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OPP report one of the deadliest Civic Day weekends in recent history

OPP Investigate 16 Deaths, Most Preventable

From vehicle occupants and motorcyclists, to boaters and swimmers, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) worked around the clock over the Civic Day Long Weekend investigating numerous tragic deaths that occurred during a wide range of transportation and recreation activities on roads and waterways.

By midnight on Monday, August 3, a total of nine people had lost their lives on OPP-patrolled roads. An additional six people drowned and one person died in a boating incident on waterways within OPP jurisdiction.

Of the nine people who died in road crashes, three of them were travelling in one vehicle and four by motorcycle. One was a cyclist and the other a pedestrian. In the fatal car crash, all three vehicle occupants - all in their twenties – were killed.

In one of the motorcycle crashes, both the 59 year-old driver and his 61 year-old passenger died. While OPP investigations are ongoing, initial reports reveal that at least two of the deceased motorcyclists were driving properly at the time of the incident.

Investigations into the weekend's drowning incidents revealed that all six of the victims were males and three of them were youths.

The marine fatality occurred after a canoe carrying two males capsized. Neither of the men was wearing a personal floatation device at the time.

Over and above tending to the weekend's numerous tragic incidents, OPP officers also kept busy on roads conducting education and enforcement of Ontario's Move Over law.

OPP marine officers also took part in Operation Dry Water, an annual education and enforcement campaign aimed at raising awareness of the dangers associated with operating a marine vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Pictured are Tawnya and Robbie of The Shananigans, who performed a blend of Irish, Scottish and East Coast folk rock for an assembled crowd of over 75 on the front lawn of the St. Marys Museum Wednesday evening. It was the first of four nights planned in the 2015 Melodies at the Museum series, which continues for the next three Wednesdays. Phil Ruthig performs next, on Aug. 12, followed by Lindsey Burns Aug. 19 and Diana Bryans Aug. 26. Bring a lawn chair or stretch out on a blanket for one of these shows beginning at 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation. In the event of inclement weather, the show will go on inside St. James Anglican Church (65 Church Street South).

Collision results in charges

On Saturday Aug. 1, shortly after 10:00 pm, Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Church St. South and St. Maria St. in St. Marys.

The investigation revealed that a Chrysler automobile travelling north bound on Church St. South, was T-boned within the intersection of St. Maria St. by an eastbound Chevrolet automobile. The occupants of both vehicles did not sustain injuries. Church St. South is a through roadway with traffic on St. Maria St being controlled by a yield sign.

The male driver of the Chevrolet was found to have consumed alcoholic beverages and failed a roadside breath test. He was transported to the Perth County OPP Detachment in Sebringville where he also failed Intoxilyzer breath tests.

22-year-old Brendan Near of St. Marys has been charged with "driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in blood," contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. He has also been charged with "fail to yield to traffic on through highway," contrary to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario. He has a court appearance scheduled for the Ontario Court of Justice in Stratford on Sept. 8, where he will have to answer to the charges.

His driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days and his motor vehicle has been impounded for a period of seven days.

Maple Lane Park holds first annual fundraiser BBQ

By Dan Rankin

A growing community on the west side of St. Marys celebrated the August long weekend with games and a barbecue Sunday while raising money for the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation in what organizers hope will become an annual tradition. Through donations and a silent auction, Maple Lane Park residents and other attendees raised $300 Sunday, but they estimate some subsequent additional funding will push their total as high as $700.

Norm Belanger, president of the Maple Lane Park residents committee said downtown businesses were very generous in donating gifts for the day, which began around 1:30 pm Sunday, including silent auction and door prize items. "We had some really good support from downtown," Belanger said. "Hopefully it will grow and get better and better every year."

That the inhabitants of the 25 residential units in Maple Lane Park wanted to hold a larger event this summer is

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Sally Says

"August creates as she slumbers, replete and satisfied."
~ Joseph Wood Krutch

August is a month near and dear to my heart. Things usually come to a bit of stall in August. I think of it as a forced rest. The gardens at this time of year are out of my hands. Other than searching for the odd weed that may have poked through the mulch, there really isn't too much to do in the garden, except enjoy the results of the season's earlier labours. If anything, I find myself trimming back trees or shrubs, or as my neighbour up the road says, "I see you are reverse gardening.". I suppose it is reverse gardening. Once you have established perennials, in order to keep them looking neat and tidy, you may have to trim back the odd wayward branch or stem, or divide them, though spring is the best time to divide perennials, so that is one labour that can wait.

In rural areas, evidence of maturing crops is everywhere at this time of year. Road side stands manned or unmanned start popping up at farms near and far. We stop on occasion if something catches our eye, but we do have a couple of favourites we drive to intentionally to buy fresh corn. In fact, we had our first fresh corn on the cob of the season last weekend. It was exactly as I remembered. Sweet and tender. More strawberries are available too at a garden centre not far from St. Marys. We enjoyed some of those on Tuesday evening. They did not disappoint.

Zucchinis have been donated to the food bank this past week. Just a few, but it's the beginning of fresh produce season. We are so grateful to everyone who takes the time to drop off produce this time of year. Your donations are very much appreciated by the clients of the food bank. We are so happy to be able to give out fresh items to our families.

August is also traditionally "back to school ad" month. We've already seen ads on TV, heard them on the radio and of course the copious amounts of flyers being tucked into our mailboxes that shout out "Back to School"! We are pleased that Scotiabank has offered to be a drop off depot for donated backpacks this year. Thank you Scotiabank! I think we may only need about 20 to 25 backpacks this year. Anyone wishing to donate a new backpack or school supplies can drop off a gender neutral backpack at the Scotiabank during their business hours or at the Salvation Army Church. If you are dropping off at the Salvation Army, please call first to be sure someone is there to take the donation, or you can place the donation in the donation bin on the second level of the church. Thank you to all the generous people out there who continue to show their support. We cannot do it alone.

I hate to mention it, but likely before the end of this month, I will be posting Christmas toy drive and food drive deadlines. I find each year that we seem to need the donated items in earlier and earlier. It is a very big job for us to go through each application and pack not only the food, but toys as well. We distribute hampers usually a week before Christmas, and before then, we need to have donated items in so that we can sort through them and try to match them up to the children's wish lists. If you or your group or company are planning on having a food or toy drive, please keep in mind that we need toys brought in a least two to three weeks prior to our distribution dates (which usually means no later than the first week of December). I will be publishing the food/toy drive deadlines along with our distribution dates shortly. We are truly blessed that so many people step forward each year to help us make Christmas memorable for families who are less fortunate. Thank you, and my apologies for bringing up Christmas so early in the year, however, at the Salvation Army, it is never too early to start planning Christmas work.

Wishing everyone a splendid weekend.

Blessings

Sally Ann

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Senior of the Week



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If you would like to nominate someone for Senior of the Week, Contact us at 284-0041 (phone), 284-0042 (fax), or info@stmarysindependent.com.

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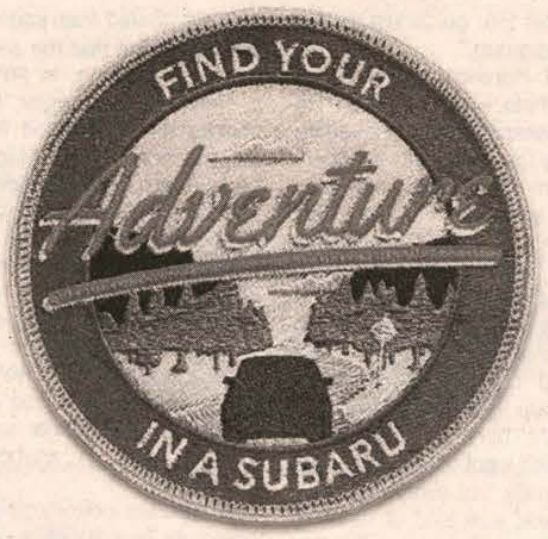


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DCVI student's return flight from Italy takes emergency detour to Dublin

By Dan Rankin

In August 2001, Air Transat Flight 236 from Toronto to Lisbon suffered a complete power loss while flying over the Atlantic Ocean. Canadian pilot Captain Robert Piché was able to glide the plane safely to a landing at Lajes airport in the Azores, saving all 306 people aboard – mainly Canadian tourists. There's even a Wikipedia page on the incident.

Last month, a group of Avon Maitland District secondary school students who had just spent over two weeks touring Italy unknowingly stepped onto that very same aircraft for their return flight from Rome to Toronto. The result was remarkably similar to that flight over a decade ago, with mechanical issues forcing Air Transat Flight 315 to conduct an emergency landing on July 17, this time in Dublin. On board the plane were 313 passengers and 12 crew members.

DCVI student Regan Mitchell, 17, was one of the students aboard the flight. "After the emergency landing I saw an article about it, and the same plane had had problems before," she said. "I should not have read that article because it made me even more scared."

Prior to the rather unexpected detour, Mitchell said it had essentially been a dream trip to Italy, which was conducted through the Avon Maitland school board, organized by Northwestern teacher Paul Finkelstein. "I just heard about it one day and I've always wanted to go to Italy, so I signed up," she said. "We got an interdisciplinary studies credit for it."

The group left for Italy June 28 and, ushered around the country by Weka Travel, saw Siena, Pisa, Florence, Venice, Frascati, Rome and Vatican City. "We went all over," she said, expressing gratitude for the organization of their tour guides. "At the tower in Pisa, people were waiting in line, but we had tickets so got to go right up. In Rome, when we saw the Coliseum, we had our personal tour guide just for our little group."

But Florence, the so-called birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, was her favourite. "Our tour guide was a student from the States who goes to school in Florence, and she's studying Renaissance Art," she said. "She knew everything."

But good things have a tendency of coming to an end, and on July 17 Mitchell's group got ready for their flight back to Canada. "I didn't want to go home, personally, but everyone else I guess was kind of ready to go home," she said. But that would be easier said than done.

According to Mitchell, "Four hours into the flight, there was a really strong smell of burning plastic."

"It was right after they started serving us food, so I thought they might have just burnt a plastic bowl or something," she said. After the seat belt sign came on, a fellow passenger asked a flight atten-

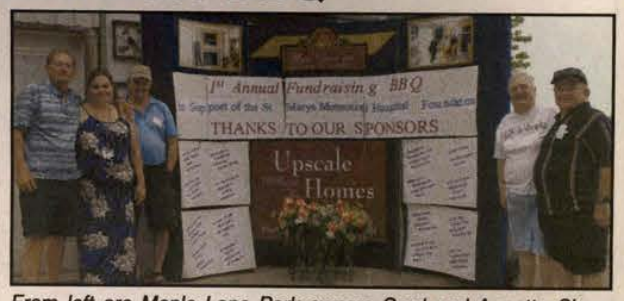
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another signal that the community is growing. In 2012, a New Horizons grant for seniors helped expand the activity room of the Maple Lane Park Centre (Building #30 at 25 Thames Road) and made possible the installation of two bathrooms, including a wheelchair accessible bathroom. "We did a lot of improvements in here and since then we've had a lot more activities going on here," Belanger said. "They're open to anybody around town."

That includes indoor walking exercises Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am, a coffee and refreshment hour Wednesday mornings followed by euchre, $10 dinners provided by the Friendship Centre on the First Wednesday of every month, free Movie Nights beginning at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of every month, and free open games nights on the second Saturday of every month. "Mostly the guys like to play euchre, but we've also got a dartboard and shuffleboard," he said. "One of our members also teaches scrap-booking, and there's a monthly pot luck. There are plans to have a canasta day this fall."



From left are Maple Lane Park owners Gord and Annette Sharp, Norm Belanger, president of the Maple Lane Park residents committee, and Pat and Jerome Henry, members of the committee and Maple Lane Park residents. Over 30 people came out to Maple Lane Park Sunday for a day of games, prizes and a barbecue.

