

Independent Shorts

• The St. Marys Social Tennis Club is offering summer lessons for youths Friday evenings from July 3 to Aug. 21. The lessons are aimed at youths aged 8-12, with each lesson building on the last. One hour lessons are available at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm with a cap of 12 students per class. Students should have their own racquet, although arrangements can be made if students don't. Greg Vivian, an experienced teacher from the Stratford Tennis Club certified by Tennis Canada, will be running the lessons. The lessons series costs \$70, or just \$35 for paid members of the St. Marys Social Tennis Club. For more information or to register, contact the club at stmarysocialtennisclub@gmail.com, 519-280-1240 or visit stmarystennis.ca. No lessons will be held Civic Holiday weekend (July 30).

• Congratulations to 2015 Town of St. Marys Citizen of the Year Tony Vanderschot! It is well-deserved for his hard work with Hope For Haiti, the Horticultural Society and other local organizations. Further congratulations to all past Citizen of the Year recipients, your contributions to the community should not be forgotten!

• The 2015 Much Music Video Awards took place on Sunday, with 25-year-old Toronto R&B singer The Weeknd taking home four awards including Video of the Year for his song "Often," and Most Buzzworthy Canadian. The show's co-host, British singer/songwriter Ed Sheeran won Best International Artist, while Justin Bieber won Fan Fave Artist of Group.

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BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

St. Marys Wines

Our business of the week is St. Marys Wines, located at 16 Water Street South and owned by Randy Partridge, your friendly neighbourhood vintner.

Partridge, originally from up the road in Monkton, has lived with his family in the St. Marys area for 26 years. This year is the 20th anniversary for the business, formerly owned by Cliff Cheeseman, which Partridge has owned for the past seven years - although his experience making wine dates back much farther than that.

Partridge, 57, was first given a wine-making kit by his older brother when he was 17 years old.

"I never got to taste that," he said with a laugh. "He and his buddies had a party and drank it all, but they said it was good."

He was immediately hooked. He started learning how to make wine from scratch, as wine kits in those days didn't have the same quality as those he sells today, 40 years later. "These things are amazing," he said, indicating the various wine kits on the store shelves at his new location in the Opera House on Water Street, where he's been open since June 1. "I have the equipment, but I haven't made wine from grapes for years because these kits are all so bloody good."



Hair Do's, Hair Cuts & Styling We Remember ~ The Wise Old Owls of Kingsway Lodge

The way we remember it.... Fran said she had curly hair and never wore it long...matter of fact, I wore the same hair style my whole life! I always kept it short.

Frances had thick blonde coloured hair with a natural curl in it. When I was younger I wore my hair about shoulder length. I still got perms just because that's what everyone else was doing. My perm solution was called "Wave Set" that came in a bottle shaped to allow you to put your comb into it. You just combed the solution into your hair and put the rollers in. When your hair was dry you had 'waves/curls'. To dry our hair a little faster we would sit in front of the fireplace or outside in the sun. The only hairdryers I knew were the huge ones you sat under in a beauty salon, and we had one at home too. It would take about 20 minutes under a dryer.

I never wore long hair and I never had a stick of curl in it, said 101 year old Ida McKenzie!

Frances remembers using a metal rod warmed up in the fireplace to curl her hair. You had



The awards he's received in recognition of the wine he makes at St. Marys Wines back up that statement. At the 2015 Wine Maker International Amateur Wine Competition, held recently in Massachusetts, Partridge won five medals, including a Gold in the categories of "Sparkling Grape Dry/Semi-Dry/Sweet" and "Red French/American Hybrid Varietal."

At the competition, which annually attracts about 3,000 entries, Partridge has won 22 awards, dating back to 2008.

Beverages that can be brewed at St. Marys Wines include a wide variety of wines (from reds and whites

to blushes, fruit wines, ciders, and wine coolers - very popular at this time of year) using juices from all over the world, including Italy, Spain, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and, a little closer to home, Niagara. Homemade beer of between 15-20 various varieties can also be made at St. Marys Wines, Partridge said. Partridge is very hands-on during the process for his customers, he said. When a customer buys a kit, Partridge helps preparing it, clearing, and filtering it. The most work the customer has to do is sprinkling on the yeast, and bottling the finished product, he said.

While wine can't be tasted or

sold in the store, Partridge said he has thought about introducing classes teaching how to "make wine yourself." St. Marys Wines offers free bottles for first-time customers on their first batch, a \$25 savings, as each standard batch comprises 2.5 cases or 30 bottles. Also, when customers come in to bottle, if they begin a new kit, they get a 10 percent discount, he said.

St. Marys Wines is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact St. Marys Wines by calling 519-284-3634.

price of Billcream. My mother always knew where I had slept because my pillowcase was greasy as well as the wallpaper at my side of the bed. I can remember my sisters spending hours on their hair every day. I'd give them a rough time about how long they took to get ready. Cal kept his hair cut short. My hair had no natural waves or curls at all - just poker straight. People used to call my "Bianco"...which was Italian for 'Blondie'. I had my hair cut at the barber shop. I just asked the barber to keep it simple, just wash and go kind of hair style.

We remember young girls in the 50's and 60's getting "Pixie Cuts". Back then they would put a 'kiss curl' on each side and hold it with a hair clip or bobby pins. Fran says her daughter still gets a pixie style cut. We also recall lots of teens who braided their hair and wrapped the braids around their head. Metal curlers were used for perms.

The rollers we used had an elastic that went over and clipped to the other end of the curler to hold it in place. The old home

hairdryers were like a thicker shower cap with a hole in the back. You stuck one end of the hose into the shower cap hole and the other plugged onto the dryer. Once you placed the shower cap part over your curlers, plugged it in and turned it on, warm air blew through the hose and dried our hair. The machine was round and about the size of an old 33 record.

Frances recalls older women usually had long hair they rolled into a bun at the back of their head. I think this was to save money and not waste it on the cost of hair cuts or perms.

Hair Humour:

Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten dollar hair cut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair!

~ Sam Ewing

I'm not offended by all the dumb-blonde jokes because I know that I'm not dumb. I also know I'm not blonde. ~Dolly Parton

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