask another Ukrainian family. The response is a hard no. She is too set in her ways, they say.

Meanwhile, at our house, Lesia and I continue to knit, and have recently started painting together. She is taking English classes five times a week. Last weekend, we took her into London for the Food Handling Course.

“Look at all you are doing,” I remarked the other day. Lesia smiled broadly. If anyone had told me I’d move to another continent and do the things I’m doing at my age, I wouldn’t have believed them, she communicated through the Google Translate app. We both laughed.

No kidding. Not sure I’d be as positive about it all as she is, but then, that is the thing about having lived this long: most of us have had to re-create ourselves at some point. Some challenges more taxing than others, of course.

Till next time.

(Correction to ESL class schedule: Monday evening classes with Barb are by request only. Call Barb ahead of time if you would like to attend. Wednesday and Friday classes will continue as drop-in and Lorna will be present to work with beginners. Location: St Marys Presbyterian Church, 147 Widder St E.)

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COLUMN —

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By Laura McAsh, St. Marys Public Library

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This Week's Recommendation

Easter is just around the corner which means that

our Easter books are back in circulation. One of our favourite titles is "The Easter Egg" by Jan Brett. This delightful story follows a young rabbit named Hoppi who gets inspired by fellow artists as he prepares to decorate his first-ever Easter egg. As with all of Jan Brett's books, the illustrations are truly gorgeous and will leave you wanting to take in every exquisite detail. You can find "The Easter Egg" in our Easter display by the Queen Street entrance.

Up This Week

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Tuesday, Apr. 4th: Open 10:30am-8:00pm

Wednesday, Apr. 5th: Play and Read (9:30am), Mah-jong! (2:00pm), Writing Club (6:00pm)

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Annis

I wish to thank my family, friends and neighbours, for your kind condolences, flowers, cards, phone calls, gifts and hugs. A special thank you to the pallbearers that helped make Ken's last journey so peaceful.

Special thank you to my neighbour Gord for keeping my driveway clear from snow. Another thank you to Ken and my friend Allen for driving us around for the last 2 1/2 years.

Also thank you to Pastor Doug Loveday and Andrew Hodges Funeral Home. Thank you all again for making my lonely time a little easier to get through. Another special thank you to my brother for coming from England to be with me at this sad time.

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LOOKING BACK



BY AMY CUBBERLEY

Car caught down under

25 years ago (1998)

A total of \$3,925 was raised from the February 28 Sno-Pitch tournament in St. Marys and has been donated to Ronald McDonald House in London. The Seahawks and MacIn-drivers men's slow pitch teams sponsor the popular tournament each winter. Representing the two teams at last week's cheque presentation were Gary Near, Steve Jackson, Glenn Bailey, Mark Turner, Dave Near, and Matt Walsh.

The recent addition of a designated smoking area in the parking lot at St. Marys DCVI has been a success thus far, according to both the principal and some students. In 1995 the provincial government passed legislation making it illegal to smoke on school property. This resulted in many students congregating at the James Street curb, causing visibility problems for anyone trying to exit the parking lot. The Town recently leased a section of land from the school for the purpose of creating a safer smoking area for staff and students.

Australian visitor Matt Bradshaw had some tough luck on Saturday. While he and a friend were canoeing from Mitchell to St. Marys, a wind and rain storm hit, toppling a tree onto his car which was parked at the Flats. Some local good Samaritans helped out, however, and he was able to drive the car to Toronto to catch a plane back to Australia. He and his hosts, the Slaters, were grateful for the assistance.

50 years ago (1973)

Eight new homes in the first cul-de-sac for Trifid Developments on the former Sparling farm, East Ward, are expected to be completed by June. Seven building permits have been issued for the area, to be known as Ethel Court, with the eighth to be issued in the near future.

Hosing off the dusty sidewalks has been the practice started again this past week by several downtown storekeepers.

Edward Joseph Schmidt, Ancaster, began duties as a Constable with the St. Marys Police Department on Wednesday. Const. Schmidt has several years experience in municipal police work and is married with one daughter.