Belanger's eyes light up when discussing further plans for the centre, which include installing a new TV that would permit residents to play game like Wii Bowling, as well as connect to Skype to let them reach out to other seniors communities in the area or as far away as Florida where some Maple Lane Park residents spend the winter.

Further plans include the addition of more residential units and building a specialized maintenance building, which will allow the centre to take over the current adjoining garage and maintenance facility to transform it into a games room. "We'd move the card tables, shuffleboard and dart board over there and maybe put in a pool table," he said. "That would be just games over there and then the current space here we could use for meetings or conferences."

Mayor Al Strathdee and his wife Gloria, who were at the park's Christmas party in December, attended the barbecue Sunday afternoon. "They're growing and they're getting involved in the community," Mayor Strathdee said. "Now they're trying to raise some money for the hospital too, which always helps. It's very good for the town."

For more information about Maple Lane Park visit their website MapleLanePark.ca, call Belanger at 226-661-0142 or email him at ncobelanger@rogers.com.

Locals spring into action after fledgling osprey becomes tethered to nest



The bird, brought safely to the ground, has its leg untangled from a mess of twine and netting. Photo submitted by Pam Mulholland.

By Dan Rankin

Anyone who has taken in a ball game at the Hall of Fame's Rotary Field in the past few years will be familiar with the large nest perched atop the light standard in right field as well as its inhabitants, a family of ospreys – fish-eating birds of prey that were featured on Canadian $10 bills from 1989 to 2001.

One St. Marys resident who has taken particular interest in the family of birds is Herman Veenendaal, a self-described "lifelong birdwatcher and photographer." For over a month with the help of some long-lens camera equipment, Veenendaal had been observing the latest brood of three osprey chicks in their diamond-side home. Thanks to the fast-acting of Veenendaal and some others, one of those young birds will get to enjoy many more baseball games from the comfort of their 500-level nest.

"I go there a couple of times a week to take pictures as they progress," he said, noting that this is the third year the birds have nested at Rotary Field. Around July 24, he began to see the young birds testing out their wings, flapping them and lifting off as high as a foot off the nest before setting back down. By July 28, two of them had begun going out for solo flights but, three days later, he noticed that the third appeared to be struggling to leave the nest.

"The third one was trying to fly, lifting off the nest as far as he could and his left leg was coming up, but there was clearly something tugging on his right leg," he said. "Through my long lens I could see it was something green, and I knew there was a lot of green twine in the nest."

Green binder twine and some netting the bird's mother had used to bed its nest had become tangled all the way around the fledgling's right leg, preventing it from moving around its nest.

"I watched the same thing happen over a two-hour period," Veenendaal said. "It kept trying and couldn't take flight. He was just stuck in place. I thought, 'This is not good. That bird is not going to make it'."

Veenendaal headed home on the evening of July 31 to call his friend Douglas Fread, a committee member with the Hall of Fame. Veenendaal also emailed Fread a zoomed-in photo he'd taken showing the twine tangled around the bird's leg. Fread forwarded the photo to local electrical contractor Andy Forman to find out if it would be possible to gain access to a lift truck to put someone up in the nest to give that young osprey a helping hand. From there, Forman started making some phonecalls.

The next day, Brian Salt, of the Mount Brydges-based Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre, was at the Hall of Fame, surveying the situation. The last thing Salt wanted was to have a run-in with the young bird's very territorial parents. "On other rescues we've done, we've been dive-bombed by parents who are just protecting their baby," Salt said. "Even though we have the best of intentions, they see us a predator. Those talons are almost as big as a bald eagle's, as far as length is concerned. They can do a fair amount of damage."

But for the time being, Salt said, the parents appeared to both

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The Week Ahead

Friday, August 7

Exeter Ram Rodeo – See the ad on Pg 21 for a full schedule of events

Saturday, August 8

Exeter Ram Rodeo – See the ad on Pg 21 for a full schedule of events

ANAF Outdoor Bavarian Garden & Elimination Draw – Noon – 11:00 pm

Sunday, August 9

Exeter Ram Rodeo – See the ad on Pg 21 for a full schedule of events

St. Marys United Church Worship Service – 10:30 am *(See ad on page 26)*

Living Rock Worship Service at Grace Community Church – 3:00 pm *(See ad on page 26)*

Ron & Laurene Smith Anniversary Celebration at Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre – 2:00 – 5:00 pm *(See ad on page 23)*

Monday, August 10

Parkview Creamery Quiz Night – 7:00 pm *(See ad on page 16)*

Tuesday, August 11

St. Marys Ministerial Ass'n Evening of Scripture, Song & Reflection at the Gazebo in the park at James St N & Timms Lane – 7:00 – 8:00 pm (weather permitting) *(See ad on page 23)*

Wednesday, August 12

Melodies at the Museum – Live music on the front lawn of the St. Marys Museum – 7:00 – 9:00 pm

An apology to our readers:

As many of you were right to point out, our last issue (July 31) was rife with typographical errors. Three stories (on pages 4, 8 and 11) made it through our usually diligent copy-editing process containing not merely single spelling mistakes but containing some serious flaws that made them frankly impossible to understand. This wasn't a result of factual errors or bad reporting, but a technical glitch caused by a Google Chrome update that occurred during our production last week. Still, it's no excuse for us not detecting and correcting the errors that appeared last week, and for that, we are sorry. We can and will do better in the future.

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LOCAL NEWS

Perth County OPP statistics for long weekend

The results for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Civic Day Long Weekend traffic initiative which ran from July 31 – Aug. 3, are in for Perth County as well as all other areas of the province.

Although we have seen tragedies in some areas of the province, Perth County has been fortunate to avoid any major incidents. The Perth County OPP only investigated 3 minor property damage collisions on Perth County roads. (Two of these collisions were due to some extreme weather).

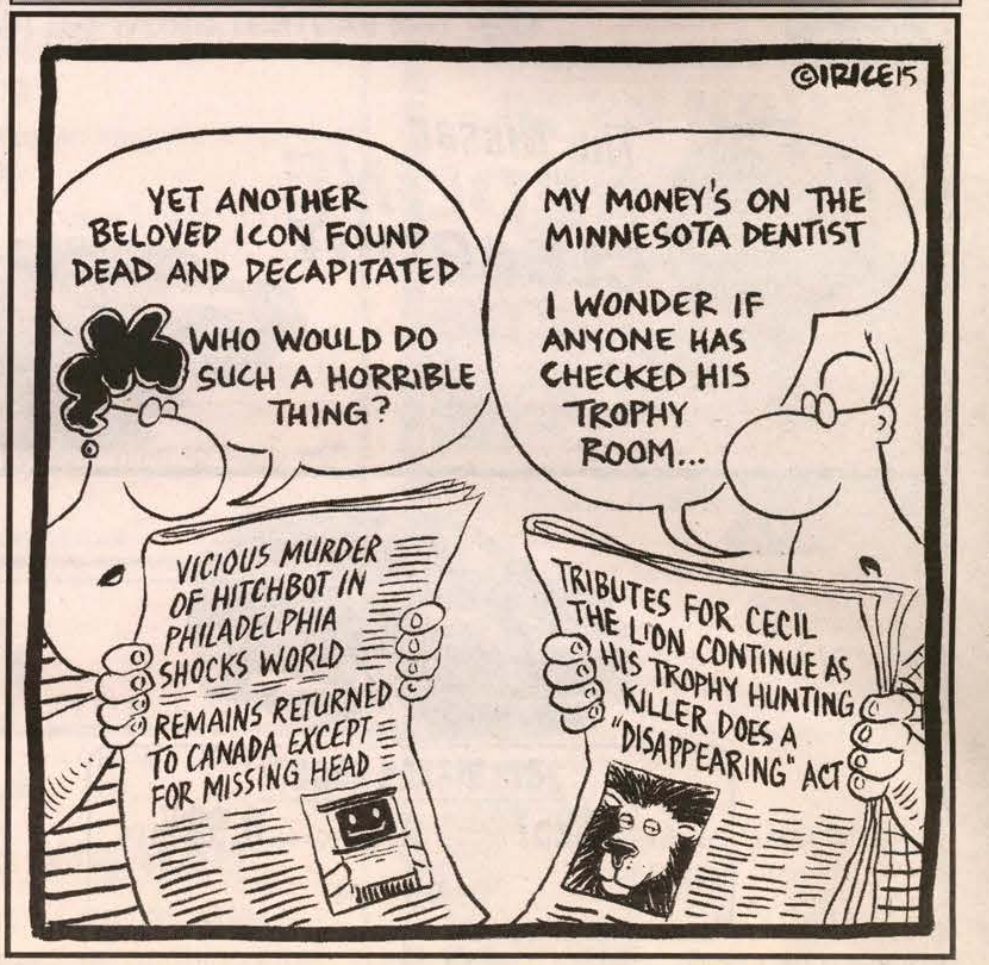
Perth County OPP officers, in addition to increased calls for service on the holiday weekend, were able to focus their remaining time conducting traffic education and enforcement.

The following are some Perth County OPP traffic statistics:

- 15 Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere (RIDE) programs were conducted.
- 1 Driver was charged for "over 80"
- 5 Motorists were charged with, fail to move over-emergency vehicle.
- 168 Speeding charges were issued
- 3 Racing charges (50 km over the posted speed limit)
- 2 Seatbelt charges
- 3 Distracted driving charges
- 13 Moving violations
- 24 Other Highway Traffic Act charges
- 6 Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act charges

"Our officers worked extremely hard over this Civic Holiday Weekend as the numbers indicate. By concentrating on locations where we have identified traffic issues in the past, especially on long weekends, our officers conducted "targeted patrols". One area where they concentrated their time was along the Perth County corridors heavily travelled by cottage and beach users. We will continue this strategy throughout the summer in an attempt to keep Perth County roads as safe as possible." Inspector Steve Porter Perth County OPP

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The Independent THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

The cure for insomnia is to get more sleep.

Everyone should have a spouse, because there are a number of things that go wrong that one can't blame on the government.

One of the life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make a person gain five pounds.

You know you're into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

Bravo

We have 3 Bravos submitted this week. (1) Bravo to the two ladies who helped me catch my dogs on James St. S Friday morning after they ran out the front door. Thank you!
(2) Bravo to Todd at Town Facilities for the immediate and prompt response to clean up of glass fragments across 3 storefronts on Water Street at Queen. All four legged buddies thank you as do the wearers of summer footwear.
(3) Bravo to the finally completed repairs to the library stairs and to the stripping and staining of library doors. They both look awesome.

Bravos and Boos are submitted by community members and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the St. Marys Independent
*Please note all Boos and Bravos must be signed in order to be considered.

Boo

We have 5 Boos submitted. (1) To the house on Queen St. for displaying a confederate flag prominently in their window. How ignorant and racist. Your window is seen by everyone driving through town and I think it's disgraceful. It gives a terrible impression to visitors and is generally awful - take it down.
(2) My Boo is in regards to the residents in St. Marys who allow their cats to run amok in the neighborhood. I do not mind cats as they are very cuddly, But, I do not appreciate it when I go out to my flower beds and end up with an extremely nasty hand full of kitty dodo.
(3) A Boo to those who take their dogs out for a walk, please pick up your doggy poop. Be a responsible pet owner. (4) A Boo to the couple on Elgin St. W. who consistently water their lawn for hours on end. You should be ashamed of yourselves as there is a shortage of water world wide and you are using this natural resource foolishly. (5) A Boo goes to the person who threw their alcohol boxes all down Emily Street late Wednesday night. This was very inconsiderate and I'm sure there are accessible recycling locations that would be a better option.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values: they're hobbies."

