

Independent Shorts

• The original River Valley Winter Tube Slide night in support of the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation, scheduled for Feb. 24, was hindered by freezing temperatures and snow squalls. Thus, the fundraiser has been rescheduled for next week, Wednesday, Mar. 18, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. "It's a great night for a great cause - especially during March Break," said Hospital Foundation spokesperson Andrea Macko.

• Films coming to theatres in wide release this weekend - and tiding us over until the release of Avengers: Age of Ultron on May 1 - are Disney's live action adaptation of "Cinderella" and the Liam Neeson-versus-Ed Harris gritty shooter "Run All Night." In "Cinderella," Lily James stars as the titular 'Ella,' who is put upon by her new stepmother, played by Cate Blanchett. Richard Madden plays her Prince Charming, and Helena Bonham-Carter portrays her fairy godmother.

• The musicians of Mystic Drumz are visiting St. Marys over March Break to show off their percussive talents to children and adults of all ages. They'll be at the Town Hall Auditorium Thursday, March 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. This year's show, "The Legend of Marshmallow Island" features a charismatic frog searching the world over for his father. Mystic Drumz play percussion instruments from around the world and their shows rely heavily on audience participation. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the PRC and the Library.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Hearn's Ice Cream

Our Business of the Week is Hearn's Ice Cream, located at 327 Queen Street East in St. Marys and owned by Bob Hearn. The spring and summer season of 2015 will be the 48th year for Hearn's offering ice cream and other cold treats to St. Marys and area. Opening tomorrow, Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 am, Hearn's remains the perfect stop on a balmy afternoon or after a ball game. Over the years the shop has expanded to sell - besides cones - milk shakes, sundaes, banana splits, frozen yogurt, flurries and, more recently, ice cream cakes and pies. "We also sell high-protein yogurts and shakes for af-

ter a workout at the gym," added Hearn. You can stop by Hearn's for foot-long hotdogs and subs as well, as part of a number of lunch and dinner specials.

Their ice cream cakes and pies make ideal desserts for events such as birthdays and holidays (such as Easter, right around the corner). Call 519-284-2096 to place an order for an ice cream cake or pie.

Beginning Saturday, Hearn's is open 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, weather depending. But Hearn notes that as the spring rolls on and daylight hours increase, they'll stay open later. "We usually close about a half hour after the sun goes down," he said.



Tree Tips: Beech Bark Disease



Eventually we will take up the topic of ornamental trees again. However, since I recently came across a mature Beech tree with Beech Bark Disease. It became obvious the there was a need to raise awareness for this fairly recent problem.

Beech Bark Disease is

caused by a combination of an insect and a fungus. It has recently become a problem because an insect was introduced from Europe, which has given the fungus, which is apparently native, a new host tree to infect.

The disease begins with Beech Scale insects feeding on the sap of the Beech tree and wounding it, the fungus then infests that wound. Unfortunately this then results in a severe die back of the outer canopy, in the majority of infected trees. Experts are worried that this could pose a serious threat to

wildlife, biodiversity, and sustainable forestry in Ontario.

In the wild the disease does pose a serious problem, however in residential areas it is treatable in most cases. The scale will show up with a white woolly wax covering the bark of the tree. The fungus will show up eventually as well, growing red, lemon shaped, fruiting bodies. Infested species are supposed to be reported at

1- 800 - 563 -7711. Thankfully there are a number of pesticides and fungicides available to

treat the problem.

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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