Tracey Stollery has returned to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sgariglia, following a knee operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, London.

75 years ago (1948)

Snowdrops appeared in at least one local garden this week.

Small streams of this district are filled with suckers and other fish going upstream to spawn.

The bicycle craze has seized the younger generation as it always does in springtime. Children should be warned about the dangers of dodging and other perplexing antics on the streets, the causes of many grey hairs among motorists.

The suggestion of having the town dumping grounds moved to the North Ward was too much for the citizens on the frosty side of this bailiwick and they wasted no time in getting a petition circulating against such a proposed move.

100 years ago (1923)

Of all the successful banquets held in the Stone Town for some years, the Board of Trade function in the Windsor Hotel on Thursday evening easily ranks first. Not only was the number of guests largely increased, but the programme was exceptionally interesting and provided everyone present with ample enjoyment.

The merchants of the town attended a meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday morning to discuss the matter of Wednesday half-holidays. After a lively discussion as to whether five or six months' holidays should be adopted, it was finally decided to continue the same as last year, namely during May, June, July, August and September.

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OBITUARY

McIntosh



It is with overwhelming sadness we announce the passing of Terry Wayne McIntosh at the Stratford General Hospital in his 69th year after a brief time of illness.

A loving and dedicated father to Travis McIntosh and Brittany McIntosh (Bill Kaczor). Sadly, he was predeceased

by son Wesley McIntosh. Much loved son of Laurine McIntosh (nee Cooke) and the late Oliver McIntosh both lifetime residents of Fullarton Township.

Terry will be greatly missed by his sisters Cathy Graham (Joe), Karen (Shelley M.) and Mary Ellen McIntosh as well as brothers Doug (Donna) and David McIntosh. His aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family in the United States as well as by the many people whose lives he touched will also miss him.

He had many professions in his life. Being a graduate of Centralia Agricultural College in Exeter, Terry started his path on the farm and eventually found his passion in the financial world as an advisor. He was a dedicated employee with a strong work ethic and fully enjoyed what he did and those he met in his day.

His adventurous spirit led him to travel many places around the world, golf a FEW courses and even take up curling of late. Terry loved the beach and sound of the ocean as his many travels often brought him to these places.

Visitation will be held at St. Marys United Church, 85 Church Street South, St. Marys on Monday, April 3, 2023 from 1 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 2 pm with Pastor Frank Struth officiating. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. Interment in Avonbank Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association or the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARY

Cathcart



Aveleigh Cathcart (nee Kneitl), passed away peacefully at Jessica's House Hospice in Exeter, Ontario, March 24, 2023 in her 90th year. Aveleigh was the beloved wife of Robert for 65 years.

Aveleigh is survived by her children David (Lynn) and Jean Byrnes, grandchildren

Nicole (Josh) Ritter, Michelle (Johnnie) Stribbell, Nathan (Natalie) Byrnes, John (Nicole) Cathcart, Ryan (Sarah) Byrnes, Laurel (Tomislav) Gavran, Logan (Riley) Byrnes, and Graham Byrnes. Aveleigh was a proud Great Nana to 7 great-grandchildren. Survived also by brother John (Marilyn) Kneitl of Rockwood, Ontario.

Aveleigh was born in Stratford and raised her family in Stoney Creek, retiring in St. Marys. She was a life long member of IODE and the Church of the Redeemer in Stoney Creek. Cremation has taken place. An entombment of ashes at the Avondale Cemetery in Stratford, Ontario will take place at a later date.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sarah Donaldson, the Nurses of Care Partners, and the professional staff at Jessica's House Hospice for all the care and support shown to Bob, Ave and family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SickKids. Arrangements with the Andrew L. Hodges Funeral Home, St. Marys with online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.

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

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1)Mercury and Venus.
- 2)Pennsylvania
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- 4)The Shining
- 5)John Ronald Reuel
- 6)Don Quixote
- 7)Tesla
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