~ Jon Stewart

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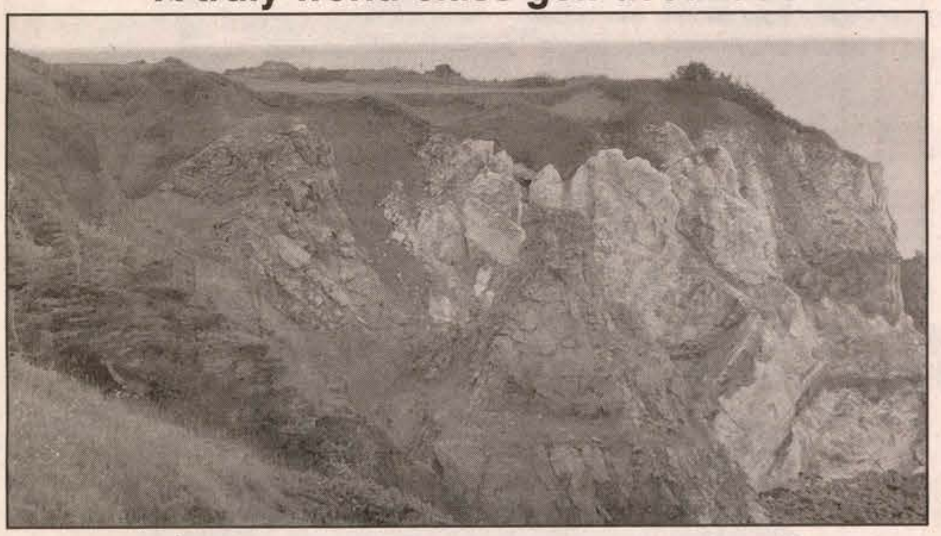


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OUT AND ABOUT: A TRAVEL FEATURE

Cabot Cliffs Golf Course

A truly world-class golf destination is created in Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island



The 16th hole, a breathtaking 176 yard par 3



The 18th hole, a challenging 528 yard par 5

By Stewart Grant

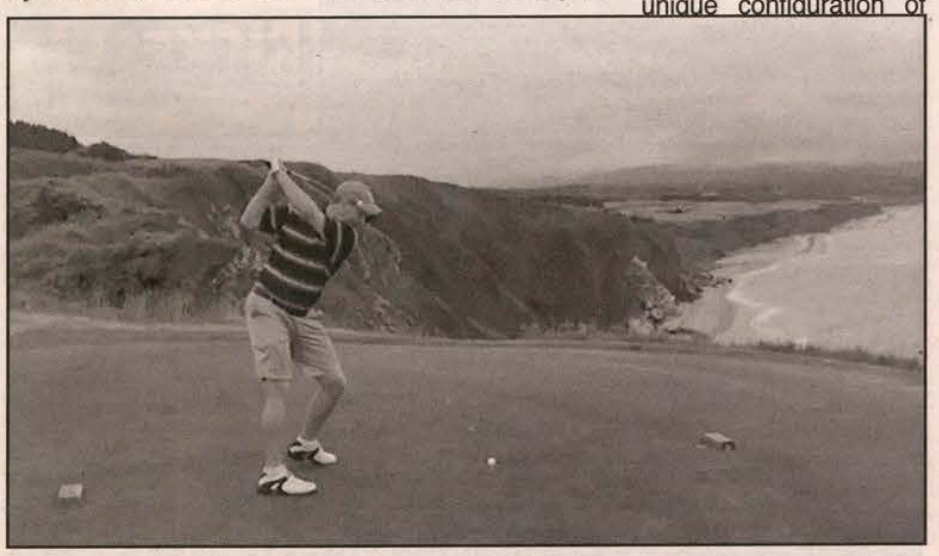
INVERNESS, NOVA SCOTIA - Even casual golfers can rhyme off many of the world's greatest courses: Pebble Beach, St. Andrews, and Augusta National are three that come to mind. This month, I had the opportunity to travel to Inverness, Nova Scotia to play a public golf course that someday may also be considered one of the top 10 greatest golf courses in the world: Cabot Cliffs.

Three years ago, developer Mike Keiser put the village of Inverness, NS on the map with the introduction of Cabot Links golf course, a true links-style seaside course that was instantly recognized by critics as one of the nation's finest. This was Keiser's next big splash in golf following the creation of the acclaimed golf resort at Bandon Dunes in Oregon (which features FOUR of the Greatest 100 Golf Courses in America according to Golf Digest).

When explaining his logic for building multiple golf courses in one location, Keiser has been quoted as saying, "One course is a curiosity, two is a destination." With this month's opening of the second course in Inverness, Cabot Cliffs, what a destination he has created, indeed.

Cabot Cliffs was built on some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the world, with 100-foot cliffs falling to the ocean below. Keiser brought in the world-class design team of Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, whose impressive portfolio of past courses include Sand Hills in Nebraska, Streamsong Resort in Florida, Friar's Head in New York, Kapalua Plantation Course in Hawaii, and Bandon Trails at the Bandon Dunes Resort in Oregon.

Great architects are able to find holes within the land provided, and nowhere in their past experience had Coore & Crenshaw seen such a spectacular piece of land as that found at Cabot Cliffs. After scouting out more than 100 potential golf holes on the property, the design team ultimately settled on a unique configuration of 18 holes comprised of 6 par-threes, 6 par-fours, and 6 par-fives. The topography allowed for great variety in the types of holes at Cabot Cliffs, such as the "Dell" par-3 6th with the green hidden within a group of sand dunes, or the intriguing par-4 13th which features a large hill directly in front of the green which toys with the minds of first-time visitors. Throughout the golf course, there are stunning views of the ocean and thrilling and unique challenges. The layout feels completely world-class even before you reach the final three holes that will ultimately be the Cliffs' signature:



The 17th hole, a 331 yard par 4

#16, par-3, 176 yards (or 148 yards from the green tees) – Offices throughout the world feature pictures and artwork of the par-3 12th at Augusta and the par-3 16th at Cypress Point. Add this hole to the future list of the most celebrated par-3's in golf. At the 16th, the golfer has the thrill of hitting from one cliff over a chasm across to another cliff with a 100-foot drop to the ocean below.

#17, par-4, 331 yards (or 277 yards from the green tees) – The golfer is presented with the bold choice of challenging the cliff for an opportunity to catch a downhill slope and drive the green for an eagle putt, or to take an iron and play it safe to the left.

#18, par-5, 528 yards (or 509 yards from the green tees) – A potentially-reachable par-5 with the ocean challenging throughout the right-hand side.

Cabot Cliffs is open for only limited play in 2015 and reservations are difficult to make due to the large amount of press that the course has received. However, a trip to Cape Breton Island next year to play Cabot Cliffs, Cabot Links, and Highland Links (a Stanley Thompson-designed classic in Ingonish, NS) would be a great idea for any golfer who enjoys to play some of the best courses that the world can offer.



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Independent Shorts

• Past and present clients of Bob Smibert's Fitness Studio are invited to drop by the studio between 4:00 pm-7:00 pm this evening to catch up with Bob and Nina, who are back in St. Marys on a summer vacation.

• The 2015 edition of Evan's Touch The Truck has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 at Milt Dunnell Field, to run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fifth annual event is just over a month away and will be fun for the whole family, with a wide array of vehicles big and small – from riding lawn mowers to big rigs – on display to explore. A barbecue, draws and silent auction are also planned, along with a "Little Drivers Zone" and "Art Car." September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and all proceeds from the event will go towards Childcan, a London-based charity helping local families dealing with Childhood Cancer. Anyone interested in taking part in the event, through vehicle display or as a volunteer are invited to contact organizer Ashley Agar. More information, including how to donate a prize, can be found on the event's Facebook page.

• NASA scientists recently used a camera on their Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) satellite to photograph, for the first time, the dark side of the moon. Roger Waters must be so proud! The satellite orbits between the Sun and the Earth, gathering data on solar

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Nika's Nook



Pictured, from left, are Nika's Nook staff members Kathy Jones, Danielle Swan, proprietress Nika Simpson, Danielle Kennedy and Joana Lloyd.

Our Business of the Week is your local stop for healthy breakfasts and lunches, Nika's Nook, located at 83 Queen Street West in downtown St. Marys.

Proprietress Nika Simpson has known she wanted to run a restaurant since she was 18 years old. She pursued that dream and, in 1995, completed two programs at Fanshawe College for culinary management and hotel/restaurant management. While working at the Delta London Armouries Hotel, Nika met her husband and moved to St. Marys shortly thereafter. She opened up Nika's Nook in December 2012.

Simpson said she wants her customers to feel at home in her restaurant, because that's how she feels. "Everyone's comfortable," she said. "It's like my home, like you're coming into my home. Often, everyone in the whole restaruant is talking to one another, which I think is really unique."

Meals at Nika's are fresh and healthy, with a menu consisting of an all-you-can-eat salad bar, fresh-made soups of the day, sandwiches, loads of desserts and daily features that have recently included such delicious offerings as a Chicken Greek Feta Wrap with a soup or side salad for $10.95, and a vegetable quesadilla with salsa and sour cream and a side salad for the same price. Meals are eat-in or take-out, which Simpson said is a popular option for people looking to have a picnic by the Little Falls. For more information about Nika's, like them on Facebook, where the menu is posted daily.

The restaurant is open from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with breakfast items available before 11:00 am. Parking is plentiful nearby, in the Water Street or Opera House parking lots, or along Water Street.

Reservations are recommended for lunch, as seats tend to fill up fast. To place a reservation or make an order, call Nika's Nook at 519-284-3000.

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THIS WEEK IN AGRICULTURE

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Nuhn Industries celebrates employees at expansion grand opening, 100th lagoon crawler unveiling



By Dan Rankin

Speaking yesterday from Nuhn Industries' Sebringville headquarters before a crowd of over 300 people, the company's vice president Ian Nuhn described how their decision in August 2013 to improve upon one of their products led to a major milestone this week.

"As a company we had an idea," he said, standing before a conspicuous blue tent inside the company's recently completed 34,000 sq. ft. expansion. "We had the best mixer on the market; how could we make it better? We started with a blank computer screen, and 10 days later we built a fully working prototype."

The result, after several more months of testing and development, was the Nuhn Industries Lagoon Crawler, an 8,000 pound, remote-controlled amphibious pump designed for agitating large lagoons of manure. Reports online put the price of the machines around $150,000. "The first real crawler rolled off the line at the end of January 2014, and a year and a half later, we're unveiling unit 100," Nuhn said.

At this point, the lights in the assembly bay went dark, and the opening theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey" began to play. The blue tent was lifted up by one of the new shop's overhead cranes, and the 100th unit drove out as AC/DC's "Back in Black" aptly cut through the speakers.

The centennial crawler was painted all in black; a nod, Nuhn noted, to the fact that people frequently tell him the machine looks like the Batmobile.

Nuhn said that another reason for the gathering was the completion of the spacious new expansion that has increased the facility to an even 100,000 sq. ft. It includes four production bays for their machinery, and has relegated the former bay, rather congested in comparison, to a drying area for parts that have just rolled through the painting room.

The fuel tank on Unit 100 was covered in the signatures of the 85 Nuhn employees that make their pumps, crawlers and tanks, including the recently released "Electra-Steer" models, possible.

"There were a lot of late nights, a lot of blood, sweat and tears, and a lot of ups and downs," he said. "We couldn't have made it without the hard work of all the Nuhn Industries employees. We're really proud of what 85 guys in the middle of Sebringville can create."

The lagoon crawlers that have previously rolled off the line in Sebringville are in use at agricultural operations in Russia, China, across the United States, and more recently right here in Ontario.



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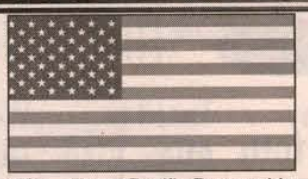
Canada – Post-secondary students in Newfoundland and Labrador are welcoming the elimination of provincial student loans as, beginning in the upcoming academic year, the provincial government has replaced them with non-repayable grants. The Atlantic province announced Saturday that the loan system would be eliminated, making them the first province to do so. It is expected to affect about 7,000 students. The new grants will cover 40 percent of the financial assistance students receive. Students will still be expected to pay back the remaining 60 percent of financial assistance that comes from the federal government. Eligible students in most fields will receive as much as $140 per week, or $2,380 per semester, while medical students could get as much as $200 per week. It became an issue during the last provincial election when each provincial party committed to the removal of the loans. It's widely accepted by the public who believe it will benefit the local economy. Student groups are expected to now turn to federal parties to support similar measures in October's election.



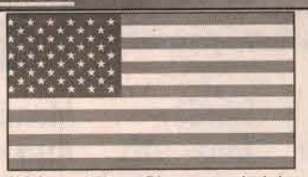
Canada – While Donald Trump and nine other Republican presidential hopefuls held the first GOP debate south of the border in Cleveland last night, Canada's federal party leaders were in Toronto for the first debate in their respective campaigns to become Prime Minister. It was the first federal debate as a party leader for both NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, as well as the first early confrontation of this especially long election. The next isn't until the middle of September. Speaking prior to the debate yesterday, official opposition leader Mulcair framed the election as "a choice between four more years of Stephen Harper or an extraordinary team of women and men dedicated to bringing positive change to Ottawa." The economy, trade and the C-51 anti-terrorism law were all expected to be hot topics. Last night was the only major debate to which Green Party Leader Elizabeth May has been invited. The campaign is already well underway, with Trudeau having traveled to Harper's home turf of Calgary Monday, and Harper kicking things off in Montreal.



Canada – Christopher Hyndman, co-host of CBC's daytime talk show "Steven and Chris," was found dead in Toronto's east end Monday night, below the terrace of his sixth-floor penthouse apartment. Hyndman and his partner of 25 years Steven Sabados launched their popular afternoon show in 2008, following numerous other projects and shows. According to their website, their shows have aired in more than 80 countries worldwide and their design work has been featured by Oprah Winfrey. In a memo to its staff Tuesday afternoon, CBC said: "We extend our deepest sympathies to Steven, family, friends and colleagues; our thoughts are with them all." Toronto police confirmed that Hyndman, 49, was found without vital signs in a laneway near the intersection of Queen Street and Broadview Avenue shortly after 11:00 pm Monday. Hyndman's mother said this week that her son was a lifelong sleepwalker and he may have fell to his death in his sleep. Police said the investigation is open, but do not suspect criminal involvement.



USA – Trans-Pacific Partnership meetings wrapped up in Hawaii recently without an agreement in place between the 12 participating countries. Additional meetings in 2015 are planned, but may stretch well into Canada's current election campaign. Scheduling the meetings is difficult as several participant nations are either in the midst of an election, or, as with the USA, one looms in the near future. Canada found itself in the middle of two of the biggest issues credited with delaying a deal, relating to the dairy and automotive industries. Canada's refusal to do away with tariffs on dairy imports was a deal-breaker for countries including the States, Australia and New Zealand. Meanwhile, Canada and Mexico were both shocked to learn of a side deal concocted secretly by American and Japanese representatives that would permit TPP-member nations to avoid tariffs on cars built mainly from parts originating in non-signatory nations. This would benefit Japan, as many of its car manufacturers use parts built cheaply in Thailand.



USA – The Obama administration announced its Clean Power Plan Monday, which the president has called "the biggest, most important step we've ever taken to combat climate change." The final version of the regulation affecting the nation's power plants, will reportedly reduce carbon pollution in the power sector by 32 percent, compared to 2005 levels, by 2030. It would be the first time the Environmental Protection Agency adopts a rule regulating existing power plants. A Clean Energy Incentive Program will also reward states for faster renewable energy development, the closing of old coal plants, increasing energy efficiency, and working with other states to balance emissions through cap-and-trade. The administration believes these changes will drop the average electricity bill by $85 by 2030. Republican presidential hopeful and Texas Senator Ted Cruz characterizes the plan as a "lawless and radical attempt to destabilize the nation's energy system" that "will cause Americans' electricity costs to skyrocket."



Malaysia - A piece of aircraft called a "flaperon" that washed up on the beach of an island in the Indian Ocean last week has been confirmed as part of the wing from the wreckage of Malaysian Airlines flight MH370. The announcement was made by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak Thursday, and marks the first trace of the plane since it disappeared March 8 last year. The Prime Minister assured those affected by the tragedy that the Malaysian government "is committed to do everything within [its] means to find out the truth." The flight carrying 239 people was en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. It is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, about 2,300 miles from where it was found, the French Reunion Island. Investigators believe that someone may have deliberately switched off the aircraft's radar transponder, diverted it thousands of miles off course, and deliberately crashed it into the ocean off Australia. A hunt along a 60,000 sq. km. stretch of sea floor west of Perth, Australia costing $90 million yielded no sign of the plane.

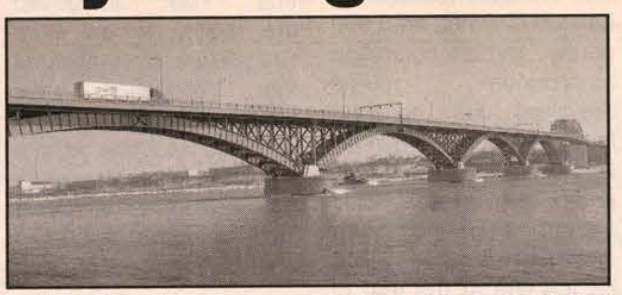
This Day in History – August 7th

By Dan Rankin

1789 – The United States Department of War is established – By April 1789, the Revolutionary War had been over for almost six years and George Washington had become the first President of the United States. Several months later, on this date, the United States Department of War was created by Congress as a civilian agency to administer the field army under the president and the secretary of war. Former chief artillery officer in Washington's army, the retired General Henry Knox was named the first U.S. Secretary of War. Exactly five years later, also on this date, the War Department faced one of its first crises, during the "Whiskey Rebellion" in Pennsylvania. Treasury secretary Alexander Hamilton's tax on distilled spirits, to pay back the country's war debt, was unpopular among those living in the western frontiers who made their own whiskey and still sometimes used it as a medium of exchange. In July 1794, the home of a tax collector in western Pennsylvania was attacked by a mob of 500 men. Upon hearing the region was in a state of rebellion, on Aug. 7 1794, Washington issued a presidential proclamation announcing, with "the deepest regret," that the militia would be called out to suppress the rebellion. 13,000 militiamen from four states rode into the area and peacefully quelled the rebellion. This episode demonstrated the power of the new federal government, and its ability to suppress violent resistance to its laws. The War Department existed until September 18, 1947, when it split into several pieces including the National Military Establishment. This was renamed the U.S. Department of Defense in 1949.

1819 – Simón Bolivar defeats the Spanish in the pivotal Battle of Boyacá in Colombia – Born into a family of wealthy aristocrats in Venezuela, Simón Bolivar received a military education before traveling to study in Europe. There, he was inspired by Enlightment philosophers and by witnessing the coronation of Napoleon in Paris. This all contributed to his dream of freeing the people of South America from the colonial rule of the Spanish monarchy. He returned to Venezuela in 1807, and spent most of the next decade intermittently fighting in civil wars, attracting men to his cause and facing accusations of treason; gaining the nickname "El Libertador." In 1819, he began a campaign for the independence of Colombia, then called New Grenada. On this date, General-in-chief Bolivar's army of about 3,500 Colombians, Venezuelans and some members of the British Legion met about 3,000 Spanish and loyalist troops in the Andes Mountains near Bogota. Two hours later, Bolivar's side was victorious, with over half of the Spanish forces being captured. Less than two years later, Bolivar was named president of Gran Colombia, a massive, though short-lived, independent state encompassing most of northern South America. He kept fighting Spain, liberating Peru and Ecuador in 1821 and 1822. On Aug. 6, 1825, the region known under Spanish rule as Upper Peru was renamed the Republic of Bolivia in his honour. He died of tuberculosis on Dec. 17 1830, at the age of 47.

1927 – The official opening ceremony is held at the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie and Buffalo, New York



– The Canadian-American International Joint Commission approved the building of a bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York on Aug. 6, 1925. The Peace Bridge name was chosen to commemorate over 100 years of peace between the United States and Canada. It was constructed to address the growing needs of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic that the older International Railway Bridge could not accommodate. It is located about 20 km upriver of Niagara Falls, and its total length if 5,800 ft. Edward Lupfer was the bridge's chief engineer, who had to deal with the river's swift current of around 10 miles per hours. Construction was completed in the spring of 1927, and Lupfer himself drove the first car across the bridge on March 13 that year. By June 1, the bridge was open to the public, but it wasn't until this day in 1927 that an official opening ceremony was held with approximately 100,000 people in attendance including future Kings of England Prince Edward and Prince George, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, British Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, U.S. Secretary of State Frank Kellogg and Ontario's Premier Howard Ferguson. Many more listened on a coast-to-coast radio broadcast. At the time, the Peace Bridge was the only vehicular bridge on the Great Lakes from Niagara Falls to Minnesota. It remains an important North American commercial port, with about four thousand trucks crossing it daily.

1987 – Lynne Cox swims from Alaska to Siberia in the USSR – On this date in 1987, at the height of the Cold War, 30-year-old American woman Lynne Cox did her part to cool down tensions by becoming the first person to swim from the United States to the Soviet Union. It took her two hours and six minutes to swim the 4.3 km across the Bering Strait, which separates the Arctic and Pacific oceans. She made the trip in just a bathing suit, despite warnings that the water temperature was just about 5 degrees Celsius. In reports after the fact, Cox said she received only the most gracious support from the Soviets in aiding her in her goal. Speaking in Washington later that year, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Cox "proved by her courage how closely to each other our people live." US President Ronald Reagan allegedly had no idea to whom Mr Gorbachev was referring. Previously, Cox had made headlines for swimming across the 49 km Catalina Channel in southern California, swimming twice across the English Channel and, in 1975, becoming the first woman to swim across the 23 km Cook Straits in New Zealand. That trip took her 12 hours.

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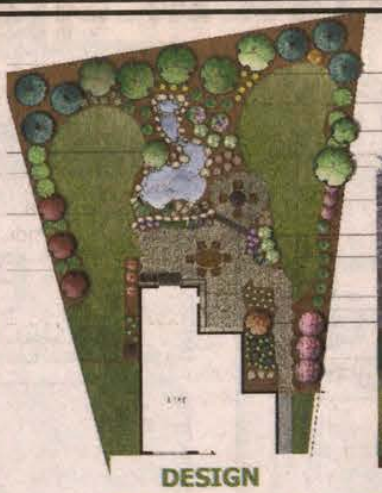
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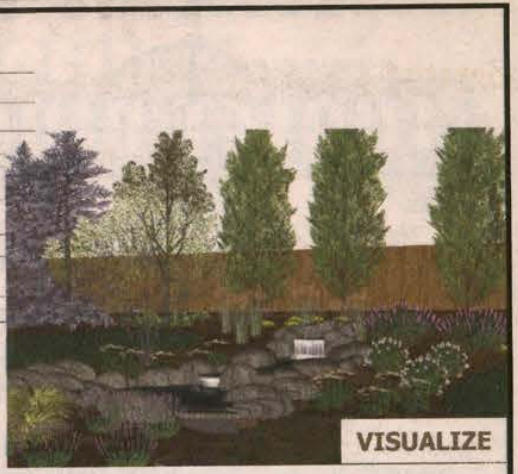
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Riddles

What's the most musical part of a turkey?

The drumstick

Why do male deer need braces?

Because they have buck teeth

When does a horse talk?

Whinny wants to

What is a baby owl after she's 6 days old?

Seven days old

Why do penguins carry fish in their beaks?

Because they don't have any pockets

Why did the pig take a bath?

The farmer said, "Hogwash"

What kind of book does a rabbit like to read?

One with a hoppy ending

Why did the pig become an actor?

Because he was a ham.

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TEEN OF THE WEEK



Lauren Cameron

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- Kosher salt & freshly ground pepper
- 4 McCully's chicken breasts
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- Combine the peach jam, olive oil, soya sauce, mustard, garlic and jalapeno in a medium bowl and season with salt and pepper. Reserve 1/4 cup.
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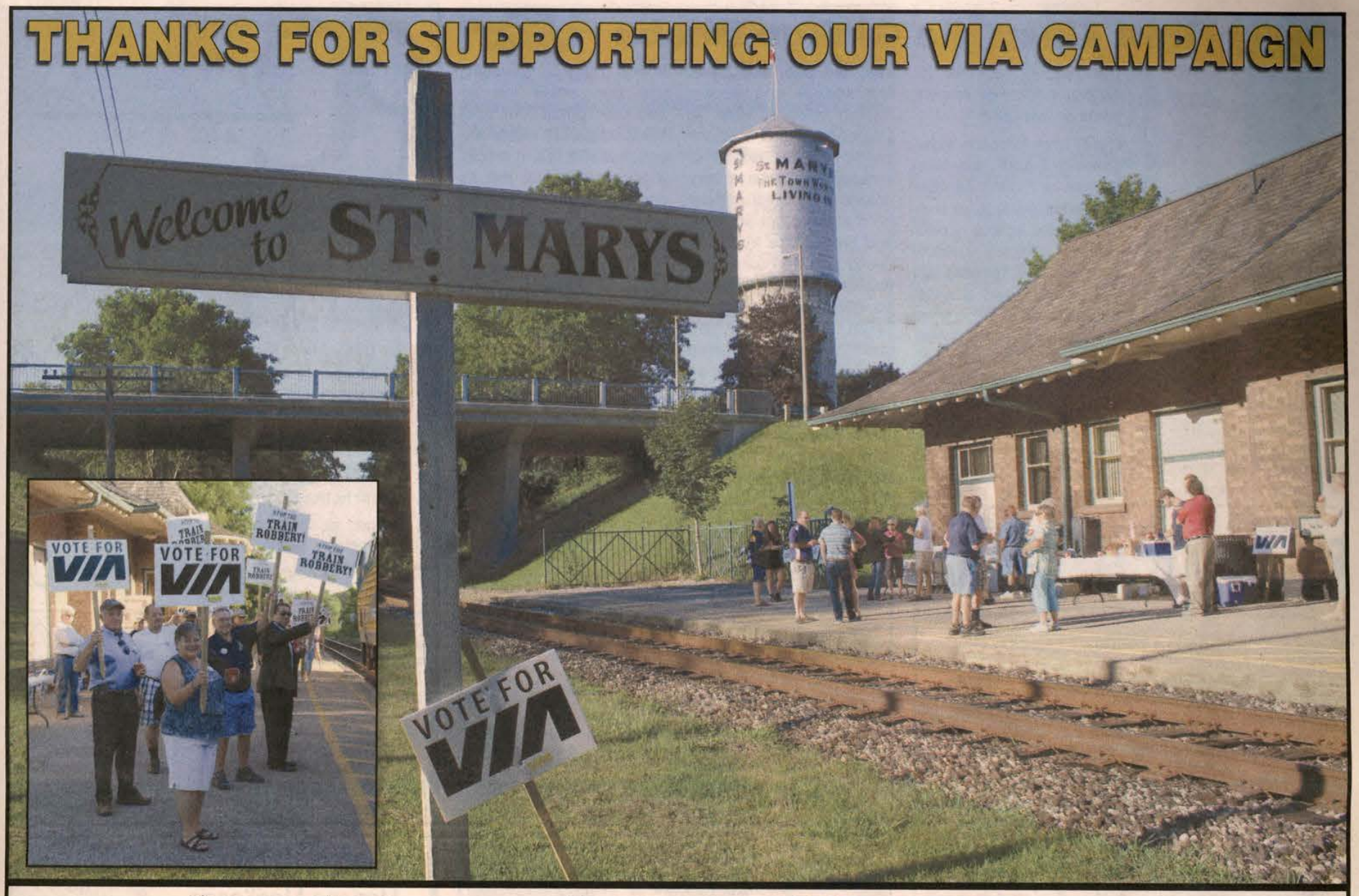
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Tree Tips: The Ginkgo Biloba



Believed originally to be native to China the Ginkgo biloba is the one tree in every fossil record world wide. Though slow growing, this species is probably the most recommended tree for planting by professionals. The reason for this is simple; it has few known pests or diseases.

The Ginkgo biloba is slow growing, and reaches heights of 75 ft. It can be planted in areas of full sun, but will also do well in part shade. Extremely resilient this tree will tolerate all soil textures and a wide range of soil pH. It is also drought resistant, as well it is moderately tolerant of salt, which is put down for ice control during winter.

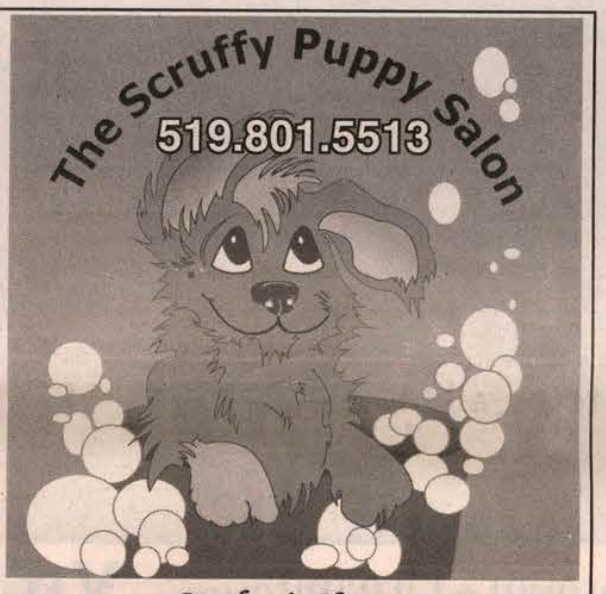
Easily transplanted the Ginkgo biloba is used in buffer strips along highways, as a street tree, but can also be a nice addition to a garden. Ginkgo bilobas vary in shape, and turn a bright yellow in the fall. The Ginkgo biloba has a very unique leaf, which differs from most, if not all other leaf types. The fruit of a Ginkgo biloba has a very distinct smell. This can be extremely unpleasant, which is why most cities and gardeners only plant the male species of Ginkgo. Legend has it that Ginkgo biloba trees were one of the only trees to survive radiation poisoning in Japan.

If you have a question, you can email me at jtsquote@gmail.com, and I will respond either by email or in a future article. If you would like me to come and assess one of your trees, you can call me at ***519.272.5742.***

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Sudoku
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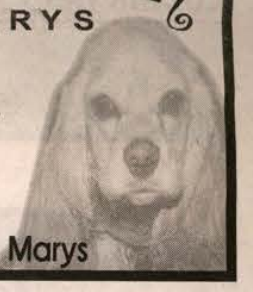
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6. **Who wrote The Count of Monte Christo?**
7. **Which comic-book character is known as the Caped Crusader?**
8. **What is the Southern-most state of the US?**
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10. **Which rock group wrote and first recorded the song "California Dreamin'"?**

This week's answers are found on pg. 23

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David Carradine

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Should **YOU** experience any local "celebrity sightings" in the future, please send your submission to us at:
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World Sports Roundup

MLB – For Jays fans, and those jumping on the band wagon, the air seems positively charged up these days with the spirit of '92 and '93. The unanimous "Trade Deadline Champs" have gone on a tear, kissing goodbye to a ho-hum July and winning four of their first five games this month as well as seven of their last eight overall. All of their runs Wednesday evening came care of home runs from Josh Donaldson (his 29th, for two runs), Edwin Encarnacion (his 20th, for three runs), and Jose Bautista who hit his fifth career grand slam. As of yesterday afternoon, prior to their chance at a series sweep versus Minnesota, Toronto (57-52) was second in the American League East, just 4.5 games behind the Yankees (60-46). They were also safely in the American League's second wild-card spot, ahead of Baltimore (55-52) by a game, and just one back of Anaheim for the first wild-card entry. The Jays leave the safe confines of Rogers Centre for a three-game series in New York starting tonight, before returning home for six more games (including three more against those Yanks). Some other key dates for the Jays this month will be Aug. 21-23, when they're in Anaheim to take on the Halos.

CFL – Edmonton heaped some more woe onto the already-miserable Saskatchewan Roughriders last Friday, beating them 30-5 and handing them their sixth consecutive loss to open the season. Edmonton, meanwhile, has won four in a row to climb into first place in the West. They're tied for points with defending Grey Cup champion Calgary, and have played one fewer game. The one feather the Riders still had in their cap was that they had scored the most "Points For" in the whole league, but Hamilton took that from them Monday in a 34-18 shellacking of the Argonauts. Hamilton (3-2, tied for first place in the East) have put up 153 points, five more than Saskatchewan in one fewer game. Hamilton QB Zach Collaros threw three touchdown passes in the win. The Tiger-Cats are still undefeated at their new home stadium, Tim Hortons Field, where they have gone 8-0 overall. It took until Week 7, but the Argos will finally play their home opener at Rogers Centre this weekend versus the Riders. That game kicks off tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

PGA – Some new videos posted on Instagram by Rory McIlroy suggest he may be game-ready in time for the PGA Championship. It's set to begin Aug. 13 at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin. One video showed him balancing on a foam pad on his left leg, with no braces or supports around his ankle, and the other showed him swinging a driver on a practice range. The word's No. 1 player has not played since finishing tied for ninth in the U.S. Open in June. He ruptured ligaments in his left ankle while playing soccer with friends in Northern Ireland the first weekend in July. This forced him to miss the chance to defend his titles at the British Open and this week's Bridgestone Invitational. His name was reportedly set to be included along with those of over 150 other golfers in the Championship's tee times released today. He has until his tee time on the tournament's opening day to decide whether he will take part. Young Jordan Spieth is on the verge of unseeding McIlroy as the world's No. 1 golfer.

Olympics – Last Friday in Kuala Lumpur, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced it had selected Beijing, China, as the host for the 2022 Winter Olympics, which will make the Chinese Capital the world's first city to host both the Winter and Summer Games. Beijing narrowly edged out Almaty, Kazakhstan by a margin of 44-40 as the destination for the 2022 Games. While Almaty's bid highlighted the numerous mountains and plentiful snow that surround the city, Beijing's plan relies on an extensive artificial snow-making operation and a new high-speed rail project organizers said will link Beijing with distant sites in the mountains. Competing in 10 Winter Olympics, China has won 53 total medals, to Canada's 170 medals in 22 games. In other Olympic news, the World Flying Disc Federation and "flying disc sports," including Ultimate Frisbee, were recently recognized by the IOC. While it's too late for Ultimate to turn up at the 2016 Games, the WFDF can now receive funding from the IOC and be considered for inclusion in future iterations of the Games.

MLS – The 5' 4" Sebastian Giovinco, nicknamed the "Atomic Ant," starred for Toronto FC at BMO Field Wednesday night, scoring a hat trick in a crucial 4-1 win. TFC had not won in its previous two games, but the three points awarded to them for the win pushed them into a tie for third place in the Eastern Conference. It was the second hat-trick of the season for the Italian former Juventus star, bringing his current tally to 16 goals. He now leads the MLS, one ahead of Kei Kamara of Columbus. In his first season with the league, he has also now broke Toronto's franchise record of 15 goals in a season, set in 2010 by Dwayne De Rosario. The team still has 13 games to play this season. Their next game begins tomorrow at 4:00 pm in Toronto versus Sporting Kansas City. They're expected to have two important pieces back in the lineup, including Jozy Altidore, who was serving a red-card suspension Wednesday, and captain Michael Bradley who has been recovering from a calf injury.

NHL – The celebrations due to take place in Buffalo this weekend when four-time all-star and three-time Stanley Cup champion Patrick Kane was set to bring the Cup through the city are now sure to be overshadowed by some ugly allegations that came to light yesterday. According to a report by The Buffalo News, the Chicago Blackhawks star who grew up in South Buffalo is the target of a rape investigation by police in Hamburg, New York for an incident that occurred last weekend. Sources said a local woman has accused Kane, 26, of sexual assault. Kane, who had not been charged with a crime as of Thursday evening, has a home in Hamburg. The NHL and the Blackhawks both made similar statements Thursday, saying they were aware of the matter and were awaiting further information before making a comment on the situation. Kane signed an eight-year, $84-million contract last summer that goes into effect for the 2015-16 season.

By Dan Rankin

Locals help save fledgling osprey tethered to nest



Brian Salt, of Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Centre in Mount Brydges, prepares to return the bird to its nest. Photo submitted by Pam Mulholland.

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be off hunting. So, he told the driver of the truck Forman had helped arrange, "Let's get up there right away."

The young bird was not that hospitable to his would-be rescuer, said Salt, but he was able to grab the bird by its feet, detaching it from the nest as well as removing any other possible snares for future generations. Taking the bird down with him to the ground, Salt freed it from the tangles and assessed it wasn't in need of any further veterinary attention.

"The parents were still feeding him," he said. "So he was in pretty good shape that way, but that would've ended before long. He probably would've lost the use of his leg altogether had he not been taken down and freed from the twine."

Placed back safely in its nest, a mere 30 minutes after the ordeal began, the bird promptly flew off on its maiden flight. According to Veenendaal, on last inspections the osprey parents were still bringing fish to the nest for their young, but the three happy chicks were learning to feed themselves.

Salt said that, for him, the message is that people should be aware of what they discard and how they're discarding it. "Things like fishing line, thread, string, binder twine – birds use all those things for nesting material," he said. "It's amazing how many calls we get every year here at Salthaven with birds that are hung up in the nest, just like this little osprey was. We see it with robins and all kinds of songbirds."

Recently a young merlin falcon had to be put down after a shredded plastic shopping bag wrapped around its leg and caused a fracture, he said. "So, if you see binder twine or fishing line lying around, put it in the garbage," he said. "You'll never see the life that you're saving, but I can almost guarantee that you will be saving a life – especially in the spring time when nests are being made."

Salt said he has run Salthaven for the past 15 years, and about 100 volunteers work there for three shifts per day, seven days a week in order to keep up with the roughly 60 calls a day they receive regarding sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. A video of the osprey rescue Salt filmed using a body-mounted Go Pro camera will be posted on the Facebook page for Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Centre in the coming days.

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Our Team of the Week is the Forest City Pee Wee Thunderbirds, who recently concluded their 2015 season, and featured three St. Marys players. In their season running from May 23 to July 18, the Thunderbirds went 4-4, placing third in their division of seven squads. They finished their season with a big 38-0 win over Oakville July 18. From St. Marys in the photo are #8, quarterback Tim Neufeld (front row, at left), #23, wide receiver Nathan Switzer (second row, at right), and #62, offensive lineman Jared Lucas (third row, fourth from left).

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Solis celebrates 20 years in St. Marys



DCVI student's return flight from Italy takes emergency detour to Dublin

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dant what was the matter. "She responded by saying 'we don't know'," Mitchell said. "That was not very good for me to hear, because that's when I started sort of freaking out."

The pilot told them to remain calm and then let the passengers know they would be making an emergency landing in Dublin. The airline has stated that the reason for the diversion was "traces of smoke in the cabin." The plane made a hard-banking U-Turn and, upon their arrival at Dublin Airport, "fire trucks were chasing us right from when we landed," she said. "The firemen came on and inspected the airplane. I was pretty impressed by their accents."

After a several hour wait in a lounge Mitchell said was more reminiscent of "a concrete basement with no bathrooms," their pilot stopped by to let them know the trouble had been an overheated fan. They would be running some more tests, he said, and wouldn't be able to fly for a few more hours. "So, they sent us to a hotel, which was amazing," she said.

Before long, the tour group had arrived at the posh City West Hotel in Dublin. "It would have cost $300 Canadian dollars for us to stay in it for a night, but we stayed for free obviously," she said. For dinner, they ate essentially the same meal as the wedding party staying at the hotel that night. "So, we had salmon and chicken and potatoes," she said. "Everyone was so excited to have potatoes in Ireland, and also we hadn't had them since we left Canada. The dessert was the best cheesecake I had ever tasted."

The following day, a 10:00 am departure from Dublin eventually became a 3:00 pm departure. "That was a really long day," she said. "They told us it was because European skies are much busier than Canadian ones. Then we finally got home."

On July 18, the group touched down in Toronto around 8:00 pm, safe and sound.

For now, it's a great story to tell her co-workers at the Independent Grocer, and her classmates when she starts Grade 12 in a few weeks, but Mitchell said the trip might have also given her an idea about a future career option. "I would love to go to Europe and, to make some extra money, be a tour guide," she said. "I think that would be really cool."

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Sour Gripes:

REMINISCING: LOST?

My mother has recently passed on. With the passing of an elder, whether related or not, I ponder what we have lost along with them. I think of my grandmother once again and of how the magic kettle was set to fill and boil with the opening of a door. There was very seldom a time when there was not time for a cup of tea and a snack of some type. How many traditions and habits that she passed to my mother and other siblings are fast disappearing or shrinking?

I will lament the loss of Christmas cake that takes too long to prepare and is too expensive in time and dollars to prepare. Their Christmas cake was/is beyond compare. You must travel far and wide in attempts to match homemade butter tarts. Have you ever tasted real butterscotch pie? It is a bothersome recipe to make. I believe you must scorch butter in a pan as part of the ritual. The result is delicious but even Granny rarely made it. The pastries and baked goods that they made took time and love to prepare and started from fresh unprocessed natural ingredients. From pies to "Sticky Buns" they were all mouthwatering. Fudge was another rare treat that can not be matched with over the counter (counterfeit?).I fear our supply of preserves and jams will now be store bought. There is no match for Granny's chili sauce (although that is what we called it, it is a sweet tomato and fruit sauce that takes hours of simmering on the stove top or oven and constant stirring to prevent sticking). No meal was complete without pickles of some variety and a bit of fruit preserves to top it off.

In case you think we will only miss the food I will mention that our sense of right from wrong was strongly imbedded from our parents on both sides. I kicked up a fuss as a youngster at going to Sunday School and on special occasions when asked to accompany Mom or Granny to a church service. I would gladly attend with them at any time now. My Grandmother would give you an ear rub at any age if you were misbehaving. Although at times she presented a gruff exterior her large warm smile told of a true heart of gold. Her hug was strong and genuine as was a hand shake. Mother was capable of smacking a butt when necessary (At times it was "wait till your Father gets home". She was mostly a "Push over" and we got away with quite a lot.

At the same time my parents and grandparents knew how to have a good time. They loved Saturday night dances and after parties. They loved music and many in Mother's family played instruments and of course everyone sang along. My Grandmother loved to dress up for Halloween as did Mom. Costumes were sewn together from scrap clothes or sugar sacks (seldom bought materials). My Mother and her Mother were honest straight shooters. They had a genuine smile and a personality to match. If they called you "Friend" you were blessed.

It may seem that I have forgotten to include Dad and Grandfathers. I will assure you that they too passed on skills and beliefs we carry to this day. My Father would take a hand at most any task but at times would trade labour with a friend when they had an expertise above his own. He loved the "old" tradesmen and marveled at the knowledge they carried in their heads and reproduced with their hands. He treasured the company of others as did Mom and often I think the interaction with friends was the biggest part of many projects.

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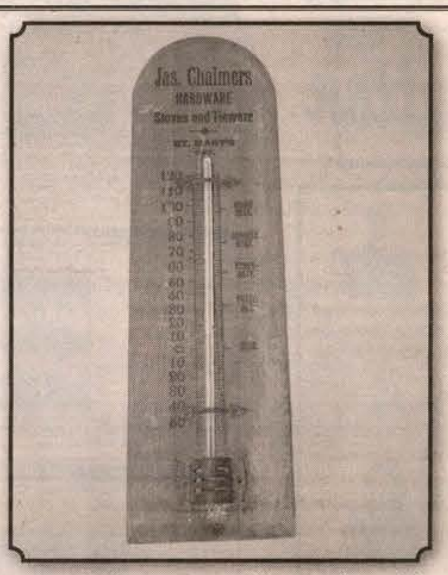
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ST. MARYS MUSEUM ARTIFACT OF THE WEEK



With the recent change to cooler weather, this week's artifact from the St. Marys Museum is a thermometer. The thermometer is in Fahrenheit with the temperature on the left and general notes such as freezing, blood heat and summer heat (75° Fahrenheit or approximately 24° Celsius) on left. The design is simple with a glass thermometer tube mounted on a wooden wall plaque. The thermometer acts as an advertisement for the Jas. Chalmers Hardware Store which was in business in St. Mary from about 1884 until about 1909. The store was located at 91 Queen Street East, the current home of MacPherson Arts and Crafts store. For more information about this artifact, contact the St. Marys Museum at ***519-284-3556*** or ***museum@town.stmarys.on.ca***


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Your Fortune Cookie Corner

If it's your Birthday this week:
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For the rest of us:
Perspective is everything this week, and you are asked to look for the silver lining in all situations. Hasty actions will be regretted, so when in doubt, wait it out.

Until next week, may peace be with you all. Tracey Milne AAHP

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3+1 BEDROOMS

108 Millson Cres., St. Marys



• Quiet crescent • Huge covered deck • Large open concept entertaining spaces on main floor & basement • 3 good sized bedrooms on main floor • Plenty of closet space, 4 pc bath with jetted tub & powder room • Huge rec room with wet bar & gas fireplace • 4th bedroom, office, 4 pc bath & plenty of storage-living space all by itself.
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2 BEDROOM BUNGALOW

2 Trillium, St. Marys



• Two bedroom bungalow under construction • Double car garage on a large corner lot • Open concept kitchen, dining and living room • Large master bedroom with a large ensuite • Main floor laundry with walk-in from garage • Lower level waiting for you to finish • Walking distance to Pyramid Rec Centre, Friendship Centre and Little Falls Public School • Still time to choose kitchen cabinets, paint and flooring • can accommodate an 8 week closing
MLS 435360 **$329,900**

EXECUTIVE BUNGALOW

24 Birtch Creek Cres.



• large 65 x 141 • 3 bedrooms • privacy fence at back of lot • double garage door • main floor laundry • walk in pantry • in floor heat throughout basement • master bedroom with walk in closet and ensuite • large covered front and back porches • walking distance to amenities such as rec centre, soccer fields • public schools
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LARGE CORNER LOT

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• Solid 3 bedroom brick bungalow on a quiet street • Perfect for a family or someone wanting to downsize • Stove and fridge included • Central Air • located on a huge 145'X150' lot • Lots of room for the kids to play outside • You could enjoy having a big beautiful lawn or amazing garden • Possibility to severe (verify with the Municipality)
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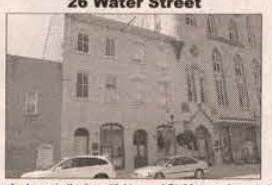
33 Trillium Crescent



• quiet crescent adjacent to Sparling Bush • new neighbourhood with construction nearly finished (one lot left!) • pie-shaped lot • 2 bedroom bungalow • close to schools and Pyramid Recreation Centre • open concept living space • hardwood & ceramic flooring
MLS 501562 **$339,900**

COMMERCIAL LEASE

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OPEN CONCEPT

126 Millson Cres., St. Marys



• Brand new and ready to move in!! • Spacious master bedroom • Open concept kitchen, dining room and living room • 24' x 12' covered deck • Finished basement • Large rec room • 2 bedrooms • 4 pc bathroom • Beautiful pine trim and solid pine doors • Concrete driveway
MLS 607376 **$365,000**

NEW LISTING

104 Church St. S.



• Place - Du Petit Juane: Simplify your life and embrace the small space lifestyle • charismatic 2 bedroom hillside carriage house cottage • Once used as the carriage house for the Eaton home next door • home is move-in ready • Refurbished original pine floors upstairs, with a modern & gorgeous new kitchen downstairs, that includes stainless steel appliances • Step out to a back patio that overlooks a private, wooded lot • Upgrades and add-ons too numerous to mention - this one is a must see!
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NEW LISTING

43 Cain St.



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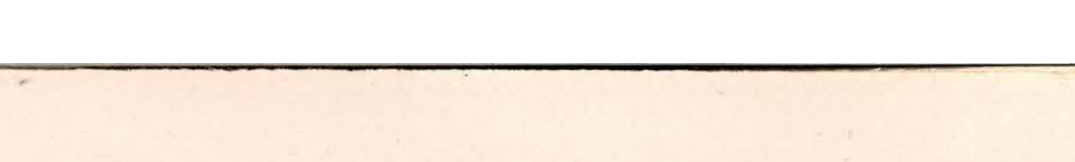
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2568 Queen Street Mt. Brydges



• Board and Batten 1.5 storey updated home. • Kitchen has maple cabinets and quartz counter tops. • Addition to home has great room with a gas fireplace. • French doors off the great room lead to a large deck. • mudroom on main level. • L shaped games room in lower level. • Lots of space in this home. • Walking distance to community centre, public school, arena and village parks. • Short commute to London and Strathroy. • Gas hook up on deck for barbeque.
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Ram Rodeo Tour returns to South Huron Recreation Centre Aug. 7-9

By Dan Rankin

Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages will be converging on Exeter again in one week, as the Ram Rodeo Tour sets up shop at the South Huron Recreation Centre for the 18th time.

Things get underway next Friday, Aug. 7 at 6:00 pm with a Family Friendly Rodeo Night presented by the South Huron Optimists, featuring western themed festivities by Party Perfect, kids games and attractions and a Ram Rodeo Olympics for youngsters until 9:00 pm.

Those events for kids are great for the families who now have new generations of rodeo fans to bring out on the weekend, South Huron manager of community services Jo-Anne Fields said. "We've found that families that used to come and bring the kids, those kids have grown up now, they've had kids, and they're coming back," she said, adding that she's been receiving calls interested in the rodeo from campers who noticed signage at Port Blake Conservation Area. "It has really grown that way."

A 19+ BX 93 Video Dance Party on the arena floor follows, presented by the Exeter Saddle Club and running from 9:00 pm 1:00 am. Tickets can be purchased from the South Huron Recreation Centre in advance for $12.00, or $15.00 at the door. Doors will open at 8:00 pm.

St. Marys Independent Athletes of the Week



Our Athletes of the week are Local residents, Larry McLellan and Leonard Boreham and Brad Fleming of Port Elgin. They will be one of 2 triples teams representing Ontario in the Canadian Lawn Bowling Championship to be held at the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club in North York August 16 - 22. This team qualified for the Nationals by winning the Silver Medal at the Ontario Championship in July.

RAM RODEO TOUR

EXETER RAM RODEO WEEKEND

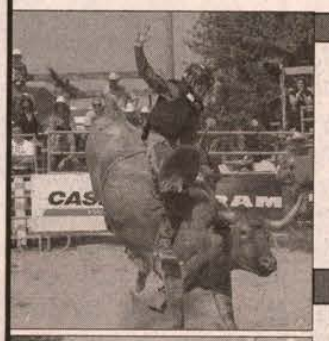
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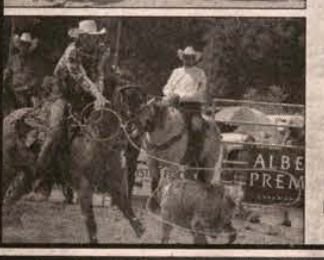
EVENT SCHEDULE • AUGUST 7, 8 & 9

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Family Friendly Rodeo Night ..... 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Free for all ages at Rodeo Grounds
Minature horse rides, petting zoo & bouncy castles

BX 93 Video Dance ..... 9 PM - 1 AM
South Huron Recreation Centre, Arena Floor Age of Majority

Arrive by 10:30 PM and have a chance to win a $500 gift certificate donated by Miller's Country Store

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Admission, Vendor & Refreshment Area Open ..... 2 PM
Ram Rodeo Tour - Wheelchair Accessible ..... 4 - 6 PM
Intermission - Vendor Area, Refreshments ..... 4:45 PM
Sheep Scramble ..... Intermission
Loonie search in the sandbox ..... 6 PM
Slack - Competitors not in show compete for points ..... 6:30 - 8 PM
Shelly Rastin Band ..... 6:30 - 10:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Country Style Brunch ..... 8 - 1 PM
South Huron Recreation Centre Hall
Slack - Competitors not in show compete for points ..... 10 - 12 NOON
Vendors & Refreshment area open ..... 12 NOON
Ram Rodeo Tour - Wheelchair accessible ..... 2 - 4 PM
Intermission - Vendor Area, Refreshments & Entertainment ..... 2:45 PM
Sheep Scramble ..... Intermission
Loonie search in the sandbox ..... 4 PM

Check out exciting rodeo event details and experience the playful side of South Huron at www.exeterrodeo.com 519.235.2833

ASK THE VETS

Toxic Plants



By. Dr. Kim Anderka and Dr. Christina Douthwaite

We just moved to a new house this spring and will be putting in all new gardens. We have a dog and a cat and want to make sure our garden is pet safe. What should we avoid planting?

Congratulations on your new home! It is a great idea to consider your fur family's needs during garden planning. There are thousands of plants, shrubs and trees that are pet safe and can make your garden a beautiful, safe oasis for your cat and dog. Every year, however, many pets are poisoned from plants or products used in the garden.

Some plants are highly poisonous to pets and ingestion of even one leaf can be fatal. When designing your garden, it is a good idea to consult the ASPCA Poison Control website for a complete list of poisonous plants at https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control.

Avoid planting lilies as they are highly toxic to cats. Ingestion of even a small part of a lily plant can lead to kidney failure and death. All parts of the Sago palm are poisonous but it is the seeds that contain the highest concentration of toxin. Ingestion of 1-2 seeds can cause vomiting, diarrhea, liver failure and seizures. Sago palms tend to be used as houseplants or in patio planters as they are not winter hardy.

Bulbs to avoid include tulips, crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths and lily of the valley. Parts of these bulbs contain toxins that can cause intestinal distress, drooling, depression, cardiac complications and seizures. Morning glory, begonias, azalea, rhododendron, coleus, foxglove, hydrangea, clematis, castor bean and English ivy are some other common plants to avoid. Yew shrubs/trees contain a toxin that can affect the central nervous system, causing trembling, poor co-ordination, difficulty breathing and heart failure.

Fertilizing your garden is important for the health of your plants but use caution when selecting, storing and using your product. Ingestion of fertilizer can cause symptoms ranging from intestinal upset to life-threatening intestinal complications. Read the label carefully and ensure you are keeping your pet away from treated areas for the recommended time suggested on the label.

Mulch is another consideration for keeping your newly planted garden healthy, reduce watering needs and prevent weeds. Many gardeners select cocoa mulch, which is made from cocoa bean shells. It is popular because it smells like chocolate and has a nice colour. With its sweet smell, dogs are often attracted to this type of mulch and will commonly eat it. Depending on the amount consumed, this mulch can lead to chocolate poisoning. The symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhea, muscle tremors and even cardiac arrest. Choose less toxic mulch alternatives such as shredded pine or cedar.

Controlling pests in your garden should be done using as many natural methods as possible. Companion planting (using plants that compliment each other and provide pest resistance for each other), using insecticidal soap, slug traps and manual removal of pests are non-toxic methods to keep your plants and pets safe. Avoid highly toxic products such as slug bait, rat poison, zinc phosphide and fly bait.

Composting is a great, environmentally conscious way to feed your plants naturally and your garden will thank you for it. Ensure your compost is contained and not accessible to your pets. Some of the foods you compost can be toxic to pets. In addition, the decomposing food contains fungi that produce mycotoxins. These toxins can lead to violent tremors within 30-90 minutes of ingestion.

Ensuring that your pet is receiving parasite control will also prevent unwanted fleas, ticks and intestinal parasites found in the garden from hitching a ride on or in your pet. The last consideration is for pets that suffer from seasonal allergies. Try to select a garden with plants that do not produce the common pollen allergens and keep weeds controlled.

We wish you all the best with your garden design and planning and hope it brings you and your furry friends many years of enjoyment.

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County of Perth Awarded Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant

The County of Perth was successful in their application for the Ontario Government's Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant, with an amount of $35,000, and will soon begin the process of developing Age-Friendly Community Plans for each of the County's four member municipalities – North Perth, West Perth, Perth East and Perth South.

"We are pleased that the Government of Ontario is providing funding to assist us in our development of a plan to make Perth County more accessible for seniors," said Warden Robert Wilhelm. "Perth County is made up of wonderful communities, and this plan will guide age-friendly infrastructure and servicing needs in our rural area".

A Perth County Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) Steering Committee has been formed, comprised of representatives from Community Partners, including the Southwest Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), the Perth District Health Unit, the Alzheimer Society Perth County and the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, and elected officials and staff from each of the four member municipalities. Two senior members of the public from within the County are to be recruited as well.

The next step will be to hire a Consultant who, with the help of the AFC Steering Committee, will work over the next year and a half in each of the member municipalities to identify the gaps and opportunities for improving age-friendliness within their communities in areas such as municipal facilities, programs, and planning policy and guidelines. Ultimately, plans will be developed based on the World Health Organization's eight age-friendly community dimensions: (i) Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings; (ii) Transportation; (iii) Housing; (iv) Social Participation; (v) Respect and Social Inclusion; (vi) Civic Participation and Employment; (vii) Communication and Information; and (viii) Community Support and Health Services. Because of its rural nature, Perth County has an increasing need for infrastructure and services designed for seniors in rural areas.

The funding program is an initiative of the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, in response to an aging population.

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Weekend Smiles

While walking down the street one day a politician is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the politician.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the man joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The politician reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. "I don't understand," stammers the man. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning..... Today you voted."

The Overload

By Dan Rankin

Movies – By the sounds of the reviews, you're better off watching the antics of the clay-mation farm animals in Shaun the Sheep than the rebooted Fantastic Four this weekend, as the latest Marvel Comics property is trending below 10 percent on RottenTomatoes.com. – Coming to theatres next weekend is the Guy Ritchie-directed The Man From U.N.C.L.E., based on the 1960s TV show. The film, like the show, will follow U.N.C.L.E. (or, United Network Command for Law and Enforcement) secret agents Napoleon Solo and Illya Kuryakin, who are tasked with a high-stakes Cold War-era mission to prevent all-out nuclear war. It's sure to be much more action-packed, and probably sillier, than Bridge of Spies, the Cold War-era film coming out next month, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks. Based on a real event from 1960, Hanks plays an American lawyer who is sent to the Soviet Union to negotiate the release of a pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the U.S.S.R. – Michael Moore's next movie will be featured at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. Titled "Where to Invade Next," it will discuss the seemingly endless number of wars being fought by the U.S.A.

TV – Jon Stewart, longtime host of Comedy Central's satirical news program The Daily Show, signed off for the last time yesterday. He helmed the program since 1999, when he took over for Craig Kilborn, and along the way helped launch the careers of such former correspondents as Steve Carrell, Stephen Colbert, Ed Helms and current Nightly Show host Larry Wilmore. Stewart's replacement, South African comedian Trevor Noah will begin his tenure hosting the program on Sept. 28. The guests appearing on Stewart's final show were kept secret, but it was announced to be an extra long 52-minute episode. – Speaking of extra-long final episodes, the Season Two finale of HBO's True Detective airs Sunday night. This season has followed the lives of three troubled L.A. cops (Taylor Kitsch, Rachel McAdams and Colin Farrell) forced to work together on the case of a murdered city bureaucrat who, it is revealed, may have dabbled in organized crime and the sex trade. – Canadian wrestler and WWE Hall of Fame inductee "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, who fought a tag team match against Hulk Hogan and Mr. T in WrestleMania I, died in his sleep of a heart attack on Friday, July 31 at his home in Hollywood, California.

Music – Late last month, a group of 1,000 musicians gathered in Cesena in northern Italy to perform the Foo Fighters' 1999 single "Learn to Fly." According to the organizer Fabio Zaffagnini, he put the event together (which included collecting almost $50,000) and filmed it to get the attention of Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl. Zaffagnini said he wanted the group to come play in the region, where they haven't toured since 1997. The video by "Rockin' 1,000" has been viewed over 20 million times on Youtube, and apparently at least one of those views was by Grohl as, the following day, the former Nirvana drummer posted his own video to Youtube saying in Italian that he was moved by the video and promised "We're coming... See you soon."

Tech – The Hoverboard, a fictional invention in the "futuristic" year of 2015 in the 1989 film "Back to the Future Part II" is closer to store shelves than ever before. In a new video released by Lexus, pro skateboarder (and now, hoverboarder) Ross McGouran rides around a specially built skate park in Barcelona on a prototype hoverboard that can follow an underground magnetic track, while its superconducting magnets repel the track, making it hover as much as two inches above the ground. However, since superconductors only work at extremely low temperatures (-200 degrees C), the board needs to be refilled with liquid nitrogen every 10 minutes or so. Not the most practical mode of transportation, but still, an interesting innovation. And yes, it works on water.

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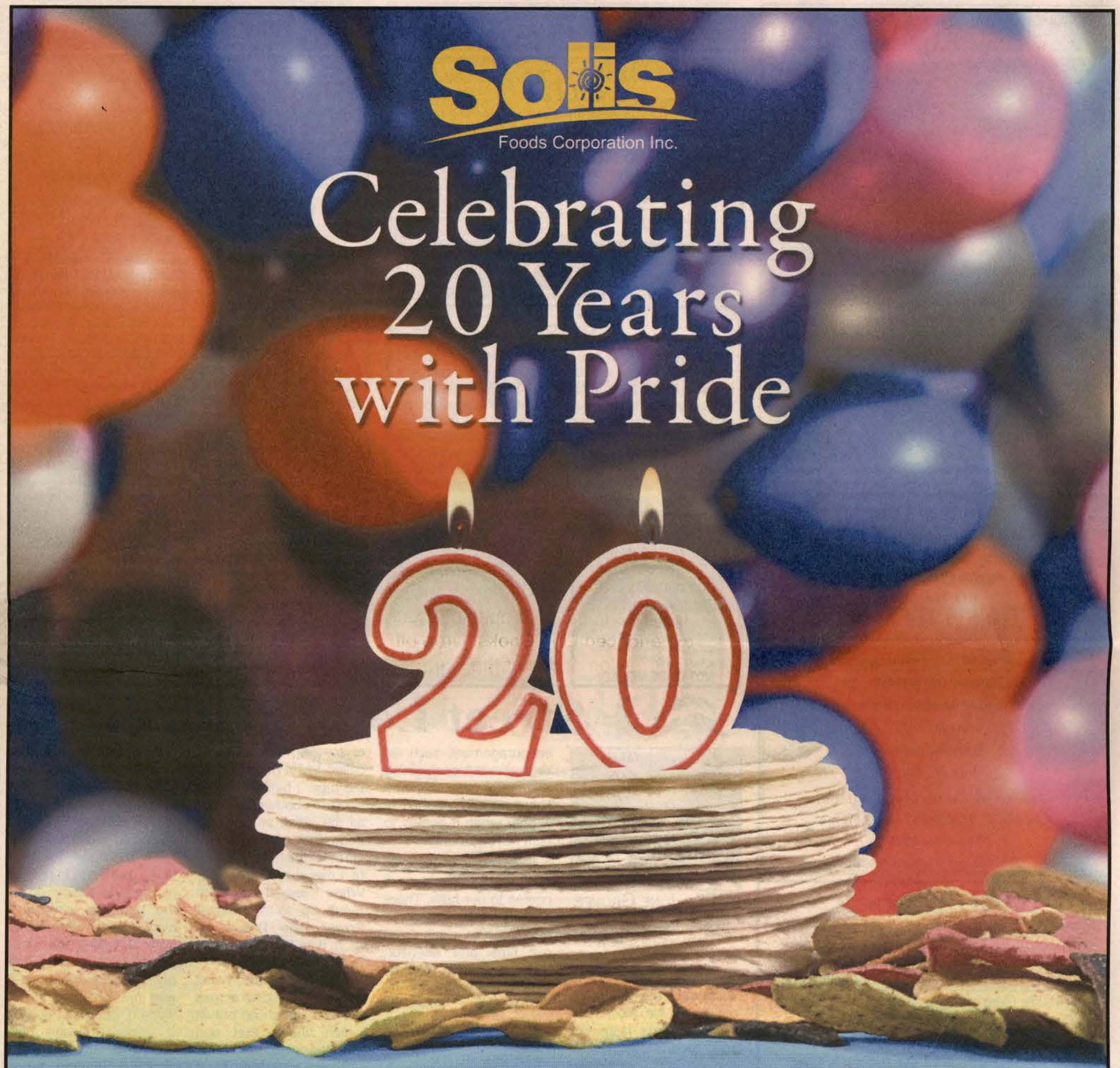
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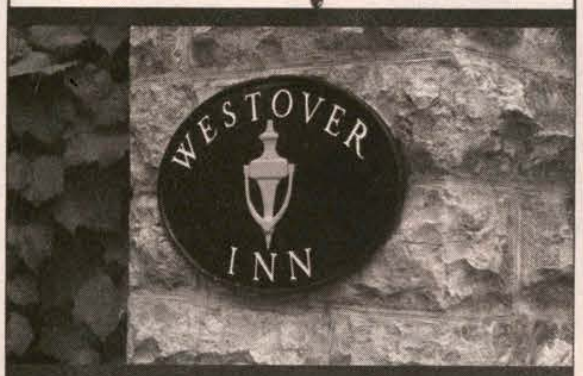
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Petrus "Peter" Johannes Klomp, age 87, of Stratford passed away at Stratford General Hospital on Friday, July 31, 2015. Peter was born in Neunen, Netherlands, son of the late Karl and Anna Maria (Santegoeds) Klomp. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Peter and his late wife Dora (Berendsen) Klomp, of 42 years are survived by his loving children; Karl and wife Diana of Stratford, John and his wife Judy of London, Marty and his wife Barbara of St. Pauls, Jeff and his wife Carolyn of St. Pauls, Anthony and wife Susan of St. Marys and Lori-anne Vanhevel of Mitchell. Proud Opa of Daniel (Kayla), Andrew (Shayna), Kristine, Stephen, Michael, Nicholas, Christopher, Jenna, Amy, Amanda (Micheal), Tascha, Kevin (Stephanie), Dean, Derek, Craig, Sabrina, Courtney and great grandson Maverick. Peter came to Canada in 1954 to farm. Peter was a 4th degree Knight of the St. Joseph's Parish Chapter and founding member of the Benelux Club. Peter will be sadly missed by many extended family. Friends and family may call at the W. G. Young Funeral Home, 430 Huron Street, Stratford on Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. (Knights of Columbus Stratford Kilroy Council 1431 will hold a service at 1:45 p.m.). The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 96 Huron Street, Stratford on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Seejo John will officiate. Interment to follow in Avondale Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Stratford General Hospital or St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Restoration Fund through the funeral home. 519.271.7411 www.wgyoungfuneralhome.com

Street Level Faith



BY REV. IONE GROVER

Who is a retired United Church minister living in St. Marys

Just as we need food and water each day to nurture our body, we also need to nourish our faith with "soul food." Because of our different personality makeups, there is no "one size fits all" formula for this. Some of us are introverts and more prone to meditation and quiet reflection. Others are extraverts and look to group support to bolster their faith. Some people are traditional and receive inspiration through Church attendance. Others look for more alternative ways of encouragement such as Yoga, mindfulness training and many other systems. There is no "right" or "wrong" when it comes to faith development.

It is so easy to become malnourished when it comes to our faith. There are so many pressures and activities which divert our time and attention, that it is easy to relegate faith to the bottom of the list. I use a variety of methods to nurture my faith. I spend some time each day in meditation, quieting my mind and "listening" for Divine guidance. I find going to Church feeds my spirit. I also do some regular spiritual reading, either from the Scriptures or from spiritual writers that I admire.

I believe in the power of prayer to effect positive change. More recently I have started inviting the Divine into every aspect of my life, even the so-called trivial decisions. In the past, I believed that I shouldn't bother God with all the small stuff. I now know that nothing is too small for the Infinite Power of Love that created us. When I pray, I leave the result up to my Higher Power who knows far more than I do about what is the highest good for myself and others. I was interested to come across some research on prayer which shows that non-directed prayer is twice as effective as asking for a specific outcome.

I realize more and more how powerful our thoughts and words are in influencing our reality. Stuff happens in our lives that we don't like or we are disappointed about what doesn't happen. I find it is not so much the "happenings" that affect my mood but what I think about what happens. I am prone to self-criticism and if I allow these thoughts to take root, they can pull my mood downward. This happened to me recently and I realized I had a choice to make between faith and fear. I chose faith and so I prayed for help in letting go of the negative thinking. I also used affirmations from scripture and other sacred writing to replace my negative thoughts. I was not surprised that it worked but how quickly it worked. I was also surprised to get two very encouraging phone calls soon after I started praying. Coincidence maybe? Or was it God working anonymously?

I will end with a Unity Church prayer which I find very comforting. "The light of God surrounds us. The love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us. The presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is. And all is well."

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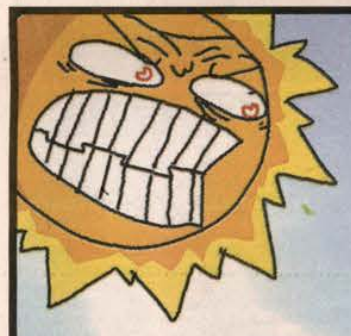
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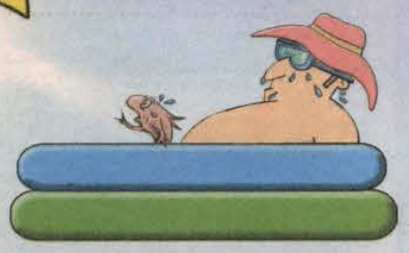
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